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WILLIAM B. ANSLEY, M. D., of Saltsburg, has made a record in his profession which places him second to none in Indiana county. Besides giving unflinching attention to the demands of a large private practice, he has been president of the county medical society, vice president of the State society, a contributor to medical literature and a citizen whose activities have always been directed toward serving general interests. He has been in practice for over forty-five years, since 1877 at Saltsburg.

Dr. Ansley is a native of Indiana county, born Aug. 2, 1847, in South Mahoning township, and is of pioneer and Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, John Ansley, having served in the Revolution as a soldier in the American army, while his brother commanded a company on the British side. John Ansley, who was a farmer by occupation, moved from New Jersey to Westmoreland county, Pa. His son, Daniel Ansley, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in 1798 in that county, and followed farming there until 1837, when he came to Indiana county. He died in 1858, aged sixty years.

James Ansley, son of Daniel, was born in 1825, and became extensively interested in farming and stock raising in Rayne township, this county. He was prominent in local affairs, serving as a deacon in the Baptist Church, and in important public capacities, having been auditor of Indiana county, and justice of the peace of Rayne township. In politics he was a Republican. He married Sarah Spencer, who was born near Johnstown, in Cambria county, and she, too, was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Ansley died Feb. 23, 1895, Mrs. Ansley April 13, 1909.

William B. Ansley, the second of the three children born to his parents, grew up on a farm. He received his early literary education in Dayton academy, and later took a

college course, after which he taught several terms in the common schools. Having determined upon medicine as his life vocation, he began study in the office of Dr. C. McEwen, of Plumville, and after reading six months with him entered the office of Dr. R. S. Sutton, of Pittsburg. The rest of his professional preparation was received in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he attended three courses of lectures and was graduated in 1867. Immediately afterward he opened an office at Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he practiced for ten years with good success, thence in 1877 moving to Saltsburg. Dr. Ansley's skill and conscientious devotion to those who depend upon him for professional services has attracted and held an extensive patronage, nevertheless his high-minded zeal for the good of his profession has led him to be active and useful also, in association with his fellow physicians, in promoting its welfare as a whole, raising its standards, and working faithfully along lines favorable to its progress. His valuable services have received public recognition in various ways. He was elected president of the Indiana County Medical Society; was a member of the committee on medical legislation of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society; has been one of the vice presidents of that society, and was a United States pension examiner, serving as secretary of the board while holding the latter position. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and of the Pittsburg Obstetrical Society, and has found some time for writing, having prepared articles for various medical journals. He is a past master in the Masonic fraternity, and a past grand in the I. O. O. F. Like his parents he is a Baptist in religion, being a leading member of the Saltsburg Church, of which he is a deacon, and he has also been active in the Sunday school, at present teaching the men's Beracha class, which has an en-

rollment of thirty-eight members. He was formerly superintendent.

In politics Dr. Ansley is a progressive Republican. He has served twenty-six years as member of the board of school directors, of which body he first became a member in 1882, and during the greater part of this time has been president of the board.

**HARRY CALVIN WATT PATTERSON**, president and treasurer of the Patterson Milling Company, of Saltsburg, Indiana county, present burgess of that borough, is one of the leading citizens of that section, where in business and official connections he has been able to advance local interests in various ways. He was born at Murrysville, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Oct. 29, 1878, son of the late Martin V. Patterson and grandson of Martin Patterson.

Martin Patterson, the grandfather, was a native of Ireland, born in County Down, and married in that country Ann Kidd, of the same county. On coming to America they settled near Murrysville, in Westmoreland county, Pa., where Mr. Patterson became extensively interested in farming, owning a tract of three hundred acres. He died in 1865, at the age of sixty-nine years, his wife passing away in 1874, at the age of seventy-seven. In politics he was a Democrat, and both were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: James, David, Samuel, Joseph, Jane, Martin V., Sadie, Rebecca and Bell.

Martin V. Patterson, son of Martin, was born Dec. 12, 1839, at Murrysville, in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, and received a common school education. When a young man he entered the employ of the Pittsburg Street Railway Company, and in 1861 went to Oil City, Pa., being interested in the oil business for a number of years following, first as a well driller, but soon becoming a contractor, operating in different fields in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia. In 1875 he became engaged in the sawmill business in Indiana and Westmoreland counties, Pa., carrying it on until 1881, when he established a waterpower flour mill on the Conemaugh river at Saltsburg. In 1885 he formed a partnership with John Hershey and they purchased the Saltsburg Flouring Mill, which they conducted under the firm name of the Saltsburg Flouring Mill Company until 1900. The waterpower of this mill was destroyed by the Johnstown flood in 1889. In 1890 Mr. Patterson remodeled his mill, putting in steam and the roller

process, and continued to manufacture high and fancy grades of roller flour, most of which went to supply the local demand, though some was shipped to other markets. In 1903 Mr. Patterson admitted his son Harry to partnership, and the elder man retained his interest and connection with the business until his death, which occurred July 14, 1909. He is buried in the Saltsburg cemetery.

Mr. Patterson was one of the foremost men in the administration of public affairs in Saltsburg in his day. He served fifteen years as a school director, ten years as member of the town council, and two terms as burgess, and was once a candidate for sheriff of Indiana county. He was prominent in all matters affecting the welfare of his town and county, was a Democrat in political association, and in his religious connection was a Presbyterian and active in church work, holding the office of trustee. He was particularly well known in the fraternal bodies, holding membership in Williamson Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M.; Local Branch No. 141, Order of the Iron Hall; Kiskiminetas Castle, No. 223, Knights of the Golden Eagle; Saltsburg Commandery, No. 22, K. G. E.; Saltsburg Council, No. 381, Royal Arcanum; Royal Lodge, No. 165, Knights of Honor; and Diamond Council, No. 248, Jr. O. U. A. M.

On June 15, 1876, Mr. Patterson married Anna L. Watt, daughter of Judge Isaac Watt, of Homer City, this county, who served one term as associate judge of the courts of Indiana county. Mrs. Patterson now makes her home with her son Harry at Saltsburg. Two children were born to her and her husband: Harry C. W. and Grace Rella, the latter the wife of Dr. J. K. Beatty, of Ford City, Pennsylvania.

Harry C. W. Patterson obtained his early education in the common schools of Saltsburg and Saltsburg high school, graduating from the latter, and then attended the Kiskiminetas Springs School, from which he was graduated. Then he took a course at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1896, and also attended the State normal school at Indiana, Pa. During the Spanish-American war Mr. Patterson was in the service nine months, as a member of Company D, 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was stationed at Chickamauga. After that experience he went to the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied dentistry for two years, but he did not finish his preparation for the profession. For a time he was in the employ of the United

States Steel Company, at Vandergrift, Pa., as paymaster, and then became his father's partner in the flour milling business, in which he has ever since been interested. On Sept. 13, 1911, the mill was destroyed by fire, and he is now erecting a new plant, 40 by 60 feet in dimensions, five stories high, to be equipped with the most approved up-to-date machinery, and operated throughout by electricity. It will be the model establishment of its kind in this region. The business was incorporated in 1911 as the Patterson Milling Company, of which Mr. Patterson is president and treasurer. He also has extensive real estate interests in and around Saltsburg, and has had some important dealings in that line.

Mr. Patterson has been actively associated with the local government, has served as borough auditor for six years, and in 1909 was elected Burgess, in which office he still is serving. He is one of the most popular officials of Saltsburg, his wideawake disposition and progressive spirit doing much to encourage and promote local enterprises. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he belongs to several orders, the Elks, Odd Fellows and Masons, and has been prominent in such circles, being a past grand in the Odd Fellows and a past master of Williamson Lodge, No. 431, of Saltsburg. He is a member of Kedron Commandery, No. 18, Knights Templars, of Greensburg, and of Syria Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Pittsburg. Mr. Patterson has the Masonic papers his grandfather brought to this country from Ireland, introducing him to the fraternity, dated 1829. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife and mother also belong.

On June 20, 1906, Mr. Patterson married Marion Dougherty, daughter of James R. and Ellen (Welsh) Dougherty, of Newcastle, Pa., and they have one child, Martin, born Sept. 7, 1907.

**JAMES JAMESON ST. CLAIR**, of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, is one of the typically representative members of a family which has been well and favorably known in this locality for considerably more than a century.

The St. Clairs are of Scotch-Irish origin, a branch of the St. Clair family of Scotland, which was founded in the middle ages by Sir Walderne de St. Clair, a Norman knight, who married Margaret, daughter of Richard, Duke of Normandy. Their second son, William, settled in Scotland, and one of his descendants, William St. Clair, became prince

of the Orkney islands under the king of Norway, and high chancellor of Scotland under the royal house of Bruce. In 1741 the St. Clairs exchanged their lofty title and island domains for the earldom of Caithness, which they still hold. The name has since become Anglicized to Sinclair. Two of the descendants of one of these earls, through a younger son, were Gen. Arthur St. Clair and his cousin James St. Clair, Sr., the former of whom was president of the Continental Congress in 1787 and commander in chief of the armies of the United States in 1791.

James St. Clair, Sr., was the great-great-grandfather of James Jameson St. Clair. His parents were natives of the North of Ireland, and he was born in 1741 in eastern Pennsylvania. He lived nine miles from York, Pa., where he owned a valuable farm and mill, and he was not only a prosperous citizen of his time but an earnest sympathizer with the Colonial cause, serving throughout the Revolutionary war. His wife's maiden name was Miller. James St. Clair, Sr., died in York county in 1806, at the age of sixty-five years.

James St. Clair, one of the sons of James St. Clair, Sr., was born in York (now Adams) county, Pa., May 4, 1774, and passed the greater part of his mature life in Indiana county, Pa. In 1809 he came to Brushvalley township, in 1816 removing to what is now the northern part of White township, where he took up a quarter section of government land and followed farming for many years. He died in Center township, this county, April 8, 1855, at the advanced age of eighty-one. He was an old-line Whig in politics. He married Jennie Slemmons, who was born in Lancaster, Pa., of Irish descent, and was reared in Washington county, Pa., her father, William Slemmons, removing from Lancaster to Washington county in 1790 and there following farming until his death, which occurred in 1820, in his sixtieth year. Mr. Slemmons was justice of the peace, by governor's appointment, for a period of thirty years, and he was a man of the highest character and of honorable standing. His wife's maiden name was Boggs, and they had several children. Mrs. Jennie (Slemmons) St. Clair died Oct. 15, 1855, aged seventy-one years, a member of the Presbyterian Church. She and her husband had a family of ten children, namely: Margaret, William S., Mary W., James, Samuel, Isaac, John, Robert, Thomas and Hiram.

Samuel St. Clair, son of James and Jennie (Slemmons) St. Clair, passed all his life in West Wheatfield township, following farming

on a large tract of land now owned by James Overdorff. For many years he served as constable. He married Rebecca Jameson, and they are buried in Bethel Church cemetery. They had fourteen children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Nicholas, James, Daniel, Archie, Samuel, Hugh, Jane (who married Andrew Alcorn), Catherine, Pollie, John, Rebecca (who died unmarried) and Susan.

Hugh St. Clair, born in West Wheatfield township, grew to manhood there. He followed milling all his life, for some time running the Jacob Gamble mill on shares, receiving one third of the profits. But he did not devote all his time to that work, also conducting a farm of seventy-five acres in West Wheatfield township, and engaging in stock raising, lumbering and teaming. Before the war he was a Democrat in politics, subsequently a Whig and Republican, and he was prominent in all affairs affecting the welfare of his township, though he never sought or held office. He was married to Julia Ann Rutter, whose mother's maiden name was July A. Gamble. Mrs. St. Clair died in West Wheatfield township, and she and her husband are interred in the Germany Church cemetery there. They were members of the M. E. Church. This couple had children as follows, all born in West Wheatfield township: John married Nancy Jane Buchanan (he followed the lumber business in Tennessee); Rebecca became the wife of Samuel Felton; Catherine married Isaiah Brantlinger; Samuel married and resides in Logan, Ohio; Harriet Jane became the wife of Thomas Brantlinger; Emma married William Lickenfeld, and both died in West Wheatfield township; Sarah Elizabeth, born March 6, 1857, married James M. Wakefield, commissioner of Indiana county; James Jameson is mentioned below; Jacob B. married Emma Lickenfeld, and resides in Conemaugh township, this county; Julia, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Brendlinger.

James Jameson St. Clair was born Dec. 16, 1859, in West Wheatfield township, and attended the Gamble and Dick schools there. He worked with his father at the mill and also learned mill-wrighting and carpentry, being thus engaged until his marriage. At that time he moved to Garfield, where he was employed by the Lincoln Fire Brick Company for six years, afterward assisting in the construction of the present Robinson brickyards. In time he became interested in contracting and building, which line he now follows, and he has

erected many fine residences and barns in his own and surrounding townships and in the neighboring towns. He has shown himself to be a reliable architect, and he is an all-around mechanic, having acquired the greater part of his information by practical experience and making the most of his opportunities. He can repair almost any piece of machinery. In connection with his other work he carries on a 100-acre farm which he bought from the Sides estate, is engaged in stock raising to some extent, and also does teaming and lumbering. Though so thoroughly occupied with his private affairs he has found time for public service, having been auditor of West Wheatfield township for a number of years. In politics he is an independent Republican.

Mr. St. Clair married Emma Clara Wakefield, daughter of Thomas and Ann (Sides) Wakefield, and they have had six children: (1) Samuel Bert, born July 28, 1879, was an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Piteairn, Pa., for ten years, and is now at home, farming with his father. (2) Ira Alvin, formerly a school teacher in West Wheatfield township, is now employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Piteairn, Pa. (3) Joseph Carl, formerly a school teacher in West Wheatfield township, is now following the carpenter's trade at Turtle Creek, Pa. (4) Clara Estella married R. B. Mack and resides at Piteairn, Pa. (5) Charles Ivan is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Piteairn, Pa. (6) Flora Mildred was born Feb. 6, 1903. All of the family belong to Bethel M. E. Church, of which Mr. St. Clair has been steward, trustee and class leader.

JOSEPH J. McCracken, justice of the peace, undertaker, and contractor and builder of Creekside, Washington township, was born in the northern part of Indiana county, in 1858, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Hunter) McCracken, natives of Ireland.

On first coming to the United States, at the age of fourteen years, Joseph McCracken settled in Philadelphia, where he was later married. He then came to Indiana county and started a tannery, having learned the trade in his native land, and he subsequently opened a tannery in the town of Kelleysburg, which he operated for some time. Turning his attention to agricultural pursuits, he took up timbered land in the northern part of Indiana county, cut down the logs to build his first house, and spent the balance of his life in tilling the soil. His death occurred at the



home of a daughter. He and his wife had nine children, as follows: David, who lives at Kent, Pa.; Elizabeth, the wife of William Gardner, living at Glen Campbell; Alexander, deceased, who was a farmer near Creekside, and was accidentally killed on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad, during the latter part of 1910; Sarah, wife of Daniel Smith, living at Gipsy; Joseph J.; Emma, wife of James Lowe, living at Homer City, Pa.; Anna, widow of P. Savar, of Rochester Mills; Hughey, who died in infancy; and Thomas, who is deceased.

Joseph J. McCracken was born on the home farm and attended the Doty school, and as a youth devoted his energies to wood chopping and to rafting on the Susquehanna river, subsequently becoming a pilot between Lockhaven and Cherrytree. He afterward learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for a long period, and came to Creekside long before the railroads reached that point. He has erected many of the residences of the borough, assisted in organizing same, and shortly after coming here was elected justice of the peace, in which office he is serving his third term, in addition to which he has acted in the capacity of overseer of Grant township. He has also established himself in the undertaking business.

In August, 1889, Mr. McCracken was united in marriage with Lillian Riggs, who was born in Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of George and Mary (McKee) Riggs, the former of whom was in early life a farmer. After coming to Reynoldsville, Pa., Mr. Riggs was elected constable. He met with a sudden death and was buried in Beechwood cemetery, his widow still surviving and making her home at Reynoldsville. There were three children in their family: Myrtle, who is deceased; Mack, in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; and Mrs. McCracken. To Mr. and Mrs. McCracken there have been born seven children: Edna, wife of Ramy Stutsil, living in Creekside, who has one child, Joseph; Clyde, who lives at Steubenville, Ohio; Ralph, employed in the drug store at Creekside; Clifford, at home; Ritta; and Beulah and Bessie, who died in infancy.

Mr. McCracken is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and of Savar Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Rochester Mills, Indiana county, in which he has passed all the chairs.

ORRIN J. PATTISON, proprietor of the large livery and sales stables at Penn Run, Pa., and also engaged in farming in Cherry-

hill township, was born at Penn Run, Indiana county, Aug. 2, 1885, son of William C. and Addie M. (Empfield) Pattison, both of whom were born and reared in Indiana county.

William C. Pattison was reared to the vocation of an agriculturist and throughout his life devoted himself to tilling the soil. His death occurred in California, but the causes and exact place are unknown. His widow still resides in Penn Run. They had two children, Orrin J. and June E.

Orrin J. Pattison spent his boyhood days in Penn Run, where he attended public school, subsequently going to school at Marion Center. After leaving school he was employed at work on the home farm, and while there prepared himself for teaching, subsequently following the profession of educator in Cherryhill township for eight terms, and later in Pine township. In 1910, however, he gave up teaching to enter the livery business in Penn Run, and this he has continued to conduct to the present time, also following general farming in Cherryhill township.

On July 24, 1907, Mr. Pattison was married to Elsie Shank, who was born March 7, 1881, in Penn Run, daughter of Jacob and Mary Fyock Shank. Her father, an early settler of Penn Run, and a veteran of the Civil war, died in November, 1910, while her mother still survives and makes her home at Penn Run. They had five children: William E., residing at Gary, Ind.; Anna, the wife of Louis Follmar, of Johnstown, Pa.; Savila, wife of Augustus Geesey, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Louis; and Elsie, the wife of Mr. Pattison.

Mr. Pattison and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He takes a distinct interest in public and educational matters, and serves as auditor of Cherryhill township, and as trustee of the Sumner normal school at Penn Run.

JOSEPH TAYLOR BOUCHER, tax collector for Indiana borough, is a native of Indiana county and has passed all his life in Indiana and the adjoining territory.

The Boucher family is of French extraction, and one branch has been established in Canada, one of its members being John Boucher, a noted character, whose skill as a guide and trapper in the wilds of Canada gave him a wide reputation; on his father's side he was of French and Irish blood, and his mother was a full-blooded Chippewa Indian. Francois Boucher, the noted French painter, was also of this family.

Henry Boucher, grandfather of Joseph Tay-

lor Boucher, was born in Virginia, May 15, 1780, and was a cabinetmaker, following an occupation in which many of the family have been engaged. In April, 1802, he married at Hanover, Pa., Elizabeth Wolfe, of that place, born Jan. 6, 1784, and they subsequently removed to Frankstown, Pa., on the Juniata, thence to Brushvalley, in Indiana county. In 1815 they removed to Rayne township, Indiana county. Mrs. Boucher died here May 31, 1852. Mr. Boucher on Dec. 6, 1853. Their children were as follows: John, born Dec. 17, 1802; Henry, born Oct. 4, 1804; Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1807; Margaret, born March 9, 1809; David, born Aug. 21, 1811; Andrew, born Aug. 31, 1813; Eve, born March 4, 1816; Catherine, born May 19, 1818; Jacob, born July 12, 1820; William, born Oct. 4, 1822; and Susan, born Jan. 22, 1827.

Henry Boucher, son of Henry, born Oct. 4, 1804, at Frankstown, Pa., received his education in the common schools. He was reared to farm life, and also learned his father's trade, cabinetmaking, for which he had great aptitude, being able to make anything in wood, and under his father's skillful instruction became a fine workman. The father used to make the old-fashioned windmills. Henry Boucher (Jr.) lived in White township and later in the borough of Indiana, where he died Aug. 9, 1865. He married Catherine Dodson, of Bedford county, Pa., daughter of Joseph Dodson, and she survived him a few years, dying Aug. 21, 1869. Their children were born as follows: Elizabeth, Nov. 16, 1834 (married Isaac Kening and died in 1870); George, April 30, 1836 (died in October, 1869); Mary C., March 29, 1838 (died March 8, 1857); Alexander, May 25, 1841 (died May 29, 1875); Nancy J., March 29, 1844 (died in 1875); Joseph Taylor, Aug. 17, 1848; Sarah L., 1854 (died in 1857).

Joseph T. Boucher passed his early life in White township and the borough of Indiana, receiving his education in the common schools. He began work when twelve years old, at the paper mill there, his wages being one dollar a week, for which he did chores and performed miscellaneous duties. In 1865 he began house painting, at which he was engaged for some time, in the employ of others, about 1874 embarking in the business on his own account. He acquired a profitable patronage, keeping a crew of men busy, and continued in this line until 1884. He then opened a wall paper and paint store on Church street, Indiana, commencing modestly, in a small building, and as his business grew moved to

more commodious quarters, on Philadelphia street, being in the Cunningham building until 1904.

Mr. Boucher has taken considerable part in the local government and the affairs of the borough generally, having served four years in the council (during three of which he was on the finance committee), and he was afterward elected tax collector, in which he has been serving for the last six years. He has given excellent satisfaction in his public work, his business ability and integrity winning the confidence of his fellow citizens generally. In politics Mr. Boucher is a straight Republican. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Indiana.

In 1870 Mr. Boucher married Mary C. Coleman, daughter of Robert Coleman, and she died in 1874, the mother of one child, Bertha E., who died when seven years old. On Feb. 15, 1882, Mr. Boucher married (second) in Indiana Mrs. Annie M. (Leidig) Kline, daughter of M. A. Leidig, of Hellertown. They have no children.

WILLIAM S. HAMILTON, superintendent of the Clymer Water Company, of Indiana, Indiana county, is a native of Jefferson county, Pa., and belongs to one of the old settled families of that section of the State. He was born Aug. 6, 1848, son of Robert and Margaret (Johnston) Hamilton, and grandson of David Hamilton, who was born in Ireland and came to Jefferson county, Pa., in the year 1808. He took up a large tract of land, and followed farming. His wife's maiden name was McFarland. In religion he was a Presbyterian.

Robert Hamilton also became a farmer in Jefferson county and was one of the largest land holders in that county in his day. He was a highly successful business man in every line he entered, being extensively engaged as a merchant and lumberman in addition to his agricultural interests, and prospering in all his undertakings. To him and his wife Margaret (Johnston) were born the following children: James; William S.; David; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. A. D. McCombs, of Jefferson county, Pa.; Laura, wife of Dr. J. A. Miller, now of Mexico; and Martha, wife of Dr. J. A. Brown, of Brookville, Pa. The three daughters all married physicians. The father of this family died in 1904, the mother in 1898. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

William S. Hamilton attended public and select schools in his native county. At the

age of eighteen he began to clerk in his father's store, where he continued until 1876, in which year he first came to Indiana. For five years he was engaged in the mercantile business here on his own account, at the end of that period going to Pittsburg, where he was engaged as a broker for five years. Returning to Jefferson county, he lived there again for the next fourteen years, in 1904 returning to Indiana, at which place he has since made his home. Some time afterward, in May, 1909, he became superintendent of the Clymer Water Company of Indiana, a position he still holds, having proved himself highly competent.

In 1898 Mr. Hamilton married Esther Drenning, daughter of Dr. Drenning, of Oil City, Pa. They have two children, R. Drenning and David James. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the Presbyterian Church in religious connection, and fraternally he belongs to various Masonic bodies, Blue Lodge No. 313, F. & A. M., of Indiana, the Consistory of Williamsport, Pa., and the Shrine at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

HARRY FLICKINGER is one of the most progressive business men of Homer City and his section of Indiana county, Pa., and as his father's successor as merchant and undertaker is upholding a name which has long stood for solid worth in that vicinity. He was born in Homer City Nov. 8, 1869, and is a member of a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania from Provincial days.

The Flickinger family is of Dutch extraction. Peter Flickinger, the founder of this line in America, was born in Rotterdam, Holland, Sept. 14, 1753, and there grew to manhood. At the age of twenty-three years he left his native land for America, and made a location in Dauphin county, Pa. His wife's maiden name was Decker, and they had five sons: Christian, Peter, Henry, George and John.

George Flickinger, son of Peter, settled in the Cumberland valley, in what is now Perry county, Pa. He lived to the age of ninety-three years.

Abraham Flickinger, son of George, was born Feb. 6, 1804, in Perry county, Pa., where he grew to manhood. On April 25, 1826, he was married there to Anna Postelwait, who was born Feb. 4, 1804, daughter of Samuel Postelwait, of England, and in 1836 they moved out to Indiana county, Pa., locating on a tract of 160 acres in Center township; Mr. Flickinger erected a log house

upon that property and settled down to farming, continuing to devote himself to the cultivation of his land for over twenty-five years. In 1858 he moved to Homer City, making his home there on a tract of nineteen acres which he bought and on which he passed the remainder of his life. He died March 20, 1885, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. Mr. Flickinger was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Mechanicsburg, in Brushvalley township, and in politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. Mrs. Flickinger passed away Feb. 1, 1884, and is also buried in Greenwood cemetery. They had a large family, as follows: Barbara, born March 6, 1828, married Jesse Mickel and resides in Hancock county, Ill.; George W., born June 5, 1830, married Sarah A. Kurtz; Samuel, born Feb. 18, 1832, married Eliza Z. Fee, of Brushvalley; Elizabeth, born April 3, 1834, married Robert Longhry; Margaret Susan, born March 31, 1837, married Joseph Mickel; Christianna, born May 25, 1839, married Henry Miller; John A., born May 5, 1841, a Lutheran minister now located at Washington, D. C., married Wilmina Hendrickson; James Simpson was born Dec. 24, 1844; David J., born Nov. 3, 1846, died in Rock Island, Ill.; Lewis P., born May 29, 1849, married Jennie Lucas and lives in Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

James Simpson Flickinger, son of Abraham, born Dec. 24, 1844, attended public school in Center township and was reared on his father's farm. In March, 1865, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company G, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Joseph Daugherty and Col. R. Lyman. He served four months, being on duty at Roanoke Island and Camp Palmer, N. C., where he continued until after the close of the war. Upon his return home he went to work driving team, and later became engaged in carpenter work and contracting. In 1872 he embarked in business as an undertaker, and he continued to follow that line for a period of thirty-three years, until his retirement in 1906, when he sold out to his son Harry. Meantime he was also employed in the mercantile and livery business for fifteen years. Mr. Flickinger acquired various interests during his active career, erected his own fine dwelling and store room, and put up a number of houses which he rents. Thus he has done his share toward the material upbuilding of the borough, while he has also been interested in its government and general welfare, having served as member of the borough council and

as member of the school board. He is a Republican in politics. Mr. Flickinger has long been a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is a leading worker, having served as elder and Sunday school teacher. He was married Feb. 20, 1866, to Amanda J. Peddicord, a native of Blairsville, Indiana county, daughter of Richard and Hannah G. (Allison) Peddicord, and they have had a family of four children: Maud, deceased, wife of Charles Wagel; Harry; Edith, married to Joseph Clark, of Homer City; and James Albert, who married Nell Roberts.

Harry Flickinger, son of James S. Flickinger, obtained his education in the public schools of Homer City. For fifteen years he worked along with his father, learning the mercantile business, and then for some time he was in the employ of the Joseph Wharton Coal & Coke Company of Coral, Pa., of which he became assistant superintendent. He was with that concern until he bought out his father in 1906, and during his service with them, and under his supervision, the company expended nearly one million dollars in improvements and building up the property. He resigned when his father retired and purchased the general mercantile business the latter had established, as well as the undertaking business. Mr. Flickinger has thoroughly qualified himself to conduct the latter branch, having taken a special course in embalming, and he has been notably successful, being the leading undertaker in Indiana county outside of the borough of Indiana. He is a man of enterprise and wide-awake ideas, is noted for his genial disposition and friendly manners, as well as his business-like methods, and he has done well in the mercantile line, increasing his trade steadily. He is a director in the Homer City National Bank, and has served one term as burgess of the borough. Mr. Flickinger is independent in political matters, though a Republican in principle and a staunch admirer of Roosevelt and his policies. He is well and favorably known in local fraternal circles, belonging to the Masons, the Odd Fellows, Woodmen of the World and Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a member of the Homer City M. E. Church and has served as one of its trustees for twenty years. In 1891 Mr. Flickinger married Lottie Sickenberger, daughter of Henry Sickenberger, of Homer City, and they have three children, Lisle Stanley, Harry Carlton and Virginia. Mrs. Flickinger is a member of the M. E. Church, and for a number of years served as organist. She is fond of mu-

sic and of artistic temperament, and though devoted to her home and family enjoys social life. She is a faithful member of the Fort-night Club of Homer City, of which she was one of the organizers.

JACOB OLIVER DELANCEY, who is now living retired at his home in Plumville, Indiana Co., Pa., after a long and active career as a contractor and builder, was born in South Mahoning township, this county, March 14, 1834, son of Jacob F. and Susan (Knepper) DeLancey. The name is of French origin, and the family in America was established in Bedford county.

John DeLancey, the paternal grandfather of Jacob Oliver DeLancey, was a farmer of Bedford county, Pa., and there spent his entire life.

Jacob F. DeLancey, son of John DeLancey, and father of Jacob Oliver DeLancey, was born in Bedford county in 1801, and about 1832 migrated to Indiana county, settling on a tract of 110 acres in South Mahoning township, which at that time was a wilderness. Here he erected a pioneer cabin, constructed of hewed logs, later built primitive barns, and set to work to clear and develop his land. A man of industry, enterprise and perseverance, as the years went by he succeeded in making his land productive, gradually adding improvements from time to time, until at the time of his death, in 1865, when he was sixty-four years of age, he was counted one of the substantial agriculturists of his community. He was laid to rest in the Baptist Church cemetery at Mahoning. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican, but never sought or cared for public office. Mr. DeLancey was married to Susan Knepper, who was born in 1802, in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of Godfrey Knepper, and she died on the farm of her son Jacob O., in 1882, and was buried beside her husband. They had the following children: Sarah Ann, who died young; Mary Ann, who married Anthony Gallagher, both now deceased; Lavina, who married Phineas Runyon, of Plumville; Jacob Oliver; John, of Atwood, Armstrong county; William S., who died in young manhood; Daniel J., who enlisted in Company F, 63d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, was captured by the Confederates, after one year and two months' service, and died at Salisbury prison, of starvation; and George, who resides at Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Oliver DeLancey was educated in the

public schools of South Mahoning township, also spending one term in Glade Run academy, and continued to reside on the home farm until he was twenty years of age. At that time he learned the trade of carpenter with John Moore, of Indiana, following which he worked for two years as a journeyman and then took up contract work, with his home in Plumcreek township, Armstrong county. During the eight years that followed he erected numerous structures in that county, including dwellings and schoolhouses, and the German Reformed and United Presbyterian church edifices, and also operated with gratifying success a farm of 106 acres. In 1874 he returned to South Mahoning township and continued contracting and building until 1910, in which year he retired from business activity. He has made his home in Plumville since 1905, and has a nice residence there.

In 1864 Mr. DeLancey enlisted in Company M, 5th Heavy Artillery, under Colonel Gallup, of Pittsburg, and Capt. John E. Alword, of Kittanning, and served with that organization until the close of the war, seeing active service in Virginia and Maryland, and participating in the defense of Washington, D. C. His record as a soldier shows him to have been faithful, brave and gallant, at all times ready to discharge fully the duties intrusted to him. He has ever been a staunch Republican, and while a resident of Armstrong county served in 1870, 1871 and 1872 as county auditor, being the only county officer elected on the Republican ticket. He has served as a member of the board of school directors, and was a prominent factor in the organization of the borough of Plumville, and in all of his public service has demonstrated his fitness for office by the conscientious regard he has had for his duties. For many years he has been superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, is a member of the building committee of the church, and has held all the offices in the Indiana Baptist Association, of which he is a prominent member.

On March 19, 1863, Mr. DeLancey was married to Sarah M. Morehead, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of William Morehead, and to this union there have been born nine children, as follows: Preston F., educated in the public schools, Glade Run Academy, Reidsburg Academy and Lewisburg Theological Seminary, and now a minister of the Baptist Church, stationed at Meadville, Pa.; Clara B., who married James Franklin Marshall, and resides on the old homestead in South Mahoning township; Addison R., who

is engaged at the carpenter's trade at Pittsburg; John C., a farmer in Armstrong county; Carrie B., secretary and manager of the school furniture firm known as the Peabody Supply Company; Luella, who married John N. Lewis, a contractor of Smicksburg, Pa.; Minnie Ella, who married Clover Pierce, with the B. & S. Coal Company; William F., a butcher, of Pittsburg; and Daniel C., manager of the Electrical Supply Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

JAMES DIXON, the "grand old man" of Blacklick township, is the oldest living citizen of that township, where his entire life of over ninety years has been spent. He has lived at his present home for sixty-eight years. He is a native of the township, born June 25, 1822, and is a notable representative of one of the oldest and most prominent families of southern Indiana county. The Dixons are of Scotch-Irish extraction.

The first of the family to settle in Indiana county were Joseph and Samuel Dixon, supposedly brothers, who came from the Cumberland valley in Pennsylvania, and located in Blacklick township, then a part of Westmoreland county. Their tract of land adjoined General Campbell's. Both participated in the Indian wars. Joseph Dixon was obliged to retreat from his land to Wallace's fort, and purchased or took up land adjoining the fort, where the rest of his life was spent, and where most of his children were born. They were: John, said to be the first white child born north of Blacklick, Pa., who married Elizabeth McQuiston, and died in 1843; Rebecca, who married Israel Grey; Nancy, who married Joseph Colbertson; and Joseph.

Joseph Dixon, son of Joseph, is supposed to have been born at or near Wallace's fort, in October, 1781. In 1804 he came to Blacklick township, and settled on the land which his father owned. He had a tract of 300 acres, which he improved and cultivated, and later added 200 acres to the homestead, becoming one of the largest land owners of his day, and was a well-known and respected citizen of that section. The remainder of his life was spent on his farm, where he died Feb. 24, 1853, aged seventy-one years, four months, ten days, and he was laid to rest in Hopewell cemetery. He was a Whig in politics. His first marriage was to Margaret Caldwell, his second to Mary Dixon, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Dixon) Dixon. Nancy, wife of Samuel Dixon, was the second white woman to land on the west bank of Blacklick creek. The

children born to Joseph Dixon were: Jane married George Dickie, of White and Center townships; Nancy married Daniel Smith, of Center township; Samuel married Ellen Shields and (second) Mary McGuire; Joseph married Margaret Campbell and died in Burrell township; John died on the homestead; James (born to the second marriage) is mentioned below. Mrs. Mary Dixon died June 24, 1860, aged seventy-two years, and was laid to rest in Hopewell cemetery. She was a member of Hopewell M. E. Church.

James Dixon spent his boyhood days on the homestead. He attended the little log school-house located in Dixon district, and continued to make his home on the homestead with his parents until he came of age. Then he started to make his own way. He worked on a near-by farm for one year, and in 1844 located at his present place, a tract of 212 acres, where he has made his home for the last sixty-eight years. During the greater part of that period he has given most of his time to agricultural pursuits, cultivating and improving his homestead, to which he has added other land. For the last twenty years he has lived retired from active labor. Now in his declining days he is tenderly cared for by his daughters. Although past fourscore and ten years he is still active in mind and body, retaining all his faculties except his hearing, and takes a deep interest in all the doings of the day as well as his own business affairs. He is a man of strong convictions, and possesses an indomitable will, and when he considers himself in the right will fight to the end against any obstacles. He is imbued with the spirit of the strong Scotch-Irish race which has been such a potent factor for good in the development of this country and her institutions. In politics he was originally a Democrat, casting his first Presidential vote for James K. Polk, and he has never missed a Presidential election since. Since the days of Lincoln he has supported the Republican candidates down to and including William H. Taft. The only public office he ever held was that of township assessor. Mr. Dixon has been a lifelong member of Blacklick M. E. Church, and was one of the organizers of the first church of that denomination in the town of Blacklick, being now the last survivor of that zealous company. He served the church as member of the building committee, Sunday school teacher, and later superintendent of the Sunday school. No resident of Blacklick township is more highly respected than Mr. Dixon. He has lived to see many

changes in that region, most of them for the betterment of social conditions, and during his long life has witnessed remarkable progress in every line of human endeavor as well as in agricultural work, where his chief interest lay.

In 1843 Mr. Dixon married Mary Earhart, who was born Oct. 27, 1823, in Blacklick township, daughter of William and Mary C. (Keener) Earhart, and died Nov. 1, 1899, after a married life of about fifty-five years. She was interred in Blairsville cemetery. Mrs. Dixon was a member of Hopewell M. E. Church and a true Christian in all the relations of life, noted for her goodness and charity. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon: Mary Catherine married John Lewis, of Jacksonville, Pa.; Nancy died in infancy; Elizabeth died in infancy; Clara died in infancy; Annie E. resides at home with her father; William E. is engaged in the meat business at Cokeville, Pa.; Isaac Newton resides at Latrobe, Pa., where he holds the office of county poor director; Joseph Harry died after reaching maturity; Samuel Edward died after reaching manhood; Charles resides with his father; Hettie L., now at home, was married and had two children, Hazel, who died when four years old, and Charles, who is now studying at the State normal school at Indiana, Pa.; Emma died when young.

REV. GEORGE HILL, D. D., deceased. In the death of Rev. Dr. Hill Blairsville lost a most beloved citizen. There for sixty years or more he had made his home, during that period being minister of the Presbyterian Church, and he was the founder of the Blairsville Female Seminary, an institution well known throughout Western Pennsylvania.

Dr. Hill was a native of Pennsylvania, born in the Ligonier valley, in Westmoreland county, Sept. 18, 1815. His grandfather, Rev. George Hill, was a native of York county, Pa., born March 13, 1764, and at the close of the Revolutionary war the family moved from their home in York county to locate in Fayette county, Pa., where Rev. George Hill entered upon the duties of his first pastorate. He was educated at Princeton, and was licensed to preach Dec. 22, 1791. The following year he was installed as pastor of Fairfield, Donegal and Wheatfield Congregations, which he continued to serve for a period of six years. On April 11, 1798, he resigned the charge at Wheatfield and accepted the call to Ligonier, where he administered to the spiritual wants

of his people for upward of a quarter of a century. He died there June 9, 1822, and was buried in Fairfield cemetery. He was a man well known, and respected for his many virtues. His wife, Elizabeth McClelland, was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania.

John Hill, son of Rev. George and Elizabeth (McClelland) Hill, was born March 20, 1790, in Fayette county. He made his home in Westmoreland, where he became a leading citizen, serving the county well as representative in both branches of the State Legislature, having served as member of the State Senate for several terms as well as in the lower house. During the war of 1812 he commanded a company of troops under Gen. William H. Harrison. He was a staunch Democrat, and a firm believer in the doctrines of his party. He died at Fairfield, in Westmoreland county, Aug. 22, 1856, and is buried in Fairfield cemetery. Mr. Hill was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Jane Moorhead, a native of Derry township, born June 30, 1795, who died Dec. 18, 1854, and was buried in Fairfield cemetery. She was an intelligent woman and a devoted mother.

Rev. Dr. George Hill, son of Hon. John and Jane (Moorhead) Hill, began his education in the schools of his native county, and later graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, Pa., in the class of 1837. He then took up the study of theology in the Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, graduating in 1840. He was invited to preach at Blairsville and Salem, and accepting in 1841 was ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Blairsville as co-pastor with Rev. Thomas Davis, who died May 28, 1848. In October of the latter year Dr. Hill was released from Salem to give all his time and attention to the church at Blairsville, to which he devoted himself for a period of fifty-four years. Then, in 1882, Rev. J. W. Criswell was called as co-pastor. On June 8-11, 1890, the church celebrated the semi-centennial of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. Hill, the celebration continuing for three days. During the time that Dr. Hill was pastor of the church upward of twelve hundred members were received. In recognition of his faithful services in the ministry Washington and Jefferson College in 1869 conferred upon him the degree of D. D. In 1883 he was elected president of the board of directors of the Western Theological Seminary, which he had served as director from 1847, and he was elected first vice president in 1870. In 1861 he was elected moderator of the Presbyterian

Synod of Pittsburg. In 1851 Dr. Hill founded Blairsville Female Seminary, which for the last sixty years has done excellent service in the cause of Christian education. Dr. Hill was a man of broad intellect, progressive, a forceful preacher of the gospel, a true Christian in every sense of the word. He died at his home in Blairsville Aug. 2, 1895.

Dr. Hill was twice married. On Sept. 21, 1841, he married Harriet Lewis, daughter of Rev. David Lewis, pastor of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and she died Nov. 3, 1852, the mother of four children, namely: Harriet; Sarah, who married I. W. Mitchell; and two who died young. Dr. Hill married for his second wife, on March 23, 1854, Abigail Hawes, of Boston, Mass., and to this union three children were born: Abigail Grace, who married Rev. A. C. Brown; George H., who is a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Beechwood; and Helen, wife of Frank B. Andre.

Dr. Hill was a staunch advocate of temperance and voted the Prohibition ticket for many years, and was a strong supporter of the cause. Mrs. Hill, who is still living, is noted for her many acts of charity and Christian virtues.

PETER FRECH, ex-county commissioner of Indiana county, and a retired farmer of Georgeville, was born on the Rhine, in Prussia, Germany, Nov. 24, 1842, son of Peter Frech.

Peter Frech, the father, was born on the Rhine, in Prussia, Dec. 25, 1810, and there married Anna Mary Jacoby. A wheelwright by trade, he followed that calling, but as his family increased he felt that there were not enough opportunities in his native land, so left Germany in 1847 and came to America, making the voyage in a sailing vessel. Owing to the fact that this was an old ship, an accident the first day compelled the captain to return to land for repairs, so that the journey consumed five weeks. Eventually the little party landed at Philadelphia, Pa., in July, 1847, and proceeded to Indiana county, Pa., where the Frechs had a relative. She lived in Rayne township, not far from Dixonville. They located on 126 acres of land, which they bought for \$300, and built a log cabin. The property was in the midst of heavy timber, and it was hard work to clear off the land, so in 1855 this farm was sold, and another was purchased near Kelleysburg, containing 135 acres. On this place the father built a frame house and substantial barn and made

other improvements, so as to bring his property into a good state. He died upon the farm of his daughter, Mrs. Stormer, Oct. 1, 1882, aged nearly seventy-two years, and is buried in Grove Chapel cemetery. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, of which he was deacon and elder. His wife died in April, 1882, and is buried by his side; she also was a Lutheran. Mr. Frech was a Lincoln Republican, but later became a Democrat. He was a man who always commanded universal respect. The children born to him and his wife were: Catherine, widow of Charles Stormer, now residing in Indiana, Pa.; Peter; George, who lives on the old homestead in Rayne township; Mary Elizabeth, widow of John Lemp; and John, who is a farmer of Rayne township.

Peter Frech was only four and a half years old at the time of the family immigration, and could not speak English when they settled in Rayne township. He had to walk three miles to get to school, but in spite of his disadvantages learned English and at the same time made himself useful on the farm, remaining at home until he was twenty-four years old. At that time he settled on ninety-two acres in Rayne township, fifteen acres of which were improved. After four years of hard work upon this property he sold it at a profit, and then went to North Mahoning township, one mile east of Georgeville, and bought 200 acres known as the John Knight farm. With the possession of this farm came his opportunity to develop into a successful agriculturist, and he made good use of it, improving his property in every way, until he had one of the best farms in his township. He continued to operate this land until 1899, when he sold sixty acres, now owning 140 acres, and moved to Georgeville; he oversees the farming of his land, his son being in charge.

During the Civil war Mr. Frech gave practical demonstration of his feeling for his adopted country by enlisting in August, 1862, in Company I, 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. J. A. Kinter and Col. James R. Porter. He served nine months, and was honorably discharged at the close of his enlistment, in June, 1863. Still feeling that he ought to give further service, he re-enlisted in March, 1865, in Company F, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. John Kinter and Colonel Hologer. Promoted to second sergeant, he continued to serve as such, and was discharged Aug. 27, 1865, at Clarksburg, W. Va., where he had been stationed, once more returning home with the

record of having acquitted himself bravely and gallantly.

In 1899 Mr. Frech was elected county commissioner, the other members of the board being James K. Dick and Thomas P. Stevens, and served for one term of three years, during which period several bridges were built and extensive improvements made on the courthouse. He is a Democrat, and was school director for ten years in North Mahoning, and for two and a half years held the same office in the independent district of Georgeville. He has also been on the election board as inspector, and has been collector of taxes, in every way proving himself efficient and public-spirited, a man of force of character and strength of purpose. The Lutheran Church of Trade City holds his membership, and he has served it as elder for many years, being very active in the good work of his denomination. The G. A. R. post of Punxsutawney has in him an enthusiastic member.

In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Frech has been quite prominent as a breeder of fine horses, having owned the trotting mare Bell Onward, and now owns Onward Higginson, which he raised.

On May 2, 1867, Mr. Frech was married to Rebecca Kimple, of Rayne township, a daughter of John and Mary (Sigler) Kimple, old settlers of Indiana county, and people of prominence in their day. She died Jan. 11, 1913, and is buried at Gilgal Church. Mrs. Frech was also a member of the Lutheran Church, seconding her husband's efforts in the advancement of its interests. Mr. and Mrs. Frech had children as follows: Mary Lavina, who married C. M. Wortman, proprietor of the "Clawson House," of Indiana, Pa.; twins, a son and a daughter, who died in infancy; George, who is at home; and Annie A., who married Fred Jamison, of Washington, Pa., and has a daughter, Mary Jane.

Mr. Frech has attained all his prosperity through natural ability and a willingness to work. No labor was too hard for him, and he always saved his money, so that when opportunity offered he was able to invest wisely and profitably.

JAMES G. FISHER, M. D., of Indiana, has but recently settled in that borough, coming from Rossiter, Indiana county, where he had been in practice for several years. He was born April 16, 1875, at Plumville, this county, son of Samuel R. and Maria (McGaughey) Fisher.

Samuel R. Fisher was born and reared in



Westmoreland county, Pa., and followed farming. His death occurred in January, 1911. He was a prominent and active member of the Baptist Church. Nine children were born to him and his wife: Two died in infancy, the survivors being Josiah, Miles, John, Mary, Charles, Effie (wife of Samuel Buchanan) and James G.

James G. Fisher attended the common schools in Mahoning township and the borough of Indiana, and then took a course at the State normal school at Indiana, graduating in 1899. He then (1899) went to St. Louis and there took charge of the geological survey under Professor Thompson, following this work for a period of four years. Entering the medical department of George Washington University at Washington, D. C., he was graduated from that institution in 1904, after which he spent about one year traveling in the South, being mainly at St. Louis, Mo. He began the practice of his profession at Dixonville, Indiana Co., Pa., in February, 1905, remaining there until October of the same year, when he removed to Rossiter, having become physician for the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company at that point. In addition to his work in that capacity he attended to a large private practice, having established a reputation for skill and devotion to his patients which drew a large patronage. Perhaps few physicians of his years and length of practice have exceeded his success and popularity, and he gained a variety of experience which cannot fail to prove valuable to him in the coming years. He remained at Rossiter until March 1, 1912, when he changed his location to Indiana, the wider field appealing to one of his ambition. He is a hard worker, conscientious and untiring, and has every prospect of a very active and useful career. He is a member of the Medical Society of Indiana county, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On April 5, 1905, Dr. Fisher married Amy Frothingham Kane, daughter of Rear Admiral James I. Kane, U. S. N., retired, of New York. They have had four children: George, Samuel, John (deceased) and Peter Wright.

**RAY MCKELVY ALEXANDER, M. D.**, practicing physician in West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, with office at Garfield, was born May 7, 1879, in that township, son of William and Margaret (Liggett) Alexander.

William Alexander, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Alexander, was born in 1793 in

Ireland, and came to the United States with his parents when he was two years old. The family first settled at Philadelphia, where the father, a carpenter by trade, met an accidental death, falling from a building, and the family subsequently moved to West Wheatfield township and settled on a 200-acre farm, this property now being owned by the Lynn heirs. William Alexander followed the trade of stonemason, and became well and favorably known in his community. He was a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which he died in 1880, in West Wheatfield. His wife, Martha Jamison, was born in Scotland, and died in West Wheatfield township, and both were buried in the United Presbyterian cemetery there. They had the following children: Margaret married Thompson Lynn; Elizabeth married William Crawford; Jane married Rev. D. Reed; Mary was married to William Hutcheson; Moses died at the age of thirty years; Jamison died in infancy; William was the father of Dr. Alexander.

William Alexander, son of William, was born Feb. 25, 1834, in West Wheatfield township, and there attended public school and worked with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he purchased a farm of 100 acres, on which he resided for one year, when he sold out and moved to Cherryhill township, where he remained for five years, cultivating a tract of 105 acres. On his return to West Wheatfield township he bought the Reed farm of 153 acres, and there built a large house and barn and took up farming, but later this house was torn down to make room for the right-of-way of the Pennsylvania railroad, and Mr. Alexander erected the substantial residence which is still occupied by his widow, son and daughters. He was a member, elder and trustee of the New Florence United Presbyterian Church, and served on its building committee, and also acted as school director. He was originally a Whig and subsequently adopted the views of the Republican party. A man of temperance and probity, he led an honest, God-fearing life, and when he died, Sept. 23, 1907, the community felt the loss of one of its best and most highly respected citizens. Mr. Alexander was married Jan. 11, 1859, to Margaret Liggett, who was born July 29, 1838, and is now living with her son on the homestead. They had the following children: Mary, born Oct. 7, 1859, died June 24, 1860; Elmer Ellsworth, born July 23, 1862, married Mary Vinnie Vance, May 21, 1890, resides

at Irwin, Pa., and is employed on the Pennsylvania railroad; Martha Elizabeth, born Jan. 31, 1865, married Anderson Fowler, May 6, 1891, and has one child, Clyde Alexander; Samuel L., born Jan. 18, 1867, is unmarried and conducts the homestead farm; William J., born March 3, 1869, died Sept. 2, 1870; Maggie Wilhelmina, born July 16, 1871, married Oct. 31, 1905, Harry W. Wakefield; Julia A., born Feb. 14, 1874, and Lulu M., born Dec. 4, 1876, are both unmarried and residing with their mother on the old homestead; and Ray M. is the youngest of the family.

Ray McKelvy Alexander attended Indiana public school No. 9, and then went to the New Florence school, following which he took instruction under Prof. J. T. Stewart at Armagh and Prof. C. A. Campbell. At the age of sixteen years he commenced to teach, at which calling he was engaged for three years in West Wheatfield township and two years in Derry township, as well as one year in New Florence. At that time he went to Pittsburg and there entered the University, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of doctor of medicine, and immediately located in West Wheatfield township. He has built up a practice that extends throughout this part of the county as well as into Westmoreland county, and is known as a skilled, able and sympathetic physician. His reputation is high among his professional colleagues, as one who recognizes and respects the unwritten ethics of the profession.

On Feb. 24, 1909, Dr. Alexander was married to Essie DuShane, daughter of Joseph and Addie (Eberhardt) DuShane, and granddaughter of Andrew DuShane, who was a blacksmith and pioneer settler of Westmoreland county, where he had his home near Bolivar. Dr. and Mrs. Alexander have one daughter, Margaret DuShane.

Dr. Alexander was made a member of the National Geographic Society Feb. 9, 1910, and also belongs to the Alumni Association of the University of Pittsburg, the grand chapter of the Phi Chi fraternity, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction and the State of Pennsylvania Board of Health. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons (holding membership in Acacia Lodge, No. 355, Blairsville, Pa.), the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of the Maccabees. His well-appointed offices are situated at Garfield, with postoffice at Robin-

son, while he makes his home at Bolivar, in Westmoreland county.

JAMES C. DAVISON, contractor and builder, of Clymer, Indiana county, is one of the leading citizens of that borough, being prominent in its public life as well as in business. He is a justice of the peace and notary, and is at present serving as president of the borough council. Mr. Davison was born June 13, 1851, in Blair county, Pa., and is a son of John Armstrong and Ellen (Dunlap) Davison.

John Armstrong Davison, his great-grandfather, was born in Scotland and from that country went first to Ireland, settling in Tyrone, where he was interested in the great iron industries of that region. He came to America some time during the eighteenth century and passed the remainder of his life in Maryland, engaging in the iron industry throughout his residence there. During the Revolution he raised a militia company in Maryland, of which he became captain, serving as such under General Washington.

John Armstrong Davison, the second of that name in this country, was born in Maryland. Like his father he carried on business as an ironmaster. He served in the war of 1812.

John Armstrong Davison, son of John Armstrong Davison 2d, was born in the State of Delaware. He, too, became associated with the iron business, being a machinist and ax-maker. When a young man he came to Pennsylvania, settling in Blair county, where he spent the rest of his days. In his later years he purchased a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Ellen Dunlap, who was born in Pennsylvania and belonged to a family which came originally from Ireland, and they had nine children, namely: John Armstrong, who lives in Tyrone, Pa. (he served a short time during the Civil war); Mary, wife of Major Bell, who served as a major during the Civil war (both are now deceased); Martha, wife of George Traister, who served during the Civil war (both are deceased); Elizabeth, deceased; Sarah, widow of Daniel Wesley, residing at Tyrone, Pa.; Emily, Mrs. Van Scoyoc, of Tyrone; Capt. George C., now living at Tyrone, who served throughout the Civil war, in which he held the rank of captain; Robert, deceased, who served during the Civil war in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry and was under General Sherman; and James C.

James C. Davison passed his early days in

Blair county, where he attended school. At the age of seventeen he went to Philipsburg, Center Co., Pa., where he learned the carpenter's trade, remaining there for about four years. After that he traveled over Pennsylvania for a time, working at his trade, and for a time was located in Clearfield county, engaged in contracting. Leaving that county he returned to Tyrone, Blair county, where he remained for a period of five years, when the town of Clymer, in Indiana county, was started coming to that place. There he has since carried on a most successful business as a contractor and builder, also including the lines of heating and plumbing. He has put up many residences and business structures in the borough and has built up a substantial custom, his thoroughly reliable work, good management and up-to-date ideas gaining him many patrons who appreciate the advantages of first-class work.

When the borough was organized Mr. Davison had his share in the initial work, and he has continued his interest in its good government and development to the present time. He is now serving as president of the council, is a member of the Board of Trade, and is also acting as justice of the peace, to which office he was elected three years ago. He is also a prominent church worker, he and his wife belonging to the Methodist Church, and he is holding the presidency of the committee board. Mr. Davison was formerly a member of the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F.

On Jan. 12, 1872, Mr. Davison was married to Martha E. Strong, a native of Clearfield county, Pa., born Sept. 2, 1855, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Caldwell) Strong, both of whom were natives of Clearfield county, and both are now deceased. Mr. Strong was extensively engaged in the lumber business. His family consisted of eight children: Joseph A., the eldest, who lives in Clearfield county, Pa.; Martha E., late wife of James C. Davison; Mary, widow of Harvey H. Swan, living in Clearfield county; William C., a merchant of Clymer; Charles S., who has a meat market in Clearfield; Harvey L., also of Clearfield county; Calvin V., a farmer on the old homestead in that county; and Edith, a professional nurse, who is in Tennessee.

Mrs. Davison died March 1, 1909. She was the mother of eight children: Avonia, who is the wife of Harry L. Witherell, a farmer of Clearfield county, and has three children, Amy, Henry and Paul; Clyde, residing at home; Harvey A., who is a teacher in Indiana county; Willard F., a carpenter, at home;

Walter, who is in the employ of T. C. Stanley at Clymer; Lula, wife of Robert G. Williams, of Ernest, this county (they have four children, Beatrice, Hobart, Ruth and Ber-nice); Russell, at home; and James.

LEVI YOUNG, late of Indiana, passed his latter years in retirement in that borough. He was born at Morrisons Cove, Bedford Co., Pa., Dec. 29, 1820, son of James and Catherine (Metz) Young, both of whom died in Bedford county. He was a charcoal burner by occupation. They had five children: Henry, Andrew, Peggy, Harriet and Levi. After the father's death the mother became the wife of James Kirkland, an Englishman, and in 1835 the family moved to Indiana borough, settling in White township, where they followed farming.

Levi Young was given a good education and taught for a time in the old subscription schools. At the age of seventeen he became clerk in the store of James McCannon, at the corner of Sixth and Philadelphia streets, Indiana, where Mr. William R. Loughry is now established. After his marriage he and his wife moved onto the farm of her uncle, Alexander Bartley, in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, and later bought that place, farming it for seven years in all. Selling this property, they removed to the farm of Rev. Mr. Lewis, in the same township, upon which they remained four years, and then bought the Turner farm in Center township, Indiana county, a large and valuable property of 272 acres, improved and with good buildings. They made their home there for twenty-five years, at the end of which time they sold it to a Mr. Campbell, and then bought the Judge Clark farm at the edge of Indiana borough. They lived there for the next seven years, selling that property to Mr. Bath, and in April, 1890, moved into the borough of Indiana. There Mr. Young continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1907. He was a man of the highest standing and one of the venerable citizens of the place. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion adhered to the M. E. Church.

On July 4, 1842, at Greensburg, Pa., Mr. Young married Jane Dixon, who was born Dec. 12, 1824, in Blacklick township, Indiana county, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Bartley) Dixon. Though advanced in age she still reads the daily paper and is very active. Nine children were born to this union: Albert, who died of fever in a Rebel camp while serving in the army; Margaret Ellen, Mrs.

Harrison Kauffman, of Indiana; Frank, of Chicago; Nancy Jane, Mrs. William Gilmer, of Blairsville; Clara, Mrs. Benson Lewis, of Chicago; George, M. D., of Evansville, Ind.; Ella, Mrs. Alexander Graham, of Conemaugh township; Lizzie, Mrs. George Ray, of Armstrong township, this county; and Foster Bartley, now living in Canada, where he has taken up a homestead.

**JAMES BOTHEL**, the oldest living resident of Center township, Indiana county, has been settled at his present home there for a period of forty years and is a highly esteemed citizen of his neighborhood. He was born in Armstrong township, this county, Oct. 8, 1822, son of John and Mary (McCrea) Bothel, the latter a native of Wilmington, Del. John Bothel was drowned in the Allegheny river.

Mr. Bothel followed farming throughout his active years. After living in Washington township, Indiana county, for a time, he came to Center township, in 1872, locating on the David Fleming farm, a tract of 112 acres where he has since continuously made his home. He retired some years ago from arduous labor, the farm being now cared for by his son Nelson M. Bothel, with whom he makes his home. But though past ninety Mr. Bothel retains all his faculties, and he has a remarkable memory. During the Civil war, though past the age limit, he offered his services in behalf of the Union cause, in 1862 enlisting in Company I, 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Andrew Kinter and Colonel Porter. He served nine months, twenty days, and took part in numerous engagements, among them the battle of Chancellorsville. He has been a staunch Republican since the party was founded, always upholding its principles, and is a great admirer of Roosevelt. In religious connection he is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, which he has served as trustee.

On Jan. 12, 1865, Mr. Bothel married Mrs. Mary J. Campbell Dickson, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., near New Alexandria, and was the widow of John Dickson. She had two children by her first marriage, Sarah and Samuel. To her marriage with Mr. Bothel were also born two children, Nelson McCrea and Edith (married to William Anthony). Mrs. Bothel died Jan. 14, 1909, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery at Indiana. She was a member of the Crete United Presbyterian Church.

**NELSON MCCREA BOTHEL**, only son of James Bothel, was born June 25, 1867, in Washing-

ton township, Indiana Co., Pa., and there passed his early years. He has been a farmer all his active life, and after commencing on his own account lived and farmed in Armstrong township, this county, for a period of sixteen years, owning sixty-five acres there. In 1908 he returned to his father's farm in Center township, where he is now successfully engaged in farming and stock raising.

Like his father Mr. Bothel has always been a Republican in his political principles, but is independent when it comes to choosing candidates for any office. While living in Armstrong township he served his fellow citizens for six years in the office of school director, and was secretary of the board during that time. He is particularly interested in church work, being a leading member of the United Presbyterian Church, which he has served in an official capacity for many years, having been elder, trustee, Sunday school teacher and superintendent.

Mr. Bothel was married in December, 1890, to Lottie Carnahan, of Armstrong township, this county, daughter of David and Levenia (Berkebile) Carnahan, and four children were born to them: Florence (who is now the wife of William Anthony, and has one daughter, Edith M.), Esther, Lavinia and Bessie. Mrs. Bothel died Jan. 13, 1906, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana.

**EDWARD M. ANSLEY**, county commissioner of Indiana county, lives in Rayne township on the farm where he was born and which was bought by his father in 1854.

John Ansley, his great-grandfather, served as a soldier in the American army during the Revolutionary war, and his brother commanded a company in the British army. John Ansley came from New Jersey to Westmoreland county, Pa., in the early days of the settlement of that region. He was a farmer by occupation.

Daniel Ansley, son of John, was born in Westmoreland county in 1798, and followed farming there until 1837, when he removed to Indiana county. He died in 1858, at the age of sixty.

James Ansley, son of Daniel, was born in 1825 and died Feb. 23, 1895. He was a farmer throughout his active years, being extensively engaged in general agriculture and stock raising in Rayne township, and was not only a successful business man of his locality but also active in public life, serving as justice of the peace of his township and as auditor of Indiana county. He was a Republican



*E. M. Ansley*



in political sentiment. He married Sarah Spencer, who was born near Johnstown, in Cambria county, and she survived him, passing away April 13, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Ansley were members of the Baptist Church, which Mr. Ansley served officially for many years in the capacity of deacon. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ansley: Louisa, who married J. F. McLaughlin, and is now deceased; William B., a physician; and Edward M.

Edward M. Ansley was born Feb. 20, 1858, and attended the local public schools in his early boyhood, later going to the Reidsburg Academy, in Clarion county. Some time after he commenced to work he became a traveling salesman for a wholesale shoe house of New York and Philadelphia and was thus engaged continuously for a period of thirty-one years, becoming one of the expert salesmen in his line while he remained on the road. In fact, his long connection with the one concern is sufficient evidence of the value of his services. After his father's death, in 1895, he managed the home farm in addition to looking after his interests as salesman.

Mr. Ansley has long been connected with public affairs. He served his township as school director for twelve consecutive years, and for three years was chairman of the county convention of school directors. In November, 1911, he was elected on the Republican ticket to the office of county commissioner by the largest majority received by any man on the county ticket, and he assumed the duties of the office in January, 1912. His popularity has been well deserved, for he has given satisfaction in every position to which he has been chosen. Like his father he is a prominent member of the Baptist Church, of which he has been a deacon for more than fifteen years.

In March, 1888, Mr. Ansley was married to Ella M. Chambers, daughter of James Chambers, of Library, Allegheny Co., Pa. On her mother's side she is related to the Philips family, one of the noted families of Allegheny county. Mr. and Mrs. Ansley have had three children, namely: Arthur B.; Edward W., who died when one year old; and Paul Ansley.

**MATHEWS.** One of the oldest settled families in East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, is that of Mathews, which is of Irish extraction and has lived in Pennsylvania since

a few years after the close of the Revolutionary war.

William Mathews, the first of the line in this State, was a native of Ireland and there married Martha McLain. In the early part of 1786 the family crossed the Atlantic, coming to Pennsylvania and first locating in Somerset county, where they remained for six years. In 1792 they moved to Westmoreland county, making a home in Fairfield township where Mr. Mathews passed the rest of his life, following farming. He died between 1812 and 1814, his wife a few years later. Their children were as follows: Mary, who married Matthew Ray; William, who married Elizabeth Snodgrass; Archibald; James, who married Nancy Hammill; Jane, who married James Lemon; Sarah, who married Thomas Trimble; Margaret, who married Archibald Johnson; Samuel, who married Mary Pollock; Ann, who married John Nesbett; John, who married Nancy Trimble; and Martha, who married Hugh Knox.

Archibald Mathews, son of William, was born in 1784 in Ireland and was two years old when brought to America. He passed his first years here in Somerset county, coming with the family to what was then Westmoreland county, and received such education as the subscription schools of the day afforded. But there were few in this section, and his assistance with the farm work was necessary. When he settled in what is now East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, he located on the farm of George Findley, the first white settler in the county. Mr. Mathews was a man of advanced ideas for his time, and he had the enterprise to carry out his projects. Thus he was the first in the county to erect a woolen factory, which stood near the Baker furnace. He spent the remainder of his life in the township, engaged in farming on the Findley place as well as manufacturing and milling, and died in 1851, at the age of sixty-seven. He is buried on the farm, in the family lot reserved for burial purposes. Mr. Mathews was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. On June 12, 1806, he married Elizabeth Findley, who was born Jan. 28, 1784, at Hagerstown, Md., daughter of George Findley, of whom a complete account may be found elsewhere. She survived him many years, dying in 1881, at the advanced age of ninety-seven. Like her husband she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. They had a family of eleven children, namely: Jane, born April 26, 1807, married Dec. 22, 1827, Thomas Chapman, and

died Feb. 10, 1828; Martha, born Jan. 9, 1809, married Feb. 14, 1834, Isaac Rogers; Isabelle, born Jan. 24, 1812, married July 23, 1838, William Lapsley; Eliza, born in 1814, married May 19, 1836, Joseph Kennedy; George Findley was born Aug. 19, 1815; Mary Ann, born Nov. 22, 1817, married April 23, 1840, James Taylor, and died Jan. 14, 1843; Sarah, born April 8, 1820, married Feb. 10, 1842, Samuel Noble, and died Oct. 11, 1846; William and Archibald, twins, were born Aug. 15, 1822, the latter dying July 23, 1824, the former Oct. 12, 1847, in the city of Mexico, while serving in the United States army; James, born Oct. 2, 1825, died Feb. 13, 1830; Archibald (2), born Feb. 2, 1828, married Matilda J. Mitchell.

George Findley Mathews, son of Archibald, was born Aug. 19, 1815, and obtained his education in the subscription schools, such as they were. He worked on the home place and made farming his life occupation, operating a tract of two hundred acres where he carried on general agriculture and stock raising, also dealing in stock. He was an energetic and progressive man, succeeded in his various undertakings, and was a substantial and respected citizen of the township. His mother was devotedly cared for at his home during her declining years. He died on the farm Aug. 10, 1893, when a few days less than seventy-eight years old, and is buried in the family lot near the home. He was a member and trustee of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mathews was married in Philadelphia to Rebecca Jane Mathews, daughter of William Mathews, and she also died on the farm and is buried in the cemetery there. Mrs. Mathews, too, was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of seven children: Elizabeth, who married R. B. Hamilton; John Findley, who is on the homestead; Jennie R., who died young; William, who died when two years old; Robert I., who died in 1900 at Altoona; George Herbert; and Annie, who died young.

GEORGE HERBERT MATHEWS, youngest son of George F. Mathews, was born June 24, 1863, on the farm and grew to manhood there, attending the local public schools and later a commercial college at Altoona. In his early manhood he worked on the home place and also did considerable teaming, hauling bark, ties and other timber products. For some time he was engaged in the mercantile business at Buffington, this county, where he was postmaster for eight years, and for ten years he was established on the Clark homestead in

Buffington township, a tract of 186 acres which he eventually sold to the Lackawanna Coal Company, in 1894 returning to the old Findley farm where three generations of his family had lived before him. Here he has since devoted his time to general farming and stock raising, also dealing in stock and making a specialty of dairying, keeping twenty cows. He owns and operates two hundred acres, and by hard work has kept his property in first-class condition, being noted for his well-directed industry and thrifty management. Many up-to-date ideas have been put into practice on his place, which bears every mark of intelligent care. Mr. Mathews has interested himself in local affairs, serving two terms as school director and three terms as clerk of the township election board. Politically he is a Republican, though he votes independently. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as trustee and member of the building committee.

On March 15, 1888, Mr. Mathews married in Buffington township Louisa V. Clark, a native of that township, daughter of Thompson Clark, who was justice of the peace in Buffington township for many years. Six children have been born to this union: Jennie Rebecca, who married Frederic Knoepfle and now resides at Johnstown, Pa. (she graduated from the State normal school at Indiana and taught for four years prior to her marriage); Annie Laura, who was educated in the local public schools and at summer normal under Professors Campbell and Weaver, and has taught school for two years; Lester Clark, now living at home, who was educated in the local public schools and at summer normal under Professors Campbell and Weaver; and Edith Adele, George Herbert, Jr., and Mabel, all at home.

ELMER W. ALLISON, druggist, of the borough of Indiana, Indiana county, was born there July 9, 1866, son of Robert W. and Nancy (Lewis) Allison. After taking a public school course in his native place he entered the State normal school at Indiana, and taught school some years in the county. He then entered the employ of Daugherty Brothers, an old established drug firm of that place, with whom he remained for a period of eight years, when, having become thoroughly familiar with the business, he commenced on his own account. He has been successful from the start, and has been conducting his own place for sixteen years at the present writing



(1912). Mr. Allison's standing as a business man and record as a good citizen of the community show him to be a worthy member of a family which has always been known for high character and usefulness. He has been particularly prominent as a member and worker of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder and Sunday school teacher, and for nearly thirty years has been a member of the choir. He has considerable musical talent and is endowed with a good voice, and his devotion to the church has been highly appreciated. In June, 1907, he was elected a member of the school board of Indiana, and is still serving. Mr. Allison's maternal great-grandfather, John Wilson, was one of the organizers and an elder of the first Presbyterian Church founded in Indiana, in 1807, and from that time continuously down to the present both the Wilsons and Allison have been active factors in the welfare of the Presbyterian denomination in this vicinity.

On Oct. 26, 1892, Mr. Allison was united in marriage to Mary L. Tiffany.

The following account of the Allison family, "A Sketch of the Allison Family, Especially the Line of the Compilers, Mary C. and James L. Allison, Aug. 21, 1906," shows the line of Elmer W. Allison, brother of Mary C. and James L. Allison.

The line of descent of this family, of which the compilers are members, from Robert Allison is through John Allison, Robert W. Allison and Robert Wilson Allison, father of James L. and Elmer W. Allison.

Robert Allison, the great-great-grandfather, was a member of a family that fled from Scotland during the time of the persecution of the Protestants. They settled in the North of Ireland, and leaving there in 1750, came to America and settled in Cumberland county, Pa. In 1752 he married a lady by the name of Beckie Baird, a granddaughter of Charles Stuart, a descendant of the house of Stuart. Robert and Beckie had been passengers on the same vessel and formed an acquaintance at that time which resulted in their marriage two years later. The result of this union was six sons and one daughter. The names of the sons were Tate, John, Andrew, Robert, James and Thomas, and the daughter was Jane, who married William Hamilton.

John Allison, one of the above named six sons, and our great-grandfather, married Hannah Graham. They had five sons and two daughters. Robert W., John, James, Andrew and a son that was killed when a boy were the

sons, and Jane and Elizabeth were the daughters.

The first wife, Hannah Graham, died, and John Allison married Martha Taylor. They had three children: Samuel, who died in boyhood; Martha, and Hannah. John Allison was married a third time, to Polly Ohara.

Before the family had been raised the father, with part of them, made a settlement on Plum creek, Armstrong county, at a place where the Altimus mill is now located. This place was not long in their possession, as the Indians drove them away. They took all their belongings that could be carried on the backs of their horses and fled to a fort built on the land now within the limits of Homer City. After the Indian troubles had quieted Allison bought twenty acres of land at the junction of Twolick and Yellow creeks, within the present boundary of Homer City. On this tract, and on the bank of Yellow creek, he and his boys built a "grist" mill, the first one constructed in that locality, if not the first one within the bounds of Indiana county. All of the machinery and iron used in the building of the mill were carried on the backs of horses, on "pack saddles," from Franklin county, Pa. When this mill was worn out a new one was constructed on the bank of Twolick creek. The water to turn the mill was taken from Yellow creek and the "tail race" emptied the used water into Twolick creek. This latter mill stood just above where the present mill building now stands and near the place where the old "water power" mill stood.

Robert W. Allison was born in Franklin county, Pa., Jan. 11, 1780, and he was twelve years old when his father built the first mill referred to above. The members of the family must then have been quite young when they moved from Franklin county. The sons of John Allison all learned the trade of their father, that of miller. There was not sufficient grain to be ground to keep them busy all the year, so they farmed and "tended the mill" as occasion required.

It was while "tending the mill" that Robert W. Allison became acquainted with a young girl, Mary Wilson, who "packed grists" to the mill and waited until the "grist" was ground and took the flour or meal home with her. This Mary Wilson was the daughter of John Wilson, a pioneer settler of Indiana county. He had moved to a tract of land two miles south of Indiana, on a small farm that had been cleared, a few acres only, by some one a few years before. This location was desirable on account of the natural

meadow land that was found along the run south of Indiana, and which furnished hay and pasture for the horses and cattle. This Mary Wilson told us often that she and her sister hauled the hay from this meadow land to their home by means of hand sleds, during the winter, and hauled sufficient to feed the stock, and that they did this until they had sufficient land cleared so that they could raise their own hay.

John Wilson, with his family, moved to this farm at the close of the Revolutionary war, in which he had served for five years as a member of the "Washington Life Guards." He put in two winters at Valley Forge at the darkest periods of the war, and many times has his daughter, our grandmother, told us of their anxiety concerning his welfare and his sufferings and privations, accounts of which he had related to them.

John Wilson was one of the men who laid out the town of Indiana. The streets were plotted and marked among the trees and underbrush and for many years after the location was fixed there were few buildings. (Thomas McLain was another pioneer who helped lay out the town of Indiana.)

John Wilson was a ruling elder and prominent in organizing the Presbyterian Church in Indiana. He was buried in the old Lutheran graveyard, but the grave is unmarked and its location is unknown.

The friendship that the young miller, Robert W. Allison, had formed for the farmer's young lass, Mary Wilson, ripened into love, and on Nov. 18, —, they were united in marriage. This young couple took up their abode in a cabin on the old Loughry farm, joining the Wilson farm, more recently known as the Allison farm, or the "Ortondale Stock Farm." They moved from that farm to one adjoining it on the south, known as the Banks farm, where they lived many years, and where our father, Robert W. Allison, was born and lived until he was eight years old. They then moved to the Wilson farm, where Robert W. died, on Nov. 2, 1857, aged seventy-seven years. Grandmother, wife of Robert W., died at the same place, in March, 1863, aged eighty-five years.

Robert W. and Mary Wilson Allison raised a large family of children, viz.: Robert Wilson, John W., James, Martha, Hannah, Anne, Jane, Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary S., all of whom are now dead.

Robert Wilson Allison, father of the writers, married Nancy Lewis, daughter of James and Catherine Loughry Lewis, pioneer residents

of Washington township, Indiana county, on Oct. 10, 1849. She was born Dec. 23, 1828, and died Nov. 2, 1892. Her husband, Robert Wilson Allison, was born Aug. 17, 1822, and died June 25, 1899. This union resulted in the birth of five sons and three daughters.

Mary Catherine was born Aug. 5, 1850. She lives at the old home, formerly known as the "Repine Farm," adjoining Indiana on the west. This farm was purchased by father in 1879.

James Lewis was born July 9, 1853, and is now superintendent of the public schools of Wilkingsburg, Pa. He married Anna Elizabeth, daughter of James Harvey and Margaretta Rankin Bruce, of White township, near Indiana, Pa., on Sept. 19, 1883. She died on Aug. 29, 1910. They located in Punxsutawney, Pa., soon after their marriage, where Mr. Allison had charge of the public schools for nineteen years, or until he took charge of the schools of Wilkingsburg, in September, 1902. Their children are: Mary Edith, born Aug. 28, 1884; Margaretta Bruce, born June 9, 1886; James Lewis, born Feb. 11, 1892, and Robert Wilson, born May 10, 1895.

David Milton, who died on the old homestead, adjoining Indiana, on Dec. 20, 1906, was born Sept. 16, 1856. On Nov. 18, 1886, he married Elizabeth Hamilton, daughter of William and ——— Hamilton, of White township, north of Indiana. They had one son, Edwin Hamilton, born Aug. 19, 1891.

Robert Wilson was born Dec. 30, 1858. He is a practicing physician of Wilkingsburg, Pa., having located there immediately after his graduation from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He married Martha, daughter of Samuel and Martha Kerr McElroy, of Wilkingsburg, Pa., on Sept. 24, 1891. They have one daughter, Anna Lewis, born Nov. 5, 1894.

Nancy Anna was born May 8, 1862. On June 20, 1888, she was married to Henry Turk, of Parkers Landing, where they reside. Their children are Mary Allison, born June 16, 1892; John Howard, born Feb. 13, 1894; Elizabeth Gertrude, born Feb. 16, 1900; and Charlotte Lewis, born March 31, 1901.

John Scott, who is unmarried, and lives in Indiana, was born May 8, 1862.

Elmer Watt, who is a druggist at Indiana, was born July 9, 1866. On Oct. 26, 1892, he married Mary Louise, daughter of B. B. and Josie Tiffany, of Indiana, Pa. Their children are Marion Estell, born Sept. 25, 1896, and Elinor Louise, born Feb. 23, 1904.

Elizabeth Gertrude was born July 6, 1870.

She is married to Edward C. Green, of East Brady, Pennsylvania.

John W. Allison, son of Robert W. and Mary Wilson, married Margaret Hutchison. After their children were all born, the family moved to Clinton county, Iowa, where the parents both died. John died on April 8, 1867, ten years after locating in his new home. Their children, of whom Hutchison and Mary Jane died some time after they located in Iowa, are: Newton, Thomas, Clark, and others who are living some place in the West.

James S., youngest son of Robert W. and Mary Wilson Allison, married Lucinda Rice, of Indiana, Pa. Their children are: Robert Wilson, Elizabeth and Martha, who went with their parents to Clinton county, Iowa, in 1866. The children are all married and live in that section of the country, but the father was drowned in the Mississippi river June 19, 1895, and the mother died at Lyons, Iowa, since that time.

Martha, eldest daughter of Robert W. and Mary Wilson Allison, was married to James Johnston on April 20, 1836, and she died March 12, 1880, her husband having died many years previous. Her children were: James, deceased, who married a Miss Hill, and they have a family of children living in Center township; John W., who married a Miss McFeeters, living, with a family of children, in Center township; and Mary Jane, who is married and living in the southern part of Indiana county.

Hannah, a daughter of Robert W. and Mary Wilson Allison, was married to Joseph White, of Center township, on Oct. 6, 1842. She died on July 4, 1881, long after her husband, leaving one son, William W., who married Jane Campbell, of Center township. They raised a family of children and William is living in Homer City.

Anne, a daughter of Robert W. and Mary Wilson Allison, was married to James W. Allison Oct. 4, 1848, and she died July 18, 1850, leaving a daughter, Anna Mary, who died in 1860.

Jane, a daughter of Robert W. and Mary Wilson Allison, was married to George W. Johnston, of Center township, on June 3, 1844. She died Aug. 17, 1847, leaving one daughter, Mary Jane, who married John Feit. She died, leaving one son, George J. Feit, of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Sarah, Elizabeth and Mary S., daughters of Robert W. and Mary Wilson Allison, never

married. They died, respectively, Sept. 17, 1843, Oct. 26, 1854, and Nov. 25, 1892.

James, son of John and Hannah Graham Allison, married a Miss McCracken. They spent their lives on a farm in Center township, where they reared their family, of whom Nancy married Joshua Reed and is living in Homer City; Joshua married Elizabeth Fair and they with their four children are living in Kansas; Robert married a Miss Alexander, and they with their one child are living in Homer City.

John, son of John and Hannah Graham Allison, married Jane Henry. They spent their entire lives on the farm in Center township, where some of their children reside. Their son, John H., married Sarah Fair, and they spent their lives on a farm adjoining that of the father until the death of the husband, but the wife is still living there with two unmarried daughters, Flora and Hattie. Walter, their eldest son, is married and living in Kansas; Robert Orr, their second son, married Catherine Wilson, and they live on a farm in Center township, they having raised a family of thirteen; the youngest son, James H., married Elizabeth Johnston, and, with one daughter, Belle, they are living in Indiana.

Isabelle, daughter of John and Jane Henry Allison, was married to Jackson Miller, of Center township. They had one daughter and two sons.

Mary Jane, daughter of John and Jane Henry Allison, was married to \_\_\_\_\_ France, of Bolivar, Pennsylvania.

Andrew, son of John and Hannah Graham Allison, went "West," as it was then known, and his history is not known.

Jane Delia, daughter of John and Hannah Graham Allison, was married to William Dickie. They lived on a farm in White township, where their children, George, Lavinia, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary, James and Ursula, were reared.

George, son of William and Jane Allison Dickie, married Jane Dixon. They had five children: William, married to a Miss Fair, and living in Blacklick township (have two daughters and one son); Nancy, married to J. H. Ogden, of Homer City (two sons); Joseph D., who first married a Miss Harrold, who died leaving two daughters, Mrs. Elmer Campbell, of Indiana, Pa., and Jennie (deceased), and (second) Jennie Campbell, they having three daughters, Pearle (married to J. T. Henry, Blairsville, Pa., and has chil-

dren), Mabel (married to Clarence Smith, Indiana, Pa.) and Esther (at home with her parents in Indiana).

Elizabeth Dickie married Frank Brosky, and died leaving no children.

George C. Dickie married Margaret Ann Johnston, and lives in Indiana, Pa. Their children are: Clark, a dentist, of Vandergrift, Pa.; Laura, married to Dr. Nix, living at Wehrum, Pa.; the mother of one child; and Belle, Mrs. Glen, of Vandergrift, Pa., who has one child.

Lavinia, daughter of William and Jane Allison Dickie, was married to Jacob Kaufman, of Center township. Of their children, James married Miss Mikesell; Banks married Miss Boyer; Nannie died, and Jane married John Baker. Those married have children.

Hannah, daughter of William and Jane Allison Dickie, was married to T. B. Allison, of Marchand, Pa. Of their children, Jane married Samuel Brown, their children living about Marchand; Nancy married T. B. McComb, Marchand, and their one daughter is married to Dr. Miles Grube, Lindsey, Pa.; Nancy was married a second time to Robert St. Clair, late of Denver, Colo., she having died before her husband, and they left some children: David B. married first Jenuima Coulter, and second Mrs. Laura Hamilton.

Elizabeth, daughter of William and Jane Allison Dickie, married John McMullin, who moved to Illinois. They had two sons.

Mary, daughter of William and Jane Allison Dickie, was married to Samuel Ray, of Armstrong township. Of their children, Richard married Miss Anderson, and had three sons and one daughter; George married Miss Young; and Jane married Robert Johnston.

James, son of William and Jane Allison Dickie, went to California in the excitement of '49, and died there.

Ursula, daughter of William and Jane Allison Dickie, married a minister by the name of Jordon, and they moved South before the war.

Elizabeth, daughter of John and Hannah Graham Allison, was married to Michael Trainer, of Clarion county, Pa. They had five children, of whom the compilers knew nothing except of John, who married Caroline Burnham and raised their family on a farm near Strattanville, Pa. The wife is living. Of their children, James married a lady in Chicago, but he lived only a few years after his marriage; John Core married Blanche Smith, of Strattanville, but she lived only a short time after their marriage, and

he married again and is living in Iowa; Morris M., who married Irene Stear, of Smicksburg, now deceased, has two sons and is living in Sibley, Iowa (he married a second time); Emma is married to Dr. O. K. Moore, of Knox, Pa., and they have the following children, Allie (married, has two children), Freda, Mamie, Charlie and Otis, at home; Anne, married to Joseph Strattan, of Strattanville, is living with their family at that place; Winfield Scott married Carrie Strattan, of Strattanville, and was killed a few years ago, leaving Otis, Howard, Guerney, Morris, John and Rose, all at home with their mother in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Jane is a teacher of music at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Martha, daughter of John and Martha Taylor Allison, was married to a Mr. Hendrickson, of Homer City. Of their children, Willmina married Rev. John Flickinger; Pemelia married William McKissen, of Homer City, and died leaving one daughter; Elizabeth, deceased, was not married; Samuel married a Miss Boyd, and they live along the W. P. railroad.

Hannah, daughter of John and Martha Taylor Allison, was married to Richard Peddico, of Center township. She lived to a ripe old age, and of her children Mary Ann married William Hill, of Homer City, and they have a family; Amanda married James Flickinger, of Homer City, and they have a family; Sarah married a Mr. McMasters, and they have a family; Hannah married Albert Jamison and has a family; Clara and T. Benton, unmarried, are living in Virginia; and Jefferson.

**LEARD.** The Leards of Blacklick township, Indiana county, are one of the best known among the pioneer families of their part of Pennsylvania. The family is of Scotch origin, but for generations the home of this branch has been in the North of Ireland, where Zachariah Leard, the founder of the line in Indiana county, was born and grew to manhood. There he married Judith Elliott, and with their family they left their native land in February, 1796, coming to America. Proceeding across Pennsylvania to the west of the Allegheny mountains, they settled in what is now Young township, Indiana county, on a farm near Ebenezer Church, establishing a permanent home there, where the parents passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. Leard followed farming. He died on his farm about 1820, and was buried in the cemetery of

the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, of which he was a faithful member. His wife survived him several years, dying about 1826, and is buried beside him. She, too, was a member of the Ebenezer Church. They were the parents of eight children, viz.: Mary, born April 1, 1785, who married James Hart, of Young township, Indiana Co., Pa.; William, born March 31, 1788; James, born Nov. 2, 1790; Eleanor, born in Ireland March 20, 1793, Mrs. McCoomb; John, born in America May 16, 1796; Judith, born May 26, 1799, who married William Stewart, of Saltsburg, Pa.; Samuel, born Dec. 2, 1801, who died young; and Zachariah, born Oct. 12, 1807.

John Leard, third son of Zachariah and Judith (Elliott) Leard, was born May 16, 1796, in Young township, and there grew to manhood. Continuing to reside on the homestead until three years after his father's death, he then moved to Eldersridge, in the same township, to farm the Robert Elder place for his wife's mother, Mrs. Robert Elder. He was on that farm until 1828, when he moved to Blacklick township and bought a tract of 226 acres opposite the village of Livermore. There was a log house on the property, and he and his family occupied it until 1836, when he built the substantial brick dwelling which still stands on the place. The bricks used in its construction were made on the farm. Other improvements were made on the tract from time to time, and as the land became cleared and available for cultivation Mr. Leard engaged extensively in farming and stock raising, prospering throughout life. He died there in March, 1858, aged almost sixty-two years, and was buried in the Ebenezer Church cemetery. He was a faithful member of that church, and served as one of the trustees. In politics he was a Whig. He took a great interest in the local militia, in which he held the rank of major. At Eldersridge Mr. Leard was married to Mary Ann Elder, daughter of Robert and Mary (Smith) Elder, and a descendant of one of the oldest families of Young township. Mrs. Mary Ann (Elder) Leard also died on the homestead, and is buried in the family plot in Ebenezer Church cemetery. She was the mother of five children: Zachariah, Maria Ann (married Robert Elder, of Livermore), Margaret (married David Morrow), Robert (married Nancy Jane Sterling) and Judith (died in infancy). For his second wife Mr. Leard married Jane Smith of Eldersridge, sister of John and Rob-

ert Smith, and by that union there were six children: Elenor, who is buried in Ebenezer cemetery; William, a machinist, who is now living retired in Blacklick township; Jane, deceased; John, deceased, who is buried in Missouri (he was married); Sarah, who died at the age of eighteen years; and James, who died in boyhood. The mother of these children died on the farm, and is buried in Ebenezer cemetery.

ZACHARIAH LEARD, son of John and Mary Ann (Elder) Leard, was born Jan. 3, 1823, in Young township, and was six years old when the family settled in Blacklick township, where he grew to manhood and received his early education, attending public school at Roaring Run. He studied surveying there. Settling on the homestead place, he engaged in general agricultural pursuits, but he also gave much time to surveying in Indiana and Westmoreland counties, and he was frequently called upon to settle up estates, draw up deeds, etc. His proved integrity held the confidence of all his fellow citizens, and he was not only called upon to help them adjust their personal affairs, but he was also honored with public trusts of various kinds, serving as school director, assessor, etc. He was active in everything with which he became identified. A Republican in politics, he was a valued supporter of that party in his neighborhood. In religious matters he was a Presbyterian, and a prominent member of the Ebenezer Church of which his family have been leading members for so long; he served as trustee and as a member of the building committee which had charge of the construction of the new church. He died on his farm Jan. 3, 1900, on the seventy-seventh anniversary of his birth, and was laid to rest in the Ebenezer Church cemetery. Few men in the locality were better known, and none more respected for high moral worth.

On April 8, 1852, Mr. Leard married Jane Kelly, a native of White township, Indiana county, daughter of Meek and Jane (Moorhead) Kelly, and granddaughter of Fergus Moorhead. Mrs. Leard died Feb. 10, 1863, while still in the prime of young womanhood, leaving three children: Sarah Augusta, who resides on the homestead; Meek Kelly, who is a member of the lumber manufacturing firm known as the C. P. Hough & Leard Company, at Tarentum, Pa. (he married Mary Elizabeth Pownall); and Mary Jane, who lives at the old homestead with her sister. The Misses Leard are members of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, to which their

mother also belonged. She is buried in the cemetery of that church.

HENRY MARTIN FLECK, deceased, who was a man not only well known in Marion Center but also throughout Indiana county, was born Feb. 22, 1837, in Huntingdon county, Pa., son of George and Catherine (Noble) Fleck.

Conrad Fleck, grandfather of Henry Martin Fleck, is the first of the family of whom there is definite knowledge.

George Fleck, son of Conrad Fleck, was married in Sinking Valley, Huntingdon Co., Pa., and in 1840 came to Indiana county, settling in North Mahoning township, where he and his wife died. He was a shoemaker by trade, and worked as such all his life. The children born to George Fleck and wife were: Samuel, who was a soldier in the Civil war, married, and died in the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio; Sarah Ann became Mrs. Frank Ramey, and died in Trade City, Indiana county; Mary Jane, who married Joseph Gates, is living at Johnstown, Pa., being now eighty-two years old (she has had sixteen children); Henry Martin is mentioned below; Martha Ellen married Taylor Ritchie, of West Mahoning township; Frank died in Johnstown, Pa.; Gabriel lives at Johnstown.

Henry Martin Fleck grew to manhood's estate in West Mahoning township, and there learned the carpenter's trade, following it during the summer and working in the lumber woods in the winter. He was crushed between two logs and so had to abandon hard manual labor, and hence embarked in the hotel business at Marion Center, in March, 1884, so continuing until his death, which occurred July 15, 1912. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and a Republican politically.

On Jan. 29, 1863, Mr. Fleck was married to Elizabeth McClusky, of West Mahoning township, a daughter of Andrew and Eve (Gahagan) McClusky. The former was county commissioner and county treasurer of Indiana county and a man of importance. A brother of Mrs. Fleck, Benjamin Franklin McClusky, was county treasurer, and died while in office Aug. 15, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Fleck became the parents of the following children: Frank Earl, who is deceased; William, who is deceased; and M. Edith, who married John Adamson, and is living at home.

Mr. Fleck was a man of fine traits of character, and developed into a citizen of substance. His hotel was popular and he is still remembered by those who were his guests.

In his death Marion Center was deprived of a reliable and honorable citizen, and his family of a valued member. It is such men as he who demonstrate that faithfulness and devotion to duty pay in the long run.

WILLIAM H. STITT, a real estate dealer and insurance agent of Blairsville, Indiana county, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 8, 1846, son of Alexander and Anna B. (Lippy) Stitt.

John Stitt came from Huntingdon county, Pa., to Pittsburg at an early day, and there died aged fifty-seven years.

Alexander Stitt, son of John Stitt, and father of William H. Stitt, was born in 1820 in Huntingdon county, and moved with his father to Pittsburg, where he became a prosperous plastering contractor. His death occurred in 1883 in Blairsville, Pa. His wife, who was a native of Maryland, was also born in 1820, and lived until 1904. Alexander Stitt joined the Republican party on its organization and gave it his undivided support the remainder of his life. He was a man of energy, and not only gave valuable support to local affairs, but could be counted upon in matters relating to larger things, for there was never a big or wholesome movement on foot in the State that he was not interested in. A thoroughly competent man in his special line, he developed a prosperous business and died a man of considerable means.

William H. Stitt attended the public schools of the Fourth ward in Pittsburg, Shafer's commercial college, and art school, being taught mechanical drawing in the latter institution. Following this he learned the carpenter trade with Slack & Sholes, remaining with this firm for six years. His business career was broken into by his service to his country during the Civil war, but in 1869 he began conducting a planing mill at the Fifth avenue extension to Pittsburg, thus continuing for two years. In the fall of 1871 he located at Blairsville, where he has since remained, at that time becoming a member of the planing mill firm of Walker, Stitt & Co., and so operating until 1874. In that year he sold his interest to his partners, and continued to work at his trade until 1882, when he bought the "Silver Maple Hotel" in Blairsville, now the "Merchants' Hotel," and put it into first-class order, conducting it for six and a half years. In 1890 he leased this property, although he retained the ownership, and in 1898 he embarked in an extensive realty business, later adding the writing of insurance.

His success along these kindred lines has been very gratifying, and his holdings are given consideration by prospective buyers.

On Aug. 23, 1864, Mr. Stitt was mustered into the Union service under Capt. George Morgan at Pittsburg, where he had enlisted, and among many engagements participated in the following: Weldon Railroad, Peebles Farm, Thatcher's Run, Dabney Mills, Quaker's Road, Boydton Plank Road, White Oak Grove and Five Forks. He was honorably discharged at Columbia College hospital, Washington, D. C., on account of a wound in the abdomen received at Quaker's Road, Va., March 29, 1865.

In 1868 Mr. Stitt was united in marriage with Anna E. McKinley, of Allegheny, daughter of Samuel McKinley. She died in 1869. In 1872, Mr. Stitt was married to Jennie M. Hoffman, of Parnassus, Pa. The following children were born of this marriage: Harry E., of Cleveland, Ohio; Millie L., who is the wife of William Spear, of Blairsville; Anua Blanche, who is deceased; Jean and Eugene, twins; and Arthur of Blairsville.

Mr. Stitt has been a member of the council of Blairsville several times, and has proved himself a very efficient man in that office. A charter member of Finley Patch Post, No. 137, G. A. R., he was its first quartermaster, and has been its commander as well. In 1866 he joined the Methodist Church and has been a generous supporter of same ever since. A man of progressive ideas, Mr. Stitt has lived in conformity with what he believes to be the best interests of his community, and no one stands higher in the public estimation than he.

EDWIN K. WOOD, D. D. S., engaged in the practice of dental surgery in Indiana borough, Pa., was born in old West Indiana borough, Indiana Co., Pa., Nov. 29, 1879, and is a son of William Hervey and Mary (Kimmell) Wood.

Edwin K. Wood received his preliminary education in the public schools of Indiana borough, following which he became a student in the Indiana high school, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1896. He subsequently spent one year in the Indiana State normal school, for three years devoted his activities to civil engineering, and spent one year at State College. He next became a student in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Dentistry, at Philadelphia, from which he received his degree and graduated with the class of 1903. He immediately engaged in the practice of his profession at Smithton, Westmore-

land county, and after three years there came to Indiana. He is a young man of undoubted ability, and has built up a large professional patronage.

Dr. Wood was married May 28, 1907, in Indiana, to Mary M. Jones, of Latrobe, Westmoreland county, daughter of Daniel W. and Mary Jones. Dr. and Mrs. Wood are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M., the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity which he joined at State College, the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity (at the Medico-Chirurgical college), and the Society of Stomatology. In politics he is associated with the Republican party, but he has never sought public preferment.

WALTER BATES GEORGE, who lives two miles west of Homer City, in Center township, Indiana county, is one of the most enterprising and successful farmers of that section. He was born Oct. 2, 1835, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, son of John and Mary (Brown) George.

James George, grandfather of Walter Bates George, was the first of this family to come to America. He was a native of Ireland, and was only a small boy when he worked his way over on a sailing vessel, landing in the New World with just one shilling in his pocket. Being entirely without friends, he was soon obliged to part with that, spending his last penny for a crust of bread and a tin of buttermilk, but he soon found work, and before long had succeeded in saving enough money to bring him over the Allegheny mountains into western Pennsylvania. He stopped near New Alexandria, on the Loyalhanna creek in Westmoreland county, where he obtained employment chopping timber and clearing land, the region being then a wilderness. After working thus for a time he took up 300 acres of land for himself near Snodgrass's Mills, where he built a stone house, using the small stones found on the place. Working early and late he managed to clear a farm and make a home for his family, and he lived to enjoy the fruits of his labor, reaching a ripe old age. In religion he was a Presbyterian, in politics a Democrat. He married Mary McClure, of Westmoreland county, and they had eight children: Polly, who married Robert Woodward; Sally, who married William Trimble; Martha, who married William Caldwell, of Indiana, proprietor of the old "Gompers Hotel"; Eliza, who married James Foster, of Westmoreland county; John, of Arm-

strong township, Indiana county; Thomas, of Clarion, Pa.; James, of Brookville, Pa.; and William, who remained on the homestead, caring for his parents.

John George, son of James and Mary (McClure) George, was a young man when he located in Armstrong township, Indiana county, on a tract of 250 acres where he first erected a hewed log house. He cleared the land and continued to make improvements until by his industry and thrift he had established a good home, and there he spent the rest of his life as a farmer, dying at the age of eighty years. His wife Mary (Brown), daughter of Walter Brown, was born in England, and came to America with her parents when twelve years old. She was noted for her intelligence and many sterling qualities, and her fine penmanship won much admiration. Mrs. George died on the homestead at the age of sixty-one years, and she and her husband are buried side by side in the Jacksonville cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. George was a Democrat. Nine children were born to this couple: Selina married Leasure McKean, of Janette, Pa.; James Walter, twin of Selina, is deceased, and is buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana; Evaline Emma, now the widow of Elliott Thompson, resides in Pocahontas, Iowa; Walter Bates is mentioned below; Hannah Mary married Ephraim Davis and (second) a Mr. Cunningham, and resides in Janette, Pa.; Phoebe died when six years old; Wm. Harvey died at the age of nineteen years; Martha Ann died at the age of sixteen; John A., a retired railroad man, resides in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Walter Bates George attended school in Armstrong township and worked on his father's farm until he reached the age of eighteen years. Then he left home to learn the trade of carpenter with Charles McCracken, with whom he worked two years. While an apprentice he received a dollar a week, and for the six years following, when he was working for himself, he earned from sixteen to eighteen dollars a month and his board. During this time he was employed at Shelocta and Marion Center, Indiana county. In 1859 he came to Center township and purchased the Thomas Hamilton farm of 130 acres, upon which he erected a large frame barn, modern dwelling and other buildings. The barn was destroyed by fire July 31, 1909. As a business farmer Mr. George has few equals in his section. His skill as a carpenter has naturally aided him in keeping his buildings in first-

class repair, but he is a thorough manager in every respect, neglecting nothing that would add to the value or appearance of any of his holdings. He has been able to add to his landed possessions, having bought three farms, of 168 acres, sixty acres and sixty-nine acres, respectively, adjoining his original purchase, and he has also bought and sold three hundred acres near Josephine and sixty-eight acres east of Homer City. His practical methods and systematic work have made him very successful as a farmer and stock raiser, and though now in his seventy-eighth year he continues to direct the farm work, his property bearing evidence of his master hand in its well-kept buildings and altogether attractive surroundings no less than in its fertility. Though he has always worked steadily he is vigorous in mind and body, and as interested in the affairs of his family and community as ever. He has been a man of strictly temperate habits, never using tobacco or spirits.

On March 3, 1859, Mr. George married Nancy Jane Hamilton, who was born March 1, 1835, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Johnson) Hamilton, of Center township, and died June 16, 1909. They celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding appropriately in March, 1909. Mrs. George was a woman of high Christian character, a lifelong member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. Mr. George became associated with the Presbyterian Church at Homer City in early manhood, helped to build a church there, and was elder for many years. He now attends the Bethel Church, of which he is an active member. In his political views he has always been a Republican.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George: (1) Anna Mary, born April 14, 1860, married William B. Crawford, of Eldersridge, Pa., and has one child, Walter Hamilton. (2) James Harvey, born Oct. 1, 1861, married Elsie Baker, of Center township, and has one child, Leah Jane. (3) Thomas Franklin, born Oct. 3, 1869, who lives on a farm near the homestead, married Catherine Robinson, of Armstrong township, and they have five children, Wayne, Nancy Elizabeth, Wilmer, Esther and Carl. (4) William Hamilton, born July 11, 1877, lives on the homestead. He married Wilda J. Clark, of Center township, daughter of John R. Clark, and they have three children, Martha Jane, Elsie Geneva and Walter Clark.

HAMILTON. The Hamilton family of Cen-



ter township, of which the late Mrs. Walter Bates George was a descendant, is of Scotch extraction, but this branch has been on this side of the Atlantic for over one hundred fifty years. The early home of the family was at Hawmilltown, Scotland, and the coat of arms was a sawmill.

James Hamilton, the first of this line to settle in Pennsylvania, came to America in 1750 and married a Miss Laughlin. They had three sons, Hugh, James and William, all of whom, according to family tradition, participated in the Revolutionary war in defense of the Colonial cause. After the close of the war the family came to western Pennsylvania, locating in that part of Westmoreland county which became Indiana county, William Hamilton (son of James) settling on what is now known as the Brookside farm, on Cherry run, owned by Walter B. George. He owned a tract of 130 acres which he cleared and cultivated, built a house and a barn, and made other improvements, though his arm was crippled as the result of injuries he received while serving in the Revolution. He became one of the leading men of the township in his day, taking a deep interest and active part in public affairs of town and county. He was justice of the peace or trial justice for many years, holding his court on the farm, where he had an office constructed of round logs. He had charge of all the court work east of the river. He spent all his days on the farm, dying there July 8, 1839, at the age of eighty-four years; he was born in 1755. His remains rest in the Bethel Church cemetery in Center township, where a fine marble headstone, erected by his granddaughter, Mrs. Walter B. George, marks his last resting place. In religion he was a stanch Presbyterian, and a ruling elder of the church in which he held membership. Mr. Hamilton married Jane Allison, who was born in 1765, daughter of Robert and Beckie (Baird) Allison, and died Oct. 25, 1842, aged seventy-seven years. They had the following children: James, Robert and John, all of whom died in White township, Indiana county; Thomas; Mary S., who died unmarried; Margaret L., who died unmarried; and another daughter whose name is not given.

Thomas Hamilton, son of William, was born March 16, 1797. He settled on the homestead place, where he followed farming and stock raising all his life, and he became a well-known and highly respected man in his locality. He was a Republican in politics and in religious connection a Presbyterian, serv-

ing as elder of the Bethel Church. He died Jan. 8, 1877, and is buried near his parents in Bethel Church cemetery. On Dec. 15, 1825, Mr. Hamilton married Anna Johnson, who was born Dec. 12, 1799, daughter of James Johnson, and died Oct. 11, 1870; she, too, was a member of the Bethel Church and is buried in the cemetery there. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton: Mary Ann, born Jan. 31, 1827, died Oct. 11, 1851; Jane, born Feb. 16, 1828, died Feb. 23, 1835; Sarah Tate, born Oct. 13, 1833, died June 25, 1875, was the wife of Robert Thompson, of Rayne township, Indiana county; John Johnson, born Oct. 13, 1833, died Nov. 5, 1834; Nancy Jane, born March 1, 1836, married Walter Bates George; William Wilson, born March 18, 1837, died May 16, 1842; Elizabeth Margaret, born Oct. 29, 1838, married James George, of Armstrong township, Indiana county; Euphemia, born Nov. 13, 1840, died July 14, 1842; James Johnson, born Sept. 9, 1842, died May 31, 1850.

WILLIAM HUDSON McQUILKIN, of Glen Campbell, Indiana county, chief clerk and paymaster at that point of the Indiana Coal Company, and manager of the Mammoth Supply Company's general store in the borough, has lived in this part of Indiana county practically all his life. He was born Oct. 3, 1876, in Montgomery township, son of John Thomas and Anna Elizabeth (Gardner) McQuilkin. The father was a carpenter and millwright, and particularly skillful and well known as a barn framer. He died Aug. 27, 1908; Mrs. McQuilkin died in 1888.

William H. McQuilkin attended public school and acquired a good education, in his earlier manhood following the teacher's profession, at which he was engaged for a few terms in Glen Campbell. Then he took a business course, attending the Tri-State Normal College, at Angola, Ind. In 1903 he entered the employ of the Indiana Coal Company, at Glen Campbell, in the capacity of chief clerk and paymaster, and has continued to fill that position ever since, in addition acting as manager of the general store of the Mammoth Supply Company at Glen Campbell. He is also interested in the Giant Electric Light, Heat & Power Company and is one of the directors. Mr. McQuilkin has done his share in promoting good government in the borough, having served as member of the council. In fraternal connection he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

On June 14, 1904, Mr. McQuilkin married

Lola Asenath Holman, of Friendsville, Md., daughter of W. F. Holman, a blacksmith and wagon manufacturer, and they have had one son, John Holman, born Aug. 8, 1906.

Mr. McQuilkin is one of the most progressive and enterprising young business men in his part of the county, and his intelligence and foresight entitle him to rank among its most valuable citizens.

REV. JAMES M. IMBRIE, whose long and faithful service has made him one of the best-beloved ministers of the United Presbyterian ministry in Indiana county, was born Jan. 22, 1841, in Mahoning county, Ohio, and is a son of Robert and Isabella (McConahey) Imbrie.

James Imbrie, his grandfather, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and was married in Philadelphia, Pa., to Euphemia Smart, also a native of Glasgow. They left America at the time of the outbreak of the Revolutionary war to return to their native land and take possession of certain property which had been left Mrs. Imbrie by her father. They then again set sail for this country, but were caught in a shipwreck, and although their lives were spared they lost nearly all their earthly possessions. Mr. Imbrie was in poor health and hired a substitute to serve in his place in the Continental army, but had a narrow escape from falling into the hands of the British soldiers stationed at Philadelphia, who, hearing that he had been keeping powder in his little store to supply the Colonial troops, searched the place. Mrs. Imbrie, however, was more than a match for the Britishers, for she slipped around by a rear entrance, secured the powder and hid it in a pile of ashes. In later years Mr. and Mrs. Imbrie moved to Washington county, Pa., where both died, his wife meeting her death by being gored by a mad bull in the barnyard. They had the following children: David, a United Presbyterian minister, at Darlington, Pa., who married a Miss Reed; James, who married a Miss Maloney, and died near Salem, Ore.; Robert; John, who died in Beaver county, Pa.; George, who died at Wellesley, Ohio; Euphemia, of Holmes county, Ohio, who married a Mr. Beaver, and (second) a Mr. Guinn; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Guinn; Jane, who married Henry Maloney; and Mary, Mrs. Flack.

Robert Imbrie, son of James Imbrie, and father of Rev. James M. Imbrie, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., about the year 1790, and with his parents removed to Washington county, Pa. He received a good education, attending the country schools and a

seminary, and was reared to the life of an agriculturist, a vocation which he followed throughout his career. He held a captain's commission in the minute-men, and had command of a company which participated in the activities of the war of 1812. His first wife, Mary Stewart, died without issue, and his second union was to Isabella McConahey, the widow of James McConahey. They located in Mahoning county, Ohio, where Mr. Imbrie died at the remarkable age of ninety-five years, Mrs. Imbrie passing away when eighty years of age. They had a family of three children, as follows: Rev. James M.; Mary J., who married Isaac M. Justis; and Robert, deceased. The last named served for three years during the Civil war, first enlisting for nine months in the 134th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and at Chancellorsville he was wounded and taken prisoner. He was subsequently exchanged and sent home, and later enlisted in the 60th Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

James M. Imbrie grew to manhood in Mahoning county, Ohio, and as a lad attended the country schools in the vicinity of his father's farm. He was subsequently sent to Westminster College, where he had been a student two years when the Civil war broke out, and he became a private in Company E, 23d Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the same regiment in which the late Presidents McKinley and Hayes served. Mr. Imbrie's service covered a period of three years, twenty-three days, his regiment being attached to the Army of the Potomac, and he served in such hotly-contested engagements as South Mountain and Antietam. At the conclusion of a brave and brilliant service he returned to college, but while he was in his junior year his brother died and he was obliged to return to his home. Subsequently he read law and was admitted to the bar, later going to Nebraska, where he was engaged in practice in Cass county for some time. While there he became interested in the work of the United Presbyterian Church, and later returning to Pennsylvania entered Allegheny Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated during the following spring. While in that institution he was a roommate of Rev. Samuel G. Fitzgerald, who now has a charge in Philadelphia. Mr. Imbrie was first sent as pastor of the churches of Clinton and Shiloh, in Butler county, later had charge of the Mt. Zion congregation in Armstrong county, and eventually was sent to Murrysville and Beulah. Finally he came to Indiana, where he has since been located. He is a member of

G. A. R. Post No. 28, and in his political views is a Prohibitionist.

In 1867 Mr. Imbrie was married to Rachel Catherine Rankin, daughter of Thomas Rankin, a former elder of the Mt. Prospect congregation, and six children have been born to this union: Catherine Alberta, who married Jacob C. Starr, of Kittanning; Maud, who married John Doyle, deceased; G. Mildred, who married R. R. Ryerson, of Nebraska; and Bessie, who is unmarried and resides with her parents; two other children, sons, died in infancy.

JESSE W. BURKHART has a well-established hardware and general merchandise business at Penn Run, where he has been settled ever since he began on his own account. He was born Aug. 28, 1885, in Pine township, Indiana county, where his grandfather, Samuel Burkhart, settled at an early day, farming there until his death.

Henry A. Burkhart, father of Jesse W. Burkhart, was born in Blair county, Pa., and came with his father to Pine township, Indiana county. He was a farmer in his earlier life, and later followed the trade of carpenter in connection with his agricultural pursuits. During the Civil war he enlisted from Indiana county in Company E, 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served till the close of the war. After the close of the war he returned to Pine township, where he lived until his removal to Cherryhill township, in 1901. He settled at Penn Run, where he made his home until his death, which occurred March 11, 1907. He married Sarah A. Rhodes, who was born in Indiana county, whose parents, William and Margaret Rhodes, were early residents of Pine township and lived and died there. Mrs. Burkhart died Sept. 29, 1909.

Jesse W. Burkhart, only child of Henry A. and Sarah A. (Rhodes) Burkhart, spent his early life in Pine township and attended school there and at Penn Run. His school days over he embarked in the mercantile business at Penn Run, in Cherryhill township, also selling hardware, and he has a very profitable trade, which is growing steadily. Though one of the youngest business men at that place he has been highly successful, and his extensive business has been built up as a result of hard work and good management. He has been honored with election to the office of school director of Cherryhill township, in which position he is now serving.

On June 12, 1907, Mr. Burkhart married

Ruth O. Fyock, who was born Aug. 26, 1891, in Penn Run, daughter of James M. and Christina (Holsopple) Fyock, natives of Indiana county, who live at Penn Run, where Mr. Fyock has a general merchandise and undertaking business. Mr. and Mrs. Burkhart have had one child, Eva V., born Jan. 3, 1908. Mr. Burkhart is a member of the Lutheran Church, his wife belonging to the Brethren (German Baptist) Church. He is a member of Lodge No. 1168, I. O. O. F., at Pine Flats.

WILLIAM S. DAUGHERTY has conducted a planing mill business at Indiana for almost a quarter of a century, succeeding his father as proprietor of an establishment with which the latter first became connected in 1866. He has a large patronage in this locality and is recognized as one of its substantial business men. In his earlier years he was quite prominently identified with public life in the county.

Mr. Daugherty was born Jan. 22, 1846, at Saltsburg, Indiana county, son of James R. and Mary A. (Hart) Daugherty, and grandson of Hugh Daugherty. The latter was a native of Ireland. He came to western Pennsylvania in 1799, settling at what is now the site of Irwin, in Westmoreland county, in what is now North Huntingdon township.

James R. Daugherty, father of William S. Daugherty, was born in Westmoreland county and there spent his youth until he reached the age of fourteen years. He then came to what is now Saltsburg to work upon the old Pennsylvania canal. In 1863 he was elected sheriff of Indiana county and removed to Indiana, where he ever afterward made his home. After serving one term in that office, in 1866, he became a member of the firm of Coleman, Ewing & Co., in the planing mill business, withdrawing from that association in 1872, when he entered upon his second term of service as sheriff. At the end of that term (three years) he purchased the planing mill of which he had formerly been part owner, carrying on the business until he sold it to his son William S. Daugherty, in 1889. Mr. Daugherty was one of the foremost citizens of Indiana county in his day, a member of the community in whom all his fellow citizens had the highest confidence. He held many important borough offices, and was one of the original trustees of the Indiana State normal school, serving for many years, until his death. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1839 Mr. Daugherty married Mary A.

Hart, who was born in 1820, daughter of William Hart, who was of Scotch descent; Mr. Hart settled in Indiana county, where he resided until his death. Like her husband Mrs. Daugherty was a member of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of eight children: Robert J., who joined the Union service during the Civil war, becoming a member of Company C, 9th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and died of exhaustion in the Seven Days' fight; William S.; Martha, wife of John P. St. Clair; James; Frank; Annie; John, and Silas C.

William S. Daugherty has passed practically all his life in his native county—all but one year in Kansas, 1870, and one year in Brookville, 1872. He received his early education in the common schools and later attended Saltsburg Academy. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for three years, at the end of that time becoming interested in the drug business, in which he continued to be engaged, off and on, until 1872. At that time he became deputy sheriff under his father, who was then serving as sheriff, and he served three successive terms in that office, continuing with Sheriffs William C. Brown and Daniel Ansley after his father's term expired. Toward the close of his third term, in 1881, he was elected prothonotary of Indiana county, was reelected in 1884, and continued to hold that office until 1888, when he retired. In 1889 he was appointed to superintend the erection of the West Indiana school building. Late in the fall of that year he purchased the planing mill from his father, and he has continued to carry on the business ever since. This mill, erected in 1856, is a large two-story frame structure, fitted throughout with all the most approved conveniences for carrying on the work in hand. The building has been enlarged and improved from time to time to meet the growing demands of the business and to bring it up to date in equipment, and the facilities for turning out the work required by modern contractors are ample and complete. Mr. Daugherty manufactures and deals in rough and worked lumber of all kinds, flooring, weather boarding, ceiling and bill lumber, handles doors, sash, moldings and brackets, and is able to turn out anything for the custom trade. His patronage is not confined to the immediate locality, but extends all over the southern part of the county.

Since retiring from the office of prothonotary Mr. Daugherty has not been as active in public life as formerly, but he has continued

his interest in the general welfare and has been interested in the good government of his home community, which he has served for thirty-four years in the capacity of school director, still holding that office. He has been a trustee of the normal school for seventeen years, having been first appointed to that position in 1894, and still continuing to fill it. He is an influential member of the Republican party, showing his progressive spirit in politics as in business and all the other relations of life.

On Sept. 19, 1876, Mr. Daugherty married Martha V. Sansom, daughter of John Sansom, and sister of James B. Sansom, at one time editor of the *Indiana Democrat*. Mr. and Mrs. Daugherty have two children, Hart B. and Ross S.

Mr. Daugherty has been well known in local fraternal circles, as a member of Palladium Lodge, No. 346, I. O. O. F., Indiana Lodge, No. 21, A. O. U. W., and the Masons, in the latter connection belonging to Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M., Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, R. A. M., Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburg. In 1898 he was appointed district deputy grand master of the Thirty-ninth district and is still serving. For five years he served as master of the blue lodge. In religious connection he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CRIBBS, farmer of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, and formerly also engaged in blacksmithing, is an enterprising and respected citizen of that section and has lived at his present home there for over thirty-five years. He was born April 28, 1840, on the present Joseph McCracken farm in the same township, and is a son of George Cribbs and grandson of Jacob Cribbs.

Jacob Cribbs settled at an early day in Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he owned a large tract of land. He was a wheelwright by trade and became a noted wagonmaker in his day, in addition following farming and stock raising. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. In religion he was a Lutheran, belonging to the Evangelical Church, and he was laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery in Blacklick township. His wife, whose maiden name was Stofenel, was a native of Germany. They had the following children: Jacob was twice married; George is mentioned below; David married Catherine Cribbs; Betsey married John

Repine and went West; Mary married William Fair and lived for a time in Blacklick township, later moving to Altoona, Pa., where they died (their children were: Peter, Susan, who married Washington Bell; Mary Jane, who married Jackson Bell; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Doty; Henry, who married a Miss Gilger; Sarah, who married Abe Mikesell; Julia, who married Christopher Mikesell; and William).

George Cribbs, son of Jacob, was born in 1798 in Blacklick township, on his father's farm (now the George H. Cribbs farm), and there received his education in the subscription schools. After learning the trade of blacksmith he moved to West Wheatfield township, where he bought the Samuel Waddell farm of ninety acres and settled down to farming and stock raising, also following his trade. He was a Democrat up to 1852, subsequently joining the Republican party, and took some interest in local affairs, serving as school director. Originally a member of the Lutheran Church, he later joined the M. E. Church, toward which he contributed liberally. He died in 1866, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Mr. Cribbs was married to Jane Barr, who was born in 1800 in Ireland, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Patterson) Barr, and died in 1884. Six children were born to this union, viz.: Jacob married Nancy Boyle and (second) Margaret Repine, and had one child by the first wife, George I., and the following by the second marriage, Charles, Jesse, Albert and Ida; Andrew J. B. died while serving in the Civil war as a member of the 2d Iowa Regiment; Peter I., who also served in the 2d Iowa Regiment during the Civil war, married Adaline McBride, and has children, Marcelles Mc., Mary A., Catherine and Joseph; George W. is mentioned below; Christopher M., who served in the 112th Pennsylvania Provisional Regiment, Heavy Artillery, married Margaret Crusan and (second) Catherine Metz, and resides in Blacklick township (his children are Lina, Ralph and Nellie); Mary J. married Joseph D. McCracken, and they had six children, William, Marion, Barr, Edward, Mary Elizabeth and George I.

George Washington Cribbs received a common school education, and learned the trade of blacksmith with his father. Shortly after he attained his majority, on Aug. 5, 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company A, 83d Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he served over three years,

being honorably discharged in October, 1864. His officers were Capt. Charles Morgan and Capt. D. P. Jones, and Cols. John M. McClane, Strong Vincent and O. S. Woodward. Besides twenty small battles and skirmishes, he saw active service at Yorktown, Meadow Bridge, Hanover Court House, second Bull Run, Brandy Station, Bristoe Station, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Laurel Hill, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, four engagements at Petersburg and two at Yellow House.

From 1864 to 1866 Mr. Cribbs followed blacksmithing at Oil City, thence moving to Heshbon, in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, where he continued to work at his trade until 1875. That year he bought the Palmer farm of 106 acres in West Wheatfield township, and besides cultivating that property he worked at his trade, having a shop opposite his home. He gave up blacksmithing in 1907. Mr. Cribbs has given particular attention to the raising of small fruits, in which he is quite extensively interested, though he follows general farming very successfully. He has done well at his various undertakings, and has also taken part in the administration of public affairs in the township, having served twelve years as justice of the peace, and he also held the office of school director for ten years, and was secretary and treasurer of the board. In 1890 he was census enumerator. He has been a prominent worker in the M. E. Church at Heshbon, serving as trustee and class leader, and was superintendent of the Sunday school. Socially he holds membership in Findley Patch Post, No. 137, G. A. R., of Blairsville, Indiana county.

Mr. Cribbs was married April 20, 1865, to Sarah Elizabeth Palmer, daughter of Henry and Sarah Ann (Oaks) Palmer, formerly of Burrell township, this county, and five children have been born to them, namely: (1) Harry Albert is a civil engineer by profession, but is now employed as chief clerk of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, at St. Paul, Minn. He married Gertrude Hoskinson, and their children are Ernest, Margaret, Virginia, George and William. (2) William B. O. is engaged in farming in Shelby county, Ind. He married Eva Limpus, and has children, Edith and Irene. (3) Orrin L., station master for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Dunbar, Pa., married Clara Wakefield, and their children are Bertha, Grace, George and Kenneth. (4) Charles Crocker is

deceased. (5) Clarence Alexander Scott, who works with his brother at Dunbar, Pa., married Dora Mack, and their children are Francis, May, Merwin and Harry Mack.

CHARLES W. TUCK, of Homer City, Indiana county, senior member of the manufacturing firm known as the L. C. Hassinger Company, has been connected with that business throughout his residence in Homer City and is one of the best-known of this section's lumbermen and mill men.

Mr. Tuck is a native of Maine, born at Houlton, Aroostook county, in February, 1849, son of Lafayette Tuck, who was a well-known lumber manufacturer of that section of the Pine Tree State and who was for years engaged in the lumber business in Pennsylvania, later removing to the Pacific coast and locating in Washington, where he died. Mr. Tuck's educational opportunities were limited to such as the local school of his native town afforded. He was but twelve years old when he first started to work, in a sawmill with his father at his native place, where he continued until 1869. Then he came west to Indiana county, about four months before his father, with whom he became engaged in the lumber business, also operating a sawmill at Diamondville for twelve years. It was then he came to Homer City and became manager in the planing mill of J. M. Guthrie, with whom he continued until 1895, a period of fourteen years, at the end of which he formed a partnership with the sons of Mr. Guthrie, with whom he was associated in business until 1908, their product being handles, insulator pins and brackets. When the Guthrie brothers sold out their interest to L. C. Hassinger, of Indiana, Mr. Tuck continued with the business as senior member of the firm, and it is now conducted under the name of the L. C. Hassinger Company. Many improvements have been made in the plant and equipment in the thirty years and more of Mr. Tuck's association with it, and the business has so increased that ten hands are now given steady employment.

Mr. Tuck is a thorough lumberman, having been in the business over half a century, and he is a man of expert judgment in his line and thoroughly familiar with the demands of the trade.

In 1871 Mr. Tuck was married, in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, to Nora L. Sickenbirger, daughter of Henry Sickenbirger, and they have had six children: Gertrude, a music teacher, who lives at home; Lafayette;

Laura, who was a public school teacher, now the wife of Edward Gonier; Mabel, at home; Clyde, a railroad man; and Eleanor, a school teacher. Mr. Tuck is a member of the Presbyterian Church and actively interested in its work, serving as trustee. He is inclined toward the principles of the Republican party, but independent on vital issues.

JOHN G. McCRORY, president of the J. G. McCrory Company, now operating over one hundred 5 and 10 cent stores situated principally in the eastern and southern part of the country, was the founder of this great concern and is its principal stockholder. Its development has been a great part of his life work, and his best thought and best ideas have gone into its upbuilding. From an unostentatious beginning at Scottdale, Westmoreland Co., Pa., in 1882, when he started what proved to be the first link of a long chain of stores, he has built up a business whose success has brought it national reputation, and this section is proud of its connection therewith as the starting point of a business which has assumed vast proportions. In many respects the McCrory corporation is unique. There are other successful enterprises of the kind, but its evolution has been along lines suggested by experience or proved by trial, and the result is an organization of such amazing efficiency that it is not only automatic in operation, but in self-perpetuation and expansion as well. Mr. McCrory has gathered around him in this association a group of able men, whose coöperation makes possible the maximum of achievement with the minimum of labor. The record of his life is one of unceasing activity. He has always exerted himself to make the most of whatever opportunities have been at hand, and though willing to venture forward has built up his business conservatively, on such a sound basis that added responsibilities have entailed extra work but no worry. He comes of that substantial race from the North of Ireland whose representatives have become known in Pennsylvania for thrift, shrewdness and strength of intellect, coupled with a hardiness of physique which adapted them admirably for the struggle against adverse conditions which the early emigrants faced.

John McCrory, grandfather of John G. McCrory, was the founder of the family in Indiana county. He was a native of County Down, Ireland, born in 1788 near the town of Armagh, and his wife Jennie or Jane (Campbell), daughter of Christy and Jennie



*J. S. McBrory.*





Campbell, was born in 1789. He came to this country about 1814, a young man of twenty-six, and that year settled on land in East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa. He was one of the founders of the United Presbyterian Church, at Bethel, in West Wheatfield township, and was one of the officials of that church to the close of his life. He died Sept. 29, 1867, aged seventy-nine years, and was buried with his wife in the Bethel Church cemetery; she died Sept. 25, 1864, aged seventy-five years. Eight children were born to this couple, as follows: Elizabeth, Oct. 2, 1818 (married Joseph Mack); David, Jan. 14, 1820; Jennie, May 17, 1821 (died Oct. 28, 1857); James, Nov. 17, 1822 (died Jan. 20, 1826); Mary Ann, March 23, 1824 (married Hugh Mack); Nancy, May 9, 1827 (married James McGriffin, of Jefferson county, Pa.); James, Nov. 23, 1829; Isabelle, Oct. 11, 1831 (died Sept. 19, 1844).

Grandfather McCrory was a Mason and when leaving Ireland for America a letter was given him by his lodge, No. 683, at Armahill, Ireland. Said letter is still in the possession of the grandchildren and shows he was well advanced in Masonry.

James McCrory, youngest son of John and Jennie (Campbell) McCrory, was born Nov. 23, 1829, in East Wheatfield township. He grew up on a farm in the same township, adjoining the place where he was born. He was reared to farming, and followed agricultural pursuits until he entered the service of his country, Nov. 2, 1862, during the Civil war. He became a member of Company K, 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Killin and Lieut. Col. Hugh J. Brady. He was taken ill, and died March 5, 1863, near Suffolk, Va., leaving his young wife with two children, John G., then in his third year, and Jennie, less than a year old. The remains were brought to Indiana county and buried in the Bethel United Presbyterian Church cemetery. Mr. James McCrory had married Mary A. Murphy, who was born June 28, 1834, near Mechanicsburg, Brushvalley township, daughter of George and Margaret I. Murphy. She survived him many years, dying March 16, 1900, and is also buried in the Bethel Church cemetery. A few years after her husband's death Mrs. McCrory moved with her children to Mechanicsburg, to take advantage of the better school facilities offered and to be nearer church, remaining there until her son reached the age of eighteen years. Then she returned to the farm. Later the daughter married John H. McCullough, then of DuBois,

Pa., who is now associated in business with her brother John G. McCrory, being vice president of the J. G. McCrory Company and equally interested with Mr. McCrory in extensive investments in Florida lands and other real estate. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough live in Orlando, Fla., and have two children, Mary and Ruth.

John G. McCrory was born Oct. 11, 1860, in Indiana county, Pa. His boyhood and youth were spent in and about Mechanicsburg, where he received a public school education, engaging in vacation time with farmers or as clerk of a country store, and when a youth of eighteen he returned with his mother to the farm. However, he did not remain there long. Finding employment in the mills of the Cambria Steel Company, at Johnstown, Pa., he soon was given a position in their large general store, then conducted under the name of Wood, Morrell & Company (James Millen then manager), where he remained about two years, and thus began his career as a merchant. He had faith in the openings which the small towns in the vicinity afforded, and was anxious to have an independent career, so with what money he had saved and some borrowed—but a few hundred dollars in all—he opened in Scottdale, Westmoreland Co., Pa., what he called a 5 and 10 Cent Store, using side counters for this line, but handling also some higher priced merchandise. This was in 1882. The idea appealed to the residents of the locality. And by hard work of the young man to please his customers and keep his expenses within limits, he by the next year had accumulated enough capital to take advantage of the second opening, which was in the town of DuBois, Clearfield Co., Pa. He started this store in 1883, almost clear of debt, and his subsequent operations no doubt owe much of their profitableness to this policy, to which he has adhered. He disposed of his Scottdale store to good advantage soon after he established the DuBois store, but as a matter of sentiment and respect for the locality of his first venture he marked the spot by reestablishing a store in Scottdale Dec. 15, 1910. The DuBois store was discontinued in the year 1892 but reopened Sept. 9, 1912.

Many more stores were opened and closed during the first ten years of Mr. McCrory's business career. His game those days was to open two or three stores each year and close out that many, aiming to make money at both times, always having from eight to twelve stores going. A slump from high to low prices on some lines of goods was taken advantage

of about then, but the time came when there was less opportunity to buy low and throw out bargains with profit, and besides a desire to control more stores made it necessary to discontinue handling the higher priced goods, as the chance to lose by leakage on perishable and seasonable goods became greater each time an additional store was acquired.

The first store handling 5 and 10 cent goods exclusively was opened at Lawrence, Mass., about the year 1891, and a little later the second one was opened at Jamestown, N. Y. From this beginning to the present the business has had a record of unbroken prosperity. After he had established a number of stores in Pennsylvania, Mr. McCrory found opportunities in neighboring States. His activity brought him again and again to the discovery of available sites and fields for business too good to be ignored, and the accumulated profits of each new store gave him capital to widen his interests constantly.

To save continual renewing of leases, also safeguard against chance to undermine on same, it became necessary to rent for long periods and today the property not owned outright is generally leased on twenty-one-year terms, or longer.

Thus he kept adding to his string of establishments until now they are to be found in most States east of the Mississippi. Hardly a year passed but several new stores were opened, and the growth in recent years has been so rapid as to be phenomenal. Yet the increase has been normal in every respect, its wonderful expansion within the last few years being only the result of the system which has been undergoing steady improvement until its workings now seem to be practically perfect.

To illustrate the remarkable expansion of late years, we quote from a statement issued in 1912, showing forty-eight stores in 1907 and 1908, forty-nine in 1909, sixty-one in 1910, sixty-nine in 1911 and eighty-one in operation early in 1912. In May, 1913, there are 112 stores, and eight new locations engaged; annual volume of business about \$8,000,000. The sales for the first half of 1912 (fiscal year) showed an increase of thirty-six and a half per cent over the same period in 1911—the greatest increase known in this line of business. Neither is there anything small about the expenses. For instance, taxes paid into the different towns where stores are located run at least \$35,000 annually, not including the corporation and other taxes. Annual rent bills alone amount to more than a

half million; and three million dollars' worth of fire insurance is carried by the company.

In 1912 the J. G. McCrory Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, and the business was turned over to same by Mr. McCrory. The following officers are now in control: J. G. McCrory, president; J. H. McCullough, first vice president; B. L. Horner, second vice president; F. D. Jolly, third vice president and treasurer; P. A. Prior, secretary; W. M. Cleaver, comptroller. The board of directors consists of J. G. McCrory, B. E. McSheehy, W. W. McLellan, B. L. Horner, W. M. Cleaver, E. E. Holmes and W. J. Maloney, with J. G. McCrory, B. E. McSheehy and W. W. McLellan as members of the executive committee. Most of the men in whom the administration of the business rests have, like the founder, devoted the better part of their lives to its advancement, and have long been associated with him. Each is a specialist in his own line. The concern has now an authorized capital of \$10,000,000, common stock \$7,000,000, preferred stock \$3,000,000, practically all of the common stock being owned by Mr. McCrory. The fact that he is willing to keep the principal part of his own investments in the business is the best evidence of his faith in its stability and prospects of continued earning power.

The McCrory headquarters for some years was at DuBois, Pa., but when the stores were about forty in number offices were opened at Johnstown, Pa., and when about forty in number, trips to the cities were so frequent that it became necessary to move the offices to New York.

About three thousand people are now on the company's pay roll, and more than a hundred in the general offices and purchasing department, which is situated at No. 621 Broadway, New York City. Mr. McCrory has always been liberal in his treatment of employees, and the relations between them have been cordial.

Mr. McCrory has also been very active in real estate and it is a question if the natural increased value on real estate, together with rents collected from same (up to within the last few years) was not equal to the profit from stores. Early he discovered the close relation existing between inside (or best) real estate and the up-to-date retail store and came to know that in order to locate retail stores and make each a sure success, meant to acquire a correct knowledge of city real estate and actual value of same. The vast fields

to be covered gave unlimited opportunity for thorough knowledge which was not overlooked, but comparisons of location, value and prices for best spots in various towns of the States was continually going on, and many fine properties in thrifty, rapid growing towns were purchased outright instead of being closed on a rental basis. Establishing his own store always made that portion of rent sure and collections easy. At the time of incorporating, twenty-odd, but not all, of these city properties were turned over to the company.

Coal and timber lands have also had their attractions, in some cases appealing to Mr. McCrory so that heavy investments have been made. One of the Florida purchases is especially interesting. Some years ago ninety-eight thousand acres of pine and cypress timber lands located in Orange and Oseola counties, Fla., were jointly purchased by him and his brother-in-law, Mr. J. H. McCullough, embracing a continuous tract six miles wide by, more than twenty-seven miles in length. Later, twenty thousand acres were put under fence, now being used as a cattle ranch. The timber still remains in its virgin or original state.

The Florida East Coast Railroad (known as the Henry M. Flagler Road) has just completed a new line to Lake Okeechobee within the last year, passing over this tract for a distance of twenty miles, locating three stations about six miles apart. Mr. McCrory and Mr. McCullough at the same time built a railroad of their own, starting at one of the stations mentioned and extending a distance of ten miles toward the town of Orlando (county seat of Orange county). It is intended to continue the road later on to Orlando.

Mr. McCrory has always been interested in churches and the cause of religion, and he has been a most liberal contributor, not only to churches in the place of his nativity, but in many other localities. He has also given generously to the Y. M. C. A. in many localities.

On April 26, 1893, Mr. McCrory married Lillie May Peters, daughter of Rev. Cering and Hanna (Ryde) Peters, of DuBois, Pa., and she died April 16, 1902, leaving one son, Van Clair, now (1913) seventeen years of age; he is attending school. On Dec. 8, 1904, Mr. McCrory married (second) Carrie May McGill, daughter of Rev. John Anderson and Belinda (Clark) McGill, of New Wilmington,

Lawrence Co., Pa. Two children have been born to this marriage, Lois Jean and Eunice Marjorie.

WILLIAM HARVEY GEORGE, a well-to-do farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born in that township April 2, 1869, son of James Walter George, and he is a great-grandson of James George, who was the first of this family to come to America.

James George was a native of Ireland, and was only a small boy when he worked his way over the ocean, on a sailing vessel, landing in the new world with just one shilling in his pocket. Being entirely without friends, he was soon obliged to part with that, spending his last penny for a crust of bread and a tin of buttermilk, but he soon found work, and before long had succeeded in saving enough money to bring him over the Allegheny mountains into western Pennsylvania. He stopped near New Alexandria, on the Loyalhanna creek in Westmoreland county, where he obtained employment chopping timber and clearing land, the region being then a wilderness. After working thus for a time he took up 300 acres of land for himself near Snodgrass's Mills, where he built a stone house, using the small stones found on the place. Working early and late he managed to clear a farm and make a home for his family, and he lived to enjoy the fruits of his labor, reaching a ripe old age. In religion he was a Presbyterian, in politics a Democrat. He married Mary McClure, of Westmoreland county, and they had eight children: Polly, who married Robert Woodward; Sally, who married William Trimble; Martha, who married William Caldwell, of Indiana, proprietor of the old "Gompers Hotel"; Eliza, who married James Foster, of Westmoreland county; John, of Armstrong township, Indiana county; Thomas, of Clarion, Pa.; James, of Brookville, Pa.; and William, who remained on the homestead, caring for his parents.

John George, son of James and Mary (McClure) George, was born Jan. 30, 1799, and was a young man when he located in Armstrong township, Indiana county, on a tract of 250 acres where he first erected a hewed log house. He cleared the land and continued to make improvements until by his industry and thrift he had established a good home, and there he spent the rest of his life as a farmer, dying at the age of eighty years. His wife, Mary (Brown), daughter of Walter Brown, was born Dec. 28, 1808, in England, and came to America with her parents when twelve

years old. She was noted for her intelligence and many sterling qualities, and her fine penmanship won much admiration. Mrs. George died on the homestead at the age of sixty-one years, and she and her husband are buried side by side in the Jacksonville cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. George was a Democrat. The following children were born to this couple: Selina, born April 4, 1830, married Leasure McKean, of Janette, Pa.; James Walter, twin of Selina, is mentioned below; Eveline Emma, born Sept. 5, 1833, is the widow of Elliott Thompson, and resides in Pocahtontas, Iowa; Walter Bates, born Oct. 2, 1835, is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work; Hannah Mary, born Feb. 5, 1838, married Ephraim Davis and (second) a Mr. Cunningham, and resides in Janette, Pa.; Phebe Elizabeth, born Dec. 24, 1840, died March 17, 1847; William Harvey, born April 29, 1843, died Dec. 31, 1862; Martha Ann, born June 3, 1846, died Jan. 1, 1863; John Alexander, born Feb. 22, 1850, a retired railroad man, is now residing in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

James Walter George, son of John, was born April 4, 1830, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and there received his education in the common schools. He did farm work until his marriage, after which he "cropped" part of his father's farm until he bought the place upon which he settled, erecting a log house and barn as his first improvements in the way of buildings. Later he purchased the Alexander Lucas farm of 110 acres, and subsequently acquired 221 acres more, becoming extensively interested in farming, which he followed there the remainder of his days. He not only managed his own affairs with notable success, but was prominent in all township matters, acting as supervisor of roads, and school director, and was one of the founders of Bethel Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder and member of the building committee. Politically he was a Republican. His death occurred Sept. 9, 1906, and he was buried in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. George married Elizabeth Hamilton, who was born Oct. 28, 1838, in Center township, where she grew up on the farm now occupied by W. Bates George, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Her parents were Thomas and Ann (Johnston) Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. George had the following family: Mary Ann, born Jan. 28, 1861, married William M. George, a carpenter, and resides in Springdale, Pa.; Nancy Ella, born June 4, 1862, married William Barkley, deceased; Sarah

Emma, born Jan. 27, 1864, lives at home; Thomas H., born Oct. 17, 1865, a farmer, married Jennie Davis; Martha Jane, born Nov. 23, 1867, married G. C. Devinney, a farmer of Armstrong township; William H. is mentioned below; John Alexander, born April 28, 1870, died in September, 1870; Lizzie M., born July 21, 1872, is at home; James W., born Aug. 10, 1873, is at home; Robert Gill, born Aug. 25, 1875, is at home; Harry Milton, born Sept. 22, 1876, is at home; Maggie Bell, born Feb. 5, 1879, died March 7, 1880; Murray Henry, born May 27, 1883, is at home. The mother of this family continues to reside at the homestead with her children, who are caring for her tenderly in her declining years.

William Harvey George grew to manhood in Armstrong township, where he attended public school. In his early manhood he did farm work for others, being in the employ of G. H. Cribbs, in Blacklick township, one year, and afterward with N. S. Rankin in Center township until Feb. 16, 1893, when he bought a tract of forty-five acres, part of the Barkley tract, known as the William Barkley farm, in Armstrong township, to which he removed, residing there until 1905. In that year he settled upon the Michael Lowman farm of 140 acres in Armstrong township, which he purchased, and here he has since engaged in farming. Mr. George has made numerous improvements on his place, adding steadily to its value during his ownership. Like his father he has been active in public affairs and church work, having been school director of the township for the last five years, and being a member and trustee of Bethel Presbyterian Church. In political sentiment he is a Progressive Republican.

On Feb. 16, 1893, Mr. George was married to Mary Schurr, who was born Aug. 26, 1864, daughter of John Frederick and Christina (Walker) Schurr, and they have four children, born as follows: Lizzie C., Dec. 22, 1893; James Walter, Nov. 27, 1895; Harry Lawrence, Oct. 13, 1897; and Annie May, Aug. 19, 1900.

ELBIE E. CREPS was born on a farm in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa. Feb. 20, 1886, and is the son of J. A. and Minnie A. Creps, nee Ray, the daughter of Robert Ray, of Rayne township. Jacob Creps, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was prominent in the affairs of Indiana county during his lifetime, having held the office of sheriff of the county, was a member for two terms of the Legislature of the State, and

having served with distinction in the Civil war as captain of Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteers, besides being connected with many business enterprises in the county. He died in 1891, at the age of fifty-four years. His son, J. A. Creps, father of Elbie E. Creps, died April 8, 1913, aged fifty years, while in the auditor general's department of the State, with which he had been connected for a period of eight years. His widow, Minnie A. Creps, and these children survive him: Mrs. James Manners, Elbie E., Howard D. and Florence Creps.

The subject of this sketch received his early education in the old "Creps school" in Rayne township, and upon removing to Indiana, Pa., with his family, entered the high school, from which he graduated in 1901. He completed the course at the Indiana State normal school in 1904, and later attended Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Pa., for two years. He was for two years a student in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, and in October, 1912, was admitted to the bar of the Supreme court. He is now engaged in the practice of law at Indiana, Pa., being a member of the firm of Langham, Elkin & Creps.

REV. HARRY WHITE MAGUIRE, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Cookport, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Young township, this county, Feb. 26, 1873, son of Elliott and Sarah (White) Maguire.

William Maguire, his paternal grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Indiana county, a pioneer school teacher and subsequently a farmer.

Elliott Maguire, son of William, and father of Rev. Harry W. Maguire, was born in Green township, Indiana county, and during his early years followed the business of tanning. Eventually he took up a farm and located at Eldersridge, in Young township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life, his death occurring in March, 1901. He was a personal friend of Judge Harry White, after whom his son Rev. Harry White Maguire was named. Mr. Maguire married Sarah White, and she died in 1889, the mother of seven sons and four daughters, the eldest of the family being Joseph, a resident of Apollo, Pa., where he is chief of police; the others were: Scott, James and John, who are deceased; David, a resident of Salina, Westmoreland county; Matthew, a resident of Loxley, Ala.; Rev. Harry White; Mary, wife of Benjamin Shearer, and

now deceased; Harriet, who first married William Caldwell (deceased) and is now the wife of J. W. Starry, a resident of Jeannette, Pa.; Sarah, the wife of David Watt, of Windber, Pa., and Margaret, the wife of Rev. J. W. Shaffer, of Homer City, Pennsylvania.

Henry White, the maternal grandfather of Rev. Harry W. Maguire, was of English descent, and was born in Indiana county, a member of a pioneer family of this section who settled on the present site of Saltsburg, in Blacklick township, where Mr. White was engaged in farming all his life.

Harry W. Maguire was educated in the public schools of Eldersridge, in Young township, and at Eldersridge Academy, and as a young man was engaged in agricultural pursuits. Subsequently removing to Pittsburg, Mr. Maguire was there associated with the Bell Telephone Company for fifteen years, meantime also engaging in missionary work in that city. In this way he became interested in ministerial work, and eventually he became a student at the Susquehanna University and prepared for the ministry. His first charge was the Lutheran Church at Yatesboro, in Armstrong county, but after two years there, in 1910, he came to Cookport as supply pastor, a position which he has since filled to the entire satisfaction of his congregation. He belongs to Shinley Park Lodge, No. 1036, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand; is a past chief patron of the I. O. O. F., at Pittsburg; and belongs to Pittsburg Commandery, Knights of Malta.

JAMES CHAPMAN, who for many years has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in North Mahoning township, was born Sept. 15, 1839, in County Tyrone, Ireland, son of James and Mary (Rogers) Chapman.

James Chapman, the father, was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, there grew to manhood, and married Mary Rogers, of County Tyrone. He was engaged in farming in his native land until 1849, in which year he emigrated to the United States, locating first in Pittsburg, Pa., where he was employed by Zugg, Lindsay & Company until 1856. In that year he went to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he secured seventy acres of land, and this he continued to cultivate until his retirement, in 1895, after which he made his home with his son James until his death, in 1899, at the advanced age of ninety years. His wife passed away in April, 1898, when eighty-eight years of age. They were members of the Fourth

United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg. Ten children were born to them, as follows: Eliza, who died in 1850; Margaret, who married David Elkin, of South Mahoning township, both now deceased; John, twin of James, who served in Company I, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Stone River, Dec. 31, 1862; James; Robert and William, who both died of cholera while at sea on the family's journey to this country; Mary, who died in infancy; Henry, who served in Company F, 9th Pennsylvania Reserves, during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Andrew Fleming; and Ellen, who died in infancy.

James Chapman was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents to the United States, and while residing in Pittsburg was employed as a nail cutter by the firm of Graff, Bennett & Company. In 1869 he came to West Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he purchased a farm, but five years later sold it and purchased the Hoover place, in North Mahoning township, a tract of 100 acres on which he has since made his home. In 1884 he erected a modern house, and in 1905 built the large substantial barn, in addition to which he has made numerous other improvements. His land is well cultivated and he is justly considered one of the leading agriculturists of his township.

On Jan. 12, 1865, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage with Sarah Elkin, of County Tyrone, Ireland, daughter of William and Martha (Beattie) Elkin, of that county. Mrs. Elkin died in Ireland, and her husband subsequently came to the United States and located in the Loop, in West Mahoning township. By his first marriage Mr. Elkin had ten children, namely: Francis, father of Judge John P. Elkin, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Eliza, who married John Bond and (second) Benjamin Barrett, and both are deceased; William, living in West Mahoning township; James, also a resident of that township; Henry, who died in August, 1912, in Pittsburg; Annie, who married Spencer Barrett, of Wendell, Idaho; John, who died in infancy; Sarah, who married Mr. Chapman; John (2), who died in infancy; and Mary, who is deceased. Mr. Elkin's second marriage was to Jane Rippey, of County Tyrone, Ireland, who died in 1892, and he followed her to the grave in May, 1896. They were the parents of three children, as follows: David, who is living on

the homestead place; Mattie, the widow of Thomas Ralston, of Brockwayville, Pa.; and John, living on a part of the old place.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman were as follows: (1) John, M. D., educated in the Cleveland, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky., schools, has practiced medicine at Fly, Ohio, Shirley, W. Va., and Jacksonburg, W. Va., at which latter place he is known as a leading physician and surgeon. He married Rosie Underwood, and has two children, Anna and Walter. (2) William died at the age of seventeen years, eleven months. (3) James F., a graduate of the normal school, class of 1896, was for sixteen years a teacher, and is now county superintendent of schools of Indiana county and a resident of Indiana borough. He married Bessie Cunningham, and has one child, Harriet. (4) Ellen M. was formerly a teacher until her marriage to Joseph H. Wingert, of Caneadea, N. Y., by whom she has one son, Wallace. (5) Joseph, a farmer of Caneadea, married Grace Burr, and has three children, Lawrence, Averell and Zella. (6) Anna resides with her parents. (7) Wallace C., living at Indiana, Pa., graduated from the Indiana State Normal school in 1899, taught school four years, attended Dickinson Law School, at Carlisle, Pa., and was admitted to the Indiana county bar in 1905. He married Lottie Smith, and has two children, Martha and Charlotte. (8) David, who is assisting his father in the work of the home farm, was married Dec. 30, 1908, to Ella Blose, of Perry township, Jefferson county, daughter of Addison Blose, and has one son, Arthur C., born March 22, 1910.

Mr. Chapman has been residing on his present property since 1874, and during that long period has gained and maintained a reputation for the strictest integrity. A man of high principles, with profound respect for the value of hard work, he has conducted himself in such a manner as to gain the good will and friendship of a wide circle of acquaintances. He has lived a clean, upright life, and in spite of his seventy-three years is in full possession of his faculties and attends to his business matters in the same able manner that brought him success in his younger days. In political matters he is a Republican, and his fellow citizens have honored him with election to public office, he having rendered his community valued services as a member of the school board of his township. With his family he holds membership in the Lutheran Church, and has many friends in the con-

gregation of that faith at Trade City, Pennsylvania.

ELSWORTH M. LOCKARD, who does the most extensive business in his line, contracting and building, in Indiana, is a native of Indiana county, born in 1862 in Cherryhill township. His grandfather, Robert Lockard, was born in Indiana county, of Scotch parentage, was a shoemaker by trade, and died in 1869. He married Naomi Bagley.

Hiram R. Lockard, father of Elsworth M. Lockard, was a lumberman during the greater part of his life. He married Susan Mock, daughter of Peter Mock, who was born in Bedford county, Pa., and followed sawmilling and lumbering for many years. Mrs. Susan (Mock) Lockard was also a descendant of the Carrolls of Carrollton. She died Nov. 13, 1889, and Mr. Lockard died Aug. 31, 1909. They were the parents of nine children: Lincoln M.; Elsworth M.; Alma M., wife of S. A. McCoy; Dr. Wilmer G.; A. Kate, wife of John I. Bucher; Clara G., widow of Andrew S. Lockard; Ralph W.; Robert S., and Madge E., wife of E. A. Weller.

Elsworth M. Lockard attended public school in Indiana county and later continued his studies under a private tutor. Then he entered Coleman's business college, at Newark, N. J., and on May 7, 1879, began his apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade under John E. Miller, with whom he remained for a period of eight years. He then engaged in business for himself, at Cookport, Indiana county, where he remained about one year. During the winter of 1886-87 he taught school. On March 27, 1887, he located at Indiana, where he has since had his home. After working one year for Klingensmith & Hastings, during which time he was foreman on the construction of the new jail of Indiana county, he began contracting on his own account, in the spring of 1889. In the twenty four years which have elapsed since he has put up more buildings, and done more general business in the line of contracting and building, than any other man in the town of Indiana. Among the many structures upon which he has been engaged, either as builder or remodeler and designer, we mention the First National bank, the Deposit bank, the Farmers' bank, the Citizens' National bank, the Episcopal church and parsonage, the Leonard Hall of the State normal school group, the Thomas Sutton Hall (known as the "dining hall"), the Silas M. Clark Hall (known as the boys' dormitory), the residence

of Dr. William A. Simpson, residence and office of Judge Elkin, residence of Dr. M. M. Davis, residence of J. M. Stewart, residence of M. C. Watson, the Lutheran church (designed and remodeled), J. W. Clements' residence (designed), residences of R. E. Young, William C. McGregor, Edward Rowe, W. F. Wettling, J. C. Wallace, A. S. Wallace, J. L. Getty, Harry McCreary, S. J. St. Clair, A. W. Mabon, Dr. J. M. Torrence, J. E. Powell, J. G. Fleming, J. P., T. E. A. Dugan, Charles A. Gessler, R. E. Forester, and the Y. M. C. A. building, which latter was started April 20, 1912; Mr. Lockard is not only the designer and builder of this structure, but was also one of the four largest contributors toward its erection. This list will give a general idea of the wide patronage which he enjoys and the extensive business he has acquired. It is almost needless to say that his reputation has been established upon a foundation of honorable work and reliable dealing which has never been called into question in any of his transactions. His high character would give him prestige in any community. He has always been specially interested in the question of public education, and has served as school director of Indiana borough for over fifteen years, serving for eight consecutive years of that time as president of the board; at present he is secretary of the county board of school directors. His work has been public-spirited and effective, and is highly appreciated by his fellow citizens.

On July 23, 1885, Mr. Lockard was married to Nancy Elizabeth Daugherty, daughter of Evert Daugherty, who was a soldier during the Civil war, serving nearly four years, during part of which time he was in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry. Mr. and Mrs. Lockard have three children: Mary, who is a public school teacher at Johnstown, Pa.; Margaret, also a teacher, at Franklin, Cambria county, near Johnstown; and Donald W. The family are Presbyterians.

DAVID WALKER RARAIGH, farmer of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, and director and vice president of the Plumville National Bank, was born on the homestead farm of his family, near the Armstrong county line, June 15, 1868.

The Raraigh family is of German extraction, but the founder in America is not definitely known. In 1803 John Raraigh, great-grandfather of D. Walker Raraigh, moved from Bedford county, Pa., with his wife and their children John, Jacob, George, William

and Samuel, Catherine, Polly and Susie. They settled at Rossmoyne, Indiana county, in the Mahoning district, which at that time was a wilderness. In after years they moved to Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., Pa., near Slate Hill, where they died, and they were buried in the German Baptist Church cemetery near that place.

Samuel Raraigh, son of John, was born in 1801 in Bedford county, Pa., moving with his parents to Indiana county in 1803. About 1830 he made a home for himself in the woods, securing 110 acres on the Armstrong county line, in South Mahoning township. He was fond of the forest and the haunts of large game, and was very successful in hunting the same, killing a bear when he was but twelve years of age. He devoted his life to farming, and under his fostering care his property was greatly improved, so that when he died, in 1877, aged seventy-six years, it was very much more valuable than when he secured it. He married Nancy Hollowell, of East Mahoning township, who lived to the age of ninety-one years. Samuel Raraigh and his wife were members of the German Baptist Church of Cowanshannock township, in whose cemetery their remains were buried. Their children were: Rachel married John Wells, of South Mahoning township, and died at the age of fifty-seven; Nancy died at the age of eighty-three years; Mary married William Wells, and died at the age of seventy-nine; Samuel married Hannah Mikesell, and died in Brushvalley township, aged sixty-nine years; Jacob married Barbara Stauffer, and died at Smicksburg, aged eighty-one years; Lydia married David Ruffner, of South Mahoning township, and died at the age of seventy-four; Daniel is mentioned below; Sarah Ann died at the age of nineteen; Joseph died at the age of twenty-five; Ephraim died in childhood.

Daniel Raraigh, son of Samuel Raraigh, was born June 1, 1836, and was reared on the home farm, attending the local school when opportunity offered. He cared for his parents in their declining years, and bought the homestead, on which he made many improvements, including a residence which he built in 1887, and barns in 1894. He also added to the value of the property in other ways and was an excellent farmer. Later he bought the Tratz farm of seventy-two acres in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, operating this in conjunction with his own homestead. He not only farmed upon an extensive scale but also carried on stock raising, special-

izing in the latter line, and continued in active business until within a few years of his death, when he retired, dying March 22, 1912, on the farm on which he was born, in his seventy-sixth year. His remains were buried in the cemetery of the Baptist Church in South Mahoning township. He was a faithful member of that church, which he served as trustee for many years. A Republican in politics, he served his township officially, and his county as juror. He was a good citizen, and kind and affectionate in his family relations.

Daniel Raraigh married Sarah F. Byrley, who was born in Fayette county, Pa., daughter of David Bryley, and died Sept. 11, 1902, aged sixty-four years; she lies in the Baptist Church cemetery in South Mahoning township. She joined that church in girlhood and was a consistent member of it for half a century. Mr. and Mrs. Raraigh had children as follows: Joseph died in childhood; Malissa married Ross Moore, of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county; Amanda married E. T. Neigh, and resides in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county; David Walker is mentioned below; Dillie married Clark Davis, of Washington township; Idella married A. H. Bowser, of West Mahoning township, and died March 4, 1901, aged twenty-eight years.

David Walker Raraigh was educated in the schools of his home neighborhood and in the Plumville normal school, then conducted by D. H. Tomb. He is an intelligent, well-informed man, and his enterprise and business ability, combined with industrious application to his undertakings, have brought him prosperity. From childhood he lived with his parents, caring for them as they grew old. He has always been a farmer, and in addition to the homestead in South Mahoning township, and the seventy-two acres in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, he owns the Byrley farm of sixty-five acres and two other tracts in South Mahoning township, and a tract of land in Plumville on which he has erected several dwelling houses. His holdings aggregate 300 acres, and he is one of the heaviest land owners of his township. Mr. Raraigh devotes his land to general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of raising blooded horses and other good stock, his product being noted the country over. Mr. Raraigh takes a deep interest in the up-building and development of his locality, and is a man of public spirit and integrity. He is interested in other than agricultural matters, having for the last eighteen years been



agent for fire insurance companies, both home and foreign. Among other institutions with which he has been connected is the First National Bank of Plumville, which he helped to organize, and which he has served faithfully as director and vice president for six years. He is also a member of and stockholder in the Johnston-Beyer Hardware Company of Rural Valley and Wallopburg, and a member of the Dayton Agriculture and Mechanical Association. In political sentiment he is a sound Republican. He has been a member of the election board for several years, served his township as auditor for fifteen years, and has served on the petit jury at Indiana upon more than one occasion.

On Oct. 21, 1897, Mr. Raraigh was married, at Chambersville, to Annie B. Cummins, daughter of John D. and Margaret (Mears) Cummins, and a descendant of one of the oldest families in Indiana county, a full history of whom is given elsewhere in this work. She died April 28, 1911, aged thirty-eight years, a devoted wife and mother and a worthy Christian woman, faithful as a member of the Baptist Church. She was laid to rest in the little cemetery connected with that church in South Mahoning township, where lie the remains of so many of her husband's family. Mr. and Mrs. Raraigh became the parents of three children: Duff C., born July 23, 1899; D. Myron, born Aug. 2, 1900; and Davis Walker, born Sept. 4, 1906.

Mr. Raraigh is a member of the Mahoning Baptist Church, which organization he has served as trustee and also as deacon. A man of high principle, devoted to his home and community, he represents the highest type of citizen, and is welcomed wherever he goes.

JOSEPH MOORHEAD, head of the firm of Joseph Moorhead & Son, printers and publishers of Blairsville, Indiana county, has been one of the leaders of public opinion in that community for a quarter of a century. His long-continued connection with the Blairsville *Enterprise*, as editor and proprietor, has kept him in touch with the people and interests of this section, and his readiness to defend the right and defeat the wrong has made his influence a factor to be reckoned with. So well has he used his power that he has thoroughly gained the confidence of his fellow citizens, and he has never abused their trust.

Mr. Moorhead is a native of Indiana county, born Aug. 16, 1829, in Burrell township, where the family has been settled since

1812. In both paternal and maternal lines he is of North of Ireland ancestry, and of Revolutionary stock through his grandmother, Agnes (Craig), whose father lost his life in the war for independence. Samuel Moorhead, his grandfather, was born in Cumberland county, Pa., in 1769. He became a tanner, and as there was no tannery in the northern part of Westmoreland county when he moved there he established a highly prosperous business, which he continued to carry on for many years. He became very wealthy for his day, acquiring the ownership of eight or ten farms. His death occurred in 1853, when he was eighty-four years old.

Hon. Samuel Moorhead, son of Samuel and Agnes (Craig) Moorhead, was the father of Joseph Moorhead. He was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, married, and came in 1812 to Indiana county, where he spent practically all the rest of his life engaged in farming. However, he was a man of active disposition and intelligence, and had other interests. He built the dam below Blairsville on the old Pennsylvania canal. He was appointed associate judge of the courts of Indiana county in 1830, by Governor Wolf, and served as such very creditably for a period of six years, his keen perceptions and remarkably good judgment making him a valuable man in that position. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Presbyterian. On March 13, 1812, he married Martha Bell, who was born March 24, 1793, daughter of John Bell, who removed from Cumberland county to Westmoreland county in early life. Mrs. Moorhead also belonged to the Presbyterian Church. To this union were born nine children: Agnes, Elizabeth, Samuel, Rebecca, John, Joseph, Myrtilla, Wallace and Alexander. The eldest son helped to capture the city of Mexico under General Scott, and of the five sons four, including him, were in the Union army during the Civil war.

Joseph Moorhead grew to manhood on his father's farm, and obtained his education in the public schools of his locality. His early life was devoted to agricultural work, in which he was engaged until he entered the Union army, in July, 1863, as a member of Company A, 101st P. V. I. He served until April, 1865, when he was honorably discharged at Camp Reynolds, in Allegheny county, and returning home he resumed charge of his farm in Burrell township. Farming continued to be his chief interest until 1886, in which year he removed to the

borough of Blairsville, and took charge of the Enterprise as editor and proprietor. The paper had been established in 1880, and was an eight-column quarto, which under Mr. Moorhead's direction soon acquired a high reputation as a well-conducted sheet. Its news columns are devoted chiefly to local affairs, important county and borough happenings, church and social items, and well-selected general reading matter. Mr. Moorhead has pursued a clean, independent policy which has won him the respect and admiration of all his fellow citizens in Blairsville, and which has directly and indirectly helped to raise moral standards in this locality very materially. Though able and willing, when necessary, to state his own position or objection to other tactics with vigor and force, he has never resorted to vituperation or unworthy methods to accomplish any good end toward which he may be working, and the skill he has shown in quiet but persistent opposition to wrong-doing has met with much success and made him many friends among the best element. Politically he is a Republican, and on July 24, 1890, under the Harrison administration, was appointed postmaster at Blairsville for a term of four years. Socially he belongs to Findley Patch Post, No. 137, G. A. R., and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as elder for fifty-two years.

In 1852 Mr. Moorhead married Rebecca Armel, who was born June 2, 1834, in Westmoreland county, daughter of Isaac and Margaret (Sease) Armel, of Burrell township. She died in April, 1870, leaving three children: Richard E., George R. and Jessie Mildred. In 1871 Mr. Moorhead married (second) Rebecca Hosack, who was born in Westmoreland county in 1843, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hosack, of Westmoreland. They have had six children, namely: John W., Myrtila B., Alice C., Mary, Harry S. and Joseph P.

WILLIAM PENN OBERLIN, deceased, who for upward of twenty years was a well-known business man of Rochester Mills, Pa., was born Nov. 14, 1836, in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., son of Christopher and Catharine (Kubach) Oberlin.

Christopher Oberlin, the father of William Penn Oberlin, was born near the Rhine, in Baden, Germany, in 1791, and there grew to manhood and learned the trade of weaver. He was married in the Fatherland to Catharine Kubach, and with their three children

they left their native country as early as 1833 and crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. On arriving in this country they came to Lancaster, Pa., where they remained a short time, Mr. Oberlin following the trade of stocking weaving, and then crossed the Allegheny mountains and located in the city of Pittsburg, where the father continued the same business and also opened a store for the sale of his product. The family home was located on Penn street, and there the mother died in 1840, at the age of thirty-eight years, her death being caused by homesickness, as she had always longed to return to her native country. She was the mother of four children, namely: Lewis F., deceased, who was an Ohio river captain and married Christina Shelby; Charles, born in 1824, a shoemaker of West Mahoning township, who married in 1846 Catharine Grossman, and died at the home of his son in Punxsutawney; Samuel, who died while the family was coming to this country and was buried at sea; and William Penn. Christopher Oberlin was married (second) at Lancaster, Pa., to Mary Eschelmann, and they became the parents of two children: Susannah C., who married Henry Beecher, both dying at Belle Center, Ohio; and Nancy, who married T. S. Neal, ex-sheriff of Indiana county, and a resident of North Mahoning township. Christopher Oberlin died in 1859, at the age of sixty-eight years, and was buried in the Allegheny cemetery. He was a member of the German Evangelical Church.

William Penn Oberlin, son of Christopher Oberlin, was educated in the public schools of Pittsburg, and was still a small lad when he lost his mother. He learned the trade of shoemaker with his brother Charles, at Smicksburg, where he worked at same and subsequently opened a shop of his own, being thus engaged at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. On Aug. 27, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 148th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. John Sutton, Col. James A. Beaver, of Center county, and this company was mustered into the service Sept. 2, 1862, Mr. Oberlin continuing to serve until the close of the war. Among the numerous engagements in which he participated may be mentioned the following: Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863; Haymarket, July 25, 1863; Gettysburg, July 2 and 3, 1863, where he contracted bowel trouble from the impure drinking water, and was confined to the hospital for several months. He rejoined his regiment in time to participate in the battle of the Wilderness, May 4-7, 1864; Spottsylvania,

May 9-14, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864; Petersburg, June 15-30, 1864; Deep Bottom, July 27, 1864; Ream's Station, Aug. 24, 1864; second Deep Bottom, Aug. 14-20, 1864; charge on works at Petersburg, Oct. 27, 1864; Hatcher's Run; Adams Run; Sutherland Station, and numerous minor engagements. He was at the evacuation of Richmond, and fell into the hands of the Confederates and was taken to Libby, but was subsequently released and rejoined his regiment. At the battle of Gettysburg he received a slight wound in the knee.

On receiving his honorable discharge, after a service that was characterized by bravery and devotion to duty, Mr. Oberlin resumed his trade, locating in the western part of West Mahoning township, near the Armstrong county line. There he settled on a farm that is now the property of John Shaffer, and continued his trade and farmed until 1873, when he was appointed manager of the shoe department of the Dayton Soldiers' Orphans' Home, a position which he held for three years. He then spent one year as male attendant in the same institution. His brother Charles later held the position of superintendent of the shoe department there. In 1877 Mr. Oberlin resigned his position and located in Smicksburg, where he took up the manufacture of shoes, with several men in his employ. In 1879 he came to Richmond (Rochester Mills) and here embarked in a mercantile business with James Adams, in the center of the town, under the firm style of Adams & Oberlin, this partnership continuing until 1885, when Mr. Oberlin moved to the eastern part of the valley, or near the banks of the Little Mahoning. There he erected a store, 26 by 65 feet, two stories in height, where he entered business with his sons as partners, under the firm name of W. P. Oberlin & Sons, and continued active in same up to the time of his death, which occurred suddenly, Aug. 21, 1897, from the effects of disease he had contracted in the army. He was buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Mr. Oberlin was a member of Frank W. Brown Post, No. 266, Grand Army of the Republic, at Richmond. In political matters he was a Republican, and his religious belief was that of the United Brethren Church, in which he was class leader and Sunday school teacher and superintendent. A well-read man, he was domestic in his tastes and devoted to his family, and among his business associates had a reputation for the strictest integrity.

Mr. Oberlin was married in West Mahoning

township, March 14, 1860, to Anna M. Stauffer, who was born in that township, daughter of Jonathan and Susanna (Beyer) Stauffer. Mrs. Oberlin's family came from Huntingdon county, and were early settlers of Indiana county. She is still living, active and in full possession of her faculties, and makes her home in Richmond. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin, namely: Ella M., Ida C., Harry Walter and Curtis A.

ELLA M. OBERLIN, daughter of William Penn Oberlin, was born Feb. 22, 1861, and is the widow of James H. Elkin. She resides in Indiana, Pa., and is the mother of Linus J. and Curtis Elkin, both graduates of the State normal school, Indiana.

IDA C. OBERLIN, daughter of William Penn Oberlin, was born Sept. 3, 1862, and married Linus M. Lewis, of Canoe township, Indiana county, a farmer. They have two children, Ruelba M. and William Edward.

HARRY WALTER OBERLIN, son of William Penn Oberlin, was born in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, Pa., June 22, 1865, and received his education in the public schools of Dayton, Smicksburg and Grant township, and at Dayton academy, under Hugh McCandless. He taught school for one term in Grant township, but when his father embarked in business on his own account he and his brother Curtis A. became clerks, and in 1890 were admitted to partnership, under the firm style of W. P. Oberlin & Sons. When their father died the brothers formed a partnership under the style of Oberlin Brothers, an association which has continued to the present time. In 1907 they erected one of the finest stores in Indiana county north of Indiana, a three-story structure, 30x90 feet, where they are conducting a very successful business. Both are thorough business men, of pleasing personality, good judgment and inherent business acumen, and have inherited their father's love for integrity and honest dealing. Harry W. Oberlin is a Republican, although he has never been an office seeker, and his religious belief is that of the United Brethren Church, in which he has served as class leader, trustee and in other capacities. Besides his mercantile business, he and his wife are largely interested in real estate, coal lands and timber tracts, in East Mahoning, Grant and White townships, and Mr. Oberlin is a stockholder in the Indiana Savings and Trust Company.

In August, 1896, Mr. Oberlin was married to Luella M. Leasure, who was born July 3, 1868, daughter of Daniel Leasure. Mrs.

Oberlin is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is widely known in religious work and social circles. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Oberlin, namely: Evelyn, a student in the State normal school, Indiana; David William and Martha, who reside at home with their parents; Louise, who met her death by drowning when three and a half years old; Ruth, who died when she was two years old; and Mildred, who died in infancy. Mr. Oberlin is a charter member of Robert Doty Camp, Sons of Veterans, at Richmond.

CURTIS A. OBERLIN, son of William Penn Oberlin, was born in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, Pa., May 30, 1867. He received his educational training in the public schools of Dayton, Pa., and West Mahoning and Grant townships, and worked at home until entering his father's store as a clerk, in 1890. There he received the training that has made him so successful as a business man, and like his brother he is thoroughly conversant with every detail of their enterprise. Like him, also, he has gained the respect and esteem of the people of his community, and the confidence of the customers of the establishment, through his thoroughly business-like dealings and the honorable manner in which he lives up to the letter of his contracts. He has also invested his money in various other enterprises, and is the owner of timber tracts, coal land and other real estate, a stockholder in the Marion Center National Bank, and the owner of the well-known Widowson hotel property in Richmond. Essentially a business man, he has devoted his entire attention to his private affairs and has not cared to enter the public arena as a seeker for preferment, although he supports the principles and candidates of the Republican party. His religious faith is that of the Golden Rule, and his social connection with Robert Doty Camp, Sons of Veterans, of which he is a charter member.

In 1907 Mr. Oberlin was married to Maria R. Moore, who was born in East Mahoning township, daughter of William Moore. They have one child, Ralph C.

ROWLAND. The Rowland family of southern Indiana county is well represented there at the present time, and its members have not only been substantial citizens who contributed to the material prosperity of the section but zealous church workers, associated with the Baptist denomination. Some of its members have entered the ministry of that

church, Rev. Elias Rowland, a retired minister, now residing at Mechanicsburg, and Rev. Martin Luther Rowland, also retired and living in South Mahoning township, having done notable work in their day.

The family is of Welsh origin. William Rowland, the first of the line in America, was a native of Wales, came to this country with his wife Elizabeth Ellis, and settled near Ebensburg, Pa. His son, Griffith Rowland, born in Wales about 1771, married Jane Jones, daughter of William Jones, and both the Jones and Rowland families came to America about 1795, settling first near Ebensburg, Pa. The Rowlands continued to make their home in Cambria county, locating about 1800 in Conemaugh township, where Mr. Rowland became a land owner and followed farming. Settling in the wilderness, he hewed out a home for himself and there spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1847, aged seventy-six years; he is buried in Bethel Church cemetery, near Ebensburg. His wife also died on the farm, and is buried in the same cemetery. Their children were: William; Maria, who married John Crumb and (second) Joseph Craig; Isaac, who married Elizabeth Keller; Jacob; Griffith J., who married Mary Mikesell and (second) Margaret Jordan, and died in 1871; John, who married Jane Conrad, and lived in Brushvalley township; and Eliza, who married Enoch Reese.

William Rowland, son of Griffith, was born Oct. 3, 1801, in what was then Conemaugh (later Blacklick) township, Cambria county, where he grew to manhood and became engaged in farming, at first on the homestead. Settling on a farm in Blacklick township, Cambria county, among the first settlers of that section, he remained there about six years, following farming, and made extensive improvements on his place. Later, in 1838, he removed to South Mahoning township, Indiana county, buying a tract of 112 acres from Mr. Stannard which was all woods at the time. He built a log house, hewing the logs himself, put up a stable and set to work to clear his property, making extensive improvements on the farm, where he spent the rest of his days, dying there Aug. 8, 1883. On April 12, 1832, he married Clarissa Rundel, who was born May 26, 1809, daughter of Gilbert and Amy (Nichols) Rundel, of Genesee county, N. Y., and died on the farm Aug. 5, 1897, aged eighty-eight years, two months, ten days. Her son William S. Rowland cared for her in her declining years. Mr. and Mrs. Rowland were members of the Baptist Church,

and were buried in the Baptist Church cemetery in Mahoning township. In politics he was a Whig and Republican. Thirteen children were born to this pioneer couple: Elias, born Feb. 16, 1833, is mentioned below; William S., born July 25, 1834, is mentioned below; John G., born Jan. 16, 1836, married Tabitha Milliron; Isaac, born Aug. 28, 1837, married Susan Neville and (second) Mary French, and he died in the State of Washington; Jacob, born March 28, 1839, married Romina Curry and settled in Jefferson City, Mo., where he died; Emma Jane, born July 17, 1841, died young; Annie Maria (deceased), born Jan. 30, 1843, married Isaac Wisinger, of Cambria county, Pa.; Elizabeth, born Dec. 5, 1844, married Thomas Mitchell; Mary E., born July 12, 1846, is the widow of John Davis, who was a farmer and merchant of Nanty Glo, Pa.; Mahala, born March 23, 1849, died in infancy; Rev. Martin Luther, born Jan. 16, 1848, is mentioned below; Amanda, born Nov. 4, 1851, married Thomas Jones, and resides at Seattle, Wash.; Sarah Rebecca, born June 3, 1854, married Coleman Miller, and resides at Toledo, Ohio. The eldest five sons of this family, Elias, William S., John G., Isaac and Jacob, were soldiers in the Civil war, and John G. died of starvation in Salisbury prison, where he was confined for six months.

REV. ELIAS ROWLAND, the grand old man of Mechanicsburg, a retired minister of the Baptist Church, though in his eighty-first year is still active in mind and body, and after years of fruitful labor in the Lord's vineyard can look back in his declining years with pleasure and pride to the good work that he has accomplished. His life has not been lived in vain.

Mr. Rowland was born in Blacklick township, Cambria county, spent his boyhood days on the farm and attended the local school, but most of his education he gained by reading and observation, becoming a well-read man. He continued on the farm until 1852, when he found employment in the Cambria Iron Works, at Johnstown, working there some time. Then he turned his attention to farming, which he followed for eight years. Wishing to follow a professional life he took up the study of medicine with Dr. J. R. Morris and was preparing to attend medical lectures when he enlisted, June 13, 1863, in Company A, Battalion of Emergency Men, serving until Lee was driven across the Potomac. He was discharged Aug. 8, 1863. On March 31, 1864, he again enlisted, becoming a member

of Company K, 187th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the 5th Army Corps, and took part in the battles of Cold Harbor, Petersburg, second engagement on the Weldon railroad, and Fort White. He was discharged at Harrisburg Aug. 3, 1865. Returning home he again took up farming, in Cambria county, where he also served as justice of the peace for nearly thirty years. Meantime he turned his attention to the study of theology, and in 1892 he was licensed to preach. In 1896 he was ordained a minister of the gospel, and began to preach at Bethel Baptist Church, in Cambria county, where he continued until the early part of the present century, at that time coming to Mechanicsburg. There he has made his home ever since, and he preached here for several years. He is now retired, but still active mentally and physically, and preaches occasionally. While justice of the peace he had the remarkable record of having all his judgments sustained by the courts. At Mechanicsburg he has served as member of the borough council, and for the last four years he has served as burgess of the borough. He is a man of genial personality, and strong character. Mr. Rowland is a firm believer in temperance.

On Nov. 28, 1854, Mr. Rowland married Isabelle Wilson Simson, daughter of Levi Simson, and she died June 23, 1911, after a married life of nearly fifty-seven years. She was a good Christian woman, a devoted wife and mother, a loving helpmate, and a sweet influence for good in her home and in the community. She was her husband's sympathetic associate in his Christian work, and much of his pleasure in its performance was due to her kindly co-operation. She is buried at Bethel, Cambria county, Pa. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland: John Luther, born Jan. 29, 1856, died Oct. 14, 1869. James E., born June 9, 1858, died Dec. 28, 1903, married Alice Keller and left a family of one son and five daughters, all living. Isaac E., born June 14, 1861, died Sept. 14, 1865. Alvah H., born April 30, 1866, died Aug. 27, 1907, married Rosy J. Michaels and left a family of two sons and three daughters, three of whom are deceased. Austin E., born May 21, 1869, died April 5, 1874. Harvey Chalmers, born July 23, 1873, was educated in the Cambria county public schools and taught school for some time. He is now engaged in the jewelry business, and also as an electric mechanic. A young man of inventive mind and a genius in his line, he is making a success of his work and is a much

respected citizen. He lived at home until his marriage, June 26, 1913, to Alice C. Shaffer, daughter of the late John Shaffer, of Brushvalley, Pa., the marriage ceremony being performed by the Rev. Elias Rowland, assisted by Rev. P. O. Wagner.

Rev. Mr. Rowland is a Republican, and for some twenty-five years or more served on the board of school directors, much of the time acting as secretary of that body. He has taken an active interest in all matters of a literary or educational nature. Socially he is a member of the G. A. R.

WILLIAM S. ROWLAND, a well-known and successful farmer, of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born July 25, 1834, in what is now Blacklick (then Cambria) township, Cambria county, and was quite young when the family moved to Indiana county. When he was about seven years old he went to live with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Reese, in Blacklick township, Cambria county, where he continued to make his home for five years, attending school there. Returning to the parental home he remained but a short time, going from there to Brushvalley township, Indiana county, to live with his uncle John Rowland, near Mechanicsburg, spending a period of eight years there. During that time he also had opportunity to attend school. After his return home he became a student at the Dayton academy, and then taught school for one term in West Mahoning township, Indiana county. He went back home again, and was engaged in farming until 1864, when he enlisted in Company B, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which command his brother Jacob was also a private; it was under command of Colonel McCormack and was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. Mr. Rowland served until the close of the war, being discharged at Nashville in 1865, and coming home he settled down to farming on the homestead, buying the property from his parents, for whom he cared during their remaining days. He made extensive improvements on the farm, putting up a new house, barn and other buildings, and continued to reside there for the next forty years, following farming and stock raising. In 1904 he sold the farm and bought the smaller tract on the Smicksburg and Plumville road which he now occupies, this being fifty-two acres formerly known as the Bracken farm. He has remodeled the house and made other improvements, the appearance of his home and surroundings denoting the thrift characteristic of the owner. Though he has never

sought office, preferring to devote his time to his own affairs, Mr. Rowland has served as supervisor of his township, and he was also school director for one term, when the first Davis school was built. In politics he was formerly a Republican but now associated with the Prohibition party, being a strong advocate of temperance and a staunch supporter of the cause. For some years Mr. Rowland was an active member of the G. A. R. Post at Plumville.

In 1861 Mr. Rowland was married to Mary Jane Lukehart, who was born in 1837, in Indiana county, Pa., daughter of Jacob and Lena (Davis) Lukehart, and died Oct. 25, 1884, the mother of seven children, namely: Emery<sup>4</sup> Prescott, who makes his home near Jefferson City, Mo.; John Davis, a meat dealer of Marion Center, Pa.; Elvena Bertha, wife of Jesse E. McDevitt and residing in Punxsutawney, Pa.; Ira Curtin, a carpenter and builder, of Pittsburg; Homer, who died young; Allura Estelle, who died young; and Clara, who married John Lydiek and died in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, in 1912. In 1888 Mr. Rowland married (second) Lydia Agnes Lukehart, sister of his first wife, and to this union have been born three children: Mayne Tessie, who married George Nolf and resides in Apollo, Pa.; Olive Lenora, who is a dressmaker at home; and William Clair, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rowland are valued members of the Mahoning Baptist Church, which he has served as deacon, and he has also been a faithful Sunday school worker, serving as teacher and superintendent.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER ROWLAND, youngest son of William Rowland, was born Jan. 16, 1848, in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, on the old homestead now owned by McKee Wilson, and attended the local schools. Remaining at home until he was fourteen years old, he then went to Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, where he worked a short time for a Dr. Wood, after which he went to Blacklick township, Cambria county, and engaged in shoemaking for four years. While there he became converted, under the preaching of Rev. J. W. Evans, a Baptist minister who preached at Bethel Church, and was baptized by him when eighteen years old. Meantime returning home he remained on the homestead with his father while his five brothers were serving their country in the Civil war. Wishing to become a minister of the gospel, he attended Reed's Institute at Reedsburg, Clarion county, Pa., taking a preparatory

course, of three years, and was licensed' to preach in 1870, delivering his first sermon in the Williamsburg schoolhouse, two miles from the institute. He was ordained Oct. 14, 1874, at the old Pine Creek Church, in the Clarion Association, by Rev. Aaron Neff, moderator, and Rev. W. S. Bowser, clerk of the council, with laying on of hands by seven other ministers. For the next five years he was pastor of the Pine Creek Church, where he built the present house of worship, during that time also preaching two years at the Franklin Union Church and two years at the Red Bank Church, of the Clarion Association. For one year following he was preacher at the West Lebanon Baptist Church, and from there went to the Fairview Church and the Shiloh Church, in the Indiana Association, preaching at the former for six years and at the latter four years. From there he transferred to the Twolick Church, where he remained five years, at the end of that period going to the Baptist Church at Spencerville, Allen county, Ohio, in the Auglaize Association, serving that one year and the Mount Zion Church for six months. He next preached six months at Ada, Ohio, returning to Pennsylvania at the end of that time because of the ill health of his wife and child, taking the pastorate of the Old Union Baptist Church, south of Kittanning, Armstrong county, for one year. That was in the Clarion Association. From there he went to Leechburg, same county, for two years, thence back to the Twolick Church (where he had formerly served five years) for seven years, during the latter part of that period also serving as pastor of the Baptist Churches at Blairsville and East Mahoning—two years at each place. Then he resigned to become pastor of the Sugar Creek Church in the Monongahela Association, being there one year and subsequently at Monongahela Union four years. While there he organized the Baptist Church at Monnt Morris and was pastor of the Zora Church one year in Monongalia county, W. Va., and also built an out station. Resigning from that charge he returned to the bounds of the Indiana Association, where he lived five years. Then he became pastor of the Mount Zion Church in Butler, Pa., for three years, having an assistant there. Returning to Indiana county, he has since made his home on a small farm in South Mahoning township, east of Plumville. Since settling here he has served the Twolick Church for about four years, and has also supplied at the West Mahoning and

Crooked Creek Churches, and Ambrose Baptist Church. Mr. Rowland has been preaching for about forty years altogether, and has done notable work in this section for his denomination. He is a staunch advocate of temperance, and has taught its principles wherever and whenever possible. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

On May 6, 1874, Mr. Rowland was married to Nannie A. Hull, daughter of James and Nancy (Bell) Hull, and they have had four children: Emma Bell, born May 4, 1875, died young; Clara Ross, born April 30, 1877, died when five months old; Wilda D., born Aug. 20, 1879, graduated from the State normal school in 1896, and taught nine terms of school, four in the borough of Kittanning, Pa., and married H. H. Claypole Aug. 7, 1912; William James Mentor, born July 14, 1881, is at home.

GEORGE K. KLINE, who has one of the principal dry goods establishments in Johnstown, Pa., is a native son of Indiana county, born Oct. 13, 1863, in the borough of Indiana. He is a son of Wellington B. and Annie M. (Custer) Kline, and a grandson of George Kline, and his earlier ancestors, who were of German and French origin, were among the early settlers of Eastern Pennsylvania.

George Kline, the grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa., March 12, 1807, and died Feb. 5, 1876, at the age of sixty-eight years, in Indiana county, Pa. He was a merchant and hotelkeeper by occupation.

Wellington B. Kline, son of George, was born in Berks county, Feb. 4, 1840, and from 1863 lived at Indiana, Pa., where he was one of the founders of the mercantile house of Marshall & Kline, in their day one of the largest dry goods concerns in that part of the State. The partnership continued until Mr. Marshall's death, in 1894, after which Mr. Kline moved to Johnstown and formed an association with his son George, under the name of W. B. Kline & Son. He was one of the substantial business men of that place until his death, March 15, 1904.

George K. Kline obtained all his education in Indiana, attending the public schools until his graduation in 1875; he then took a course in the State normal school. In 1878 he began to clerk regularly for his father, remaining with the firm of Marshall & Kline until 1891, when he located at Johnstown. In 1894, when the firm of W. B. Kline & Son was organized, he became junior member, and since his father's death has carried on the business

alone as George K. Kline. His stock and accommodations have been increased steadily to meet the wants of the constantly enlarging trade, and the store is up-to-date in every particular, ranking among the best in that section of Pennsylvania. His line of goods is varied and complete. Mr. Kline has been notably successful in the line of business with which his family has been associated for several generations, and it is only just to say that his large trade has been built up by the most honorable methods, coupled with the faculty of providing excellent service for all who patronize his store.

Faternally Mr. Kline has various connections and is well known. He is a Mason, belonging to Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M.; Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, R. A. M., of Pittsburg; Commandery No. 1, K. T., of Pittsburg; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburg. He is also a member of the Johnstown Royal Arcanum and Johnstown Lodge of Elks, No. 175. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.

On Aug. 5, 1891, Mr. Kline married Sarah Morley, daughter of James and Ann Morley, of Johnstown. They have one son, James Morley, born May 3, 1892.

JOHN BUCHANAN McCORMICK was born Nov. 4, 1834, in the little village of Sinking Valley, near Tyrone, Huntingdon (now Blair) Co., Pa., of Scotch-Irish parentage, descending from the McCormicks and Concleys on the paternal side, and the Buchanans and Bards in the maternal line. They settled in Colonial times in Franklin and Cumberland counties, Pa., and at Bardstown, Kentucky.

In March, 1838, Joseph A. McCormick, father of John B. McCormick, moved with his family from Sinking Valley to Smicksburg, Indiana Co., Pa., on sleds, the growth of timber being so heavy at that time that the snow remained until late in the season of springtime. The lad was now about three years and four months old. At the age of six, barefooted and bareheaded, he followed after the hounds, Ranger and General Jackson, from the hills across the creek to the loop hills and back where the deer would generally take to the water above the village. A tow shirt and tow trousers to cover his nakedness and keep out the sun, with a straw hat (which was soon torn up in the brush), made up his summer costume. In the winter-time later he carried a cowbell while trailing the deer through the snow for his highly es-

teemed friend, Dr. William N. Sims, to head at well-known crossings. The advantages for education at that time were meager enough. His first teacher was a Mrs. McCumber, wife of a Baptist minister. The McCumbers came from the State of Connecticut. The largest room in their house was the schoolroom, and the seats were two pine slabs, brought from Travis's sawmill, with four legs to each, and placed around the wall. Mrs. McCumber was an accomplished artist in water colors, and her pupils received cards, decorated with flowers, or foxes, dogs, cats, deer, coons and other animals as rewards of merit, hand-painted and beautiful, and much appreciated by her handful of "scholars." This no doubt accounts, in part at least, for Mr. McCormick's artistic tastes. He picked up most of his knowledge piecemeal, while all through his life experience has been his best teacher. About this time his Grandmother Buchanan, who was the daughter of Rev. David Bard, visited them, and being an artist in mezzotints and other lines she taught him to outline horses, cattle, houses and various other objects with grains of corn on the bottom of wooden seated chairs or table. Those were the little things that started the restless young mind to work out other matters later. He went into the shop to assist his father at the age of eight. At that time all the material for the making and repairing of tarpole wagons was taken from the woods. White oak was used for the tongues, and a tree that would split out eight pieces was selected, and placed heart up to season. For axles hickory was used, split and seasoned. February was the month for cutting. Mr. McCormick said: "My father and I used to cut this timber when I was only able to steady the crosscut saw, and our dinner would be cold boiled pork and corn pone and sometimes bread, which people now would consider entirely too plain."

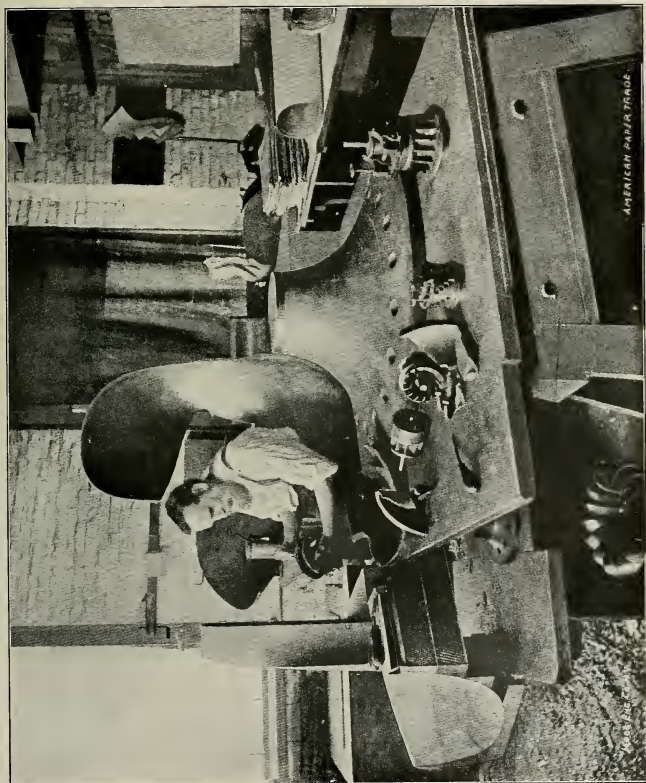
At the age of ten he was a fair workman, and turned the material on a tramp lathe and framed and painted a little rockingchair for his baby sister. At the same time he turned clothespins from dry wild cherry to place in the bedrooms of the double porch house in Smicksburg built in 1844, by Hezekiah Christman. When seventeen years of age he was allowed to start in with his uncle, David B. Buchanan, in an old-fashioned cabinet and chair shop, where all the work was done by hand, and he thoroughly mastered the trade in all its details, from the woods to the finishing. At the same time he cultivated a taste for music, and the first violin he played upon







HOME OF JOHN B. MCCORMICK IN THE "FAIR VALE OF MAJONING"



JOHN B. MCCORMICK IN HIS WORK SHOP  
"The Man Who Revolutionized the Turbine Wheel Business of the World"



was made by himself. His musical talents he turned to advantage. For about five months in the year, for about twenty-two years, he taught old-fashioned singing school in schoolhouses and churches in Indiana and adjoining counties, where the name of McCormick became as familiar as household words. Trudging from place to place (and he did not wear an overcoat), he estimates that in looking after his schools alone he walked 42,000 miles in the twenty-two years. It was in this manner, and in house painting and graining, he made the money which afterward enabled him to develop and bring forth his turbine wheels.

In 1873 Mr. McCormick went to Brookville, Pa., to Brown, Son & Co., where the shops and patterns were burned twice. After the testing of the "Hercules" turbine at Holyoke, McCormick and Brown made an agreement with the Stilwell & Bierce Company, of Dayton, Ohio, which proved very disastrous for them. Mr. McCormick went into their employ to perfect patterns. After six months they had received all of the information they desired, and unknown to him took out patents on the so-called "Victor Turbine," which embodied everything in the "Hercules." Mr. McCormick went to Holyoke in 1877, and engaged with the Holyoke Machine Company to manufacture the "Hercules," remaining with them for about eleven years, putting eighteen sizes, right and left hand, above eighty per cent useful, an efficiency percentage which Mr. Emerson highly commended. After perfecting the "Hercules" there was a misunderstanding between Mr. McCormick and the company, and he had to sue them to obtain his rights. Hon. George D. Robinson, ex-governor of Massachusetts, was his attorney and won his suit against the company.

Mr. McCormick then brought out a turbine about twenty-five per cent stronger as to diameter than the "Hercules," entitled "McCormick's Holyoke Turbine," which was perfected in all sizes at the shops of J. & W. Jolly, Holyoke, Mass. It was also made by the S. Morgan Smith Company, York, Pa., and the Dubuque Turbine & Roller Mill Company, Dubuque, Iowa. James Emerson, the great tester of wheels, said: "Mr. McCormick as a designer and perfecter of hydraulic motors stands upon the top rung of the ladder, has stood there for twenty years without a parallel, not in the United States alone, but upon this planet."

Mr. McCormick has published two musical works, viz.: "School & Concert," 310 pages,

and "The Village Choir," 336 pages, said to be the greatest collections in their class in the English language. Mr. McCormick is unassuming about what he has, or has accomplished, but he prizes a few old paintings which he executed many years ago, in particular a night view of "Donati's Comet" as it appeared at Smicksburg in 1858, when it was at its brightest (size 30 by 28 inches); "The Country Boy on Sunday Morning" (size 10 by 12 inches) and the beautiful hills which surround the farm where he makes his home. It seems to be his artistic delight to show and describe the view to strangers.

Now, in his seventy-ninth year, Mr. McCormick is working at all kinds of farm labor as though he were compelled to do so to keep the wolf from the door. His greatest delight seems to be the improvement of his land and bringing his farms to the highest state of cultivation, and to find out for a certainty what can be produced per acre on Indiana county soil.

THOMAS SHARP NEAL, formerly sheriff of Indiana county, has also served in various minor offices, and has long been a popular and respected citizen of his section. He makes his home at Trade City, where he was in the mercantile business for a number of years. He has been associated with the typical industries of the region throughout his active career, and has acquired considerable land. Mr. Neal was born Sept. 2, 1841, on the old Neal homestead in North Mahoning township, son of John and Rachel (Blose) Neal and grandson of William Neal. His great-grandfather, William Neal, the first of this branch of the family to settle in America, was from the north of Ireland. His wife was Mary Reynolds. They first located at Philadelphia, later in Franklin county, Pa., and eventually came to Indiana county, in the seventeen hundreds, where he obtained nearly three thousand acres of land west of Indiana, near Jacksonville. He was a surveyor, and became very well known. His death occurred in 1813, when he was seventy-seven years old, and he was buried in the cemetery at Bethel Church, in this county. We have the following record of his children: (1) Thomas lived on part of his father's old place at Jacksonville, where he put up a gristmill, and later moved to near Georgeville, this county. He was twice married, first to Margaret Creviston, by whom he had four children: William, who was burned to death at Phoenix, Pa.; John, who had a gristmill east of Punxsutawney, Pa.;

and Samuel and Thomas, who went West. To his second marriage, with Catherine Barnhart, were born five children: Margaret, who married S. Hoover and (second) George Weaver, and lived in Perry township, Jefferson county, Pa.; Arr, who lived in Punxsutawney, Pa.; Ogg, who was killed by a live wire at Horatio, Pa.; Thomas, who was killed by a boiler explosion in Homer City, Pa.; and Mary R., who married R. Trusel. (2) John lived near Jacksonville and was engaged in farming and sawmilling. He married Lydia Lewis and they had four children, John, Hugh, Rachel Loman and Kissie. (3) Mary died unmarried. (4) Rosanna died unmarried. (5) William was the father of John Neal.

William Neal, son of William and Mary (Reynolds) Neal, was born in Franklin county, Pa., on Caneoguages creek, and had little opportunity to acquire an education. He was noted in his day for his musical attainments. Prior to 1807 he settled on the Big Mahoning, where there were only two white settlers at that time, and it was he who ran the first raft down Big Mahoning creek. His home was half a mile from Perrysville, where he cleared three acres of what is now the Robert Hamilton farm. Later he moved to where Charles Neal now lives, in North Mahoning township, which place he improved, making his home there for a number of years. In 1832 he moved across the creek north, to where H. Neal now lives, and he died March 17, 1869, when nearly ninety years old, at the home of his son John, in West Mahoning township. In the early days he was noted for his skill and success as a hunter and trapper, one winter killing forty bears. He was well known in northern Indiana county and the adjoining territory in Jefferson county. Ten children were born to his first marriage, with Mary Cunningham, of Jacksonville, Pa., viz.: Abraham L., born Dec. 29, 1807, lived in West Mahoning township. Elizabeth (Betsy), born Oct. 22, 1809, married Jacob Young. Ann, born Nov. 22, 1811, married James McHenry, and lived at Northpoint, Pa. Catherine, born April 15, 1813, married James Neal and (second) Joseph Sharp, and all are now deceased. John, born Dec. 4, 1816, married Rachel Blose, and is mentioned below. Thomas, born April 11, 1818, lived in West Mahoning township; he married Elizabeth McClellan and (second) Nancy Wingrove. Mary R., born Sept. 2, 1820, married Artemus Purdy and lived in Illinois. Sarah, born Sept. 2, 1823, married

John Chambers. Margaret (Peggy), born Feb. 18, 1826, married Robert Patterson. Hardy Hill married Margaret Timblin; he lived in Porter township, Jefferson county.

The second wife of William Neal was Susan Neff, by whom he had six children, namely: James C., a merchant of Perrysville, Pa., married Catherine Hadden; Winfield Scott, of Perrysville, married Rebecca Piper; Amelia (Millie) married Joseph Unkerphire; Euphemia died unmarried; Sanford, who married Lydia Lewis, was a land owner, and lived at Punxsutawney; Sharp is mentioned elsewhere.

John Neal, son of William and Mary (Cunningham) Neal, born Dec. 4, 1816, in North Mahoning township, had limited educational advantages, but he was a business man of ability and had practical experience which supplied any lack of early training. He lived along the Mahoning creek and was a pilot and raftsman on that stream, also engaging as a farmer and drover. He took an active part in the public affairs of his locality as a member of the Republican party, and held various township offices. His wife, Rachel (Blose), was born at Perrysville, Jefferson county, and died in October, 1906. Mr. Neal was killed on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad bridge Oct. 28, 1903. They were members of the M. E. Church. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Cynthia is the widow of Joseph Coon, of North Mahoning township, Indiana county; Thomas Sharp is mentioned below; Martha is the widow of William McKillip, of West Mahoning township; George (deceased), who was a farmer, married Lucinda Van Horn; Aaron, of Seattle, Wash., who is engaged in breeding and dealing in fast horses, married Maggie Morgan, who is deceased; Sarah married Peter Stear, of North Mahoning township; Emma married Frank O. Harrat, of West Mahoning township; Josiah lives in Indiana, Pa.; William R., a traveling salesman, of Punxsutawney, Pa., married Cora Winslow; Mary (deceased) was the wife of Austin Strickland, of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Sharp Neal lived at home until twenty-six years old and was reared to farming on his father's place in North Mahoning township, where he lived for eighteen years. He obtained a common school education. Settling at Trade City, he engaged in the mercantile business, which he followed for eighteen years and also acted as postmaster. He has always been a prominent figure in

official circles, has held numerous local offices, and in 1897 became sheriff of Indiana county, serving one term of three years, until 1900. He is at present supervisor of North Mahoning township. Mr. Neal's interests have become quite extensive, his various undertakings having been successful, and he now owns several farms, and residence property in Punxsutawney, Pa. He has a fine peach orchard, eight hundred trees, located west of Trade City. His fine home in that town was built in 1912. Mr. Neal has bought and sold considerable timber in his day; one fall he sold 140,000 cubic feet. He became a pilot on the Big Mahoning when fifteen years old, and has been familiar with lumbering operations in their various branches, becoming very well acquainted all over the county in this connection and in following his other industrial interests.

In 1866 Mr. Neal married Annie Oberlin, of Pittsburg, and seven children have been born to this marriage: Preston died when nine years old; Naoma married Dr. George E. Simpson, of Indiana, Pa.; Lawrence graduated from the State normal school at Indiana, Pa., attended law school at Ann Arbor, Mich., and went to Seattle, Wash., where he is a practicing attorney (he is married and has one child); Selma married Ezekiel Barber, of Dixonville, Pa.; Irene married Joseph Buchanan, of Dubois, Pa.; Harry, M. D., is practicing medicine at Indiana, Pa.; Walter, a farmer and mill man at Trade City, married Emma Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal are active members of the Lutheran Church at Trade City, Pa., and politically he is a staunch member of the Republican party.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON ALLISON, M. D., is now, after many years of usefulness in his profession, living retired on the farm where he was born, in East Mahoning township, Indiana county. He was in active practice for about forty years, throughout which period he was in Indiana county, though at various locations.

The Allisones were among the first white settlers in Indiana county. Robert Allison, the founder of the family in this country, was a native of County Derry, Ireland, whence he came to this country as a young man, in 1750, locating in Cumberland county, Pa. In 1752 he married a lady by the name of Rebecca (Beckie) Beard, a granddaughter of Charles Stuart, a descendant of the house of Stuart. Robert and Beckie had been pas-

sengers on the same vessel and formed an acquaintance at that time which resulted in their marriage two years later. The result of this union was six sons and one daughter, the names of the sons being Tate, John, Andrew, Robert, James and Thomas; the daughter, Jane, married William Hamilton. The Allison family fled from Scotland during the time of the persecution of the Protestants, settling in the North of Ireland.

Coming west to what is now Indiana county, Pa., the Allison family located in Center township, on what is now known as the McConaughey place near Homer City. One of the sons, Andrew, born in Cumberland county in 1757, "after following General Washington through the most gloomy period of the Revolution," returned to his father's family in Cumberland county, but did not remain there long. In 1785 he crossed the mountains and settled in Westmoreland county, near the site of the present village of New Derry. There he commenced an improvement, making his home with John Pumroy in times of peace, and when the Indians invaded the settlement he took refuge in a fort in the vicinity. During his sojourn in Westmoreland county the settlement was frequently attacked by Indians, and several men were killed and others wounded. In 1788 he sold his improvements to Francis Pumroy, crossed the Conemaugh river and settled on the bank of Twolick, on the site of an old Indian town, opposite what was later the village of Homer. Here he built a cabin and cleared some ground for agricultural purposes. The cabin was without a door, a hole in one side serving for entrance. In the year 1790 his father came from Cumberland county, and took charge of his improvements, Andrew going farther into the forest and opening up the farm later owned by Archy Nichol, three miles east of Indiana. "Here he was the frontier settler, with nothing between him and the Susquehanna river but the howling wilderness, abounding with wild beasts, and traversed by hostile savages." In October of that year he married Sally Barr, and they remained at that location until 1792, when the Indians again showed hostility and they fled with their one child, to the nearest neighbor, Irwin Adams. Returning after several days to look after his farm, and get some articles that had been left. Andrew Allison found that the cabin with all its contents had been burnt by the Indians. He returned to his father's place on Twolick and Yellow creek, on an improvement made at an earlier date by one John Henry, who

returned to his former home in Virginia on account of the dangers of the locality. Allison remained there until 1795, when he purchased an improvement made in 1772 by Joseph Hopkins, about three miles south of Indiana, Hopkins and his family having left on account of Indian troubles. Here again he was on the frontier, with neither a horse nor a public road, bridge, church or school-house within ten miles. It was truly a secluded spot; the silence of the forest was seldom broken, except by the howling wolves, the yelling panthers or the crack of the hunter's rifle. Here he spent the remainder of his days, and cleared out a large farm. He died in 1815, aged fifty-eight years.

John Allison, another of the sons of Robert and Beckie (Beard) Allison, was a miller, he and his sons following milling and farming in this section for years. His descendants are still to be found among the best citizens of the county, and a lengthy account of this branch of the family will be found elsewhere in this work.

Robert Allison, fourth son of Robert and Beckie (Beard) Allison, was the ancestor of Dr. Alexander H. Allison. Born about 1768 in Cumberland county, Pa., he came west with his parents and settled near what is Homer City, in Center township, where the family acquired land and engaged in farming. He continued to make his home in that section the remainder of his life, owning and operating the first gristmill in the locality; he built the race to run it. Mr. Allison died there in 1832, at the age of sixty-four years, and is buried in the cemetery of Bethel Church in Center township. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Allison married four times. His first wife was Mary Simpson, his second Ann Ramsey, by whom he had two sons; Robert T., who married Isabelle Brown; and David Ramsey, a doctor, who died at Saltsburg, this county, and who married Lydia Roney. His third marriage was to Nancy Riddle, whose children were: John R.; William B., who married Ann Brown; Thomas B., who married Hannah Dickey and (second) Isabelle Kinter; and Andrew B. By his fourth union, with Rhoda Anderson, Mr. Allison had three children: Rebecca J., who married George Bratton; Samuel A., who married Mary E. Bothel and (second) Jennie McCluskey; and Margaret, who married George Hammers.

John R. Allison, son of Robert and Nancy (Riddle) Allison, was born in Center township, near Homer City, and there grew to

manhood. About 1837 he came to what is now East Mahoning township, locating on what was known as the William Riddle tract, a farm of two hundred acres which at that time was a wilderness. By occupation he was a carpenter, having learned the trade from Colonel Altimus, of Indiana, and he continued to follow that calling for some years. He built the first house in Brookville, Jefferson county. Settling on the farm, he first lived in a house constructed of round logs, later building a frame dwelling and making various other improvements on the place. He did not live to enjoy for long the comforts which he gained by his industry, dying Dec. 7, 1853, at the age of forty-five years, six or seven months. He was buried in Gilgal cemetery. He was a Presbyterian, attending the Gilgal Church, and was active in its work, serving as trustee and Sabbath school teacher. He was a well-read man for his day, a good penman, and looked upon by all who knew him as a valuable and intelligent citizen. He filled the office of collector of taxes.

Mr. Allison married Rebecca James, who was born in 1814 of English descent. She died Jan. 25, 1884, and was buried in the cemetery of Gilgal Church. Like her husband she was a Presbyterian in religious connection. They had a large family, viz.: Nancy Jane (deceased) married Henry K. Dilts; William R., who was a prominent lawyer of Indiana, serving as district attorney from 1871 to 1874, died in 1883, at the age of forty-six years; Robert died young; Alexander Hamilton is mentioned below; Andrew W. became a member of Company A, 61st United States Regiment (regular army), served during the Civil war, and died while in the army; Adeline married Ebert Kinter, and they are the parents of Mrs. John B. McCormack, of East Mahoning township; Margaret L. is deceased; John Harry resides in East Mahoning township; Robert Cromwell T., a physician, resides in Chicago, Ill.; Sophia married William H. Kinter and resides in Grant township, Indiana county.

Alexander Hamilton Allison was born June 6, 1842, and was reared on his father's farm. He received excellent educational advantages for the day, attending public school in the home locality and the Glade Run and Covode academies. For a short period he taught school in Jefferson county. As he was only eleven years old when his father died he had to assist with the work at home from early boyhood, but his ambition was to enter pro-



fessional life. When a young man he began to study medicine, under Drs. McEwen and Ansley, of Plumville, in 1862, later entering Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated March 4, 1867. On May 13th of that year he began the independent practice of his profession at Cookport, Indiana county, where he was the pioneer physician, and he continued to reside there for a period of thirteen years, building up a fine practice and becoming prominently associated with the development of the best interests of the place. In 1880 he moved to Marion Center, where he was established for the nineteen years following, and there he not only commanded a wide practice but also became engaged in the drug business, which he began in 1881. In 1884 he built a fine store for the accommodation of his growing trade, and carried it on for some years. In 1899 he moved from Marion Center to the borough of Indiana, where he was engaged in practice for the next seven years, retiring in 1907 because his health could no longer stand the demands of his professional labors. While practicing he had given some attention to agricultural and business pursuits, owning the old Allison homestead in East Mahoning township, where he kept some of the finest thoroughbred horses to be found in Indiana county. There he took up his home when he withdrew from his profession, and he now gives all his attention to farming and kindred pursuits, having his fine tract of two hundred acres under first-class cultivation. His enterprising and progressive ideas have been put into practice in its improvement. He has never lost his love for fine horses and still takes considerable interest in raising thoroughbreds. For some years he conducted the Marion Creamery, turning out from one hundred to two hundred pounds of butter daily, shipping to various parts of the county. It was destroyed by fire. Dr. Allison is one of the oldest surviving physicians in the county who practiced under the old order of things. He and Dr. W. B. Ansley of Plumville read medicine together at Plumville.

In politics Dr. Allison has always been a staunch adherent to the principles of the Democratic party, and he was a strong admirer of President Cleveland. In 1893 he was appointed postmaster at Marion Center, and served four years, proving a painstaking and highly satisfactory incumbent of the office. He also served as burgess of Marion Center, as member of the council board and school

director, being thoroughly public-spirited and interested in the welfare of the community in which he made his home. He has been a member of Gilgal Presbyterian Church for fifty years and has been active in all its work, serving as trustee, Sunday school teacher and its superintendent; his wife is also a member of that church and teaches in the Sunday school. Socially Dr. Allison belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Cookport, is a past grand of that lodge and a member of the Grand Lodge of the State. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Society.

In 1863, during Lee's threatened invasion of Pennsylvania, he was in the army for a short period, having enlisted in Company B, 62d Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia.

On July 4, 1879, Dr. Allison married Mary Lockhard, who was born in Green township, this county, daughter of David and Sarah Jane (Jones) Lockhard. Her father owned the well-known Lockhard flour mills of Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Allison had one child, Birdie, who died in Marion Center when six and a half years old.

MISS JANE E. LEONARD is an educator, one of the most widely known and honored in the State. She and her father were born at Leonard, near Clearfield, Pa. Leonard's station, Leonard's run, the "Leonard House," and the Leonard graded schools are traces of her father and his brothers.

On her mother's side Miss Leonard is descended from a line of Quakers from William Penn's time—Quakers who were official members of the first Yearly Meeting in Philadelphia.

The aim and work of Miss Leonard's life is that of a teacher. She has spent almost the whole of her adult life in the two leading normal schools of the State, first as a student and then as a teacher in the normal school at Millersville. Later, when the normal school at Indiana was founded, she was called there and there she has remained ever since, holding both the office as preceptress as well as acting as instructor. She has seen the school grow gradually, from thirty boarders the first winter of its existence—the winter of 1875—to more than a thousand students now. She looks upon what she may have done for Indiana as her life's work, and the honor and esteem of its students as her life's reward.

FRANCIS BRADLEY CAMP is one of the leading citizens of Montgomery township,

Indiana county, where he has been associated with some of the most progressive enterprises which have characterized the advancement of the region. He has the strength of purpose and executive ability which have been marked traits of all the members of the Camp family in this section, where his grandfather settled some twenty-five years ago.

Heth F. Camp came to Indiana county in 1837 from Washington, D. C., in the interest of a land company, for whom he continued to act as agent the remainder of his life, selling thousands of acres of land in this vicinity. He settled at what is now Cherrytree, laid out that town, and sold the land on which it stands. Though he lived only twelve years after his arrival here, dying in 1849, he had borne a large part in the early activities of the locality, becoming interested in farming on his own account, engaging in the mercantile business and also acting as civil engineer. He had married in Connecticut Phoebe Bates, and they had a family of five children, of whom Elizabeth M. Camp, a resident of Cherrytree, is now the only survivor.

Eben Bates Camp, son of Heth F. and Phoebe (Bates) Camp, was born Jan. 11, 1825, in Connecticut, and was but a boy when the family settled in Indiana county. He attended public school and an academy at Indiana, this county, and had entered college, but was called home upon the death of his father to look after his landed interests. Few men of his day were more intimately associated with the progress and development of this locality. He continued the general mercantile business established by his father, being interested in that line for fifty years altogether. He also followed lumbering, buying, selling and rafting timber on the Susquehanna river, was a civil engineer, and in fact was an all-around active business man. He retired about twenty years before his death. He held the offices of school director and member of the town council, and was a great worker in the Presbyterian Church, serving for years as ruling elder and trustee. He died July 3, 1910.

Mr. Camp married Frances E. Waller, a native of Washington, D. C., born March 17, 1830, member of one of the oldest families of Montgomery township, and she survives him, still residing at Cherrytree. Of the seven children born to this union two are deceased: Arthur Bates, who was an attorney, of Chicago, Ill.; and Maria Coe, who married Rev. Thomas W. Hine, of Sausborg, Pa. The five surviving are: Cecilia Crawford, wife of Rev.

Thomas Parry, who was a minister of the Presbyterian Church for many years and is now superannuated (they reside at Cherrytree); Eben Howard, of Mountain City, Tenn., a lumber manufacturer; Francis Bradley; Hannah Waller, wife of William M. Boal, of Ronceverte, W. Va.; and Everett Brace, a lumber manufacturer, of Waynesville, North Carolina.

Francis Bradley Camp was born July 28, 1857, in Indiana county, and was reared at Cherrytree, receiving his early education there in the public schools. He also attended the Glade Run academy, in Armstrong county. When twenty-two years old he was taken into partnership with his father in the general store, the firm becoming E. B. Camp & Son, and continued to hold an interest in same until his father sold out and retired. He also established a wholesale lumber business which he conducted successfully for some time, and for a number of years he has been engaged in farming, having a fine place of two hundred acres in Montgomery township, one of the best farms in that township, tastefully improved and thoroughly well kept up. Several local enterprises which mark the progress of this section have counted him among their early advocates. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Telephone Company and has been president since it was established; was one of the organizers of Sehryock Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, and is now serving as master of that body; and was one of the early friends of the rural free delivery system, doing his share toward the practical realization of what seemed to many an impossibility. He has served twenty years as school director of his township. He is a leading worker in the Presbyterian Church, being a ruling elder, and formerly served as trustee; and he is equally interested in the Sunday school, being president of the Presbyterian District Sunday School Association.

Mr. Camp married Elizabeth Notley, daughter of John F. and Amanda (Jones) Notley, of Montgomery township. Her father, who was a farmer and lumberman, came to Indiana county about 1836, and Mr. Camp's grandfather sold the Notley family their first farm here, a tract of one hundred acres. Mr. Notley was reluctant about buying, saying, "No, we can't live there; nothing cleared." So Mr. Camp clinched the sale by clearing ten acres. The property is now owned by Francis B. Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Camp have had five children, of whom Leila Waller died when

fifteen years old, and Arthur Brown when two years old. The three who survive are: Howard Delmont, who lives at home and assists his father on the farm; John Notley, a student of the Philadelphia Medical School, of Temple College, at Philadelphia; and James Jones, at home.

HUGH ALEX McISAAC, farmer, dairyman and stock raiser of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born Sept. 24, 1859, in that township, son of Robert and Mary (McCune) McIsaac.

Hugh McIsaac, the grandfather of Hugh A. McIsaac, was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, and there married Jane McKisock. They came to the United States in 1827, and after a six weeks' voyage on a sailing vessel landed at Philadelphia, remaining in that locality for several years thereafter. Subsequently they moved to Westmoreland county, Pa., and lived on the Chestnut Ridge until 1843, when they came to North Mahoning township and located about one and a half miles southwest of Marchand. Here they secured about two hundred acres of wild land, on which there had been made a small clearing, and a log cabin and stable had been erected. On this farm they spent the remainder of their lives, Hugh McIsaac dying Aug. 28, 1865, and his wife April 6, 1853. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Matilda, who married Joseph Murphy, of Ligonier, Pa.; Jane, who became the wife of Robert Pollock, formerly of Indiana county; Robert; and two children who died in youth.

Robert McIsaac, son of Hugh, and father of Hugh A. McIsaac, was born March 29, 1823, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and was four years of age when he was brought to this country by his parents. He had only a limited education, but was observant, made the most of his opportunities, and became a well informed man. At the age of twenty-seven years he was married to Mary McCune, who was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of Alex and Martha (McIntire) McCune, natives of Ireland, and pioneer farming people of Westmoreland county. Mr. McCune died in 1870, and his wife the year following. Their children were: Sarah, who married James Kinley and (second) Harrison Gourley, and lived in Armstrong county; Mary, Mrs. McIsaac; Eliza, who married William McClelland, a merchant of Kittanning, Pa.; James, who farmed the homestead in Westmoreland county; Nancy, who married

Smith White, of Delaware county, N. Y.; Martha, who married Jonathan Doty, of Ashland, Ohio; John, who went to California and later to South America, where he died; and Margaret, who married Samuel Barnett, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

In 1843 Robert McIsaac came with his parents to North Mahoning township, and with them settled down to the hard work incidental to the struggles of a family to gain a foothold in a strange and uncultivated section. Reared to the life of an agriculturist, he continued to follow that vocation throughout his life, and died in 1898 on the old home place, where he had spent his entire mature life. His wife, Mary (McCune), died Dec. 29, 1893, preceding him five years. Mr. McIsaac was an active church worker. He was called upon to write for a number of newspapers, but never entered public life, his ambitions being satisfied by his farm and his home. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: (1) Matilda, born July 24, 1857, is unmarried and living on the old home place. (2) Hugh Alex is mentioned below. (3) Robert James, born January 12, 1862, attended Geneva College, graduating with honors in 1889, following which he took a theological course in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary at Allegheny, Pa. He was superintendent of missions at Knox Academy, Selma, Ala., principal of Knox Academy, and is now located at Beaver Falls, Pa., where he holds a professorship in Geneva College. He married Hannah Howland, and has two sons, Milton, attending Geneva College, and Archibald, a public school student. (4) John Brown, born March 19, 1867, a graduate of Geneva College, is now pastor of the United Presbyterian Church at Leechburg, Pa. He married Matilda Belle Murphy, and has three children, Howard, George and Helen.

Hugh Alex McIsaac received an academic education, following which he taught school for two terms in North Mahoning township, one term in East Mahoning township and one term in Jefferson county, Pa. He was married Aug. 6, 1890, to Mary T. Stewart, of Rayburn township, Armstrong county, Pa., daughter of John D. and Elizabeth (Harris) Stewart, the former of County Donegal, Ireland, son of James Stewart, of Scotland, and grandson of David Stewart. The last named went to Ireland as a young man, and there married Elizabeth Scott, by whom he had seven sons and two daughters. He was a strong Presbyterian, and took his sons regularly to services, the whole party riding horse-

back. James Stewart married Rebecca Dook, and in 1827 they came to America on the sailing vessel "Lazy Manchester," landing at Philadelphia after a voyage of thirteen weeks. They started from that city on the old turnpike, intending to go to Pittsburg, but when they had reached the old Geiger Hotel they were advised not to go further, because of the scarcity of work. In 1830, however, they came as far as Caldwell furnace, in Armstrong county. James and Rebecca Stewart had children as follows: George went to New Orleans, La., and married a planter's daughter, and later went to Kingston, Ga., where both died; David, who married Peggy Oliver and (second) Mary Ann Sirens, was a farmer in Armstrong county; Fannie Ann married Matthew Steele, a flour merchant of Pittsburg; James, a farmer, married Isabella Dill, of Rural Valley, Pa., and had eleven children; John D. was the father of Mrs. McIsaac.

John D. Stewart was married in 1852 to Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Powers) Harris, natives of County Derry, Ireland, and pioneers of Armstrong county, and owners of land near Kittanning, where both died. They were parents of four children: Joseph, who died when about fifteen years of age; a daughter that died in infancy; Elizabeth, Mrs. Stewart, and William, deceased, a farmer, who married Rebecca Powers and had three children.

Mr. Stewart received a public school education, and worked at home until he was twenty-five years of age, at which time he secured a position on the Pennsylvania canal, receiving fourteen dollars per month. Later he purchased a farm in Rayburn township, Armstrong county, and two and a half years later was there married. He continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life, and died in the spring of 1904, his wife having passed away seven years previously. Both were faithful members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. McIsaac have had children as follows: John Stewart, born May 3, 1893, attended the home schools and Indiana normal school, where he was graduated in 1911, taught school for one term in North Mahoning township, and a school at Plumville, and is now attending Geneva College at Beaver Falls, Pa.; Robert Hugh, born April 6, 1897, has been educated in the home schools; Alex

McCune died in infancy Dec. 18, 1902; Mary Elizabeth was born Jan. 29, 1905. Mrs. McIsaac is a woman of character and refinement, and prior to her marriage was for some years engaged in teaching school in Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

In 1905 Mr. McIsaac built his present fine residence, a ten-room home, two and a half stories in height, and his commodious 54 by 54 foot barn, with silo attached, which accommodates twenty head of cattle and six horses. He keeps ordinarily from nine to eighteen thoroughbred Jerseys, with about twelve milch cows, and finds a ready market for his cream in Punxsutawney. His hogs are of the Chester White breed, and a fine flock of Plymouth Rock and Wyandotte chickens gives evidence of his skill as a poultryman. About 100 of his 170 acres are under the plow, and "Morven Farm," as it is known, is one of the most valuable of its size in North Mahoning township. Among his business associates Mr. McIsaac is known as a man who can be thoroughly and implicitly relied upon; as a citizen he assists all movements tending toward good government, while his wide circle of friends will willingly testify to the fact that, having succeeded himself, he is ever ready to lend a helping hand to others who are trying to succeed.

GEORGE HUNTER, M. D., one of the leading medical practitioners of Blairsville, Indiana county, is accounted one of the most public-spirited citizens of that borough. His uncle, Dr. William Hunter, was for years one of the foremost physicians in this section of the country, and he has maintained the high reputation of the name in the medical profession by his own skillful and conscientious services to a wide circle of patients.

Dr. Hunter is a native of the State of Indiana, born Sept. 27, 1863, at Idaville, where his parents had settled some time previously. His grandfather, James D. Hunter, was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, where he grew to manhood, and there married Nancy Dougherty. In 1838 the family came to America, locating at Greensburg, Pa., where Mr. Hunter made a permanent home, there spending the remainder of his life. He died there in 1851; his wife survived him until 1881.

Thomas Hunter, son of James D. Hunter, was born in Greensburg, and there grew to manhood. He learned the trade of painter, which he followed both in his native town

and in Philadelphia. Moving West to the State of Indiana, he located at Idaville, where he followed his trade until his death, which occurred Aug. 28, 1872, while he was still in the prime of his life; he was buried there. Mr. Hunter was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and a Republican in politics. His first wife, Elizabeth (Dimmit), died May 11, 1854, and is buried at Idaville. She was the mother of three children: William J., who resides in Idaville, Ind.; Levina, who married Jonathan Ireland; and a child that died in infancy. Thomas Hunter married for his second wife Lavina Dimmit, sister of his first wife, and she died Sept. 4, 1872, and is buried in Idaville. She was a member of the U. P. Church. The following children were born to this union: Joseph, who resides in the State of Indiana; Frank, who is a farmer at Andover, Ashtabula Co., Ohio; George; Anna; John Wesley, who died young; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Sherif, of Blairsville, Pa.; Amanda, who married David Forest; and Ida M., who died Sept. 22, 1872, in infancy.

George Hunter was only in his ninth year when he lost both his father and mother by death. He and his sister Elizabeth were taken to Blairsville by their uncle, Dr. William Hunter, and at Blairsville the young orphan began his education, first attending the public school. He also studied in the Blairsville academy, and eventually took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of his uncle, Dr. Hunter. Later he entered Hahnemann Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1886, with the degree of M. D. Returning to Blairsville he practiced his chosen calling for a while with his uncle, and then opened an office of his own, on North Walnut street, where he has been located ever since. His devotion to his work, and the confidence his experience and skill have created, has increased his patronage until his practice is very extensive. Though his professional work occupies the greater part of his time, and he also has farming interests, he has taken opportunity to serve his fellow citizens in a public capacity, having been a member of the street committee and being at present a member of the borough council. In political connection he is a Republican. He is an influential member of the United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville, of which he is elder.

On Nov. 18, 1896, Dr. Hunter was married in Blairsville to May Eleanor Lintner, a

native of Blairsville, daughter of J. P. and Violet Lintner. Mrs. Hunter is also a member of the United Presbyterian Church and much interested in church work.

REV. JOHN W. FYOOCK, pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Green township, Indiana county, and also engaged in farming there, is a well-known resident of that section, doing good work in his ministerial capacity and highly esteemed as a man of honorable character and the good qualities which make for useful citizenship. He was born in Green township Jan. 22, 1861, son of David and Catherine (Wise) Fyock, grandson of John Fyock and great-grandson of David Fyock. David Fyock and his son John moved into this region at an early day, from Somerset county, Pa. They are buried in the cemetery at Taylorsville, in Green township. John Fyock bought land in that township, which he farmed until his death; he and his father were blacksmiths as well as farmers, and followed that trade in connection with agricultural work.

David Fyock, father of Rev. John W. Fyock, was born in Somerset county, and came with his father to Green township when quite young. He passed the rest of his life there, farming until his death, which occurred in 1893. He married Catherine Wise, daughter of Solomon Wise, an early settler in this part of Indiana county, who followed farming in Green township. Mrs. Fyock died in 1865. She was the mother of five children, the eldest being Tillie M., wife of Edward Donahey, a resident of Grant township, this county; Benjamin lives in Johnstown, Pa.; John W. is mentioned below; Catherine and Moses are deceased.

John W. Fyock obtained his early education in the common schools of Green township. He began farming in boyhood, and followed it for several years before he entered upon his regular preparation for the ministry, in 1892. His first pastorate was the Manor congregation in Green township, and he is now pastor of the Church of the Brethren in that township, where his work has been very successful.

On April 2, 1885, Mr. Fyock was married to Elvira Minser, a native of Lawrence county, Pa., daughter of Mark and Elizabeth (Stanley) Minser, who came to Indiana county and lived in Green township for thirty years. Mr. Minser is deceased, and Mrs. Minser, now (1912) eighty-four years old, makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Fyock.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fyock: Earl, the eldest, was accidentally killed when seven years old, having been run over by a wagon; Bessie E. is the wife of Bert Fyock, a resident of Grant township; Ray L. is engaged in teaching public school in Green township; Mark G., Anna Mary and Ira J. are at home.

ADAM T. STIVER, who is engaged in general farming operations in Canoe township, Indiana county, where he is also a member of the board of supervisors, was born near McKeesport, Pa., April 22, 1856, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lutz) Stiver.

Daniel Stiver, father of Adam T. Stiver, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., and was there married to Elizabeth Lutz, a native of Hersburg, Germany. Moving to Indiana county, they settled on a farm of seventy-two acres located in Canoe township, a wild and unimproved tract, on which not a furrow had been turned. He erected a log cabin, and with characteristic energy began the development of his land, which in course of time was made to yield him abundant harvests. There he continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred when he was seventy-two years of age. In his youth he had not been able to gain many advantages of an educational nature, but close observation in later years, in connection with much reading, made him an exceedingly well-informed man, and he was known for his many excellencies of mind and heart. His first wife died at the age of forty-four years, and he was married (second) to Louisa Mickel, of Canoe township, who is still living. Mr. Stiver and his first wife had a family of thirteen children, namely: Adam T.; David, deceased, who married Mrs. Kate Toy, widow of Harvey Toy; Annie, who married Park Loyd, and both are deceased; Abraham, who is engaged in farming in North Mahoning township; William, also a farmer in that district, who married Melinda Wining; Belle, who married Samuel Law, of Horatio, Pa.; Margaret, who married William Smith, of Juneau, Pa.; Daniel, who died young; Emma, deceased, who married Joe Neal, of Horatio, Pa.; Aaron, farming a part of the homestead in Canoe township, who married Annie Walker; Ella, who married W. C. White, of Canoe township; Lizzie, deceased, who was the wife of George

Lyke; and a daughter who died in infancy. Mr. Stiver and both his wives were members of the Evangelical Association.

Adam T. Stiver, son of Daniel Stiver, went to the home schools when he could be spared from the work of the farm, his boyhood having been one of constant industry and hard, unremitting toil. The scenes and experiences of pioneer life in Indiana county are familiar to him, and when he was in his youth the wild and unimproved condition of this section gave but little indication of the rapid changes which were to work so wonderful a transformation. He continued to remain on the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age. On July 27, 1882, he was married to Eva Hefflick, of Canoe township, daughter of John and Eliza (Emerick) Hefflick, natives of Germany who came to the United States and settled in Canoe township. They spent the remainder of their lives in this section, and their son David and daughter Mary now live on the homestead. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stiver: (1) Walter E., the eldest, born Sept. 21, 1884, was educated in the public schools and the select summer schools, and was graduated from the State normal school, at Indiana, in 1910. For several years before his graduation he was engaged in teaching, and has since continued to follow the profession, having taught the Crawford school, a room at Rossiter, the Henry school, the Canoe school (all in Canoe township), at New Alexandria, in Westmoreland county, the Doty school in Grant township, and in the schools at Richmond, where he is now located. (2) Samuel Lee, the second child, was born July 22, 1886, was educated in the home and select schools, and also took up the vocation of educator, now being engaged in the Widdowson school. (3) Edna Ruth, the youngest, born Sept. 17, 1900, attended the home schools and is now engaged in pursuing her musical studies, for which she has shown considerable talent.

After his marriage Mr. Stiver purchased seventeen acres of the old homestead, on which he has made numerous improvements, and in addition to which he owns fifteen acres at Locust Lane, Pa. He has carried on general farming, and has been uniformly successful in his ventures. The high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens has been evidenced by his election to numerous township offices. In 1888 he was chosen a member of the board of supervisors of Canoe township, and several times since. He has

also held the offices of overseer of the poor, school director, inspector, road master, treasurer of the school board, and collected the road taxes, and at this time is efficiently serving in the capacity of supervisor. He has always been a staunch supporter of Democratic principles and candidates. Mr. Stiver has also found time to devote to church work, attending St. Mark's United Evangelical Church, at Juneau, where he has acted as class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school.

**THEODORE M. DONAHEY**, of Tunnelton, Indiana county, general merchant and farmer, has a high reputation in his section for business ability and honor. He is a native of the county, born Feb. 17, 1856, in Young township, son of Samuel C. Donahey and grandson of William and Sarah (Clawson) Donahey, who had a large family, namely: Samuel C., Richard, Benjamin, Joseph, Andrew, Ross, Ellis, William, Mary Ann, Rebecca, Sarah and Jane.

Samuel C. Donahey was born Feb. 6, 1822, in Young township, this county, and there followed farming and stock raising all his life, for many years also dealing in live stock, shipping to Philadelphia. He cultivated a farm of nearly two hundred acres, and was a successful and progressive man, though quiet in disposition and thoroughly unassuming. He was interested in anything he believed would contribute to the general good, and was a generous supporter of the Hopewell M. E. Church in Blacklick township. He was a strong believer in the principles of the Democratic party. On March 5, 1846, Mr. Donahey married Lavina Clawson, who was born in Young township, July 15, 1825, and died June 10, 1897. Mr. Donahey survived her, passing away Dec. 24, 1907. They are buried in the Hopewell M. E. Church cemetery. Children as follows were born to them: (1) William Albert, born Jan. 9, 1847, married Sarah Thompson and (second) Sarah Ann Rosenberger. He resides at Tunnelton. (2) Sarah Jane, born Jan. 12, 1849, died Jan. 9, 1911, unmarried. (3) Richard Milton, born July 9, 1852, died Sept. 14, 1870. (4) Theodore M. is mentioned below. (5) Anna Mary, born Oct. 28, 1858, married Robert Montgomery Sheffler, a blacksmith and farmer living at West Lebanon, this county. (6) Samuel Henry, born Nov. 13, 1861, married Anna Belle Morton. (7) John Clark, born Feb. 6, 1867, married Sarah M. Fulton, daughter of Joseph H. and Eliza-

beth (Coulter) Fulton, and they have one son, Arthur LeRoy, born April 19, 1894. Mr. Donahey is in the trucking business in the borough of Indiana, in partnership with his brother Samuel.

Theodore M. Donahey first attended the common schools in Young township, and later continued his studies at the Eldersridge academy and the Indiana (Pa.) State normal school. He was engaged in teaching school for fourteen years, in Young township, Clarksburg, this county, Armstrong township, Conemaugh township and Jacksonville—all in Indiana county. He then (during the administration of President Cleveland) moved to Petersburg, Va., and for a period of six years carried on the mercantile business there, in 1898 returning to Young township, Indiana Co., Pa. After devoting himself to farming for a short time he moved to Tunnelton, in Conemaugh township, where he bought the general store of David Duncan, and has since been doing a thriving business at that point as butcher and general merchant. He owns a farm of sixty-two acres near by, which he cultivates, and he raises a large number of fine horses, in which line he has been highly successful. In fact, he has done well in all his undertakings, and is one of the most prosperous citizens in his section. He is a Democrat in politics and a Presbyterian in religion.

Mr. Donahey was married in September, 1895, to Levina Logan Gould, daughter of Josiah Gould, of Petersburg, Va. They have no children.

**AUSTIN WEAMER CLOWES**, a stockholder and director of the Second National Bank of Plumville, and a farmer of South Mahoning township, was born in Washington township, this county, July 29, 1857.

The Clowes family is of Welsh origin. Isaac Clowes, the first of the name of whom there is definite knowledge, married Anna Conner.

John Clowes, a son of Isaac Clowes, was born in Sussex county, Del., Jan. 15, 1798, and grew to manhood in his native county. In 1820 he came to Indiana county, locating in Washington township on a farm which later became the property of William Sutton. Having learned carding and weaving prior to leaving Delaware, John Clowes followed this line of work in his new home and built a mill to manufacture woollens on his farm. He was a man of affairs for his day, owned and operated 300 acres of land, and made improvements as they were required. His first

house was built of round logs, as was his barn. In 1836 he sold his first farm and bought another, on which he died in October, 1880, aged eighty-two years; he was buried in the cemetery connected with the United Presbyterian Church of Washington township. While not connected with any religious denomination, he lived according to the Golden Rule and was a most excellent man.

In 1829 John Clowes married Sarah Hicks, a daughter of Isaac Hicks, and she died in 1866, being buried in the same cemetery as her husband. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The following children were born to John Clowes and his wife: Louise, who married George Lutz, of Rayne township; Hannah, who married William Jamison; Lucinda, who married David Adams; Jacob; Isaac; Elsie, who married Reuben Heyes; David, who was a soldier during the Civil war, now living on the old homestead; John, who settled in Iowa; and Sarah, who is the widow of Archibald McAdoo, of Young township.

Jacob Clowes, son of John Clowes, and father of Austin Weamer Clowes, was born in Washington township in 1834, and was reared and educated in his native place. He worked on the home farm until he came of age, at which period he began farming for himself on eighty-seven acres of land in Washington township. After operating this property for a time he added other land, being the possessor of 180 acres at the time of his death, which occurred on his homestead in 1892. His remains were interred in the Lutheran Church cemetery at Five Points. A good Lutheran, he gave his hearty support to the church, and being a temperate man was a member of the Prohibition party. For some time he was a school director, and did his full duty wherever placed. During the Civil war, he served his country for one year as a private in the same company as his brother David, and was never found lacking in any respect.

Jacob Clowes married Mary Weamer, who was born in South Mahoning township, daughter of Jacob Weamer and sister of Andrew Weamer, of South Mahoning township. She died at the home of her daughter in Vandergrift, Pa., a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. The children of Jacob Clowes and wife were: J. Clark, who was a carpenter, resides in Michigan; Albert died when three months old; Austin Weamer is mentioned below; Orville M. married S. R. Coulterby, of Vandergrift; Sarah Emma mar-

ried Matthew McCreary; Altha May married Michael Mench; Adda married James Peterman; Jay R. married Mary McCracken, of South Mahoning township, and resides at Denver, Colo.; Ferna Edith married Jack Fisher.

Austin Weamer Clowes received a good common school education and worked at home until 1881, when he came to South Mahoning township, and located on a farm not far from the Armstrong county line. This farm contained 122 acres of land and was formerly owned by Rev. Aaron Neff. For the last thirty-one years Mr. Clowes has been engaged in farming on his property, which he has developed to a considerable extent, and in the raising of high-grade stock. He not only sells his own product but also deals quite extensively in cattle which he buys. His handsome frame house was built by him, and he has in contemplation other improvements. While a busy man of affairs, he found time for a trip through the West with his wife, thus broadening his outlook and adding to his fund of experience. In addition to his agricultural interests, he is a stockholder and director of the Second National Bank of Plumville. An independent in political faith, he has served as a school director, supervisor and election inspector. The Baptist Church holds his membership, and receives his generous support.

On Oct. 9, 1879, Mr. Clowes was married to Agnes J. Neff, of South Mahoning township, a daughter of J. J. and Agnes (Davis) Neff, and a niece of Rev. Aaron Neff, who was a well-known Baptist divine of South Mahoning township in his day. Mrs. Clowes made her home with him prior to her marriage, and was trained by him in high Christian ideals. Mr. and Mrs. Clowes have had the following children: Arthur N., who died of heart trouble May 15, 1906, and is buried in the cemetery connected with the Baptist Church in South Mahoning township; Anna, who married Henry Marshall, of Henry county, Ill.; Mabel Emma, who is at home; Alice Blanch, who lives in Henry county, Ill.; Homer J., an electrician, of Pittsburg, and Benlah, Hazel and Wade, at home.

W. L. SHIELDS, M. D., of Jacksonville, Indiana county, has been engaged in the practice of medicine there twenty-four years, and is one of the active citizens of that borough, not only as a professional man of the highest standing but also in his connection with local interests of a public nature. He was



born in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, Feb. 3, 1863, son of Ralph G. Shields and grandson of James Shields. The latter was a native of Ireland and settled in Washington township, this county, where he lived and died. He acquired land and followed farming.

Ralph G. Shields, son of James, was born in Washington township and grew to manhood there. He learned blacksmithing and followed that occupation for a long period at Plumville, in South Mahoning township, where he remained to the end of his days. He is buried in Plumville cemetery. Mr. Shields was a Presbyterian in religious connection, and politically a Republican. His first wife, Mary Lydiek, daughter of William B. Lydiek, died in 1864, and he married (second) Sarah Streams or Stearns. There were two children by the first marriage, W. L. and a daughter that died in infancy. By the second union there were three: Anna, who married Samuel McClain (Mack) Miller, of Center township; Elda, who married Charles Hookey; and Blair, of Pittsburg.

W. L. Shields obtained his early education in the public schools and attended Glade Run academy, at Dayton, Armstrong county, and for five years was engaged in teaching in public school in South Mahoning township and at summer normal. He began his medical course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, which he attended in 1881-82, later studied at the Southeastern Tennessee College from 1882 to 1884, and afterward attended the University of Kentucky at Louisville, graduating from that institution in 1885, with the degree of M. D. He practiced for a time at Louisville, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn., and then located at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he remained a few years, in 1889 coming to Jacksonville, Indiana county, where he succeeded Dr. W. R. Reed. He has been a conscientious physician, and has the esteem and patronage of a wide circle in the vicinity, where he is known and trusted as a friend as well as in his professional capacity. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Society and of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and for ten years was a member of the United States pension examining board for Indiana county. He has served in various other public positions, having been school director for eighteen years, during which time he has been president and secretary of the board and one of its most efficient members; and he has been a member of the borough council of Jackson-

ville. He is a Republican politically, and in religious connection is a Presbyterian, being a valued member of the church, of which he is at present a trustee. Fraternally he holds membership in the I. O. O. F.

In 1885 Dr. Shields married Nancy Bowser, of Plumville, daughter of Anderson and Mary (Templeton) Bowser, and she died at Jacksonville and is buried at Plumville. She was the mother of three children: Jay H., who is manager for the Mahoning Supply Company, at Lucerne, Indiana county; Edith, and Anna Martha. Dr. Shields' second marriage was to Lizzie Cunningham, daughter of Robert Cunningham, of Young township, Indiana county, and they have had four children: Robert DeL., Dorothy, Ralph (who died young), and William (who died young).

JAY H. SHIELDS, who is one of the well-known young men in his district, was born at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa., Aug. 11, 1886. He attended Eldersridge academy when a boy and for several sessions studied at the Indiana State normal school, taking up a business course. For three terms he taught school, two in Blacklick township and one in Center township. Following this he went with the Ridge Supply Company at Tselin, as bookkeeper, and continued there for a period of four years, at the end of which he went to Chambersville, Pa., for one year. For some time following he was with the Seneca Mercantile Company and from their employ changed to the Jefferson Supply Company, at Ernest, Pa. After remaining with that company until October, 1911, he accepted his present position as manager of the Mahoning Supply Company at Lucerne, which is among the largest houses in Indiana county and does a large business. He married Sara Leinbach, daughter of the late Daniel Leinbach, and they have one son, William J. Mr. Shields is a member of Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M., and Indiana Lodge of Elks. He is a Presbyterian in religious connection.

HENRY E. RONEY, a merchant of Trade City, Indiana county, was born at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of William G. and Elizabeth (Smith) Roney. Robert Roney, his grandfather, was a farmer of Westmoreland county, Pa., where he died.

William G. Roney was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., while his wife was a native of Jefferson county. He grew up in his native county, and in young manhood went to Punxsutawney, Pa., where he engaged in

lumbering until the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted during the first years of the conflict in Company L, 114th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and was honorably discharged after three years of faithful service. Returning to Pennsylvania he went to Kittanning. Securing a farm in East Franklin township, Armstrong county, he lived upon it until 1885, when he came to North Mahoning township, this county, and here died. While living in Armstrong county William G. Roney served as county auditor, as supervisor of his township and held other lesser offices. He was active in the ranks of the Republican party. In religious matters he was a Baptist. He and his wife, who is also deceased, became the parents of the following children: John, deceased, was a blacksmith at Slatelick, Pa., being in business for years with his brother Robert, and went to McKeesport, Pa.; he married Fannie Henry. Robert, after leaving his brother John, went into an undertaking and furniture business at Kittanning, Pa., and is now in the wagon business at Latrobe, Pa.; he married Lizzie Rhodes. Mary married Martin Connelly and (second) George Sayers, both of whom are deceased, and she is now living at Lock Haven, Pa. William T., who lives at Du Bois, Pa., has been with John DuBois for thirty-three years, as filer; he married Abbie Yoder. Jane married Smith Rudolph, and is deceased. James H., chief of police of Du Bois, Pa., for nine years, a director of the B. R. & P. Railroad Co., lives at DuBois, Pa.; he married Nannie Weston. Sarah Edith, who married George Shields, of Covode, is deceased. Henry E. completes the family.

Henry E. Roney was sent to the local schools and was engaged at farm work in his young manhood. In 1901 he engaged with the J. B. Eberhart Company, of Punxsutawney, and continued with that concern for nine years, conducting the carpet and furniture department. At the expiration of this period Mr. Roney came to Trade City and bought the general merchandise business owned by T. S. Neal, and has since continued it with gratifying results, as he now has a large and constantly increasing business, and carries a fine stock of goods. In addition to his private business interests Mr. Roney discharges the duties of postmaster at Trade City and is an efficient official. He is a member of the Knights of Malta at Punxsutawney and the Royal Arcanum of the same place. The First English Lutheran Church of Trade City holds his

membership, and he not only teaches a Sunday school class, but is interested in church work.

On Dec. 29, 1894, Mr. Roney was married to Anna M. Martin, of Trade City, a daughter of Philip J. and Catherine Martin, the former of whom is deceased, but the latter survives, living on the old homestead south of Trade City. Mr. and Mrs. Roney have four children: Millie, Effie, Ellsworth and Myrtle. Mr. Roney is admittedly one of the leading men of Trade City, and his position has been fairly won through faithful service and honorable methods.

T. D. STEPHENS, M. D., of Penn Run, Indiana county, is a native of that place, born Aug. 4, 1869, son of John and Mary Jane (Lockard) Stephens. His grandfather, Thomas Stephens, was a farmer at Penn Run, which is in Cherryhill township, and his wife was a member of the McPheeters family of that place. The Stephens and Lockard families are both of Scotch-Irish extraction.

John and Mary Jane (Lockard) Stephens were farming people of Penn Run. They had a family of five children, two sons and three daughters, namely: Emma, who is the wife of Frank Moorhead, of Indiana, Pa.; Margaret, wife of George Lowman, of Penn Run; Almira, wife of Johnson Moorhead, of Cherryhill township; T. D.; and Shadwick or Chadwick, who died in infancy. Mrs. Mary Jane (Lockard) Stephens had relatives who entered the service during the Civil war and died while in the army.

T. D. Stephens began his education in the local public schools, later attending summer normal at Greenville, Indiana county, and the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. He studied medicine at the University of Pittsburg, receiving his degree of M. D. in March, 1895. Dr. Stephens is one of the most active physicians in Indiana county. He is so well and favorably known as a physician that his services are sought by many outside his own territory. He is at present a member of the Indiana County Medical Examination Board.

Dr. Stephens is active not only in his profession, but equally so in all movements that are for the best interests of the community in which he lives. For years he has taken an active part in politics. He is a Republican, and has always stood for clean politics. He is an energetic worker in the Harmony Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member.

While taking the teachers' training course

prescribed by the State Dr. Stephens was the teacher of the class, and passed his examinations with a perfect grade. At present he is a trustee of the Greenville Select School. He has always upheld the cause of education. He displayed his ability as pupil and teacher in the public schools. As a supporter of the select schools of his own town he cannot be too highly spoken of. The large attendance of the Greenville school for the last fifteen years is due in a great measure to his efforts. He not only solicits students for the school, but gives them medical attention free of charge while they are students there. The writer remembers that during an epidemic of measles all the students who were afflicted received medical aid from him gratis. He is unselfish and extremely liberal, always ready to assist students in their games, or in anything that may bring sunshine into their lives.

The Doctor has a wide circle of patients and is highly esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact, whether in his professional capacity or any of the other relations of life, being recognized as a man of character and worth, and an honorable representative of the respected name he bears.

On June 27, 1895, Dr. Stephens was married to Martha Jane Simpson, daughter of Nathan Simpson, of Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Stephens have two children: Roy S., born June 4, 1899, and Drew H., born March 2, 1901.

JOHN HARBISON, late of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was a member of one of the oldest pioneer families of that section, and was born on Blacklegs creek, in Young township, in the twenties, son of Joseph Harbison and grandson of Francis Harbison. It is supposed the latter's father was stolen from the coast of England and brought to America as a deckhand, presumably impressed into service. He escaped from the ship on which he was held at either New York or Philadelphia.

The Harbison family is supposedly of Scotch-Irish extraction, and Francis Harbison, who founded the branch living in Indiana county, was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Philadelphia. During the memorable struggle of the Colonies for independence he served as a soldier, and was taken prisoner. In 1798 he came to western Pennsylvania, crossing the Allegheny mountains and settling with his family in what is now Young township, Indiana county, where he

was among the early pioneers who opened up this region. His land was south of West Lebanon, where the station is now located, and he became the owner of a large body, having over one thousand acres, then in its primitive condition. He built a house of round logs, and also a log barn, and set himself to work to clear his land and prepare it for cultivation. He spent the remainder of his life there, dying on his farm in 1823, at the age of sixty-five years, and is buried in the Ebenezer Church cemetery in Conemaugh township. He was a Presbyterian in religious connection. His wife, Catherine (Hart), lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying in 1849, and is also buried in the Ebenezer Church cemetery. They had children as follows: Joseph, mentioned below; Robert, born in 1785, who married Mary Millen, and died in 1855; Mary, who married Thomas Cunningham; Jane, who married James Ewing; Anna; William, who married Sarah Hutchinson; Sarah, who married William McNeil; and Matthew, who married Mary Heny.

Joseph Harbison, eldest son of Francis and Catherine (Hart) Harbison, came with his parents to Young township and became one of the leading agriculturists of his day in that vicinity. He acquired a tract of several hundred acres. His first dwelling was constructed of logs, and he later erected a frame house and barn, also making many other improvements on his property, where he spent his life. The frame residence which he built there in the latter forties is still standing and is in an excellent state of preservation. Mr. Harbison died on his place and was buried in West Lebanon cemetery. He was a strong antislavery man, a Whig and Republican in political sentiment, and served as justice of the peace. A prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, he served as elder of the church at West Lebanon, which he helped to organize; he was originally a member of the church at Eldersridge. He was a man of high Christian character, devoted to his home, his family and the best interests of the community, and was a desirable citizen in every sense of the term. His wife, Rebecca (Ewing), was a daughter of John and Sarah (Moore) Ewing and a sister of Alexander Ewing, one of her nephews being the late Rev. T. R. Ewing. Mrs. Harbison died on the farm and was interred in the West Lebanon cemetery. She was a member of the

Presbyterian Church. Eight children were born to Joseph and Rebecca (Ewing) Harbison: Anna, wife of Silas Fulton; Sarah, wife of Joseph Cunningham; William, born in 1814, who died March 6, 1850; Mary, wife of William Cooper, residing at Slippery Rock, Butler Co., Pa.; Francis, who married Parmelia Cooper, and resided in Young township; Catherine, who died unmarried; John, who married Elizabeth Beatty; and Jane, who died unmarried.

John Harbison attended common school in Young township, and became familiar with farm work at home, assisting his parents. When a young man he bought a threshing machine and commenced to work at threshing and baling all over this section, a line of work which he continued to carry on all his life. He also became interested in farming on his own account, in 1862 moving to Armstrong township and settling on the Beatty farm of 124 acres, which he subsequently bought from the Beatty heirs, establishing his permanent home upon this tract. His widow still resides there, cultivating the land with the assistance of hired help. She also owns the coal rights. Mr. Harbison was one of the most respected citizens of his neighborhood, where by a long life of industry and usefulness he had gained the esteem of all who knew him. He died in May, 1896, aged seventy-two years, and is buried in the cemetery of the Curry Run Presbyterian Church in Armstrong township. He was a member of that church.

Mr. Harbison married Elizabeth Beatty, who was born Dec. 7, 1830, in Armstrong township, daughter of Robert and Nancy (Borland) Beatty, and though now eighty-two years of age is in possession of all her faculties, active mentally and physically. She is regarded by all her neighbors as a woman of high character and intelligence. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harbison: Maria M., deceased, who was the wife of Harry McClellan; Mary A., deceased; R. Edwin, deceased, who was a school teacher in Armstrong township; and Martha J., the only survivor of the family. The last named attended common school in Armstrong township and later went to select schools at Parkwood and Shelocta, and to Grove City College. After teaching five terms in Armstrong township and for a time in the high school at Saltsburg she went back to Grove City College for another term's study, and she has since been teaching eighth grade in the McNair school at

Wilksburg, Pa., where she has now been engaged for eight years. She has been very successful, and is a valued worker.

HARRY PATTON DOWLER, superintendent of the Penn-Mary Coal Company, at Heilwood, Indiana Co., Pa., is a native of Clearfield county, this State, born June 5, 1869, a son of Capt. James and Cornelia (Patton) Dowler.

Capt. James Dowler was born in Ireland, and as a lad was taken to England by his father, a guardsman in the British Reserves. On coming to the United States, Capt. James Dowler first located in New York City, where he remained for two years, at the end of that time coming to Clearfield county, Pa., where he was engaged in lumbering and farming up to the time of his death, in 1904. He married Cornelia Patton, who was born in Center county, Pa., and she died in 1907, the mother of ten children, as follows: William, now deceased, who was a physician and surgeon of Patton, Pa.; Susanna, wife of James Martin, living on the old homestead in Clearfield county; John, residing at Burnside, Clearfield county; Elizabeth, also a resident of Burnside; James, who lives in West Virginia; Josephine, wife of Ellery Harts-horn, of Texas; Harry Patton; and three who are deceased.

John Patton, maternal grandfather of Harry Patton Dowler, was a native of Center county, Pa., where he owned considerable land. His father was a member of General Washington's bodyguard during the war of the Revolution, being colonel of the 16th Additional Continental Regiment, and subsequently becoming major general of a division of the State militia. He had charge of the defenses of Philadelphia during the Revolution, and was one of the most patriotic merchants of that city, where he died in the year 1804. His wife, Susan (Antes), was a daughter of Philip Antes, an early settler of Pennsylvania and a well-known justice of his day.

The early education of Harry Patton Dowler was obtained in the public schools of Clearfield county, and in 1894 he was graduated from the Pennsylvania State College in mining engineering, subsequently accepting a position with the Mitchell Coal Company, at Tyrone, Pa., where he remained four years. During this time, in 1898, he served as first lieutenant in the State Cavalry, 2d Sheridan Troop. From 1899 to 1900 he was engaged in coal operations at Glen Campbell,



*R. P. Howler*



and then went to Pittsburg, where he started dealing in coal and timber lands, and was so employed until 1906, in the spring of which year he accepted his present position as superintendent of the Penn-Mary Coal Company. Mr. Dowler is also president of the Lasoya Oil Company, of Oklahoma, and a director of the First National Bank of Glen Campbell. He is known as a capable business man, and one who is thoroughly conversant with the mining industry. He belongs to the Coal Mining Institute of America, and to the Engineers' Society of Western Pennsylvania, and also to the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

In 1898 Mr. Dowler was married to Emeline Patchin, who was born in Clearfield county, Pa., daughter of Aaron W. and Elizabeth (Barrett) Patchin. Mr. Patchin, who was one of the most extensive lumbermen on the Susquehanna river, died in 1898, while his widow, a native of England, still lives on the old family homestead. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dowler: Aaron P., eleven years old; Elizabeth Jane, who is seven; and Mary Winifred, aged four years.

Mr. Dowler has interested himself closely with fraternal matters and is especially prominent in Masonry, holding membership in Tyrone Blue Lodge and Chapter, Mountain Commandery, K. T., of Altoona, Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree), and Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburg. He also belongs to Burnside Lodge of Odd Fellows and to the B. P. O. Elks lodge at Indiana. With Mrs. Dowler and their children he attends the Presbyterian Church of Heilwood.

ALVIN TAYLOR McNUTT, proprietor of the Orchard Grove farm of Brushvalley township, which has been in the McNutt family for five generations, is one of the progressive farmers of that section of Indiana county. He was born Nov. 17, 1854, on the farm where he now makes his home.

The McNutt family is of Scotch-Irish extraction, the founder of the Indiana county branch being James McNutt, who was a native of Ireland, and came to this country at an early date. He settled in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, which was then a wilderness. Here he took up a tract of 500 acres, which later was patented by his son John. Mr. McNutt here erected a log house, and by hard labor hewed out a home for himself in the wilderness, settling down to farm-

ing. He continued to make his home there the rest of his life. A part of his farm is now owned by Mr. John G. McCrory, the well-known owner of a chain of five and ten cent stores. Mr. McNutt died on the farm and was buried in what is known as Matters graveyard, near the homestead. In religious belief he was a Methodist.

Mr. McNutt married Sally Amatage, who was also a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of twelve children, viz.: John; Joseph; Wesley; James; Henry, who settled in Ohio; Asbury, who died young; Robert, who settled in New Orleans; Samuel, Nelson and William, who all died in infancy; Miram, who married Jesse Hiner; and Betsey M., who died young.

Joseph McNutt, son of James, was born on the old homestead, where he grew to manhood. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed during his active life. In his earlier years he worked at his trade in different sections of the State, but later in life he settled down in Brushvalley township, where he erected a shop on a part of his father's farm and here followed his trade as a general blacksmith for many years. His last years were spent in Johnstown, where his death occurred, and he was buried there. Mr. McNutt married in Brushvalley township Elizabeth (Betsey) Evans, daughter of Hugh Evans, who was a pioneer settler of that township. Children as follows came to this union: Mary Ann, who married Robert Swarts, of Brushvalley township; John E.; Hugh, who went West; Hannah, who married Jacob McKay; Sarah, who married James Summerville; and Samuel, who resided in Boswell, Cambria county. After his first wife's death Mr. McNutt was married (second) to Margaret Gebhart, and they had four children, Lizzie, Catherine, Jane and Elmer.

John Evans McNutt, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Evans) McNutt, was born in Brushvalley township, where he was educated. He worked at farming from an early age, and when he reached manhood settled on the farm of his uncle, John McNutt, where the remainder of his active life was spent. The place is now in the possession of his son, Alvin Taylor McNutt, and it is known as Orchard Grove farm. He here operated a tract of 100 acres, engaging in general farming all his active life. Upon his retirement Mr. McNutt removed to Mechanicsburg, and continued to live there until his death, in September, 1891; he was buried in the Evans cemetery, in Brushvalley township. In politics he was a

stanch Republican, and he was assessor and supervisor of his township. He was a member of the M. E. Church and was active in all church work.

Mr. McNutt married Catharine McNutt, daughter of John McNutt, who for years was a well-known local preacher and exhorter of the M. E. Church, and who was the owner and patentee of the land taken up by his father in Brushvalley township. Mrs. McNutt is still living, residing with her grandchildren in Center township, near Homer City. She is a member of the M. E. Church also. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McNutt: (1) Edward, who died at Blairsville, was a farmer in Burrell township. He married Lizzie Younkun. (2) Alvin Taylor is mentioned below.

Alvin Taylor McNutt received his education in the schools of the township, and grew to manhood on the farm where he aided his father in the cultivating of the homestead. In 1889, when his father retired, he took charge of the property, then a tract of 100 acres, to which he has added 130 acres, being now the owner and operator of a tract of 230 acres, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising. He has made extensive improvements on the farm, and is one of the most progressive and successful agriculturists in his part of the county.

Mr. McNutt married March 4, 1879, Lucinda Smith, who was born in Allegheny, Pa., daughter of John and Amy (Cross) Smith. Mrs. McNutt is a member of the Evangelical Church. She has always been a devoted and affectionate mother, and her husband has always had in her a loving helpmate. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McNutt, viz.: (1) Alvin Gilford died at the age of nine years. (2) Etta Maude, born July 17, 1881, married Charles Ross, and has four children, Cora Bela, Warden Melvin, Wilda Adeline and Orlene Retula. (3) One child died in infancy. (4) George Taylor, born March 2, 1884, was educated in the public schools and worked at home with his parents until 1911, when he went to Alberta, Canada, and he is now a ranchman in Montana. He is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. (5) Annie Catharine, born Sept. 21, 1890, was educated in the public schools and the summer normal school taught by Prof. J. T. Stewart. She resides at home. (6) John Smith, born Oct. 16, 1891, received his early education in the public schools of Brushvalley township, later studying at Greenville, Pa., under Professor Weaver, and

at Mechanicsburg, Pa., under Prof. C. A. Campbell. He taught school for two years in Brushvalley and Buffington townships, and is now a student at the Illinois Holiness University at Olivet, Illinois, preparing himself for the life of a missionary. (7) Robert Vivian, born Sept. 16, 1897, was also educated in the public schools of Brushvalley township, and resides at home.

Mr. Alvin T. McNutt is a Republican in politics. He is a stanch supporter of the principles of Colonel Roosevelt, and one of his most ardent admirers. He has been director of the public schools of his township for one term.

GEORGE S. GRIFFITH, a prosperous farmer and stock raiser of his section of Indiana county, was born in South Mahoning township Feb. 22, 1861, son of David Griffith.

Evan Griffith, a native of South Wales, brought his family to America in 1840, in a sailing vessel. Coming to Pennsylvania, they first settled in Rayne township, Indiana county, and followed farming, but later the parents went to Cambria county, where they rounded out their lives, owning the farm on which they died. Evan Griffith and his wife Mary had these children: Evan, who settled in California; John, who settled in Illinois; Griffith, who settled in Cambria county; Lewis, who died young; Daniel, who settled in Conemangh township; David, who settled in Indiana county; Mary, who died in Cambria county; Sarah, who died in Cambria county; Margaret, who married Alexander St. Clair, and lived in Illinois; Winnie, who married Daniel Thomas, and lived in Johnstown; Elizabeth, who lived in Cambria county; and a son who died in infancy, unnamed.

David Griffith was born in 1821, in South Wales, and came with his father to America when about twenty years old. After a year spent in Rayne township, Indiana county, he went to East Mahoning township, where he farmed until 1850, and then went to West Mahoning township and bought the farm now owned by his son Evan. It contained 130 acres and he improved it to a considerable extent before his death upon it, in 1878, when he was fifty-seven years old. He is buried in the Baptist Church cemetery in South Mahoning township. He was a good man, following out the Golden Rule in his everyday life.

David Griffith married Sarah Kimple, who was born in Delaware county, N. J., in 1831, daughter of John and Mary (Sigler) Kimple,



and granddaughter of Philip Sigler, who was a Revolutionary soldier. She died on the homestead in 1885 and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. The children of this excellent couple were: Evan W., who is a farmer of West Mahoning township, married Flora Spencer; John K., who resides in Kansas, married Margaret M. Schall; George L. died young; Mary, who married Scott Fitzgerald, resides in Kansas City; Sarah L., who married James Hazelett, is deceased; George S. is mentioned below; Margaret Adessa is unmarried; Amanda Emma is the widow of William Carahan, and resides in Chicago; Annie Maria is a physician; Philip S. lives in Nebraska; Jennie V. married William McKinney, of Goodland, Kansas.

George S. Griffith, son of David Griffith, attended the district schools, and assisted with the work on the homestead until he was twenty-two years old. He then bought fifty acres of the Crawford farm, paying down \$300, and giving notes for the remaining \$2,300. For a time he had to economize closely to clear off this debt, but he succeeded and added forty acres more, which farm was known as the Allison property. At present he operates ninety acres. In addition he owns 104 acres formerly known as the Capt. Peter Spencer farm, in South Mahoning township, and a five-acre tract in Plumville, which has been built upon. His land is devoted to general farming and stock raising, and he has also dealt in cattle, horses and sheep. Mr. Griffith made many improvements on his barn, which was struck by lightning in 1899, after which he rebuilt it.

A Republican, he served as assessor for three years and constable for three years. He was a candidate for county treasurer of Indiana county in 1911, but after making a hard fight lost the nomination by a few votes. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and has many friends in that connection as he has elsewhere, his genial, pleasant personality winning them for him.

In 1881 Mr. Griffith married Annie Kerr, who was born in West Mahoning township, daughter of William Kerr, and died in 1900; she is buried in the Baptist Church cemetery in South Mahoning township. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith had these children: Charles William is a farmer of East Mahoning township; Sarah is deceased; Pearl is a widow and resides at home; Bert was a fireman and was killed on the Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad; David K. resides at Cleveland, Ohio; an infant daughter died unnamed. Mr. Griffith

married, for his second wife, Thea Bell Neil, who was born in South Mahoning township, a daughter of Julin and Annie (Orr) Neil. Mrs. Griffith was taken to Missouri by her parents when five years old, and was there reared to maturity. She is a woman of intelligence and admirable character. She and Mr. Griffith have had two children: Irene, who died young; and George Sylvester, Jr. Mrs. Griffith is a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Griffith has always shown a public-spirited interest in local institutions, believing in encouraging them. At one time he gave his support to the First National Bank of Plumville as a director, his name lending strength to this concern. His career has been marked by hard, unremitting work, but his efforts have met with a commensurate reward, and his standing in the community is consistently high.

JOHN TAYLOR BELL has been associated with the business life of the borough of Indiana during the greater part of his residence there and is a citizen thoroughly interested in the general welfare, as he has shown practically in his more than twenty-five years of service as member of the board of school directors. He is one of the foremost men of Indiana county, and the fact that he has attained his honorable and substantial position through his own efforts make his success the more noteworthy. He belongs to a family whose history in this part of Pennsylvania begins in pioneer days, and whose members have been typical representatives of the hardy, thrifty Scotch-Irish race to which they belong. The State has this element to thank for many of its most desirable citizens. Combining intellectual vigor and strong moral qualities with physical sturdiness, they faced the hardships of the early days courageously, made the most of their opportunities, inaugurated movements for the advancement of the general good as soon as prosperity relieved them from the pressure of unremitting devotion to their immediate needs, and helped to establish a civilization which reflects credit on all who have taken part in its accomplishment. Members of the family have intermarried with the McGaras, Speedys, McKees, Johnstons, Davises and Hughes, and other worthy and respected families, all of whom are well represented at the Bell reunions held from time to time, a family association having been organized some years ago. The Bells as a rule are Presby-

terians in religious connection, though there are many of the Methodist and Baptist persuasion among them.

It seems likely that the home of the Bells was originally in Scotland, whence they spread into Ireland, England and Wales, and thence to America, "possibly ahead of the 'Mayflower,'" according to one member of the family. However, Robert Bell was born in 1736 near Belfast, in the north of Ireland, and came to this country with two brothers, landing at Philadelphia. One of the brothers went South, and one remained in eastern Pennsylvania, Robert going first to Center county, Pa., and thence to Westmoreland county, where he made a settlement near Sewickley. Among his descendants are the Bells of Kentucky, his son Joseph Bell, who was born in Westmoreland county, July 17, 1765, dying in Kentucky, January 16, 1803. Robert Bell died June 11, 1826, long surviving his wife, Jane, who died April 3, 1791. Their children were: (1) Joseph, born July 17, 1765, died in Kentucky January 16, 1803. (2) James was born December 10, 1766. (3) Elizabeth, born in February, 1768, never married. (4) John, born January 28, 1770, is mentioned below. (5) Samuel, born February 10, 1773, died June 9, 1856, at the Bell homestead near Chambersville, Indiana county. He was "squire" for over thirty years and surveyor for the Holland Land Company of Philadelphia, and his surveying instruments, bearing his initials, "S. B.," were owned by some one near Newville, Indiana county, Pa., some years ago. He moved from Sewickley to six or seven miles southwest of Greensburg, thence to near Saltsburg, where he lived until his removal to McKees Mill in 1807. From there in 1814 he moved to Chambersville, where he bought a large tract of land known as "the Steward's lands," belonging to some English heirs, sold at commissioners' sale for taxes, for \$17.53, in 1811. Samuel Bell married Jane Welsh, sister of his brother John's wife. (6) William, born February 10, 1776, died in Kentucky, where he left a family, two of whom, William and John, became practicing physicians in Louisville, while another, James, made his home near there. (7) Margaret, born in February, 1778, married James McLaughlin, of Indiana county. (8) Jane married Archie Fleming, of near Greensburg, and their descendants are found in Ohio and Illinois.

John Bell, son of Robert, was the great-grandfather of John Taylor Bell. He was born January 28, 1770, in Virginia, and was

but an infant when his father moved to Cumberland county, this State, and soon after to Sewickley settlement in Westmoreland county, where he grew up. One of the interesting experiences of his young manhood was his part in the overthrow of the Whiskey Insurrection, and he remembered perfectly incidents connected with the march of the forces through this region for its suppression. He was married there to Elizabeth Welsh, and about 1800 moved to the vicinity of what is now the borough of Indiana. He was the first constable elected in Indiana county after its formation, in 1806, but in 1809 he moved farther into the wilderness, in May of that year settling upon the farm near Perrysville, now Hamilton, in Jefferson county, about one mile north of Big Mahoning creek, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying there May 18, 1853, in his eighty-sixth year. This was the first settlement made north of that creek in Jefferson county. The country for miles around was a wilderness without human habitation, his only neighbors until 1812 being nine miles distant, and the only road in that part of the county four miles away. John Bell was "a true specimen of the pioneer who with ax and rifle subdued the forests and opened the way for civilization, and combined the manly virtues and striking traits which distinguished that class of men, now almost extinct," their strongly marked peculiarities being known more by tradition than observation to the present generation. "As may be inferred, the silence of the forest was as often broken by the crack of Squire Bell's rifle as by the stroke of his ax. In those days clearing land and hunting game were employments which claimed an equal share of the pioneer's attractions. Indeed, for a long time after he settled there, the rifle was almost his only means of subsistence, for the heavy and thickly grown timber of that region was not easily cleared off. And thus in the simple but rugged employments of the forest passed many of his years. Of his hunting exploits no better description can be given than to state that during his residence in Jefferson county he killed two panthers, ninety-three wolves, three hundred and six bears and over eight hundred deer. Incredible as this statement may appear to the degenerate hunters of the present day, none who knew John Bell will doubt its truth; for it was taken from his lips by a gentleman whose taste in hunting and whose care and industry as a collector of statistics are well known. But he was not a hunter merely, for in addition to his duties on

the farm he fulfilled all the duties of a citizen. In 1818 Governor Findlay appointed him justice of the peace, an office which he held for twenty-five years with credit and usefulness.

"We have said that John Bell was a representative of the early American character as developed in pioneer life; but he was more a type of its virtues than of its faults. Brave and enterprising, he avoided neither exposure nor fatigue and cheerfully underwent labors from which most men would shrink, and, familiar with the dangers of forest, he knew no fear. But his most striking characteristics were love for truth and sterling honesty displayed alike in his own business and in his intercourse with others. The common fault of professing what we do not feel he did not possess. He called no man friend whom he did not respect; his sturdy independence of character disdained to conceal any opinions he might have of others, either from themselves or from the world. But for those who possessed his friendship, no personal inconvenience or sacrifice was too great. For twenty-five years or more his hospitable home was the resting place of the Indiana bar in their periodical pilgrimage to Brookville, and so long at least as its members live his simple, manly virtues will be appreciated and his memory kindly cherished." He died May 19, 1855, in his eighty-sixth year. (Quotations from an article published in the *Punxsutawney News* as being of interest in connection with the meeting of the Bells at the residence of John H. Brown, near Marchand, Indiana county, in 1893.)

The proverbial thriftiness of the Bells in providing for their wants in the face of difficulties, and their hard-working disposition, is dwelt upon by a member of the family in an article prepared for one of the reunions. "The Bells are noted for the providence of the men and the skill and economy of the woman in 'laying up' an abundance of the good things of life." Speaking of the brothers Squire Samuel and Squire John, he says: "Their homely larders were always well stocked with a plentiful supply of game, fish, etc., including deer, bear, wild turkey, wild pork, wild honey, nuts and berries. Nowhere I have ever been have I seen any people more industrious in providing for winter than the people of western Pennsylvania, \* \* \* and I am sure none more than the Bells. \* \* \* The Bells were Whigs and Democrats, and very 'sot' in their religious and political views, but I am inclined to judge that there were more Democrats and Presby-

terians than anything else. \* \* \* Yet, whether Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists or what denomination, they were generally true to their convictions and consistent in their lives."

Squire John Bell married Elizabeth Welsh, of Sewickley, Pa. By this marriage there were three children, James, Jane and Joseph. Of these, James married Hannah Jordan and had nine children, Robert, James Welsh, Joseph, John, William, Mary (married to Alex. Hughes), Eliza (married to Samuel Swisher), Margaret (married to Job Brown) and Kate (married to Daniel North). Jane married David Postlewaite and had ten children, John B., James M., Joseph Warren, David Minor, Thomas J., Benjamin F., William P., Emily Jane, Sarah and Mary. His first wife having died, Squire Bell later married Jane Potter, by whom he had one daughter, named Rachel, who married Samuel Weaver, and now resides at Valier, Jefferson Co., Pennsylvania.

Joseph Bell, son of John Bell by the first wife, was born on the old homestead near Perrysville in January, 1796, and died June 19, 1850, aged fifty-four years. In 1825 he married Sarah McKee, who died in 1833, leaving two sons, Hugh McKee and Frank Welsh. He afterward married Rachel Backman, by whom he had three daughters: Jane, deceased, wife of Miller Means, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Elizabeth, also deceased, wife of William McGee, and Mary E., widow of W. P. Morris of Jefferson county.

Frank Welsh Bell, the younger son of Joseph Bell, married Sarah Robinson, of Jefferson county, and they had five children: Hattie is the wife of Dr. Armstrong and lives in Kane, Pa.; Mattie, Minnie, Mack and Charles, and both parents, are deceased.

Hugh McKee Bell, the elder son of Joseph Bell, was born August 15, 1826, and was a farmer in Jefferson county, living on the old homestead. On July 22, 1852, he was married to Eleanor Martin, and seven children were born to this couple: John Taylor married Elizabeth Todd, of Indiana, now deceased, and still lives in Indiana; Joseph C. married Annie Cook, of Iowa, and is now deceased; George R. married Hattie McGee and practices dentistry in Punxsutawney; Frank Welsh married Mary Smitten and now lives in Oregon; Sarah Elizabeth married B. E. Carrier, of near Brookville, Pa., and now lives near Salem, Oregon; William M. and Lot are deceased. The father died on the old homestead March 23, 1911, and the mother just eleven days later, on April 3. They were

members of the M. E. Church, which he had served in an official capacity for many years.

John Taylor Bell was born September 16, 1853, at Frostburg, Jefferson county, and obtained his early education in the public schools of his native county. Later he attended the normal school at Indiana, Pa., and Mount Union College, at Alliance, Ohio, after which he read law, with Hon. S. M. Clark and J. N. Banks, both of Indiana. Meantime he had commenced teaching, when but sixteen years old, his first experience being at what is now known as the Pickering Run school, in East Mahoning township, Indiana county. He remained there one year, and was subsequently engaged in different parts of Indiana county for ten years, during the summer teaching in a school for teachers at Plumville. When he came to Indiana he was assistant to the principal, and followed his profession in the borough for three years, continuing to teach while he was reading law. He was very successful as an educator, and became well known throughout the county as an ardent friend of education. In 1886 Mr. Bell was admitted to the bar in Indiana county, and for two years practiced his profession, but owing to poor health decided to give up legal work, and has since devoted himself to general business pursuits. He has been engaged principally as a salesman for school books, first for Porter & Coates, of Philadelphia, later with the Werner Company, of Akron, Ohio, and more recently with the American Book Company, of New York. He is one of the directors of the Indiana Savings & Trust Company, and his standing in commercial and financial circles is a credit to his ability and honorable standards. As previously stated, Mr. Bell has been a member of the school board of Indiana for over twenty-five years, and has given intelligent as well as faithful service to the community in that connection. He is a member of the M. E. Church, and in social connection is a Mason, belonging to Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M., to the Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, at Pittsburg, and Pittsburg Lodge of Perfection.

On September 15, 1885, Mr. Bell was married to Elizabeth Todd, daughter of Col. William A. Todd, of Indiana, and they had two children: Edna T., who is attending Hollins College, at Hollins, Va., and Ingh T., a student at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. Mrs. Bell died June 4, 1904.

JAMES S. McELHOES, long connected with the Indiana Woolen Mills Company,

which has its plant in the borough of Indiana, has been one of the energetic citizens who have kept the business spirit in that place up to the modern standard, adding to the value of every other industry in the place by the intelligent management of his own. He was born in Indiana county April 4, 1847.

Thomas McElhoes, his great-grandfather, was born in Scotland, of Scotch parents, and came to the United States in company with two of his brothers, settling in the Cumberland valley, in Pennsylvania, at an early day. He followed farming.

John McElhoes, son of Thomas, was born in Cumberland county, Pa., near Carlisle, and learned the trade of miller, which he followed in connection with farming. When comparatively a young man he settled in Indiana county, where he was similarly engaged. He died in 1856.

Isaiah McElhoes, son of John, was born and reared in Indiana county, receiving such educational advantages as the schools of his time afforded. Like his father he became a farmer and miller, and was thus engaged for some years, later becoming interested in the manufacture of wool, for which he established a mill on Pine run which is supposed to have been the first woolen mill in Indiana county. He was an enterprising business man, and the undertaking prospered. He married Isabella Kinter, and they had a family of four children: Jane, wife of George Collins; John K.; James S.; and Bell, wife of James Allen. The mother died in 1874, the father surviving her many years, until 1894.

James S. McElhoes was educated in the public schools of the home locality. When quite young he began work in his father's woolen mill on Pine run, remaining there until 1890. The experience he gained under his father's careful oversight has proved invaluable to him in his subsequent career. When the old mill at Pine run was destroyed by fire, in 1890, he removed to Indiana borough, forming a partnership with John A. Finley for the manufacture of woolen goods, which they carried on under the firm name of McElhoes & Finley. This firm did business until 1902, when their establishment was burned out, and Mr. McElhoes then organized the present concern, which does business under the name of Indiana Woolen Mills Company. It was incorporated with a capital stock of \$35,000, and at the beginning Mr. McElhoes became superintendent, filling that position for several years. He then became secretary, and in every capacity has given the utmost

satisfaction to all concerned. The company makes a specialty of woolen blankets, and the business is thriving and shows steady growth. There are a number of live concerns in the borough which contribute steadily to its prosperity, and the Indiana Woolen Mills Company is numbered among them. As a citizen Mr. McElhoes enjoys the highest standing. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, which he has served as elder, and he has also been Sunday school superintendent.

In 1897 Mr. McElhoes married Orpha Rupert, daughter of George Rupert. They have two children, George and Marion. George is still a student at college, and he also has the management of the home farm. Mr. McElhoes now makes his home on a farm in Rayne township (Home post office), near Kelleysburg, to which he removed from Indiana, some months ago.

JOSEPH LYDICK, late of South Mahoning township, was a veteran of the Civil war, and one of the oldest residents of his locality. He was born in West Mahoning township Oct. 13, 1829.

John Lydick, founder of the family in Indiana county, was a native of Ireland, and came to America at an early day. He was among the pioneer settlers of Indiana county, locating on the McGaughey tract, in what is now Cherryhill township, and owing to the wild conditions prevailing was driven out several times by Indians. The last time he remained away seven years before risking his life again. Eventually, however, he found he could live peaceably, and followed farming and hunting with profit. His children were: John, Jacob, Patrick, James, Elizabeth, Barbara, Margaret and Catherine.

Patrick Lydick, son of John Lydick, was a farmer all of his useful life, and made his home on the new State road, in Rayne (what was then Green) township. During the war of 1812 he gave his country patriotic service as a soldier. The death of this excellent man occurred on his property, and his remains were interred in Washington Church cemetery. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. Patrick Lydick married Mary McHenry, who also died on the farm, and is buried beside her husband. Their children were: John, married Elizabeth Chapman; Isaac is mentioned below; James, married Sarah Chapman and (second) Rebecca Johnson; William, married Mary Neff; Patrick, married Jane A. Hamilton; Samuel, married

Ellen Harrison and (second) Sarah Miller; Joseph, married Nancy Mabon; Mary, married Archibald Jamison; Nancy, married Edward Turner; Hannah, married Samuel K. Lockhart; Margaret, married James Mabon.

Isaac Lydick, son of Patrick Lydick, was born in 1800, in what was then Green (now Rayne) township, and was educated in the schools of his period, conducted upon the subscription plan, as there were no public schools in those early days. He worked on the farm from early boyhood until he reached his majority, when he located in South Mahoning township on 150 acres, which land he developed into a valuable property. In addition to farming he built and operated the first gristmill in that section, now known as the Rossmoyne, and kept a country store. His remaining years were spent there, and he died in 1838, when still in the prime of life. His remains were interred in Gilgal cemetery. He was a Baptist in religious belief, and a Whig politically.

The first wife of Isaac Lydick was Ann Turner, and his second marriage was to Eliza Sutor. The latter was born in Washington county, Pa., daughter of John Sutor, and died in East Mahoning township in 1884, aged seventy-six years; she is buried in Marion Center cemetery. The children born to Isaac Lydick were: George T., who is deceased; Joseph; Mary, who married Hugh Lawson (both are deceased); Margaret, who married Dr. Young; Beal, who died young; Agnes, who married Enoch Hastings, of Armstrong county; Adoniram Judson, who is deceased; Enoch, who died in Arkansas; Emma, who married Albert Ponches and lives in Ohio; and John S., who lives at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Lydick received a good common school training during the winter seasons, attending school in Green township and at Dayton and Brookville, working on his mother's farm in summer. He was only nine years old when he had the misfortune to lose his father, and he helped his mother at home and worked as farm assistant to others for small wages. When he was seventeen years old he began learning cabinetmaking at Brookville, and followed the trade for several years, establishing himself in business at Brookville. Continuing same for five years, he sold out in 1855 and returned to the homestead, and devoted his 150 acres to general farming and stock raising for many years. At last he sold sixty acres, and still retaining ninety acres, which his son operated after the father's retirement.

Mr. Lydick made many valuable improvements upon his property, taking a pride in having it well managed. The Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad runs through one end of the farm, and its value was very materially increased by this. There is gas on the land, and two wells are now in operation. Always a man of earnest convictions, Mr. Lydick had a strong character, and his habits of industry and thrift made him universally respected.

On February 14, 1864, Mr. Lydick was entered as a member of Company H, 78th Pennsylvania Infantry, under Colonel Bonneton, and Capt. Paul Crawford, and was mustered out in October, 1865, after having been a brave and efficient soldier. Always a strong Republican, he gave his hearty and enthusiastic support to President Taft during the campaign of 1912. For many years he was a valued member of the Mahoning Baptist Church, taught in the Sunday school, and served as Sunday school superintendent.

In March, 1853, Mr. Lydick was married to Helen A. Silvis, who was born in Clinton county, Pa., daughter of Henry Silvis. They had the following children: George T., who is operating the homestead; Virginia B., who is at home; Harry S., who is of Pittsburg, as is Ernest B.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydick were married nearly sixty years. Mr. Lydick was well preserved and in good health, and had remarkable eyesight, being able to read without glasses; his other faculties were also in excellent condition, with the exception of his hearing. His death occurred February 9, 1913. Mrs. Lydick has been an invalid for several years.

GEORGE HENRY CURFMAN, late of Arcadia, Indiana county, was in charge of the office of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company at that place for the last ten years of his life. He had become intimately associated with the best interests of that vicinity and town during his residence there. He filled public positions of trust, was serving as justice of the peace at the time of his death, and had the esteem of all who came in contact with him, in business life, in his official capacity or as a private citizen. Mr. Curfman was a native of Baltimore, Md., born November 6, 1861, son of Daniel and S. (Mason) Curfman, both of whom were born in Maryland. His father was a manufacturer of paper.

Mr. Curfman attended school at Baltimore until he reached the age of thirteen years. He subsequently continued his studies at

Bloomington, Ill., and at Ashland and Fairfield, Neb., at the latter place going to Fairfield College. For two years after leaving school he was employed as a telegraph operator in the West, and then spent eighteen months in California before returning East, to Altoona, Pa. Taking a position as telegraph operator at Roaring Spring, Blair county, Pa., with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; he remained there until transferred to Martinsburg, same county, where he was agent and operator five years. He was next at Patton, Cambria county, Pa., as agent and operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, being at that point for ten years, at the end of which period he resigned to take a position with the Beech Creek Coal & Coke Company, as civil engineer. He was engaged in that capacity until the end of December, 1902, on January 1, 1903, being sent to Arcadia, to take charge of the company's office there. The Beech Creek Coal & Coke Company has since become a part of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, which he continued to serve in the same capacity. He was also superintendent of the Hooverhurst & Southwestern railroad, which has ten miles of track in Indiana county, and is an important feature in the development of coal properties in this region, affording a convenient outlet for the product of several mining companies. He was one of the original surveyors in the local coal district—in Montgomery township and the surrounding portion of Indiana county.

Mr. Curfman was a Republican and took considerable interest in politics, and he was active in local affairs, having served as auditor of Banks township, and in 1908 assuming the duties of justice of the peace. He was a director of the First National Bank of Glen Campbell. Mr. Curfman was a leading member in the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a ruling elder, and fraternally he held membership in the I. O. O. F. His death, which was accidental, occurred at Arcadia July 9, 1912.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. Curfman married Annie Katherine Miller, of Martinsburg, Blair county, Pa., daughter of John and Henrietta (Kocher) Miller; her father was a cabinetmaker by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Curfman had one child, John Edwin, born February 22, 1898. Mrs. Curfman now resides at Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH A. McCLARAN, druggist, of Saltsburg, Indiana county, is one of the old-established business men of that borough.

where he has also become well known in his official capacity as postmaster. He was born there May 25, 1866, son of James and Catherine (Andre) McClaran, the former of whom was of Scotch-Irish antecedents, the latter of German descent.

James McClaran, the father, was born in February, 1829, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and died in 1883. He was a saddler, and followed his trade for a number of years, later engaging in business as a merchant. He married Catherine Andre, who was born in Indiana county, Pa., daughter of Joseph Andre, of Indiana, Pa., and died in 1910. They were the parents of four children: Fred, a druggist, of Beaver Falls, Pa.; Joseph A.; Mary, who died in 1886, when eighteen years old; and Rome, who is assistant postmaster at Saltsburg.

Joseph A. McClaran began the drug business in young manhood, and has been engaged in that line of trade at Saltsburg for the last twenty-seven years. He has built up a thriving patronage by honorable dealing and reliable goods, and merits the confidence in which he is held by his acquaintances in all the relations of life. He is serving as postmaster at Saltsburg, a position to which he was appointed March 3, 1901, by President McKinley, and reappointed under both Roosevelt and Taft, and his highly satisfactory service in the office is characteristic of all he does. For twenty-three consecutive years, since 1889, he has been a member of the board of school directors of the borough. Mr. McClaran attends the M. E. Church. He is a member of Saltsburg Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M., and of Bloomsburg Consistory (thirty-second degree).

On April 23, 1889, Mr. McClaran married Anna A. Gamison, daughter of S. S. and Angeline (Beaty) Gamison, of Saltsburg, and five children have been born to them: Kenneth, born in 1890, now in Pittsburg; Mary Beatrice, at home; Angela, who died in infancy; Fred, born in 1900; and Anna L., born in 1904.

**WILLIAM BIGLER HILL**, at one time an extensive lumberman, now engaged principally in buying and selling coal lands, is a resident of Indiana and has lived all his life in Indiana county. He was born on the home farm in Montgomery township, Indiana county, Feb. 20, 1852, son of Daniel Hill. In both the paternal and maternal lines he is of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, Daniel Hill, Sr., was born in the eastern part of

Pennsylvania and remained there until he attained his majority, when he joined the hardy pioneers who were venturing into the forest regions west of the Allegheny mountains, settling in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he died.

Daniel Hill, son of Daniel, was born in 1817, and died at Twolick, in White township, Indiana county. He learned the trade of millwright. Removing to Armstrong county, Pa., he remained there until 1855, when he came to Indiana county and embarked in the lumber business on the Susquehanna river, following same until 1880. He then removed to White township, and also lived in Green and Cherryhill townships. He was a member of the Democratic party and took considerable interest in its work, holding several township offices. In religion he was a Presbyterian. He married Eliza A. Trimble, who was born in 1811, daughter of Thomas Trimble, a life-long resident and well-to-do farmer of Westmoreland county, Pa., who died in 1850. Mrs. Hill died in 1866.

William Bigler Hill passed his early years in Montgomery township, and was twelve years old when his father moved to Green township. His first work was on the mail route conducted by his brothers, Jethro and Thomas. When they went to serve in the Union army during the Civil war another brother, John (now an attorney in Indiana), took Jethro's place, and when John went to the war William took his place. He carried mail in 1863-64 from Cherrytree to Georgeville. He then went into the woods and engaged in lumbering with his father, working in the timber, and driving logs on the Susquehanna. About 1870 he engaged in the lumber business with his brother Archie, and they did an extensive business, for ten years driving from seven million to ten million feet of lumber annually; it was mostly pine and hemlock. In 1884 the brothers dissolved partnership, and for some time thereafter William B. Hill was occupied in looking after his sawmills, of which he had several, also shipping lumber, which he still continues. For the last ten years, however, he has devoted most of his attention to buying and selling coal land, having disposed of ten thousand acres, to coal companies; he now has an option on 15,000 acres. Until 1904 he lived on his farm of eighty-four acres in White township, moving thence to the borough of Indiana, where he built the fine two-story brick residence at the corner of Sixth street and Carter avenue which he and his family have since

occupied. Mr. Hill has not taken any part in public matters, but he is a staunch Democrat in his political views. In religion he is a Presbyterian.

On Dec. 24, 1880, Mr. Hill was married, in Cherryhill township, to Minetta Long, of that township, daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Burnham) Long. They have had a family of eleven children: Carrie, who lives at home; Thomas T.; Ross, an electrician, now living in Liverpool, Ohio, who married Florence Helm, daughter of Rev. Mr. Helm, of Leechburg, Pa.; Robert, an electrician, of Liverpool, Ohio; James, at home; Norman, of Akron, Ohio; Edgar, at home; Arthur, at home; Mildred; Jean; and one deceased.

Thomas T. Hill, eldest son of William Bigler Hill, was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county. He attended the country schools in White township, graduated from the Indiana high school, and then entered the normal school in that borough, from which institution he was graduated with the honors of his class. For the next two years he taught mathematics at the normal school, and then went to Ann Arbor (Mich.) University to take a course in law. He graduated in 1910, at the head of his class. Mr. Hill then became principal of the high school at Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., which position he has filled with the highest efficiency for the last two years.

COLUMBUS MCCOY, former commissioner of Indiana county, now living in retirement in Indiana borough, was born there Jan. 14, 1851, son of Church Smith McCoy. His paternal grandfather came from Ireland, was married in this country to a Miss Smith, and settled on a farm in Armstrong county, Pa. Their children were: Daniel, who married a Miss Smith, and died in Armstrong county, Pa., aged over seventy-two years; Church Smith; and John, born June 4, 1827, who died June 24, 1899, unmarried. Mrs. McCoy married for her second husband a Mr. Millen, and they had three children: Mary Jane, Mrs. John Ballentine, deceased; Nancy, Mrs. John Wagner, of Armstrong county; and Jackson, a veteran of the Civil war, who died unmarried and is buried at Marion Center.

Church Smith McCoy, born July 5, 1824, in Armstrong county, was given a common school education and reared to farming. He learned the carpenter's trade in Indiana and followed it all his life, doing contract work. He was a Republican in politics, and took some part in local affairs, serving as member of the town

council. He died in Indiana Oct. 18, 1890. Church Smith McCoy married Mary Jane McCordell, who was born Feb. 1, 1825, in Sinking Valley, Huntingdon Co., Pa., and died in Indiana May 31, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy were members of the M. E. Church. To them was born a family of twelve children, namely: Emeline, Mrs. John G. Thompson, of Blacklick township, this county; John S., deceased, who served ninety days during the Civil war, in a Pennsylvania regiment, and who married Margaret Kline; Sarah Jane, Mrs. W. T. Lively, of Blacklick township, who died Jan. 1, 1913; Columbus; William, who died young; David Milton, of Vandergrift, who married Mary Gibson; George S., of Vandergrift, who married Mary Heffelfinger; Edward, who died in infancy; Mary Mirelda, Mrs. William Lockard, of Homer City; Clara Myrtle, Mrs. William P. Stormer, of White township; Charles, who died at Wilksburg, Pa., Feb. 2, 1913 (he married Catherine Stephens); and Arabelle, Mrs. Harry Wohler, of Homer City.

Columbus McCoy has spent all his life in Indiana and White township. He attended the public schools in Indiana and learned the carpenter's trade under his father, and in time became engaged in contracting, which he followed for some years. In 1888 he moved to a farm in White township which he cultivated for ten years, coming to Indiana in 1898. Mr. McCoy has been quite prominent in the work of the Republican party in his section, and has served one term as county commissioner, 1903-04-05.

On March 21, 1872, Mr. McCoy married Martha Eleanor Simpson, who was born May 10, 1850, on her father's farm in Brushvalley township, this county. She received her early education in the country schools, later attending night school at Mechanicsburg. She taught for three years in Buffington township. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy live at No. 50 South Fifth street. They are the parents of three children: (1) William E., born June 30, 1873, now living in Pittsburg, married Nannie J. Johnston, and has one child, Darrel. (2) Albert Clinton, born April 27, 1875, now living in Center township, married Anna Mary Reed, and has had children, J. Wilson, Elmer Simpson (deceased), Murray Reed, Ruth Pearl, John Blair and Mary Luella. (3) Mina Pearl, born April 30, 1878, married Clark Myers, and lives in Homer City; they have children, Edward Clair, Martha Pearl and Helen Jean. The parents are members of the M. E. Church.

Hugh Simpson, father of Mrs. McCoy, was



born in County Donegal, Ireland, Sept. 5, 1818, son of Solomon Simpson, who married Catherine Smith, of County Donegal. The family came to America in 1820, and settled on wild land in Indiana county, where the parents died. Hugh Simpson married Margaret J. McFeathers, who died in Brushvalley township at the age of thirty-three years, and he subsequently married (second) Martha Findley. He removed to West Virginia, buying a farm in Hampshire county upon which he lived until his death Sept. 29, 1909. His children were as follows: Martha Eleanor, Mrs. McCoy; Catherine Ann, Mrs. William Campbell, of Johnston, Pa.; Margaret Jane, Mrs. John Allender, of West Virginia; William, of West Virginia, who married Ellen Dennison; and Hugh Solomon, of West Virginia, who married Nancy Cheney and (second) Iliff Lang. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Simpson were members of the United Presbyterian Church.

BOYD W. HAWES, member of the firm of Hawes Brothers, general merchants, at Cherrytree, Indiana county, is a leading business man of that borough, and the establishment which he and his brother conduct was founded by their father over twenty years ago. Mr. Hawes was born Dec. 25, 1868, in Clearfield county, Pa., son of Henry B. Hawes and grandson of Jacob Hawes, a farmer, who passed all his life in Lancaster county, this State. The family is of Dutch ancestry.

Henry B. Hawes, father of Boyd W. Hawes, was born Sept. 4, 1845, at Turkey Hill, in Manor township, Lancaster county, and there passed his early life. During the Civil war he enlisted from that county in the Union service, first becoming a member of Company B, 20th Pennsylvania Cavalry, was later in Company I, and still later in Company H, 1st Provisional Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, serving to the end of the conflict. He was discharged July 22, 1865, at Clouds Mills, Va. After the war he went to Clearfield county, where he engaged in wagon-making, having learned the trade of blacksmith, and he also carried on lumbering, at Burnside, Clearfield county. In 1887 he came to Cherrytree, Indiana county, where he first was interested in manufacturing wagons and buggies, and conducted a foundry, after a few years engaging in the general mercantile business, which he continued for eighteen years. In time his two sons, Boyd W. and Norman G. Hawes, took over his mercantile interests, under the firm name of Hawes

Brothers. Mr. Hawes, the father, is now retired, he and his wife continuing to make their home at Cherrytree. In 1878 he drilled the first gas well on the Twolick creek, in Indiana county.

On March 5, 1868, Mr. Hawes married Sarah Glass, daughter of William Glass, who settled in Indiana county at an early day, living in Brushvalley township. To this union were born four children, of whom Boyd W. is the eldest; Norman G. is his partner in the firm of Hawes Brothers; Harry is also a resident of Cherrytree, where he was engaged in the general mercantile business; Paul died in the year 1880.

Boyd W. Hawes received considerable of his early education in Butler county, Pa., and after coming to Indiana county attended school here. When a young man he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed at Cherrytree for some time before engaging in mercantile business. He and his brother have done a steadily increasing business, and by irreproachable transactions and a thoroughly progressive policy have maintained a high position in the business circles of the place. As their trade grew they moved to more commodious quarters, now having one of the largest stores in Indiana county. Boyd W. Hawes, in addition to his interest in the firm of Hawes Brothers, has had other business connections in the borough, being a stockholder in the Cherrytree Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, and in the Cherrytree Water Company. He has given some of his time to securing adequate public service, at present being a member of the school board of Cherrytree borough.

On June 6, 1893, Mr. Hawes was united in marriage with Rose Patrick, a native of Burnside, Clearfield Co., Pa., daughter of Chamberlain and Catherine (Kneeder) Patrick, the former of whom is deceased. He was engaged as a blacksmith and carriagemaker at Burnside. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hawes, namely: Zeld; Mary; Margaret, deceased; Harry; Lynn; Alice, deceased; Sarah, and Frederick. Mr. and Mrs. Hawes are members of the Presbyterian Church, and socially he belongs to Lincoln Lodge, No. 28, Knights of Pythias, of which body he is treasurer, and to Indiana Lodge, No. 931, B. P. O. Elks.

FREDERICK WEITZEL has been a successful business man and farmer, active in public affairs, a leading member of the Christian Church and a prominent worker in the

Prohibition party in his township and the county. He is a resident of Banks township, Indiana county, and one of its best-known citizens. Born May 6, 1836, in Hessenstaat, Germany, he is a son of John George and Elizabeth Weitzel. His father was a farmer and tailor in Germany, and continued to follow farming after he brought his family to this country, settling in Indiana county, Pa., where he bought 135 acres of land in Canoe township, which he cleared and cultivated.

Frederick Weitzel received his education in Germany, graduating from school there in 1850. Coming with his father to America, he was trained to farming and has followed that occupation all his life, now owning farm property in Banks township, about 130 acres of good land. For twenty years Mr. Weitzel was in business, carrying on furniture and undertaking establishments at Glen Campbell and Smithport (postoffice Hortons), this county. He was senior member of the firm of F. Weitzel & Sons, his sons W. F. and J. C. Weitzel having been associated with him. Though busy with the management of his private affairs he also found time to take part in public matters, and he was honored with election to offices of trust, having served many years as school director, and also in the positions of township auditor and township clerk. Mr. Weitzel is a strong Prohibitionist, and has always been an earnest worker in Indiana county in the cause of Prohibition, which he has aided whenever possible by his influence. He was one of the charter members of the Christian Church at Hortons, and has served as elder since the organization. Highly respected in all the associations of life, he has an enviable standing in the community.

On Dec. 20, 1860, Mr. Weitzel married Elizabeth Coy, of Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Coy, and six children have been born to them: (1) Laura Bell is the wife of R. Y. Smith, of Baldwin county, Ala., a merchant and planter, and their children are Walter K., Lula Grace, Thomas Boyd and Frederick Lloyd (twins), Sandy John, Allen Frost and Goldie. (2) Joseph C. is a traveling salesman and makes his home in Indiana borough. He married Jennie Guthrie, of Indiana county, and they have three children, Frederick, Marion and Eugene. (3) Luther Miles, a merchant of Rome, Ga., married Josephine Stephenson, of Jefferson county, who died leaving one child, Carl. Mr. Weitzel married for his second wife Lelia Wilt, of York, Pa., and they have one child, LeRoy. (4) Anna Alfaretta (Dol-

lie) is the wife of Thomas P. Brickel, a merchant of Smithport, and they have a family of five children: Imogene, Roxie, Viola, Bertha Lucile and another daughter. (5) Bertha E. is the wife of Harry Fairbank, of Omaha, Nebr., government meat inspector. (6) William Forest, who is a practicing physician at Indiana, married Arveda Gourley, of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM E. BOWSER, D. D. S., is one of the best-known residents of Plumville, Indiana county, where he is engaged in the practice of dentistry and carries on the livery business, besides acting as postmaster. He is a native of Armstrong county, born Feb. 5, 1860, at Elderton, where his father, Anderson Bowser, was in business for some time.

Anderson Bowser, the father, was a native of Bedford county, Pa., son of George Bowser. Coming to Armstrong county he settled at Brady's Bend, near Elderton, where he followed the trade of molder and foundryman. Later moving to Kittanning, same county, he also worked at his trade there, and afterward went to Elderton, where he engaged in the foundry business with John Craft. He subsequently followed the business on his own account for twelve years, and at the end of that period came to Plumville, in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he continued to make his home to the end of his days. He was in business for himself there, always working in the same line, and met with success. Mr. Bowser died May 8, 1876, and is buried at Plumville. He was a member of the M. E. Church, to which his wife, Mary (Templeton), also belongs. She died Feb. 3, 1913, when over eighty-three years old, and had made her home with her son Dr. William E. Bowser, at Brady's Bend, Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Bowser had children as follows: Mary, who is now deceased; Martha; Jerry, deceased; Thomas, deceased; Clarilla, deceased; William E.; and Nancy, deceased.

William E. Bowser was six years old when the family came to Plumville, Indiana county, and there he had the advantages afforded by the public schools. For a time he worked in the foundry with his father, after which he took up the study of dentistry with Dr. N. L. Park, at Marion Center, later attending dental college at Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1893. He practiced for three years before coming to Plumville, in 1893, where he

has had an office for nineteen years and established a profitable patronage. He is one of the leading dentists in Indiana county, his work standing the test of time, and his reputation extending beyond the limits of his home district. Over twenty years ago Dr. Bowser started in the livery business at Plumville, being the pioneer in that line there, and he has been engaged in same continuously since. In 1898, during President McKinley's administration, he was appointed postmaster to succeed J. C. Pierce, and has continued to serve the community in that capacity since. Dr. Bowser is recognized by all who know him as a broad-minded, intelligent citizen, and he has given eminent satisfaction in his public services and in all the other relations of life. He is conscientious in his professional work, a thorough business man in all his undertakings, and interested in everything which concerns the general welfare. He is a member of the Postmasters' Association, and socially belongs to the Odd Fellows' lodge at Plumville. In political opinion he is a Republican, but in politics as in other affairs he is liberal and inclined to support whatever he thinks will conduce to the good of the greatest number.

On March 8, 1888, Dr. Bowser was married in North Mahoning township, this county, to La Vinnia Pounds, who was born in Georgeville, Indiana county, daughter of James and Hannah (Kimple) Pounds. They have no children. Dr. and Mrs. Bowser are members of the M. E. Church at Plumville, and highly esteemed in that connection.

PROF. JOSIAS H. YOUNG has been associated with the business and educational life of the borough of Indiana almost continuously since the close of the Civil war. Though he prepared for the ministry he did not follow the profession long, because of his health. He was born in April, 1837, in Belfast, Ireland, son of Robert and Mary (Hillman) Young, the former also a native of Belfast, and a watchmaker and jeweler by occupation. The mother died in Ireland, when her son Josias was quite young, and the father subsequently came with his family to America. He worked at his trade with his son Robert in Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., and died there in 1859, at the age of sixty-four years. He and his wife were Presbyterians in religious faith. They had children as follows: Margaret, who married James Blair, of Ireland, with whom she came to America, settling with her brother in San Francisco eventually, and she remarried there after Mr. Blair's death and died there

(her second husband was named Anderson); Maria, who married Bernard McQuade, and died in Ireland; James, who married Elizabeth McGonigle, and died in California; Robert A., who died in Indiana in 1888; Elizabeth, who married James McGonigle and (second) Matthew Steele, and died in Belfast, Ireland; William, who died in Philadelphia, Pa., when seventy-six years old (he married); Mary, Mrs. Gardner Pepper, who died in Pennsylvania; and Josias H.

Josias H. Young attended school in his native land until he came to the United States with his father, at the age of twelve years. He spent his first few years in this country at Philadelphia, and attended what was known as the Presbyterian Institute, taught by Rev. Dr. Coleman, a noted linguist, under whom the youth studied German, Latin and Greek. He was apprenticed to learn the trade of jeweler, but gave it up to continue his studies, and entering the University of Pennsylvania was graduated from that institution with the class of 1859. He then took a course at Princeton Theological Seminary, graduating therefrom in 1862. He entered the ministry, but soon gave it up on account of his health, and has since been engaged in business and educational pursuits. When the Civil war broke out he went to enlist, and was offered a second lieutenantcy in the Philadelphia Zouaves, who covered the retreat at the first battle of Bull Run. His guardian interfered with his plans for serving in the Union army, but allowed him to become a member of the United States Christian Commission, which did hospital work, nursing the sick and wounded on and off the field. At the close of the war he came to Indiana, Pa., and engaged in the jewelry business with his brother Robert here for eight years, during which time he was also connected with the normal school, having been elected to the chair of languages, which he filled for seven years. He then acted as principal of the borough public schools for seven years, at the end of which period he went to New York City, where he was in the jewelry and diamond business for three years. Returning to western Pennsylvania, he was principal of a ward school in Pittsburg for two years, and then came again to Indiana, where he became interested in the Indiana Leather Company, for which he traveled, and was also similarly associated with the Indiana Ladder Company. He has disposed of his interests in both, and is now following other lines of business.

Three years ago Mr. Young took up the

study of Esperanto, the world language, and he now has a class of twelve in Indiana, including representative citizens of the borough. He has been a Republican in politics, recently taking up Progressive principles.

In 1871 Mr. Young was married in Indiana to Laura L. Hildebrand, of that place, daughter of Edward P. and Elizabeth (Woods) Hildebrand, and they have had three children: Florence B., now the wife of Walter H. Jackson; Edith M., wife of John A. Scott, of Indiana; and Elizabeth, who was married in June, 1912, to Harry P. Beans, of Indiana.

**EVANS.** Members of the Evans family of Indiana county were among the first of the early settlers of western Pennsylvania. The first of the name in this county was Hugh Evans, who was a native of Wales, born in Cardiff, where he grew to maturity. When a young man he left his native home to try his fortune in the western world. He crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel, working for his passage. Among his fellow passengers was a young English girl who intended to make her future home in the United States, and the young Welshman wooed her so successfully that when they landed at Philadelphia, where they spent a short time, they married. The young couple then came West, locating first at the Welsh settlement near Evansburg. They soon moved from there to Indiana county, locating in Brushvalley township, on a tract of land where Hugh Evans built his little log home and started to clear a farm from a wilderness. After remaining on this farm for a few years he sold it and bought a 400-acre bush and timber tract, a part of which is now included in Mechanicsburg. Here he started to make his future home, erecting a log cabin and barn. By hard work he cleared up much of his land and made other improvements on the property, putting up a frame dwelling house, barn, et cetera. He also erected a saw and grist mill, the first of its kind in the township. Mr. Evans spent his life on this farm, and there died at the age of sixty years. He was buried on the farm, in what is now known as the Evans family cemetery. A man noted for his enterprise and progressive ideas, he was hardworking and industrious, much devoted to his home and family. He was a member of the Baptist Church, as were also his wife and children. His widow died on the farm and was buried in the family plot there. The seven children born to this marriage were as follows: John; Ann, who married John Kelley and (second)

James Stewart; Hugh, who died in Altoona, Pa.; Mary, who married Henry Grumbling; Elizabeth (Betsey), who married Joseph McNutt, of Brushvalley township; Evan, who lived and died in Brushvalley township; and James, who died in Center township.

John Evans, eldest son of Hugh Evans, was born in Brushvalley township, and what education he received was obtained in the schools of that section. He grew up on the farm of his father and made farming and stock raising his life occupation, receiving 250 acres of the homestead farm. There he erected buildings and made other improvements, passing all his life on the place, where he died at the age of seventy years, seven months, and is buried in the family lot, the Evans graveyard. He was a member of the Baptist Church, of which he was deacon. He was a Whig and Republican, but took no active part in public life. He was a strong admirer of the martyred President Lincoln and during the Civil war his sympathy was with the Union, his only son enlisting to uphold the flag and preserve the Union. He was married in Brushvalley township to Elizabeth Sanderson, a native of Hagerstown, Md., daughter of Thomas Sanderson, who had settled in that township. Mrs. Evans died on the farm and is buried in the family cemetery. She was a member of the Baptist Church, a devoted wife and mother, doing her duty by her family, which consisted of eight children: Benjamin, who died in Brushvalley township; Maria, who married John Bracken, and both died in East Wheatfield township; Emily, who married John Finley, of Blainsville (he died in Brushvalley township); Lucinda, who is the widow of William Conrad and resides in East Wheatfield township; Susan, who married David Overdoff (both are deceased); Elizabeth, who married Thomas Gregory, and died in Franklin, Pa.; Rebecca, who married Finley Campbell, and died in Johnston; and John Sanderson.

**JOHN SANDERSON EVANS,** youngest child of John and Elizabeth (Sanderson) Evans, was born on the homestead farm in Brushvalley township Aug. 13, 1844. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native township, and from early life he was accustomed to work on the farm, which he helped to operate until the death of his father. He then became the owner, and continued to cultivate the place during his active life, engaging in general farming and stock raising. He also bought the Chambers farm in the same township, a tract of 162 acres which he likewise operated. In 1908 he retired from

farming, moving to Homer City, where he built a home and where he and his wife are enjoying the evening of a well-spent life, reaping the benefits of years of toil.

During the Civil war Mr. Evans enlisted, Aug. 20, 1864, in Company H, 206th P. V. I., 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 24th Army Corps, being under the command of Capt. J. C. Grear and Col. Hugh J. Brady. He was stationed for a time in front of Petersburg and later at Richmond. Mr. Evans spent ten months in the service, being mustered out at the close of the war, June 10, 1865. He has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, a firm believer in its principles, and is a strong admirer of Roosevelt. He served the township of Brushvalley as supervisor, was assessor two terms, tax collector one term, school director and overseer of the poor two terms. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Bolar Post, at Homer City, and is chaplain of his post. He and his family are members of the M. E. Church, of which he is steward, trustee and class leader. Mr. Evans is a strong advocate of temperance, a citizen and family man who would do credit to any community. He educated his nine children well and gave them all a fair start in life, and they reflect credit on him and his devoted wife, being thrifty and industrious citizens, of sterling worth.

On July 16, 1865, Mr. Evans married Metilda Helman, who was born in Wheatfield township, daughter of Adam and Mary (Fry) Helman. To this union were born children as follows: (1) Harry H., born March 28, 1867, is an electrical engineer, and resides at Renton, Wash. He married Rhoda Croyle, and has five children, Joseph, John Bair, Name, Beulah and Edwin. (2) Bennett B., born March 21, 1869, is an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and makes his home at Pittsburg. He married Sally Swaring, of Steubenville, Ohio, and their children are Ralph, Merle, Clarence and Harold. (3) Ella N., born Jan. 8, 1872, married James K. Altman, and resides in Brushvalley township. They have two children, Charles and Fanny. (4) Charles, born March 8, 1875, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, residing at Pittsburg, married Ida Echinger. (5) Albert P., born June 9, 1877, a farmer in Brushvalley township, married Mamie Benchman. (6) Frank, born Dec. 5, 1880, residing in Pittsburg, married Nora Mock. (7) Gertrude, born July 2, 1883, resides at home. (8) Clair, born March 4, 1886, who lives on the homestead farm, married Alma McCrea, and

they have two children, Blanch and Robert. (9) Elsie Edna, born Sept. 2, 1889, married George Kelley, of Homer City, and has one child, Ruth.

CHARLES CRONK, superintendent of the Lucerne Coal Mines, at North Homer, Indiana county, owned and operated by the Rochester, Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company, has filled that position of trust and responsibility since July, 1912. Mr. Cronk is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Luzerne county in June, 1862, a son of James and Jane (Dean) Cronk. James Cronk, the father, was a lumberman and sawmill owner, being engaged in that kind of business nearly all his life, both in Pennsylvania and on the Pacific coast.

Charles Cronk attended the local schools at his birthplace and was nine years old when he moved with his parents to Bradford county, Pa., the family locating at Carbon Run, where he continued his education. When a youth of fourteen years he went with an elder brother to work in the coal mines at Carbon Run, where he was employed as a coal miner until 1885, in which year the family moved to Jefferson county, Pa. There Mr. Cronk followed his occupation of coal miner in the mines of the Jefferson Coal Company, and remained until 1901, at which time he went to West Virginia, locating in Barbour county. Becoming mine boss for the Jefferson Valley Coal & Coke Company, he continued in that capacity until July, 1904, when he accepted the position of superintendent of the mines of the Tygarts River Coal Company, at Arden, Barbour Co., W. Va., holding it for two years. Then he came to Indiana county, Pa., and on Nov. 15, 1906, became assistant superintendent of the Lucerne Mines at North Homer, for The Rochester, Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company. He acted in that capacity for six years, and in July, 1912, was made superintendent. The Lucerne mines were opened in December, 1905, on the Risinger farm, and the property was in the early stages of its development when Mr. Cronk assumed his duties as assistant superintendent. He has more than five hundred hands under his charge. He has become a most respected resident of his adopted borough, and is at present serving as school director of Center township. He is a Republican in politics. He and his family are members of the M. E. Church of Homer City.

Mr. Cronk married, in Jefferson county, Jennie Jones, and to this union six children

were born: Margaret, who died when three years old; Cora H., who married Thomas Robinson; James, a steam engineer; Alice, at home; Catharine and William, both attending school.

RALPH F. McHENRY, M. D., practicing physician and surgeon of Heilwood, Indiana county, where he also conducts a modern, well-equipped hospital, was born at Frostburg, Jefferson Co., Pa., Aug. 30, 1869, son of George Washington and Anna Rebecca (Keck) McHenry.

The first of this branch of the McHenry family to come to this country was Isaac McHenry, who was born in Scotland in 1734, and whose wife's name was Jane Smith or Smythe, likely the latter, as the Scotch often spell the name that way. The first we know of Isaac is his taking the oath of allegiance, with Abraham Leasure and John Stutchel (Dallas Albert's History of Westmoreland County). The name is there spelled McHendry. This was in 1777. Later, before 1800, he settled three miles north of Indiana on what has been known as the James Hamilton farm. Thence he moved to what is now North Mahoning township, where he and his wife and two sons died in the fall of 1812, all during the same week, the parents aged about eighty years, the son James aged thirty-three years and the son Samuel aged thirty-six years. They lie in the cemetery at Gilgal Church (this church was organized in 1808). The father served as major in the Pennsylvania State militia. Isaac and Jane McHenry had children as follows: John married Miss McCord; William, born in 1770, married Sidney Gordon, and they were the grandparents of Squire McHenry, of Spangler, Pa., whose mother was a Row; William was with Anthony Wayne in Ohio in 1793 and 1794, and with him was his brother Isaac, who died in the service; Mary married Patrick Lydick; James is mentioned below; Samuel married Mary McCall; Joseph married Elizabeth Boyd; Jane married Robert Morrison; Sarah; Hannah married Daniel Morrison.

James McHenry, son of Isaac and Jane McHenry, was born Feb. 15, 1779, three miles north of the town of Indiana. He was a major in the State militia, serving two terms under Governors Snyder and McKean, and took part in the Indian war. He died in 1812 at the early age of thirty-three years, as already related. In 1795 he married Elizabeth Stutchel (daughter of John), who was born Feb. 15, 1779, and died in 1851. There

were born to them the following children: Catharine married Joseph Crossman; Isaac married Catharine McClelland; John, born in 1801, married Martha Jordan; James married Ann Neal; Mary married Asa Crossman; Elizabeth married George Timblin; Jane married William Postlewait. Of these, James and Ann (Neal) had children: Elizabeth married Martin Reits; William married Lucretia Light and (second) Rachel Lantz; Margaret married Austin Welchans; Benjamin married Catharine Beck; Mary married George Goheen and (second) Rev. Uriah Conly; Sarah married John C. Stear.

Isaac McHenry, eldest son of Maj. James and Elizabeth (Stutchel) McHenry, was the grandfather of Dr. Ralph F. McHenry. He was born July 4, 1797, in North Mahoning township, and in his early days followed farming in his native township, assisting to clear and operate the home farm, also engaging in lumbering. Later he moved to Jefferson county, and made the first settlement at Fordham. Isaac McHenry was at Punxsutawney when the site was a windfall and an Indian sugar camp. After his marriage he and his wife lived for a time at Fordham, on what is known as the old Bath farm at Whitesville, thence removing to the vicinity of Frostburg, Jefferson county, where Mr. McHenry was engaged in farming for over forty years. In 1886, however, the farm was sold and the old couple moved—on Nov. 16th—with their son (George W. to a farm which had been bought in East Mahoning township, Indiana county, where Isaac McHenry died Dec. 28, 1886. On Oct. 6, 1825, he married Catharine McClelland, a native of Pennsylvania, whose parents had come from Scotland to America at an early day, and she survived him, dying in March, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. McHenry had children as follows: James W., who married Mary C. Horton; William P., who married Julia A. Ruth; and George W.

George Washington McHenry, son of Isaac and Catharine (McClelland) McHenry, was born March 3, 1830, at what is now Fordham, Jefferson Co., Pa., and there resided until the removal of the family to near Frostburg, Jefferson county. Then he moved to East Mahoning township, Indiana county, taking his parents with him, in 1886, and they lived with him till they died. George W. McHenry sold his farm and is now living retired at Marion Center, Indiana Co., Pa., where he has had his home since 1905. Mr. McHenry married Rachel M. Swisher, and (second) Anna Rebecca Keck. The latter was



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born Jan. 26, 1843, near Perrysville, Jefferson county, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Rachel died at the age of thirteen years; Grant is engineer of the power plant at Lucerne, Pa.; Laotta is the widow of W. L. Stewart, a lawyer, of Indiana, Pa.; Ralph F. is mentioned below; Lelia is deceased; Bessie is the wife of Robert McKee, of Horton; Walter is a veterinary surgeon, of Waverly, Iowa.

Joseph Keck, the maternal grandfather of Dr. McHenry, was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. He was a sawyer by trade and followed that occupation in Jefferson county for some years, also devoting some attention to farming. He married Sophia Spare, and both died in Jefferson county.

Until he was sixteen years of age Ralph F. McHenry resided on the home farm in Jefferson county, obtaining his early education in the schools of Frostburg. On coming to Indiana county he attended the Pickering Run school, and after academic work taught public school four years in Indiana county. Following this he entered in 1892 the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, from which institution he was graduated with his degree of M. D. March 21, 1895. For the ten years that followed he was engaged in practice at Marion Center, on March 11, 1905, coming to Heilwood, where he has since had a successful professional career. He is a member of the Indiana County and State Medical Societies and of the American Medical Association, is local surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and has charge of the Heilwood hospital. Dr. McHenry has done considerable studying along advanced lines, having taken a post-graduate general course in 1899 at the New York Polyclinic; a post-graduate course in special diagnosis and general surgery, 1901-02; a course in general medicine and surgery at the New York Post Graduate Medical School in 1907; and he did special work in surgery and diagnosis at that institution in 1911.

Fraternally the Doctor is a thirty-second degree Mason, being a member of the Scottish Rite Masons at Williamsport; and Jaffa Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Altoona, Pa. He was one of the charter members of Bethany Commandery, No. 83, K. T., at DuBois, Pa., and the Indiana lodge of B. P. O. Elks. The Doctor has taken a very active interest in the welfare of the public schools of Indiana county, and for the last sixteen years has held the office of school director.

On Dec. 25, 1890, Dr. McHenry was married to Gertrude J. Wilson, who was born at

Plumville, in South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., March 7, 1869, daughter of Joseph M. and Rebecca (Neal) Wilson. Her father was born in South Mahoning township, her mother in East Mahoning township, and they are now residents of Plumville; Mr. Wilson spent his active years in farming. He is a veteran of the Civil war.

Dr. and Mrs. McHenry have had three children: Elizabeth, born in November, 1894, now deceased; Joseph, born June 6, 1896, also deceased; and Ralph Wilson, born May 1, 1910. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

CLARK J. CAMERON, D. D. S., has been engaged in the practice of dentistry at Cherrytree, Indiana county, for over a quarter of a century, and has the reputation of being one of the most reliable men in his profession in this region. He was born in Green township, this county, Feb. 5, 1856, son of Daniel and Margaret (Bartlebaugh) Cameron, both of whom were natives of Indiana county.

Hugh Cameron, the Doctor's grandfather, was a native of Scotland. Settling in Indiana county at a very early day, he passed the remainder of his life here, engaged in farming and lumbering.

Daniel Cameron, father of Dr. Cameron, settled in Green township in the early fifties, purchasing the farm where his son Clark was born, and which is now owned by J. C. Leasure. There he farmed until his death, which occurred in February, 1885. He married Margaret Bartlebaugh, daughter of Matthias Bartlebaugh, a native of Indiana county who in his day was a prominent farmer of Green township. He was one of the founders of the local Presbyterian Church. Mr. Bartlebaugh lived to be ninety-six years old, and when ninety years old walked from his home to the borough of Indiana. Mrs. Margaret (Bartlebaugh) Cameron died early in the year 1858, the mother of four children, namely: Emmeline, who became the wife of John McFeaters, of Johnstown, Pa.; Amanda, deceased, who was the wife of S. B. Leasure, of this county; Marlin J., a resident of Albany, Oregon, engaged in the lumbering business; and Clark J. After the mother of these died Mr. Cameron married Rucilla Bartlebaugh, for his second wife, and for his third Cordelia McNeal. By the second union there were two children: Phoebe, wife of Robert Dunwiddie, a merchant in Cherryhill township; and Lloyd, deceased. To the third marriage were born: Cordelia, who married

Isaac Work, both now deceased; Daniel, a resident of Homer City, this county; Sharp, a resident of Brownsville, Fayette County, Pa., and Howard, who lives at Braddock, Pennsylvania.

Clark J. Cameron, youngest child of Daniel and Margaret (Bartlebaugh) Cameron, obtained his early education in public school in Green township, where he followed farming in his youth and young manhood. In 1884 he entered the Philadelphia Dental College to prepare for his chosen calling, was graduated from that institution in 1885, and immediately thereafter commenced practice in Indiana county, first locating at Cookport. The same year, 1885, he moved to Cherrytree, where he has since been in active practice, having built up a large and steadily widening patronage. In 1908 he took a special course in the treatment of teeth and bridge and crown work in the Peeso School at Philadelphia, and he has always made it a point to keep abreast of the times in his ideas and practice, a fact which has been thoroughly appreciated by his patrons in and around Cherrytree.

Dr. Cameron has taken a special interest in the welfare of the public schools in Cherrytree and is at present serving as school director, being also secretary of the board. He has been a member of the borough council, and highly public-spirited in advocating and encouraging all projects for the advancement of the place, being connected with the Cherrytree Electric Heat, Light & Power Company as secretary, treasurer and member of the board of directors; and he is vice president of the Cherrytree Water Company. He is well known in the fraternities, being a prominent member of Cherrytree Lodge, No. 417, I. O. O. F., of which he is chaplain and treasurer; a member of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 31, A. O. U. W., of which he is financier; and a member of Indiana Lodge, Royal Arcanum.

On Feb. 19, 1885, Dr. Cameron was married to Alice Maria Thompson, who was born in Rayne township, this county, daughter of William and Caroline (Shields) Thompson, both of whom were born in Indiana county, and both are now deceased. They were farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson had a family of eight children: Amanda, wife of James M. Martin, living at Mount Washington, Pa.; Martha, wife of Dr. Park, of Marion Center, Indiana county; Silas W., a resident of Springfield, Ohio; Mary, who married Moorhead Coleman, of Indiana, both now deceased; Alice M., Mrs. Cameron; Harry V.,

a resident of Alberta, Canada; Emma, wife of James Moore, of Indiana county; and one that died in infancy.

Four children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Cameron: Gertrude Gay; Guilford Thompson and Martha Margaret, twins; and Alice Imogene. The Doctor and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Cherrytree, and he has been quite active in its work, at present serving as elder.

WILLIAM McQUAID FAIR is known as one of the most progressive dairymen in Center township, Indiana county, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. He belongs to an old family of the county, his great-grandfather, Peter Fair, having been one of the hardy pioneers who settled here in the early days. He was a scout and spy during the French and Indian war.

William Fair, son of Peter, was born in Indiana county. He became the owner of a farm in Blacklick township upon which he lived and died. He married Mary Cribbs, of Indiana county, and they became the parents of the following children: Peter Cribbs; Mary Jane, wife of W. Bell; Susanna, wife of J. Bell; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Doty; Sarah, wife of Abraham Mikesell; Julia, wife of C. Mikesell; Henry, who married Frances Gilger and (second) Augusta Rodgers; and William, who married Hettie Willoer.

Peter Cribbs Fair, son of William, received his education in the subscription and free schools of the home district, but meantime he had to assist his father with the work on the farm, which was extremely laborious in those days. So although the school terms were short he did not attend every day. However, he was a diligent student, and he managed to acquire enough schooling to fit himself for teaching, which profession he followed for twenty years during the winter season. The rest of the year he was engaged in farming. For a time he worked on a farm in Blacklick township, later buying the Hugh McClaren farm, in Center township, which comprised 120 acres, and there he lived to the end of his days, prospering in his own interests and becoming closely associated with local affairs, political and social. He not only improved his home place, but was able to acquire other property, at one time owning about three hundred acres. He was independent in politics, having progressive ideas in that respect as in everything which engaged his at-

tion, was public-spirited in advocating and supporting every movement for the welfare of the community, was a prominent member of the Grange, and in fraternal connection a member of Blairsville Lodge, F. & A. M. He was a good conversationalist, and an interesting and forcible public speaker, his intelligent and broad-minded views winning him the respect and confidence of all who came in contact with him. He was originally a member of the Lutheran Church, later joining the M. E. Church at Homer City. When a young man Mr. Fair married Sarah Young, by whom he had two children: Louisa, who married Robert Wilson and (second) Jesse Long, and Helen, who died young. The mother died aged about forty-three years, and is buried in the Homer City cemetery. Mr. Fair's second marriage, to Martha Jane Doty, daughter of Nathaniel and Margaret (Reed) Doty, of Westmoreland county, Pa., took place in Westmoreland County. Mrs. Fair still lives on the homestead with her son William. Mr. Fair died June 16, 1903.

William McQuaid Fair, only child of Peter C. and Martha J. (Doty) Fair, was born July 27, 1876, on the farm in Center township where he now lives, and was reared there. He was educated in the locality, being given excellent common school advantages, and from boyhood was his father's assistant with the work on the home place, becoming thoroughly familiar with farm work under an able instructor. After his father's death he assumed charge of the farm as owner, and has since been engaged in general farming and dairying. He began to make a specialty of dairying a number of years ago, and has been very successful in that line, in which he has profitably adopted the most up-to-date methods. In 1905 he built a silo, and he has other modern facilities for the care of his stock and product which stamp him as a wide-awake dairyman, thoroughly alive to the advantages of hygienic surroundings and scientific methods. He has a valuable herd of high-grade Holsteins. His product is shipped to Pittsburgh. He is energetic and reliable in everything he undertakes, being considered one of the most substantial men of his township, and he has served his fellow citizens as school director, giving eminently satisfactory service in that capacity. He is a Democrat in politics and takes a keen interest in the welfare of his party; he has served on the board of elections.

Mr. Fair was married Dec. 6, 1903, to Laura Stair, of Center township, daughter of

Michael and Jennie E. (Keener) Stair, and they have had eight children: Gail, Hazel, Margaret (who died in infancy), Edna May, Roxie, Viola, Margaret Louise, and Paul McQuaid (who died in infancy Oct. 17, 1912).

WILLIAM W. BRILHART, who has been in business as a jeweler and optician at Indiana since 1880, was born in East Mahoning township, Indiana county, Feb. 25, 1847, son of Jacob Brillhart and grandson of John Brillhart. The latter was born in the Shenandoah valley, in Virginia, whence he came to Indiana county, Pa., in 1820, settling on a tract of 300 acres in East Mahoning township. He married Catherine Huff, who was from near Baltimore, Md. They died in East Mahoning township.

Jacob Brillhart, son of John, was born in 1802 in Virginia, where he passed his early life, being eighteen years old when he came to Indiana county with his parents. He was a gunsmith by trade, and found considerable to do at his new home making steel traps for trappers. He succeeded his father on the homestead, where he continued to reside to the close of his long life, dying there in 1884. He married Mary Braugher, of Indiana county, who was born in 1815, and died on the home farm in 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Brillhart were devout Presbyterians in religious faith. He was a Democrat before the Civil war, after which he supported the Republican party. He served as postmaster at Mahoning for many years, and was one of the best known men in his locality. To him and his wife were born the following children: Caroline, Mrs. Peter Beer, of near DuBois, Pa.; Jonah H., who died in Indiana; J. Clark, of Grant township, Indiana county, who served during the Civil war in the 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment; Abraham H., of Grant township; John A., of Scottsdale, Pa.; and Amanda, Mrs. L. C. Spicker, of the eastern shore of Maryland.

William W. Brillhart spent the first few years of his life on the home farm, but he was only a boy when the family moved to Georgeville, this county, and he received his education in the local schools. In the fall of 1863 he enlisted in Company F, 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war, serving under Capt. William Kunkle and Colonel Miller, in Hancock's 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac. He took part in the following battles: Culpeper, Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg,

Hatcher's Run, and Appomattox, and was present when Lee gave his sword to Grant. He was mustered out near Pittsburg in July, 1865, and returning home applied himself to learning the business of jeweler, at which he has ever since been engaged. He spent several years in Clarion county, in 1880 moving to the borough of Indiana, where he has lived and worked up to the present time. He has established a steady patronage in his line, and has acquired a reputation for honorable dealing as a jeweler, and for skill in the optical branch, which holds all his patrons. As a citizen he is highly esteemed for his substantial worth. He is a member of the Christian Church, and belongs to Post No. 28, G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

In 1873 Mr. Brillhart was married to Anna C. Galbraith, of Indiana county, daughter of former sheriff J. C. Galbraith, and they have three children: Geer E., a jeweler, of Pittsburg; Percy W., a civil engineer, now in Vancouver, B. C.; and William, an optician, who lives at Indiana with his parents.

MILTON SAMUEL BELL, proprietor of the general mercantile business at Blacklick, Indiana county, conducted under the name of J. H. Bell Company, is a representative of a family which has been resident in this part of Pennsylvania continuously since Colonial times. John Bell, his great-grandfather, made his home in Westmoreland county. He married Martha Kilcrearn, and their children were: John, Walter, James, Jane, Elizabeth and Martha.

John Bell, son of John and Martha (Kilcrearn) Bell, also lived in Westmoreland county, where he followed farming all his life. He and his wife Rebecca (Hanson) became the parents of ten children, namely: John, James Hanson, Samuel M., Alfred M., Margaret M., Martha K., Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary and Aligara.

James Hanson Bell, son of John and Rebecca (Hanson) Bell, was born Feb. 28, 1826, on a farm in Derry township, Westmoreland county. He was given an excellent education, attending public school and the academy at Blairsville, and having decided to enter professional life read medicine with Dr. J. W. Blackburn, of Derry township, Westmoreland county. Later he attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and a medical college in Vermont, from which latter institution he was graduated in 1852. He began the practice of his chosen profession at Clarksburg, Indiana Co., Pa., where he

continued for four years, at the end of that period moving to Elder's Ridge, same county, practicing there the next five years. His next change was to Butler county, Pa., where he also became engaged in the drug business, which he sold out on account of ill health in the spring of 1868, returning then to Indiana county. Locating at Blacklick, he opened a general mercantile business which has ever since been carried on under the name of J. H. Bell Company, and in which he was interested until his death. A man of sterling honesty and irreproachable standards, he also had the commercial instinct which made him successful in the management of his business, and his courteous bearing, natural disposition to oblige and intelligent comprehension of the needs of his patrons made his establishment one of the most popular in this part of the county. In 1868, under President Johnson, he was appointed postmaster, and held that office continuously for many years. He took a deep interest in all that concerned the town of his adoption, her people and institutions, being a highly useful citizen in every sense. He died in Blacklick in September, 1896, and is buried in Blairsville cemetery.

On Aug. 31, 1852, Dr. Bell married Mary Doty, who was born Jan. 5, 1827, in Indiana county, and survived him, dying April 18, 1906, at the age of seventy-nine; she is buried in Blairsville cemetery. Mrs. Bell was a descendant of one of the passengers of the "Mayflower," having been a daughter of Gillis M. and Jane (Dixon) Doty. She and her husband had a family of seven children: Rebecca Jane, born Sept. 8, 1854, died Sept. 22, 1865; Gillis Doty, born Jan. 24, 1857, is a hardware merchant in Cleveland, Ohio; John Hunter, born April 14, 1859, died in 1909; James Hanson, born Oct. 5, 1861, died in 1862; Sarah Elizabeth, born July 19, 1863, is unmarried; Milton Samuel was born May 12, 1869; Alfred Marks, born Sept. 28, 1871, resides at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Milton S. Bell obtained his education in the public schools of Burrell township. When a boy he began to clerk in his father's store, and subsequently going out to Ohio clerked for about ten years with his brother in the hardware business. On his return to Blacklick, in 1897, he bought out the general mercantile business from his father's estate and has conducted it on his own account ever since, giving all his time and attention to the store. It has enjoyed undiminished popularity under his capable management. He has made extensive improvements in the ac-

commodations, bringing the establishment up-to-date in equipment and convenient arrangement, and his genial personality and ready attention to the wants of his customers has kept the business up to the high standards set by his father. The store is the largest of the kind in Blacklick, and deservedly has a wide patronage from the town and adjacent territory. Mr. Bell was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Blacklick, which he serves as director, and his public-spirited interest in the town has made him a sympathetic aid of every good movement for its advancement and betterment.

On June 27, 1902, Mr. Bell was married, at Cleveland, Ohio, to Jessie G. Bruce, a native of that city, daughter of Charles Bruce. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Bell are members of the Christian Science Church, and both have been ardent admirers of the late Mrs. Eddy and her doctrines. Socially he is an Odd Fellow and Mason, belonging to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Blacklick, and to HALEYON LODGE, No. 498, F. & A. M., of Cleveland, Ohio, and Thatcher Chapter, No. 101, Royal Arch Masons, of Cleveland. He is a staunch Republican, but takes no active part in politics.

JOHN WIGGINS HENDERSON, late of Armstrong township, Indiana county, who died July 4, 1907, was a native of Center township, this county, born Jan. 6, 1839.

The Henderson family came to this section from Cumberland county, Pa., where Samuel and Elizabeth (Wiggins) Henderson, grandparents of John Wiggins Henderson, lived. On their removal to Indiana county they settled in Center township, where they followed farming the rest of their lives. Their children were: Samuel, John, Brice, Margaret, Nancy and Sarah.

John Henderson, born in Cumberland county, moved to Indiana county and was engaged in farming and milling in Center township. Later he moved to Tunnelton, in Conemaugh township, this county, where he farmed for a time, and he subsequently resided in White township. He was interested in agricultural pursuits all his life. He died in 1871, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife, Nancy (Wiggins), died near Saltsburg, in Conemaugh township. They had the following children: Jane died unmarried in 1900, aged seventy-six years; Samuel died in 1898, at the age of seventy; Nancy married Thomas Wolverton (they were both blind), and had one child, Sarah Jane; Margaret

died when three years old; Brice died when ten years old; William, now living at Oil City, Pa., married Margaret Lemon (who is deceased), and had one child, Nancy Jane; Sarah is the widow of John McLaughlin, and resides in Philadelphia; John W. is mentioned below; Maria died unmarried April 17, 1870, aged twenty-seven years; Brice (2) married Anna W. Barker and now lives at Oil City.

John W. Henderson was brought up like the ordinary farmer boy and received his education in the common schools of the home neighborhood. He was engaged in farm labor in his youth and early manhood, and also learned and followed the trade of tanner at Tannery village, in Armstrong township. After his marriage he settled on a tract of sixty-nine acres in that township, upon which he followed general farming for many years. From 1891 until 1895 he was in business at Beaver Falls, Pa., where he had a grocery store, and he also lived in Pittsburg for four years; he was employed as caretaker at the free dispensary there during that period. He was actively interested in the public questions of his day, in early life upholding the principles of the Republican party, and later becoming a Prohibitionist. He served as school director in Armstrong township. Mr. Henderson was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, served as elder of the church he attended in Pittsburg, and also held that office in the Crete Church in Center township for many years. He met an accidental death, being thrown from a buggy and killed, at his farm in Armstrong township, July 4, 1906.

On April 14, 1864, Mr. Henderson married Elizabeth Clarissa McCullough, member of a highly respected family of this section. She was born on the home farm in Armstrong township, Indiana county, received her education at the Hilltop school and select school in Jacksonville, and began teaching at Elderton, Armstrong county, when only fourteen years old. She continued there until she was twenty, teaching twenty-six days a month and receiving fifty cents for each pupil. After two terms in the Derry township (Westmoreland county) school and one term in Green township (Indiana county), she went to Iron-ton, Ohio, to assist her brother, who was principal of the school there, and then attended Saltsburg Academy for two terms under Prof. Albert Brown. Following this she taught in Young township (Indiana county) for two terms and at the Uncapher school in Arm-

strong township one term, studied two terms at the Jacksonville Academy and then resumed teaching, being engaged one term at the Hilltop school in Armstrong township and one term at No. 5 school in Conemaugh township. Then she married in 1864, and settled with her husband in Armstrong township, of which she is a highly respected resident. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson had children as follows: (1) Elmer Lynch, born Jan. 17, 1865, is now connected with the pottery business at Carlton, Ohio. He married Millicent Rhoades, who died March 28, 1893, the mother of two children, Roy Evan and Clara Ellen. He has since married (second) Luella A. Hard. (2) Nancy Narcissa, born Jan. 14, 1867, married J. M. Hawk, and resides at Beaver Falls, Pa. They have had children: Le Moyne (deceased), Meriam (deceased), Warren Clifford, Raymond Perry and Clara Esther. (3) Clara Mary, born May 24, 1869, married Joseph Lytle McGaughey, a resident of Armstrong township, this county. (4) William Brice, born Oct. 12, 1871, died in 1880. (5) Randal Wiggins, born Feb. 2, 1874, graduated from the Pittsburg College of Pharmacy (Western University of Pennsylvania), and now has a drug store of his own at Avalon, Allegheny Co., Pa. He married Margaret Pierce. (6) Walter Lowry first became a druggist and then took up the study of medicine, graduating from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, Pittsburg, and he is now engaged in practice at East McKeesport. He married Villa K. Fleeger, and they have two children, John Walter, born in June, 1906, and Annita Elizabeth, born Aug. 20, 1910.

The McCullough family, to which Mrs. John W. Henderson belongs, came to this country from Ireland. David McCullough, her grandfather, was born on what is now the Samuel Stephens farm in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and died at Elderton, Armstrong county. He married Elizabeth George, a native of Ireland, and they had the following children: Samuel, James, Martha, John, David (died young), David (2) (died young), Jackson, William, David (3), Robert and Alexander.

Samuel McCullough, father of Mrs. John W. Henderson, was born in 1813 in Armstrong township, Indiana county, on what is now the Samuel Stephens farm, and later lived near Elderton, Armstrong county. By trade he was a tanner and harnessmaker, following that line at Elderton for two years, and he also conducted a tannery on his farm,

which is now owned by Mrs. Henderson. He bought hides all over the county, tanning them and shipping the leather to Pittsburg, and was a well-known man in this section in his day, his various business ventures bringing him in touch with a large number of people. In politics he was a Democrat and during Buchanan's administration was appointed postmaster at Tannery village; the office has been abandoned since the establishment of the rural free delivery service. He also served as school director. Mr. McCullough died on his farm Dec. 23, 1875, and was buried in the cemetery of the West Union United Presbyterian Church in Armstrong township. His wife, Martha (Wiggins), was born Nov. 20, 1820, on what is now the Thomas Whatt farm, daughter of Andrew and Rebecca (Lytle) Wiggins, and died in March, 1875, on the McCullough home place. She is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. Mrs. Henderson and Andrew W. were their only children.

ANDREW WIGGINS McCULLOUGH, son of Samuel, was born April 13, 1839, in Armstrong township, and there began his education at the Hilltop schoolhouse. Later he attended the academy at Jacksonville. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Captain Coder, and served one year. Most of his earlier manhood was spent in teaching. He taught at Saltsburg and Pineflats, in Indiana county; at Ironton, Ohio, for three years being principal there; at New Wilmington, Pa., college three years; at Saltsburg again; at Eldersridge, Indiana county, assisting Dr. Donaldson; at Belmont, Ohio, four years; and then came back to Armstrong township, Indiana county, and taught three years. Having studied theology, he was ordained a minister of the Lutheran Church in 1866, and 1877 moved to Brushvalley, Indiana county, and became pastor of the Lutheran Church there. He died Feb. 10, 1913, at Homer City, this county.

Mr. McCullough married Susan Simpson, of Eldersridge, in Young township, Indiana county, and they had the following children: Charles Clarence, Samuel Noel, Frank (deceased), Ella Jane (married William Nevins, both deceased), Dial Lewis, Herbert, David Elmer, Margaret (married Herbert Myers), Herman and John.

JOSEPH WIDDOWSON RANKIN, though one of the youngest of the group of wide-awake business men who have brought the borough of Clymer, within the compara-

tively brief period of its existence, to a foremost position as a business center in Indiana county, has been one of the most active and most successful in achieving results of the greatest importance to the general welfare. His principal interests are in the lumber business, but he has numerous other connections which make his influence felt in many things vital to the advancement of this section. Mr. Rankin was born Feb. 16, 1880, on a farm near the town of Hillsdale, in Montgomery township, Indiana county.

William Rankin, father of Joseph W. Rankin, was also born in Montgomery township, and was a son of Hugh R. Rankin, a native of Hillsdale, Indiana county. In early life he engaged in the lumber business, which he continued to follow for many years, later settling on a farm in Montgomery township which he cultivated for a considerable period, being there thirty years. Thence he moved to Green township, where he and his wife still have their home at Purchase Line. He married Nancy F. Buterbaugh, who was born in Grant township, Indiana county, daughter of Frederick Buterbaugh, who at one time served as commissioner of Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin had the following children: Margaret, who is the wife of D. H. Tomb, a prominent lawyer of Indiana, Pa.; John H., deceased; F. C., deceased; Dean S., who lives on the old home place; Ruth, who died in infancy; and Joseph Widdowson.

Joseph Widdowson Rankin obtained his education in the country schools in his native township. Later he attended a commercial school in Detroit. His first work was on a farm, but for some years after giving up agricultural work he was employed as a traveling salesman, visiting almost every State in the Union during the five years he was thus engaged. He also saw considerable of South America during that period. Returning to his native county he settled at Clymer, which was then in its infancy, and few men have had more to do with founding its business enterprises, establishing its government upon a modern basis and promoting its development along the most approved modern lines. He assisted in the organization of the borough, has held nearly all of the borough offices, and is at present serving as treasurer, in which position his ability and excellent management are fully appreciated. Upon settling here he embarked in the lumber business, later adding the coal business to the original line, and besides this independent venture, which he carries on under the name

of Joseph W. Rankin, he is interested in the Dixon Run Lumber Company, of which he is the secretary. He is also associated with two other most important concerns in the borough—the Citizens' Water Company, of which he is president, and the Clymer National Bank, in which he holds stock, and of which he was formerly vice president. Mr. Rankin holds membership in the Clymer lodge of the I. O. O. F. and in Indiana Lodge, B. P. O. Elks.

On July 12, 1910, Mr. Rankin married Ella M. Evans, daughter of John E. and Ellen M. (Allen) Evans; all of her surviving brothers and sisters live in Clymer. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin have a beautiful home in the borough.

JAMES WARRICK, deceased, who for many years was engaged in the contracting business in Indiana, where he is remembered as the builder of the city jail, Mrs. Reeder's house, the Lutheran church, Mr. Courtney's residence, the Wissell home, and other structures, was born in 1831 in Westmoreland county, Pa., where were born also his two brothers, George and Charles, and his sister, Rachel.

Mr. Warrick was reared in his native county and there attended public school, following which he learned the trade of brick mason with his brother George. He came to Indiana before his marriage, and was here married Jan. 15, 1880, to Margaret Nealer, who was born at New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Pa., Aug. 16, 1862, went to the schools of Clarion county, and at the age of sixteen years was brought to Indiana by her parents, Henry and Margaret (Ziegler) Nealer. Mr. and Mrs. Warrick went to housekeeping on Church street until he erected a home at No. 280 Philadelphia street, and at this home he died Oct. 16, 1890, at which time he was one of the leading contractors of the city. He was a Democrat in his political views. Mr. and Mrs. Warrick had four children: Minnie, who is deceased; Nevada, who married George Lydiek, and died leaving one daughter, Frances Charlotte; and Virginia and John, twins, who died young.

The parents of Mrs. Warrick were of German birth, and were married in the Fatherland, one child being born to them there who died on the ocean while they were making the journey to this country. Mr. Nealer, a farmer, first settled in Clarion county, but subsequently moved to Indiana county, but his death occurred at Brady, in the former

county, whither he had removed some time before. His wife passed away at New Bethlehem. They had the following children: The one who died at sea; Mrs. Warrick; Annie, who married Henry Steving, of Indiana; Catherine, who died unmarried; Paul, of East Brady, Pa.; and Mary, who died unmarried.

ARMOR P. CLARK, of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, a leading farmer in his section, was born Nov. 2, 1867, on the farm he now owns and occupies. He is of Irish extraction, his paternal grandfather having been a native of Ireland, in which country he spent all his life.

Samuel Clark, father of Armor P. Clark, was born in 1815 in Ireland and came to America when a young man. For some time he lived in Pittsburg, Pa., and that vicinity, then coming to Indiana county. For a few years he followed farming at Homer City, was afterward a resident of East Wheatfield township for some time, and then bought the Wheary farm in West Wheatfield township, a tract of 106 acres, most of which he had cleared and under cultivation at the time of his death. He put up buildings, and improved the property in many ways, being a thrifty, industrious man, one who was respected by his neighbors and held the confidence of all his fellow citizens. He died May 10, 1880, at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried in the Bethel cemetery in West Wheatfield township. His wife, Jane (Oliver), also a native of Ireland, born March 16, 1825, came to America when sixteen years old, and died March 11, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had a large family: Thomas, James, John, Samuel, Robert, Armor P., Mary (died young), Hester (married J. R. Dick and Philip Rhen), Dassa (married Samuel Coleman), Viola (married Charles Duncan), Jennie (married John Auld) and Clara (married Lloyd Penrose).

Armor P. Clark received his education in the public schools of his native township. He was only a youth of thirteen when his father died, and he took hold of the work and remained on the farm, carrying it on for his mother after he was old enough. After her death, in 1900, he bought out the other heirs' interest in the place, becoming the sole owner, and he has devoted himself to general farming and stock raising ever since. This farm lies along the Clay pike about four miles from New Florence. There is a fine residence on the place, built in 1895, and the house and surroundings are carefully kept up in every

respect, Mr. Clark taking great pride in having his home neat and attractive, and its appearance indicates the prosperity and intelligent management for which Mr. Clark has justly won a high reputation.

On Dec. 20, 1898, Mr. Clark married Alpha M. Mack, daughter of R. H. Mack, of East Wheatfield township. She died April 7, 1905, and is buried in Bethel cemetery. Four children were born to this union: Virginia, Paul, Imogene and Samuel.

Mr. Clark is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Bethel. In political connection he is a Republican.

JOHN M. CARSON, postmaster at Homer City, Indiana county, is a native of that town, born July 27, 1868. His grandfather, John Carson, was born in Perry county, Pa., where he grew to manhood. His father died in middle life, leaving a family. John, one of the sons, came to Indiana county, where his brothers Alexander and William settled, also his sisters Susan and Jane. He learned the trade of cooper in Perry county, but when he located in Center township, Indiana county, he rented a farm, and followed farming all the remainder of his life. He died on the farm at the age of seventy years. He was twice married, the second time to Elizabeth Steel, who was a native of Franklin county, daughter of Matthew Steel. She lived to the ripe age of ninety-two years. She was the mother of eight children: Mary, who died unmarried; James, deceased; Matthew, deceased; John, deceased; William, deceased; Estella, deceased; Robert P.; and Thomas, also deceased.

Robert P. Carson, father of John M. Carson, was born in Center township April 15, 1835, and educated in the public schools there. Although he worked on the farm until seventeen years old he also learned the shoemaker's trade, in 1856 locating in Homer City and following his trade. He has been in business there continuously for the past fifty-six years and is still actively engaged, being one of the best-known men in the borough, highly respected for his honest, industrious career. He has always been a good citizen and deeply interested in the welfare of his town. He cast his first vote for Lincoln and has been a staunch Republican since. Mr. Carson was married in Homer City to Mary C. Foust, who was born in Somerset county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Carson attend the M. E. Church. They are the parents of ten children: Albert; Kate, who married Robert E. Roberts; Cora, who



died young; John M.; Loie Ellen, who married Henry E. Phillips; Annie, married to John F. Barkley; Edgar D.; Gertrude, married to Bruce D. Kramer; George H.; and Mary Estella, married to Henry A. Trusal.

John M. Carson attended public school in Homer City. At an early age he started out to make his own way, finding his first employment in the planing mills of J. M. Guthrie & Co., of Homer City, where he remained twelve years, during half of which time he was foreman. His next position was with the Prairie State Incubator Company, of Homer City, by which concern he was employed for a period of eleven years, five of which he was foreman of the plant. On Nov. 4, 1903, under the administration of President Roosevelt, he was appointed postmaster at Homer City, succeeding B. B. McConnaughty. The office was at that time in the fourth class. On Feb. 1, 1906, it was raised to third class, and on Jan. 3, 1910, to second class, being the first office in the county raised to second class within such a short period. Mr. Carson was reappointed by Roosevelt, and again under Taft, having held his position continuously since he first assumed its duties. His business-like management and the satisfactory service he has given to his fellow citizens have won him their respect and a well-deserved reputation for ability and efficiency. He is a member of the Postmasters' Association. For eight terms he has been a member of the Homer City school board, on which he is still serving, and has been president the last two years. He is a leading member of the M. E. Church, in which he holds the office of trustee. Socially he belongs to I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 41, at Homer City, and to Indiana-Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M.

In 1891 Mr. Carson married at Homer City Elizabeth Sloan, and they have three children: Martha, who is a clerk in the post-office; Jay, and Robert.

WILLIAM DUNN GATES, M. D., has a large practice in and around the borough of Indiana, where he has been located since 1898. He is a native of Bradford county, Pa., born Oct. 24, 1865, at Springfield, where his father, William Gates, was also born. Seth Gates, his grandfather, was born in one of the New England States, presumably Connecticut, and was a farmer during the greater part of his life. He was a descendant of the well-known General Gates, of Revolutionary fame.

His wife, whose maiden name was Greene, was a descendant of the famous Gen. Nathanael Greene.

William Gates, the Doctor's father, was a farmer and stock dealer. He married Elizabeth Dunn, and they were the parents of two children: William Dunn and Adelia, the latter the wife of Lewis Chatham. Mr. Gates died in 1878, his wife surviving until March, 1909. They were members of the M. E. Church.

William Dunn Gates attended district school at Springfield and the elementary and high school at Troy, Bradford county. His father dying when he was quite young, it became necessary for him to rely upon himself at an unusually early age, but he was ambitious to become a professional man and let no obstacles stand in the way of an education. He was industrious and economical, as well as studious, and he applied his hand earned savings to this end, attending school as far as his means would permit. The law first attracted him, and he read for a short time along that line, but soon abandoned it for the study of medicine. After reading under Dr. H. D. LaPlant, of Sayre, Bradford Co., Pa., he entered Hahnemann Medical College, at Philadelphia, where he completed the four years' course, graduating in 1898. The same year he began practice at Indiana, where he has since found his field of labor. He has built up a large practice, being one of the busiest general practitioners in this region, and besides acts as examiner for the Standard Mutual Life Insurance Company of North America and for the Pension Life Insurance Company of Pittsburg. For ten years he was surgeon for the Joseph Horton and Graeton Coal and Coke Companies, and he served a term of three years as coroner of Indiana county. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Society and of the Indiana Physicians' Protective Society, and also belongs to the Pennsylvania State Homeopathic Society, to the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America, and to the National Medical Association. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the B. P. O. Elks at Indiana. He is a Republican in his political views, and in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church.

On Oct. 23, 1902, Dr. Gates married Carrie Baldwin, of Sayre, Pa., and they had one child, Ruth A. His second marriage, on Nov.

12, 1912, was to Carrie Burnham Hill, of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

HARRY E. LYDICK, who was engaged in the drug business in the borough of Clymer, Indiana county, for several years, was born April 17, 1873, in Cherryhill township, and belongs to one of the oldest families of this region.

John Lydick, his great-great-grandfather, the founder of the family in this country, was a native of Holland. On coming to America he first settled at Hannastown, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he engaged in farming. In the year 1760 he brought his family to Indiana county, settling in what is now Cherryhill township, where they built a fort, part of which is still standing. The following year the hostility of the Indians drove them back into Westmoreland county, where they remained for seven years before again venturing to live at their new home. When they returned they settled permanently in Cherryhill township, on the farm which is still in the family, and here John Lydick died at an advanced age. He served in the Revolutionary war. One of his descendants is Harry S. Lydick, of Pittsburg, deputy United States district attorney, who is a second cousin of Harry E. Lydick.

Jacob Lydick, son of John, grew to manhood in Cherryhill township, where he lived and died. He reached the ripe old age of ninety-four years.

Patrick Lydick, son of Jacob, also passed his entire life in Cherryhill township. Like his father and grandfather he lived to be very old. His family consisted of three children, all now deceased.

Russell Lydick, son of Patrick, was born March 20, 1834, in Cherryhill township, on the farm where his great-grandfather had settled, and farmed there all his life, dying on that place Jan. 18, 1900. He married Nannie Martin, who was born in Cherryhill township March 12, 1851, and to them were born five children, three sons and two daughters, namely: William, the eldest, resides on the old family homestead in Cherryhill township; Elizabeth is the wife of Levi Honek, of On-berg, Indiana county; Harry E. is mentioned below; John P. also resides on the old home place, he and his brother William cultivating the property; Ella M. is the wife of Earl Long, and resides in the borough of Indiana. Mrs. Lydick died May 20, 1882.

William Martin, father of Mrs. Nannie (Martin) Lydick, was born in February, 1819,

in Cherryhill township, son of John Martin, a native of Ireland, who on coming from that country to the United States settled in that township and engaged in farming there. His son William also followed that occupation, and both died in Cherryhill township. William Martin married Martha MacCauley, who was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and was only three years old when her parents came to America. The family lived first on Long Island, and then came to Armstrong county, Pa., where they made a permanent settlement. William and Martha (MacCauley) Martin had a family of nine children, two of whom survive: John, who lives at Tyrone, Pa.; and George, living at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Harry E. Lydick obtained his schooling in Cherryhill township. Meantime he began farming, but when eighteen he began to teach school there, being thus engaged in his home township for seven years and later in Rayne township, this county, for one year. Taking up the study of pharmacy, first under Dr. Stevens, he engaged in the drug business after the completion of his course, establishing his store at Clymer in 1906. That was in the early days of the borough, and he assisted in organizing the town. His business expanded steadily with its growth, and he built up a prosperous trade, which continued on the increase until he disposed of his store recently. Mr. Lydick is a member of Indiana Lodge, No. 346, I. O. O. F.

On Aug. 24, 1909, Mr. Lydick married Esther Delmer, the ceremony taking place at Niagara Falls, N. Y. She is a native of Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa., born April 20, 1889, daughter of Enoch and Mary (McCabe) Delmer, natives of England, the father born in London, the mother in the County of Durham. They settled early at Houtzdale, and Mr. Delmer engaged in mining. He and his wife now live in Cambria county, Pa. They have had the following children: Priscilla, wife of Clarence Getty, of Houtzdale, Pa.; Maggie, deceased, wife of David Davis, of Scranton, Pa.; Mary, wife of Frank Kittleberger, of Clearfield, Pa.; John, living at home; Esther, Mrs. Lydick; and James, Nan, George, Nellie and William, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydick have had one child, Russell, who was born Jan. 29, 1911.

EBENEZER W. SMITH has been leading a somewhat retired life since 1904, when he moved to the borough of Cherrytree, giving up farming, to which he had previously de-

voted all his time. However, he has not relinquished all active connection with the business world, serving as president of the National Bank of Cherrytree, with which institution he has been associated for several years. Born in Green township, this county, Sept. 18, 1842, he belongs to a family which has been settled there for almost a century.

Richard W. Smith, his grandfather, was a native of New Jersey, born Oct. 19, 1768, near Newark. When a young man, in 1788, he settled in Marion county, Va. (now West Virginia), and engaged in lumbering and farming, also buying and selling cattle and stock. In 1824 he moved to Indiana county, Pa., his family following him to this section in 1828. They lived in Green township, where he bought land and prospered, adding to his possessions until he owned one thousand acres. At first the nearest postoffice was Indiana, Diamondville being established later. Richard W. Smith remained on his farm there until his death. He married Elizabeth Walker, who was a native of Greene county, Pa., born Oct. 1, 1779.

Ebenezer W. Smith, son of Richard W. and Elizabeth (Walker) Smith, was born Dec. 20, 1805, in Marion county, Va., and was the eldest child of his parents. He came with his parents to Indiana county, and after the death of his father continued to carry on farming on the old place, where he passed the rest of his life. He died Dec. 15, 1876. Before his death he divided his tract of land among his children, who settled on the portions given them. He was married, Sept. 8, 1831, in West Virginia, to Lovina Hayhurst, who survived him, dying June 2, 1884. They became the parents of five children, four sons and one daughter, namely: Richard, born Nov. 13, 1832, was a resident of Indiana county, and is deceased; Benjamin, born July 2, 1834, died in 1912; Sarah E., born Feb. 2, 1837, is the wife of William Household, and they live in Westmoreland county, Pa.; Ebenezer W. is mentioned below; John B., born Oct. 1, 1848, is a resident of Clarksburg, West Virginia.

Benjamin Hayhurst, father of Mrs. Lovina (Hayhurst) Smith, was a native of West Virginia, and there passed all his life, settling in Marion county. He came from a long-lived race and himself lived to be ninety-nine years of age, and his father reached the age of 107 years. Benjamin Hayhurst served as a soldier during the Mexican war.

Ebenezer W. Smith, son of Ebenezer W. and Lovina (Hayhurst) Smith, spent his boyhood days on the farm in Green township and there

attended public school. Farming was his occupation from the time he began work, and he remained on the old Smith farm in Green township until about eight years ago, in 1904 abandoning active agricultural work and moving in to Cherrytree. In connection with his farm work Mr. Smith also carried on lumbering to some extent. He has long been an official of the National Bank of Cherrytree, and is now the executive head of that institution, holding a substantial and influential position among the recognized leaders in financial circles in the community. He was one of the organizers of the County National Bank of Punxsutawney, Pa., which he is now serving as a director, and is a stockholder in the Savings & Trust Company, of Indiana.

On July 7, 1870, Mr. Smith was married to Sadie C. Garman, who was born Sept. 20, 1846, in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of Peter and Lucinda (Dunkle) Garman, the former a native of Franklin county, Pa., the latter of Green township, Indiana county. Mr. Garman was a prominent resident of his section of Cambria county for many years, engaging in lumbering and farming and also conducting a sawmill. He organized and founded the town of Garman, named in his honor. In his later life he moved to Indiana county, where he lived retired for a number of years before his death. They were the parents of nine children. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, but they have reared two children: H. R. Spicher, who lived with them from the time he was five years old, is now married to Rachel McCullough, of Cookport, and they live upon Mr. Smith's farm in Green township. Sadie C. McCloskey, who was also raised by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, is now the wife of W. J. Henry, and they reside in Punxsutawney, Pa., where Mr. Henry is proprietor of the White Front restaurant.

In 1906 Mr. and Mrs. Smith made a trip to California, spending five months in travel.

REUBEN ELMER SCHALL, M. D., of Arcadia, Indiana county, has built up an excellent private practice during the six years of his residence there and also acts as physician for local coal companies, his various interests keeping him fully occupied. He is a native of the neighboring county of Armstrong, born July 16, 1876, at Shay, son of Savandas and Rebecca J. (Heilman) Schall. His father was a mason and contractor in his active years.

Dr. Schall obtained his preliminary education at the public schools, later attending the

Elderton (Pa.) Academy and the Clarion State normal school. He taught school four terms in Armstrong county. Taking up the study of medicine, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., graduating from that institution in 1904. The same year he located at Rural Valley, Armstrong county, where he practiced for eighteen months, in 1906 settling at Arcadia, Indiana county, where he has since found a lucrative field for practice. He is chief physician at that point for the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company and the Ellsworth & Dunham Coal Company, both of Arcadia, who have about eight hundred employees at Arcadia. Dr. Schall is also physician for all the old-line insurance companies doing business in Arcadia. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and socially is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees, Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree in the latter fraternity; in that connection he holds membership in John W. Jenks Lodge, No. 534, F. & A. M., the Consistory at Williamsport, Pa., and the Shrine at Altoona, Pa. He is a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, belonging to the Synod. As a citizen Dr. Schall takes an intelligent and public-spirited interest in the welfare of the community, and exerts his influence for good movements whenever possible.

On June 21, 1911, Dr. Schall married Nellie H. Mahaffy, of Burnside, Clearfield Co., Pa., daughter of John and Mary Jane Mahaffy, the former of whom was a hotel proprietor.

**THOMAS JEFFERSON BRANDON**, a successful farmer and one of the best-known citizens of Center township, Indiana county, was born in Plumcreek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., March 2, 1848, son of Thomas Jefferson and Bella (McCracken) Brandon.

John Brandon, the grandfather, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., where he was somewhat prominent in county affairs, serving as justice of the peace and later as sheriff. Subsequently he removed to Armstrong county, where he spent the remainder of his life, serving there also as a justice of the peace until his death, which occurred while he was away from home, having been called to perform a marriage ceremony. The immediate cause was undoubtedly heart trouble. His children were: Samuel, of Washington township, Indiana county; John, a soldier in

the Mexican war; James, of Brookville, Pa.; and Thomas Jefferson.

Thomas Jefferson Brandon, youngest son of Sheriff John Brandon, was born in 1802 in Armstrong county, Pa., where he grew to maturity. In 1855 he left his native county and removed to Center township, Indiana county, near Homer City, where he purchased the farm on which he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1870. He was known as a man of strong character, honest and upright and enterprising as a citizen, serving Center township as an official a number of times. In politics one of the early Republicans, and an abolitionist in his sentiments regarding slavery, he was a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. When the Civil war was declared he endeavored to enlist, but was refused on account of his age. Of pleasing personality and great physical strength, he was a figure in any gathering he attended and was very highly esteemed. In 1825 he married Bella McCracken, daughter of Joseph McCracken, an old settler of Armstrong county, whose ancestors came from Ireland. To Mr. and Mrs. Brandon were born the following children: Barbara, who married William Auld, of Brushvalley, Pa.; John, who was killed at the battle of Seven Pines, the first engagement in which he took part as a soldier in the Civil war; Joseph, who died young; Mary, who married John Peddicord, of Burrell township; Jane, who married Robert McCleam, of West Wheatfield township; William, residing in Adair county, Iowa, who married Margaret McCune; Isabella, who is the widow of William Braeken, and lives in Somerset county, Pa.; and Thomas Jefferson, who bears his honored father's name.

Thomas Jefferson Brandon received his education in the Center township schools, working on the home farm in the summer and attending school in the winter until he was twenty years old. Remaining at home he then took charge of the farm, and looked after the comfort of his parents until they died, when he became the owner of the homestead. He remained on the farm until 1894, when he sold it, and later purchased the A. H. Mike-sell place in Center township, at Homer City, which at the present time of writing (1912) is his place of residence. For three years he conducted a meat market at Homer City, and for the same length of time owned a livery stable, but has always continued farm operations, in which he is still interested, and also buys and sells stock. In this branch of agriculture he has been unusually successful, be-

ing an excellent judge of cattle and stock. In political matters he is a staunch Republican, and since he was twenty-four years of age has served continuously in office in his township, faithfully performing his duties without fear or favor. He has served as treasurer of the school board and is now president of that body. In addition to looking after his other interests, he is serving on the directing board of the Homer City National Bank. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

On March 5, 1872, Mr. Brandon was married to Nancy Jane Hildebrand, who is a daughter of Eli Hildebrand, a well-known farmer of Brushvalley township, and five children have been born to them, as follows: William Franklin, whose death, in young manhood, was a crushing grief for his family; Gillis, who died in childhood; Mary Matilda, who married William McNutt, a business man of Homer City; Milton, who married Frank Campbell, a daughter of the late Dr. J. G. Campbell, of Homer City; and Tracy, who at present is in the United States government service, being a rural mail carrier out from Homer City.

Mr. Brandon is an example of the modern, intelligent, well-informed agriculturist, and his farm industries and land cultivation are carried on according to scientific methods unknown to farmers of an older generation. He has spent time and means to improve his property suitably, and it would be difficult to find in any part of the county a more attractive rural home than that of Mr. and Mrs. Brandon, situated as it is on an eminence overlooking the pleasant town of Homer City.

JOHN R. BRYAN, former school teacher and business man of Indiana, Pa., and now living retired, was born Jan. 8, 1838, on the old family homestead in White township, near Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., and is a son of John MacCartney and Mary Barr (Allison) Bryan.

Nathaniel Bryan, the great-grandfather of John R. Bryan, was born in Ireland, and was there married to a Scotchwoman. He was a farmer in his native country, and on coming to America with his wife and seven sons located at the present site of Cumberland, Md. His eldest son was finely educated, and was one of the early government surveyors, laying out the town of Cumberland, Md., and later going to Kentucky, where he was married. Two of the sons of the progenitor settled in Virginia, and from one of these, it is supposed, William Jennings Bryan is de-

scended. Two other sons settled in New York State, one remained in Maryland, and the remaining son, the grandfather of John R. Bryan, came to Indiana county, Pa. Nathaniel Bryan fought as a soldier in the war for American independence.

Nathaniel Bryan (2), son of Nathaniel, and grandfather of John R. Bryan, was born in Ireland and was a lad when brought to the new world. He was reared to manhood in Cumberland, Md., and came to Indiana county, Pa., some time prior to his marriage, which occurred in Brushvalley township, to a Miss MacCartney. When he had reached advanced years he went to live at Greensburg, Decatur Co., Ind., the home of his three sons and one daughter, and died at the home of his son Joseph, when he had reached the remarkable age of ninety-six years. His wife died in Indiana county, Pa. They were both members of the Church of the Covenant. Their children were: Samuel, a cabinetmaker by trade, when twenty-two years old accompanied a colony of Indiana county people to the woods at what is now Decatur, Ind., where he became a prominent man, serving as justice of the peace and as judge of the county court, holding the latter position at the time of his death (he left two daughters); Hannah, who married Robert Allison, settled on a farm in White township, and died there at the age of eighty-two years; Mrs. Joseph MacCartney died on a farm in Wheatfield township; John MacCartney is mentioned below; Charles, who as a youth learned the tanner's trade in Mahoning township, where he married a Miss Saddler, with his wife and two sons removed to Greensburg, where he superintended the construction of a railroad, and where his wife died, Mr. Bryan subsequently returning to Mahoning township to marry her sister, Martha (he died at Greensburg, Ind.); Joseph, who accompanied the colony to Greensburg, Decatur Co., Ind., where he was engaged in the hardware business up to the time of his death, married a Miss MacCartney, and had two sons and two daughters; Martha made her home with her brother Joseph, at Greensburg, Decatur Co., Ind., and died there, unmarried.

John MacCartney Bryan, son of Nathaniel (2), and father of John R. Bryan, was born June 10, 1808, on the old homestead in Wheatfield township. Though during his entire life he received but three months of schooling, and in order to obtain that was obliged to walk five miles, no man in the county could keep a better set of books. After his marriage he settled at Strongstown, Indiana county, where

he kept the old tavern for two years, and then purchased 138 acres of land one mile north of Indiana from David Ralston, subsequently purchasing another property of the same size, located in the woods. He spent his entire life in the cultivation of these properties, and died April 10, 1860, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a trustee for many years, and to which his wife also belonged. He was a Whig in his political views. Mrs. Bryan, who died June 24, 1872, at the age of seventy-five years, was the mother of these children: Sarah Jane married Thomas Ebeys, and died in Topeka, Kans., at the age of seventy years; Samuel, who married Rebecca A. Rowe, lived and died on the old homestead; Rebecca married Samuel Rowe, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, who was for thirty years in the fruit business there, and when Guthrie, Okla., was opened for settlement, went to that point and was there engaged in fruit raising, Mrs. Rowe still being a resident of Guthrie, although her husband is deceased; Allison died at the age of four years; John R. is mentioned below; Harrison, who married Maggie Wiggins, lives on the old homestead; William B., a retired farmer of Indiana, Pa., married Deborah Berkepile, now deceased; James Mitchell died at the age of three years; Taylor W., who fought with the 55th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil war, following that went to Sedalia, Mo., engaged in scene painting, married and died there.

John R. Bryan received his education in the old subscription schools of Indiana borough and spent his boyhood days on the home farm. He started out to make his own way in the world with little else than determination, energy and a good mind and steady habits, and at the age of eighteen years was teaching school at Taylorsville, following that during the winter months, while the summer season was spent in advancing his own education, in Dayton Academy and the seminary at Marion Center. At the latter place his sister, Mrs. Rowe, resided, her husband being postmaster and conducting a general store at that place. Mr. Bryan worked in his brother-in-law's store and carried mail, thus earning board and clothes, and at the age of twenty-three years endeavored to enlist in the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. On account of his small stature, however, he was advised by the recruiting officer to "go home and grow a bit." Returning to his duties as teacher, Mr. Bryan spent the recesses in drilling his pupils, and the patriotic fever finally became so strong that a company was formed, which was sub-

sequently accepted and merged with Company I, 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. John F. Stanton, a full cousin of the famous Secretary of War Stanton. They went to camp in Philadelphia, and after drilling there and at the navy yard in Annapolis, were sent to do guard duty on the railroad. Later they went to Annapolis and eventually to Harper's Ferry, to assist in preventing Jackson's crossing into Maryland. With the 2d Corps, the regiment served in the Shenandoah valley, but during the fall of 1863 was transferred to the 3d Division, 6th Army Corps, with which it was identified until the close of hostilities. Mr. Bryan was captured at Winchester, Va., and taken to Libby prison and thence to Belle Isle, whence he was transferred to a parole camp at Annapolis. From that city he walked home to see his mother, and on rejoining his regiment was discharged at Washington and mustered out of the service at Harrisburg, on account of the close of the war.

Returning home, the young soldier was engaged in buying stock for one year, and on March 20, 1866, was married to Mary E. Dunn, of Penn Run, Pa., daughter of Cyrus and Sarah (Empfield) Dunn. Mr. Bryan then engaged in business as a huckster, but after four years entered the commission business, in which he continued twenty-nine years. For more than a decade he has lived retired in Indiana, where he is widely known and highly esteemed. Mr. Bryan is essentially a self-made man, having gained success in life through the medium of his own efforts. He has had an able assistant in his worthy wife, who has shared with him all the vicissitudes of a long and useful career. They are consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church, and in political matters Mr. Bryan is a staunch Republican, having served as overseer of the poor for twelve years and in various other offices. He is a remarkably well preserved man, and in spite of his seventy-five years reads the newspapers without the aid of glasses and has a very retentive memory.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have had three children: Minnie J., who married R. M. Smith, of Indiana; a child who died in infancy; and Wallace Steele. The latter was born in Indiana, Pa., April 5, 1867, and after attending the public schools of the borough and the Indiana State normal school entered Washington and Jefferson College, and subsequently took a course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated. He at once engaged in practice at McKeesport, but at

present is practicing in Ramey, Clearfield county, where he is also the proprietor of a drug store. Dr. Bryan married Clara Howell, and they have one daughter: Mary.

ISRAEL CARNAHAN, farmer, business man and public official of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born Sept. 18, 1849, in Bell township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where the Carnahans lived prior to their settlement in Indiana county.

The Carnahan family is numbered among the early settlers of this section of Pennsylvania, the Carnahans having come to America at the same time as the well-known Tomb family of East Wheatfield township, this county. Thomas Carnahan, grandfather of Israel Carnahan, resided in Perrysville, Westmoreland county, five miles from Saltsburg. He married a Miss McKinley, and they had the following children: Israel, Thomas, Elizabeth (married Matthias Jockey), Wilson (who went to California in 1849, returned to Pittsburg and engaged in the shoe business), Samuel and David R.

David R. Carnahan, son of Thomas, was born at Perrysville, in Bell township, Westmoreland county, and died aged ninety-one, in Armstrong township, Indiana county. His schooling was limited, and at an early age he became head of a family. Farming was his principal vocation, and he was enterprising and progressive, being the first man in Westmoreland county to own a grain cradle. Later he went to McKeesport, Pa., where he followed mining for a time, and then returning home to Westmoreland county bought a farm of 150 acres, which he subsequently laid out into building lots and sold, this being what is now Perrysville. In 1846 he became interested in salt works on the Kiskiminetas river, near Saltsburg, and for a time was engaged in making salt, and at the same time conducted a steam gristmill located on the Kiskiminetas. He then moved to what is now Salina station and followed milling, then moved to the old farm at Perrysville, and in 1848 came to Indiana county, where he purchased the James Clark farm of 150 acres in White township. A number of years afterward he made a trade with John Cunningham, giving that place for a tract of 180 acres in Armstrong township, upon which he passed the rest of his days, carrying on general farming. He was much respected in his neighborhood, served at one time as supervisor of roads, held other offices of trust, and was a valued member of the United Presbyterian Church. His first wife,

Martha (Morrison), died at the age of thirty-seven years, and he subsequently married (second) Lavina Berkeypile. There were five children by the first union: Thomas M. is mentioned elsewhere; Mary Agnes married Thomas Hearn; Israel is mentioned below; Martha (deceased) married Sansom Person; John Morrison (deceased) married Margaret Cunningham. Eight children were born to the second marriage: Albert, Carrie, Harvey, Lottie, Levi, Levina, David M. and Dick.

Israel Carnahan came to Indiana county with his parents in 1848 and received his education in the common schools in this county. He continued to reside with his parents till he was married, when he located on part of the homestead, a tract of seventy-two acres in Armstrong township, to which he has since added, now having eighty-five acres, and he has been improving the place continuously throughout the period of his residence there. In 1893 he built a large, substantial house and a fine barn, and by reason of natural advantages and intelligent management the property is now one of the most valuable of its size in this section. It is richly underlaid with coal. Mr. Carnahan is thoroughly up-to-date in all his work, engaging in general farming and stock raising. He was one of those chiefly instrumental in having the telephone line between Indiana and Parkwood established. In December, 1909, he and Mr. William Glass started out to take subscriptions for the enterprise, and when they had enough guarantees to insure its success went to the Bell Telephone Company with the proposition and were promptly accommodated. It has proved a benefit to all its patrons, which is Mr. Carnahan's best reward for his labors. He was elected president of the local company, known as the Indiana & Parkwood Telephone Company (a subsidiary of the Bell Telephone Company), and served as such two years; he is still a stockholder. Mr. Carnahan was foreman of the State road from Indiana to Apollo, Pa., during 1912-13, and he has frequently been honored with election to public office, having served his township as school director, assessor, tax collector, road supervisor and member of the election board. Politically he is a Republican. For thirty-four years he has been a member of the Crete United Presbyterian Church, to which his family also belongs, and he has served some twelve years as trustee and for the last twenty years as elder.

On Dec. 26, 1873, Mr. Carnahan married Nancy Angeline Anthony, daughter of David

W. and Margaret (Miller) Anthony, of Armstrong township, and they have had a family of twelve children, namely: Harry David, who is an employee in the United States mail service in Armstrong township, married Martha Lowry; Minnie, who is teaching at Girty, Armstrong Co., Pa., was graduated from the Indiana State normal school in 1905; Elizabeth married Samuel Shearer, a farmer in White township; Annie graduated from the Indiana State normal school and from business college, was a school teacher in Vandergrift at one time, and is now the wife of Lisle Colthaugh; Lorretta is the wife of Arthur Warner, a farmer in Center township; Bertha married Robert McCurdy, an engineer, of West Lebanon, Pa.; Sadie graduated from the Indiana State normal school in 1910, and is now teaching school in Armstrong township; Lisle M., a farmer in Armstrong township, married Zula Rowe; Wilbur, Grace, Hazel and Imogene are at home.

SAMUEL A. DOUGLASS, senior member of the Indiana County Bar Association, was born in Indiana, Pa., July 13, 1827, in the same square in which his office is now located, and where he has resided for over eighty years. He is a son of Woodrow and Mary (Truby) Douglass. Samuel Douglass, the paternal grandfather, with his wife, Lydia (Adams) Douglass, located at Newport, on the Conemaugh, near the mouth of Blacklick creek, in Indiana county, Pa., in 1791, and removed to Indiana in 1805. Their children were: John, William, Samuel, Woodrow, James and Rachel, all now deceased.

Woodrow Douglass was born at Newport in 1799, and his wife Mary (Truby) was born at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., June 12, 1801. They were married in 1826. On Feb. 3, 1832, Woodrow Douglass was appointed a justice of the peace by Gov. George Wolf, and on Jan. 3, 1836, he was appointed by Gov. Joseph Ritner clerk of the Orphans' court and register of wills for the county of Indiana. In 1843 he was elected to the office of county treasurer. His death occurred March 15, 1850, and his widow died Oct. 11, 1893. The children born to him and his wife were: Samuel A., Mary A. (who died July 14, 1830), Lydia A., Simeon W. (who died Sept. 29, 1884), Washington (who died May 2, 1835), Henrietta, John (since deceased), Elizabeth A. (married to M. F. Sherretts), William Q. (who died Nov. 16, 1851) and James (who died Nov. 27, 1851).

Samuel A. Douglass was educated in the

common schools and Indiana academy, read law with William M. Stewart, Esq., and was admitted to the bar at the September term, 1851. For some time afterward he was engaged at teaching school, clerking, etc. In the year 1854 he received appointment to a clerkship in the District court of Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, and was engaged there for some time, but owing to ill health returned to his home at Indiana, Pa., and resumed the practice of his profession, in 1855. He was elected secretary and solicitor of the council of the borough of Indiana, Pa., in 1856, in which he served continuously, with the exception of the years 1857, 1863 and 1864, until September, 1895, making a service of thirty-six years. He was appointed deputy collector of internal revenue of the Twenty-first district of Pennsylvania in 1869, and held the position for three years.

Mr. Douglass, having enlisted, was mustered into the United States service June 1, 1863, as a private in Company I, transferred to Company H, 2d Battalion, six months' Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was honorably discharged Jan. 25, 1864. After his discharge he resumed the practice of law, and is now also engaged as secretary-treasurer and manager of Greenwood cemetery. He is a member of Post No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic. One of his fellow practitioners expresses the high opinion the fraternity holds of him and his work thus:

"Mr. Douglass never took an active part in the trial of causes. He was a careful counselor, an excellent auditor, a good penman and accountant, honest, upright and competent. He has the respect and confidence of his fellow members of the bar and the public.

"In 1903, when the county celebrated its centennial, at the request of the bar Mr. Douglass wrote a sketch of the early history of the bar and of its members up to the time of writing, a copy of which was filed with the Law Association of the county. It is a valuable document, and contains much information that would have been lost had it not been for his care and research in preparation."

WILLIAM H. CAMPBELL, farmer of Burrell township, Indiana county, is a member of an old settled family of this section and a citizen whose industrious life has gained him the respect of all who know him. He is a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Campbell was born Feb. 29, 1844, in West Wheatfield township, this county, son of John Campbell, and grandson of David Campbell, the first American ancestor of this branch of the family.





*S. A. Douglass*



Toward the end of the eighteenth century Wheatfield township embraced all the territory south of the Purchase Line; sixteen townships have since been formed within her original boundaries. The first settlers in this district were emigrants from Ireland, from the Counties of Antrim and Armagh, they landing in America July 21, 1792. Stories of the New World soon attracted others left behind, and David Campbell, who was born in Ireland in 1794, came some time later to join this colony in Wheatfield. Leaving his native home he took passage on a sailing vessel to America, and after a stormy voyage of more than six weeks found himself on the shores of the New World. He proceeded westward over the Allegheny mountains to the Conemaugh valley and finally located on Blacklick creek near the present site of the village of Heshbon. He came to what is now East Wheatfield township in 1814, later purchasing by patent 219 acres of land on Blacklick where he spent the remainder of his life. Assisted by his sons he cleared the land and erected buildings, and his farm became one of the productive tracts in the locality. Mr. Campbell was laid to rest in the Campbell graveyard on the homestead place.

Mr. Campbell was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Kerr, daughter of Samuel and Jane Kerr, and by her he had two children, John and Elizabeth (who married William Murphy). By his second wife, Margaret (Mahan), he had a large family: Christopher, Robert M., James, Samuel, David, Porter M., Jane (who married William Palmer), Margaret A. and Alexander (who died young). Samuel, David and Porter were all soldiers in the Civil war.

John Campbell, son of David, born Dec. 19, 1812, in West Wheatfield township, grew to manhood there and obtained his education in the subscription schools then in vogue. But he made such good use of his rather meager opportunities that he became a schoolmaster, following his profession in West Wheatfield for some years. He also followed farming there, owning a tract of ninety-six acres upon which he carried on general farming and stock raising. Well-informed, intelligent, and interested in all that went on in the community, he was a valued and esteemed citizen. He lived to a ripe old age, dying on the farm June 8, 1896, at the age of eighty-three years, five months, twenty days, and was buried in the Bethel Church cemetery in West Wheatfield township. In politics he was a Demo-

crat, in religion a member of the United Presbyterian Church. On Dec. 30, 1841, he married Mary Herron, who was born in East Wheatfield township, daughter of William Herron, and is also buried in Bethel Church cemetery. She, too, was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Campbell: Elizabeth, born Aug. 23, 1842, married Isaac Aleorn, of West Wheatfield township; William H. is mentioned below; Christopher D., born Feb. 27, 1846, farmer of Brushvalley township, married Sarah Campbell; David, born July 30, 1848, died young; John H., born Jan. 18, 1851, is a farmer in Burrell township; Martha Jane, born April 25, 1853, married John McNutt; Mary Ellen, born Jan. 9, 1856, died young; Margaret, born in 1858, married John Piper, of Garfield, Pa.; Samuel H., born Dec. 4, 1860, lives at East Liverpool, Ohio.

William H. Campbell grew to manhood on the home farm, spending his boyhood days in attendance at the local public schools and in assisting his father. He remained at home with his parents until he enlisted, in August, 1864, in Company H, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. J. C. Greer and Col. H. J. Brady, serving until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Richmond, Va. Returning home he continued to do farm work in West Wheatfield township until he settled upon the Sides farm in Burrell township, a tract of ninety acres which he operated for six years. He next moved to the Samuel Ray place in Burrell township, containing 130 acres, which he operated for Mr. Ray until 1908, when the property was sold to Wilber P. Graft, of Blairsville, this county, for whom Mr. Campbell has since carried it on. He is a practical farmer and stock raiser, as his long management of the same farm would indicate, and everything about the place testifies to his neatness and good taste as well as to his industry. He is a hard worker, and is well liked by his associates. Mr. Campbell takes a public-spirited interest in whatever concerns the general welfare, but has been particularly active in securing good public school facilities in his locality, having served for over twenty years as school director of Burrell township; he has served three years as president of the school board and five years as secretary. He cast his first vote while in the army, for Lincoln, and has been a Republican ever since. His religious connection is with the United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville, of which he is a leading

member, having served as member of the building committee, as member of the finance committee and (at present) as ruling elder. He takes a deep interest in every branch of church work. Mrs. Campbell also belongs to that church.

Mr. Campbell's first marriage was to Mary Miller, a native of West Wheatfield township, daughter of David Miller, of Somerset county, Pa. Children as follows were born to them: John, who is a resident of Vandergrift, Pa., where he is employed in the tin sheet mill; David Miller, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, now residing at Madison, Pa.; and Elva Jane, who married John J. Armstrong, of Girard, Ohio. Mrs. Campbell died April 5, 1880, on the homestead. On March 22, 1883, Mr. Campbell married (second) Pirmillia (Anna) Hutchinson, of West Wheatfield township, daughter of Cornelius and Catherine (Fry) Hutchinson, and by her has had five children: Elsie, who is deceased; Harry Ray, who is engaged in the postoffice at Turtle Creek, Pa.; William Lloyd, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Blairsville, Pa.; Earl Scott, also in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Blairsville; and Mary Catherine, at home.

JOHN McLAUGHLIN, in whose death Brushvalley township lost one of its best citizens and successful agriculturists, was a native of Indiana county, born in Center township, near the line of Brushvalley township, May 13, 1843.

John McLaughlin, father of John, was a native of Ireland, and came of that sturdy race of men which has done much to make the State of Pennsylvania one of the best in the Union. He was born in County Down, in 1799, and came to America in the prime of manhood, locating in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he became the owner of a tract of 177 acres in the wilderness. Here he settled down to pioneer life in the forest, erecting a log house and barn, and he ever afterward made this spot his home. He worked hard to clear up his place, but death came while he was still in middle age, on Jan. 6, 1850, and he was laid to rest on the farm which he had helped to clear up. He was a man of strict honesty, integrity of purpose, industrious and hard-working. His devotion to his wife and family made his death most hard for those he left to mourn him. Mr. McLaughlin married Mary McLaughlin, and their children were: Catharine, who died

young; Eve, who married Hiram Clawson; Mary, who married Daniel Byers; Michael, who resides at Parkers Landing, Pa.; Phebe, who married Anderson Clauson; and John.

John McLaughlin was but seven years old when his father died. He attended the local schools and worked on the homestead from early boyhood, caring for his widowed mother, who passed away there. He continued to operate the home farm, engaging in general farming and stock raising until 1886, when he moved with his family to Brushvalley township, on the Thomas Fee farm, which was the home of his father-in-law, a tract of thirty-three acres. This he operated together with the homestead farm in Center township the remainder of his life. Mr. McLaughlin was occupied also in butchering, selling his meats, etc., at Johnstown, Pa., and he did a large business in that line.

Mr. McLaughlin died May 17, 1908, aged sixty-five years, and was buried in the cemetery at Armagh, Pa. He made the Golden Rule his chief religion in life and most conscientiously lived up to it. He was an honorable, industrious man, an excellent citizen, and one who did much for his community. A Republican in politics, he served as school director for nine years, and for many years as overseer of the poor, and took an active part in all town affairs. He was hard-working, his chief aim in life being to make his family comfortable and afford them the opportunities of good education.

Mr. McLaughlin married Nov. 4, 1869, Margaret Ella Fee, born in Brushvalley township, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Mahan) Fee. Mrs. McLaughlin is still living on the old homestead, tenderly cared for in her declining years by her devoted family. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, viz.: (1) Effie M. is at home. (2) Clifford Thomas, born Nov. 15, 1874, was educated in the Brushvalley schools, also attended summer normal school under Prof. J. T. Stewart and Prof. C. A. Campbell, and taught school for fifteen years, principally in Brushvalley and East Wheatfield townships, Indiana county, though he was also engaged in Cambria and Allegheny counties. Later he became manager of the five and ten cent store of Mr. Bonner, at Braddock, Pa., filling that position for one year, and he is now in the United States postal service at Windber, Pa., serving as letter carrier. He married Fannie Wakefield, and they have one child, Jennett C. (3) Myrtle obtained her education in the public schools of Brushvalley and the summer

school at Homer City, studying under Mr. Bracken and Mr. Welsh. She has been a successful school teacher, having taught in public school in both Indiana and Cambria counties.

(4) Gillis Lloyd, born July 17, 1882, was also educated in the public schools of Brushvalley and summer normal schools under Prof. J. T. Stewart and Prof. C. A. Campbell, and attended summer school at Homer City under Messrs. Bracken and Welsh. He taught school for five years in the townships of Brushvalley, West Wheatfield, Burrell and Center, and now resides on the homestead, engaged in general farming and stock raising. (5) J. Ralph, born Sept. 25, 1888, was also educated in the public schools of Brushvalley, and summer normal school under Profs. J. T. Stewart and C. A. Campbell, and taught four years in East Wheatfield and Burrell townships. He was a bookkeeper for the Lumber Manufacturing Company of Johnstown.

ELISHA GREEN, a druggist of Plumville, Indiana county, where he is also justice of the peace and notary public, was born near Sagamore, in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., Pa., June 13, 1853, son of Abraham Green.

Ezekiel Green, father of Abraham Green, was born near Williamsport, Pa., came to Armstrong county with his father, and was a blacksmith and farmer at Sagamore, where his death occurred.

Abraham Green, son of Ezekiel Green, was a farmer of Cowanshannock township, where he owned 120 acres of land. This he devoted to stock raising and general farming, and became a successful agriculturist, making many improvements upon his property. As he cleared his land he converted the trees into lumber, being thus employed until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-one years old. For many years he was a member of the Lutheran Church, St. John's, and was buried in the cemetery attached to that church. In politics he was a Republican, but he did not seek public office. Abraham Green was married in Armstrong county to Esther A. Smith, who died on the homestead and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband.

Elisha Green, son of Abraham Green, received a good practical education in the public schools of his township, at Glade Run academy and a select school at Plumville, and then for eleven years taught school, being engaged eight years in Armstrong county, and three years in Indiana county. In 1883 he bought the drug store at Plumville owned by the

Winrer brothers, and has since devoted his energies to conducting it. This is the leading drug store in South Mahoning township, and Mr. Green meets popular demand very capably by carrying a fine and varied line of stationery, wall paper and similar goods in addition to his drugs. Besides, he owns a fine eighty-acre farm on which he raises stock and carries on general farming. Having been appointed a notary public by Governor Tener in 1901, he was a logical candidate for justice of the peace and was elected by a handsome majority in 1902 and reelected in 1907, receiving his commission from Governor Stewart. No appeals have been taken from his decisions, for those who come before him recognize his sense of justice and appreciate his interest in giving them a fair deal, while at the same time enforcing the law vigorously. He took an important part in the organization of the borough of Plumville, and is a strong Republican of the old school, steadfastly adhering to President Taft, of whom he is a great admirer. An Odd Fellow, belonging to the lodge at Plumville, he is now a past grand of that body and a member of the grand lodge of the State; he also belongs to the Rebekahs. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World of Indiana. Both he and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church, which he is serving as elder, and he has long been a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, carrying into his everyday life the creed he professes.

In 1874 Mr. Green was married in Armstrong county to Clarinda Adam, born in Plumville, a daughter of David Adam. Mrs. Green is one of the most devoted of wives and mothers, and her home reflects her high, Christian character. Mr. and Mrs. Green became the parents of three children: David Nelson (who died when seven years old), Sara Etta and James Blaine. Sara Etta Green, who was educated in music at Irwin College, taught music in the public schools of Plumville for six years prior to her marriage to Moody A. Speedy, an electrical engineer with the Westinghouse Company of Pittsburg, by whom she has one son, Alexander Blaine.

JAMES BLAINE GREEN, youngest child of Elisha Green, was born Aug. 3, 1884, in Plumville, where he attended public school, later going to the summer normal held in that town. He fitted himself for a business life by taking a course in the Bliss commercial college of Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated June 30, 1902. Following this Mr. Green entered Allegheny College, at Meadville, and

took a classical course, but did not graduate owing to ill health. Later he pursued his studies in pharmacy in the pharmaceutical department of Pittsburg College, from which he was graduated in 1905, with the degree of Ph. G. For several years thereafter he assisted his father in the drug business, but on July 12, 1911, was made assistant cashier and bookkeeper of the First National Bank of Plumville, and held that position until October, 1912, when he resigned to resume the drug business. His skill as a druggist has long been appreciated by the people of Plumville, and both he and his father are well known over a wide territory that embraces several counties.

In 1905 Governor Pennypacker appointed Mr. Green a notary public, and he was reappointed by Governor Tener. Mr. Green's connection with the Odd Fellows is of such a nature as to reflect credit upon him as a man and a member of that fraternity. He belongs to Plumville Lodge No. 803, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, and also belongs to the grand lodge of the State; he is past chief patriarch of Dayton Encampment, No. 121, I. O. O. F., and is active in Desdemona Lodge, No. 350, Rebekah degree, of Plumville. Mr. Green is also interested in the Elks at Indiana. Like his father he is a strong Republican. He has been judge of election of his borough, and having been on the board of health for some time has given Plumville the benefit of his professional knowledge, and placed it under lasting obligations to him. He is also serving as secretary of the borough council. During 1910 Mr. Green did effective and conscientious work as a census enumerator in South Mahoning township and Plumville.

During recent years, Mr. Green has found recreation and profit in giving some attention to stock breeding and raising in partnership with his father, and they have specialized with favorable results in Jersey cattle.

In an age when there is such decided competition, it is necessary for a man to train his faculties carefully in order to keep abreast of the tide of human events. It is not often, however, that men are found who not only succeed in one or other of the learned professions, but who hold equally important positions in public affairs and the business world as well. Yet this is the case with the Greens, father and son. They are men of unusual endowments, who recognize the requirements of their times and endeavor to live up to them. Men of high character, they manage to imbue

others with some of their public spirit, and whatever undertaking they espouse is likely to be carried on effectively under their competent leadership. They have both been active in municipal affairs, always giving the people more than their offices demand, and few are held in such high regard as they. Such citizens prove conclusively that right living, high thinking and honorable methods of action do pay not only in the long run, but at all times.

JAMES A. CROSSMAN, who has long been justice of the peace and is at present also serving as Burgess of Indiana, has been identified with official circles in Indiana county for many years. He is interested in several local business enterprises, and is one of the representative citizens of this section, where he has spent all his life. Mr. Crossman was born May 3, 1849, in Indiana county, son of Asa and Mary (Robinson) Crossman. His grandfather was born in the East, presumably in Massachusetts, and came to Indiana county, Pa., when a young man, following farming here.

Asa Crossman was born and reared in Indiana county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Mary Robinson, whose father was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and emigrated to the United States in early life, settling in Indiana county, Pa., where he engaged in farming. Mr. Crossman died in 1900, his wife in 1902. They had a family of eight children, namely: Henrietta, wife of Daniel Siler; Elizabeth, wife of John Enterline; James A.; Anna, wife of Hulet Smith; Everett L.; Augusta H., wife of Charles Oberlin; Isaac; Susan, wife of M. L. Stevens. The parents were members of the M. E. Church.

James A. Crossman began his education in the public schools, later continuing his studies at the Dayton (Pa.) Academy. He taught school for a period of five years, after which he was engaged in the general mercantile business for two years. In 1893 he became clerk to the county commissioners, which position he filled for five years, at the end of which time he was elected justice of the peace. He has since served continuously in that office, having been twice reelected, the present being his third five-year term in that office. In 1907 Mr. Crossman was elected Burgess of Indiana and served three successive years, and in December, 1911, he was appointed to that office, to fill a vacancy, serving now under that appointment. Mr. Crossman is thoroughly interested in and associated with local indus-

tries, being a stockholder in the Dugan Glass Company and other concerns in the borough, and he is very well known in fraternal connection, belonging to the Elks, Eagles, Royal Arcanum and Modern Woodmen, and a past officer of the Elks and Eagles. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Crossman married Agnes Oberlin, daughter of Charles Oberlin, and they have three children: Lesbra C., wife of George Rigg; Charlotte, wife of Clyde Seanor, and Gertrude.

**WILLIAM B. SERENA**, senior member of the firm of W. B. Serena & Sons, of Saltsburg, was born Oct. 28, 1836, in Ligonier township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., a son of Joseph Serena and grandson of Joseph Serena, the latter a soldier of the war of 1812. His wife's maiden name was McGee.

Joseph Serena, son of Joseph Serena and father of William B. Serena, was a farmer in Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., becoming the owner of over 200 acres divided into two farms. He continued to be a farmer, teamster and lumberman throughout his life. Mr. Serena married Catherine Baker, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., of German ancestry, and their children were: Lucinda; Mary; William Baker; Elizabeth; Philip, who enlisted in Company I, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, later reenlisting in 1862, in Company K, 62d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, again in Company C, 191st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and the fourth time in Company E, 155th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Joseph; and David, who served in the 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry from the early part of 1865 until the close of the war.

William B. Serena attended the local schools of his native township, but at an early day began working on the McFarland farm, remaining in charge of it for two years. He then went to New Alexandria, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he learned the carpenter's trade with his uncle, and at the completion of his apprenticeship worked in the oil fields in Titusville and Oil City, Pa., with a fair measure of success.

In 1882 Mr. Serena came to Saltsburg, where he embarked in a meat business, and commanded a large trade drawn from all over that part of Indiana county. Later he opened a meat market on Salt street, on the present site of Stahl's store, and occupied these premises until 1902, when he built his present commodious quarters on Indiana street, having a

three-story frame structure, equipped with all the modern machinery, including a magnificent ice plant, for a first-class slaughterhouse. Mr. Serena now conducts a large wholesale and retail butchering business in conjunction with his sons under the firm style of W. B. Serena & Sons, and controls an immense trade that covers a wide area. In addition to carrying all kinds of meats, both cured and fresh, he handles sea foods, which he ships direct from the ocean ports to accommodate his patrons. Mr. Serena raises a number of his cattle and other stock on his farm in Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and buys the remainder. Having been in this line of business so many years, he is thoroughly conversant with its every detail, and his patrons benefit through his wide experience and thorough knowledge. His judgment with regard to stock is excellent, and is relied upon by many who look to him in matters relating to his line of business.

Mr. Serena married Theresa Kaney, a daughter of Stephen and Hannah (Jackson) Kaney, and they are the parents of children as follows: James Clifford, Beletta M., Joseph W., Clyde Washington and Philip C., the two last named dying in infancy.

For a number of years Mr. Serena has been a consistent Methodist. His political views make him a Republican, and he has always given a staunch support to the principles of his party. In 1863 he enlisted in Company K, 62d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with this regiment one year, after which he was transferred to Company B, 155th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which he was also a member for about one year. He was then changed to Company E, 191st Pennsylvania Regiment, serving in all about two years, six months.

**WILLIAM BAXTER CRAWFORD**, owner of over six hundred acres of improved land in Young township, is the leading agriculturist of his part of Indiana county and also has extensive interests in other lines, being a man of all-around business ability and remarkable enterprise. He has done thrashing in Indiana county and adjoining sections of Armstrong and Westmoreland counties for the last forty years, and for thirty years has carried on the manufacture of lumber, in both Indiana and Armstrong counties. Mr. Crawford was born in Young township Sept. 22, 1855. William Crawford, his grandfather, was a pioneer settler in the Eldersridge section of that township, where he became the owner of a tract

of four hundred acres, on part of which land the mining town of Iselin now stands. He followed farming and spent his life there, dying on his farm, and is buried in the Ebenezer cemetery. He was of Scotch extraction and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, whose maiden name was McDowell, also died on the farm and was buried in Ebenezer cemetery. Their children were: Ann, who married James Clemens and lived in Allegheny county, Pa.; Isabelle, who married Daniel Shearer; Sarah Jane; Matthew, who lived in Armstrong county; James; and John, who died in the West.

James Crawford, son of William, was born near Eldersridge in Young township, and there attended public school. At an early age he began work on the construction of the Pennsylvania canal, and also engaged in other lines, eventually settling down to farming in Conemaugh township, this county, on a 128-acre tract near Clarksburg. He devoted his time to general farming and stock raising and passed the remainder of his long life on that place, dying there at the age of eighty-three years, eleven months, twenty-three days. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and is buried in the U. P. cemetery at Olivet, Armstrong county. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. Mr. Crawford married Jane Baxter, who was born in Allegheny county, Pa., daughter of William Baxter and sister of William Baxter, prominent oil operator in his day and well known in both Indiana and Armstrong counties. Mrs. Crawford died at the homestead and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. Six children were born to their union: Mary Jane, who is on the old homestead; William Baxter; John, now a resident of Pittsburg, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Nancy, who married Frank Gordon; James, who is on the old homestead; and Sarah Belle, on the old homestead.

William Baxter Crawford was allowed the advantages the schools near his home afforded, and until he reached the age of twenty did farm work on the home place for his father. He then began threshing on his own account, being one of the first in this region to follow that line on the plan now generally adopted. He began with a three-horsepower machine, and as he became able to improve his equipment came to own an eight-horsepower outfit, and since he commenced to use steam power has had five engines. His work has taken him all over Young, Conemaugh and Armstrong townships, in Indiana county, and into

Armstrong and Westmoreland counties, and he has always commanded a large patronage; his sons now assist him in this business. For seven years in his early manhood Mr. Crawford worked with his uncle William Baxter in the oil fields of Clarion county, Pa., drilling, pumping and gauging. In 1879 he settled down to farming on the Matthew Crawford place, near what is now Iselin, and he has added to his farming property steadily since then, having bought other land in the township until he now owns and operates over six hundred acres. His purchases include the old Robert Elder homestead, a tract of 125 acres; the T. C. Watson farm, and the McCombs farm. All these properties have been greatly improved with buildings, fences, etc., during his ownership, his thrifty management and good judgment being apparent in the substantial nature of all the building he has had done and the careful attention to detail in evidence everywhere on his holdings. He also continues the manufacture of lumber, in which he has been interested for thirty years. There is no more progressive man in the locality, and he has not only been active in promoting his own interests but influential in encouraging every movement for the general good, his support being regarded as a valuable asset to any project for the benefit of the community. Though a Republican in political sentiment he is independent in his advocacy of measures and his support of candidates for public position.

On June 6, 1878, Mr. Crawford married Mattie J. Dumire, of Maysville, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of Andrew Dumire. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. C. Telford. Four children were born to this marriage: Oliver Rowland, born Jan. 29, 1879, who remained on the homestead, and died April 29, 1908; James Carl, born Oct. 28, 1881, at home; Andrew Claude, born Aug. 28, 1887, who is at home; and William Baxter, Jr., born Aug. 13, 1889, at home. The mother died May 19, 1890. On Jan. 11, 1894, Mr. Crawford was married, by Rev. S. A. Hughes, of Bethel Church, in Center township, Indiana county, to Annie M. George, a native of Center township, daughter of Walter Bates George, of that township, full mention of whose family will be found elsewhere in this work. They have had one child, Walter Hamilton, born July 8, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and their children are members of the Presbyterian Church at Eldersridge. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and Mason



(Lodge No. 431, F. & A. M.), belonging to the lodges at Saltsburg, this county.

J. MILTON JOHNSTON, agriculturist and dairyman and a man well known all over Indiana county, Pa., was born Oct. 24, 1863, son of James and Martha (Gibson) Johnston.

James Johnston, great-grandfather of J. Milton Johnston, in 1814, came with his wife, Mary (Perry), from Franklin county, Pa., to Indiana county, settling on a small tract of land in Center township, which had been cleared, and a log cabin erected. In this neighborhood they spent the remainder of their lives, rearing a family of ten children, namely: Adam, Elizabeth, James, Anne, Robert, Mary, Sarah, John, William and George W.

Adam Johnston, the oldest son of James and Mary Johnston, was born in Franklin county and accompanied his parents to Indiana county, where he grew to manhood, giving his father assistance in clearing up the pioneer farm. In 1824 he married a member of the McNulty family, bearing the name of either Mary or Nancy, and to them the following children were born: Mary, who became the wife of Charles McCracken; James; Isabella; Margaret, who married Hiram St. Clair; John; Robert, who married Mary E. Latimer and (second) Cynthia Meredith; and George W., who married Mary Dixon. Mr. Johnston was one of the first men in Center township to serve as a justice of the peace and filled that office for many years. He purchased 156 acres of land from a tract warranted to Dr. Robert Johnston in 1786, patented in 1796, which was part of a tract known as "The Valley," and on this land his life was spent in farming and his children were reared. He was buried in the Bethel Church graveyard in Center township.

James Johnston, son of Adam Johnston, was born and reared on the old homestead and received the usual educational training that country boys then enjoyed. At the time of his marriage he bought fifty acres of his father and fifty more from the Harold farm, adjoining, and with this land to cultivate he became busy and industrious and soon was regarded as one of the prosperous men of his community. While cultivating his land he made improvements for the comfort of his family and his buildings were substantial and attractive. For many years he devoted a large amount of attention to the buying and selling of cattle and all kinds of stock, which he either shipped or drove to Reading, Pa., a convenient mar-

ket. For a time he had as partners in this business first Peter Harold and later J. D. Dickie, both of Center township, but he was quite capable of carrying on large transactions alone. He continued to increase his land holdings until he had acquired 300 acres at the time of retirement from activity.

Mr. Johnston was elected on Nov. 8, 1881, a county commissioner of Indiana county, and served three years, his colleagues being William Mabon and James A. McQuown. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and served his constituents and party in a faithful manner in every office to which he was elected. In addition to serving as a county official he was useful in township offices, for nine years being overseer of the poor and several terms township assessor. Far and wide he was known for his genial disposition as well as for his keen business qualifications. During the greater part of his life he was a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church, and was a trustee for many years. In 1893 he retired from active business and moved to Indiana, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in May, 1904; he was interred in Oakland cemetery.

On March 29, 1849, Mr. Johnston married Martha Gibson, daughter of Robert Gibson, of Center township, the ceremony being performed in the Gibson (now Pounds) stone house, which was built about 1800. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were born the following children: Annie, who married John Kinnan; Lizzie and Jennie, both of whom reside at Indiana; James Stewart, now deceased, who was a merchant at Jacksonville, Pa.; and J. Milton.

J. Milton Johnston received his educational training in the Harold or Myers school in Center township and continued to assist his father until his own marriage. At this time he located on the Adam Johnston farm, and when his father retired, in 1893, assumed charge of the homestead which he has managed successfully ever since. At the present time of writing he is residing temporarily at Indiana, but continues to direct his farming operations as carefully as he did when living on his farm. At present he owns 630 acres of land, on which a large herd of cows is kept and an up-to-date dairy is maintained under his careful supervision.

On Dec. 26, 1889, Mr. Johnston was married to Louie Mabon, a daughter of Francis Mabon, who formerly was a county commissioner of Indiana county, and four children have been born to them, namely: Stewart,

who lives on the Harold farm near the homestead, married to Edna Britton, of Jefferson county; Francis Perry, who is a student in the Indiana State normal school; Martha, and Ernest.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Johnston has been a conscientious voter but has never accepted any office except on the school board, serving for twelve years in Center township, during eight of which he was secretary of the board. He is an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee, and was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school.

CHARLES DEVINNEY FERGUSON, of Burrell township, Indiana county, belongs to one of the oldest families of that section. He was born Sept. 29, 1866, on the old Ferguson homestead on Stewards run, in Blacklick township, this county, where several generations of Fergusons have lived and labored. They are of Scotch origin.

James Ferguson, the emigrant ancestor of the family, was born March 17, 1746, in Scotland, where he passed his early life. On Dec. 31, 1770, he was married there to Elizabeth Elliott, who was born Jan. 4, 1750, and they came with their family to America about the close of the Revolutionary war, settling first at Morrison's Cove, in Huntingdon county, Pa. In 1786 they removed to what is now Blacklick township, Indiana county (then a part of Westmoreland county), locating on a tract of land which was patented in the name of Barbara Elliott. The family remained for a short period at the Dixon blockhouse, at Broad Ford, but made a permanent home in Blacklick township, where Mr. Ferguson died April 30, 1813. His wife had died Oct. 26, 1792, at the age of forty-two years. They were the parents of the following children: William, born Nov. 14, 1771 (died Sept. 23, 1819); Rebecca, April 20, 1773; John, May 20, 1775 (died Jan. 11, 1791); Hance, March 3, 1777 (died April 30, 1813); Elizabeth, March 30, 1779; James, Feb. 17, 1781; Samuel, March 27, 1783 (died Dec. 14, 1843); David, Jan. 30, 1786 (died Aug. 9, 1862); Jean, April 17, 1788; Elliott, Dec. 14, 1789 (died June 7, 1852); Mary, Sept. 10, 1792.

James Ferguson, son of James and Elizabeth (Elliott) Ferguson, was born Feb. 17, 1781, in Scotland, and soon afterward was brought to America by his parents. He was in his sixth year when the family settled in Blacklick township, Indiana county, where

he was reared and became engaged in farming, spending the rest of his life there. He died March 2, 1846, at the age of sixty-five years, thirteen days. His wife, Margaret (Devinney), born Oct. 7, 1793, died Nov. 27, 1861, aged sixty-eight years, one month, twenty days. They had a family of twelve children, namely: Elliott, born July 8, 1812, died June 19, 1883; Aaron, born March 25, 1814, died Jan. 4, 1881; Elizabeth, born Jan. 2, 1816, married James Patticord; William, born Jan. 21, 1818, died June 16, 1885, in Ohio; Jane, born May 14, 1820, died Sept. 7, 1907, unmarried; James, born March 8, 1822, lived at New Florence, Pa., and later went to Kansas, where he died; Eli, born April 25, 1824, a doctor and minister, resided at Latrobe, and later went to Kansas; Andrew D. was born Feb. 17, 1826; John, May 12, 1828; Joseph, March 24, 1831; David, Jan. 2, 1833; Margaret Ann, Sept. 12, 1836.

John Ferguson, son of James and Margaret (Devinney) Ferguson, was born May 12, 1828, at the Ferguson homestead, and attended the Ferguson school. The land on which the school building stood was given by his father for that purpose. He began to assist his father when a mere boy, and continued to follow farming and stock raising at the homestead all his life, making extensive improvements on the property during his ownership. During the Civil war his sympathies were with the Union, and he served three months in the Pennsylvania militia. He was a staunch Republican, and took an active interest in local politics, and he held a number of the township offices, serving as school director, supervisor, and tax collector. He was a leading member of the Hopewell M. E. Church and prominent in all its work, serving as steward, trustee and class leader. He died on his farm May 22, 1895, and is buried in Hopewell M. E. Church cemetery. On Nov. 24, 1863, at Livermore, Pa., Mr. Ferguson married Sybilla Kells, who was born June 2, 1846, daughter of Robert and Mary (Cunningham) Kells, the former a native of Ireland who came to America with his parents and settled in Philadelphia, later moving to Westmoreland county, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life; he is buried at Livermore. Mr. Kells was a carpenter and boatbuilder by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson had the following children: (1) Frank Ulysses, born Dec. 12, 1864, attended Blairsville Academy and later was a student at the James Beacom private school for five terms. He then studied medicine and was

in the drug business at Glitson and is now engaged in the practice of medicine there. He married Margaret Bradley. (2) Charles D. is mentioned below. (3) Mary Savannah, born Feb. 21, 1870, married E. C. Ryder and lives in Pittsburg. (4) Jennie May, born Nov. 23, 1872, married Thomas N. Dougherty. (5) George Crooks, born May 31, 1875, is a farmer in Indiana county, Pa. He married Effie Fritz. (6) Rebecca Kells, born Sept. 13, 1878, married Roy Torrence. (7) James Thomas, born Oct. 10, 1883, now in Port Arthur, Texas, is shipping clerk for the Gulf Refining Company.

On July 5, 1900, Mrs. Ferguson married (second) Matthew H. Henry, of Blairsville, Pennsylvania.

Charles Devinyey Ferguson attended the Ferguson school near the homestead, and subsequently worked there with his parents until 1891, when he married and started life on his own account. Renting the Smith farm he cultivated that place for a year, the next year farmed the Walker place, and in 1893 moved to Burrell township, where he carried on the Sloan place for five years. In 1898 he bought the Laughlin farm of ninety-eight acres (originally known as the McCrea farm) and there settled down to farming and stock raising. Ambitious and honorable, he has made a substantial and respected place for himself in the community, having been successful in his work and a thoroughly reliable and useful citizen. He still retains the coal interests on the old homestead, and also has acquired other coal interests in the State.

On Feb. 25, 1891, Mr. Ferguson married Lenora Hazlett, daughter of Lesley and Margaret (Streams) Hazlett, and they have become the parents of ten children: Alma (now engaged in teaching school, living at home), Lesley, Gladys, Lena, Margaret, Lynn, Clair, Winifred, Evabel and Wayne G. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson and their family are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Blairsville, and he has served as elder for four years. He has been deeply interested in politics as a progressive Republican, and has taken some part in the workings of the party in his section, having served as member of the township election board and as a member of the county Republican committee. He has been school director of his township for three years.

A. W. CAMPBELL, merchant and justice of the peace of Heshbon, Indiana county, owner of the big "Square Deal" store in that

town, is one of the most popular citizens of Brushvalley township. He is a native of the county, born Jan. 12, 1872, in West Wheatfield township, son of David and Martha C. (Carnahan) Campbell. The father was also born in West Wheatfield township, where he was reared, and was a farmer throughout his life. He served on the Union side during the Civil war, enlisting Aug. 30, 1864, in Company H, 211th Regiment, and was in the army almost a year, being discharged May 18, 1865. He received a gunshot wound above the right knee during his service. His death occurred Feb. 18, 1901, in West Wheatfield township. He was a Democrat in politics and in religious connection a member of the U. P. Church, in which he held the office of elder. His first wife, Nancy J. (Palmer), was the mother of two children: Robert, now a resident of Blairsville, Indiana county; and Polly, wife of James Brown, of Wisconsin. To his second marriage, with Martha C. Carnahan, were born seven children: John A., formerly commissioner of Indiana county, who now resides in Blairsville, Pa.; James E., of Pueblo, Colo.; A. W.; Ella M., wife of Bert Donnellson, of Josephine, Indiana Co., Pa.; Zurah I., Mrs. W. B. Wagner, of Heshbon; Rosa, Mrs. James Wadsworth, of Josephine; and Joseph E., a teacher, of Heshbon. The mother died May 21, 1902.

A. W. Campbell went to the common schools near home for his early education, later attending different normal schools in the county—a summer normal at Armagh, the Greenville normal and the Indiana normal. He had a successful career of fourteen years as a school teacher, which he began when only sixteen years old. During this time he was an instructor in ungraded schools for seven years and for the other seven was principal of schools in Indiana, Cambria and Westmoreland counties, and for five summers trained teachers at summer normals held in various sections. In July, 1906, he became engaged in the mercantile business at Heshbon, owning what is widely known in his territory as the "Square Deal" store on Broadway, which as the result of his efforts to give full value for every expenditure is one of the most popular trading places for the people in and around Heshbon. He has a large stock, reasonably priced in accordance with his policy of doing the best possible by his customers, who have shown their appreciation by steady patronage. His good business judgment and enterprise are so generally recognized that for several years his services as auctioneer

have been in great demand, and in that capacity he has presided at many public sales in his own and adjoining counties.

Mr. Campbell was a poor boy when he started life on his own account and whatever position or means he has now can be accredited to his own exertions. He has been successful not only in a financial way, but in keeping the good opinion and respect of all with whom he has been brought into contact by his scrupulous observance of the rights of others and his keen sense of responsibility toward his fellow men.

On May 1, 1910, Mr. Campbell was commissioned a justice of the peace, "and has been dispensing law with equity and justice in that section of the county." This compliment to his official services appeared in the *Indiana Progress*, issue of May 22, 1912, apropos of the progressive stand he has taken on the marriage question. At that time he had just announced his intention of refusing thenceforth to perform a marriage ceremony unless the contracting parties presented him a certificate signed by a responsible physician, testifying to their physical and mental fitness. He was the first justice in this section to take such a step and his action caused considerable comment.

Mr. Campbell has been a prominent member of the Democratic party in this part of Pennsylvania for years. Although this is a Republican section he has made a good showing as candidate on more than one occasion. His heart is with the new Progressive movement. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the United Presbyterian Church.

**JESSE J. WILLIAMSON**, who is the owner of 196 acres of good farm and timber land in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, Oct. 6, 1841, son of William G. and Nancy Ann (Colkett) Williamson.

Hiram Williamson, the paternal grandfather of Jesse J. Williamson, was of English descent and coming to what is now known as Indiana county settled in what is now West Mahoning township (then included in Lycoming county), where he secured land. He married a Quaker lady, Miss Evans, of Chester county, and they spent the rest of their lives in agricultural pursuits in West Mahoning township, where they were among the earliest pioneers. Their children were: Hiram, Evan, William G., Mary and Sarah, all except William G. moving to Illinois.

John Colkett, the maternal grandfather of

Jesse J. Williamson, was a soldier in the Colonial army during the war of the Revolution, and was wounded in battle, after which he returned to his home in eastern Pennsylvania. He followed farming during the rest of his life. He had five children: John, Robert, Nancy Ann, Mary and Sarah.

William G. Williamson was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., Feb. 16, 1799, and his wife, Nancy Ann (Colkett), was a native of Indiana county. They became the parents of the following children: Hiram, deceased, lived to manhood in West Mahoning township; John C., Louisa and Annis died when but a few years old, of diphtheria; William E., deceased, who lived in Banks township and carried on farming, was a soldier in Company A, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was three times married, (first) to Mary Braugher, (second) to Elizabeth Leasure, and (third) to Sarah E. Horton, the last-named still surviving and residing in Banks township; Charles W., deceased, a farmer and stonemason of South Mahoning township, married Mary Work, and they had children, James O., John P., Russell and Alice, now Mrs. Alex. Birnie, of Sharpsburg, Pa.; John P., deceased, who served as a soldier in Company F, 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was wounded near Fair Oaks, and died there, where he is buried; Jesse J. is mentioned below; Ann Eliza died unmarried; Silas R., who served in the Civil war as a member of the 1st Pennsylvania Battalion, now a farmer of West Mahoning township, married Mary Stewart and (second) Annie E. Weaver, and has children as follows by the second marriage: Charles W. (who lives at home, following farming), Otis C. (a public school teacher), Alverda H. and Samuel B. (both at home).

Jesse J. Williamson, son of William G. Williamson, received a common school education, and was reared to the occupation of agriculturist, following the same on the home farm until after the death of his father. In 1876 he was married to Catherine Morrow, of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, daughter of David and Margaret (Lytle) Morrow, and to this union have been born children as follows: Edwin M. was a teacher in the public schools for some years, later going to Evans City, Pa., where he was employed in the oil fields; while there he contracted an illness which caused his death on Oct. 5, 1906. Frank, also a teacher, is now following the occupation of farming. Anna May and Emma were graduated from the Penn-

sylvania State normal school at Indiana, Pa., in the class of 1907, and have since been engaged as teachers in the public schools of western Pennsylvania.

On March 31, 1865, Mr. Williamson enlisted in the 103d Pennsylvania Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. On his return he resumed farming in West Mahoning township, where he still resides. Mr. Williamson cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has since that time voted the Republican ticket, as a rule. He has held minor offices in the township, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife being a United Presbyterian.

LON H. SKINNER, a stonecutter and contractor of West Mahoning township, was born in Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa., Jan. 23, 1859, son of John and Maria (Gahagan) Skinner.

Cornelius Skinner, a native of Scotland, came to the United States when eighteen years old, and, marrying a Miss Andrews, settled in Jefferson county, Pa., where he farmed until his death, at which time he was sixty years old. His widow long survived, dying when ninety-one years of age. They reared a large family, and were highly respected people.

John Skinner was given the common schooling of those days, attending in log cabins. He resided in Jefferson county until the fall of 1870, when he moved to Home post office, Indiana county, securing a farm in that vicinity. In later life, however, he resided with his children. In addition to farming he followed lumbering, and was an active man, holding many of the township offices, being elected on the Democratic ticket. He was a member of the Methodist Church. In 1844 he married Maria Gahagan, and they had seven children: Robinson, deceased, who was a stonecutter, lived in West Mahoning township; Emeline, who is the widow of E. Adams, lives in Punxsutawney, Pa.; James, deceased, was a farmer of West Mahoning township; Annie died young; Henry is a retired farmer of Eau Claire, Wis.; Martha married John Scott, of Sunbury, Pa.; Lon H. is mentioned below.

The early ancestors of Maria Gahagan, wife of John Skinner, came from Ireland, emigrating to this country in an early day. They settled in Maryland, and from there James Gahagan, her father, came to Jefferson county, Pa., settling near what is now called Zion Church. He was an exemplary citizen, and especially active in the advancement of the

Methodist Church, of which he was a lifelong member. His house was a home for the early day preachers, and services were often held there. He raised a large family, and died at the age of seventy-eight years; his remains rest in the Zion cemetery.

Lon H. Skinner was educated in the common schools of his native place, and remained with his father until he was eighteen years old, when he began working for himself. After his marriage he and his wife settled on his farm on the Mahoning creek, in West Mahoning township, and in addition to operating his property Mr. Skinner has been for years one of the most expert stonecutters and builders of the county. He is at present serving on the school board, and takes a deep interest in politics, as a member of the Republican party. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner are members of the Methodist Church, and active in its good work, and are as highly respected in the congregation as they are in other circles throughout the county.

Mr. Skinner was married to Mary Donald, of Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of John and Mary Donald, of the same county. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner have had children as follows: Theresa, a music teacher, married R. M. Bond, and is now residing in Johnstown, Pa.; Wilda, at home, has been a teacher for the last three years in the public schools of Indiana county; Edith, at home, is also a teacher in the public schools of this county; Jessie is in college at the present time; Minnie is attending school and lives at home. Mr. Skinner has given his children good educational advantages and has every reason to be proud of them.

EDWARD F. SHAULIS, M. D., of Indiana, has been in practice in that borough since 1903, and is counted among the successful physicians of Indiana county. He is respected by all who know him, as physician or as private citizen, and leads a busy and useful life which entitles him to a place among the valuable members of his community. Dr. Shaulis was born Feb. 3, 1873, near Bakersville, in Somerset county, Pa. His grandfather, Samuel Shaulis, was born and reared in Somerset county, and was a farmer by occupation.

Frederick Shaulis, the Doctor's father, was born in Somerset county, and like his father was a farmer by occupation. At the time of his death, which occurred in 1907, he had been a member of the Lutheran Church for fifty-seven years. He married Mary A. Pile, who survives him, and they became the parents

of twelve children, three of whom are deceased. The survivors are: Anna, wife of Peter F. Brough; Rev. Samuel A., a Lutheran minister now located on the old homestead in Jefferson township, Somerset Co., Pa.; Sadie, wife of A. J. Weimer, of Somerset county; Ella, wife of Dr. C. R. Bittner, of Hooversville, Somerset county; Elizabeth, wife of S. E. Knupp, of Friedens, Pa.; Edward F.; Carrie, wife of W. B. Putnam, of Jefferson township, Somerset county; Charles, who is a professor in the public school at Coleta, Ill.; and Wesley, a farmer in Jefferson township, Somerset county.

Edward F. Shaulis attended public school in Jefferson township, Somerset county, and preparing himself for teaching followed that profession in his native county for five years. He then entered the State normal school located at Indiana, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1898, after which he took up the study of medicine, reading with Drs. C. R. Bittner and S. J. H. Louthier, both of Somerset county. Entering the Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio, he was graduated in 1902, and the same year began practice on his own account, at Newcastle, Lawrence Co., Pa. He remained there one year, in 1903 moving to the borough of Indiana, where he has since been located. He has prospered from the start, now having a wide practice to attend to, being one of the busiest physicians in this section of the county. He is a member and corresponding secretary of the Eclectic Medical Association of Pennsylvania, and a member of the National Eclectic Medical Association.

In 1901 Dr. Shaulis married Ethel Maud Steinrod, of Indiana county, and to them has been born one child, Frederic S. Dr. Shaulis is a member of the Lutheran Church, which he has served officially as member of the board of elders.

**GEORGE FRANKLIN GAMBLE**, miller, farmer and Civil War veteran, a resident of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, is a son of George Washington and Mary (Wakefield) Gamble.

Albert Gamble, his great-grandfather, was the founder of the family in the United States, coming here from County Antrim, Ireland.

William Gamble, son of Albert, and grandfather of George Franklin Gamble, was born at Morgantown, W. Va., and married Jane Carrington, who died Jan. 22, 1849, aged seventy-nine years, two months. She was buried in the Gamble and Wakefield cemetery in

West Wheatfield, while her husband was laid to rest at Black Rock, Pa. He was an extensive brick manufacturer, and was prominent in business circles during a long period of years. They had the following children: (1) Jacob E., who died June 17, 1888, aged seventy-five years, seven months, and three days, married (first) Elizabeth Wakefield, who was born Aug. 24, 1808, and died Feb. 28, 1859, and they had six children, Harrison, Mariah, George, Harriet, Eliza and John M. He subsequently married (second) Catherine Lutz, and they had six children, Jacob, Archie, James, Perry, Mary and Edmund R. (2) Harriet, who married Henry Shomo, a blacksmith by trade, had four children, Lizzie, Joseph, Harry and Charles. (3) July. (4) Eliza married Ed. Milligan, of Blacklick township, and had six children, Adeline, Maud, Jessie, Mary, Elmore and Andrew. (5) George Washington is mentioned below. (6) John went West, where he died.

George Washington Gamble, son of William, was born in 1813, and died May 17, 1879, aged sixty-six years, one month, seven days. He married Mary Wakefield, who was born in West Wheatfield township, and she died June 17, 1879, aged sixty-eight years, five months, eighteen days, the mother of the following children: John Burgoyne, who married Agnes Shomo, died Sept. 18, 1880, aged forty-four years, two months, eleven days; Nelson, born February 6, 1852, who died Aug. 26, 1861; George Franklin is mentioned below; Percy Quitman, carpenter and millwright at Ross Furnace, Westmoreland county, married Mary McBurney, of that county, and has three children, John M., Eleanor and Vinnie; Mariah married James Armour, of Iowa, and has three children, Bruce, George and Ellen; Jane married Robert Fee, of Seward, Pa., and has four children, Ida, Amanda, Pearl and Essie; Malinda, who died July 11, 1876, aged thirty-four years, two months, nineteen days, the wife of Jonathan Gorman, had three children, Sadie, Frank and Harry; Caroline married Thomas Dickie, of West Wheatfield, and had three children, Edward, George and Clara; Amanda, born July 26, 1848, died May 15, 1887, the wife of Joseph Wagner, of Brushvalley, and had children, John, Bert, Clyde, Curtis, Sadie and Harry (born in 1887, died May 21, 1888).

George W. Gamble secured excellent educational advantages in his native town of Morgantown, W. Va., and at the age of nineteen years went to Johnstown, Pa., where he learned the trade of millwright and miller with

his older brother, Jacob Gamble, and together they erected many mills in the surrounding counties, George W. also following the carpenter's trade in Johnstown for two years. He then purchased Kring's Mill, in Somerset county, made numerous improvements thereto and subsequently sold the same to John Lehman. At that time he moved to West Wheatfield, Indiana county, and continued millwrighting and erecting mills until he purchased the Wakefield estate, a tract of 106 acres, from the heirs. He was road supervisor for many years, and was an active supporter of the Democratic party. A man of temperance and probity, he was one of the founders of Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he was a liberal contributor, and in which his wife was an active worker all of her life. They were laid to rest in the Gamble and Wakefield cemetery in West Wakefield. For some years Mr. Gamble was connected with the Odd Fellows, and had numerous friends in the local lodge, as he had, indeed, in various other circles throughout this section.

George Franklin Gamble, son of George W. Gamble, was born Feb. 9, 1841, at Kring's Mills, and received his education there and at Johnstown, Pa., and at the age of sixteen years went to work in the sawmill of Samuel Hartman. Later he learned the millwright's trade with his uncle, Jacob Gamble, in West Wheatfield township, and there followed his trade in the erection of flour and grist mills. In 1878 Mr. Gamble went to Kansas, and purchased a farm in Reno county, in connection with the operation of which he also worked at his trade. In 1885 he returned to West Wheatfield, where he purchased Gamble's Mills and a tract of 160 acres, formerly owned by his uncle, on which he made many improvements. He also built a sawmill on Richard's run, a quarter of a mile north of the gristmill, and both of these he is still conducting with uniform success. In addition to these enterprises, he is the owner of the Gamble's Mills general store, which is managed by his wife and daughter. He was one of the organizers of the Gamble's Mills Telephone Company, and has interested himself in various other enterprises. A man of strict integrity in all his business dealings, he has built up a reputation that makes his word of more value than any legal parchment. Politically a Democrat, he is progressive in his ideas, and always reserves the right to cast his vote for the man he deems best qualified for the office under consideration. A member of the Germany

Methodist Episcopal Church since boyhood, he is a steward and trustee thereof, and has been a Sunday school teacher for twenty years. In all the relations of life he is known as an upright and public-spirited citizen, one who never knowingly made an enemy and who never lost a friend except through death. He holds membership in Mead Post, No. 14, Grand Army of the Republic, at Rice, Kansas, by virtue of his service in Company F, 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Col. J. C. Lininger and Capt. Dan Tinkham, in which he enlisted at Pittsburg, June 16, 1863. He participated in a number of skirmishes, but the greater part of his services was in guarding bridges. He was known as a good and faithful soldier, and one who always performed his duties cheerfully and well.

Mr. Gamble was married (first) to Mary Hutchinson, who was born in 1844, and died in 1872, daughter of Cornelius and Catherine (Fry) Hutchinson, and they had four children: Milton, who traveled all over the world as a member of the United States signal corps, now lives in the West; Frank, living at Kansas City, Mo., married Nettie Barman, who is deceased; Clinton lives in Pittsburg; Delbert died at the age of twenty-one years. Mr. Gamble's second marriage was to Elizabeth Trimble, daughter of George W. and Mary Trimble, and they have had three children: Olive, who married Samuel Marshall and lives with her parents, Mr. Marshall assisting his father-in-law in conducting the mill, while Mrs. Marshall and her mother take care of the store; Pearl, who died aged twenty-two years; and Harry, who died in infancy.

The following notes of interest concerning the Gamble family were taken from a history of Indiana county:

Jacob K. Gamble, son of William and Elizabeth (Doyle) Gamble, was born in Morgantown, W. Va., in 1808. William Gamble's children were: John, deceased; Elizabeth, who married Archibald Fleming; Harriet, deceased, who married (first) John Rutter and (second) a Mr. Carr; William, who married Marian Scott; Julia A., deceased, who married John Hoskinson; George Washington; and Jacob K., who married Elizabeth Wakefield, deceased, and (second) Catherine Lute. The children of Jacob K. Gamble were as follows—by his first wife: William H.; Maria, deceased; John M., who married Carrie Simpson; George W., who married Mary Shaffer; Harriet, who married Henry Shomo; and Elizabeth, who married Edward Milliken. To

the second union there were born: Jacob A.; James St. Clair; Mary, who married Thomas Gamble; Archibald F.; Hugh P.; and Edwin R. William H. and John Gamble, of this family, served in the Civil war. William Gamble, father of Jacob K., served under General Wayne in the Indian wars, and lost his life in the war of 1812. Jacob K. Gamble settled in Indiana county in 1827, and learned the millwright's trade, at which he worked in Fayette and the surrounding counties for several years. He purchased Gamble's Mills in 1830, rebuilt same in 1844, and continued to conduct same during the remainder of his life. The old mill, which stood on the site of the present one, was erected in 1818 by Hugh St. Clair. Jacob K. Gamble was one of the prominent men of his day and community and served one term as county commissioner and one as justice of the peace.

JOHN R. SMITH, farmer and stock raiser of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, was born in Green township, this county, May 23, 1874, son of Richard R. and Elizabeth (Stuchsell) Smith.

George W. Smith, grandfather of John R. Smith, was born in Virginia, and brought his family to Indiana county, Pa., in 1827, settling in Green township, where he purchased over one thousand acres of land, being engaged in farming and lumbering throughout the remainder of his life.

Richard R. Smith, son of George W., and father of John R. Smith, was born in Green township, and continued to live on the old homestead for many years, eventually, however, removing to Cookport, Indiana county, where his death occurred in February, 1902. His widow still survives, making her home with a daughter, Mrs. Leda Williams, of Indiana. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Smith: Mollie, who is deceased; two who died in infancy; William G., of White township, Indiana county; John R.; and Leda, who married R. B. Williams, of Indiana.

John R. Smith attended school in Green township, and worked on the old home place until accompanying his father to Cookport, where he was engaged in farming for eight years. In 1903 Mr. Smith moved to Cherryhill township, here purchasing his present farm. He has carried on general agricultural operations, has been uniformly successful in his ventures, and at present is a director of the Clymer National Bank.

In December, 1896, Mr. Smith was united in

marriage to Catherine Gorman, who was born in Montgomery township, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Smith) Gorman, early settlers of Banks and Montgomery townships, this county, where Mr. Gorman, who is now deceased, was engaged in farming. His wife, who still survives and resides in Indiana, bore him nine children, as follows: William, who is deceased; Hallie, widow of John Baird, and now a school teacher of Pittsburg, Pa.; Orrin, a resident of Montgomery township; Harry, who lives in Colorado; Maggie, the wife of John Wright, of Montgomery township; Mrs. Smith; Lucy, wife of Clair D. Lydiek, of Gipsy, Indiana county; Ray, a resident of Banks township; and Rose, who lives with her mother in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had a family of seven children: Mary, Harry, Gertrude, John, Jr., Ralph, Evelyn and Helen. With his wife and children Mr. Smith attends the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM WALTER, general farmer and fruit grower of Burrell township, Indiana county, is also well known there in other connections, having served in public offices, and he is a leading member of the Free Methodist Church of Blairsville.

The Walter family is of German extraction, but has long been settled in eastern Pennsylvania, and there Peter Walter, grandfather of William Walter, was born, it is supposed in Lebanon county. In 1817 he came westward with his family, locating in Derry township, Westmoreland county, near what is now the town of Latrobe, and there spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming. He died at that place. His wife's name was Catherine.

Peter Walter, son of Peter, above, was born March 21, 1817, in Lebanon county, Pa., and was but an infant when brought by his parents across the Allegheny mountains. He grew to manhood in Derry township, near Latrobe, and had such limited opportunities for education as the subscription schools of the time and place afforded; they were conducted, however, for only a few months during the winter season. From early boyhood he was familiar with farm work, which he followed all his life, and when he commenced on his own account settled on a tract of 128 acres in Unity township, Westmoreland county, where he continued to make his home until his death. He was noted for his thrifty and industrious habits, and his unquestionable honesty in all his transactions; was a quiet unassuming man



of temperate habits and irreproachable life, and a sincere member of the Mennonite Brethren Church—a good citizen and true to his principles in all the relations of life. In politics he was a Republican, a firm believer in the doctrines of Lincoln and Blaine. He died Nov. 24, 1889, and his wife, Sarah (Kimmel), who was born April 15, 1821, in Somerset county, Pa., daughter of Solomon and Catherine Kimmel, died in 1908; they are buried in Unity cemetery. Nine children were born to them: Daniel, born Sept. 18, 1841, died Jan. 30, 1861; Lydia E., born Dec. 29, 1843, is unmarried and lives in Unity township, Westmoreland county; David, born Sept. 20, 1846, now residing in Kingman county, Kans., married Elizabeth Ferguson, and they had children, Grace, Maud, Lawrence, Jeanette and Corea; Caleb W., born Dec. 8, 1848, died in 1911, married Frances McFarlin, and had children, Rolley, Clyde and Mack; Catherine, born March 30, 1851, is the wife of Isaiah Smail and resides in Unity township (they have had two children, Lydia, deceased, and Dora); William is mentioned below; George M., born April 6, 1858, is a resident of Panola county, Texas, married Lizzie Victor, and has had three children, Laura (deceased), Milton and McKinley; Mary E., born Aug. 16, 1860, married Harry Jamison, of Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, and has three children, Walter, Ray and Mabel; Ida Sarah, born April 15, 1863, is unmarried and lives in Unity township.

William Walter was born Nov. 5, 1855, in Unity township, Westmoreland county, and there passed his boyhood days on the farm. He attended the local public school and also Sewickley Academy, near Pleasant Unity, and in his young manhood taught school one term. But he preferred farming, and for a number of years continued to follow that calling at the home place with his father, who carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. There he remained until he came to Indiana county, in 1889, locating at his present home in Burrell township. He bought a tract of twenty-five acres, part of the Earhard farm, and began fruit culture, in which line he was the pioneer in the township. Now he has over twenty-five hundred trees, of different kinds, including peach, plum, cherry and apple, besides strawberry, raspberry and blackberry vines, all of which are doing well under his capable management. In 1911 he bought the Bowden-Repine farm of 135 acres, near his first purchase, and is planting part

of that tract in fruit. The substantial dwelling house and barn were on the Earhard place when he settled there, but he has made many of the most valuable improvements, and his recent purchase also has begun to give evidence of his up-to-date care. By strict attention to the details of his special line of work, and unremitting industry in everything he has undertaken, he has won success, and his practical, intelligent methods have proved profitable and effective. He is a man of high character and thoroughly respected in his neighborhood, as may be judged by the fact that his fellow citizens have chosen him auditor (in which office he served one term) and school director; he has held the latter office four terms, and has acted as president and secretary of the board. In political connection he is a Republican, but he is independent in voting, supporting the men and measures he prefers, regardless of party.

In 1887 Mr. Walter married Nettie B. Shumaker, who was born at Deanville, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of Isaac and Lucinda (Shumaker) Shumaker, and she has been a devoted helpmate. Six children have been born to this marriage: Goldie M. was educated in the public schools and at the Indiana State normal school, has taught three terms in Burrell township and three terms in Kingman county, Kans., and is now teaching at Homer City, Indiana Co., Pa.; James G. Blaine died when thirteen years old; Mary Velma received a public school education and is now living at home; Russell D. was educated in the public schools and lives at home; Zell and Glenn Shumaker are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Walter and their family are members of the Free Methodist Church at Blairsville and take an active part in all its work; he is serving at present as class leader, steward and superintendent of the Sunday school.

CLARENCE R. SMITH, of Indiana, president of the Indiana Bent Rung Ladder Company, and otherwise identified with the business life of the borough, belongs to the fourth generation of his family which has resided in Indiana county. He was born in this county July 5, 1877, and is a great-grandson of Richard Smith, who came hither when this region was a wilderness and took up large tracts of land. He was a member of the Society of Friends.

Richard W. Smith, son of Richard, was born in West Virginia, and came to Indiana county with his father. He became engaged in saw-

milling and lumbering, doing an extensive business for his day.

Elis G. Smith, son of Richard W., was born in Indiana county and here passed all his life. Like his father he did a large business sawmilling and lumbering, and was also engaged in farming. He married a native of Clearfield county, this State, Ruth Ettie Weaver, and they became the parents of three children: Siviter W., Jay C. and Clarence R. The father was a member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity.

Clarence R. Smith received his education in the public schools of Indiana county. At the age of nineteen he began business life on his own account, engaging in various lines, and in 1904 became president of the Indiana Bent Rung Ladder Company, an association which he has maintained to the present. This company has built up a flourishing business, giving employment to between forty and fifty hands, so that it is one of the factors in the material welfare of the borough. Mr. Smith is a stockholder in and director of several other thriving enterprises in this locality, where he is looked upon as an energetic and reliable citizen, one of those whose ability and resource conserve the best interests of any community. He is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 313, F. & A. M., of Indiana, of which he is a past master.

In February, 1903, Mr. Smith married Mabel Dickie, daughter of Joseph Dickie, of Indiana. They have two children, Genevra Ruth and Helen Louise.

**J. BLAIR SUTTON**, register and recorder of Indiana county, Pa., son of James M. and Martha (Stuchell) Sutton, was born in Indiana borough. His grandfather, Peter Sutton, was a native of Indiana county, where he was engaged in farming until his death, in 1865. Peter Sutton was married to Nancy Fisher, of Dauphin county, Pa., who survived him, dying in 1897. They were both highly respected members of the Presbyterian Church.

James M. Sutton, father of the subject of this sketch, began life on his father's farm in Indiana county. In 1861 he enlisted, becoming a private in Company E, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. His gallant and meritorious conduct soon won him promotion to the rank of lieutenant. He took part in all the many battles in which the gallant 148th participated, including Gettysburg and Spottsylvania Court House, at which lat-

ter engagement he received the wound which ended his service as a soldier, causing the loss of a leg, and eventually, after years of intense suffering, ending his life. Returning to his native county, James M. Sutton located in Plumville and there engaged in various enterprises until 1869, when he was elected county treasurer, which office he filled with ability and fidelity, making his residence in Indiana borough. He died in 1882 in a Philadelphia hospital, where he had gone for treatment of his wound. His soldier record was excellent. In the same regiment served his three brothers, Joseph, Ayers and Capt. John, all of whom, with the exception of John, are now deceased. Mr. Sutton was an elder in the Presbyterian Church from the age of thirty until his death. He was prominent in the local G. A. R. Post, No. 28, of Indiana borough.

James M. Sutton was twice married, his first wife, Martha (Stuchell), dying at a comparatively early age. Her children were: Clara B., deceased; Emma (wife of Ernest Stewart), deceased; Frank, who died in infancy, and John Blair. His second wife was Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Samuel Wilson. By this union there was one child, Ella May, who died in infancy. Mrs. Elizabeth (Wilson) Sutton was not only a devoted wife, but was also an exceptionally kind and loving mother to her stepchildren, who thoroughly appreciated her goodness and conscientious care.

J. Blair Sutton received his education principally in the public schools. Before he was ten years of age he was appointed court page by Judge John P. Blair (for whom he was named). Two years later Judge Harry White reappointed him to that position, in which capacity he served until 1892, when he became a clerk in the store of A. W. Wilson & Son, and so continued until he entered the law office of Hon. George W. Hood as a student, in 1897. In 1898, during the Spanish-American war, Mr. Sutton helped to organize Company B, 21st Regiment, Pennsylvania Provisional Guards, was elected second lieutenant, and served as such until the regiment was mustered out of the service. In 1902 he was appointed deputy register and recorder of Indiana county. In this capacity he served six years, and by his genial and accommodating ways, and careful and efficient dispatch of public business, fairly earned the large majority by which he was elected register and recorder at the end of his service as deputy. In 1911 he was reelected, practically without



*D. Fair Sutton*



opposition. Mr. Sutton is a member of the Order of Elks. He served Indiana Lodge one year as secretary. He is also prominent in the affairs of the Cosmopolitan Club, of which organization he has been treasurer for more than fifteen years.

Mr. Sutton continues to perform the duties of the offices of register of wills, recorder of deeds and clerk of the Orphans' court in a manner highly satisfactory to the people of the county. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Indiana. He stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens in every relation of life.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN EVANS**, a well-known agriculturist of Brushvalley township, Indiana county, prominent also in other connections, was born there Nov. 9, 1861. A citizen whose activities have made him valuable to the community, he bears worthily a name which has long been synonymous with good citizenship in this section.

Mr. Evans is descended from one of the oldest pioneer families in Brushvalley. The Evanses are of Welsh extraction, the founder of the family in this country, Hugh Evans, having been a native of Cardiff, Wales, who crossed the Atlantic when a young man, working for his passage on the vessel. Among the passengers was a young English girl named Hannah Dill, with whom he fell in love, and they were married when they landed at Philadelphia. They came west to the Welsh settlement near Ebensburg, in Cambria county, Pa., where they remained for a short time, until they came to Indiana county, locating in Brushvalley township. They were among the first settlers there. Settling in the wilderness, Mr. Evans built his log cabin and set to work clearing up the land. He remained but a short time on his first farm, buying a 400-acre tract, all brush and timber, near the site of Mechanicsburg, upon which he settled down to farming. Much of this land is still in the family name. Here he built a dwelling house and barn, and also erected a saw and grist mill, the first of the kind in Brushereek valley. The mill was of stone, and stood on Brush creek about three quarters of a mile below the present site of Mechanicsburg, and for many years was a prominent landmark. He also owned a distillery. He worked hard and faithfully, prospered in his own affairs, and did his full duty as a citizen, being one of the enterprising and progressive men of his day and generation. He was a strong

abolitionist. He died on his farm in 1849, at the age of seventy years, and was buried in what is known as the Evans graveyard. He was a member of the Baptist Church, the first Baptist to settle in the township. His first wife died leaving children as follows: Ann, who married John Kelly and (second) James Stewart; John; Hugh, who died at Altoona; Mary, who married Henry Grumbling; Elizabeth (Betsy), who first married Joseph McNutt; Evan, who lived in Brushvalley; William, who married Susan Wilkins; and James, who died in Center township. Mr. Evans married for his second wife Esther Cresswell, and she bore him three children: Ellen, Rebecca and Lucinda (who married Rev. A. B. Runyan, a well-known Baptist minister of Mechanicsburg).

John Evans, eldest son of Hugh Evans, was educated in Brushvalley township and there grew to manhood on the farm. Receiving 250 acres of land from his father, he settled down to farming and stock raising, made many improvements on his property and was an industrious and successful man throughout his long life. He was an honored resident of his locality, a member and deacon of the Baptist Church, and in politics a Whig and Republican in turn, and a strong admirer of the martyred President Lincoln. During the Civil war his sympathies were with the Union cause, and his two sons went out as Union soldiers. He died on his farm at the age of seventy years, seven months, and is buried in the family lot in the Evans cemetery. He married in Brushvalley township Elizabeth Sanderson, a native of Hagerstown, Md., daughter of Thomas Sanderson, who settled in that township. Mrs. Evans was also a member of the Baptist Church. She was the mother of eight children: Benjamin, mentioned below; Emily, who married John Finley, and died in Blairsville; Lucinda, who married William Conrad, and is now a widow residing in East Wheatfield township; Susan, who married David Overdorff, both being deceased; Elizabeth, who married Thomas Gregory, and died in Franklin, Pa.; Rebecca, who married Finley Campbell, and died in Johnstown; John Sanderson, who now makes his home in Homer City; and Maria, who married John Braeken, and died in Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Evans, son of John, born Feb. 16, 1826, on the homestead farm in Brushvalley township, attended the local school. He took up farming as an occupation, following in his father's footsteps. Settling on the 100-acre

tract of land now owned by his son Benjamin F. Evans, he improved the land, erected a dwelling house and barn, and added to the value of the property in many other ways. As he prospered he bought another place, of 126 acres, known as the Isaiah Bonner farm, which he gave later to his son John W. He spent his life in agricultural pursuits, carrying on stock raising as well as general farming, and died on his farm in April, 1895, at the age of sixty-nine years, three months. He was buried in the Evans cemetery near Mechanicsburg. Mr. Evans was one of those men of unassuming disposition but strong character whose lives, following what they deem only the simple paths of duty, have a lasting effect on the welfare of the community. He was intelligent and well read and took an interest in all things which tended to promote the general good. During the Civil war he fought for the Union cause as a member of the 6th Heavy Artillery. He served five years as school director of his township, and was an active church member, belonging to the M. E. Church, which he served as class leader and steward. In politics he was a Republican. Mr. Evans married Margaret Finley, of Brushvalley township, daughter of David and Margaret (McCormack) Finley, and they had three children, namely: John W., now retired and living at Homer City, Pa.; Margaret J., who married Frank Stake, of Cherryhill township (both are deceased); and Benjamin F. The mother died in 1901 while living with her son Benjamin and is buried in the same cemetery as the father. She was a member of the M. E. Church.

Benjamin Franklin Evans obtained his education in the public schools of the home neighborhood. From early boyhood he worked on the farm with his parents, and, continuing to make his home there, took charge of the homestead after his father's death and cared for his widowed mother. In time he bought other land in the township, and is now cultivating over two hundred acres, engaging in farming and stock raising on a large scale. He built his present home and rebuilt the barn which his father erected, and which was destroyed by fire. Mr. Evans is thoroughly enterprising, and under his well-directed labors his farm has become one of the best cultivated in his section of the county. He has shown his public spirit by his efficient work in the township offices to which he has been chosen by his fellow citizens. During his eleven years' service as member of the school board he has been president of that body for

several years; he has been assessor for one term. Mr. Evans has been a staunch Republican and is an ardent supporter of Roosevelt and the principles he stands for. In religion he is a member of the M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee. As the representative of a family whose members have always been regarded as estimable citizens he is living up to the obligations of an honored name, connected for several generations with the best element in the community.

On Oct. 18, 1883, Mr. Evans married Clara B. Hileman, who was born in Brushvalley township, daughter of George and Louisa Hileman. They have had a family of ten children: George S., a farmer of Brushvalley township, who married Mary Appleton; Charles, a railroad man, who resides at Mansfield, Ohio; Louisa, Bessie and Eleanor, at home; Marion, who died when sixteen years old; Elizabeth, at home; Dick; Ruth, and Boyd.

ANDREW JACKSON CUMMINS, who is now living retired on his farm in Center township, is a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families of Indiana county, Pa., and was born on the homestead farm where he still resides June 22, 1844. The family came hither from Virginia.

David Cummins, the great-grandfather of Andrew J. Cummins, was the first of the name to come to Indiana county. He was born in Rockingham county, Va., where he grew to manhood and came to what is now White township prior to the Revolutionary war. He settled on a tract of 400 acres, which was then a wilderness, and is now known as the Adam Mikesell place. Here he erected a little rough log hut and with his young wife took up the life of a pioneer, two of his children being born in this primitive little cabin in the wilderness. In 1777 the little band of settlers was driven from the new home by the outrages of the Indians, Mrs. Cummins hiding her pewter plates and various other articles in Spring run, while her husband secreted his saws and other tools and implements. Putting the remaining household effects on a horse, with his wife and two young children on another animal, Mr. Cummins set out with his gun on his shoulder, driving the cow, and made his way back to his native State, although a stop was made at Wallace fort. In Virginia the rest of the children of this pioneer couple were born, and there Mr. Cummins spent the remainder of his life. His widow and children returned to Indiana county to

the place of their first settlement, and there she continued to make her home for some years. Finally she removed to the home of her son William, and there her death occurred. The children of David Cummins were as follows: William, born in 1775, who settled on Crooked creek, in Rayne township, Indiana county, after the return of the family from Virginia; John, born in 1777; Mary, who married Charles Morrow, and settled in Ohio; Elizabeth, who married Jeremiah Brown, of Indiana; and David, who settled in Crawford county, Ohio.

John Cummins, son of David, and grandfather of Andrew J. Cummins, was born in the little log home in White township, in 1777, and was but an infant when taken by his mother to Virginia. When he was fourteen years of age, in 1791, he was brought back to Indiana county, and continued to reside at home until 1807, at which time he purchased 1,200 acres of land, now known as a part of the Harbrage tract. Here he built a log house and barn, and later, in 1814, the present dwelling was erected, numerous other improvements being also made. By hard work Mr. Cummins managed to clear up a large part of the homestead, but he died in 1827, at the comparatively early age of fifty years, and is buried in Bethel Church cemetery, in Center township. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Cummins married Nellie Todd, who was a native of Ireland, daughter of Samuel Todd, and she died on the farm and was buried in the same cemetery. They had the following children: Susanna, who married Samuel Stewart, of Center township; Jane, who married Archibald Stewart, of Greenville, Pa.; David; Samuel, who was a farmer of Center township; William, who was a stock raiser of Tipton, Iowa, which town he named; John D., who settled at New Philadelphia, Ohio, was a congressman from that State, and died in 1849, at Milwaukee, Wis., from the effects of cholera; and Margaret and Ellen, who died unmarried.

David Cummins, son of John, and father of Andrew J. Cummins, was born July 4, 1804, and was educated in the subscription schools before the advent of free schools. He grew to manhood on the home farm and made agricultural pursuits his life work, and always remained on the homestead, acquiring 400 acres of land. He built barns, made extensive improvements on his place, and was known as one of the good practical farmers and stock raisers of his locality. He died on

the farm July 30, 1877, at the age of seventy-three years, and was buried in the old cemetery in Center township. He was a staunch Democrat, a strong admirer of Andrew Jackson, and for a number of years was captain of the local militia. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church. David Cummins married Mary Wilson, who was born in Center township, Jan. 27, 1810, daughter of John Wilson, and her death occurred April 10, 1888, in her seventy-ninth year. She was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Cummins had the following children: John D., born Dec. 19, 1831, died at Crooked Creek, Rayne township, Sept. 11, 1906; William, born March 28, 1834, captain during the Civil war in the 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, is now living retired at Shelby, Ohio; Joseph, born Oct. 16, 1835, died April 15, 1858; Caroline, born June 11, 1838, married Joseph Repine, and resides at Blairsville, Pa.; Thomas Benton, born April 19, 1841, was a farmer of Center township, and died March 28, 1903; Andrew Jackson is mentioned below; Elizabeth, born May 27, 1848, is the widow of Dr. S. B. Thomas, and lives in Conenaugh township, Indiana county.

Andrew Jackson Cummins attended the little log schoolhouse in his district during the winter terms, which lasted three months, and his summers were spent in assisting with the hard work of the home farm. The opportunities for obtaining a good education were decidedly limited, but by home study and close observation he managed to acquire good mental training. He continued to reside with his parents, helping them to run the home farm and caring for them during their declining years, thus doing his full duty as a son. At the present time Mr. Cummins is operating 157 acres, on which he has made numerous improvements, and devotes his attention to general farming and stock raising. Mr. Cummins has been quite active in educational affairs, having served for twelve years as a member of the school board, during nine years of which he was treasurer of that body, and has also been auditor of the township for three years. He is a staunch Democrat in his political views.

In December, 1875, Mr. Cummins was married to Margaret Peddicord, who was born in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, daughter of John Peddicord. Two children have been born to this union: Joseph Todd, born March 25, 1885, now operates the homestead; Mary Blanche, born Dec. 16, 1888, married

Ralph D. Cummins, resides at Derry, Westmoreland county, and has one child, Margaret.

ULYSSES GRANT NELSON, who owns and operates the Maple Valley farm in Brushvalley township, is rated as one of the most enterprising agriculturists of his section of Indiana county. He is a native of Armstrong county, Pa., born Aug. 22, 1871, near Atwood, son of Samuel Nelson and grandson of Andrew Nelson.

Andrew Nelson, the grandfather, was a farmer and land owner near Elderton, Armstrong county, where he followed farming all his active life. His children were: William; Andrew; one son who died of starvation in Libby prison during the Civil war; Samuel; Mary, and Hannah.

Samuel Nelson, father of Ulysses Grant Nelson, was born near Elderton May 22, 1827, and there made his home, following farming, until 1871. In that year he moved with his wife and family to near Atwood, in Plumcreek township, Armstrong county, where he farmed for eight years, owning his land, which he sold when he moved to Indiana, Indiana county. For a year he lived on a farm east of that borough, in 1880 settling on the Kauffman place, in White township, Indiana county, a tract of 109 acres where he resided for twenty-one years, engaged in farming. During that period he erected all the buildings on the place and made many other improvements. In 1901 he moved to Mechanicsburg, in Brushvalley township, where he entered the hotel business as proprietor of the "Nelson Hotel," and also kept a livery and feed stable in connection. After nine years there he gave up the hotel and settled on a farm in Brushvalley township for a year, at the end of that time returning to Armstrong county and taking up his residence with his sister. He died not long afterward, April 22, 1911, in his seventy-fourth year, and is buried at Elderton. Mr. Nelson was a staunch Republican in political faith, and always took considerable interest in public matters. While at Mechanicsburg he served as a member of the borough council, was school director of the borough, and also held other local offices. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and served as deacon of the church at Indiana. On Nov. 29, 1855, Mr. Nelson was married in Armstrong county to Agnes Jane Johnson, daughter of John Johnson. She died Feb. 4, 1893, in White township, and was buried in Oakland cemetery at Indiana. To this marriage were born eight children: Margaret M.,

born Nov. 27, 1856, married Milton Kerr and had one child, Harry A., dying when he was born, in March, 1876 (he lives in Erie, Pa., and is engaged in the automobile business); Jennie M., born Jan. 28, 1858, married Jacob Burkett March 20, 1880; Sloan Alexander was born Aug. 28, 1860; George W., born Aug. 10, 1862, removed to Kansas; Charles Sumner, born Oct. 6, 1865, lives in Pittsburg, Pa.; Laura Belle, born June 24, 1867, died Feb. 7, 1901; Daniel, born March 18, 1869, died in infancy; Ulysses Grant was born Aug. 22, 1871. On March 1, 1894, Mr. Nelson married (second) Nannie Sweeny, at Morrellville, Pa., and three children were born to this union: Bessie L. (born Aug. 8, 1895), Blanch Cula, and Bliss.

Ulysses Grant Nelson obtained his education in the public schools of the various localities where the family lived during his boyhood, principally in White township, Indiana county. He worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-two years old, at which time he married. After spending another year on his father's farm he went to Homer City, remaining there for a year, and then settled on the Brandon farm in Center township, upon which he lived for two years. He then located on Mrs. Jacoby's farm in White township, a tract of 110 acres which he farmed for a year, the next three years living on his father's place in White township. In 1901 he moved to the McDonald farm in Brushvalley township, where he spent one year, in 1902 buying the Maple Valley farm in the same township, where he has since made his home. This property consists of eighty-six acres, formerly owned by George Risinger. Mr. Nelson has improved it greatly since it came into his possession. He follows general farming and stock raising, and by hard work has earned success and the respect of all his fellow men. He has served as treasurer of Brushvalley township, and is a citizen who enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

On May 3, 1893, Mr. Nelson was married to Carrie May McNutt, of Homer City, this county, daughter of William and Lucinda J. (McKissen) McNutt, and they have had four children: Ethel Claire, born April 19, 1894, formerly a student in the summer normal school at Mechanicsburg, now a school teacher in Center township; Viola Pearl, born June 26, 1896; Alvin Blair, born July 20, 1897; and Mary Marjorie, born March 22, 1899. The family are members of the M. E. Church.



Mr. Nelson is a Republican in politics and a staunch supporter of the principles of his party.

AARON W. ELDER, farmer and justice of the peace in East Mahoning township, was born Feb. 1, 1851, in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., a son of John Reed and Lettice E. (Work) Elder, and a grandson of Robert Elder.

Great-grandfather Elder was born in Ireland about 1725, and emigrated to America in 1750. Although he claimed the United States as his home after settling in Pennsylvania, he made several visits to his native land. He had been a sailor and was able to work as such on the vessels across the ocean, and thus did not entirely break away from his native place. His first settlement was in the Path valley, in Franklin county, Pa., and he later moved to Center county and still later to Spruce Creek, in Huntingdon county.

Robert Elder, grandfather of Aaron W. Elder, was born Feb. 9, 1790, and died Jan. 29, 1859. He married Elizabeth Reed, who was born April 9, 1791, and died Aug. 25, 1873, and they had the following children: Jane, born Jan. 28, 1817, died Dec. 4, 1866; David Watt, born Aug. 12, 1818, died July 29, 1820; Margaret, born Jan. 24, 1821, died Aug. 18, 1823; John Reed, born April 1, 1823, died May 19, 1904; David Watt (2), born Aug. 22, 1825, died Nov. 24, 1894; Mary Ann, born Dec. 18, 1827, died Feb. 5, 1911; Elizabeth, born March 14, 1830, died May 19, 1913; Robert Boggs, born April 15, 1832, died June 7, 1861; Margaret, born Sept. 18, 1834, died Feb. 10, 1842. Robert Elder followed farming as his occupation in life, owning a farm of 100 acres in East Mahoning township.

John Reed Elder, son of Robert Elder, was born in Spruce Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa., April 1, 1823. He was a farmer and owned land in North Mahoning township, which he sold in the spring of 1860, when he came to East Mahoning township and took charge of his father's farm on which he remained until the close of his life, his death occurring May 19, 1904. He was twice married. On April 4, 1850, he was united to Lettice Ewing Work, who was born April 1, 1833, and died June 10, 1854; she was buried in the Mahoning cemetery. They had two sons born to them, Aaron W. and David Harris. The latter, born June 17, 1852, is a resident of Salt Lake City, Utah, and married Amy Gray, of Rome, N. Y. The sec-

ond marriage of John Reed Elder took place on March 17, 1857, to Mary Ann Work, who was a cousin of his first wife. She was born March 13, 1826, and died March 2, 1907, leaving no issue. John Reed Elder and his second wife were interred in the Richmond cemetery. In his early political life he was a Republican, but later voted, according to his convictions of right, with the Prohibition party. Occasionally he accepted local offices, serving his township as supervisor and school director.

Aaron W. Elder acquired his education in the schools of East Mahoning township and in the meanwhile gave his father assistance on the home farm, continuing thus until he was twenty-one years old. Then he engaged in lumbering, and finding it profitable carried on the same line for twenty years, spending four of these in the State of Colorado. In June, 1892, he returned to East Mahoning township and took charge of the old homestead farm, and has continued there ever since, devoting himself to the carrying on of the usual farm industries.

On Jan. 25, 1872, Mr. Elder was married to Cyrena C. Williamson, a daughter of Hiram and Lydia (Pierce) Williamson, formerly of Jefferson county, Pa. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Elder, namely: Lettice, who was born Feb. 5, 1874, married William Collins, of Baltimore, Md., and died Feb. 6, 1893; Lydia Mabel, born July 14, 1877, married C. W. Varner, and they live at Big Run, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Lulu Myrtle, born Nov. 7, 1880, married Ira Drummond, and they reside at Johnstown, Pa.; Lysle Reed, born April 8, 1884, lives in the State of Washington, making a name for himself in that wonderful part of the country; Eugene Everett, born May 10, 1886, who remains at home, assisting his father, married Ione Frederick, of South Mahoning township; David Watt, born Nov. 25, 1896, resides at home.

Mr. Elder is a broad-minded, thinking man, temperate in all things, and gives his political support to the Prohibition party. He stands high in the esteem of his fellow citizens, as has been shown by their frequent selection of him for responsible public offices, and he has served his township nine years as a school director, one year as supervisor and fifteen years as a justice of the peace. In all movements that give certain promise of substantial benefit to his section Mr. Elder's cooperation may be counted on. He is a mem-

ber of the United Presbyterian Church of Richmond, of which he has been an elder for thirty years.

TODD R. BODEN, M. D., physician and surgeon at the Jacksonville mines, McIntyre, Young township, Indiana county, was born in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of James B. and Emily (Caldwell) Boden. He is a member of a family of Scotch-Irish extraction.

John Boden, the great-grandfather of Dr. Boden, and founder of the family in America, came from Bothwell Castle, Scotland, and settled in what is now White township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he became a land owner and spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits. He married a Miss Marks, and they had the following children: James; John; Samuel; William; Margaret; Sally; Jane, who married Jacob Peeler, and Polly, who married Thomas Lueas.

Samuel Boden, son of John, was born in White township in 1800, and there grew to manhood, subsequently removing to Armstrong county, where he rented a farm. Later he purchased land there, in South Bend township, on which he made numerous improvements, and there spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1854, at the age of fifty-four years; he was buried at Curry Run cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Samuel Boden married Elizabeth Cowan, daughter of John Cowan, and she died in Kiskiminetas township, and was laid to rest in Ridge View cemetery, at Eldersridge. Their children were: John, deceased, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war; Mary, who died in young womanhood; Margaret, who died unmarried; Esther, who married David Wray, of Armstrong county; James B.; George Washington, who resides in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, and John, who died young.

James B. Boden, son of Samuel, and father of Dr. Boden, was born Dec. 10, 1837, and received his education in the public schools and Eldersridge academy, under Dr. Donaldson. He worked with his father until the latter's death, and then continued to reside with his mother until Feb. 23, 1864, when he enlisted at Greensburg, Pa., in Company D, 14th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. William W. Murphy, Colonel Schoonmaker, of Pittsburg. Contracting illness, he was confined to the hospital at Leavenworth, Kans., and received his honorable discharge Aug. 24, 1865. Mr. Boden then returned to his home

and took up the peaceful occupation of tilling the soil in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, on the homestead, subsequently buying a farm of fifty-one acres, which he operated until 1893. At that time he located on his present farm at Eldersridge, in South Bend township, near the Indiana county line, where he has 115 acres of land in a high state of cultivation. He is still an active farmer, and one of the best citizens of his community. Formerly a Republican, he now gives his support to the Prohibition party. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church at Eldersridge.

On April 6, 1869, James B. Boden was married at Saltsburg, Pa., to Emily Caldwell, who was born March 7, 1843, daughter of James and Margaret (Crawford) Caldwell, and they have had the following children: Alfred W., born Dec. 13, 1869, formerly a teacher in the public schools and now a farmer of South Bend township, Armstrong county, was married Sept. 10, 1896, to Mary E. Hindman; Sigourney Blanche, born Feb. 4, 1871, died Oct. 26, 1878; Charles C., born Aug. 5, 1872, died Nov. 16, 1878; Prof. Samuel F., born Dec. 23, 1874, has been an instructor in schools in Armstrong and Indiana counties and is now principal of the Iselin schools; James C., his twin, an undertaker and real estate man of Saltsburg, Pa., was married May 1, 1907, to Nannie M. McBride; Todd R. and Wallace C. were born April 23, 1884, the latter dying June 10, 1884; Cordie Emily, born May 10, 1887, is residing with her parents.

Todd R. Boden received his early education in the public schools of Kiskiminetas township, following which he attended Eldersridge academy under Thomas T. Gealey. There he was graduated, and at the age of eighteen years began teaching school. He continued as an educator for six years in Armstrong and Indiana counties, and then entered the Western Pennsylvania University at Pittsburg, where he spent two years. Subsequently he became a student in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D., in May, 1910, and became assistant to Dr. Clark, at Ernest, Pa. In April, 1911, he entered practice on his own account in what is now the mining town of McIntyre, in Young township, and in addition to caring for the medical needs of one hundred and fifty families in the immediate vicinity, he has a large country practice. Dr. Boden is devoted to his profession, is interested in the

town and its people, and is constantly striving to better local conditions in every possible way. He is a Republican in his political views, but reserves the right to vote for the candidate whom his judgment tells him is best fitted for the office. His religious views are those of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Borden is popular throughout this section, where he has a wide circle of warm personal friends.

JOHN J. RICHARDS, now living retired in Indiana, was born Dec. 4, 1845, at Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of John and Mary (Jenkins) Richards, natives of Wales, the father born in Cardiganshire.

John Richards, the father, was a miner in his native land, working in lead and other ore mines. Having decided to try his fortune in the United States, he came over with his sister, Jemima, leaving his family until he could prepare a home for them. He was three months and fourteen days on the ocean, had the misfortune to be shipwrecked, and was alone when he landed at New York, his sister having died at sea. Proceeding at once to Carbondale, Pa., he did not find work as he expected, so he walked thence to Pittsburg, where he arrived with but twelve cents in his pocket. From there he went on to Brady's Bend, in Armstrong county, where he commenced to work in the mines, but the company which employed him went under soon afterward, and in company with another miner, Richard Ulley, he made a raft and went down the Allegheny river to Pittsburg. He dug coal at Sawmill run for a cent a bushel, but soon went west to St. Louis, Mo., in which section he dug coal for one winter. Coming back to Brady's Bend, he found the mines had started again and he was employed there for several years. Meantime he had sent for his wife and family, then consisting of four children, and in 1843 they moved to Johnstown, Pa., where he worked in the coal mines. The family made their home at that place until 1858. Mrs. Richards died there in 1856, and Mr. Richards subsequently (1858) moved to Broad Top, Huntingdon Co., Pa., where he spent the remainder of his days, dying Jan. 12, 1873, at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Richards were members of the Baptist Church. They had the following children: Jemima, Mrs. Jeremiah Griffiths, who died in Punxsutawney, Pa.; Margaret, Mrs. David Shorthill, who died in Livingston, Mont.; Thomas, of Punxsutawney; Angeline, Mrs. William

Johns, who died in Punxsutawney; John J.; Abigail, Mrs. Joseph Higgins, who died in Clearfield, Pa., and Mary Jane, Mrs. William Hill, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

John J. Richards passed the greater part of his early life at Johnstown and Broad Top, Pa., attending school in both places. At the outbreak of the Civil war he ran away twice and tried to enter the army, but his father brought him back. The third time he made the attempt he was successful, and he enlisted at Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Pa., Feb. 24, 1864, for three years or during the war, becoming a private in Company K (Capt. John H. Boring), 22d Pennsylvania Cavalry (Col. George Higgins), with which he served twenty months, being discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 26, 1865. He was under Sheridan in the Shenandoah valley, and took part in the battles of Newmarket, Port Republic, Lynchburg, Fisher's Hill, Port Republic (again), Aspa Gap, Opequan Creek, Winchester and Cedar Creek. He was wounded while on scout duty.

Coming home from the army, Mr. Richards went to work in the mines, being thus employed in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland. On May 21, 1871, he married Anna Matilda Drennen, of Huntingdon, Pa., daughter of Robert Drennen, who was born and reared in Huntingdon county; he worked on the construction of the Juniata canal. Locating at Powelton, Center Co., Pa., Mr. Richards lived there two years, moving thence to Huntingdon county, and from there to Clearfield county and later to Jefferson county. On his retirement, in 1903, he moved from the latter county to the borough of Indiana, where he has since had his home. He bought his present residence, at No. 115 North Fifth street, and is very comfortably established there.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards have had one son, John R. Mr. Richards is a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Lodge No. 261, of Coalmont, Huntingdon Co., Pa. He and his wife are members of the M. E. Church.

JOHN R. RICHARDS, one of the most successful coal drillers in the fields of western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, resides at Indiana, Indiana county, and is thoroughly interested in the progress of that region. He was born at Powelton, Center Co., Pa., Oct. 1, 1872, and is of Welsh descent, being the only son of John J. Richards.

John R. Richards attended public school in his native county, and later went to the Palms business college at Philadelphia. He

then went to work for the Berwind Coal Mining Company, being employed in the mines until he was seventeen years old, when he started drilling. This has since been his principal occupation. Following it continuously until 1893, he worked in the mines again for a few years, until 1897, when he returned to the drilling business. In the spring of 1898 he bought a one-fourth interest in a drilling business, his partners being William Pifer, H. Olson and T. G. Alabran, with whom he was associated until the spring of 1900, when he sold out to his partners and entered the business alone. He contracts to bore for coal, and has acquired an extensive patronage in the fields of this locality and West Virginia, being one of the best and most favorably known men in his line in those sections. As he has prospered, Mr. Richards has invested in other lines, being a stockholder in the Dugan Glass Company of Indiana and in the Indiana Lumber Supply Company. He has shown decided ability in the management of his affairs, and has built up a flourishing business by close application to his work and a thorough study of the most approved methods.

In 1904 Mr. Richards married Belle Swarts, of Indiana county, and they have four children, namely: Esther, John D., Robert M. and Thomas J. Mr. Richards is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in Lodge No. 313, F. & A. M., of Indiana, in the Modern Woodmen and in the B. P. O. Elks, being a past exalted ruler of the last named organization.

JAMES C. BOVARD, senior member of the firm of Bovard & Ellis, of Marion Center, Indiana county, was born May 9, 1865, on the Bovard farm in East Mahoning township, this county, son of James Bovard.

The Bovard family is of French extraction, the name being spelled Bouvard in France, where representatives bearing it are very prominent. This family was founded in Westmoreland county, Pa., in an early day, and the original homestead of the immigrant Bovard is a half mile from what is now Delmont, being owned at present by the widow of Samuel Bovard, an aunt of James C. Bovard. This property was devoted to general farming and on it a saw-mill was erected.

John Bovard, the grandfather of James C. Bovard, died on this Westmoreland county homestead.

James Bovard, a son of John Bovard and father of James C. Bovard, was born on the

family estate in Westmoreland county in 1818. He married Mary Bovard, who was born near Saltsburg, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and the young couple moved to Indiana county, where for thirty-five years Mr. Bovard was engaged in a mercantile business in East Mahoning township. In 1866 he settled at Marion Center, where he continued in business as a merchant until 1879, when he retired. He died in Armstrong county September 26, 1905, firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member. A Republican, he served as the first burgess of Marion Center. His wife died Dec. 12, 1900, the mother of children as follows: William C., who was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, now practicing his profession at Mamont, Pa. (he married Marie Courtney Merchant); Alice, who married William Simons, of Chicago; Melissa, who died in childhood; and James C.

James C. Bovard attended the school at Marion Center presided over by Mrs. L. N. Park, and later had Miss Ada Brady, William Coulter, William G. Stewart, John S. Helm, Butler Simpson and Samuel Wolf as instructors. When he was sixteen years old he left school, and took the management of a planing mill off the hands of his father, who had more than he could attend to at that time. Later on he enlarged the scope of his operations to include the handling of lumber, continuing alone until 1898, when he formed a partnership with I. C. Ellis, under the name of Bovard & Ellis. The present plant was erected in 1907, and is a thoroughly modern affair. The firm carry on a general planing mill and lumber business and have a large trade.

On Oct. 18, 1888, Mr. Bovard was married in Marion Center to Eva L. McCormick, of that place, a daughter of Joseph C. and Rebecca (Shorthill) McCormick. Mr. Bovard is a member of the Presbyterian Church, which he supports liberally. He takes a pride in being a regular Republican, but aside from giving his influence as a private citizen, he is not active in politics.

WILLIAM SEWARD CARNAHAN is one of the leading business men in Armstrong township, Indiana county, the firm of W. S. Carnahan & Brother, of which he is senior member, conducting two well-appointed general stores, one at Parkwood and one at Shelocta. His home is at Shelocta.

The Carnahan family is numbered among the early settlers of this section of Pennsylvania.

vania, the Carnahans having come to America at the same time as the well-known Tomb family of East Wheatfield township, this county. Thomas Carnahan, great-grandfather of William S. Carnahan, resided in Perrysville, Westmoreland county, five miles from Saltsburg. He married a Miss McKinley, and they had the following children: Israel, Thomas, Elizabeth (married Matthias Jockey), Wilson (who went to California in 1849, returned to Pittsburg and engaged in the shoe business), Samuel and David R.

David R. Carnahan, son of Thomas, was born at Perrysville, in Bell township, Westmoreland county, and lived to the age of ninety-one years, dying in Armstrong township, Indiana county. His schooling was limited, and at an early age he became head of a family. Farming was his principal vocation, and he was enterprising and progressive, being the first man in Westmoreland county to own a grain cradle. Later he went to McKeesport, Pa., where he followed mining for a time, and then returning home bought a farm of 150 acres, which he subsequently laid out into building lots and sold, this being what is now Perrysville. In 1846 he became interested in salt works on the Kiskiminetas river, near Saltsburg, and for a time was engaged in making salt, and at the same time he conducted a steam gristmill located on the Kiskiminetas. He then moved to what is now Salina station and followed milling, then moved to the old farm at Perrysville, and in 1848 came to Indiana county, where he purchased the James Clark farm of 150 acres in White township. A number of years afterward he made a trade with John Cunningham, giving that place for a tract of 180 acres in Armstrong township, upon which he passed the rest of his days, carrying on general farming. He was much respected in his neighborhood, served at one time as supervisor of roads, held other offices of trust, and was a valued member of the United Presbyterian Church. His first wife, Martha (Morrison), died at the age of thirty-seven years, and he subsequently married (second) Lavina Berkeypile. There were five children by the first union: Thomas M. is mentioned below; Mary Agnes married Thomas Hearn; Israel married Nancy Anthony, and they are mentioned elsewhere; Martha (deceased) married Sansom Person; John Morrison (deceased) married Margaret Cunningham. Eight children were born to the second mar-

riage: Albert, Carrie, Harvey, Lottie, Levi, Levina, David M. and Dick.

Thomas M. Carnahan, father of William Seward Carnahan, was born Aug. 27, 1837, at McKeesport, Pa., and obtained a common school education. He assisted his parents with the farm work, and in 1848 moved with his father to Indiana county, continuing to farm with him until 1888. He also owned a farm of his own, in Armstrong county, upon which he lived about fourteen years. In 1890 he sold his farm and engaged in the general store business at Shelocta as senior member of the firm of Thomas M. Carnahan & Sons, retaining his interest in this business until his sons bought it. On June 15, 1896, he entered upon his duties as postmaster at Shelocta, and has served as such ever since; the office is located in his sons' store. Mr. Carnahan has been associated with public affairs in his township practically throughout his mature life, has held the offices of supervisor and school director, and in political connection is a Republican. In his younger days he belonged to the Jr. O. U. A. M., and in his early manhood he was a member of the State militia, at Chambersburg. He is an earnest member of the Shelocta United Presbyterian Church in Armstrong township, and is at present serving as elder in the church.

On Dec. 25, 1855, Mr. Carnahan married Mary Ellen Hamilton, who was born in White township, near Indiana, daughter of James and Margaret (Rhea) Hamilton, and died June 15, 1911, at the age of seventy-five years. She is buried in Oakland cemetery at Indiana. Children as follows were born to this union: James Otis, now a retired farmer living at Indiana, married Eva Portfield; Jane married James Hill, who is in the livery business at Indiana, where they reside; David Edward, a farmer, now living in Ligonier, Pa., married Belle Ralston; Ella M. married John S. Anderson, a farmer of Center township; William Seward is mentioned below; Mary Cynthia (deceased) was the wife of E. G. Orr; Thomas Wilson, who conducts the store of W. S. Carnahan & Bro. at Parkwood and also serves as postmaster at that place, married Mary Luella McGaughey, daughter of Joseph W. McGaughey, and after her death married Zella M. McAdoo, by whom he has three children, Sarah M., Thomas Archibald and Mary Ellen; Maud died when three and a half years old.

William Seward Carnahan was born March 24, 1865, in White township, Indiana county, one and a half miles from the town of In-

diana, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools. In his early manhood he was engaged in the sawmill business in association with his two brothers, and they also operated threshing machines and hay binders. On Jan. 1, 1892, he and his brother Thomas bought their father's interest in the general store at Shelocta, in the conduct of which they had previously been associated with him under the firm name of Thomas M. Carnahan & Sons, and a few years later, in 1895, they opened another store, in Parkwood, having conducted both places ever since. As before noted, his father is postmaster at Shelocta, and his brother at Parkwood. Mr. Carnahan has demonstrated his business ability in everything with which he has been connected, and his fellow citizens have recognized his fitness by calling him to various public positions of trust. He is at present serving as assessor of his borough and president of the school board. Politically he is a Republican. His success in his own ventures, and his usefulness to the community, have brought him into prominence among the progressive residents of his locality.

On March 8, 1893, Mr. Carnahan married Jessie Lowman, daughter of Samuel Marlin Lowman, and they have three children: Charles Kelly, Julia Marie and William Hamilton.

DELMONT E. NOTLEY, a retired lumberman residing at Cherrytree, Indiana county, was born in Montgomery township, this county, March 21, 1859, son of John F. and Amanda E. (Jones) Notley.

John Notley was born in Ireland, and came to America with his family in 1829, landing at Quebec, Canada, whence he drove across the country to Burnside, Clearfield Co., Pa. After a short stay there he came on to Montgomery township, Indiana county, where he arrived in 1830, being one of the pioneers of that region. Later on he assisted in the building of the Pennsylvania railroad, and was a man of some property. Here he died in 1863. Of his nine children, John F. was the youngest.

John F. Notley was engaged in farming and lumbering in Montgomery township until 1881, when he moved to Cherrytree, there living retired until his death, which occurred in 1898, when he was seventy-one years old.

The Jones family, Mr. Notley's maternal ancestors, originated in Wales, the founders of the branch in America coming from that country at an early day. Delmont Jones, grand-

father of Delmont E. Notley, came to Indiana county early in life, living for a time at Cookport, but later went to Pittsburg. He became the owner of a farm, but lived in Pittsburg until his death. Mrs. Amanda E. (Jones) Notley, daughter of Delmont Jones and mother of Delmont E. Notley, was born in Pittsburg. She survives her husband and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Shaffer, of Barnesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Notley were the parents of nine children: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Frank B. Camp, resides on the old homestead in Montgomery township; Delmont E. is mentioned below; Mary is deceased; Robert F. is a merchant of Altoona, Pa.; James M. lives at Ocean City, N. J.; Simeon is deceased; John died in infancy; Rosie is deceased; Celia is the wife of C. M. Shaffer, a druggist of Barnesboro, Pennsylvania.

Delmont E. Notley's boyhood was passed in a healthy, normal way in Montgomery township, where he alternated attendance at school with assisting his father. When he attained his majority he embarked in a lumber business at Cherrytree, and found this line of endeavor so profitable that he continued in it until his retirement. For thirty-three years he has been a resident of Cherrytree, and his interests are centered there. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Cherrytree, while fraternally he belongs to Summit Lodge, No. 312, F. & A. M., of Ebensburg.

On Aug. 14, 1880, Mr. Notley was married to Jennie M. McKeag, born in Indiana county, a daughter of Robert and Jennie (Atchison) McKeag, the former born in Clinton county, Pa., and the latter in Clearfield county, Pa. They were pioneers of Indiana county, settling at Cherrytree, where the father rounded out his life as a lumberman, dying in 1882, his wife surviving him until 1883. Mrs. Notley passed away Nov. 7, 1912, the mother of four children: Emma, who died April 1, 1883; Oeta, who is the wife of V. O. Tonkin, of Cherrytree, and has one child, Robert; W. Delmont, who is living at home; and Esther, also living at home.

AMOS E. GILLESPIE, general superintendent of the plant of the Josephine Furnace & Coke Company, at Josephine, Indiana county, has been stationed there in that capacity since 1906, and much of its development has been carried on under his supervision. He has been in his present line of work ever since he entered business life.

Mr. Gillespie was born Dec. 8, 1874, in Ris-

ing Sun, Cecil Co., Md., son of William E. and Mary R. (Ewing) Gillespie. His early education was obtained in the schools of his native county, and he subsequently took a course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, graduating in 1896. Immediately afterward he took a position as chemist with the Carnegie Steel Company at Duquesne, Pa., where he continued until 1899, in that year receiving appointment as assistant superintendent of the blast furnaces at Youngstown, Ohio, for the Carnegie Steel Company. He was there for two years, in 1901 returning to Duquesne to become assistant superintendent of the Carnegie Steel Company's blast furnace at that point. After one year in that position he came to Scottdale, Westmoreland Co., Pa., to take the superintendency of the Scottdale Furnace Company, which he held for four years, from 1902 to 1906, since when he has been at Josephine as general superintendent of the Josephine Furnace & Coke Company. Like the Scottdale plant, this is a subsidiary Company of Corrigan, McKinney & Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

At that time the Josephine establishment was in its infancy, and the large plant was constructed under his supervision; a second furnace is now in operation. A settlement of considerable size has grown up around these works, 190 dwelling houses having been built, streets laid out, and various improvements made necessary for the comfort and well-being of the community, all of which has been accomplished economically and efficiently under his able management. The company has a chartered railroad, a chartered electric light plant and two water systems, one to supply the town and one to supply the works, over two million dollars having been expended in land and construction work (this including the dwellings and other buildings) during his incumbency. Josephine is one of the most prosperous and best ordered mining towns in Indiana county. Over three hundred hands find employment at the works, and the town has a total population of a thousand or more, of various nationalities. The employees are comfortably housed, and the company has done many things to contribute to their comfort and convenience—more than the average, as the spirit of contentment which prevails in the town testifies. A general store and bank was conducted by the company until the building (which cost \$45,000) was destroyed by fire in 1910. Six hundred tons of pig iron are turned out from the furnace daily. Mr. Gillespie takes a personal interest in the welfare

of the men under his charge and their families, and he has used his influence whenever possible to obtain benefits for them, the public schools and the general prosperity in all lines receiving his best thought and attention. He has served as member of the board of school directors of Burrell township, in which the town lies, and is at present road supervisor, being particularly interested in the good roads movement.

On June 27, 1899, Mr. Gillespie was married, at Duquesne, Pa., to Florence L. McClure, daughter of Matthew L. and Hannah S. (Read) McClure, and they have a family of five children: Helen McClure, J. Read, William E., Florence L. and George F. The family live at Blacklick, where Mr. Gillespie has a fine brick residence, one of the handsomest in that part of Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are active in its work, Mr. Gillespie serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 582, F. & A. M., at Homestead, Pa., and of the B. P. O. Elks lodge at Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

HARRY W. FEE, attorney at law at Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., and present postmaster of that borough, was born March 9, 1870, near Reed Station, this county, a few miles south of the town of Indiana.

(I) Andrew Fee, the great-grandfather of Harry W. Fee, was an early settler of what is now Armagh borough, and his first child, Jeannette, was the first child to be born in that borough—her birth occurring about 1800. She died at Blairsville, Pa., when about seventy-two years of age. Later in life Andrew Fee removed to Wheatfield township, settling at what is now Heshbon, Indiana county, and there his death occurred.

(II) Thomas Fee, son of Andrew Fee, and grandfather of Harry W. Fee, married Jane Mahan.

(III) John Fee, son of Thomas Fee, and father of Harry W. Fee, was for a number of years engaged in farming at Heshbon, in Brushvalley township, whence he removed to a farm near Mechanicsburg, and thence to the borough of that name, where he became the proprietor of a chopping and planing mill. There his death occurred in August, 1910, when he was aged seventy-three years. He died in the faith of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he had held various offices; his political connections were with the Demo-

eratic party. Mr. Fee married Ellen Duncan, who still survives him, and resides at No. 533 Railroad avenue, Indiana. They became the parents of seven children, as follows: Laura, who is now Mrs. Aaron Gamble, of Johnstown; William J., a former member of Company E, 20th United States Infantry, who died at Fort Assiniboine, Mont.; Alice, who died when a young woman, in 1885; Harry W. and Jennie, twins, the latter of whom is married to Henry Koerbel, and resides at Millvale, Pa.; Lawrence M., who married Sarah Stogden, and lives in Pittsburg; and Elizabeth, who lives with her mother.

David Duncan, the maternal grandfather of Harry W. Fee, was born in what is now Green township, Indiana county, near the present town of Beringer (Uniontown post office), and married Margaret Pierce, who was born near the present town of Plumville, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Harry W. Fee, son of John Fee, was reared on the old home farm in Brushvalley township and in the Mechanicsburg home, and received his primary education in the common schools of the former and summer school at the latter borough, and at Armagh, Pa. In 1888 he began teaching school in Brushvalley township, where he continued two terms, then spent two terms at Homer City, a term at Mechanicsburg, one in the borough of Armagh and one at Rosedale, Cambria Co., Pa. In 1893 he began studying law, in the offices of David H. Tomb, of Indiana borough, and was admitted to the bar in 1898. He continued in a general practice in Indiana until called for service during the Spanish-American war. He had enlisted Feb. 25, 1893, becoming a private in Company D, 5th P. N. G., and on June 8, 1897, was transferred to Company F. He was promoted to corporal March 5, 1897, to sergeant April 27, 1898, and received his honorable discharge May 11, 1898. On that day he reenlisted, becoming sergeant of Company F, 5th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out with his company Nov. 7, 1898. He again entered the service as a private of Company F, Jan. 2, 1899, was elected second lieutenant March 29, 1899, first lieutenant March 18, 1902, captain Oct. 26, 1903, and major of the 5th Regiment June 29, 1907, and was transferred Jan. 1, 1910, to major of the 10th. His commission expired June 29, 1912, and since that time he has been on the retired list.

On his return to private life, Major Fee again turned his entire attention to the practice of his profession. He became secretary

of the Democratic county central committee in 1896, was its chairman in 1897 and 1898, and in July, 1912, was again elected to that position. He has held the county office of auditor, in 1900-1-2, and also has served three years as county solicitor, 1902-3-4. On Aug. 12, 1913, he was appointed postmaster at Indiana, and is now serving in that position. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks, the Odd Fellows and the Woodmen of the World, and in the latter is a charter member of Indiana Camp, No. 40, of which he has been clerk since its organization in 1897. His religious affiliation is with the United Presbyterian Church. Major Fee is widely known in public, professional and military circles, and the universal popularity which he enjoys is eloquent evidence of the high esteem in which he is held.

On Jan. 2, 1901, Major Fee was married to Cora Myers, daughter of William H. and Margaret (Allison) Myers, and to this union has come one child, Eunice, born May 9, 1903.

JOHN SCOTT OLIVER, farmer of Cone-maugh township and justice of the peace, was born there July 4, 1849, son of James and Mary K. (Hart) Oliver.

James Oliver, the paternal great-grandfather, came to America in 1784, landing at Philadelphia. He was from County Derry, Ireland, although of English-Irish extraction. Mr. Oliver brought both friends and relatives with him in addition to his immediate family, his influence among his associates being such as to make them follow his example even to the extent of leaving their homes for a new country. The party settled near the present Gettysburg, and there Mr. Oliver took up a large tract of land, cultivating it for a few years. After his death, his widow moved over the intervening mountains and settled in Indiana county. James Oliver married a Miss Smith, and their children were: Alexander, who settled in Armstrong county, where his descendants now live; William, who lived and died near Indiana town; John, who went on a trip West and then down the Ohio river, and was never heard from again; and James.

James Oliver, son of James, the American founder of the family, and grandfather of John Scott Oliver, was born in Ireland in 1778, and was but a few years old when brought to this country by his parents. His first location after he began to earn his own living was near Lebanon, but later he moved to Livermore, settling on the large tract of land where he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in farming and lumbering. On



this property he built a large house and barn, both of logs, as was the custom in those days. The Covenanter Church had in him a consistent member, and he took an active part in all its good works. In politics he was a Whig. On July 10, 1810, James Oliver was married to Mrs. Margaret (Coleman) Mathews, born Oct. 5, 1779. He passed away in 1865, and he and his wife are buried in the little cemetery in Conemaugh township. The following children were born to them: James is mentioned below; John, who was a carpenter and farmer, and served as justice of the peace at Lebanon for thirty years, married Nancy Pattison; William, born April 23, 1817, died Feb. 18, 1856, who followed farming at Eldersridge, married Liza Anderson, and had one child, Margaret Elizabeth; Robert, born Nov. 6, 1819, died Jan. 12, 1862, married Elizabeth Pattison and (second) Jane S. Marshall, and had children, Coleman, William, Martha (married to John C. Frederick) and Ida L.; Nancy, born Jan. 11, 1814, died June 10, 1814; Nicholas, born April 23, 1817, died July 28, 1817.

James Oliver, Jr., son of James Oliver and father of John Scott Oliver, was born April 29, 1811, and died July 6, 1875. His birthplace was Conemaugh township, Indiana county, where he was reared to manhood amid rural surroundings, learning to farm while attending the local schools. When he grew to maturity he began farming on his own account, becoming interested in stock raising as well. Buying the James Nesbitt farm of 131 acres now owned by his heirs, he had it patented in 1849. Active in church work, he first connected himself with the Seceder Church, later joining the Covenanters, became an elder of that body, and held that office until his death. Devoted to home and family, he was domestic in his tastes and took his pleasures surrounded by his own circle. James Oliver married Mary K. Hart, who was born in 1814, daughter of John and Abigail (Scott) Hart, of White township, and died June 11, 1885. Children as follows were born to them: James Mathews, born Oct. 17, 1839, is on the old homestead near Livermore (during the Civil war, he served in Company G, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from 1863 to 1864, under Captain McCombs and Col. William A. Brady, being under fire at James River and while on the reserve force); a son, born Feb. 1, 1841, died Feb. 15, 1841; Abigail, born July 2, 1842, died Aug. 1, 1844; Margaret Amanda, born Dec. 27, 1844, died Dec. 8, 1900, unmarried, having made her home

with her brother all her life; Nancy Jane, born Feb. 20, 1847, is now her brother's housekeeper; John Scott was next; Martha Ann, born Oct. 20, 1851, has long been a school teacher in Allegheny city, Pa., and for the last twenty-one years has been teaching in the Eleventh ward public school; Sarah Eliza, born May 4, 1854, died March 6, 1894, unmarried.

Squire John Scott Oliver, son of James Oliver, Jr., was born in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., July 4, 1849, as before stated. He attended public school in districts Nos. 11 and 5, and was then sent to a select school at Livermore. Following this he taught school one term in Conemaugh township, and one term in Derry township, Westmoreland county. Having earned the necessary funds, he then entered Geneva College, at Geneva, Ohio, where he remained from 1873 to 1878, taking a course in civil engineering. After he had thus fitted himself for the work, he went to the oil fields at Edensburg, Clarion county, where he spent six months surveying and doing engineering work in connection with the production of oil. Then, from 1879 to 1885, Mr. Oliver was connected with the Bingham Estate, in McKean county, Pa., and from 1885 to 1887 was with the J. J. Vandergriff Engineering and Construction Company, laying pipe lines from Hickory, Washington Co., Pa., to Wheeling, W. Va. In 1886 Mr. Oliver was employed by the Apollo Iron and Steel Company as superintendent of the gas company at Apollo, holding that position until 1891. In the latter year he went with the Philadelphia Company and Joseph Creig, producers of oil and gas, and was engaged in their land departments.

In 1896 Mr. Oliver returned to his father's homestead in Conemaugh township, and began farming and dairying in partnership with his brother, selling milk to Pittsburg dealers. He continued thus until 1911, when he sold his dairy, now devoting himself to his farming interests. The farm is well equipped for the work carried on there, having running water and all modern conveniences; Mr. Oliver piped the water from a large spring on the hill to his house and barn. A man of experience of the outside world, he appreciates the value of scientific methods, and applies them in his everyday work with gratifying results. He and his brother conducted the homestead of 131 acres, in addition to 100 acres which they added to the original holdings. Mr. Oliver now controls nearly 250 acres of land, 230

acres of which are under cultivation. This property is all underlaid with two rich veins of coal, one being 180 feet down and the other 210 feet below the surface. There is an opening near the Conemaugh river.

On May 1, 1901, Mr. Oliver was elected justice of the peace, and still holds that office. In addition to his other interests, he is a stockholder in the Conemaugh Township Rural Telephone Company. Although he has been giving the better part of his time to agricultural pursuits, he still follows his profession when his services are called for, and has executed some important surveying and engineering contracts in Conemaugh and surrounding townships. For many years he has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and for seven years has acted as a trustee; his adult Bible class is largely attended. Mr. Oliver is unmarried.

**SAMUEL PALMER**, late of Pittsburg, Pa., where he was successfully engaged in the practice of law for many years, was a native of Philadelphia, and a son of Anthony Allaire Palmer.

Anthony Allaire Palmer was born in Philadelphia, where he lived and died, his family subsequently moving to western Pennsylvania. He was a local preacher. He married Mary Bryan, who was a daughter of James Bryan, and they had a family of six children, namely: Thomas, who married Irene Hooper, of Baltimore, Md., and died in Pittsburg (he was a wall paper merchant); Mary A., who married Thomas M. Howe, of Pittsburg; Samuel, who died young; Samuel (2); Rebecca, who died unmarried; and Hattie A., who died unmarried.

William Bryan, the first maternal ancestor of his name to come to America, was a native of France, of noble birth. He was a Huguenot, and left his native land on account of religious persecution, going with his brothers to London, England, where they all resided for a time. One brother remained there, William and the other brother turning to America. After stopping for a time in New Jersey he came to Pennsylvania and purchased a considerable tract of land in Bucks county, where he spent the remainder of his life. While in England he had married a Welsh lady, and they had several children, one of whom, a beautiful daughter, was thought worthy of eulogy in Thomas Moore's poem, "Farewell to the Banks of the Schuylkill."

James Bryan, son of William, was reared in Bucks county, Pa., and owned and op-

erated a large dairy. Later, about 1810-11, he moved with his family to Cecil county, Md., where he purchased Bohemia Manor, where his remaining days were passed. He married Elizabeth Yeaman or Yeoman, by whom he had thirteen children, ten of whom grew to maturity. Of these, Mary was the wife of Anthony A. Palmer.

Samuel Palmer was a small boy when the family moved to Pittsburg, where he grew up, receiving his early education in the local schools. He later took a course at Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pa., from which institution he was graduated, and after completing his law course he settled down to practice in Pittsburg, where he followed his profession until his death, July 7, 1889, at the age of sixty-two years.

In 1855 Mr. Palmer was married, in St. Louis, to Rebecca L. Bryan, daughter of Samuel Bryan, of Bohemia Manor, Cecil Co., Md., and she died in Pittsburg, Feb. 12, 1857, leaving one child, Mary R., an infant three weeks old, born Jan. 18th. Mr. Palmer subsequently married (second) Mary Stokes, of Philadelphia, who survived him several years. He was a prominent member of the Third Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, which he served for years in the office of elder. In politics he was a Republican. His daughter, Miss Mary R. Palmer, has made her home at Indiana, Pa., for the last seventeen years.

**ELMER F. FRASHER**, M. D., physician and surgeon at Smicksburg, was born in Port Washington, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, Nov. 12, 1861, son of Jacob M. and Grace E. (Johnston) Frasher.

Fieldren Frasher, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Elmer F. Frasher, was a native of Fayette county, Pa., and married Catherine Tantlinger, of Somerset county. They lived in Burnsville, where they kept a hotel, but later moved to Guernsey county, Ohio. Mr. Frasher taking up a farm on which they spent the remainder of their lives. They had two children: Luke, living on the old Ohio homestead; and Jacob M.

Jacob M. Frasher, son of Fieldren Frasher, and father of Dr. Elmer F. Frasher, was born in Fayette county, Pa., in 1833, and died in 1903. He was a teacher during the greater part of his life, being for thirty years proprietor of a Business College and Normal Institute at Wheeling, W. Va. He also taught school at Troy, N. Y., Springfield, Mass., and Port Washington, Ohio. He was a pupil in penmanship under P. R. Spencer, of Spencer-

ian fame, the "Father of Penmanship." For thirty years Mr. Frasher was a resident of Wheeling, W. Va., but his last years were spent in Washington county, Pa. As a young man, he joined the Masons, and was connected with the fraternity to the end of his life, and his religious association was with the Presbyterian Church. On May 19, 1860, he was married to Grace E. Johnston, of Conneaut Lake, Crawford Co., Pa., and they had three children: Ada, the wife of George Dunbar, an electrician of Pittsburg, who has one son, Harold; Elmer F.; and Zanna J., the wife of Dr. D. Sherman Smith, a dentist of Lancaster, Pa., who has one child, Grace E. Both Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Smith are graduates of the Wheeling Female Seminary.

Matthew K. Johnston, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Elmer F. Frasher, was born in Mercer county, Pa., and married Jane Johnston. He was educated at Meadville, Pa., and studied under Dr. Cossett, subsequently engaging in the practice of medicine in Mercer, Pa., and later at Newton Falls, Ohio. On account of his health he engaged in the jewelry business at Port Washington, Ohio, and there his death occurred, while his wife passed away at Meadville, Pa., of typhoid fever, in 1848. They had two children: John, who died when young; and Grace E., who married Mr. Frasher.

Elmer F. Frasher received his early education in the public schools of Wheeling, W. Va., following which he became a student at Washington and Jefferson College, at Washington, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in 1883. He then entered the medical department of the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, where he received his degree of doctor of medicine in 1887. During the next year he served as interne in the University Hospital, Baltimore, Md., and then entered the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Pittsburg, of which he was resident physician for one year. He was also assistant physician in the Eye and Ear Hospital, Baltimore. He took the eye and ear prize of his class while in college, as well as the gold medal prize for the highest number of points in practice in medicine, taking two of the five prizes offered in a class of ninety pupils.

In 1888 Dr. Frasher embarked upon the practice of his profession in Pittsburg, where he remained during the next five years, then going to Wheeling, W. Va., where he acted in the capacity of medical examiner for various insurance companies for five years. He was next located in the suburbs of Pittsburg

for three years, and built up a lucrative practice, but in 1905 came to his present location, at Smicksburg. Dr. Frasher carries on a general practice. His wide and varied experience in his profession, his inherent sympathy, his acknowledged ability and kindness of heart, all have combined to assist him in the alleviation of the ills of mankind, and to build up a large patronage. He has kept abreast of the various discoveries and advances of his profession, subscribing to the leading medical journals and attending lectures, and takes a great interest in the work of the various organizations, in which he holds membership. Dr. Frasher is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. He has not taken an active part in political matters, but has always maintained an intelligent interest in those movements which have affected the welfare of his community. A leader alike in professional and social life, he has numerous friends throughout this section, and no man stands in higher general esteem among the people of Smicksburg.

WALTER H. JACKSON, managing editor of the *Indiana Evening Gazette*, was born on a farm near Sewickley, Pa., Dec. 16, 1867, his father being Andrew Jackson, for years a successful farmer near Shelocta, this county, and his mother being Rebecca (McClarren) Jackson, whose girlhood was spent in Indiana. When but seven years of age the subject of this sketch lost both his parents by death. After that and until his marriage, in 1895, he made his home with an uncle and aunt, the late Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hildebrand, in Indiana. His education was obtained in the Indiana public schools, the local model school and the Indiana State normal school, from which he graduated with the class of 1886. During the following winter he taught school in Shelocta, this county, and then worked for several years in stores in Indiana.

In 1891 Mr. Jackson became connected with the *Indiana Gazette*, then a weekly paper, as a reporter. After a year's service here, he was called to Altoona, Pa., to accept an editorial position with the *Altoona Evening Gazette*; but in six months he was recalled to Indiana to assume the management and editorial chair of the *Indiana Gazette*, with which paper he has ever since been connected. In editorial policy, Mr. Jackson has always stood for the industrial advancement of Indiana county. He proclaimed the mineral wealth of this rich section at a time when his statements were

ridiculed as overdrawn, but he kept plugging away, calling attention to every new development and endeavoring to direct the attention of capital to Indiana county. Naturally considerable satisfaction has come to him as a result of the wonderful developments of the last few years.

In 1895 Mr. Jackson married Florence B. Young, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. J. H. Young, of Indiana, and shortly thereafter erected the handsome residence on South Sixth street in which they now reside.

Mr. Jackson served as chief Burgess of Indiana for three years and was a member of the town council for a short period, filling out the unexpired term of a member who had died. In past years he has been officially identified with a number of his town's organizations, being one of the incorporators of the Indiana Street Railway Company, now the Indiana County Street Railways Company. He was an earnest advocate of the Young Men's Christian Association and had considerable part in the raising of the \$50,000 fund for the building and equipping of the present magnificent Y. M. C. A. building. He is one of the board of directors of the Association.

In religion Mr. Jackson is a Presbyterian, being a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Indiana and superintendent of the primary department of its Sunday school.

**HON. WILLIAM JAMES MCKNIGHT,** M. D. The subject of this sketch was born and raised in the town of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa., the date of his birth being May 6, 1836. Thrown upon his own resources when a boy, at an age when little was expected of a youth, by his own indomitable will, push and determination (which were marked characteristics in his early boyhood) he rose from the humble and obscure farm laborer and "printers' devil" to a position and prominence which few men attain, carving out for himself a name and fame in the annals of his profession, town, county and State, to which his descendants and his friends can always point with pride.

Dr. McKnight is recognized as one of the prominent, influential and well-to-do citizens of his section, one who has always taken an active and beneficial interest in the advancement of town, county and State, a man who has always held his word as sacred as his bond; one who has taken a great interest in the uplifting of mankind, and who has never willfully misused or wronged his fellowman. This sketch is taken largely from an article

which appeared in the Brookville *Republican* of March 24, 1897. Dr. McKnight's parents were Alexander and Mary (Thompson) McKnight, the father dying when W. J. was but thirteen months old. The Doctor received a limited education in the common schools. When he was about eleven years of age he was thrown upon his own resources, and began the struggle of life. For five years he lived and worked upon a farm. At the age of sixteen he began teaching school and working in the office of the *Jefferson Star*, learning the printer's trade. Two years later he began reading medicine under Dr. A. M. Clarke, of Brookwayville, and held a position as compositor on the *Elk County Advocate*. During the next three years, by practicing such economy as is rarely thought of by the young man of the present day, he had saved enough money to enable him to take a single course of medical lectures at Cincinnati, Ohio, during the winter of 1856-57, and in March following (1857) he began the practice of medicine in his native town. In 1859 he formed a partnership with Dr. Niver, of Brookwayville, which was terminated four years later after they had established a large and extensive practice. In 1863 Dr. McKnight returned to Brookville, where he opened a drug store on Oct. 8th, carrying on the same in connection with his practice, and which, together with his son, J. B., he still operates under the firm name of McKnight & Son. It is the oldest store in point of continuous management in Jefferson county. On Aug. 4, 1862, Governor Curtin appointed the Doctor examining surgeon for Jefferson and Forest counties. He was also appointed, and served for seven years, as United States pension surgeon, but other duties made it necessary for him to resign this position. He served as private and orderly sergeant in Company G, 57th United States Emergency Regiment; was promoted to quartermaster sergeant, and took part in the campaign against Morgan. In 1869 he attended lectures in Philadelphia and received the degree of M. D. He afterward attended two full courses in succession at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in March, 1884, and the same year received a degree from the school of anatomy and surgery. In 1885 he took a post-graduate course at Jefferson College.

Dr. McKnight's political activities began when a boy. In 1876 Jefferson county Republicans presented him for State senator, and Indiana county Republicans presented



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Dr. St. Clair, Indiana and Jefferson counties forming the 37th Senatorial district. Three conventions were held without a nomination, when for the good of the party, to save the Congress nominee of Indiana, and to secure harmony among the voters, Dr. McKnight in a most magnanimous and manly letter withdrew from the contest. In 1880 Jefferson county Republicans again presented Dr. McKnight as her choice, and Indiana county Republicans presented George W. Hood. After a three days' convention, of delegates from the two counties, no nomination being agreed upon, a second conference was held with no result. Another meeting was held, at which Gen. James S. Negley, of Pittsburg, acted as umpire, when Dr. McKnight was nominated; he was elected at the polls and served in the Senate from 1881 to 1885. The Doctor took a very active part in all public measures brought before the Senate during his term of office. He was the author of several very important bills, and through his conservative and practical business methods were enacted a number of needed reforms whereby the Commonwealth was saved several hundred thousand dollars per annum. Honesty and economy with the people's money was his slogan. His reform in printing public documents saves the State forty thousand dollars a year. He advocated and secured the first additional appropriation under the new constitution to the schools of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; advocated the furnishing of schoolbooks free by the State to all the schools; and free schools in fact—school tax abolished, schools to be maintained and supported by the State. The attention he called to careless auditing brought into the State one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. He carried through a reform in the commencement of borough and township offices. He took an active interest in the wards of the State and gave a hearty support to the soldiers' orphans' schools, advocating justice to the soldier, his widow and his orphan. He introduced a bill providing for the classification of the insane, and advocated that the expense of their support be paid by the State. He originated and introduced a number of valuable reforms that fell for want of time. He pushed through the Senate in 1881 the bill authorizing counties to refund their bonds at a lower rate of interest. He originated, agitated and pushed through the Senate bill No. 117, entitled An Act For Promotion of Medical Science, by the distribution and use

of unclaimed human bodies for scientific purposes, through a board created for that purpose, and to prevent unauthorized uses and traffic in human bodies, which was approved and signed June 18, 1883. This law has now been enacted in nearly every State in the Union. He supported and voted for the following laws: The law of 1881, Act No. 21, which provides proper means of conveyance of persons injured in and about the mines, to their homes; Act No. 54, 1881, "To provide the means for securing the health and safety of persons employed in the bituminous coal mines of Pennsylvania"; Act No. 173, 1881, "To secure to operators and laborers engaged in and about coal mines, manufactories of iron and steel, and all other manufactories, the payment of their wages at regular intervals and in lawful money of the United States" (this law regulates and prevents the excessive profit on merchandise); law of 1883, Act No. 16, "To provide for voluntary tribunals, to adjust disputes between employers and employed"; Act No. 46, 1883, "To protect the miners in the bituminous coal regions in this Commonwealth" (this law secures the miner pay for all clean coal mined by him without regard to size; makes seventy-six pounds of coal a bushel and two thousand pounds a ton; requires all cars to be branded and uniform in size; creates the office of check weighman and defines his duties); Act No. 48, 1883, which now compels props and timber to be furnished; Act No. 97, 1883, creating a mining boss and defining his duties, providing for cut-throughs and holes for shelter, bore holes, printed rules, safety lamps, board of examiners, etc., also for six bituminous mine inspectors instead of three, and also for two mining engineers; Act No. 104, 1883, "For the better protection of the wages of mechanics, miners, laborers and others" (this law gives the laborer preference against insolvent companies or debtors).

In a speech advocating reform in the Senate, March 14, 1883, Dr. McKnight used these words, "and now, Mr. President, to further assist in the public good, to promote honest government and purify the public service, I would make all offices in both State and nation, except the merest clerkships, elective *by the people*. I would elect postmasters, collectors, marshals, and especially United States senators." His zeal and enterprise gained for him State celebrity, as well as reflecting much credit upon his ability and statesmanship. In 1884 Dr. McKnight and

G. W. Hood were again pitted against each other for the nomination. The established usage of the party entitled Dr. McKnight to a second term, especially as Indiana county had had the senator for sixteen out of twenty years, and all acknowledged that he had served with honor and credit to his district, his constituents and himself. He was regularly and fairly renominated at a party conference in Indiana, but was defeated at the polls by Hood, who ran as an independent candidate.

Dr. McKnight has been a bituminous coal operator since 1895, opening and running the Toby Valley Coal Company, also the McKnight Coal Company, which are still (in 1913) in active operation.

As a writer Dr. McKnight is the author of "My First Recollections of Brookville, Pa.," "Recollections of Ridgway, Pa.," also of the "Pioneer History of Jefferson County, Pa.," "A Pioneer Outline History of Northwestern Pennsylvania," embracing fourteen counties, and of "Pioneer Sketches of the Cities of Allegheny, Beaver, DuBois, and Towanda, Pa." And now, in 1913, as director and vice president of the National Bank of Brookville, Pa., merchant, coal operator, writer and author, he is still active.

Dr. McKnight married Penelope Goddard Clarke, Jan. 9, 1860, and they celebrated their golden wedding Jan. 9, 1910. Seven children were born to this union, four of whom are now living, viz.: Amor Archer; Mary Adeline, wife of H. H. Kennedy; Jay Byron; and Bonnie, the wife of George R. Matson. All reside in Brookville.

COL. AMOR ARCHER MCKNIGHT was a great-grandson of Alexander and Isabella (McBride) McKnight, natives of County Down, Ireland. About the year 1790 they immigrated to Franklin county, Pa. Alexander McKnight here pursued agriculture. In 1795 he removed to and located on the place now known as the McKnight farm, on Crooked Creek, in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa. Six children were born to his union with Isabella McBride, two sons and four daughters, the sons being Alexander, Jr., and James.

James McKnight, son of Alexander and Isabella (McBride) McKnight, located in the town of Indiana, where he died May 14, 1819, aged about forty-one years. He filled a number of offices there creditably, being an excellent scholar. He was the first Burgess of the new borough of Indiana in 1816, and was re-

elected to that office for the year 1817. He was commissioners' clerk for the years 1807 and 1811. He was county treasurer for the years 1811-12. When the Indiana Academy was incorporated, March 28, 1814, Rev. John Jamieson and James McKnight were two of the thirteen trustees. He married Jane McNutt, May 25, 1807, and to this union were born two children: William, born May 5, 1808, who died June 9, 1830, in Blairsville, Pa.; and Alexander, born June 9, 1810. Jane McKnight, the mother of these children, died Aug. 15, 1811. James McKnight married (second) Nov. 19, 1812, Jane McComb, and to this union were born three children, viz.: (1) James, Jr., born Sept. 9, 1813; while a young man he migrated to Texas, where he was elected mayor of Galveston city. Losing his health, he died in South America, while on a visit, aged forty years. (2) John died in infancy. (3) Jane accompanied her brother to Texas, where she was twice married. Her first husband, Colonel Sandusky, was secretary to Gen. Sam Houston, the first president of the Texas republic.

Alexander McKnight, second son of James and Jane (McNutt) McKnight, married May 10, 1831, Mary Thompson, daughter of William Thompson, of Altman's Run, and granddaughter of Rev. John Jamieson, the pioneer preacher to locate in Indiana. Alexander and Mary (Thompson) McKnight commenced married life in Blairsville, Indiana Co., Pa., and on the 19th day of May, 1832, their son Amor Archer was born; he afterward became distinguished in the war for the Union as colonel of the 105th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. Late in the fall of 1832 the young couple moved into the wilderness of Jefferson county, Pa., locating in Brookville, and Alexander taught the first term of school in the borough. Their son W. J. McKnight was born in Brookville, May 6, 1836. Alexander McKnight was a good scholar, but having contracted fever and ague in New Jersey, was an invalid; yet he filled the offices of lieutenant colonel in the militia, justice of the peace and county treasurer, holding the latter position at the time of his death, which occurred in June, 1837, when he was but twenty-seven years old.

Amor Archer McKnight, son of Alexander and Mary (Thompson) McKnight, was born in Blairsville, Indiana county, May 19, 1832. In November, 1832, he was brought by his parents to Brookville, Jefferson county, and in June, 1837, his father died. At an early age young McKnight returned to Blairsville





AMOR ARCHER MCKNIGHT  
COLONEL 105TH REG'T. PA. VOLS.



and learned the art of printing in the *Appalachian* office, and afterward worked for Mr. Samuel McElhose on the *Jefferson Star*, of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa. In 1853 he was admitted to the bar, and entered into partnership with the late George W. Andrews, Esq. He had a strong predilection for military matters, and from 1854 until the breaking out of the Civil war had been captain of a militia company called the "Brookville Rifles." Long before the actual storm burst he felt that trouble was at hand, and as early as the winter of 1860 commenced to recruit his company so as to be ready when the emergency might arise. When the news of the firing upon Sumter reached him he at once offered the services of his company, and with Company I, 8th Pennsylvania Regiment, served three months. As soon as that term of service had expired he recruited the 105th Pennsylvania Regiment, a regiment that had no superior in the Civil war. A rigid disciplinarian, he made his command one whose fame was known throughout the Army of the Potomac. He was an intrepid, daring soldier, winning the praise of his superior officers, and fell May 3, 1863, at the head of his gallant veterans in the battle of Chancellorsville while leading them against the command of Stonewall Jackson, who had fallen only a few hours before.

Amor Archer McKnight at an early age evinced a deep love for study, and proved an apt and diligent student in the common schools and the Brookville Academy, obtaining a good average education. He was a close, careful reader, and when quite young gathered together, as his means would permit, a collection of books, which in after years proved the nucleus of an excellent and extensive library. The death of his father when he was so very young made him the main support of his mother and her little family, and the loving care he gave that mother as long as she lived was one of his pleasant duties.

The late Mr. Samuel McElhose, who was editor of the *Star*, in his notice of Colonel McKnight's death said of him: "He was an excellent workman; what he found to do he did with all his might." The practical and general knowledge he gained in the printing office, he admitted in after years, had been of incalculable benefit to him. On leaving the *Star* office he entered the law office of W. P. Jenks, Esq., where he applied himself to the study of law half of each day; the balance of the time he had to work at the "case" in the printing office, as a means of support.

At the February term, 1855, he was admitted to practice, and soon afterward entered into partnership with G. W. Andrews, Esq. Their firm was one of the most successful and had as large a practice as any at the Brookville bar. When the first alarm of war sounded forth he was one of the first to enlist in defense of his country, but his military record is given elsewhere in the history of his regiment. The court of Jefferson county appointed R. Arthurs, W. P. Jenks, G. W. Andrews, A. L. Gordon and D. Barclay, Esqs., to report resolutions upon the death of Colonel McKnight, when he fell at Chancellorsville, one of which reads as follows:

*Resolved*, That whether regarded as a soldier, patriot, citizen, friend, brother, or protector of his aged parent, Colonel McKnight was true to duty. By his death our country has lost one of its brightest ornaments, the legal profession a well-informed, trustworthy and honorable member."

Again, on May 27th, the *Star* said: "He cared most tenderly and affectionately for his mother. He mourned in deep sorrow over her death, and gave the most convincing proofs of the great nobleness of his heart. No man is without his faults, and of course he had his, but one trait we cannot overlook, and that was his perfect abstinence from gambling and intemperance. He spent his earnings for standard books, and his spare time in perusing them. He was laborious and studious. He was fearless and outspoken, generous and obliging, he was an ardent admirer of the free institutions of his native land, of the right of man to self government, and loathed the institution of human slavery. His career on earth is ended. He has sealed his love of country with his life's blood." Colonel McKnight never married.

The biography of his brother, Dr. W. J. McKnight, appears above.

REV. JOHN JAMIESON was born at Thorn Hill farm, Scotland, about eight miles from Glasgow, in 1747. His father was Allen Jamieson. One of Allen Jamieson's ancestors was land steward to Mary Queen of Scotland. This ancestor turned Protestant, left the court and returned to Thorn Hill farm. Allen Jamieson was a descendant of Robert Bruce, who was crowned King of Scotland in 1306. In this same year Bruce was defeated by an army of English and fled to Ireland, whence he afterward returned to Scotland, fought many engagements, and in 1314 defeated King Edward at the battle of Ban-

nockburn, after which in 1328 Bruce was acknowledged king, and Scotland declared independent. At this time Bruce had the leprosy and died from it in 1329, having reigned almost twenty-four years.

All Scotch people who spell their name Jamieson are of one blood, to wit: Jamie's son.

Rev. John Jamieson enjoyed the advantages of wealth. He graduated from St. Andrew's University, and studied theology with Rev. John Brown, of Haddington. Rev. John Jamieson was licensed and ordained by a burgher presbytery of Scotland in about his twenty-fifth year. He preached from the Hebrew and Greek Bible, translated his own texts, and was an expert shorthand writer. According to his diary he preached at Bathgate, Scotland, in 1776. Rev. John Jamieson's early life embraced a stormy period in Scotland, between the Scotch and the English. His adult life was surrounded by a period of literary activity. The poems of Ramsay, Thompson, Burns, Scott, Holmes and others were written and published from 1730 to 1785. The known Scottish poets then exceeded two thousand. In 1775 Rev. John Jamieson married Agnes (otherwise called Nancy) Gibbs, daughter of John Gibbs, of Paisley. Gibbs' wife was a Miss Jackson. The young couple set up housekeeping in Edinburgh, Scotland, where they resided seven years. Three children were born to them in that city, viz.: Jeanette, John and Agnes, otherwise called Nancy. Rev. John Jamieson, considering himself prepared for thorough gospel labor, determined to migrate to America and devote his life to missionary work in the new world. It might be well to state here that Pollock, author of the "Course of Time," was born on the adjoining farm, and that these two farms are now literally covered with houses and form a part of greater Glasgow. At the age of thirty-six, with his wife and three children, Rev. John Jamieson started from Edinburgh, Scotland, for America, and in the latter part of November, 1783, landed in Philadelphia, Pa., where he immediately connected himself with the Associate Reformed Church. He resided here and went on missionary journeys on horseback through the wilderness as far south and west as the Carolinas and Georgia, until Sept. 22, 1784, when he located at Big Spring, Cumberland Co., Pa., at which place he preached in a log church for eight years, also in houses and barns at other points, to wit: Stony Ridge, Shippensburg, Marsh Creek and Cono-

cocheague. He also purchased six hundred acres of land and erected a gristmill at or near Big Spring, and his son John (Jr.) resided here until after 1809. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson while living at Big Spring, viz.: William, Isabelle and Margaret.

In the early spring of 1792 Mr. Jamieson resigned his charges in Cumberland county and crossed the Allegheny mountains with his wife and three children, with their effects, all on horseback, or pack horses, and located in Hannastown, in Westmoreland county, leaving John Jamieson (Jr.) and two other children on the homestead at Big Spring. In 1794 he removed to Derry, and in 1796 to Altman's Run, where he erected his log cabin in what is now Conemaugh or Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pa., being the first minister to locate in what is now Indiana county.

In 1794 Rev. John Jamieson organized the Crete Church, in Indiana county, preaching to the people first from a small platform, 5 by 8 feet, supported by wooden brackets between two large oak trees, the congregation being seated on logs on the ground. His mode of preaching was to lecture or expound the Scripture in the morning, and to preach a sermon divided into firstly, secondly, etc., in the afternoon. At Crete a tent was secured for a while, and then, in 1815, a log church, 24 by 30, was erected. He preached at this point until near 1820. From his diary it is found that he also preached at Conemaugh, Crooked Creek, Bethel (Indiana county), Plum Creek and Kittanning, and that he held services in cabins and log barns. The names of these places, dates, etc., are recorded in his diary, as well as notes of texts and sermons, many of these in shorthand. The country being new, he proceeded from settlement to settlement. For roads he had forest paths; bridges there were none, and in devotion to duty he braved alike the beasts of the forest, the summer's heat and the winter's cold. Truly his was the "voice of one crying in the wilderness"; in the wilderness crying almost daily somewhere for thirty-six years, either in the open air, or in the cabin in the woods, in the log barn or in the log church.

The Associate Reformed Church flourished. It spread rapidly to the westward, and was largely and steadily increased by immigration. In 1793 he had a firm hold on the territory now known as Western Pennsylvania. In that year the original Presbytery of Pennsylvania was divided into two—the First and Second Associate Reformed Presbyteries of



Pennsylvania. The Second, by order of the Synod, took the name of the Monongahela. It was composed of four ministers—Revs. John Jamieson, Henderson, Warwick and Rankin, with their elders. This was the first presbytery organized in connection with any of the Reformed Churches west of the Allegheny mountains. Its boundary lines were the Allegheny mountains on the east and the Pacific ocean on the west.

Jamieson was a man of decided abilities and theological attainments, so that his presbytery placed its theological students under his care, Alexander Porter, Alexander McCoy and David Prondft.

From 1783 to at least 1816 Mr. Jamieson went about his Master's business. Money he did not need, for every cabin door was open wide to him, while his wife and family were busy at his own cabin raising food, scutching, spinning, weaving, knitting and making the family homespun clothing.

Of the twenty-six religious bodies in Pennsylvania that Rev. John Jamieson organized through his personality, twenty-four are strong, wealthy United Presbyterian Churches, each under the jurisdiction of one of the following presbyteries: Big Spring, Westmoreland, Conemaugh or Monongahela. Of the two remaining organizations one is a Covenanter Church, Alexandria, Westmoreland county, and the other is the Covenanter Church at Clarksburg, Indiana county.

Rev. John Jamieson was six feet, three inches high, and dignified in bearing. Mentally he was able, thoroughly educated, and possessed wonderful vigor, energy and endurance. His voice was strong, clear and far-reaching; his oratory magnetic, holding the attention of his hearers as well through a long service as a short one. To aid in the civic interests of Indiana county he contracted for the erection of the first county jail. He served as county commissioner for Indiana county for the years 1809, 1810 and 1811. He was actively engaged in educational matters, and was one of the pioneer trustees of the Indiana Academy, incorporated March 28, 1814. It appears in his diary that he was active and regularly preaching in and around Kittanning from 1813 to Jan. 8, 1815; in Freeport region from 1813, and what is now West Union and Conemaugh, Plumville and Crete up to 1816; his services in these years were held in cabins and barns and log churches.

He died in March, 1821, aged seventy-four years, and is buried at Crete, Indiana Co.,

Pa. His wife, Nancy, died in 1841, aged ninety-one, and is buried at Lewisville, Indiana Co., Pa. Their daughter Agnes married William Thompson, and had three sons and two daughters, to wit: Hon. John Jamieson Ypsilanti, Rev. Robert, William Gordon, Nancy and Mary. Nancy married Washington Craig, of Clarion county, Pa. Calvin A. Craig, second colonel of the 105th Regiment, who was killed at Deep Bottom, Va., was one of this family. Mary married Alexander McKnight, who left two sons, to wit: Col. Amor Archer McKnight, of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers, who was killed while leading a charge at Chancellorsville, Va., and William James McKnight.

William Thompson and wife settled on a farm near Lewisville, Indiana Co., Pa. This farm was deeded by Rev. John Jamieson and Agnes, his wife, to William Thompson and Agnes Jamieson Thompson, his wife, the deed being dated March 26, 1817, and afterward known as the "John Gallagher Farm."

Col. Robert M. Thompson, of New York City, is a son of John Jamieson Ypsilanti Thompson and grandson of William and Agnes (Jamieson) Thompson. The Colonel has a world celebrity in naval, athletic, financial and charitable circles.—[Contributed by Dr. W. J. McKnight.]

MATTHEW H. HENRY, now living retired at Blairsville, Indiana county, is a member of a family of Scotch-Irish extraction which has been associated with the growth and progress of Indiana county for over eighty years.

John Henry, the first of the family to settle in Indiana county, Pa., was a native of Ireland, born near Londonderry, in County Derry, where he grew to manhood. There he married Margaret Miller. In 1833, with his wife and one child, he sailed from Belfast, Ireland, for the New World, and after a seven weeks' passage landed in New York. Making their way west by canal and the other means of transportation then available, they located first in Young township, Indiana county, where they rented the farm of Matthew Harbison. After farming there for a short period they moved to Armstrong township, same county, settling on a tract of seventy-three acres of uncultivated land. They were the pioneers in that section. Mr. Henry built a little log house and made strenuous efforts to clear the land. Three years later, when his hard work was meeting with some success, he met with an accident at a barn raising from

the effects of which he died in March, 1838. He was buried in the West Union cemetery, near the homestead farm. The widow, left with five small children to care for, and eking out an existence as best she could, had a hard struggle, but she worked day and night to keep her family together and succeeded. She grew her own wool and flax, carded it and wove it into cloth, and rode on horseback from her home to Blairsville to dispose of the product for the necessaries of life. It was a trip of thirty-two miles. In spite of toil and hardships she lived to the age of seventy-three years, dying in 1876 at her home, a comfortable frame structure which had supplanted the log cabin. She bore her struggles with the Christian fortitude for which she was noted, and instilled her faith into her children, whom she lived to see surrounded with comforts. She was a consistent member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in every sense of the word. The five children were as follows: Sarah Jane, who married John Coldwell, resided in Armstrong township, and died in Young township; Catherine married Robert Blakley (deceased) and (second) Samuel M. Knox; Margaret married William Dean, and both are deceased; John married Martha Forsythe and passed all his life on the home farm (both are deceased); Matthew H. is mentioned below.

Matthew H. Henry was born in the little log cabin on the homestead farm Aug. 18, 1838, five months after the death of his father. Though he never knew the love or devotion of a father he was tenderly cared for by a sacrificing mother. His opportunities for acquiring an education were limited to the advantages afforded by the local school, which was two miles distant from the home. He grew up on the farm and worked it with his brother John until twenty-one years old, after which he spent two years with his widowed sister, Mrs. Blakley, in Young township, operating her farm. Returning to the homestead, he farmed that place with his brother John for one year, and then settled on the Alexander Gilmore farm (in Young township), where for a period of thirty-eight years he was engaged in general agriculture and stock raising. During twenty-five years of this time he was a dealer in all kinds of live stock, buying in western Pennsylvania and finding a market in Philadelphia and other near-by places. He shipped a carload of stock each week for a period of three years. In 1901 he retired from farming and located in Blairsville, where for five years he was

engaged in the retailing of meat and other products. Then he turned over the business to his sons and has since lived retired in Blairsville. In 1896 he was elected county commissioner, which office he filled for three years. While a resident of Young township he filled the office of school director for six years, and was for eight years assessor of the township. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church and was elder of his church in Young township for nine years. He has filled the office of elder in Blairsville Church for four years. Mr. Henry is a staunch Republican, though not a politician in the ordinary meaning of the word. He is considered a thoroughly good citizen.

On Feb. 14, 1862, Mr. Henry married in Young township, Indiana county, Mary Jane Lowman, who was born in that township in 1843, a daughter of Jacob and Susan Lowman. Mrs. Henry died in January, 1894, the mother of eight children: (1) John G., born at West Lebanon, Pa., Dec. 16, 1862, is a traveling salesman for the United States Steel Company and resides in Des Moines, Iowa. On Dec. 30, 1886, he was married at Indiana, Pa., to Clara Thomas, and they have one daughter, Mary Thomas, born June 21, 1896, at No. 204 Coltart Square, Pittsburg, Pa. (2) Susan Elizabeth, born Dec. 20, 1866, married Dr. Albert S. Kaufman, of New Kensington, Pa., born June 11, 1869, and they have had a family of eight children, namely: Mary M., born Aug. 5, 1893; Albert R., Sept. 5, 1895; Grace Elizabeth, July 5, 1898 (died Feb. 21, 1900); Anna Bell, Nov. 25, 1900; Ruth D., Feb. 28, 1903 (died Aug. 23, 1905); Helen, Oct. 13, 1905; Elanor Louise, June 8, 1908; Lois Caroline, Dec. 9, 1910. (3) William Lowman, born Sept. 20, 1869, resides on the homestead in Young township. On June 9, 1897, he married Lyda M. Cribbs, who was born May 20, 1876, and they have four children: Mathew Frank, born Jan. 29, 1898; Mary Esther, April 4, 1899; Ruby, July 13, 1901; John, Feb. 3, 1904. (4) Clark M., born March 12, 1872, succeeded his father in the meat business at Blairsville. (5) George H., born Dec. 19, 1874, is with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and resides at New Kensington, Pa. On April 18, 1900, he married Lola Belle Shaffer, who was born Nov. 11, 1880, and they have three children, who were born as follows: Albert Franklin, Jan. 22, 1901; Mary Elizabeth, Sept. 27, 1904; and Charles Matthew, Dec. 20, 1908. (6) Matthew Hugh Dean, born March 1, 1876, died in 1895. (7) Alexander Ross, born Nov. 13,

1879, is a contractor and builder in Los Angeles, Cal. On July 17, 1907, he married Eartha Miller, of Los Angeles, and they have one child, A. Ross, Jr., born April 17, 1912. (8) Robert S., born Jan. 20, 1882, is engaged with his brother Clark M. in the meat business.

Mr. Henry married for his second wife, July 5, 1901, Sybilla Kells, who was born in Livermore, Pa., daughter of Robert and Mary (Cunningham) Kells, and widow of John Ferguson, who died May 22, 1895. He is fully mentioned elsewhere in this work.

KEELY is an honored name in Indiana county, where many of its representatives are to be found occupying positions of trust and responsibility in the various communities to which they have scattered. The family history is interesting and in brief is as follows:

Daniel Keely, grandfather of Daniel Keely and great-grandfather of James Milton Keeley, both respected residents of Conemaugh township, was a native American, who lived for a time in Ligonier Valley, but later moved to Conemaugh township, settling near the salt works on the township line, upon a farm which he purchased (now owned by a Mr. McBride and known as the Saltsburg Extension). Daniel Keely followed farming all his long and useful life. He was buried in the Saltsburg cemetery. He married Jane Edgings, who was born near Poke Run Church, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and the children born to them were as follows: John, who married Nancy Watson, was a tanner by trade, and lived near Boiling Springs, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Samuel is mentioned below; Hannah married Joe Anderson, a hotel-keeper of Saltsburg; Eliza married John Kipp; Annie married a Mr. Kennedy; Mary married Henry McKallip, a merchant of Leechburg; Jane married Samuel Culp, a carpenter; Alice married John Imon, a farmer; Susan married Thomas Gleason, a farmer; Amanda married James Wyatt, an oil developer and farmer of Crooked Creek, Armstrong county.

Samuel Keely, son of Daniel Keely, was born in 1807, and died in 1882. His birth occurred in what is now known as Saltsburg Extension, Conemaugh township, near the salt works, and he remained with his parents on the farm, later taking charge of the property. He also engaged with Samuel M. Kier, owner of canal boats, and became captain of a section boat, which ran from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, over the mountains. Mr. Keely was also employed in the salt works for some

time, but finally devoted all his time to farming, becoming the owner of two farms, one of 140 acres, and the other of 118 acres. The first farm he sold before his death, which occurred while he was living with his son Daniel, who cared for him in his declining years. His remains were laid to rest in Saltsburg cemetery.

Samuel Keely married Jane E. Barber, who was born in 1822, and died in 1908, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Barber) Barber. Eighteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Keely, but thirteen of them died in infancy, the others being: Daniel; Sarah Elizabeth, who married Isaac Barber, a retired oil worker and rural mail carrier of Paulton, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; John, who married Matilda Couch, and is in the oil business at Pleasantville, Pa., owning thirty-five oil wells: William N., a farmer, living in Nebraska; and Samuel H., who married Matilda Whatt, mentioned below.

A man of quiet, unostentatious manner, devoted to his family, and a hard worker, Samuel Keely was a most estimable citizen, and a credit to his locality, as well as to his name. He did much to advance agricultural interests in Conemaugh township, and always was willing to try new methods, although many ideas now generally accepted were not thought of in the days of his activity. Trying to practice the Golden Rule in his everyday life, he had developed into a fine character, and earned and held public esteem, although he did not aspire to come before the people as a candidate for office. Such men as he are rare in these days of self-advancement, and his memory is tenderly cherished by his family and by many friends as well, and his example is held up to the rising generation as one to follow, for such a life leads to honor and prosperity.

DANIEL KEELY, son of Samuel Keely, and grandson of Daniel Keely, was born Nov. 12, 1842, on the homestead that his father and grandfather owned. He attended the local schools during the winter, and in the summer, as was the custom, worked on the farm. In 1867 the family moved to his present farm, on which he and his father built the present residence. This was completed and ready for occupancy in the fall of 1867, and they then turned their attention toward the erection of suitable barns and outhouses. The property comprises 116 acres, all of which is operated by Mr. Keely, as a general farmer and stock raiser. His methods are recognized as advanced in character, for he is a practical man.



one who realizes that farming does not stand still any more than any other line of business, and that the man who succeeds is the one who is willing to get out of a rut and use every means at hand to further his ends. His home is beautifully located on the brow of a hill, so that there is a magnificent view of the Conemaugh and Kiskiminetas rivers.

In 1868 Mr. Keely married Margaret Sweeney, by whom he had two children: Margaret Jane, who died in infancy; and Annie, who married Harvey McClellan, and is now deceased. Mr. Keely's second marriage was to Ruth A. Johnson, by whom he has the following children: William, engaged as a roller in a tin plate mill at New Castle, Pa., married a Miss Waddle and resides in New Castle; Julia married Robert Woodend, captain of a company of the Pennsylvania National Guard; Emma R. married John C. Frampton, who works in a tin plate mill at New Castle; Samuel B., a teamster, married Martha V. Richards; Roy D. married Margaret Weinell; Jennie is at home; Eugenia is at home; Olie is at home.

Mr. Keely is an independent Democrat, and has been active in township affairs, serving on the election board all of his mature life. For nine years he was road supervisor, serving as such with William Bert, Isaac McLaughlin and Thomas Hughes when the macadamized road from Saltsburg to Clarksburg was built, and feels proud of that monument to his enterprise and public spirit. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and is active in its good work. It is difficult to express in so brief a record all that such a man as Mr. Keely has become, has accomplished. Not only is he a good farmer and business man, but he has developed into the best kind of citizen, one who places public interest before private gains, and whenever he has been in office has given his constituents conscientiously service and handled public affairs wisely and capably.

Samuel H. Keely, son of Samuel Keely and grandson of Daniel Keely, was for years a well-known farmer of Young township, this county. While residing in that township he rented land upon which he farmed during earlier years. Eventually, however, he bought the farm upon which he still resides with his wife, and is one of the substantial agriculturists of the county.

He married Matilda Whatt, and they have had five children, as follows: James Milton; Hattie Bell, who is unmarried; Minnie Pearl, who married John Kennedy, and resides at

Vandergrift, Pa.; Jane, who married Charles Shields; and Myrtle, who is unmarried.

Mr. Keely has always endeavored to live up to his best ideals, and has endeared himself to all who know him. Never desiring public life, he has spent his strength in earning for his own, and his prosperity has been attained through hard, earnest effort, for he has had no outside assistance. His children have been carefully reared to honor their parents and obey the laws, and they have developed into noble men and women, who are the pride of their parents, and substantial citizens of their neighborhoods.

JAMES MILTON KEELEY, dairyman of Conemaugh township, was born Jan. 14, 1875, son of Samuel H. and Matilda (Whatt) Keeley, at White station, in Conemaugh township. Growing up at home, he received a common school training at Sloan's school house. After leaving school he engaged with Ira C. Ewings, a merchant, of Avonmore, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and remained with him for eighteen months. Following that he went to work for J. C. Moore, a hardware dealer, of Saltsburg, and remained with him for another eighteen months. His next position was with P. H. Laughlin & Co., proprietors of the steel mill in Conemaugh township, and he rose to be a sheet roller. Mr. Keeley remained with that firm for over fifteen years, gaining their full confidence, and left them only when the business was closed. However, as good a workman as he had no difficulty in placing himself, and he engaged with W. L. Ray, at Adri. Conemaugh township, operating and cropping his farm for two years. Mr. Keeley then bought the J. O'Neil farm of 136 acres, for coming of a long line of agriculturists he is naturally fitted for farming, and since July 15, 1910, when he went on his property, he has developed into one of the most enterprising farmers and dairymen of his township. He keeps about twenty cows, and retails his milk in Saltsburg. His farm is located one mile outside of Saltsburg, so that he is conveniently situated for the successful prosecution of his dairy business. As his product is of the best quality, and produced according to the latest sanitary methods, he sells to the best trade in his field of operations. In addition to his herd of cattle Mr. Keeley raises considerable stock, including several horses each year, which he sells to the market. His buildings are models of cleanliness and neatness, and he is proud of the fact that the inspectors find no fault with his arrangements. Such a man as he does much to raise the

standard of excellence in the dairy business and consumers owe him a heavy debt for his conscientiousness and experienced conduct of his affairs.

Mr. Keeley was united in marriage with Eliza Jane O'Neil, daughter of John O'Neil, who was born at Greenville, Indiana Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Keeley are the parents of children as follows: Margaret Helen, Nancy Mary, Virginia Pearl, Ralph Kermit and James Howard.

In political faith Mr. Keeley is a Republican, is now registered assessor, and has held a number of other township offices. He belongs to the Saltsburg Presbyterian Church, in which he is an usher, while for years he has served as secretary of the Sunday school. Like others of his family Mr. Keeley is a man of home instincts, and takes his pleasure in the midst of his family. His wife and children do him honor, and he is exceedingly proud of them, as he has every reason to be. The enterprise he has shown in all of his work demonstrates that in agricultural pursuits he has discovered his natural calling, and his township is to be congratulated upon the fact that he has returned to it and to the line of business which his ancestors found so profitable, for good farmers are rare and more needed than any other kind of workers.

**WILLIAM WORK HOPKINS**, president of the Farmers' Telephone Co., of Armstrong, Jefferson and Indiana counties, is a lumber manufacturer and farmer of East Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he was born, on the Point Breeze farm, now owned by him, July 10, 1852.

The Hopkins family is an old and honored one in Indiana county, and is of Scotch-Irish extraction. John Hopkins, the founder of the family in this country, was a native of Ireland, and coming to the United States in 1791, located at Baltimore, Md., where he spent four years. He then returned to Ireland, but came back here in 1801, spent some time in Philadelphia, and then went to Adams county, Pa. Other sections were visited by him in a search for a permanent home, and in 1808 he came to Indiana county, where conditions suiting him, he located in what was then Wheatfield township. After eight years he came to the northern part of the county and purchased a farm of 165 acres in what is now East Mahoning township, paying one dollar per acre for same, and there he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1851, when eighty-one years old. In 1809 he married

Margaret Jamieson, who died in 1854. They were buried in the Mahoning graveyard, near Mahoning U. P. Church, of which they were members.

John Hopkins, son of John Hopkins, was born in East Mahoning township in 1818, and there he grew to manhood's estate. Like his father, he became a farmer, locating on part of the homestead, which is now known as Point Breeze farm and owned by William W. Hopkins. There he erected a residence and made other improvements, carrying on farming and stock raising until his death, which occurred April 27, 1898. He is buried in the cemetery attached to the Mahoning United Presbyterian Church, having been one of its organizers and a consistent member. A Republican, he held local offices and was a man of sterling integrity. At one time he was a school director and always a friend of the public school system.

John Hopkins married, in 1851, in East Mahoning township, Miriam Scroggs Work, who was born Nov. 12, 1825, a daughter of Alexander Scroggs and Margaret (Brown) Work. Mrs. Hopkins died April 1, 1864, and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. They had children as follows: William Work; Almira (Myra), born in June, 1854, a school teacher, who married Dwite H. Cole and lives in Nebraska; Alexander Murray, born in February, 1857, a farmer of East Mahoning township, who on March 12, 1891, married Rosetta Hamilton, a daughter of Hugh Hamilton; and Margaret, born in May, 1859, who married Robert G. Work and died in May, 1881.

William Work Hopkins was brought up on the homestead and attended the local schools, supplementing his meager educational advantages, however, with home reading and study. Working on the farm until eighteen years of age, he then began learning the carpenter's trade with his uncle, John B. Work, of West Mahoning township, who was located near Smicksburg. At first he received fifty cents a day for his labor, and after he became a journeyman his wages were one dollar a day. Completing his apprenticeship, he went to Pittsburg, where he received \$2.50 per day, but later returning to Indiana county he located in Canoe township, and an opportunity presenting itself established himself as a manufacturer of doors, sashes and frames under the name of the Enterprise Lumber Company, acting as secretary, treasurer and bookkeeper of the concern. Eleven years later he came to West Mahoning township, and for

eighteen years was one of the leading builders and contractors of the locality, erecting residences, schools and churches. After the death of his father, in 1898, he moved to the Point Breeze farm, and is now devoting his time to operating his property and handling his lumber business, as he has contracts for supplying the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad Company with all kinds of lumber required by the road. He owns portable saw-mills and has operated with them in different parts of the country.

In addition to his other concerns, Mr. Hopkins is interested in the Farmers' Telephone Company of Armstrong, Indiana and Jefferson counties, and served as its treasurer for three years; he has been its president for the past three years. Mr. Hopkins is essentially a self-made man, one who has risen steadily by reason of solid worth, and deserves the good fortune that has attended him. His farm shows that he takes a pride in its appearance, as its buildings are in excellent shape, well adapted for their several purposes, and his equipment is thoroughly modern.

Mr. Hopkins takes a deep interest in the local schools and for sixteen years has been a school director, and was secretary of the board. He has also been auditor of his township, as well as supervisor. Politically he was formerly a Republican, but with the organization of the Prohibition party he felt that its platform more nearly embodied his principles and he now gives it his hearty support. A temperate man himself, he lives out his own ideas, and exerts quite as much influence through his example as by his precepts, although he is a good talker and knows how to present convincing arguments in favor of his cause. It is such men as he who are bringing about a more sane view with relation to the liquor traffic and teaching the people what intemperance is costing the country in every respect. Mr. Hopkins is also very prominent in church work, serving as elder and trustee of the United Presbyterian Church, and is a popular Sabbath school teacher. His influence over young men is especially powerful and it would be difficult to say just how many he has convinced of the error of wrong living and turned into paths of rectitude and right.

On Dec. 27, 1877, Mr. Hopkins was married to Laura Bell Ewing, a daughter of Thomas Ewing, of Nebraska, and she is a devoted wife and mother and a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are:

Ruth Gertrude, born in November, 1878, married Clark Steele, and lives on the homestead; Lottie Myra, born in December, 1880, married J. T. Crawford, and lives in Washington township; Wallace Edwin was born in July, 1883; John Paul, born in March, 1888, is at home; Mary, Louise, born in March, 1891, is a student in the normal school at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Wallace Edwin Hopkins, son of William Work Hopkins, began his education in the public schools of his native place, and taught school for two terms, after which he attended the State normal school at Indiana, being graduated therefrom. Then he taught in the winter in various districts, and the summer school at Marion Center until he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1912. He is now an interne in the University hospital at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

JOHN THOMPSON PARK is the owner of Park Place farm, a beautiful tract of 110 acres overlooking the borough of Marion Center, Indiana county, where he has passed practically all his life, having been born there July 2, 1845, son of Robert and Margaretta (Thompson) Park. The Park family has been closely associated with the history of the town from the very beginning, Mr. Park's grandfather, John Park, having laid out the place, and they have always held high standing among its best citizens.

The family is of Irish origin. Robert Park, great-grandfather of John Thompson Park, was married in 1775 in County Down, Ireland, to Jane Bailey, and they had three children, namely: John and Mary, twins, born Jan. 12, 1776, in Baltiwalter, County Down; and Elizabeth, born there in 1782. In 1794 this family removed to Philadelphia, where Robert Park instructed classes in mathematics, navigation and surveying. He died, however, about a year after his location there, in 1795-96, and his widow and children removed to Greencastle, Franklin Co., Pa., Mrs. Park marrying Col. James Johnston, the surveyor, who resided near Greencastle, and whose name is associated with the early surveys of northern Indiana county. Mrs. Johnston died in Johnstown, Cambria county, at the age of 108 years.

John Park, born Jan. 12, 1776, in the town of Baltiwalter, County Down, Ireland, came to this country with his parents. He studied surveying with his father and stepfather, and received a commission as deputy surveyor for

the western district of Pennsylvania from Governor Snyder. To quote from a history of Indiana county issued in 1891, "Marion (post office Brady) is on Pine run in the southern part of East Mahoning township, and is the largest town north of the purchase line in Indiana county. It was laid out by John Park in 1842 and incorporated as a borough in 1872. Marion is situated on a tract of land which originally embraced 408 acres, the patent of which was issued to James Johnston, a deputy surveyor, on the 31st of January, 1798. In the patent the tract is called "Greenland," and is described as situated on the waters of Pine run. In 1795 John Park came to this portion of Pennsylvania to make surveys under the direction of Mr. Johnston. In 1798 he purchased the "Evergreen" body of land, though he did not get his deed until the 2d of December, 1803. In 1799 he erected a log cabin 16x20 in what is now the southwest end of the village, on the lot now owned by the Rithey heirs. The Rithey house stands on the old foundation. This is said to have been the second house erected in this section north of the purchase line. Elisha Chambers, Hugh Thompson, Fergus Moorhead, Jacob Shalleberger, William McHenry, five Seneca Indians, a squaw and a papoose were at the raising. The Indians, according to tradition, would not work until the bottle of whiskey was passed and each had drunk a portion thereof. Then, upon a signal from the chief, who shook energetically a gourd partly filled with corn, they went to work with much awkwardness but good-naturedly, and in a few hours the lone cabin had risen.

"It is said that when Mr. Park first came to this region he encamped on the site of his cabin. Near it was a fine spring. On the opposite bank of the run were some Indians who had erected their wigwams there, no doubt on account of the spring, as well as the abundance of game in the surrounding forest. After the raising they all went to Hugh Thompson's place, about two and one-half miles down Pine run, where the Indians and the whites had a grand frolic. The red men danced to the music of the shaken gourd, and there was naught to disturb the harmony of the hour."

"John Park was the life of the settlement that was gathering around the site of his future town. In 1810 he built a tanyard" (which was patronized by settlers and hunters for twenty and twenty-five miles around, for moccasin and shoe leather), "and soon afterwards built a horsepower gristmill, which he

replaced in 1834 with a waterpower flouring-mill, with a capacity of thirty bushels per day. His son James had a cabinet factory and carpenter shop in connection with the mill for several years.

"Marion was laid out by John Park in August, 1842, and the first sale of lots occurred in the succeeding month. The plat embraced eight acres, with one main street and two rows of lots on either side. The first house erected after the platting of the town was the residence of Hezekiah Wood, the pioneer chair and spinning-wheel maker. This is still standing" (until recently), "on the south side of West Main street, and is the property of John Riddle" (now belonging to Dr. Shields). "Mr. Wood worked at his trade in James Park's shop. The second building was erected by James Park for James McKelvey, the first blacksmith. . . . The first painter was Linton Park, whose experience has justly entitled him to be designated as the master of the craft in the Mahoning Valley."

John Park died Aug. 10, 1844. In 1807, in Greencastle, Franklin county, he married Mary Lang, daughter of Rev. James Lang, a Presbyterian minister, of White Spring, Franklin county. She died in 1864, when eighty-one years old. Mr. and Mrs. Park were Presbyterians in religious connection. They had the following children: Margaret H. married Samuel Craig; Robert, born Jan. 6, 1810, is mentioned below; Jane R., born Dec. 30, 1812, married Alexander Sutor; Mary B., born Feb. 11, 1814, married Joseph Brady; James L., born Aug. 25, 1816, married Susannah Early and (second) Anna Loughry; Ann E., born Dec. 13, 1818, married James Martin; Amanda, born May 5, 1821, married Robert Barbour; John, born Dec. 21, 1823, married Martha Curtiss (or Wibort); Linton, born Dec. 16, 1826, was for six years in the United States service, one year of which he was a member of the "President's Guards," 2d Regiment, District of Columbia (he engraved the broad-axe presented to Lincoln in 1860). Of this family, sons, sons-in-law, etc., there were thirteen in the Union army during the Civil war, two dying while in the service, and two others being wounded.

Robert Park, son of John, born Jan. 6, 1810, passed all his life on the farm where his birth occurred, dying there July 10, 1899. He attended common school in the locality. His first marriage, which took place in January, 1836, was to Mary Cannon, by whom he had four children: Hugh, who died in infancy; James, who died in infancy; Mary

L., born March 20, 1838 (now deceased), who married E. H. Griffith and became the mother of C. R. Griffith; and James (2), born June 10, 1839. By his second wife, Margaretta (Thompson), whom he married in 1842, and who died April 13, 1851, Mr. Park had children: Matilda J., Mrs. A. W. Lang; John Thompson, mentioned below; Benjamin F., born June 12, 1847, now a resident of St. Louis, Mo., who was in the signal corps during the Civil war (he married); and Robert L., born July 18, 1849, who died May 10, 1851. For his third wife Mr. Park married Martha Caruthers (sister of Rev. John Caruthers), on May 28, 1866, and she died in 1885. They had no children.

John Thompson Park spent his boyhood and youth in the manner of the average farm boy, receiving a common school education in the home locality. On June 26, 1863, he enlisted in Company A, 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for six months, and on Aug. 26, 1864, again enlisted, this time in Company A, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for one year. He served until the close of the war. Most of the time his regiment was stationed in front of Richmond, being the first regiment to enter the city.

Returning home after the war was over, Mr. Park went to farming, and upon the death of his father became the owner of the home place, the management of which he had assumed long before. He is a typical representative of a family which has long stood high in the community. On Dec. 25, 1873, Mr. Park was married to Caroline Ryckman, of Marion Center, daughter of Tobias and Susan (Stoops) Ryckman, and they have had six children, namely: Franklin; Bertha M., wife of Dr. W. C. Byers, of Webster, Pa.; Howard; Margaretta, deceased; Charles, at home; and Dorothy.

Mr. Park is a member of the M. E. Church. In political opinion he is a Republican, but he is independent in his support of the men and measures he approves.

WILLIAM H. MCGREGOR, now engaged in business in the borough of Indiana, is the second son of James McGregor, for many years a prominent public official of Indiana county. The McGregor family is of Scottish origin, and its first representative in America, Alexander McGregor, was born in Scotland, and on arriving in this country settled in Pennsylvania, near Bedford, in Bedford county. He was a millwright by trade, but

his principal business after settling in his new home was farming, he having purchased a place which he cultivated until his death.

Daniel McGregor, son of Alexander, was born in Bedford county, where he grew to manhood, meantime learning the carpenter's trade. Coming to Indiana county, Pa., he lived in Washington township for four years, at the end of that time moving to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he made a permanent home, remaining there until his death, which occurred in April, 1880, in his eighty-ninth year. He followed farming. In religious connection he was a Baptist.

Mahlon McGregor, one of the sons of Daniel, was born in 1810, in Bedford county, Pa., and when in his twenty-first year moved to Jefferson county, settling in Porter township. He was there engaged in farming and stock raising until 1869, when he moved to Cowanshock township, Armstrong county, passing the remainder of his life there, engaged in the same line of work. His death occurred July 12, 1873. He was an enterprising and capable business man, and gave all his attention to his private affairs, taking no part in public matters. He was a Republican in politics. His wife, Margaret (Chambers), was born in Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa., daughter of John Chambers, a wealthy farmer of Jefferson and Indiana counties, Pa., who also carried on the general mercantile business. Mrs. McGregor died Feb. 4, 1845, in her twenty-sixth year. She was baptized and married by the same minister, Rev. John Carothers, who also preached her funeral sermon. Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were members of the Presbyterian Church.

James McGregor was reared on his father's farm and attended the public schools of the neighborhood. When thirteen years old he went to work in a brickyard, where he was employed for one year, and he also continued his studies, three years later commencing to teach. He was thus engaged for one year, and then became clerk in a store. After seven years' experience in that capacity he embarked in the mercantile business on his own account and in connection therewith also dealt in live stock, at Marion Center, Indiana county. In 1884 he was honored with election to the office of sheriff of the county, beginning his three years' term Jan. 1, 1885. In 1889 he was elected county register and recorder, taking office on the first Monday in January, 1890, and being reelected at the close of the term, served another, having six years of continuous service in that office. He has also

held local offices, having been school director of the borough of Marion Center for a long period and justice of the peace five years. In every position to which he has been chosen he has justified the confidence of his fellow citizens, his ability and integrity having been demonstrated in a long career of successful business and official activity. His courtesy and invariable fairness in dealing with all made him exceedingly well liked in his various public capacities. He has always been a staunch Republican. For over forty years he has been a member of the Methodist Church, and he has been one of the most effective workers in the congregations with which he has been associated, having served as president of the board of trustees of the church at Marion Center, and a member of the building committee which erected the present church there. After removing to the borough of Indiana, in 1884, where he has since lived, he was elected to the same position he had held at Marion, and was one of a committee which had charge of the building of the handsome Methodist parsonage there, in 1888.

On Sept. 20, 1860, Mr. McGregor was married to Catherine Pounds, daughter of John Pounds, of East Mahoning township, this county. Mrs. McGregor died March 11, 1880, leaving a family of eight children: Daniel E., William H., James C., May O., Clara L., Alice C., Anna D. and Harvey M. On March 14, 1883, Mr. McGregor married (second) Mrs. Agnes A. (Duncan) Sutton, and of the children born to this marriage three survived, two sons and one daughter, John, Frank and Ola A.

William H. McGregor was born at Marion Center in May, 1865, and received a public school education, attending until he reached the age of nineteen years. He then engaged in the livery business at Greensburg, Pa., continuing same for several years, from that place moving to Indiana, where he embarked in the same line, in 1901 selling his interest. For the last several years he has been engaged in the manufacture of lightning rods at Indiana, and he is also interested in the oil business, being president of the American Independent Oil Company, producers of high-grade Pennsylvania oils and greases, dealers in petroleum and its products; the offices of the company are in the Marshall building at Indiana. Mr. McGregor is also one of the stockholders in the Savings & Trust Company, of Indiana. He may truly be called a self-made man, for he has attained a high position through his own efforts, and he is respected

for his ability and intelligence as well as liked for his congenial disposition, which has won him many friends among his associates in the various relations of life. He is a Republican on political questions.

On Aug. 24, 1899, Mr. McGregor married Julia Smith, of Cherrytree, Indiana Co., Pa., and they have two children: Paul Smith, born May 19, 1901; and William H., Jr., born March 20, 1903.

Mrs. McGregor's great-great-grandfather, James Smith, arrived in Ireland with his cousin, the Prince of Orange, and remained there. All the male members of this connection were in the English army. One uncle of Mrs. Smith's father was a quartermaster general in the British army and died leaving large possessions in London, England; his estate is unsettled. He was the father of two sons, James and William, one of whom died in a Spanish port, while captain of an English frigate.

Mrs. McGregor's great-grandfather Smith was a captain in the English army. His brother David was taken prisoner at Yorktown, during the war of the Revolution, and his brother Robert was at the burning of the church in New Jersey, and was taken prisoner at Saratoga while serving as a soldier in the English army.

William Smith, Mrs. McGregor's grandfather, was born in Ireland. He was a soldier during the rebellion of 1798 in that country. On May 25, 1829, he sailed from Dublin with his wife, Ellen (Finney), and their eight children, four sons and four daughters, for Quebec, Canada, where they arrived in August. One of the daughters died and was buried on the Island of Newfoundland. Accompanying the family were three of William Smith's brothers, David, John and Andrew, and another brother, Robert, had preceded them, coming across the Atlantic as a soldier under General Pakenham; he was at New Orleans when "Old Hickory" defeated the British in 1815, and remained in this country, settling at Otsego, New York.

William Smith brought his family to Schuylkill county, Pa.; he and his wife died in Clearfield county, this State. Two of their sons served their adopted country as soldiers, William in the Mexican war under General Taylor, and Robert in the Civil war as a volunteer under General Hunter.

David Finney Smith, son of William and Ellen (Finney) Smith, was born May 3, 1821, in County Leitrim, Ireland, and came to America with the family, and passed the re-

mainder of his life in western Pennsylvania, becoming one of the leading lumber merchants of that region. He married twice, the second time to Hanna E. Thompson, of Clearfield, by whom he had eight children, Mrs. William H. McGregor, of Indiana, being the eldest daughter. She obtained her education in the public schools at Cherrytree and at the Indiana (Pa.) State normal school. The Smiths are Episcopalians in religious connection.

REV. FRANCIS LEO WIECZOREK, pastor of St. Francis' Church, at Rossiter, Pa., has been in Indiana county continuously since entering the priesthood. He is a native of Germany, born April 11, 1879, in Silesia, and there obtained his early education. He furthered his studies at Rome, completed his theological course at St. Vincent's College, Beatty (Latrobe), Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt. Rev. Regis Canevin, Bishop of the Pittsburgh diocese, June 28, 1908, celebrating his first mass at Mammoth, that county. The Bishop first appointed him pastor at Iselin, Indiana county, where he administered to the spiritual wants of his parishioners for a year and a half, after which he was stationed at Indiana borough as missionary pastor to Father McNelis, as such attending to the missions in Clymer, Homer, Graceton, Coral, Josephine, Lucerne, Ernest and Chambersville, Pa. In 1910 he was appointed pastor of St. Bonaventure Church at Josephine and of St. Francis' Church at Graceton, Homer and Lucerne, both of Indiana county, where he labored zealously in the interest of the two parishes under his charge. His duties there were many and arduous, the parish of St. Bonaventure embracing Blacklick and Josephine, and the parish of St. Francis Graceton, Lucerne, Coral and Homer City, with a membership in the former of three hundred and in the latter of five hundred. A number of nationalities are represented, and Father Francis, as he is popularly known, was particularly well adapted to the work because of his ability as a linguist, having several languages at his command. He resided at Josephine, in one of the houses of the Josephine Furnace & Coke Company, of whose employees (with their families) the population is practically composed. From that charge he was transferred July 18, 1912, to the present church at Rossiter, Pa., where in a short time he built a rectory and made many improvements in this parish and church. Father Wiczorek's genial personality has

brought him into friendly relations with all his parishioners, and his devotion to their welfare, temporal as well as spiritual, has won him the affectionate esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. The diversity of nationalities, and consequent difference in temperament and sympathies, with which he has to deal, entails unusual responsibility in the management of his people, for he has had to overcome many prejudices and control racial tendencies not always easy to handle. But he is an untiring worker, and never discouraged in the task of keeping the various elements harmonious and working together for the general good.

PROF. CHRISTOPHER A. CAMPBELL, for thirty-five years a teacher in the schools of Indiana county, is a native of this county, having been born in September, 1859, at Armagh, in East Wheatfield township, son of James Campbell.

James Campbell, father of Prof. Christopher A. Campbell, was born on the old homestead in Indiana county, and followed farming all of his life. He became the owner of the homestead, which he cultivated and on which he made numerous improvements. He died in 1873, and was buried in Bethel Church cemetery, in West Wheatfield township, on Sept. 27, 1873. Mr. Campbell married Lethicia Murphy, daughter of George Murphy, and she died in 1876 in Armagh, and was buried beside her husband. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church, and the parents of eleven children: Jennie, born July 2, 1837, who died Oct. 20, 1861; Mary, born March 27, 1839, who died young; Elizabeth, born Jan. 4, 1841, who died April 5, 1864; Annie, born Feb. 23, 1843, who married John D. Dreppo; Mary (2), born Jan. 21, 1846, who married William Southwick, of Armagh; John M., born Feb. 14, 1849, who died Oct. 29, 1861; James, born Sept. 1, 1851, who died Oct. 20, 1861; Martha, born June 15, 1854, who died March 1, 1860; Thomas Jefferson, born Dec. 1, 1857, who died Dec. 26, 1861; Christopher Alexander, born Sept. 6, 1859; and Margaret I., born Nov. 11, 1862, who married Rev. Mr. Dorer.

Christopher A. Campbell received his preliminary education in the schools of East Wheatfield township, following which he attended Dayton Academy, under Professor Love, and a select school at Armagh, under Prof. D. H. Tomb and Rev. Mr. Wilson. He taught his first school at the age of eighteen years, in Buffington township, one of his

pupils being Prof. J. T. Stewart, the scholar and historian, who later was Professor Campbell's assistant in conducting summer normal schools, the principal ones being at Armagh and New Florence; he taught two terms at Hutchinson, twenty terms at Armagh, four years at Greenville, and seven at Mechanicsburg. Professor Campbell is known throughout the counties of Indiana and Westmoreland, and has been the instructor of thousands of young men and women who are today occupying honorable positions in the world of business and social life. In his political belief he relies upon his own judgment as to which candidates to support, irrespective of party connection, and has been elected to positions of trust and responsibility in his native township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is an elder and Sunday school teacher, having a Bible class. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F. Lodge (No. 50, at Johnstown), the Jr. O. U. A. M., and the Royal Arcanum.

In 1877 Professor Campbell was married to Sadie Makesell, whose father died during the Civil war, and they have the following children: Millard, a graduate of Lancaster Business College, who has been a school teacher for two terms; Mabel, a graduate from the same college and now a teacher; Amanda, who is studying under her father with the idea of becoming an educator; Dwight; Gladys; Dee, and Marion.

WILLIAM NELSON LIGGETT has, in a comparatively brief period of practice at the bar of Indiana county, attained such standing as to give promise of unusual achievement and usefulness. He is a resident of the borough of Indiana, where his energy and popularity have already led him into various activities helpful to the community and demonstrating his thorough sympathy with all that affects the general welfare. Mr. Liggett was born April 29, 1881, at Centerville, in West Wheatfield township, this county, son of Robert Carr Liggett, and belongs to a family of Scottish origin whose first representative in Indiana county was his great-grandfather, Robert Liggett.

Robert Liggett was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he grew to manhood. There he married a Miss Carr and they came to America, settling in Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., where Mr. Liggett became a farmer, owning a tract of 200 acres. He was among the first settlers in that section of the county, and was one of the most respected

men of his day. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. Their children were: John; William; Margaret, who married John Mabon; and Jane, who married Hugh Best.

William Liggett, son of Robert, was born Jan. 24, 1818, in what is now West Wheatfield township, and there grew to manhood. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of 125 acres near Centerville, upon which he built a brick home and made other improvements. He spent the remainder of his life there, dying on the farm, and is buried in the Bethel Church cemetery. He was a member of the U. P. Church, in politics a Whig and Republican in turn, and took sufficient interest in the welfare of his township to fill the position of school director. Mr. Liggett married Mary Wallace, who was born in Wheatfield township, daughter of Samuel Wallace, and died Nov. 7, 1882, aged seventy-four years, seven months. She, too, is buried in Bethel Church cemetery. Fourteen children were born to this couple: Agnes, who died in June, 1871; Juliann, who died Dec. 9, 1865; Samuel, who died June 2, 1860; Mary, who died Oct. 22, 1880; Josephine, who died Feb. 28, 1879; Emma, who married Aiken Stivender, and died at Leesburg, Fla., May 28, 1891; Elizabeth, wife of Seymour Hollingsworth; Sarah Ellen, who died young; Robert Carr; Margaret, married to William Alexander, of West Wheatfield township; Lucinda, who married Lawson McKelvey, and resides in Youngstown, Ohio; William, a farmer of West Wheatfield township; John, who resides on the homestead; and J. Nelson, of Brushvalley township.

Robert Carr Liggett, son of William, was born on the Liggett farm in what is now West Wheatfield township Sept. 5, 1836, and had such educational advantages as the neighboring public schools afforded. He helped with the work at home from boyhood, remaining with his parents until he attained his majority. Farm work had been his principal occupation, but when he started out for himself it was as a laborer on the work train of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, his wages being eight cents an hour. After being employed in that capacity for some time he became a brakeman, running between Pittsburg and Altoona, and he received \$1.35 for the trip, which took from twelve to twenty hours. He was on the main line for a while, until promoted to conductor on work trains, having forty miles of road under his jurisdiction. He was thus engaged for twenty-





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nine years, being one of the oldest conductors in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company at that time. It was during this period that the famous Johnstown flood occurred, and his name will live in history as one of the heroes of that disaster. He took it upon himself to run his train as rapidly as possible through the threatened district with whistle screaming, warning the people of their danger and urging them to flee to the hilltops. Thousands of lives were saved through his foresight and courage. When the flood was over he worked night and day with his train to get the road in passable condition again. He retired from railroad work in 1890 and settled down to farming on a forty-acre tract in West Wheatfield township, part of the original Liggett homestead, where he has since continued to reside. He has erected buildings and made other improvements on this tract, having a very attractive home. Though past seventy-five years of age he is still active in mind and body, looking after his own affairs and taking a zealous interest in local matters. He has always been regarded as a valuable citizen, being highly esteemed by all who know him for his sterling worth and high character. His genial disposition has endeared him to his family and a large circle of friends. Though a staunch Republican in political sentiment he is independent in his support of measures and candidates. He has served his township as school director. Mr. Liggett is a member of the U. P. Church at New Florence, of which he is a trustee.

On March 8, 1871, Mr. Liggett married Barbara Wagoner, who was born in Fairfield township, Westmoreland county, daughter of John and Betsey (Galbreath) Wagoner. She, too, is a member of the U. P. Church. Seven children have been born to this union, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Samuel W., born Aug. 11, 1873, married Elizabeth Matthews Keller; Amy G., born Feb. 2, 1876, married Robert B. Rogers and resides in Conemaugh, Cambria Co., Pa.; Lottie V., born April 20, 1878, was educated in the public schools and at summer normal under Prof. J. T. Stewart; William Nelson is mentioned below; Mary Emma, born Nov. 27, 1883, died in 1887; Joseph R., born Oct. 23, 1886, is engaged in farming at home.

William Nelson Liggett was reared on the farm in the Conemaugh valley where his father still lives. After receiving a good public school education he taught school in his native State for some time. Taking a collegiate course in the Ohio Northern University,

at Ada, Ohio, he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of A. B. In 1904 he graduated from the McGibeny College of Oratory, Philadelphia; next took the course in the college of law at the Ohio Northern University, receiving the degree of LL. B. in 1906; was dean of the College of Rhetoric and Public Speaking, Ohio Northern University, in 1906 and 1908; received the degree of A. M. from the Ohio Northern University in 1908; and was admitted to the bar in Ohio that year. In 1909 he was admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania, and has since been engaged in practice in the borough of Indiana. Mr. Liggett was a zealous and conscientious student throughout his preparatory years, and his devotion to his work and high abilities augur a useful and successful career for him in his chosen line. He has the respect and good will of all who know him, and his friends feel that he is destined to take a leading part in matters affecting the public good in his own locality and perhaps in wider fields. He is a staunch Republican and has advanced ideas concerning honorable and public-spirited citizenship as shown in the clean administration of government and disinterested partisanship in politics. He fights his battles in the open, and is opposed to any compromise with the enemies of right, and his broad-minded views and keen intellect make him a powerful champion of any cause. He has already established himself as a criminal lawyer and an exponent of patriotic citizenship and clean manhood from the public platform.

In 1904 Mr. Liggett married Emma Pearl Mack, who was born Nov. 12, 1879, daughter of Robert G. Mack, of Indiana county, and they have two children, Beulah and Robert. Mr. Liggett is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Indiana and takes an active interest in the church and Sabbath school work.

JAMES DEVLIN DeVINNEY has a large farm in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, where he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock raising; he makes and sells large quantities of butter. Mr. DeVinney was born in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1862, son of James DeVinney.

Daniel DeVinney, his paternal grandfather, was born at Connor, County Antrim, Ireland, Jan. 1, 1803, son of Walter and Margaret (Cawfield) DeVinney. He was a Mason and an Orangeman, holding fast to his faith until the time of his death, Oct. 27, 1883. Mary

Montgomery, who became his wife March 2, 1823, was born at Connor, Jan. 8, 1803. On Oct. 28, 1890, she peacefully passed away on the old homestead, and her remains were laid to rest in St. John's Lutheran cemetery, in Armstrong county, midway between Atwood and Plumville. She was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Kid) Montgomery, and niece of Gen. John Montgomery, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1759, coming to America in 1774, and enlisting in the American army in 1776, at which time he was appointed on Washington's staff, with which he served until the close of the great war for independence. He died at Lewisville, Indiana Co., Pa., Nov. 11, 1840, where his remains repose. Daniel and Mary DeVinney, with three children, came to America in 1832, coming on to Conemaugh in 1833, and later settling on a 400-acre tract of land near Atwood, Armstrong Co., Pa., a part of which is still the old homestead. Besides James, the eldest child, there were born to them in Ireland, two children: Mary, born April 21, 1830, married July 11, 1850, William McLaughlin, who was killed in one of the early battles of the Civil war, and his widow still resides in their old home near Atwood, Pa.; Ann S., born Aug. 18, 1832, died at the home of her brother, William C. DeVinney (with whom she had resided from the time her parents died), corner of Rosedale and Susquehanna streets, Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 5, 1912, and was laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery, Wilkensburg, Pa. The following children were born to Daniel and Mary DeVinney in this country: (1) John, born March 22, 1835, at Atwood, Armstrong Co., Pa., died unmarried Oct. 13, 1866, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery. (2) William C., born Aug. 12, 1837, at Atwood, Pa., enlisted from Indiana, Pa., in Company E, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, Aug. 16, 1862, and served with the Army of the Potomac in General Hancock's Corps (the 2d), under Col. James A. Beaver, staying with that great army until it was mustered out at the close of the war. He was promoted to quartermaster sergeant. He taught in the public schools of the State thirty-five years. On Aug. 29, 1866, he married Miss Bell, youngest daughter of John and Maria Kelly, of Willet, Indiana Co., Pa. To this union were born: April 13, 1867, John K. DeVinney; Oct. 3, 1876, Daniel B. DeVinney; Dec. 7, 1877, James S. DeVinney. On Feb. 9, 1876, John K. died, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery. Dan-

iel and James attended the public schools, and later entered the Indiana (Pa.) high school, from which they graduated in 1896, James entering the Pennsylvania State normal school at Indiana, Pa., where he graduated in the commercial course in 1897. Coming to Pittsburg he entered upon his professional career with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company. The following year Daniel and his parents located in Pittsburg, Daniel taking up machinist work and mechanical engineering. But these two brilliantly opening careers were cut short by the death of James S., Feb. 14, 1899, and Daniel B., Sept. 6, 1902. Both were removed from their home in Pittsburg and buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery, near their old home, Atwood, Pa. During their stay in Indiana at school, their Aunt Ann kept house for them, she coming with Daniel and his parents to Pittsburg and making her home with them until the time of her death, Nov. 5, 1912. (3) Martha, born Sept. 21, 1839, on March 3, 1864, became the wife of Joseph Lukehart, of Plumville, Indiana Co., Pa. Mr. Lukehart was born Feb. 3, 1827, and died April 16, 1907, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery. His widow lives at Smicksburg, Indiana Co., Pa. (4) Elizabeth, born at Atwood, Pa., Oct. 3, 1842, married in October, 1871, John P. Lukehart, of Plumville, Indiana Co., Pa. For some years they made their home at Vandergrift, Pa., where she died in February, 1905. She was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery.

James DeVinney, father of James D. DeVinney, was the eldest child of Daniel and Mary DeVinney, and was born at Connor, County Antrim, Ireland, Sept. 1, 1827. Coming to America with his parents at the age of five years, he assisted them on the farm as he grew from boyhood into young manhood, until Feb. 27, 1855, when he married Rebecca McCausland, of Atwood. Soon afterward he bought a farm near by and engaged in farming for himself. To this union was born, Feb. 23, 1857, William M. DeVinney, who was left an orphan by the death of his mother March 15th of the same year. His grandparents, Daniel and Mary DeVinney, took charge of him and nurtured him through to boyhood and young manhood, and their home was his home until they died. From that time until his marriage he lived with his uncle, William C. DeVinney, and his aunt Bell, and his aunt Ann. He was sent to the public schools, and later to Glade Run Academy, after which he entered the profession of teaching. Later he studied at the

Pennsylvania State normal school at Indiana, Pa., from which he graduated in the famous class of "'89," his aunt Ann keeping house for him during his three years' stay in Indiana. In 1890 he married Jennie E. Winters, of Edinboro, Erie Co., Pa., a graduate of the Northwestern Conservatory of Music. Through his further school work she ably assisted him by superintending the musical departments of the special summer normal institutes he conducted the following seasons. After having spent fifteen years in the profession of teaching he abandoned his work as teacher and principal and they moved to Pittsburg, where he became assistant to County Superintendent Samuel Hamilton, of the Allegheny county public schools, which position he finally resigned to enter business, which he has since pursued. Mr. William M. DeVinney was brought up in the Presbyterian Church, and as to his political affiliations he is an untiring worker in the cause of Prohibition, and is ever active in the councils of his party. He is a member of the Allegheny County Prohibition executive committee, and was elected a delegate to the Prohibition State convention which met at Philadelphia July 9, 1912, and also to the Prohibition National convention which convened at Atlantic City, July 10-13, 1912. His wife is a strong advocate of this great cause and a faithful W. C. T. U. worker, and is ready, when women are given their rights in this great Keystone State, to place her ballot squarely against the great blighting evil, intemperance. They live at No. 5618 Broad street, Pittsburg.

In 1859 James DeVinney married as his second wife Margaret Devlin, who was born in 1826 in Armstrong township, Indiana county, daughter of James and Ann (Ramsey) Devlin, of that township, and died Aug. 22, 1907, at the home of her son James; she was buried in the West Union cemetery. She was the mother of six children: Harvey, born March 17, 1860, married Rose Halstead and now resides in Haskell county, Kans.; John, born July 29, 1861, died when twelve years old; James Devlin is mentioned below; Harriet, born April 1, 1864, unmarried, lives at Fort Collins, Colo.; Taylor, born Dec. 1, 1866, married Ella McDowell, and lives at Reno, Kans., where he is engaged in the threshing business and is a lumber dealer; George Calvin married Martha J. George, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hamilton) George, and resides on the homestead in Armstrong township.

In 1862 James DeVinney enlisted in Company E, 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, from Atwood, Armstrong Co., Pa., being mustered into the service from Indiana, Pa. After the close of the war he moved to Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he remained until the time of his death, Aug. 19, 1904. He bought a tract of 117 acres there from the Samuel Wiggins heirs, all of which was in timber at the time of purchase, and he spent the remainder of his life there, clearing his land, selling timber and following farming. He is buried in the West Union cemetery.

James Devlin DeVinney attended common school in Armstrong township and began work as his father's assistant, continuing to help his parents until 1888, when he married. He was then engaged on Samuel Robinson's farm in Armstrong township for a year, "cropping," and for the next few years "cropped" the Sampson Pershing farm in Armstrong township. That place, which contained 106 acres, was willed him by his father, and he lived there and cultivated the land until 1905, in which year he sold it to the Saxton Coal Company and moved to Cone-maugh township, where he purchased the Daniel Hawks farm of 217 acres, on which he has since had his home. In addition to general farming and stock raising he is interested in dairying, producing butter only, and shipping it to Livermore. In 1907 he built a fine large barn, and he is constantly making changes on his place to improve the property or facilitate the work, which he conducts along up-to-date lines. His farm is under excellent cultivation, and everything about the property indicates intelligent care.

On May 10, 1888, Mr. DeVinney married Margaret Robinson, daughter of Samuel and Isabelle (Cunningham) Robinson, of Armstrong township, Indiana county, and they have had a family of six children, born as follows: Elsie May, May 9, 1889; Nettie Bell, March 6, 1891; Elder Paul, Nov. 13, 1892; Mary Margaret, Aug. 26, 1895; Bertha Viola, Sept. 23, 1898; Edna Blanch, Dec. 26, 1901. All of the family belong to the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and take an active part in the church and Sabbath school work. Mrs. DeVinney is superintendent of the Home department, and their oldest three daughters have been secretary and treasurer of the Sabbath school. The other two have been present at every session the last year.

GEORGE CALVIN DEVINNEY, youngest brother of James D. DeVinney, was born

Aug. 22, 1868, on the homestead farm in Armstrong township and there passed his early life, attending public school. When a young man he went west to Dickinson county, Kans., where he worked on a farm for two years, at the end of that time returning home and resuming work with his parents, conducting the farm for his father until the latter's death. He now owns the old place, having 117 acres which he keeps in fine condition, following general farming and dairying; he makes considerable butter, which he ships to Indiana borough. He is decidedly enterprising and progressive, and has become one of the prominent agriculturists of his section of the county. He has always taken a deep interest and active part in the public affairs of the locality, and has served three years as member of the board of school directors; he has been active on the election board for several years. In political opinion he is a Republican. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. DeVinney is a wide-awake, public-spirited citizen, one whose activity in the affairs of the community has been for the general good, and actuated by a real desire to serve his fellow men as much as possible.

Mr. DeVinney has two children: Ina Margaret, born Oct. 6, 1898, and James Murray, born Sept. 29, 1905.

HARRY E. MAHAN, though scarcely in his prime at the time of his death, Nov. 20, 1900, was one of the most esteemed residents of his district. As a progressive farmer and stock raiser, a man active in public affairs and interested in advancing the welfare of the community, he had made an enviable reputation, and he left an honored name. Mr. Mahan was born May 22, 1862, in Washington township, Indiana county, on the farm now managed by his two sons.

This Mahan family came originally from Ireland, where Patrick Mahan, grandfather of Harry E. Mahan, was born. He came to America with his father, John Mahan, and settled on a tract of 225 acres in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., building a log cabin within a few rods of the site of the handsome modern residence now on that place. He cleared the land and improved it greatly during his long life, dying June 30, 1871, at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a Seceder, and joined the Presbyterian Church in his neighborhood. In politics he was an abolitionist and Republican. We have the following record of his children: Rebecca died Sept. 16, 1876, aged sixty-three years; Mary,

born April 23, 1816, married George Trimble, and died Sept. 5, 1893; Margaret died Dec. 21, 1847, aged twenty-nine years; Martha, born Sept. 28, 1829, married William Rong, and died Feb. 9, 1912; Jennie, born Feb. 21, 1831, died April 7, 1906; Elizabeth, born March 23, 1833, married James Dickson, who died Aug. 1, 1891, aged sixty-seven years, two days, and Mrs. Dickson now makes her home on the Mahan farm in Washington township which William H. and James C. Mahan, sons of Harry E. Mahan, conduct (she had no children by Mr. Dickson, but he had two by a previous marriage, to Eliza Jane Robinson, John, now deceased, and Elizabeth, Mrs. Warner, of Saltsburg); Nancy Ann, born in 1835, is Mrs. Andrew Dunean; David B., born Feb. 2, 1837, was a well-known school teacher, having taught for forty terms; Ebenezer, born Dec. 8, 1838, entered the Union army during the Civil war and was killed May 27, 1864, while taking part in Sherman's march to the sea.

Harry E. Mahan was educated in the common schools and at the Indiana State normal school. During his young manhood he taught four or five terms of school in Washington township, and was married just before the beginning of his last term. Then he settled on the farm where he resided the rest of his life and which is now owned by his heirs. It consists of 125 acres in Washington township, upon which he made extensive improvements, bringing the property into most profitable shape. In addition to general farming he made a specialty of stock raising, breeding registered Percheron horses, Jersey cattle, Shropshire sheep and Berkshire hogs.

Mr. Mahan was a most enterprising man, and took a public-spirited interest in the good of the community, encouraging the various movements for the general welfare which seemed to him to promise good results. Originally a Republican in politics, he later became a prominent member of the Prohibition party, of which he was county chairman. He served his township as auditor. In church connection he was a United Presbyterian, and he was a teacher in the Sunday school.

On Feb. 11, 1886, Mr. Mahan married Ida B. Lydic, who was born Oct. 29, 1862, in Washington township, daughter of William H. Lydic, and they had two sons: William H., born Sept. 19, 1887, and James C., born Jan. 16, 1890.

WILLIAM H. MAHAN obtained his early education in the common schools and later attended the State Normal school at Indiana,

Grove City College and Muskingum College. He taught four terms of school in Indiana, meantime, in partnership with his brother, also engaging in the farm work on the place lately owned by their father. The brothers continue to work along the lines laid down by their father, looking after their agricultural work in the most approved modern fashion and raising registered stock which has quite a reputation in the neighborhood.

JAMES C. MAHAN received his literary education in the local common schools, Indiana State normal school and Grove City College, and is now preparing for the medical profession, having only one more year of study before him to complete his course. Meantime he has also engaged in teaching in Indiana county and W. H. Mahan, his brother, is looking after the fine family estate.

JOHN D. SNYDER, a leading agriculturist and one of the largest land owners of Brushvalley township, Indiana county, belongs to an old New Jersey family of Holland extraction which has been settled in this county since the middle of the last century. He was born Aug. 2, 1847, at Newton, Sussex Co., N. J., son of George B. Snyder and grandson of William Snyder. The Snyders have become connected by marriage with many of the old families of New Jersey.

William Snyder, the grandfather, was a native of Warren county, N. J., where he was a land owner and farmer. He moved to Sussex county, N. J., and there continued farming until 1853, when he came out to Pennsylvania, locating first in Burrell township, Indiana county, where he engaged in farming. Later he owned land upon which he lived and farmed in White township, but returned to Burrell township, where the rest of his life was spent, and where he died Dec. 3, 1884. He was buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana. His wife Elizabeth (Quick), whom he had married in his native county, died in Burrell township some years before him, and is buried in the same cemetery. They had two children, George B. and Sally Ann, the latter marrying William Ackerson and dying in young womanhood.

George B. Snyder was born in 1827 in Warren county, N. J., removed with his parents to Sussex county, that State, and there followed farming near Newton. He married Hannah Ackerson, and in 1853, in company with his parents, his wife and their three children

came to western Pennsylvania. Their first home in this region was in White township, Indiana county, and later they lived in Burrell township, near his father, spending but a short time there, however. Moving to Brushvalley township, Mr. Snyder bought a tract of 240 acres known as the Joseph Stewart farm which he continued to cultivate and improve during the remainder of his life, dying there Aug. 8, 1905. His wife also died on the farm, in September, 1895, and they are buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana. Mr. Snyder was a Democrat, but took no part in politics and never aspired to office. His three children were: William, who died at Latrobe, Westmoreland county; John D.; and Emma, who married Luther B. McDonald and resides in Brushvalley township.

John D. Snyder was a boy when the family removed from New Jersey, and he received his education in Brushvalley township, attending public school. From an early age he has done farm work, which he has always followed, and in which he has been highly successful as the result of hard work and thrifty management. His energetic and progressive disposition is shown in the condition and appearance of his various tracts, all of which have been greatly improved during his ownership. His holdings now comprise about four hundred acres in Brushvalley township, all furnished with substantial houses and barns, and well looked after in every respect, no detail being considered too trivial to merit attention. As a man he is honorable in all his dealings, liberal and broad-minded in his outlook on life, and has the good will of all who come in contact with him.

In 1870 Mr. Snyder married Margaret Stevens, a native of Brushvalley township, born May 16, 1851, daughter of David and Catherine (Winkelman) Stevens, and ten children have been born to them; William L., who is a farmer of Brushvalley township; Emma, wife of Robert Shearer, of Buffington township; Alice J., wife of Daniel Barkley; John P., a farmer of Brushvalley township; Elizabeth, widow of Clark Barkley, living at home; Charles B., at home; Clark, who died young; George Cleveland, at home; Lillian, who married Andrew Mickesel and (second) Russell Campbell; and Hannah A., at home. The family are members of the M. E. Church. In politics Mr. Snyder is a Democrat of the old school, takes an active interest in public matters, and is independent about supporting

whatever men and measures he deems most likely to contribute to the general welfare.

WILLIAM F. WEITZEL, M. D., general medical practitioner of Indiana, Indiana county, was born in Banks township, this county, Dec. 18, 1877, son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Coy) Weitzel. His grandfather was a farmer, and his father also followed farming in early life, and later engaged in business in the furniture and undertaking line. The Doctor is one of a family of eight children, the others being: Joseph C.; Luther M.; Laura B., wife of Robert Y. Smith; Dolly, wife of Thomas P. Brickell; Bertha C., wife of Dr. Harry H. Fairbanks; George, who died aged twenty-one years; and John, who died in infancy.

William F. Weitzel attended public school in his native township. After studying medicine for some time he entered the Baltimore Medical College, at Baltimore, Md., from which institution he was graduated in the spring of 1903, beginning practice on his own account that year at Gipsy, Indiana Co., Pa. There he was located until 1911, when he took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinic, a special course on the eye, ear, nose and throat. Upon its completion he opened an office in the borough of Indiana, where he has since been engaged in general practice. He has acquired a large patronage, and was also for some time medical examiner for the New York Life, Prudential Life, and Equitable Life Insurance Companies. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association, and fraternally holds membership in the I. O. O. F. and Patriotic Order Sons of America. He belongs to the Christian Church. Dr. Weitzel's high professional standing has been gained by conscientious devotion to the interests of his patients, and his public-spirited disposition and intelligent interest in the general welfare have won the respect of all who know him.

On June 5, 1906, Dr. Weitzel married Arveda Gourley, daughter of Gaskel A. Gourley, of Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD BRADY WAKEFIELD, general superintendent of the J. G. McCrory estate in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, was born there May 20, 1872, and is a descendant of a family of Irish extraction which has been associated with the history of this sec-

tion for over one hundred and twenty-five years.

David Wakefield, who founded the family here, was born in Ireland and there married Mary Hogue. They came to America about 1775, and in 1785 settled with their family in what was then Wheatfield township, now in Indiana county but then part of Westmoreland county. The place where they made their home is now included in West Wheatfield township. Their property was then in the woods, and the rest of their lives was spent in its improvement and cultivation.

Jeremiah Wakefield, son of David, was the grandfather of Edward B. Wakefield. He made his home in Brushvalley township, on a tract now included in the large estate there owned by J. G. McCrory, of New York, and there remained to the end of his days. To him and his wife Mary (Wakefield) Wakefield were born six children: Isaac N., who became a farmer in Allegheny county, Pa.; John F.; Elizabeth, who married George Grumbling; Caroline, who married Zachariah Oberdorff and is deceased; Margaret, now the widow of Thomas Wakefield; and David C., who married Blanche Smith and resides at McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

John F. Wakefield, son of Jeremiah, was born July 31, 1836, on the farm in Brushvalley township, and there attended public school. In his youth and early manhood he worked at farming and stock raising on the home place with his father, being thus engaged until his marriage, when he removed to his present place near Greenville, in Cherryhill township. During the Civil war he served over two years in the Union army, enlisting in February, 1863, in Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and receiving his discharge in May, 1865. He was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness. Mr. Wakefield is a substantial and respected citizen of his community, a member of the M. E. Church at Greenville, Cherryhill township, and a man who has been faithful to all his responsibilities. In 1868 he married Elizabeth Brady, of Westmoreland county, who died in 1875, the mother of three children, namely: Edward Brady and Harry H., twins; and Grant W., who lives at home. Mr. Wakefield's second marriage was to Martha Fetterman, of Brushvalley township, who died in 1904. There was one child by this union, Ida, who lives with her father.

Being only three years old when his mother died, Edward Brady Wakefield went to live at the home of his grandfather, Jeremiah



Wakefield, on whose farm he grew to manhood. He attended the local public school. Remaining at that place until his grandfather died, he then, at the age of twenty, went to Pittsburg, where he found employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, continuing with same for nine years, during which time he worked his way up from the position of fireman to that of locomotive engineer. After giving up railroading he worked in the store of J. G. McCrory for a period, and then started in business for himself at Young Wood, Westmoreland county, where he was engaged as a merchant for two years. Selling out in 1906 he became superintendent of the large estate of J. G. McCrory in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, which comprises fourteen hundred acres and includes some of the oldest settled tracts in the township. Mr. McCrory has spared no expense in the improvement of these farms, putting up modern dwelling houses, barns and other buildings, the construction of which has been carried on under Mr. Wakefield's supervision. He also has entire charge of the farming, stock, etc., and has had ample opportunity to demonstrate his ability and executive qualities in the administration of this immense property. His trustworthiness no less than his qualifications as an agriculturist have been displayed in his management and adjustment of the numerous problems which arise in the conduct of so extensive an estate, and that his services have been eminently satisfactory is evidenced by the long continued confidence he has enjoyed.

On Jan. 1, 1900, Mr. Wakefield married Nannie E. Mack, who was born in Brushvalley township, daughter of the late John Mack, a well-known resident of that township. Four children have been born to this marriage: Violet, Helen, Lillie and Mack.

Mr. Wakefield is a member of the Firemen's and Engineers' Association. In political connection he is a staunch member of the Republican party.

GILLIS McPHERSON DOTY, who is now living retired at Blacklick, Indiana county, is a descendant of one of the oldest and best-known families of New England.

The name was formerly spelled Dotey, Doty, Dote and Doten. (I) Edward Doten or Doty, a native of England, was a youth when he came to America with the little band of Pilgrims which crossed the Atlantic in the "Mayflower" in 1620, landing on Plymouth Rock, in what is now the harbor of Plymouth,

Mass. He was in the service of Stephen Hopkins, and he was one of the signers of the solemn compact made in Cape Cod harbor Nov. 11, 1620, on board the "Mayflower." He married Jan. 6, 1634-35, Faith Clarke, born in 1619, daughter of Thurston and Faith Clarke. In 1652 Mr. Doty was one of the purchasers of Dartmouth, Mass., but later removed to Cape Cod, locating in the town of Yarmouth, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died there Aug. 23, 1655. His widow married (second) John Phillips, of Duxbury. Children: Edward, John, Thomas, Samuel, Desire, Elizabeth, Isaac, Joseph and Mary.

(II) Samuel Doty, son of Edward and Faith (Clarke) Doty, born in Plymouth, in 1643, became quite prominent in the affairs of Plymouth and Cape Cod. Later he removed to New Jersey, locating at Piscataway, Middlesex county, where he was well known. In 1675 he was commissioned lieutenant of the military company of New Piscataway, of which Francis Drake was captain; this commission was received in 1678. He became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, which was formed in 1700. He died about October, 1715. In Piscataway, N. J., he married Jeane Harman, of that town.

(III) Jonathan Doty, son of Samuel and Jeane (Harman) Doty, was born in Piscataway, N. J., Feb. 24, 1687-88. About 1717 he married Mary, and they became the parents of eight children: William, born Sept. 11, 1719; Jonathan, born about 1724; Daniel, born about 1727; Joshua, born about 1730; Joseph, born about 1735; Mary; Jane, who married Oct. 21, 1747, John Johnson; and Elizabeth.

(IV) Jonathan Doty (2), son of Jonathan and Mary Doty, born about 1724, in Piscataway, N. J., removed with his parents to Basking Ridge, N. J., where he was a farmer and where he died. He married Patience Sutton, and their children were: Jonathan, born about 1754; Zebulon, born about 1758; Nathaniel, born Oct. 19, 1761; Joseph, born Aug. 31, 1764; William, born Oct. 8, 1767; and Rebecca, who married and settled in Pennsylvania.

(V) Jonathan Doty (3), son of Jonathan (2) and Patience (Sutton) Doty, born at Basking Ridge, N. J., about 1754, there grew to manhood. It is supposed he served in the Revolutionary war as teamster, in Capt. Asahel Hinman's Team Brigade of New Jersey, as a Jonathan Doty was on the list of teamsters; it must have been this Jonathan or his

father. Mr. Doty about 1784, at the close of the Revolution, came West with his wife and children, locating in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he farmed and also kept a tavern. He met with fair success, and was a man well known and respected there in his day. Subsequently he removed to Blairsville, Indiana county, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the ripe age of ninety-six years, in 1850. He was a member of the M. E. Church, in which he was quite active, being a local preacher and exhorter of that denomination. His first wife, Abigail (McPherson), died at Blairsville, Pa., about 1815, and he married (second) Mrs. Nancy (Simpson) Dixon, widow of Samuel Dixon. His children, all born to the first marriage, were: Jonathan, born about 1780; John, born about 1783; Robert, born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, about 1785; Betsey, born about 1787; Nathaniel, born about 1789; and Gillis, born about 1790.

(VI) Gillis Doty, son of Jonathan (3) and Abigail (McPherson) Doty, born in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., there grew to manhood and there followed farming until his marriage. At that time he settled in Blacklick township, Indiana county, on a farm of 200 acres on which stood a log cabin. He worked hard to clear the land, and later, as prosperity enabled him, built a fine stone house and made other improvements on the place. He continued to engage in stock raising and general farming, and lived to a ripe old age, dying on the farm Dec. 21, 1870. He was buried at Blairsville. Mr. Doty was one of the best-known men in his section, honorable, intelligent and not only successful in his own affairs, but deeply interested in the good of his township and its people; he was a strong believer in free education. In 1817 he married Jean Dixon, who was born May 16, 1798, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Simpson) Dixon, and died on the homestead Aug. 3, 1884. She was buried in Blairsville cemetery. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Doty: Abbie, born Jan. 29, 1818, married Samuel Douglas Aug. 18, 1836; Nancy, born March 26, 1820, married Henry B. Harrald July 29, 1841; Samuel, born April 6, 1822, died on the homestead; Jonathan, born Nov. 5, 1824, died Aug. 16, 1872, at Newcastle, Pa.; Mary, born Jan. 5, 1827, married Dr. James Hansen Bell, and died April 18, 1906; Robert, born Jan. 4, 1829, died Oct. 30, 1832; Elizabeth, born Nov. 9, 1831, is the widow of Joseph H. Campbell, Ph. D., and resides in New York City; Margaret Jane, born May 13, 1834, died Feb. 26,

1908, on the homestead; Rebecca C., born Dec. 15, 1836, married James Falls and died April 20, 1906; Sarah Ann, born March 2, 1839, married Jan. 1, 1862, Hugh Flynn, who died July 6, 1878, and she resides at Newcastle, Pa.; Gillis McPherson was born July 8, 1843.

(VII) Gillis McPherson Doty, youngest son of Gillis and Jean (Dixon) Doty, was born on the homestead in Blacklick, where he was educated in the public schools of the township. Remaining on the homestead with his mother and sister Margaret J., he made farming and stock raising his business, and continued to follow those lines during his active life. In 1910 he had to give up business on account of his health, and he located in the village of Blacklick, where he is now living retired. He still retains the ownership of the homestead farm. Mr. Doty is well known all over Indiana county. He is a man of genial manner, and has hosts of friends with whom he is popular. He is a member of F. & A. M. Lodge No. 313, of Indiana, which he joined in 1864, at the age of twenty-one years, and also belongs to the B. P. O. Elks. He has always been a Republican, and is at present keenly interested in the Progressive movement headed by Colonel Roosevelt.

Mr. Doty was married Nov. 21, 1910, to Grace M. Lea, born at Pittsburg, daughter of John Lea and granddaughter of Richard Lea, who for sixty years was a minister of the Presbyterian Church at Pittsburg. No children have been born to this union.

SAMUEL GAILEY, a highly respected retired citizen of Indiana county, who has the distinction of being the oldest man in Conemaugh township, has been a lifelong resident of that township, where he was born March 5, 1829, son of Andrew and Jean (Barr) Gailey.

James Gailey, the paternal grandfather of Samuel Gailey, was born in Ireland and came to the United States in young manhood, settling in what is now known as Uniontown, Pa., where he was engaged in the cattle business. For some years he drove cattle to Baltimore, Md., but later moved to Conemaugh and settled on 333 1-3 acres of land, the deed for which, signed by King George III., July 18, 1776, William Penn and William Penn, Jr., is now in the possession of Samuel Gailey. Mr. Gailey was married in 1787 to Letitia Smith, who died Jan. 10, 1845, and he passed away June 28, 1838, both being buried at Clarksburg cemetery, in Conemaugh township. Mr. Gailey's first residence was a small log

cabin in the wilderness, but at the time of his death he was the owner of a comfortable home and had more than one-half of his land cleared and in a state of cultivation. A sturdy and robust man, he had great powers of endurance, and on one occasion walked from his farm to Pittsburg and back in one day, a distance of seventy miles. He and his wife had the following children, all born in the United States: Mary, born Nov. 27, 1788; Andrew, Dec. 19, 1789; Samuel, Nov. 18, 1791; James, Oct. 12, 1794 (who was a blacksmith); Cornelius, June 9, 1797 (who was twice married and made his home in Cherryhill township, Indiana county); Thomas, Nov. 5, 1799 (married Elizabeth Brown); and Ann, Aug. 18, 1802 (died unmarried).

Andrew Gailey, son of James Gailey, and father of Samuel Gailey, was born Dec. 19, 1789, near Uniontown (then known as Beasontown), Pa., and as a lad removed with his parents to what is now Conemaugh township. He did his share in the clearing and cultivating of the wilderness farm, as a reward for which he was given a tract of land by his father and also purchased more land from him, his subsequent life being spent there in farming and cattle raising. His death occurred June 6, 1868. He became one of the prominent stock raisers of his township, and was also well known in public life, satisfactorily filling a number of local offices. With his family he attended the United Presbyterian Church. On Dec. 23, 1823, Mr. Gailey was married to Jean Barr, who was born Dec. 3, 1791, daughter of Samuel Barr, and they had the following children: Ann, born Nov. 9, 1824, died unmarried in 1853; James Wilson, born Oct. 20, 1825, married Eliza Walp, and is now a retired carpenter, of McKeesport, Pa.; Letitia, born April 12, 1827, married William Momeyer; Samuel was born March 5, 1829; Andrew, born Sept. 16, 1830, married Agnes Kirkpatrick and (second) Margaret Hershberger, and resides in Indiana borough; and Thomas Johnson, born July 28, 1834, died Aug. 17, 1844.

Samuel Gailey, son of Andrew Gailey, was given the advantages offered by the subscription schools of his day and locality, attending a little log schoolhouse situated a long distance from his father's farm. While not at school he assisted his father and brothers in the cultivation of the home property, and was reared to habits of industry, integrity and sobriety. Mr. Gailey was a pioneer in the threshing business, for many years traveling

over the country with his threshing outfit, but did not allow this to interfere with his farming and stock raising operations, and for a long period he was known as one of his township's leading stockmen. Mr. Gailey has reached the time of life when he feels that he is entitled to rest from the activities of former years, but his faculties are still unimpaired, and he reads readily without the aid of glasses. His fine farm of 140 acres is being operated under his direction by his son, who has inherited many of his father's excellent traits of character. For many years Mr. Gailey has been prominent in Republican politics, serving as overseer of the poor and school director, and no important movement in Conemaugh is regarded as complete unless it has enlisted his support. One of the founders of the United Presbyterian Church, he has been a lifelong member thereof, and is now serving as an elder and trustee.

Mr. Gailey was married to Catherine Alexander, who was born near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, and reared near Freeport, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Brown) Alexander. Mr. and Mrs. Gailey have had the following children: Renwick Cameron, born May 19, 1856, married Winifred Davie, and resides at Edgewood, Pa., where he is engaged in the insurance business (they have one son, Samuel Davie); Andrew Porter, a resident of New Kensington, Pa., married Rebecca Shearer, and (second) Mrs. Nettie Alexander, and has a daughter, Martha C., and a son, Samuel W.; N. Elmer, the proprietor of a grain elevator at Dodge City, Kans., married Delia Wehr; Mary Elmira married W. C. Shearer, a farmer of Armstrong county, Pa., and their children are Meade, Ren G., George, Naomi R., William G., Margaret Jean, John D. and Catharine E.; John Henderson, who married Emma Wehr, has three children, Dorothy, Jennie W. and John Alexander, and they reside in Pittsburg; Elza Brown is unmarried; Margaret Matilda resides at home with her parents; Josiah Fulton, who lives at home, is conducting the farm for his father.

Samuel Gailey has had a long and useful life, and now, in his declining years, may look back over his career without regret, contented in the knowledge that he has assisted in no small degree in bettering his community, and that the success which has been his has come to him through no unfair means. He has a wide circle of appreciative friends

and is well deserving of the universal respect and esteem that is undoubtedly his.

ALEXANDER H. STEWART, M. D., physician and surgeon at Marion Center, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in the village of Plumville, this county, July 22, 1880, son of Joseph Harvey and Mary (Miller) Stewart.

Joseph Stewart, the grandfather of Dr. Stewart, was an early settler of Rayne township, Indiana county, having been brought to this section by his father when he was a lad. He later removed to South Mahoning township, and there continued to engage in farming until his death, in 1882.

Joseph Harvey Stewart, son of Joseph Stewart, was born in Rayne township, and in his early life was engaged in school teaching in Indiana county, continuing as an educator throughout his life and dying in 1898. His wife, who was born in South Mahoning township, still survives, and is a resident of the town of Indiana, Pa. They had only one child, Alexander H.

Alexander H. Miller, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Stewart, and for whom he is named, was an early settler of South Mahoning township, where the greater part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits.

Alexander H. Stewart secured his preliminary education in the public schools of Indiana, and in 1897 was graduated from the high school there. Subsequently he attended the Indiana State normal school, and after some preparation became a student in the Western University of Pennsylvania, where he received his medical degree in 1907. For the two years following he was engaged in the practice of his profession at Marion Center, in December, 1909, moving to Idamar, in Green township, Indiana county, where he has acquired a large and lucrative professional patronage. On Sept. 3, 1912, he moved thence to his present location, at Marion Center. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, in the work of which bodies he takes a keen and active interest, and bears a high reputation among his professional confreres.

On Aug. 19, 1908, Dr. Stewart was united in marriage with Maud V. Cameron, who was born in Cherryhill township April 12, 1883, daughter of John G. and Elizabeth (Wilson) Cameron, the latter of whom died in 1901. Mrs. Stewart's father was for a number of years engaged in farming, but after serving one term as commissioner in 1892 en-

gaged in the insurance business, with which he is at present connected, having made his home in the town of Indiana since that year. Mrs. Stewart's parents had six daughters: Clara, the wife of J. N. Langham, an attorney of Indiana; Chrissie, a teacher in the public schools of Pittsburg; Cora, living at home; Miriam, the wife of Oscar A. St. Clair, of Chicago; Madge V., living at home; and Maud V., who married Dr. Stewart. The two last named are twins.

Dr. and Mrs. Stewart have one child, John Harvey. The Doctor and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church. During his residence in Green township he served as president of the school board.

JOSEPH E. PARNELL, senior member of the insurance firm of Parnell, Cowher & Co., is engaged in business on lines so typical of the advanced spirit of the age that his work deserves special mention.

The Parnells are of English descent, and he was born in Dauphin county, Pa., son of John Parnell. The early years of his life were spent at Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa. This was in a mining district, and by reason of this early association with that industry Mr. Parnell had the opportunities, of which he took full advantage, of acquiring a thorough and technical knowledge of all departments of the mining industry. At the age of seventeen he began to teach school, following that occupation for two years. At that time and afterward, for a total period of three years, the study of law engaged his attention, but recognizing the unusual opportunity offered at that time by the insurance situation in this country, Mr. Parnell decided to specialize in that direction instead of entering on the general practice of law. At that time, to a very large extent, there was a lack of trained men in the insurance business, who possessed not only a thorough knowledge of the technical side of insurance, but also a more or less complete technical knowledge of the mining and manufacturing industries, together with sufficient legal training to furnish the necessary equipment for the proper handling of insurance on the properties of large manufacturing and mining corporations. This is especially true regarding the fire hazards in connection with properties, the elimination of which has furnished the demand for a new class of trained men, known as "insurance engineers," whose duty it is to give most careful attention to the removal from property of fire hazards, and in this work Mr. Parnell is

recognized as one of the leaders. Along these lines the firm of Parnell, Cowher & Co. has worked for the last eighteen years and has achieved a large degree of success, handling at the present time a larger volume of business than any other firm between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. They maintain offices at Patton, Pa., and Windber, Pa., but the office at Indiana, Pa., under the personal direction of Mr. Parnell since 1909, at which time he moved to Indiana, is the largest and most important of the three.

This combination of insurance, engineering, legal and industrial training and ability has proved of so much value to the customers and clients of this firm that the business is growing rapidly and the services of Parnell, Cowher & Co. are becoming more and more in demand each year. Mr. Parnell is recognized as the leading spirit in this successful firm and is regarded throughout the State as one of the best authorities and experts on all phases of insurance.

In 1897 Mr. Parnell married Vindetta C. Smith, daughter of John G. Smith, of Tipton, Blair Co., Pa., and they have two children, Gilbert Smith Parnell and Elizabeth Stewart Parnell. The entire family is identified with the Presbyterian Church.

HARRY E. ALLISON, principal of the public school at Dixonville, Indiana county, has been engaged in teaching in the schools of this county ever since he commenced his independent career and has established a high reputation in his profession. Mr. Allison was born in Indiana county Jan. 20, 1888, son of Harvey and Susanna (Bartlebaugh) Allison. The father is a native of Jefferson county, Pa., the mother of Indiana county. Harvey Allison was engaged in farming for a number of years, and is now living retired in East Mahoning township.

Harry E. Allison obtained his education in the public schools of Indiana county, and was a youth of only seventeen when he commenced teaching. He was thus engaged in Pine, Cherryhill and Rayne townships before he came to Green township, and meantime prepared himself for more advanced work, attending summer schools at Penn Run and Marion Center, this county. In April, 1912, he came to Dixonville, Green township, and was appointed to his present position as principal of the public school. He is a young man of sterling qualities, his high character as well as his mental attainments fitting him for his chosen field, in which he has won the good

will and approval of all who have come to know and appreciate his work.

On Sept. 1, 1910, Mr. Allison married Fannie E. Myers, who was born Dec. 9, 1890, in Rayne township, Indiana county, daughter of Foster and Ella (Bence) Myers, who live on a farm in Rayne township; Mr. and Mrs. Myers are natives of Indiana county.

SAMUEL SHERWOOD WETZEL, proprietor of the Locust Hill Stock Farm in East Mahoning township, was born in Bell township, Clearfield Co., Pa., July 20, 1850.

The Wetzel family comes of German stock, and its representatives have long been associated with the growth and development of Pennsylvania. Rinehart Wetzel, the founder of the family in this region, was born in Germany and was nine years of age when brought to this country by his parents. They located in Lancaster county, Pa., where he grew to maturity, there marrying Sarah Yost. Later he moved with his family to Clearfield county, and there he rounded out his life, dying in 1848, when still in the very prime of life, being only fifty-two years old. His wife died in 1840, aged forty-two years. Their children were: Enoch B., who married Harriet Campbell; Henry; Jacob Yost; John M.; Mary, who married Daniel K. McGee; James S., who married Sarah Bird; Sarah, who married John Brown; and Christiana.

Henry Wetzel, father of Samuel Sherwood Wetzel, and son of Rinehart Wetzel, was born at Millintown, Juniata Co., Pa., in 1821, and was still a child when the family went to Clearfield county. Locating in Bell township, that county, he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it for some time after he was married, but eventually engaged in farming, settling on the homestead of 183 acres. This property had been secured by his father, and was a valuable tract of land. He was also engaged in rafting logs down the Susquehanna to Marietta. In 1864 he came to Indiana county, settling in East Mahoning township, where he bought 145 acres of land known as the David Alp farm, and on it he erected a substantial house and barn and made other adequate improvements, residing there until 1878, when he retired to Marion Center. In that village he spent the remainder of his days in a house he built, dying there April 24, 1894, aged seventy-two years, eight months, six days. His remains were laid to rest in Marion Center cemetery. A strong Methodist, he was a trustee of the church for many years. Elected school director on the Democratic ticket, he

gave good service in that office, and also in that of supervisor.

Henry Wetzel married Mary Katherine Weaver, who died on the homestead and is buried by his side. She, too, was a Methodist. Their children were: Samuel Sherwood is mentioned below; Ruth Amanda, who married John S. Glasser, resides in Brushvalley township; Sarah Ellen married Kinley Hunter, of East Mahoning township, and is deceased; John Rinehart, a farmer of Burrell township, married Nina Smyers; Harry Pater married Bell J. Rankin; James Burton died young; Wilbur Enoch lives at Homer City, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Sherwood Wetzel, son of Henry Wetzel, was educated in the schools of his native township, growing up amid healthy rural surroundings. He learned farming and also engaged in rafting until the family came to Indiana county, when he was fourteen years old. From then on he continued to work with his father until he attained his majority, and then started out for himself, engaging in lumbering and rafting for a time, taking rafts down the river from Cherrytree to Lockhaven. Eventually, however, he began farming in Rayne township, on the James McLaughlin farm of 300 acres, which he operated for four years. Mr. Wetzel then located on the Luther Richards farm in East Mahoning township, and farmed its 100 acres for four years, during which period he became largely interested in stock raising and handled an immense lot of cattle, sheep and hogs. At the expiration of the four years he moved onto his father's homestead in the same township and continued his stock operations, dealing heavily in horses and mules, having as a partner in the latter line N. Cook Simpson. These men sold their stock to the coal mines in Jefferson, Clearfield, Clarion, Cambria and Indiana counties and controlled an extensive business. In 1891 Mr. Wetzel settled on his present property, known as the Locust Hill Stock Farm, which was formerly owned by Hugh Lawson, continuing his stock business. In time Mr. Wetzel added to his original holdings, and now has 350 acres, a portion of which is in Rayne township. He has made extensive and valuable improvements on his property, and is very extensively engaged in raising Jersey cattle and blooded stock. For the last thirteen years he has been operating a coal bank on his farm, from which he has already mined over 100,000 busnels of coal, selling it in the locality. In addition to his valuable agricultural holdings. Mr. Wetzel

is a stockholder and director of the Marion Center National Bank, and a man of dependable solidity in the business world.

For years he has been a member of the Methodist Church of Marion Center, and owing to his own temperate habits and belief in the abolition of the liquor traffic, he has given his hearty support to the Prohibition party. He has been the nominee of his party for various county offices, but owing to the predominance of other parties was not elected, although he ran ahead of his ticket because of his personal popularity.

In 1872 Mr. Wetzel was married to Dorinda Griffith, who was born in Somerset county, Pa., daughter of Hiram Griffith. They had children as follows: Silas, who has been on the police force of New York City since 1895; Lewis G., who is car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pitscairn, Pa.; Henry Harrison, who is farming a portion of the homestead; Charles, engaged in coal mining; George R., at home; Sarah, unmarried; Mary, who died young; and James, who died young. Mrs. Wetzel died in 1893, and in 1895 Mr. Wetzel married (second) Mary Work, a daughter of William A. Work, and they have two children: William, who is attending the high school of Indiana; and Ernest, who is at home. In addition Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel have adopted a daughter, Grace Ella, whom they are rearing with tender parental care as their own.

Having worked very hard all his life, Mr. Wetzel can justly lay claim to being a self-made man. What he is and has is the result of his own, unaided efforts, and he has every reason to be proud of what he has accomplished. In addition to securing his own material advancement he has exerted a powerful influence for good in his community, both through the church and the interests of the Prohibition party. He has brought up a fine family and has trained them to be useful citizens, and they are strong factors in the moral uplift of the several communities in which they have settled.

CLARENCE C. SPICHER, M. D., physician and surgeon, who has been established in his profession at Starford, Pa., since 1904, was born in Montgomery township, Indiana county, Sept. 20, 1874, a son of John D. and Mary Elizabeth (Stahl) Spicher.

The great-great-grandfather of Dr. Spicher came from Germany and settled in Somerset county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Spicher, the great-grandfather, was

born in Somerset county, Pa., in 1801, and married Magdalene Barkey in 1821.

Peter Spicher, son of Samuel, and grandfather of Dr. Spicher, was born in Somerset county, but was an early settler in Montgomery township, Indiana county, which continued to be his home until his death, and he was survived by several sons and daughters.

John Decker Spicher, son of Peter, and father of Dr. Spicher, was born in Montgomery township, Indiana county, and now lives retired at Hillsdale, Pa. For some years he has been in the furniture and undertaking business and he also cultivated part of the old homestead farm. He married Mary Elizabeth Stahl, who was born in Indiana county, and died in Montgomery township in 1908. Her father, Samuel Stahl, was an early settler in Cherryhill township and owned a farm there. Seven children were born to the parents of Dr. Spicher, namely: Orange, who is now deceased; Geary, who lives in Montgomery township; Clarence C.; Bertha May, who is deceased; Ollie Minerva, who is a professional nurse residing in Philadelphia; Florence, who is deceased; and Emory E., who is in the U. S. navy.

Clarence C. Spicher attended school in Montgomery township through boyhood and early youth and then taught the local school prior to entering the State normal school at Indiana; later he was a student for one year at Lebanon University. He received his medical training in the Baltimore Medical College, at Baltimore, Md., where he spent four years, being graduated in May, 1903. For one year he engaged in practice at Dixonville, Pa., and then came to Starford.

In December, 1899, Dr. Spicher was married at Greensburg, Pa., to Ada Houck, who was born at Purchase Line, Indiana Co., Pa., a daughter of George F. and Sarah (Butterbaugh) Houck, the latter now deceased.

George F. Houck, father of Mrs. Spicher, was a shoemaker in his earlier years, but later became a farmer. He still survives. His children are: Ada, who became Mrs. Spicher; Alice, who is the widow of Jesse Churchill; Earl, who is a physician and surgeon, graduating from Baltimore Medical College in 1906; and Roy, who is a pharmacist. Four children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Spicher: Lweyn, Irene, Gwendolin and Helen. Dr. Spicher and family are members of the Baptist Church. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Elks, the former at Starford and the latter at Indiana, and professionally belongs to the county and

State medical societies, and the American Medical Association.

JOHN HARRISON SWASY, a successful farmer and stock raiser of Blacklick township, Indiana county, is a native of that part of the county, born Feb. 10, 1850, in Center township. This family has long been settled in New York State, and many of the name are to be found on Long Island and in central and northern New York, as well as in New Jersey and elsewhere. It has been spelled in various ways.

John Swasy, the founder of the branch in Indiana county, Pa., was a native of New York State, and crossed the Allegheny mountains when a young man, looking for a location where he could make a home. He settled not far from what is now Homer City, in Center township, this county, where he engaged in farming and passed the remainder of his life, dying on his farm. He owned a tract of 109 acres. His wife, whose maiden name was Bonner, also died on the homestead. They were members of the M. E. Church. Three children were born to this pioneer couple: Rebecca, John and Jane.

John Swasy, son of John, was born May 21, 1824, on the farm in Center township, and attended subscription school in the neighborhood. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life on the homestead, was a hard worker, and became a much respected citizen of his locality. He died on the farm July 18, 1895, and is buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana. Mr. Swasy was a member of the M. E. Church at Homer City. In political association he was a Democrat, but he never took any part in public matters. On Nov. 17, 1846, he was married, in White township, this county, to Sarah B. Allison, who survives him, residing on the home farm. She became the mother of five children: Martha married Houston Monshower and resides in Worcester, Mass.; John Harrison is mentioned below; Hannah, wife of Lemuel Kunkle, resides on the homestead in Center township; Mary Ann married John Anthony, of Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa.; Robert Allison makes his home at Erie, Pennsylvania.

The Allison family, to which Mrs. Swasy belongs, were among the first white settlers in what is now Center township. A full history of its early representatives here will be found elsewhere in this work. Andrew Allison, son of Robert, settled in Center township in 1788; he had been a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His son Robert Allison, born

Feb. 9, 1794, married April 14, 1819, Hannah Bryan, who died March 24, 1879; his death occurred Aug. 15, 1866. They had a family of eleven children, born as follows: Hannah, April 14, 1820 (died Sept. 25, 1838); Jane, Feb. 24, 1822; Nathan B., Jan. 7, 1824 (died April 6, 1828); Sarah, Jan. 27, 1826 (now the widow of John Swasy); Rebecca, March 31, 1828; Martha, Feb. 16, 1830; Mary, Feb. 19, 1832 (died Jan. 17, 1853); Nancy, March 1, 1834; Charles T., Feb. 15, 183— (died Aug. 25, 1863, while serving in the Civil war); James S., Aug. 9, 1842; Emma J., March 20, 1848.

John Harrison Swasy spent his boyhood days on the home farm and obtained his education in the local public schools. Remaining at home until he reached the age of twenty-two years, he then started farming on his own account in Blacklick township, on the Lyons homestead, a tract of 126 acres where he has since resided, and upon which he has made extensive improvements. In 1901 he built a substantial and convenient barn, and in 1908 erected the handsome residence which he and his family now occupy. Other buildings have also been put up which add materially to the equipment and value of the property, and Mr. Swasy has been very well rewarded for the years of thrifty labor he has put upon the place. He is not only interested in the prosperity of his own affairs, but also in the advancement of the general welfare, and supports every movement which promises to benefit his township and fellow citizens, being public-spirited on all matters pertaining to his community. In politics he is a staunch Democrat. He was one of the organizers and charter members of the local Grange, No. 317, Patrons of Husbandry, and has acted as steward of that body, in the promotion of whose interests he has taken an active part. His religious connection is with Hopewell M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee.

On June 3, 1875, Mr. Swasy married, in Blacklick township, Myrtila Lyons, who was born there, daughter of William and Eliza (Deviney) Lyons, and they have had three children: Myrtle, formerly a school teacher of Indiana county, who married J. Elder Smith, son of John T. Smith, of Blacklick township; Logan, at home; and Charles O., who is now clerking for the Josephine Furnace & Coke Company of Josephine, Pennsylvania.

James Lyons, the first of his family to settle in Indiana county, was born in Ireland, and came to America in 1764, some years be-

fore the Revolution. He made his home in Pennsylvania, at first in the Conococheague valley, moving in 1808 to Blacklick township, then a part of Westmoreland county. His children were: Samuel, Alexander and James.

Alexander Lyons, son of James, married Margaret McFarland, and to them were born five children: Martha, wife of Matthew Lichenhall of Prairie City, Ill.; James A., of Beaver county, Pa.; Mary, who married James Reed, of Prairie City, Ill.; Eliza A., deceased; and William, of Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

William Lyons, son of Alexander, was born on the homestead, and followed farming the greater part of his life. He spent some years at Steubenville, Ohio, where he kept store, later returning to the homestead, where he cultivated a tract of 118 acres now owned by George Clawson. He made a number of improvements on that place, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there Jan. 31, 1881. He is buried in the Ebenezer cemetery in Conemaugh township. In religion he was a Presbyterian, in political sentiment a Republican. His wife, Eliza (Deviney), daughter of Aaron Deviney, died in 1876, on the homestead; she was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. They had a family of ten children: Newton died while serving in the Civil war; Martha died in 1909; Melissa married George Harmon, of Cuba, Mo.; Alexander is deceased; William died in infancy; Ella married Mark Hunter, of Peoria, Ill., and is deceased; Myrtila married John Harrison Swasy; Harriet married Harry Mahon, of Pittsburg; Dudley lives in Westmoreland county; Luna married Dayton Ray and resides in Youngstown, Ohio.

JOHN L. BENCE, of Cherryhill township, has one of the handsomest farm properties in Indiana county. He has lived at his present home since 1903. Mr. Bence was born near Dixonville, in Rayne township, this county, Aug. 17, 1875. His grandfather, Samuel Bence, is still living in Rayne township, now (1912) aged ninety-two years. He and his wife, Elizabeth, who was a native of Germany, were early settlers in that township.

James Bence, father of John L. Bence was born in Indiana county, and became a farmer in early life, always following that occupation, except for the time he was in the Union army during the Civil war. His present home is near Dixonville. He married Rosina Everwine, who was born in Indiana



county, daughter of Jacob Everwine, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Laura, who is the wife of F. B. Longwill, of the borough of Indiana; Harry E., a resident of Marion Center, Indiana county; John L.; Charles, of Dixonville, this county, who conducts a general store in partnership with his brother Logan; Luther, who lives on the old home place in Rayne township; Logan, of Indiana; Mary, wife of F. Hoer, living near Dixonville; Genevieve, a trained nurse, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased; and Jacob, deceased. The mother of this family died eighteen years ago.

John L. Bence received his education in Rayne township. During his boyhood he worked on the farm, and in his youth he was employed in a store at Dixonville for a year. He has been engaged in farming on his own account since 1899, and in 1903 removed to the home in Cherryhill township which he now occupies and which he has bought. He built a handsome brick residence, one of the finest farmhouses in Indiana county, and in other respects as well his farm is improved according to the most modern ideas, the appearance of the place being highly creditable to its owner. Mr. Bence is intelligent and systematic in his work, and his profitable agricultural operations are the best recommendation for his methods.

On Nov. 12, 1903, Mr. Bence was married to Ada B. Ackerson, a native of Indiana county, the marriage taking place near Dixonville. Mrs. Bence is a daughter of James P. and Emma M. (Barber) Ackerson, farming people, who have lived in this county since 1866. They had a family of seven children: Dr. Lewis E., a dentist, of Clymer; James Wesley, a farmer of Cherryhill township; Mary M., deceased; Judson, deceased; Ada B., Mrs. Bence; Frank, a farmer near Marion Center, Indiana county; and Nora, living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bence have had two children, Seward J. and Ralph. They are members of the Presbyterian Church at Penn Run, and in political sentiment Mr. Bence is a Republican.

**WILLIAM HOUSTON**, of Blacklick, in Burrell township, has served as justice of the peace since 1904, and in that position and other public relations has become well and favorably known to the residents of his section of Indiana county. He was born in Blacklick township May 20, 1847, a member of the third generation of his family to live

in this region, where his grandfather settled in pioneer days.

James Houston, the grandfather, came in an early day to what was then Center township, where he obtained possession of a tract of 640 acres, having what was known as a Revolutionary war grant. From this circumstance it is supposed he was a soldier in the Revolution, and it is known he was a capable Indian fighter. Farming was his occupation after he settled here, and he worked hard to clear his land and improve it. He was a member of the Christian Church and noted for his high character. In politics he was a Whig. He died on his farm and is buried in the family plot there, known as Houston's cemetery. His wife, Mary (Reed), was a daughter of David Reed, a noted pioneer and Indian fighter of this section of Pennsylvania. She, too, was a member of the Christian Church. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Houston: James; William; Nancy, who married Norman Landfair; and Emily, who married Thomas Stites.

James Houston, son of James and Mary (Reed) Houston, was born in 1802 in Center township. He acquired a thorough common school education, and taught subscription schools in his early manhood, boarding around at the homes of the various pupils, as was then the custom. He taught the first free school established in his neighborhood after the introduction of the system. Having received 100 acres of the homestead farm from his father, he made farming his principal occupation. There were a log house and a log barn on this tract, which was then included in Blacklick township, and there he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1852, when he was in his prime. He was interred in the Houston graveyard. An intelligent and well-read man, he was looked up to in the community and universally respected. In political opinion he was a Whig, in church connection a member of the Christian denomination. His wife, Jennie (Clawson), a native of Blacklick township, was a daughter of Josiah Clawson, and her family were old settlers there. She died at the home of her son William, who cared for her tenderly in her old age, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery. Like her husband she was a member of the Christian Church. Six children were born to them: John W., who is deceased; Josiah Clawson, who resides in Johnstown, Pa.; Mary Jane, who married John Bennett and resides in Burrell town-

ship; James, who died young; William; and Sarah Margaret, who married Alexander Rankin.

William Houston was but five years old when his father died, and accordingly he had to commence work early. His opportunities for education were such as the local public schools afforded. Remaining at home, he farmed the 100-acre tract his father had owned for several years, and made a number of improvements on the place, which he eventually sold, in 1875, buying the sixty-acre place known as the Householder farm, in Blacklick township. While residing there he followed general farming and stock raising, and also dealt in stock to some extent. He lived there until 1903, in which year he sold the place, which was underlaid with coal and has since been developed along that line. He then removed to the town of Blacklick, where he has ever since made his home, and he is now interested in the real estate business and represents the Hartford Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. In 1904 he received an appointment from the governor of the State as justice of the peace, to succeed the late justice, Squire J. R. Pierce, filling out his unexpired term, and he has since been honored with election to the office, in which he has been kept continuously. He is noted for his keen judgment and impartiality, and while some of his decisions have been appealed to the higher courts they have generally been sustained. Mr. Houston has a strong sense of responsibility in the discharge of his duties which has made him a valued official. Before his removal to Blacklick he held a number of township offices, having been overseer of the poor, school director for nine years, assessor and supervisor, and giving thorough satisfaction in every capacity. In political association he has always been a staunch Republican.

Mr. Houston was married in Blacklick township to Jennie Clawson, daughter of Richard S. and Eleanora (Davis) Clawson. Though bearing the same maiden name as his mother, she was not related. Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Houston two died young, and we have the following record of the family: Wesley I., formerly a school teacher, is now a minister of the Christian Church, residing at Nezperce, Idaho; Emory M. settled on the Pacific coast and died in California; James R., formerly a school teacher, now mine foreman at Mineral Point, Cambria Co., Pa., married Gertrude Thompson and has two children, Ruth and Clair;

Alice G. married J. Dixon Avery and resides in Pittsburg; Bertha, formerly a teacher, married J. Howard Stewart and has had four children, George Howard (deceased), William Houston, Robert Coe and Emory Jackson (they live at Avalon, Allegheny Co., Pa.): Carrie is engaged as school teacher at Blairsville; William Roy resides in Pittsburg; Hood Elder lives at Detroit, Mich.; Nell T. is a student of the State normal at Indiana; Helen is engaged as stenographer and typewriter at Pittsburg; Ralph died in young manhood; Martha died in infancy. All of this family have received excellent educational advantages, and have been well started in life. Mr. and Mrs. Houston and their children are members of the Christian Church at Indiana, of which he is a deacon.

ROBERT Y. ELDER, retired citizen of Saltsburg, and director of the First National Bank of that borough, is a native of Indiana county, Pa., born at Eldersridge, in Young township, April 6, 1840, son of Robert and Nancy W. (Douglas) Elder.

Robert Elder, the progenitor of the family in America, was born at Dromore, County Down, Ireland, and was of Scotch extraction. He came to the American Colonies in 1730, locating in Dauphin county, Pa., about five miles from Harrisburg, and after the close of the Revolutionary war came to Indiana county with his family, making the journey over the mountains with pack horses, and locating in what is now Conemaugh township, in the wilderness. Here the family erected a temporary hut in the woods, and later succeeded in building a cabin from hewed logs, which structure was subsequently used as a blockhouse. In this building the pioneer died in 1790 or 1791, his wife surviving until April 15, 1813. They were buried in Ebenezer Church cemetery. Robert Elder married Mary Taylor for his second wife, and to them there were born four children, as follows: James, who married Martha Robinson in 1792; David, born in 1764, who married Ann Nesbitt in 1790, and in 1816 moved to Ohio; Robert, born in 1767; and Ann, who married Archibald Marshall.

Robert Elder (2), son of Robert the progenitor, was nineteen years of age when the family came across the Allegheny mountains from Dauphin county to the new home in western Pennsylvania. He settled down to farming, making his home in Conemaugh township, on the eastern half of the original tract. He died while in the prime of life, in



*W. H. Elder*



1813, being but forty-six years of age. To him and his wife Mary (Smith), who died in 1857, were born children as follows: Margaret, who married William Ewing; Joshua; Mary, who married John Leard; Ann; Hannah, and Robert.

Robert Elder (3), son of Robert (2), and father of Robert Y. Elder, was born in 1809, and made his home at Eldersridge, in Young township, becoming the largest land owner in that section of the county, where he had 500 acres, as well as a farm of 100 acres in Armstrong county. Mr. Elder made extensive improvements on his lands and built a fine brick dwelling house on the homestead farm at Eldersridge, continuing to engage in farming and stock raising there until his death, in 1890, in his eighty-first year. He was buried in Eldersridge or Ridgeview cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in his political views was a Whig and later a Republican. A very successful man in a business way, he never sought public honors, or position, but was domestic in his tastes and greatly devoted to his home and family. Mr. Elder married Nancy W. Douglas, daughter of John Douglas, and she died on the farm in 1896, at the age of eighty-one years, and was buried beside her husband. They had children as follows: Maria J., who married Thomas Elder and resides in Indiana; John Douglas, who was second lieutenant of Company D, 62d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was killed at the battle of Malvern Hill, while in command of his company, July 2, 1862; Robert Y.; Cordelia, widow of Dr. Robert Barr; Julia, who died young; Lydia A., who married C. C. Collins; Josephine, who is deceased; Agnes V., who resides in Kansas with her sister; and Lizzie E., who married Harry S. Durrett, M. D., and resides in Kansas.

Robert Y. Elder was educated in the public schools of Young township and Eldersridge Academy, under Dr. Alexander Donaldson, and worked at home on the farm with his parents until May, 1864, when he enlisted in Company C, 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. John C. Horrell and Colonel Young. He served in that company for a period of ten months, being mustered out of the service at Arlington Heights. Returning home, he continued on the homestead and followed farming until 1868, when he embarked in the mercantile business at Eldersridge, being thus engaged for a period of ten years, at the end of which time he again took up farming. Mr. Elder continued to carry on general farming

and stock raising on a tract of 300 acres, on which he made numerous improvements, but in 1903 sold the land for coal mining purposes to the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company, and moved to Saltsburg, settling at what is known as Saltsburg Extension, where he now makes his home. After coming to Saltsburg he became engaged in the manufacturing business, but for a short time was at Mine Lamotte, Mo., where he was manager of a department store for over a year. He then returned to Saltsburg. Mr. Elder is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of that place. He has been prominent in Grand Army circles, having been at one time commander of Saltsburg Post, No. 36, of which he is now adjutant. He is a past master of Saltsburg Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M. A staunch Republican in politics, he has served as school director, and at this time is a member of the board of trustees of the Eldersridge Academy. Formerly he was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Eldersridge, where he served as elder and was also active in the Sunday school, acting as assistant superintendent and later as superintendent. Since coming to Saltsburg he has been an elder in the church of that denomination here.

On April 29, 1869, Mr. Elder was united in marriage with Mary E. Spalding, a native of Indiana county, daughter of George and Sarah (Paul) Spalding. Mrs. Elder was well educated, attending public school in Westmoreland county, and later Leechburg Academy, Eldersridge Academy and Blairsville Seminary. She taught public school five years in Westmoreland and Indiana counties. Mr. and Mrs. Elder have had five children: Maude Wallace, Robert Roy, George Paul, Alice Mary and Helen Douglas.

Maude Wallace Elder was born at Eldersridge, and received exceptional educational advantages, attending the public schools of Young township, the State normal school at Indiana, Pa., and the University of Chicago. She taught in Eldersridge Academy, then spent three years teaching in Porto Rico, and for the last six years has been a teacher of languages in Franklin College, at New Athens, Ohio.

Robert Roy Elder received his education in the public schools, Eldersridge Academy and Grove City College, where he was graduated in 1892. He then took a law course of three years in Pittsburg, and is now a successful practicing attorney in that city. He married Flora Edith Bargay, and they have two chil-

dren: Marion Viola and Robert Knox, the latter being the ninth Robert in direct line in the Elder family.

George Paul Elder was born at Eldersridge, and after attending the public schools became a student in Eldersridge Academy. Since his graduation from that institution he has been in business in Seattle, Washington.

Alice Mary Elder was educated in the public schools, Eldersridge Academy and Blairsville College for Women, and then taught public school for two years in Niagara, N. Dak., three years in Porto Rico, and three years in Medford, Oregon. She is now general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, at Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Helen Douglas Elder was educated in the public schools, Eldersridge Academy and Blairsville College for Women, and then graduated as a nurse from the Presbyterian College, of Allegheny, Pa. At present she is at home.

JOHN D. WIDDOWSON, late of Indiana, had made his home in that borough from 1903, and was a lifelong resident of Indiana county, born in 1847 in Cherryhill township. His father, William Widdowson, was a native of England, and after settling in this country engaged quite extensively in the lumber business. He married Louisa Kime.

Mr. Widdowson attended public school in Indiana county, and when a young man learned the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he engaged in lumbering and sawmilling, doing a large and successful business, which he built up by able management and intelligent use of his opportunities. In 1903 he located at Indiana, where he built an elegant modern home, and thereafter devoted his time principally to contracting and building, in which line he acquired extensive interests. Many of the handsome modern homes now standing in the borough are of his construction. The last structure of any importance upon which he was engaged was the Christian church in Indiana. Mr. Widdowson was public-spirited and felt strongly on matters affecting the general welfare, and in the latter years of his life he was an ardent prohibitionist. He was a prominent member of the Christian Church, which he served as deacon, and in that connection as in every other relation of life was highly esteemed by all who knew him. His upright and useful life made him valued as a citizen, and he was recognized by his business associates as a most capable man, who had won success by the most

commendable methods. He was the owner of considerable valuable property in Indiana. He died Nov. 21, 1911.

In 1871 Mr. Widdowson was married to Jennie Hennigh, by whom he had a family of four children, namely: Luther, Earl, Charles and Lola. The mother died in 1885, and in 1887 Mr. Widdowson married Estella Webster, daughter of John and Emma (Hess) Webster. To their marriage were also born four children: Maud, wife of John B. Mitchell; Paul; Ruth, and Bernice. Mrs. Widdowson and her family are members of the Christian Church at Indiana.

LEVI MCGUIRE, who is engaged in farming in Cherryhill township, where he owns a farm on Clymer Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1, was born in Cherryhill township Feb. 22, 1854, son of John and Elizabeth (Kerr) McGuire.

James McGuire, grandfather of Levi McGuire, was born in Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pa., and at an early day came to Cherryhill township, later moving to Green township, settling on the present site of the town of Lovejoy. There he continued to be engaged in farming up to the time of his death.

John McGuire, son of James, and father of Levi McGuire, was also born in Blacklick township, Indiana county, and as a lad was taken to the present site of the town of Clymer. During his early days he was a boatman, working along the canal from Blairsville to Johnstown, but during his later years followed farming as a vocation, owning a handsome property in Cherryhill township. He was one of the best-known citizens of his community, serving for nine years as constable, and also acting as overseer of the poor and as county commissioner, and in his death, which occurred Jan. 27, 1896, his community lost one of its most representative men. To his marriage with Elizabeth Kerr were born five children, those besides Levi being: Jennie, the wife of John Ollinger, a resident of Sample Run, who is engaged in farming; Mary, the wife of Luther Helman, residing near Sample Run, in Cherryhill township; John, who resides in Clymer; and Clara, wife of Stephen Rowe, of Rayne township.

Thomas Kerr, the maternal grandfather of Levi McGuire, was a native of Shelocta, Indiana Co., Pa., and followed farming and carpentering on the old homestead until his death. Mrs. McGuire, his daughter, is still living at the age of seventy-seven years, and

makes her home with her son John, in Clymer.

Levi McGuire attended school in Cherryhill township, and when he could find time assisted his father in the work of the home farm. As a young man he learned the trade of brickmaking, which he followed for nine years, but since 1879 has been engaged in cultivating his present property. Mr. McGuire was married Jan. 7, 1879, to Mary M. Wimer, who was born in Green township, near Cookport, in 1856, daughter of William R. and Mary Jane (Lydick) Wimer. John Wimer, her grandfather, was an early settler in Indiana county, where he spent his life in farming. William R. Wimer, son of John Wimer, was a farmer in Cherryhill township, and there died in 1895. He married Mary Jane Lydick, who was born in what was known as the Lydick settlement, in Indiana county, daughter of Abraham Lydick, a pioneer settler, farmer and lumberman of this county. The mother of Mrs. McGuire passed away in 1898. She had five children, of whom one died in infancy, the other being: Abraham L., a resident of Blairsville, Pa.; Sarah C., widow of Henry Wissinger; Mrs. McGuire; and Arilla Jane, wife of Ellis Stiffler, a resident of Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. McGuire have three children: Blanche, wife of Samuel Craig, of Rayne township, has five children, namely, Lillian, Violet, Floyd, Grace and Donald; Irwin resides at home and assists his father in the farm work; Maude, also at home, was formerly a school teacher. Mr. McGuire at this time is serving as school director of his township, a position which he has held for several years. With his wife and family he attends the Christian Church.

A. CLIFFORD HOOVER, manager of the Central Trading Company, of Clymer, Indiana county, was born on a farm in Clearfield county, Pa., about nine miles from the city of Clearfield, Nov. 6, 1884, son of Anderson and Mary (Baughman) Hoover. William Hoover, his paternal grandfather, was descended from German ancestry, and was the original settler on the old family homestead situated in Clearfield county.

Anderson Hoover, son of William Hoover, was born on the old family place in Clearfield county, and there spent the greater part of his life in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring in June, 1906, in Clearfield, to which place he had retired a short time before. His widow is still living in Clearfield. They became the parents of five sons and

four daughters, as follows: Wava, wife of Lloyd McDowell, of Clearfield; Victor and Lloyd, residents of Clearfield; A. Clifford; Edgar, a traveling salesman, whose home is in DuBois, Pa.; Sadie, the wife of Hugh Mulligan, of Clearfield; Clayton, who is deceased; and Vera and Mildred, residing at home.

A. Clifford Hoover received his education in the country schools of Clearfield county and the public schools of the town of Clearfield, and during his boyhood days worked on the home farm. The life of an agriculturist, however, did not appeal to him, his natural inclinations running toward mercantile pursuits, and at the age of twenty years he began to secure a business training as clerk in the store of Ernest Albert, of Woodland, Pa. By the year 1905 he had fitted himself to accept a position as manager with the Central Trading Company, and for a time was located at Winburne, in Clearfield county, but in 1910 was sent to Clymer, where he has since had charge of the company's interests. The store at Clymer is one of the firm's largest establishments, and its business has been materially increased under Mr. Hoover's able and progressive management.

On May 6, 1909, Mr. Hoover was married, in the city of Pittsburg, to Mae Stewart, of Rathmel, Jefferson county, daughter of John and Etta (Thomas) Stewart, who are now residents of Jefferson county, where Mr. Stewart is interested in mining ventures; in his earlier years he gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have one daughter, Arlene.

Mr. Hoover is primarily a business man and his duties demand the greater part of his attention, but he has not denied himself the companionship of his fellow men, and has interested himself to some extent in fraternal matters, being a popular member of Rathmel Lodge, No. 344, Knights of Pythias. He and Mrs. Hoover are members of the United Brethren Church and are generally well liked in social circles in Clymer.

JOHN THEODORE SMITH, of Blacklick township, Indiana county, is one of the largest land owners of that township and extensively engaged in general agriculture and stock raising. He was born there, on the old Smith homestead, Nov. 3, 1851.

The Smith family is of English origin. The founder in this country was James Smith, a native of Lancashire, England, who was born in 1800 and came to America when quite a young man; making his way west of the

Allegheny mountains he located in Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pa., which was formerly a part of Westmoreland county, and there became engaged in farming, owning a large tract of land located near Hopewell church. He died while still in the prime of young manhood, in 1833, at the early age of thirty-three years, and was buried in Hopewell cemetery. Although he died so young he had won a high reputation as a man of industry and frugal habits, having worked hard to hew out a home in the wilderness. He married Mary Theresa Wainwright, who was born in England in 1802 and died in 1871, at the age of sixty-nine years. She was buried beside her husband in Hopewell cemetery. Their children were: George, born in 1825; William, born in 1827; Allie Retta, born in 1830, who married Isaac Hoover and (second) John George; Elizabeth, born in 1832, who married James Ferguson Badger, of Blacklick township, and Sarah, born in 1834, who married Jesse M. Long.

George Smith, son of James and Mary Theresa (Wainwright) Smith, was born in Blacklick township, on the Smith homestead, in 1825, and was only eight years old when his father died. But he was tenderly cared for by his devoted mother. His opportunities for obtaining an education were limited, as in that early period schools were few and supported by subscription, and lasted only a few months in the year. He grew up on the farm, and being the eldest of the family had to assume responsibilities at an early age. When he reached manhood he took charge of the farm, a tract of 160 acres, and eventually bought out the interests of the other heirs. His home was originally a log dwelling house, but in time he made extensive improvements on the farm and became one of the prosperous men of his section, owning at one time over five hundred acres of land. He was noted for his industry and enterprise and progressive methods. He lived to the ripe age of eighty-three years, dying in 1908, and was buried in Hopewell cemetery. In politics Mr. Smith was a Whig, later a Republican. He married Priscilla Chow, a woman of strong Christian principles, who was noted for her devotion to home and family. She died in 1910, and was buried beside her husband. Their married life covered a period of almost sixty years. Children as follows were born to them: William J., March 8, 1850; John Theodore, Nov. 3, 1851; Sarah

Eilen, who died young; Anna, who died young; and George, who died young.

John Theodore Smith, son of George and Priscilla (Chow) Smith, was educated in the school near the homestead. He worked from early boyhood on the farm with his parents, and has all his life continued to engage in farming. When his father retired from active life he cared for him and his mother in their declining years, he and his wife making a home for them until they died. Since the death of his parents Mr. Smith has remained on the old place, carrying on farming and stock raising. He has become one of the largest land owners in Blacklick township, having over five hundred acres, and has made notable improvements on all the farms in his possession, erecting barns and other buildings, and cultivating the soil according to the best modern ideas. He is one of the most practical agriculturists in his township, possessing a keen knowledge of his chosen work and its requirements, and the results testify to the value of his methods. He is a great lover of cattle and horses, and as a stock raiser has been decidedly successful. Mr. Smith's home and surroundings bespeak his artistic taste and interest in their proper maintenance. He is a man of public spirit and deeply interested in the general welfare, and is a strong supporter of the public school system, because he believes that patriotism and good citizenship are fostered in the schools. He has served as school director. Mr. Smith is a Republican of the Progressive kind, being a staunch admirer and supporter of Colonel Roosevelt's policies and the principles he advocates. He and his family are members of Hopewell M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee. He was a member of the building committee of the church. Mr. Smith has a genial disposition which has won for him a host of friends.

Mr. Smith married April 11, 1877, in Blacklick township, Jennie Elder, a native of Livermore, Westmoreland Co., Pa., daughter of John Elder, a descendant of one of the oldest families of western Pennsylvania. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Gracie married Frank Keebler and lives in Westmoreland county; Maud resides at home; George is engaged at farming and lives at home; Robert Elder, a farmer in Blacklick township, married Myrtle Louella Swasy, daughter of John Swasy; Hazel, who lives at home, was educated in the district



schools and State normal school, graduating from the latter, and taught school in Blacklick township.

SAMUEL TRUBY RUGH, a well-known farmer of Brushvalley township, Indiana county, was born at Greenville, in Cherryhill township, this county, April 1, 1876.

Michael Rugh, grandfather of Samuel T. Rugh, was the son of Christian R. Rugh. He was born and raised in Burrell township, Indiana county, north of Blacklick, and remained there until 1853, when he removed with his family to Cass county, Ind., spending one year in that location. He then went to Macon county, Ill., where he became a large land owner and a prosperous farmer, and lived the remainder of his life, his death occurring there.

Samuel Rugh, father of Samuel T. Rugh, and second son of Michael Rugh, went to Indiana and Illinois with his father, but later returned to Greenville (Penn Run postoffice), where he engaged in the milling and mercantile business, being the owner of the Penn Run Flouring Mill. In 1880 he again went to Illinois, where he remained to the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-two years of age. Mr. Rugh married Margaret Truby, daughter of Simeon and Nancy Truby, of Mechanicsburg, and by her had three children: William, of Illinois; Edgar; and Samuel Truby.

Samuel Truby Rugh, son of Samuel and Margaret (Truby) Rugh, received his education in the public schools of his district, and helped his grandfather, Simeon Truby, in the store until 1898, when he started out for himself. Buying a farm of 117 acres near by, he became engaged in general farming and stock raising, which he has ever since followed. He is now the owner of 300 acres of land, and his success as a farmer is due entirely to his own unceasing efforts and indefatigable labor. He has shown excellent judgment in the conduct of his affairs and has become a valued citizen in his community. In politics long a Republican, he is a great admirer of Colonel Roosevelt. He is quite active in educational work in his community, having been a school director in his district for ten years. He has served four years as member of the council of Mechanicsburg borough. He is liberal in his church views, and is a broad-minded, energetic citizen, whose every effort is for the good of his community.

On Jan. 19, 1898, Mr. Rugh was married to Annie McCrea, daughter of Gilbert T. and

Jettrude M. (Stewart) McCrea, of Brushvalley township, and they have had eight children, viz.: Margaret Blanche, John Truby, Jettrude McCrea, Cora Agnes, Gilbert Samuel (who died in infancy), Alma Elizabeth, Ethel Virginia and Samuel Clyde.

JOSEPH A. HENDERSON, of Center township, Indiana county, comes of a family of Scotch-Irish extraction which was founded in America and Indiana county by Robert Henderson, his great-grandfather. The latter married Mary Ann Ralston.

Robert Henderson, son of Robert and Mary Ann (Ralston) Henderson, was born Aug. 14, 1782, in County Tyrone, Ireland, and was a youth of fifteen when he crossed the Atlantic with the rest of the family to make a home in the wilderness. He continued to live in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., throughout his active years, in his declining days making his home in the borough of Saltsburg, where he died in 1871, in his ninetieth year. He and his brother Joseph served as soldiers in the war of 1812. He married Frances Graham, who was born in 1789, daughter of William and Frances Graham, and died in 1864. Their children were: Mary Ann, who married Robert McMeans; Eliza, who married James Carothers; Jane, who married D. K. Daugherty; Isabelle; Joseph A.; Margaret G., who married Rev. Andrew Getty; Lucinda F.; and Sarah R., who married John Longwill.

Joseph A. Henderson, son of Robert and Frances (Graham) Henderson, was born in 1823 in Conemaugh township, where he grew to manhood. He followed teaming in his early life, later engaging in farming and lumbering. During the winter months he hauled pine timber from the eastern part of the county to Saltsburg. At this time he was living on the old Rose farm, a tract of 200 acres. He was an energetic, thrifty man, and was on the road to prosperity at the time of his death, which occurred Feb. 25, 1863, when he was in his prime, but forty years old. He was thrown from a horse and received fatal injuries. A few months before, on June 10, 1862, he had married Julia A. Wilson, a daughter of Daniel and Letitia Wilson, and their son Joseph A. was born after the father's death. Mrs. Henderson returned to her father's home in Conemaugh township, and some time later married (second) Joseph Pounds.

Joseph A. Henderson was born April 21, 1863, in Conemaugh township, Indiana county,

and was reared by his maternal grandfather, Daniel Wilson, who then lived in Conemaugh township, at what was called Wilson's Mills, on Big run, later moving to Center township, to the Kee farm. The boy attended the public school in the neighborhood, at what is called the Lytle school. At the present writing (1913) he still lives on his grandfather's old homestead, having 147 acres of land, where he is engaged in general farming and stock raising.

Mr. Henderson cast his first vote for James G. Blaine, but some years ago changed his allegiance to the Prohibition party, being a strong advocate of temperance; he has been the Prohibitionist nominee for register and recorder of Indiana county. He has served two terms as school director of Center township and four years as assessor. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, he and his family belonging to Bethel Church.

On June 10, 1886, Mr. Henderson married Margaret A. Harbison, daughter of Edward and Rosanna Harbison, of Center township, and they have had born to them three children, one dying in infancy; the two survivors are Edward B. and Sarabel.

**WILSON.** The Wilson family to which Mr. Henderson belongs in the maternal line is one of the oldest in Indiana county. Robert Wilson, its founder in this region, came from South Carolina in 1775, and settled in what is now called the "Loop," one mile below Livermore. He died in 1817.

Robert Wilson, one of the ten children of the Robert Wilson mentioned above, was born in 1768 in South Carolina and came with his parents to Indiana county. He married Anne McClellan, who was a native of Scotland, born in 1771, and eight children were born to them: James, who married Jane Barkley; Robert, who married Anne Graham; John, who married Margaret Campbell; Daniel, who is mentioned below; Joseph, who married Anne Douthet; and three daughters.

Daniel Wilson, son of Robert and Anne (McClellan) Wilson, was born in 1809 in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, and there grew to manhood. In 1867 he moved to Center township, settling on the Kneer farm, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died Aug. 9, 1885, and was buried in the graveyard of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Center township. Mr. Wilson was a leading worker in that church, which he served as elder, and was also a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a

Republican. He married Letitia Henderson, daughter of John Henderson, and they became the parents of eight children: Robert A.; Lucy A.; John A.; Julia A.; who married Joseph A. Henderson and (second) Joseph Pounds; Nancy Jane, who married Samuel Henry; Letitia E. and William D., twins, the latter marrying Nancy E. Campbell; and Melinda C., who married Robert O. Allison.

**CHARLES BUTLER CAMPBELL COLEMAN,** a well-known agriculturist of Burrell township, for many years also had extensive interests as a dealer in hay, in which line he had business connections all over Indiana county.

The Colemans were in Indiana county among the earliest pioneer settlers, their associations with this region beginning before the period of the Revolution. In the early part of the year 1770 Nicholas Coleman, the founder of the family here, settled in Conemaugh township, which was then a part of Westmoreland county. He was a native of Scotland, born in 1731, and emigrated to America when a young man. His first location was in the Conococheague valley, in Pennsylvania, where he married Jane McClelland, a native of that valley. In 1773 they moved west of the Allegheny mountains, settling in what is now Conemaugh township, Indiana (then Westmoreland) county. Taking up land, he built a log cabin in what was then a wilderness and located there in 1774 or 1775. After he had done some clearing and sowed his second crop of wheat he was driven off by the Indians, and returned to the Conococheague valley, where he remained seven years before venturing to return to his land. He found that his cabin had been burned, the land that he had cleared was covered with a new growth of brush, and the various effects he had buried for safe keeping were missing—at any rate he never found them. But he set to work again to develop a farm from the primitive surroundings, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying at his home. His children were as follows: William, born in 1774, died in 1851, married Mary Lytle, who was born in 1776 and died in 1863; John, born April 9, 1776, died in 1865, married Martha Katon (he was a soldier in the war of 1812); Elizabeth married James Matthews; Margaret married John Matthews and (second) James Oliver; Mary married Samuel Craven; Nancy married Moses Thompson; Jane married Alexander MeGaughey; Archibald is mentioned below; Rob-

ert married Elizabeth McLain (he served in the war of 1812); Sarah was next in the family; James, born in 1795, died in 1857, married Mary Campbell.

Archibald Coleman, son of Nicholas, was born in Conemaugh township, Indiana (then Westmoreland) county, and there grew to manhood. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812. He became an extensive land owner and farmer in his native township, owning a tract of over five hundred acres there, upon which he made improvements and spent all his life. He died on his farm in 1870, and was buried in the cemetery of the Conemaugh Church. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican in turn, and in religious connection he belonged to the United Presbyterian Church, of which he was a leading member, serving as one of the ruling elders. He married Margaret Jamieson, whose father was a minister of the Associate Presbyterian Church, and she lived to the ripe age of ninety-four years, dying in 1884. Six children were born to their marriage: John G., who married Elizabeth Taylor; Archibald; Jane, who married William Bruce; Nancy, who married Hon. William Irwin; James M., who married a Miss Moore; and William J., who married a Margaret Nesbitt.

Archibald Coleman, son of Archibald and Margaret (Jamieson) Coleman, was born on the Coleman farm and there passed his early life. He was given a good practical education and became a well-read man for his day. At the age of twenty-five he left his native township and went to Blacklick township, settling on the Michael Campbell farm, a part of the tract once owned by Gen. Charles Campbell. This farm comprised 360 acres, upon which Mr. Coleman put up a fine residence in 1869, also erecting barns and other buildings. He had extensive farming interests, in connection with which he established a large business as a dealer in hay and grain, he and his son Charles being associated in that line, shipping to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and New York and as far south as Florida. Their shipments often ran as high as three hundred carloads a year, and they were among the best-known men in the trade. Some twelve or fifteen years before his death he removed from his farm to Blairsville, where he built a home and spent the remainder of his life, dying there April 17, 1885. He is buried in Blairsville cemetery. A man well known for his high character and many sterling qualities, he was greatly respected. He was a member of the U. P.

Church of Blairsville and quite active in all its work, serving as ruling elder. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

Mr. Coleman was married in what was then Blacklick (now Burrell) township to Mary Alice Campbell, who was born in what is now Burrell township, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Ramsey) Campbell and granddaughter of Gen. Charles Campbell. She died shortly before her husband, on Feb. 14, 1885, and is buried by his side in Blairsville cemetery. Mrs. Coleman was a sincere Christian woman, a devout member of the U. P. Church, and interested in all good works. She and her husband were the parents of five children: Michael, who died young; Archibald McClelland, who resided in Los Angeles, Cal., for some time, and recently returned to his old home, on Nov. 25, 1912, purchasing 115 acres of the old homestead in Burrell township, where he expects to remain; Alice, who married Dr. Arthur DeVoe, and lived in Seattle, Wash., dying Jan. 8, 1887 (she is buried at Blairsville, Pa.); Charles Butler Campbell; and Margaret, who died in infancy.

Charles Butler Campbell Coleman was born Aug. 14, 1854, on his father's farm in Burrell township, formerly the Campbell farm. He obtained his education in the local public schools and at Blairsville academy and the Millersville State normal school, in Lancaster county. After leaving school he remained on the home place engaged in farming, and also became interested in the hay and grain trade with his father, their business being conducted under the firm name of A. Coleman & Son. He followed that line for over fifteen years in partnership with his father, and after the latter's decease continued in it alone until 1898, when he gave it up to devote all his time to the insurance business. He lived on the homestead and cultivated a tract of 210 acres. In 1889 the fine barn which his father built was destroyed by lightning and Mr. Coleman has replaced it with a fine modern structure, besides making other improvements about the house and the farm. His surroundings show his artistic taste and neatness, the whole property being kept in model condition and giving evidence of his progressive ideas and enterprise in putting them into execution. In addition to his farm work Mr. Coleman engages in the insurance business, having for over twenty years been the representative in Indiana and Westmoreland counties of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of New York. He has also been

active in the local public government, having served as member of the council and board of health for several years while a resident of the borough of Blairsville. In politics he is a Republican of the Progressive type. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Blairsville.

On March 10, 1885, Mr. Coleman married Isabelle F. Cummins, who was born at Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of William Cummins and sister of Dr. R. B. Cummins, a well-known dentist of Blairsville. They have had two children: Alice, who received her education in the public schools of Burrell township and Pittsburg, and at Blairsville College; and Archie Byron, who was educated in the public schools of Pittsburg and high school at Blairsville. Mr. Coleman and his family reside in Pittsburg during the winter season. Mrs. Coleman is, like her husband, a member of the Presbyterian Church.

**CAMPBELL.** The Campbell family, from which Mr. Coleman is descended in the maternal line, is of Scotch extraction, and his branch was founded in Indiana county, Pa., by Gen. Charles Campbell, who was born in 1742 in the Conococheague valley in Pennsylvania. His parents were of Scotch descent, but came to this country from Ireland. General Campbell came to what is now Burrell township, Indiana Co., Pa., about 1772, locating on Blacklick creek, where he erected what are still known as Campbell's mills, now owned by Andrew P. Baker. "A scant record exists of his captivity among the Indians and British." He and "five others of the early settlers were captured by the Indians and held as prisoners for five years." He became a large land owner, having possessions on both sides of Blacklick creek, and was one of the best-known men of his day in the county, taking a leading and active part in its development. The positions of trust and responsibility which he held in the county and on the frontier line indicate in some degree the estimation in which he was held by the citizens and State authorities. He was noted for his military prowess, having had honorable and useful connection with the militia of the county and district; it is not positively known whether he did or did not take part in the Revolution. He died in 1828, when over eighty years old, respected by all who knew him. He was a leading member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church and for some years one of the ruling elders. By his first wife, Margaret Clark, he had twelve children: Bar-

bara, wife of James McLain; Michael; Rebecca, wife of Samuel Denniston; Sarah, wife of Fullerton Woods; Mary, wife of John Denniston; Jane, wife of Dr. Jonathan French; James, who married Amy Howard; Margaret, who married Abram Spears; Tennwell, wife of Robert Doty; Eliza, wife of Alexander Spears; Charles, who married Matilda Henderson and (second) Mary Cummins; and Thomas, who married Elizabeth Fair. After the death of his wife Margaret, Mr. Campbell married Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsey, widow of Maj. William Ramsey. She died in 1821.

We quote the following from an old account: "Mrs. Mary (Cummins) Campbell had several teaspoons over one hundred years old, that were used by General Campbell. Matilda, daughter of late Charles Campbell, has General Campbell's gold watch; this is a unique specimen of old mechanism. It is marked 'M. and A. No. 5106.'"

Michael Campbell, son of Gen. Charles Campbell, was born in what is now Burrell township and there grew to manhood. He became engaged in farming and stock raising, owning a large acreage in Burrell township, and died there in 1833. To him and his wife Elizabeth Ramsey, daughter of Maj. William and Mary (Potter) Ramsey, were born ten children: Charles Butler, born Aug. 25, 1807, died Aug. 30, 1863; James Ramsey, born Jan. 17, 1809, died Oct. 7, 1880; Elizabeth Ramsey, born Jan. 26, 1811, died June 5, 1872, married Absalom Woodward; Michael, born Feb. 20, 1813, died in Ohio, in 1836; Margaret Clark, born April 18, 1815, married Porter Turner; Thomas, born March 8, 1819, died June 6, 1886, in Villisca, Iowa, married Elizabeth J. Wilson; Sarah Jane, born June 17, 1821, married Thomas Wilson, and died in June, 1853; Mary Alice, born June 17, 1823, married June 17, 1846, Archibald Coleman; John Ramsey, born Oct. 26, 1826, died Jan. 2, 1884, married Agnes Jane Hill April 11, 1853; George Washington, born Sept. 1, 1828, married Sarah Giberson, and died at Peabody, Kansas.

**JAMES A. McQUOWN**, justice of the peace, ex-county commissioner of Indiana county, and farmer of Grant township, was born in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., Sept. 24, 1847, son of William and Margaret (Shields) McQuown.

David McQuown, the great-grandfather of James A. McQuown, was born in Ireland, and came to the United States in young manhood, locating in Westmoreland county, Pa.

where he was one of the pioneer settlers. He married a daughter of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg, and spent the rest of his life in Westmoreland county, where his death occurred.

Lawrence McQuown, son of David McQuown, and grandfather of James A. McQuown, was born in 1777 in Westmoreland county, and there grew to manhood on the old homestead place. He enlisted from Westmoreland county in the American army during the war of 1812. In 1827 he came to Indiana county and settled in Rayne township, where he engaged in farming and stock raising, continuing to work faithfully and industriously making a home for his family until he passed away there, when fifty-three years of age, in 1830. He was a Whig in his political views and a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and was buried in the old Washington cemetery in Rayne township. Mr. McQuown married Mary Chambers, and they had a family of thirteen children, as follows: Nancy, who married William Fox; David, who married Isabella Borland; Jane, who married Robert Daugherty; John, who married Hannah Walls; James, who married Jane McQuown; Ellen, who married Alexander Downey; Lawrence, who married Susannah J. Robinson; Thomas, who married Ann M. Robinson; Margaret, who married John Elder; William, the father of James A. McQuown; Mary, who married William Black; Eliza, who married James Bash; and Samuel, who married Keziah Snyder.

William McQuown, son of Lawrence McQuown, and father of James A. McQuown, was born in 1825, in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., and there attended the district schools and grew to manhood. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he early engaged in farming in his native township, but later moved to East Mahoning township, where he continued to carry on operations on rented property. In 1862 he came to Grant township and settled down to farming on a forty-five-acre tract which he purchased from Calvin Young, and there erected a frame house and continued to farm for some years. In his later life he moved to Franklin, Venango county, where he was an officer of the court under Judge Creswell until 1903, resigning at that time because of advancing age. He died in Franklin, May 16, 1905, aged eighty years, and was buried in the Franklin cemetery. He was first a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but later transferred his membership to the Presbyterian. In polit-

ical matters Mr. McQuown was a Whig and later a Republican, and while a resident of Grant township served in the capacity of overseer. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company E, 67th Regiment, P. V. I., under Col. Harry White, and in the battle of Winchester was captured by the Confederates. He was subsequently confined in Libby prison, and before he was finally discharged had become greatly emaciated from his sufferings. On his release he was transferred to Company G, Veteran Reserve Corps, and while in the line of duty some time later was hurt in a railroad accident, receiving a severe injury to his arm. He left the service with a record for bravery and faithful devotion to duty, and with the respect alike of his comrades and officers.

Mr. McQuown was married to Margaret Shields, daughter of Col. William Shields, of the State militia, and she passed away at the home of her son in Clearfield county. Mr. and Mrs. McQuown became the parents of the following children: James A.; Annie M., who married John Potts, and resides at Punxsutawney; William W., who married Susan Shaffer, and lives at Mahaffey, Clearfield county; Hon. Martin Luther, ex-State senator, former superintendent of schools of Clearfield county, and now editor of the *Raftsmen's Journal*, at Clearfield, who married Virginia Flegel; Emma, who married Robert McGarvey, and resides at Gazzam, Pa.; and Nina, who married George Edmondson and resides at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

James A. McQuown, son of William McQuown, attended the public schools of Rayne and East Mahoning townships, and worked on his father's farm until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he enlisted in Company C, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Richard Coulter and Captain Schall, Feb. 29, 1864, and served until the close of the war. At the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, he was wounded in the right side by a minie ball, and sent to the hospital. In September, 1864, he was discharged therefrom and rejoined his regiment, succeeding which he participated in the battles of Hatcher's Run, Boydton Plank Road, Gravelly Run and Five Forks, and was present at the surrender of General Lee, at Appomattox. Following this he was stricken with intermittent fever and was confined in the hospital at Washington, D. C., but managed to be discharged therefrom in time to witness the grand review. On being mustered out of the service, May 31, 1865, he returned to his

home, and almost at once took up the carpenter's trade with Peter Beer, following that occupation for some time in Jefferson and Clearfield counties. In 1876 Mr. McQuown went to the oil fields, where he was engaged in working at his trade. In 1868 he purchased his present property, a tract of sixty acres, on which he erected a round log cabin in the woods. Since 1878 he has given his time and attention to farming and his ventures have proved eminently satisfactory. From time to time he has made valuable improvements on his land, which is now considered one of the valuable tracts in his township, and his substantial buildings, his well-graded fields and his sleek, well-fed cattle, all testify to the presence of able management, thrift and industry.

Mr. McQuown was a Republican until the year 1880, at which time he cast his fortunes with the Greenback party, and on that ticket was elected county commissioner, his colleagues being James Johnson, of Center township, and William Mabon, of East Mahoning township. During his administration several county bridges were built, including the stone arch bridge at Kelleysburg, which cost \$1,200 and is still in a good state of preservation, not having cost the county one dollar for repairs up to the present time. At this time Mr. McQuown is independent in his political views. In 1902 he was elected justice of the peace, receiving his commission from Governor Stone, and in 1907 was reelected and received his commission from Governor Pennypacker, his present term expiring in 1914. He is a popular comrade of Frank Brown Post, No. 266, Grand Army of the Republic, at Richmond, and his religious belief is that of the Christian Church. He has always labored faithfully in behalf of the welfare of his community, and has been the incumbent of many offices. For fifteen years he was a member of the school board, and during that time at different periods served as president, secretary and treasurer; for twenty-eight years he was judge and inspector of election; and he has also served as auditor, township clerk and assessor. Although a man of pronounced views as to what constitutes right and wrong, he is always fair and unbiased in his official decisions, and respects the rights and opinions of others. He is domestic in his tastes and temperate in his habits, a public-spirited citizen, an excellent official, and a whole-souled, generous man, who has succeeded in his own

life and is ready at all times to assist others to success.

On Aug. 14, 1869, James A. McQuown was married to Mary J. Shankle, who was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Elias and Susan (Ayers) Shankle, old settlers of Cherryhill township. Nine children have been born to this union, as follows: Harry E., a farmer of White township, married Clara Gardner; Ada M. married Willis J. Farnsworth, a farmer of Grant township; Martin Luther, residing at Decker's Point, married Rose Riethmiller; James Ernest, a farmer of East Mahoning township, married Minnie Rorabaugh; Charles resides at home; Hazel Virginia, a graduate of the Summer normal school and Purchase Line academy, is now a public school teacher; Murray Clifford resides at Dixonville; Paul V. was educated in the public schools and summer normal school, and has been a teacher in Grant, Montgomery, Banks and Canoe townships; Ted is engaged in farming and resides at home. Murray C. and Ted McQuown are members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

A. J. WEIR ROBINSON, a farmer and stock raiser of Conemaugh township, was born in that township Aug. 14, 1856, son of James W. Robinson.

John Robinson, his grandfather, married Mary Weir as his first wife, and second Jane Marshall. Of the first union three sons were born: Robert W., who married Jane Ritchey, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Adam, who married Mary Foster, and lived in Westmoreland county, where he followed farming; and James W. Of the second union, there were four sons and five daughters, as follows: John M., William M., Samuel S., Thomas W., Jennie S., Rachel, Jane, Eliza M. and Maria W.

James W. Robinson, father of A. J. Weir Robinson, was born Feb. 21, 1803, and died Feb. 4, 1865. He married Rebecca Weir, of Pigeon Creek, Washington Co., Pa., who was born in 1813 and died in 1895, and both are buried in Edgewood cemetery, at Saltsburg. They were the parents of six children: Sarah M., born Oct. 30, 1834, died unmarried; Rebecca J., born Sept. 25, 1836, married Rev. W. W. Woodend, D. D., a Presbyterian minister, and is deceased; Martha E., born June 30, 1839, married Rev. S. J. Berlin, a Lutheran preacher, and both are deceased; William Thomas, born April 27, 1841, served in the Union army during the Civil war, having enlisted in 1863, and died in 1865; Ella

M., born Sept. 13, 1849, died unmarried; A. J. Weir is mentioned at length below.

James W. Robinson was reared on his father's homestead in Conemaugh township, and there spent his useful life. In time he became the owner of 200 acres of fertile land, and having learned agriculture from the initial steps pursued that calling all his life with very satisfactory results, branching out until he became an extensive stockman, raising cattle and horses that were recognized as the best in this part of the State, all of blooded stock. In 1833 he erected a substantial and comfortable residence, now the property of his son A. J. Weir Robinson, and remodeled it in 1859. In addition he put up barns and other outbuildings to correspond, and took a pride in keeping his premises in excellent order. Although he died before many modern inventions came upon the market, he took advantage of the assistance offered by those of his day, and his farm was a model for his neighbors.

Early recognizing the importance and necessity of good roads, he advocated improving the public highways, and after the office was created was one of the first men to serve as road supervisor. While always active in township affairs he did not desire office, but preferred to use his influence in his private capacity. Generous and consistent as a member of the Presbyterian Church, his devotion was rewarded by his election as elder, but he declined the honor, declaring he felt that with the numerous duties resting upon him as a farmer and business man he could not do justice to the office. During the years of his mature life, he kept the interests of Conemaugh township close to his heart and when he died this locality lost one of its best and most representative citizens. Devoted to his home and family he found his pleasures in the circle of his relatives, and was deeply mourned when death claimed him.

A. J. Weir Robinson, son of James W. Robinson, was brought up in his native township, and early taught the habits of industry and economical management that have aided him in his more than ordinarily successful career. During his boyhood he attended the Robinson district school, No. 1, and later for two terms went to the old Saltsburg academy. Being only nine years old when he lost his father, he owes his careful training to his good mother. He assisted with the work at home until seventeen years of age, and then, although young for the responsibilities, took charge of the farm, then consisting of 200

acres, and has since continued to carry on his agricultural interests, although at times he has branched out in other directions. His farm is one of the finest in Conemaugh township, and he devotes it to general farming and stock raising, conducting his operations according to advanced methods, for he is a firm believer in scientific agriculture. His property is well supplied with modern machinery and he takes advantage of governmental experiments to aid him in his work. His residence is the one built by his father in 1833, and rebuilt in 1859, and Mr. Robinson has added much to its original equipment in the way of comforts, having a very desirable home. His barns are thoroughly up-to-date in every respect, and it would be difficult to find any agriculturist of Indiana county who has a better equipment all through than Mr. Robinson.

In 1898 Mr. Robinson built a butcher shop near his residence and went into the wholesale and retail meat business which he carried on until the spring of 1912, when he retired. At one time he operated several butcher wagons, which carried meat about the township. Mr. Robinson drilled a well one hundred feet deep, and pumps this bountiful supply by the Kewanee system to his house, barns and outbuildings. When the Eldersridge and West Lebanon Telephone Company was organized he was one of its promoters and founders, and carries a large amount of its stock. The Saltsburg Presbyterian Church has in him a warm supporter, and for the last twenty-eight years he has been one of its trustees, and for eight years has been an elder. From 1883 to 1898 he rendered valuable service as a school director, has been township assessor for the past ten years, and like his father has always been deeply interested in the welfare of the township and the betterment of its conditions.

On Feb. 16, 1882, Mr. Robinson married Eva L. Guthrie, daughter of William and Eliza M. (Robinson) Guthrie, of Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa. One daughter has been born of this union, Ella Maud, born Feb. 16, 1883, who is at home, a most charming young lady. Mrs. Robinson presides over her home delightfully, and she and her daughter entertain hospitably, having drawn about them a congenial circle.

WADDLE. The Waddle family is counted among the old established residents of Pennsylvania, dating back to Colonial days, and its representatives have been prominent fac-

tors in the maintenance of peace and the development of the natural resources of their country.

James Waddle, grandfather of Samuel and James Elmer Waddle, was born in Westmoreland county, near Loyalhanna, and died in that locality, being interred with his three wives in the cemetery at the Loyalhanna Church, in Westmoreland county. James Waddle was married first to Anna Burns, who became the mother of the following children: Frank, William, John, James, Samuel, Martha, Mary, Margaret, Jane and Sarah. He was a farmer, operating extensively on a large tract of land, and was one of the leading agriculturists of Westmoreland county in his day.

Samuel Waddle, son of James Waddle and father of Samuel and James Elmer Waddle, was born near Loyalhanna, Westmoreland Co., Pa., in 1818, and died in 1894. In 1846 he came to Indiana county, settling in Conemaugh township, where he bought the salt works on the Osprey tract from a Mr. Ralston, as well as the farm known as the Thomas Reed property. This latter was one and a half miles from what was then known as Kelly's station, now Tunnelton. Here he continued to manufacture salt and operate his farm for the remainder of his life, although the last ten years he lived somewhat retired from arduous work. Although interested in the development and advancement of his township and county, he did not take an active part in politics, for he was a retiring man, happiest when at home with his family. The Baptist Church at Tunnelton held his membership and received his generous support. At his death he was laid to rest in the Saltsburg cemetery.

Samuel Waddle married Martha Smith, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Anderson) Smith, who now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Dick, in Conemaugh township. The following children were born to Samuel Waddle and his wife: Anna Elizabeth, born Aug. 30, 1845, is deceased; Martha Ellen, born Dec. 22, 1847, married Michael F. Dick, and had children Roy and Roxie, the former being in charge of the farm; Mary C., born April 29, 1850, married J. H. Lyttle; John A., born in July, 1853, married Mary Badger, and is a farmer of Westmoreland county; Samuel is mentioned below; Frank E., born Dec. 13, 1859, married Matilda Patent, and died March 11, 1892; William S., born June 2, 1862, married Sarah Winings, and is a farmer of Derry township; James Elmer is mentioned below.

SAMUEL WADDLE, son of Samuel Waddle

and grandson of James Waddle, was born May 28, 1857, in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa. He grew up in the locality, receiving his educational training in the local schools, and taught habits of industry and thrift by his parents, while living at home and assisting his father in the salt works and on the farm. In 1881, after he had attained to his majority, Mr. Waddle bought the old John Kelly farm of 131 acres, which he has devoted to general farming and stock raising. Later he purchased a sixty-acre tract in Westmoreland county and operated it for many years, but sold it finally to the Keystone Coal Company. The Waddle homestead is beautifully situated on the Conemaugh river near Tunnelton, and it is well improved, Mr. Waddle having erected a comfortable residence, commodious barn and other outbuildings, as well as installed numerous modern conveniences that aid him in the conduct of his operations.

Samuel Waddle married Ida Anna Dixon, daughter of Joseph and Martha (Pierce) Dixon, of Conemaugh township. Mr. and Mrs. Waddle are the parents of seven children: Edward Ray, born in April, 1887, died in November, 1910, and is buried in Saltsburg cemetery; Flora M. attended the Indiana normal school, was graduated from the Cline normal school and is now a teacher, having taught two terms at Tunnelton and being now engaged at Salina, Pa.; Phyllis M. taught two terms of school at Tunnelton and is now teaching at Avonmore, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Adella Ruth is now attending normal school at Indiana town; Susan Martha, Howard Samuel and Ethel Elizabeth are at home.

A strong Democrat, Mr. Waddle has taken an intelligent interest in politics in his neighborhood, serving capably as township auditor for three years, supervisor for six years, and school director for six years. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership, and he served it for an extended period as trustee. A thoroughly reliable man and public-spirited citizen, Mr. Waddle has not only attained to well-merited prosperity, but has given his community faithfully service extending over many years, which is appreciated by his fellow citizens.

JAMES ELMER WADDLE, son of the elder Samuel Waddle, was born May 29, 1865, in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa. Growing up amid the usual surroundings of a country boy of his day and community, Mr. Waddle attended school in district No. 9. While going to school, his youthful energies



were employed at the salt works owned by his father and in tasks about the farm. After attaining to his majority, Mr. Waddle became interested along several lines of endeavor before devoting himself to farming and stock raising. For a number of years he conducted a large general store at Tunnelton, and when the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was doing its new grading in 1907, Mr. Waddle was superintendent for C. A. Sims & Co., who held the contract for the work. After his father's death Mr. Waddle bought out the other heirs and now owns the old Waddle homestead of nearly two hundred acres, on which he carries on general farming and raises stock. He also is a heavy stock buyer and dealer, shipping to Pittsburg. Owing to his experience and the extent of his operations, Mr. Waddle is known all over the county as an expert on cattle, and his opinions are respected in relation to this line of work.

James Elmer Waddle was married to Margaret Elizabeth Elrick, daughter of Robert and Jane (Anderson) Elrick. Mrs. Waddle was born near Social Hall, Westmoreland Co., Pa., but later lived at Lewisville, in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Waddle are the parents of the following children: Carrie Irene, born Nov. 21, 1887, married Clyde Lowman, son of Squire Hugh Lowman, and their children are Olive Gayle and Genevieve; Mary Bell, born March 14, 1890, married Dr. William Johns, of Mechanicsburg, Brushvalley township (she attended the Indiana normal and taught school for three terms in Conemaugh township and one term in Saltsburg); Olive Marguerite was born Nov. 9, 1892; Velma Jane, Sept. 12, 1895; Arthur James, Feb. 7, 1898; Marion Elrick, Oct. 8, 1900; Samuel Paul, Feb. 22, 1903; Helen Elizabeth, April 14, 1906, and William Keneth, March 17, 1912. Olive and Velma graduated from the Saltsburg high school in 1911, and Velma is now attending school at Mechanicsburg.

Having virtually spent his life in Conemaugh township, Mr. Waddle is naturally interested in local affairs and has given time and money to improve conditions. For nine years he rendered efficient service as supervisor of roads, and has often been selected as judge or inspector of elections.

The name of Waddle has long stood for integrity of purpose and uprightness of living and those who bear it now are living fully up to the high standards raised by those who have gone before. They are proud of their family

and what its members have accomplished, and are earnest in their endeavors to do nothing to take from its prestige.

SAMUEL A. KRIDER, who is in the grain business at Starford, Indiana Co., Pa., where he operates a flour and feed mill, was born in Center county, Pa., Feb. 9, 1874, son of Rev. Samuel and Mary (Royer) Krider.

John Krider, his grandfather, was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania and in early manhood came to Center county, where he established the family. He lived and died on his old farm there.

Rev. Samuel Krider was born at Gatesburg, Center county, and was reared in that county. Up to the age of thirty years he was mainly engaged in teaching school, at that period of his life entering the ministry of the Lutheran Church. Enlisting in the army at the age of eighteen, in September, 1861, he was discharged at the expiration of his term, in the year 1864. He belonged to Company E, 45th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and took part in the following engagements: James Island, S. C.; Fort Pulaski, Falmouth, Va.; South Mountain, Md.; Antietam; Fredericksburg, Va.; Jamestown, Ky.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Jackson, Miss.; Cumberland Gap, Md.; Blue Springs, Ky.; Campbell Station, Ky.; Knoxville, Ky.; Wilderness, Va.; Cold Harbor, Va., and Spottsylvania, Va. He was wounded at Spottsylvania courthouse in the left arm and wrist, in October, 1864. After the war he taught school for nine years and then entered Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, graduating in 1884. He received his first call to Turtle Creek, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he was stationed for three years; his second charge was at Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he labored for several years, after which he was located seven years at Cookport, Indiana Co., Pa.; next at Hooversville, Somerset Co., Pa., two years; then at Portage, Cambria Co., Pa.; lived in Greensburg a little over one year, but was not in active work while there; and lastly was at Johnstown, Pa., after which he retired.

Mr. Krider married Mary Royer, who was born at Center Hill, Center Co., Pa., daughter of Samuel Royer, a native of Germany, who came to the United States and settled in Center county, Pa. He was a miller and conducted what was known as the Red mill, in Center Hill. Three children were born to Rev. Samuel and Mary Krider, namely: Samuel A.; John R., who died in 1904; and

Alva R., who is in the news and stationery business at Johnstown.

Samuel A. Krider attended public school in Green township, and afterward taught school at what is now called Uniontown (Beringer post office). He then became a clerk in a business house at Johnstown and while in that town was connected with the Johnstown *Daily Times*. His first independent start in business was made in July, 1898, at Windber, Somerset Co., Pa., when he had a general store which he conducted only a short time. After quitting the store he became engaged with the Kirk Hardware Company, in that same place, and was manager for a little over one year, after which he entered the employ of the Eureka Supply Company, as assistant bookkeeper. He was with that company for over four years, during which time he attained the position of head bookkeeper, holding that position until the latter part of 1904, when he resigned and returned to Indiana county, locating at Pleasant Valley. However, during this time, in October, 1900, he entered into partnership with A. N. Buterbaugh, in the general mercantile business, in Windber, Mr. Buterbaugh taking charge personally. They continued same until October, 1904, when they moved their stock from there to Pleasant Valley, Indiana county, and carried on the business there until January, 1905, when they sold out to another party. At that time they started in the feed business in Starford, Pa., under the name of Buterbaugh-Krider Company, and continued that until 1908, when Mr. Krider bought Mr. Buterbaugh's interest. He has since conducted the business himself. He was one of the pioneer business men at Starford and has resided there ever since the town was started.

Mr. Krider was married at Lovejoy, Dec. 24, 1896, to Agnes P. Buterbaugh, daughter of A. N. Buterbaugh, whose father was one of the early settlers in Green township. Mrs. Krider is one of the following family: Harry R., who lives at Starford; Ollie, who is the wife of Thomas Fleming, of Windber; Mrs. Krider; J. H., who is manager of the Dixon Run Lumber Company, Starford, Pa.; Louie, who is the wife of M. L. McQuown, of Josephine, Pa.; and Blair, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Krider have two children, Beulah and Harry R. They belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Krider has some additional business interests, and is a director of the Clymer National Bank. He is active in Masonry, belonging to the minor branches at

Ebensburg; to the Consistory at Williamsport, and to the Mystic Shrine at Altoona.

CAPT. JOHN KINTER has been one of the most prominent residents of Rayne township, Indiana county, a leader in movements for the welfare of his locality and a public official whose services have been satisfactory in every position to which he has been chosen. He was born Aug. 6, 1841, on the old Kinter homestead, in Washington township, now included in Rayne township, son of Isaac and Hannah (Myers) Kinter, and is the last surviving member of their family. He still occupies the old homestead—the third generation of his family to live there.

Philip Kinter, the first ancestor of this family in America, came to this country from Holland and settled in Huntingdon (now Center) county, Pa., at the headwaters of Spruce creek. He died in that county. He married Barbara King.

John Kinter, son of Philip, served as a soldier in the Revolution, enlisting three times and serving two months on each call. He married Isabella Findley and they had eight children, among whom were Isaac, Henry and John. In 1808 he removed from Center county to what is now Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., settling near Kintersburg, which was named after him. He died aged eighty-two years, his wife living to the advanced age of ninety-one. One of their sons, Henry, served in the United States army during the war of 1812 and was at one time sheriff of Indiana county.

John Kinter, son of John and Isabella (Findley), was born in 1786, came to Indiana county in 1808, and died on a farm near the old homestead at the age of ninety-six years. His wife, Sarah (Ross), lived to the age of ninety. Their son, Isaac Kinter, born in Center county, Aug. 6, 1805, was the father of Capt. John Kinter. He was one of the foremost citizens of this section in his day, serving for years as township treasurer, was supervisor and school director, and for one term county auditor. He married Hannah Myers, and they had eight children, all now deceased but John; his last brother died in 1912. The family have all been fighters and ready to give their services to their country, and three of the sons of Isaac Kinter served during the Civil war, John, D. M., and Peter C.; D. M. Kinter was a first lieutenant in the 6th Regiment, Missouri State militia (he became a minister of the Christian Church) and Peter C. Kinter became a member of Com-

pany I, 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, dying of typhoid fever Oct. 18, 1862, at Washington, D. C.

John Kinter, son of Isaac, was reared to manhood on the homestead and followed farming, which has been his occupation throughout life. On Aug. 7, 1862, the day after he reached the age of twenty-one, he enlisted in Company I, 135th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the 1st Brigade, 3d Division, 1st Army Corps. In 1862 the regiment did guard duty and patrol service at Washington, D. C., and Mr. Kinter saw service at the battles of Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg. He was discharged in May, 1863, and again entered the service in March, 1865, this time joining Company F, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as first lieutenant, and was subsequently promoted to captain, serving with that rank until discharged, Aug. 29, 1865. He was one of the scouting party that went out after Mosby. During his first enlistment he had served as drum major, and he still has the drum he carried. He is an honored member of John Pollock Post, G. A. R., and belongs to the Park Veteran Military Band of Marion Center, Indiana county.

At the close of his army service Captain Kinter returned to Indiana county and settled on the home farm in Rayne township, which he still cultivates. He has been a successful farmer and progressive in his ideas, supporting every movement which appeals to his judgment as effective for the advancement of the general welfare. He served two years as president of the Patrons Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Indiana County, and he has taken an active part in public affairs, serving the township as auditor, clerk and supervisor. He was at one time the nominee for sheriff, but failed of election. His political connection is with the Republican party.

On May 21, 1868, Captain Kinter married Elizabeth Lingenfelter, who was born Oct. 6, 1847, in Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of John and Catherine (Mauk) Lingenfelter. They have had a large family, seven of whom are still living, namely: Isaac W., a farmer of Rayne township, who married Sadie Wohlens, of that township; P. Watson, who is mentioned below; Mabel M., who lives at home; Elizabeth, who graduated at the Indiana normal school in June, 1913; John L., an electrician; Andrew R., an electrician; and Martha, who graduated from the business college at Indiana, and is stenographer for the Penn-Mary Coal Company at Heilwood,

Pa. Three sons and one daughter are deceased: Guy N., who died in 1902; D. Benton, who died in 1906, survived by his wife, Clara (Hines) and son Benton; Frank D., who died in 1912, leaving his wife, Lelia A. (Shields); and Laura B., who married Rev. H. S. McClintock, of Somerset, Pa., and died in 1904, leaving her husband and one child, Laura E., who lives with her grandfather, Captain Kinter.

Captain Kinter and his wife are members of the Church of Christ, in which he was at one time quite an active worker, serving as deacon.

P. WATSON KINTER, best known as "Watt" Kinter, proprietor of the hotel at Chambersville, Indiana county, was born April 11, 1873, at Kintersburg, this county, son of John and Elizabeth (Lingenfelter) Kinter. He attended the Shields school in Rayne township. In his early life he worked in the woods for some time, peeling bark, and made a trip to the West, where he was employed at threshing and cow punching. In 1899 he bought a restaurant at Guthrie, Okla., which he carried on for one year. In February, 1902, he became engaged as a plumber in St. Louis, Mo. On May 27, 1904, Mr. Kinter opened a hotel at Creekside, Indiana county, which he conducted for one year, at the end of that time buying the Chambersville hotel, to which he has since given all his attention. He is well adapted for the business, in which he has met with continued success, his establishment being well patronized. Mr. Kinter is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, and in politics he is a Republican.

On June 1, 1904, he married Olive Cost, of Indiana, Pa., daughter of Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Cost, the former a plumber. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kinter, Joseph Watson, Mary Elizabeth and Ebert Paul.

HARMON L. McCULLOUGH, M. D., physician and surgeon at Cookport, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Montgomery township, Indiana county, Aug. 29, 1853, and is a son of David and Rachel (Lovelaec) McCullough.

John McCullough, the Doctor's grandfather, spent his early life in Shelocta, Indiana county, but later moved to Clearfield county, settling in Burnside township, where he cleared a farm and spent the rest of his life in tilling the soil.

David McCullough, son of John and father of Dr. McCullough, was born in Shelocta, In-

diana Co., Pa., and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed in Montgomery township for many years. In 1870 he moved to Cookport, and there his death occurred March 27, 1888. He married Rachel Lovelace, who was born in York county, Pa., and came to Indiana county with her sister when both were young women, the other members of her family following some time later. She died Dec. 25, 1891, the mother of six children, four of whom lived to maturity: George W., who resides in Green township; Bruce, who lives on the old homestead in Montgomery township; Dr. Harmon L.; and Samuel L., a merchant of Cookport.

William Lovelace, the maternal grandfather of Dr. McCullough, was a native of York county, and there his entire life was spent in agricultural pursuits.

Harmon L. McCullough's boyhood was spent on the home farm in Montgomery township, and there he attended the district schools. He was seventeen years of age when he accompanied the family to Cookport, and shortly thereafter he entered the State normal school, at Indiana. Afterward he became a student in the Western Reserve School of Medicine, at Cleveland, Ohio, and there received his degree in 1883, immediately after which he established himself in practice in Cookport. He has built up a large professional business, and is widely known in the medical fraternity of Indiana county, as well as being prominent in financial circles as a director of the Savings & Trust Company, of Indiana.

Dr. McCullough has interested himself in promoting the cause of education, and during the last twenty years has been a member of the board of school directors of Green township. His religious connection is with the Baptist Church.

JAMES DOWLER AKE now gives the greater part of his time to his farming and banking interests, but in his numerous business activities he has proved himself a man of varied resources in the success he has made of all his undertakings. He has had prominent connection with some of the important projects in this part of the State carried through to successful completion, and his executive ability is recognized by all who have been associated with him. As a promoter of large enterprises he has aided notably in the progress and development of this region.

Mr. Ake was born Dec. 11, 1853, at New Washington, Clearfield Co., Pa., son of Jacob G. and Eliza (Nuttley) Ake. The father was

a merchant, lumberman and farmer, engaging in merchandising at different times in New Washington. But he finally returned to Indiana county, in 1865 opening a store at Hillsdale, in Montgomery township, which he sold in 1866, retiring to his farm at Hillsdale. James D. Ake obtained his education in the public schools. He was reared on the farm with his father, whom he assisted in his agricultural work as well as in the general store at Hillsdale, also lumbering, until he reached the age of twenty-five years. From that time he has been in independent business. For a time he conducted sawmills near Indiana and Saltsburg, Indiana county, and sold lumber to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Then he engaged in lumbering on the Susquehanna river and in partnership with his brother D. S. Ake conducted a store, also buying cattle and other stock. Buying out his brother he became associated in business with George MeKeage, and for some time was extensively engaged in railroad building, constructing a road for the New York Central Railway Company, a line near Williamsport, the line to Arcadia (Indiana county), the Pittsburg & Eastern road, the road from Rossiter Junction to Rossiter and from Potts Run to Madina, and part of the road from Burnside to Cherrytree. He also conducted a store at Burnside, in 1902. His lumbering operations have been extensive. In partnership with Horace Tompkins he put in 78,000,000 feet of lumber on the Susquehanna river, putting the logs in at the head of the river. He was a partner of the late J. W. Clark, in the manufacture of lumber, rough and dressed, of all kinds. Mr. Ake built the street car system of the Indiana County Street Railroad Company at Indiana and was general manager during the construction. He is prominently identified with local banking interests, being one of the vice presidents of the First National Bank of Glen Campbell and a director of the Farmers' Bank of Indiana. He is a director of the Juniata Manufacturing Company, of Williamsburg, manufacturers of blank books, etc.; is connected with the Hillsdale Coal & Coke Company of which he is president (the firm composed of J. O. and H. E. Clark), whose mines are located at Madeline, Indiana Co., Pa.; and is president of the Arcadia Water Company and president of the Arcadia Land Company. Mr. Ake has a farm of 200 acres in Montgomery township, Indiana county, in the cultivation of which he is now actively engaged. It is thoroughly modern in all its appointments and up-to-date ideas and meth-



*James D. Ake*



ods are everywhere in evidence about the property. The town of Hillsdale lies on the south side of the farm.

On June 19, 1883, Mr. Ake married Sarah Frances Churchill, of Hillsdale, Pa., daughter of Philander and Elizabeth (Rank) Churchill, and six children have been born to them, one of whom, Wilfred Hall, died when five and a half years old. The others are: Almont, who is engaged in school teaching; Everett Camp, who is assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Glen Campbell; Philander, a student; Elizabeth Rank; and James Hubert.

CLARK G. MARSHALL, a farmer and stockman of South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born on the old Marshall homestead, near his present farm, Dec. 6, 1855.

(I) William Marshall, the first of this branch of the family in Pennsylvania, was born in Ireland in 1722, and there grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Armstrong. In 1748 he came to the American Colonies and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, where he followed farming. Later he moved to what is now Indiana county, but was then included in Westmoreland county, to which his son John Marshall had gone some years previously. The family secured property in Conemaugh township, and on it William Marshall rounded out his useful life, passing away in 1796. He was a man of substance in his community, and highly respected by all who knew him. His remains were laid to rest in Ebenezer Church cemetery. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and devoted to his church. His excellent wife passed away in 1806, having survived him for some ten years, and was laid by his side in the little old cemetery. Among their children were: John, James, William, Andrew, Samuel and Margaret.

(II) William Marshall, son of William Marshall, the immigrant ancestor, came to Conemaugh township with his parents and there engaged in farming, becoming the owner of a tract of 428 acres. Later he moved to Armstrong county, settling near Glade Run, where his cousin Archibald Marshall had located. On this farm he spent the remainder of his life. His children were: Joseph married Elizabeth Marshall; William married a Miss Lewis; John married Martha Kirkpatrick; Elizabeth married John McClelland; Mary married Abel Finley; Margaret married Benjamin Irwin; James W. is mentioned

below; Robert married Mary Hindman; Samuel married Julia Lentz.

(III) James W. Marshall, son of William Marshall, was born on Blacklegs creek, in Conemaugh township, and was taken to Glade Run, Armstrong Co., Pa., by his parents. There he grew to manhood, and in 1820 settled in what is now South Mahoning township, Indiana county, near the home place of others of the family. This was almost on the line dividing the south and west divisions of Mahoning. His tract was a large one, and he went to work at once to clear it of the heavy timber. Although he had developments well started at the time of his death, he passed away while still in the prime of life, in 1844, when fifty-one years old.

James W. Marshall married Margaret Marshall, a daughter of Archibald Marshall, who settled in Glade Run, Armstrong Co., Pa., where his cousin, William Marshall, also located. Mrs. Marshall died in 1873, having survived her husband many years. Their children were: William; Margaret, who married Thomas Davis, and (second) Nathaniel Doty; Joseph W.; Archibald, who married Mary Ann Wadding; Robert; and Catherine, who married Lewis Marshall, and (second) Henry Bowser.

(IV) Joseph W. Marshall, son of James W. Marshall, was born Dec. 11, 1827, on the farm in South Mahoning township. When he was seventeen years old he had the misfortune to lose his father. Prior to that he had attended the local schools, and after his father's death he continued working on the homestead. When he attained his majority he obtained a tract of 120 acres of the home farm, ten acres of which were already cleared. With characteristic energy he began making improvements, putting up all the buildings on the property, including a frame residence and barn, and carried on general farming and stock raising throughout his active years. While his life has been uneventful, he did his duty at all times and brought up his family to be an honor to the name. A strong Whig, he espoused the principles of the Republican party upon its formation, and held many offices, including those of school director, assessor, supervisor and member of the election board. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership, and he was an elder in that body for years, being connected with the congregation of that faith at Plumville. Although he is now eighty-five years old, he still possesses most of his faculties. He makes

his home with his children, by whom he is much beloved.

Joseph W. Marshall married Jane Davis, of South Mahoning township, a daughter of Abraham Davis. She died in 1863, and is buried in the cemetery of the Mahoning Baptist Church, having been a consistent member of that church. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Adoniram Judson, who resides in Los Angeles, Cal., married Clara Irwin and (second) Jane Orr; one son died in infancy, unnamed; Louise Ann married Job W. Luckhart, of Punxsutawney, Pa., and is deceased; Clark G. had a twin sister, who died in infancy. In 1865 Mr. Marshall married (second) Mary Stewart, a daughter of Thomas Stewart, who survives. They had the following children: Rebecca J.; Margaret E., who married Clark Sink; Harvey S., who is deceased (his widow, Bessie Hamilton, married John Kirkpatrick); Nettie Irwin, deceased; Allice R., who married Elmer Shaffer, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Lawrence J., of Rochester, N. Y.; Minerva Mary; Rainey W.; Rosella Sarah, who is deceased; Mason Forbes, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Esther Frances, who married Homer Hiskell; and Bertha Dean, who married Homer Sadler.

The Marshall family is one of the largest in Indiana county, and its representatives have given much attention to agricultural matters. Many of the finely developed farms of this locality are owned and operated by descendants of the first William Marshall. The Marshalls are not confined to Indiana county, however, or Pennsylvania either, for they have spread over the country, and wherever found are prosperous and industrious, a credit to their name and a valuable addition to the community. Good blood tells, and careful raising brings forth the best in a man. The posterity of the original Marshall who braved all the dangers, not inconsiderable in those early days, of crossing the ocean to an almost unknown land, does him credit.

(V) Clark G. Marshall is one of the best examples of what a man can accomplish when he is temperate, industrious and frugal. He was educated in the local schools, and learned farming from its simplest to its most complicated operations. Until he was twenty-six he remained at home, and then settled on a portion of the old homestead, comprising sixty-three acres. On this property he has made all the present improvements, all of which reflect credit upon him, for they are modern in character and kept in excellent order. In addition to his original holdings he

bought 119 acres of land in South Mahoning, and operates both farms, carrying on general farming and stock raising. A progressive man, he believes in applying up-to-date methods in his work, and his success proves that he is right in his ideas.

In 1881 Mr. Marshall was married to Nancy Thompson, of Armstrong county, Pa., who has proved a most excellent wife and mother and a true Christian woman, being connected with the Presbyterian Church as a member and active participant in all its good works. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall: Salome is at home; Lottie married Professor Ambrose, and resides at Pittsburg; Bessie, Eva, Merl, Wilson and John are at home.

Mr. Marshall has always taken a deep interest in educational matters, and donated the land for the Cross Roads school which is on his farm. In addition to this liberality he served as school director for many years, and for twelve years was president of the board. For one term he was township supervisor. His support of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member, has always been generous and valuable, and he has been one of its elders and trustees for many years.

A strong Republican in his political convictions, Mr. Marshall is, however, particularly favorable to any candidate who carries out his ideas regarding temperance. He believes the greatest evil of the times is the liquor traffic, and he is unalterably opposed to encouragement of it in any way whatsoever. Very temperate in his personal habits, Mr. Marshall is proud of the fact that he has never taken a drink in his life, so that he sets an excellent example, and teaches it that way as well as by precept. He feels that he owes much of his success in life to the fact that he has not wasted his strength and money in intemperate living. Always regretting his own lack of educational advantages, he has labored hard and long to provide suitable schools and teachers for the children of his district, and many of the present desirable conditions have been brought about through his public-spirited efforts. Such a man as Mr. Marshall lends solidity to any locality, and he can be counted upon to give substantial assistance to any movement that has for its object the better teaching of the masses to a thorough understanding of right living.

EDWARD NIXON, a lifelong resident of Indiana, Indiana county, was the second male child born at that place, where his father set-



ted in the early part of the last century. He was a relative of Col. John Nixon, who first read the Declaration of Independence to the people of Philadelphia on July 8, 1776.

The Nixon family is of Irish extraction, Mr. Nixon's grandfather, Edward Nixon, having been born in Ireland, where he married a Miss Bracken and reared a family.

Robert Nixon, son of Edward, above, was born in 1780 in County Donegal, Ireland, and came to this country when twelve years old with his parents, the family settling at Basking Ridge, N. J. He came to the vicinity of Carlisle, Pa., in 1794, but removed the next year to Washington county, and then in 1798 to Newport, on Blacklick creek, Indiana county, where he was engaged as a clerk in a store for several years with his second cousin, Robert Nixon. In 1803 he purchased some of the first lots sold at Indiana, and erected a store and a half hewed log house on the corner of Philadelphia street and Carpenter's alley, on the site of the present Savings & Trust building. He began business as a merchant in the upper part of this house, the store room being reached by a pair of outside stairs, and from this modest start became a man of affairs in the town, where he spent the remainder of his life. In 1812 he removed his store to larger quarters, and in 1832 opened the celebrated "Nixon Hotel," on what is now the site of Godfrey Marshall's residence, and was proprietor of same for several years. He died at Indiana in 1850, at the age of seventy years. Mr. Nixon was married in New Jersey to Mrs. Mary (Sutton) Ayers, daughter of Peter Sutton, Jr., and she died in 1851, at the age of seventy. They were originally members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, later joining the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were: Edward; George, who died in Indiana; James, who died at Broad Top, Pa.; Mary, wife of Rev. Robert White, an M. E. minister; and Robert.

Edward Nixon, son of Robert and Mary (Sutton) Nixon, was born Feb. 25, 1808, at Indiana, and received his education there, in the common schools. He became an excellent mathematician and one of the finest penmen in the State. When a boy he began clerking in the store conducted by his father, whom he also assisted in the work of conducting the "Nixon Hotel," and he early gave evidence of the business ability which won him such a substantial place among the successful men of the borough. His first business venture was in partnership with John Thompson.

They had a small country store at Sharp's mill, in this county, and also operated Sharp's mill during that time, doing business there for four years, after which Mr. Nixon returned to Indiana and opened a store in what is now the Hassinger bakery. In 1843-44 he built a home at No. 34 North Sixth street, a very substantial structure of brick; part of the foundation was made of stone from the old jail, and the old jail bolt is still used on the cellar door. The house being so large Mrs. Nixon suggested that he use the south side for his store, which he did, carrying on mercantile business there until 1861, when he gave it up because of impaired health. He then turned the store quarters into law offices, Judge Clark having an office there from 1874 until he was elected to the Supreme bench. When Mr. Nixon's daughter, Miss Fanny W. Nixon, was appointed postmistress of Indiana on March 17, 1886, she kept the office in the old store room of the house. Mr. Nixon was more or less of an invalid from the time of his retirement, in 1861, until his death, which occurred at his home June 2, 1889. His remains were interred in Oakland cemetery. Few citizens of the borough were held in higher esteem. He was honored as one of the most progressive and intelligent members of the community, and left a reputation for integrity and real worth of which his family may well be proud. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but some years prior to his death he and his wife joined the Protestant Episcopal Church. In political opinion he was a lifelong Democrat.

On July 3, 1843, Mr. Nixon was married to Phebe Birg Keely, who was born in 1818 at Mifflin, Mifflin Co., Pa., daughter of Henry Keely, and died in 1906, at the advanced age eighty-eight years. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nixon: Robert Henry, who died in 1901, married Lizzie Haws, of Johnstown, Pa., and she and their three children were drowned in the great flood there in 1889; he was at one time a clerk for the Cambria Iron Company and later a clerk in the post office at Indiana. Fanny W., who lived at the old home, died in a hospital at New York City, Feb. 20, 1913, and is buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana. Emma Theresa died May 31, 1890, unmarried. Mary Belle married Philip A. Williams and (second) Frank T. McAvoy, of Duke Center, Pa., who is now doing business as a merchant. Virginia Burye is the wife of John McCune, of Johnstown, Pa. Of these, Fanny W. Nixon

received an excellent education in public and select schools at Indiana, and acted as clerk in Judge Clark's law office for eight years. She was commissioned postmaster of Indiana for four years, under President Cleveland's first administration, and in that incumbency made a record as having one of the best conducted and most systematically managed offices in Pennsylvania.

**WORK.** The Work family of East Mahoning township is of early pioneer stock of that section of Indiana county. Its representatives are numerous and now to be found in every part of the Union, and in many walks of life, a number having attained eminence in the professions, but here they have been for the most part engaged in agricultural pursuits and allied lines of industry. They have become noted for enterprise, thrift, ability—the several qualities which make for success and substantial worth to the community.

The founder of the Work family in Indiana county was William Work, a native of Cumberland county, Pa., born in 1760, of Scotch-Irish descent. He grew to manhood there, and it is not known whether or not he took part in the Revolutionary war. In 1792 he married Miriam Scroggs, who was also born in Cumberland county, in 1775, daughter of Alexander and Rachel (Ireland) Scroggs, the former a Scotchman. Mr. and Mrs. Work crossed the Allegheny mountains in 1801 and made a location in Westmoreland county, Pa., near what is now New Florence, spending three years there. Thence they moved to Indiana county in 1804, settling in what is now the western part of East Mahoning township, in which section Mr. Work was a pioneer farmer. He was also one of the first teachers there, when the schools were run on the subscription plan, and held in log structures with oiled paper windows and primitive furnishings. Here he passed the remainder of his days, dying Aug. 1, 1828, of cancer; he was buried in Gilgal cemetery. Mr. Work was one of the founders of Gilgal Church, from which he withdrew, however, in 1818, on account of doctrinal differences, joining the organization of the Associate Church at Mahoning. His wife died July 28, 1850, and is buried in the same cemetery. They were the parents of fourteen children: (1) Rachel, born Oct. 6, 1793, married Robert Hamilton, and died April 8, 1878. (2) James, born March 2, 1795, married Mary Ewing, and died Aug. 17, 1860. (3) Leticia, born July 7, 1796, married John Ewing, and died

Aug. 23, 1871. (4) A. Scroggs, born Dec. 7, 1797, married Margaret Brown and (second) Nancy Beatty, and died Oct. 23, 1878. (5) John, born June 24, 1799, married Martha Hamilton and (second) Sarah Beatty, and died March 6, 1872. (6) William, born Dec. 10, 1800, is mentioned below. (7) Allen N., born June 6, 1802, married Lydia Lewis, and died Jan. 30, 1852. (8) Sarah, born April 17, 1805, married Matthew Steele, and died April 1, 1887. (9) Aaron, born Oct. 26, 1806, married Nancy Smith and (second) Elizabeth Spencer, and died July 21, 1892. (10) Mary, born Oct. 12, 1808, died Dec. 27, 1853. (11) Miriam, born July 25, 1810, married Alpha Limerick, and died Aug. 11, 1850. (12) Moses Thompson, born Dec. 5, 1812, is mentioned elsewhere. (13) Susan, born Sept. 30, 1815, married John Smith, and died Feb. 24, 1844. (14) Elijah I., born Nov. 23, 1818, married Margaret McCreery, and died June 25, 1892.

William Work, son of William and Miriam (Scroggs) Work, was born Dec. 10, 1800, in Ligonier Valley, in Westmoreland county, and was brought by his parents to what is now East Mahoning township, Indiana county, in early childhood. He received a thorough common school training under his father's tuition, and began to follow farming in his boyhood, continuing that calling all his life. He owned a farm near Little Mahoning creek, near what is now Richmond, and spent the rest of his days there, successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. On July 15, 1827, Mr. Work married Nancy Brown, who was born May 12, 1809, daughter of Jeremiah Brown, and died Sept. 24, 1854. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and is buried in the Mahoning Church cemetery. Ten children were born to this union: (1) Jeremiah Brown, born Oct. 24, 1828, died March 23, 1852. (2) James M., born April 8, 1830, was engaged in business as an undertaker at Marion Center, and served as county commissioner. He died Nov. 23, 1895. On Oct. 13, 1853, he married Margaret Hamilton, and for his second wife he married Mrs. Annie Rebecca (Getty) Morton. (3) David B., born March 14, 1832, is mentioned below. (4) Euphemia S., born March 30, 1834, married William Hamilton Oct. 15, 1856, and died about 1890. (5) Elizabeth B., born April 21, 1836, died Sept. 23, 1853. (6) Susan C., born May 23, 1838, married in 1860 J. Thompson Hamilton, of East Mahoning township, and died in January, 1908. (7) Mary Jane, born

June 8, 1840, married Jan. 12, 1860, Amos S. Miller, of Canoe township, this county, and died Dec. 10, 1910. (8) William Alexander Scroggins, born Feb. 2, 1843, is mentioned below. (9) Joseph B., born April 22, 1845, died April 11, 1852. (10) Silas Warren, born Sept. 19, 1848, is mentioned below.

On Dec. 17, 1863, William Work, the father, married (second) Mary T. Hamilton, who was born Feb. 3, 18—, daughter of James Hamilton, and they had two children: Clara B., born Sept. 17, 1868, married Samuel L. Rowe, justice of the peace, of East Mahoning township; John C., born Feb. 22, 1870, a resident of East Mahoning township, married Olive Winecoop and (second) Mrs. Shugart. Mr. Work died on his farm Nov. 7, 1878, and was buried in the Mahoning Church cemetery. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

DAVID BROWN WORK, third son of William and Nancy (Brown) Work, now living retired on a part of the old Work homestead near Richmond, in East Mahoning township, was born on the paternal farm March 14, 1832. He attended school in the home district, but as school was held only three months of the year, during the winter season, he had more opportunity to acquire knowledge by experience, helping with the work on the home farm from early boyhood. He was thus engaged until twenty-four years old, when he bought a seventy-acre farm in the same township, near Marion Center, known as the Robert Hastings place, which he operated for a year. In 1857 he went to Canoe township, this county, and bought a tract of 125 acres in the woods, which was owned by John Pollock, and on which stood a log cabin. There he settled down to what was practically pioneer life. He cleared 100 acres of the land, and put it under cultivation, this tract being now cultivated by his sons. In 1860 he built a frame barn, later erected a substantial frame dwelling, and during his long residence on the place put up other buildings convenient or necessary, having a well-equipped property. There he made his home until 1895, in which year he returned to East Mahoning township, settling on forty-five acres which formed part of the old family homestead tract, and on which he made numerous improvements. He erected a dwelling house, barns and other buildings, and engaged in farming and stock raising there until 1911, since when he has led a retired life. He now occupies a house opposite that tract, which his younger son now operates. Though he has always had agricul-

tural interests, Mr. Work was engaged in the lumber business for seven years while a resident of Canoe township, running a sawmill, and he was as successful in that line as he has been in his other undertakings. Though past eighty, and a steady worker throughout his active years, he enjoys excellent health, and, surrounded by his children and grandchildren, in comfortable circumstances, is passing his years in enviable content.

Mr. Work has been actively interested in the various vital issues which have agitated the country in his day. He served in the Union army during the Civil war under two enlistments, the first time joining Company A, Independent Battalion, under Col. John C. Lininger and Capt. Thomas J. Moore, for six months, at the end of which time he received an honorable discharge. On Aug. 26, 1864, he again enlisted, becoming a member of Company A, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Thomas J. Moore and Col. Hugh J. Brady, and was out until the close of the war, his command being one of the first to enter Richmond after the surrender. He was mustered out June 26, 1865. Mr. Work suffered neither sickness nor injuries during his army service, and returning home at its close resumed his agricultural work.

Formerly a Republican in his political views, Mr. Work now supports the Prohibition party, being a staunch believer in temperance and an earnest advocate of the cause, which he has aided by example and influence for many years. He has taken some part in the administration of local affairs, having served twelve years in Canoe township and three years in East Mahoning township as assessor, and he was tax collector in Canoe township in 1869. He is a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Brown Post at Richmond. His religious connection is with the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1854 Mr. Work was married, in South Mahoning township, to Sarah E. Colkitt, a native of that township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Stout) Colkitt. She died in January, 1867, the mother of five children, four of whom, however, died in infancy, the survivor being Ida M., wife of Peter C. Pierce; they have three children, Veda (wife of Edward Potts), Hallie (who married Charles McCullough), and Floyd, the daughters living in Canoe township, the son at Akron, Ohio. On Sept. 3, 1867, Mr. Work married (second) Frances Emaline Colkitt, who was born in South Mahoning township, daughter

of John and Mary (Hover) Colkitt, being a half-sister of his first wife. Five children have been born to this marriage, viz.: Charles C., who is now on his father's old homestead, is unmarried; Silas Clark, who is working his father's old homestead in Canoe township with his brother Charles, married Nancy Brochler, and they have three children, Rufus, Myrtle E. and Earl; Alice married Austin Gary Bowers, of Canoe township, and has four children, Charles, Laura, Flora and Mildred; Floretta C. married Harvey D. Widdowson, a merchant, of Rochester Mills, this county, mentioned elsewhere; Edgar S., who is operating his father's East Mahoning farm, married Lizzie Simpson, daughter of Wesley Simpson, and they have four children, Mary Alice, David Brown, Frank Wesley and Lile Roy.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER SCROGGS WORK, son of William and Nancy (Brown) Work, received his education in the home locality and worked on the home place until he was seventeen years old. He then began work in the lumber regions, being employed in Clearfield, Forest, Elk and Clarion counties, teaming and jobbing during the winter season. He got out considerable boat lumber, ship timbers and spars. In August, 1861, he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Creps, of Indiana county, and Col. O. H. Rippey, of Pittsburg. The command was attached to the 6th Corps, Light Division, of the Army of the Potomac, and Mr. Work participated in many battles, including Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Williamsport (Md.), Fredericksburg, Marye's Heights, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Fort Stevens, Charleston, Opequan, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Petersburg, siege of Petersburg and fall of Petersburg. He served over three years, was promoted to sergeant at Bellplain, and was mustered out at Pittsburg in 1864. Returning home he remained there two years, working on the farm, and was engaged in lumbering one winter season. Then he commenced farming for himself in Canoe township, Indiana county, buying a tract of fifty acres, to which he subsequently added thirty acres, operating in all eighty acres, devoted to general crops and stock raising. He also dealt in cattle and horses. In 1889 Mr. Work sold out his interests there and moved to the Samuel Ross farm (his father-in-law's) in East Mahoning township, a tract of eighty-five acres, where he carries on general farming and stock rais-

ing. He has made numerous improvements on the place, which is generally considered one of the best kept properties in the township, Mr. Work and his wife taking great pride in its neat and attractive appearance, bespeaking the thrift and good taste of the occupants. Besides looking after his own affairs Mr. Work has given considerable attention to public matters and has taken an active part in their administration in his township, having served as tax collector, as supervisor, and for thirteen years as member of the school board, of which he has also been treasurer. He has been active in politics as a staunch Republican, and has been a member of the township election board, serving as election inspector.

On Oct. 5, 1865, Mr. Work married Mary Ann Ross, who was born March 21, 1847, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Cowan) Ross, the former a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, and a pioneer settler in East Mahoning township. They have had children as follows: (1) Harry C., born Aug. 31, 1866, now acting as agent for the National Biscuit Company, married Florence Hunt. (2) Bessie L., born April 20, 1868, married Oct. 18, 1887, Harvey Widdowson. (3) Ross B., born Dec. 27, 1870, now engaged in business as a shoe dealer at Grinnell, Iowa, married Rachel Pollock. (4) N. Jean, born May 11, 1873, married McMurry J. Thompson, a history of whose family will be found elsewhere, and they reside at Heilwood, Pa. (5) Mary Evaline, born June 3, 1878, married James Morris, a railroad engineer on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg road, and they reside at Punxsutawney, Pa. (6) Homer Ney, born June 6, 1881, now general foreman for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Albany, N. Y., married Mary Griffith, of Marion Center. (7) Lola Nell, born Oct. 15, 1886, married Robert M. Sutter, who is superintendent of the electric light plant at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Work are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Richmond, this county. He belongs to the G. A. R., holding membership in the post at Punxsutawney.

SILAS W. WORK, youngest son of William and Nancy (Brown) Work, was born Sept. 19, 1848, on the farm near Richmond in East Mahoning township. He grew to manhood on that place, and in his boyhood attended the country school taught by Thomas Hindman, Mr. Weiner, Miss Rachel Lewis and Miss Elizabeth Lewis. Leaving school when thir-

teen years old, he helped with the work at home until his enlistment, when he was but a boy of fifteen, for service in the Union army. His brothers David and Alexander were at the front, and as he was rather lonesome at home he determined to follow their example, his father's opposition proving in vain. In 1863 he became a member of Company C, 2d Battalion, under Capt. William Neal and Colonel John C. Lininger, for six months' service, after which he reenlisted, becoming a member of Company B, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Samuel McHenry, serving to the close of the war. He was the youngest from this section to carry a gun in defense of the Union. Returning home at the end of the war he remained on the home farm until his marriage. He then bought and located upon the farm in Grant township where he continued to live for a number of years, thence coming in 1886 to his present place, a tract of thirty-two acres in East Mahoning township, within the limits of the borough of Marion Center. He is engaged in farming and draying, and is well and favorably known in this district, being one of the useful and esteemed citizens of his community. He has taken an active part in the administration of civil affairs in Marion Center, having served as street commissioner, and being at present a member of the borough council. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and in political association was a Republican until the organization of the new Progressive party, whose principles he favors.

On Jan. 1, 1868, Mr. Work married Caroline Simpson, of East Mahoning township, daughter of John Simpson, who married Mary Ann Hastings. Mrs. Work died April 8, 1913.

PETER RIDDLE, late of Indiana, was for over twenty years of his active life engaged in business as a drover, and after settling in the borough of Indiana carried on the livery business a few years before retiring. He was born Jan. 24, 1834, in East Mahoning township, Indiana county, and the family is of Scotch-Irish extraction. His grandfather, William Riddle, was a farmer in East Mahoning township, Indiana county.

Michael Riddle, father of Peter Riddle, was born in East Mahoning township, was reared to farming, and followed that vocation all his life. After the death of his first wife, Catherine Pounds, he moved out to the State of Indiana, settling at Rockville, and died there. He remarried. By the first union he had four children: William J., born May

5, 1831, who married a Miss Henry and lives in Clarion county, Pa.; Margaret, Mrs. Henry Orr, who died in Indiana borough; Peter; and Mary Jane, Mrs. Sharp Neal, of Jefferson county, Pa., where she died.

Peter Riddle was but four and a half years old when his mother died, and his father moving out west to the State of Indiana he went to live with his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Pounds, who raised him. She kept tavern for many years at Georgeville, Indiana county, having a double log building of six rooms, known as the Georgeville Tavern, and young Peter did chores around the place in his early years. He was well looked after, was allowed to attend school part of each year until he reached the age of nineteen, and had the usual experiences of the youth of that day. His first teacher was James Van Horn. The old subscription school was held in a log building, furnished with slab benches and heated by a log fire, the pupils chopping the wood during the noon hour. He lived with his grandmother until her death, in 1862, when she was eighty-five years old; she had given up the hotel and tavern many years before. After her death Mr. Riddle worked around among farmers, and then began to work as drover for his cousin, William Chambers, and his partner, John Brady, receiving fifty cents a day. He was next employed at cutting pine timber, at the same wages, getting up before "sunup" and walking miles to the tract where the work was going on. After a year or two at this work he became a drover on his own account, in 1863, buying horses, cattle, sheep and hogs in Indiana, Armstrong, Jefferson and Clarion counties. The first horse he owned was bought with money saved while he was working for fifty cents a day, in the timber. He continued to follow droving until 1887, when he removed to Indiana, at which place he afterward had his home. For three years after removing to the borough he was in the livery business in partnership with Calvin Bley, and after giving that up he lived retired. He died Dec. 25, 1912, in his seventy-ninth year, and is buried in Oakland cemetery, Indiana. Mr. Riddle was always a man of honorable dealings and business methods that were above reproach, and he was respected by all his fellow citizens. He was a Democrat on political questions.

On March 1, 1880, Mr. Riddle was married in Indiana to Mary A. Bley, of Indiana, daughter of Conrad and Mary (Zimmerly) Bley, and she continues to reside at their old

home, at No. 45 North Seventh street, Indiana. They had no children, but they raised a niece, Jennie R. Bley, daughter of John Bley, Mrs. Riddle's brother. She died Nov. 20, 1907; she had married Samuel J. Apple, and left two sons, Samuel R. and John A. Mrs. Riddle is a Lutheran in religious faith.

WILLIAM E. OAKES has an extensive lumber business at Clymer, Indiana county, where he has been settled practically since the town was founded. He was born April 14, 1867, near Blairsville, this county, son of John G. and Sarah (Kauffman) Oakes.\*

Edward Oakes, his grandfather, was from Ireland, as was also his wife. They came to Pennsylvania in 1794, first settling near Armagh, Indiana county, and later moving to Burrell township, same county, near Blairsville. Edward Oakes was a soldier in the war of 1812 and also in the Mexican war. He was killed near his home, by a falling tree.

John G. Oakes, father of William E. Oakes, was born in 1832 in Blairsville. He was a farmer in his early days. In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Battery K, 2d Pennsylvania Regiment, and serving until mustered out, in January, 1866. At the battle of the Wilderness he was wounded and captured, being taken to Libby prison, where he was held for nine months. After his discharge he returned to Blairsville, and thence moved to the West, where he passed the brief remainder of his life, dying in October, 1867, near Iola, Kansas. Mr. Oakes married Sarah Kauffman, who was born in 1839 in Johnstown, Pa., and whose parents, Jonas and Sarah Kauffman, were natives of Switzerland. Three children were born to this marriage: F. J., the eldest, resides in Fall River, Kans.; Jennie is the wife of J. E. Williams, of Johnstown; William E. is mentioned below.

William E. Oakes attended public school near Blairsville. His first work was on a farm in Kansas. He learned the carpenter's trade in Johnstown, Pa., and followed it there for fifteen years, in 1898 starting in business at Conemaugh, this county, where he still has interests. In 1904 he came to Lovejoy, Indiana county, and thence shortly afterward to Clymer, when the town had just made a start as such. He has been engaged in the lumber trade ever since he settled there, and has built up a lucrative business, being regarded as one of the active and progressive residents of the place. He is very well known

in fraternal connections, being a member of Indiana Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, and a high Mason, belonging to Cambria Lodge, F. & A. M., of Johnstown (of which he is a past master), to the Consistory at Williamsport and to the Shrine at Altoona.

On Jan. 28, 1890, Mr. Oakes was married, at Johnstown, Pa., to Emma R. Devlin, a native of Johnstown, daughter of Theodore and Lydia Devlin. Mrs. Oakes died Aug. 13, 1911. She was the mother of ten children, namely: Clifford, now residing at Dixonville, this county, who married Ellen Clawson and has two children; Theodore; Earl; Ruth; Carrie; Carroll; Frank; Bessie; Agnes, and Olive.

E. M. BUSHNELL, M. D., of Blacklick, Indiana county, is one of the county's leading young physicians and surgeons. He is a native of the State of Vermont, born at Williston Feb. 3, 1877, son of Nelson and Sarah (Marrs) Bushnell. Dr. Bushnell is a member of one of the oldest and best-known families of New England, whose members have all been capable and useful citizens of their various communities.

Dr. Bushnell obtained his elementary education in the public schools of his native town, and from there he entered Goddard Seminary, at Barre, Vt., from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1899. He then entered the medical department of the University of Vermont, and after taking the full course in medicine graduated in the class of 1903. Taking up the practice of his profession in Massachusetts, he stayed there a few months, when he determined to come West, and he located at Coral, Indiana Co., Pa. He practiced for three years here with Dr. W. D. Gates, now one of the well-known practitioners of Indiana, Pa., and in November, 1906, located at Blacklick, in Burrell township, establishing an office of his own. In the six years he has been there he has built up a most gratifying practice. He is energetic and conscientious, and has proved a most skillful physician. He is the physician for the Josephine Iron Company, where he has an office, and where he has an assistant for his work. His general practice takes him over a wide radius of territory. He is popular, genial and greatly respected in his community. He takes a deep interest in public schools and their improvement, and is one of the school directors of the township of Burrell, giving much of his time and attention to that interest. Being public-spirited, his best efforts are given to aid

in the benefit of his town and county and their people, but he is not an office seeker. He votes the Republican ticket.

Dr. Bushnell married Winifred Gerard, of Burrell township, a lady of refinement and culture. She belongs to the Presbyterian Church. The Doctor is a member of I. O. O. F. at Blacklick, and also a member of the Woodmen of the World, for which he is medical examiner. He is medical examiner for several insurance organizations.

HARRY W. TRUITT, D.D.S., now in command of a creditable patronage in the borough of Indiana, is a splendid type of the self-made American. He has made his way against many obstacles, which makes his success the more notable and deserved. Dr. Truitt was born Jan. 23, 1878, at Truittsburg, Clarion Co., Pa., which place was named in honor of his father.

George Washington Truitt, the Doctor's grandfather, lived and died in Madison township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and was a farmer by occupation. He married Nancy Coursin, who was of Welsh extraction, and they had three children, all sons, namely: Seth C., of Clarion county; Alcinus Glen; and M. M., of Armstrong county, who is on the old Truitt homestead in Madison township.

Alcinus Glen Truitt, son of George W. Truitt, was born Jan. 30, 1844, in Madison township, Armstrong county, and there spent his boyhood. He obtained his early education in the subscription or public schools, later attended college, and taught school for several years. In 1862 he enlisted in the 14th Pa. Cavalry, and served during the war till its close. After his marriage he located at the Truittsburg settlement in Clarion county. There he carried on a general store in partnership with his brother Seth C., the firm being known as A. G. Truitt & Co. He was one of the most respected and popular citizens in that section, being the only Republican justice of the peace there, and the first Republican ever elected to that office in Clarion county. He died Feb. 2, 1885. Mr. Truitt was a prominent member of the Baptist Church, and served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was married at Oakland, Armstrong county, to Jennie E. Corbett, of that county, daughter of Lewis and Lucinda (Mohney) Corbett, the latter a native of Germany, who came to the United States in girlhood. Lewis Corbett was of Irish origin, his great-grandfather being the first of the family to come to this country. After Mr. A. G. Tru-

itt's death Mrs. Truitt returned, with her only child, Harry W., to her old home in Oakland. She now lives with him in the borough of Indiana.

Harry White Truitt was but seven years old when his father died, after which, until he was fourteen, he lived in Armstrong county. After his grandfather's death, he moved with his mother to Reynoldsville. His earliest ambition was to obtain a good education, and his youth was one continuous struggle toward that end. After attending several elementary schools, he went to the high school and then to the DuBois business college. At the age of fourteen he became "devil" in the office of the Reynoldsville *Star*, and was the first boy to hold the position in that office. He had the honor of helping to put the *Star* in running. While thus engaged, he attended night school. Some idea of the untiring efforts and the sacrifices he made to continue his education may be gained from the statement that while he was taking his business course at DuBois he made the round trip of twenty miles daily on an old bicycle, because he could not afford to pay the extra board. While attending the old academy at New Bethlehem, he had to walk three miles from Oakland each way. He took private lessons in Latin and German from Hannah Jane Nickle, of Reynoldsville, where she had a five and ten cent store, paying for his instruction by tending to her store during the noon hour. He pursued his professional course at the Medico-Chirurgical College. After graduating from that institution he opened an office in New Bethlehem, and met with gratifying success while located there, but in June, 1906, he removed to Indiana, where a larger field was opened for his efforts. His splendidly equipped offices are in the Savings & Trust Company's building, and his beautiful buff brick house is located on South Seventh street. Dr. Truitt is not only one of the successful dentists of the borough but also one of its leading citizens. He stands high in his profession, and he had the honor of being chosen a delegate to the Republican national convention held at Chicago, and later as a Progressive delegate to that city. He was a member of the Steering committee at the last State convention held at Harrisburg, and was chairman of the Washington party of Indiana county, until his resignation.

On Oct. 4, 1900, at Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, Pa., Dr. Truitt was married to Maud R. Riston, of Reynoldsville, daughter of David W. Riston. They have four children: Harry

W., Jr., Julia Marie, Dorothy Jane and Don A. Dr. Truitt is a member of the Baptist Church at New Bethlehem, and his wife is a Presbyterian.

REV. ANTHONY BARON, pastor of the Holy Cross Catholic Church at Iselin, Indiana county, is a native of Silesia, Prussian Poland, born April 18, 1873. He was one of the twelve children born to Joseph and Mary (Serzysko) Baron, the former a land owner and farmer of that place. All of this large family survive.

Father Baron obtained his early education in the government schools of his native place, and thence went to Rome, where he prepared for the priesthood at the Gregorian University, studying theology and philosophy. He was ordained in 1896 by Bishop Corsta, of his native diocese, after which he spent two years as assistant at home and also traveled through Russia. Returning to Rome he remained there four years, taking up the study of canon law and Oriental studies in the St. Apollinaris University, completing the course in 1903, in which year he came to America. He became assistant priest at St. Casimir's Polish Catholic Church at Johnstown, Pa., in the Altoona diocese, and was later appointed pastor at St. Stanislaus Polish Catholic Church at Boswell, in the same diocese, administering to the spiritual wants of that congregation for two years. He then went to Rome on a mission to the Holy See, being absent a year, and upon his return to this country became assistant to Rev. Father Gorzynski, at St. Adelbert Church, Pittsburg, Pa., in the Pittsburg diocese. He remained there until his appointment, in January, 1911, as pastor of the Holy Cross Church at Iselin, where he has been located ever since. There are eight hundred members in this congregation, of different nationalities, including Poles, Italians, Huns and other southern Europeans. Father Baron celebrates two masses each Sunday and holy day, and preaches three sermons, one in English, one in Polish and one in Italian. He is a man of scholarly attainments, especially gifted as a linguist, speaking French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, Russian, German and English, and being familiar with Greek and Latin and many of the Oriental languages.

During his residence at Iselin Father Baron has done much toward raising the moral standards of his congregation, encouraging them to the practice of integrity, honesty and true Christianity, and he is looked up to by

all in the vicinity who have come in contact with him, regardless of creed or class.

Holy Cross parish was formed in 1907. A fine church and rectory have been built, and missions are to be established at the mining towns of Kent and Jacksonville. Father Baron is energetic and possessed of marked executive ability, a forceful speaker, and is proving a strong influence for good in the community where he is settled.

THOMAS CRAVEN, one of the oldest residents of Indiana county, a veteran of the Civil war, and owner of 170 acres of land in White township, was born in Rayne township, this county, July 20, 1826, son of Nathaniel Simpson Craven.

Thomas Craven, the grandfather, married twice, his second wife being a Miss Simpson, and she was the grandmother of Thomas Craven.

Nathaniel Simpson Craven was born in Cherryhill township, this county, in 1806, and died in Canoe township. He was a farmer all his life. His wife, Rebecca (Pollock), was a native of County Derry, Ireland, and children as follows were born of this marriage: Thomas; Martha, who married William Mitchell; Robert, who married Sarah Joyant after going to some Western State; Rebecca, who married David Mitchell; and David, Lucinda and Jane, all of whom died in infancy.

Thomas Craven was educated in the schools of his neighborhood, and when still a lad began lumbering and did considerable rafting on the river. In the summer months he worked at farming. Believing that it was his duty to defend his country, he enlisted in Company A, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in 1864, and served until the close of the war, having been an able and efficient soldier.

In 1881 Mr. Craven married Martha Coltabaugh, who was born Sept. 29, 1847, in Duncansville, Pa., a daughter of George and Margaret (Bertnette) Coltabaugh. After marriage Mr. Craven located in Washington township, but later bought his present farm, where he has since resided. The large coal and coke industries of Ernest are located on land which was formerly attached to his place. He is a heavy stockholder in the company controlling these holdings, and their present development is largely due to his business enterprise.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven have had the following children: Annie M., living with her parents; Aaron, who married Mary Hinton, and is living in White township; and Catherine,



at home. Mr. Craven is independent in his political views, believing in electing good men to office without regard to party ties. He is very liberal in his religious ideas, realizing that each man must work out his own plan of salvation. Having always been a man of prominence in his community, he has taken part in many public affairs, and has always maintained the full confidence and respect of his associates.

ANDREW JACKSON SMITH, custom shoemaker, of Indiana, Indiana county, has an up-to-date establishment and is one of the most reliable men in his line in this section. He is a native of the county, born Oct. 27, 1846, at Shelocta, son of Aaron Smith and grandson of Jacob Smith, both of whom were shoemakers. The grandfather died at New Berlin, Union Co., Pennsylvania.

Aaron Smith was born at New Berlin, Union county, but passed the greater part of his life at Shelocta, in Indiana county, following his trade there. He was married in this county to Elizabeth Woodward, who died at Shelocta, the mother of the following children: Pauline, Mrs. Kauffman, who is deceased; Andrew Jackson; and Edward, now deceased, who was only in his sixteenth year when he entered the service with his brother Andrew during the Civil war. For his second wife Aaron Smith married Margaret Sharp, and they had three children: J. Sharp, now of Brookville, Pa.; Clarence, of Indiana county, Pa.; and Hugh M. Mr. Smith died Oct. 19, 1898, at the home of Mrs. Kauffman.

Andrew Jackson Smith grew to manhood at Shelocta and there obtained his education in the public schools. He then learned his trade under the instruction of his father, receiving a very thorough training. When in his seventeenth year he enlisted for service in the Union army, being one of the youngest soldiers that went into the field. He was a member of Company G, 2d Battalion, 57th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving six months with that command, after which he reenlisted in Company A, 206th Pennsylvania Regiment. Upon his return he went to work at Gettysburg, Indiana county, at his trade, and was employed there until 1867, when he went to Kelleysburg, this county, for a period of three years. He has since been a resident of that borough. He first worked here for Samuel Myers, commencing in business on his own account in 1885. His original location was on Philadelphia street, where Jordan's shoe store is at present. Thence he

moved to Carpenter avenue, thence to the Mitchell building on Philadelphia street, and from there to his present stand, at No. 24 Carpenter avenue. He does custom shoe work, making a specialty of skillful repairing, and his plant is well equipped with modern machinery and tools for carrying on this work in the most approved manner. He has prospered in business by the most commendable methods, and is one of the substantial and respected citizens of the community where he has so long resided.

In 1874 Mr. Smith married Lizzie Myers, of Indiana, daughter of Samuel Myers, his former employer. Mrs. Smith died in 1882, leaving three children: Harry E., who is at home; W. Edward, of Indiana, who is married to Essie Swarts; and Mabel, at home.

In politics Mr. Smith adheres to the principles of the Republican party, but takes no active part in public affairs.

REV. GEORGE MACKINNY RYALL, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in the borough of Saltsburg, Indiana county, has been serving that congregation since June, 1900. He is an able and tireless worker, and has accomplished much toward bringing the church to its present prosperous condition.

The Ryall family came from New Jersey but has long been settled in Pennsylvania, and Mr. Ryall's paternal grandparents, John and Janet (Bovard) Ryall, were natives of Westmoreland county. Moving west to Ashland county, Ohio, they followed farming there, and there reared their family, which consisted of eight children. Grandfather Ryall died at the age of seventy-nine years, his wife living to the age of eighty-seven.

Oliver Bovard Ryall, father of Rev. George M. Ryall, was born June 3, 1835, in Ashland county, Ohio. When a young man he became the representative of a publishing house dealing in school books, and while thus engaged met his future wife, Margaret A. Lafferty, who at the time was teaching the Millwood school, in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa. She was a native of Indiana county, Pa., where her father John Pettit Lafferty was also born (in 1800), her mother Mary (McCurdy), being a native of Westmoreland county. John Pettit Lafferty was born in 1800 on a farm four miles from Saltsburg, Pa. Early in his married life he moved to Jacksonville, Indiana county, where he engaged in merchandising, was postmaster, and justice of the peace for twenty-five years. It was through his influence that Jacksonville became a borough. He was also one of the promoters of the Jack-

sonville Academy, a famous school in its day, and served as one of its trustees as long as it existed. He died at the age of seventy-four years, his wife at the age of eighty-eight. They had a family of six children. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver B. Ryall: George MacKinny was the eldest; Wallace Wilberforce, born Aug. 17, 1874, in Jacksonville, Indiana county, now engaged in the practice of medicine at Youngstown, Ohio, married Emma Vernon Stewart, of Pittsburg, and they have two children, Margaret and Wallace; Janet Annie, born Dec. 26, 1876, at Pittsburg, Pa., is the wife of Harry Woods Grier, who is in the employ of the Second National Bank of Pittsburg, and they have two children, Janet Ryall and Robert Jeffrey; John Milton, born Oct. 27, 1879, now engaged with the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont at Pittsburg, married Catherine P. Stahl, of Homestead, Pa., and has two children, John M. and Catherine Elizabeth.

George MacKinny Ryall was born July 12, 1872, in Pittsburg, Pa., and received his early education there in the Twentieth ward public school. Later he entered the Central high school, took his collegiate course at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., in the class of 1895, and prepared for the ministry at the Western Theological Seminary, North Side, Pittsburg, Pa., graduating in May, 1898. His first call was to West Elizabeth, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he remained as pastor for three years, from there coming to Saltsburg in June, 1900. His labors in his present field are heavy, the church having a membership of 563, and his intelligent, conscientious work has won the approbation of all classes in the borough, regardless of denomination.

Mr. Ryall was married Sept. 6, 1901, to Katherine Morrison Howard, of Pittsburg, daughter of William N. and Katherine W. Howard, who had a family of five children. Mr. Howard is an iron broker in Pittsburg.

He is the eldest son of Rev. William D. Howard, D. D., for twenty-seven years the well-known and dearly beloved pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryall have had one child, William Howard, born Aug. 17, 1904.

JOHN SMITH ROSS, an undertaker and mill owner of Richmond, Indiana county, was born in Winslow township, Jefferson Co., Pa., Feb. 27, 1860.

Robert Ross, grandfather of John Smith Ross, was born in Ireland, but came of Scotch

ancestry. In young manhood, he left his native land for America, and located on a farm near Strattonville, Clarion Co., Pa., where he married a Miss McKinley, of that locality, and to them were born the following children: James, Dina, Mary, Nancy, William, Margaret, Joseph, Jane, Robert, and Martha. He remarried after the death of his first wife, and to the second union was born a son, named John. He died Aug. 5, 1861.

Robert Ross, son of Robert Ross, and father of John Smith Ross, was born in Clarion county, Pa., June 15, 1825. Owing to the conditions of his time and locality, his educational advantages were limited to those afforded at the subscription school which he attended a few months during the winter season, his time being otherwise occupied with assisting his father in the work on the farm. In early manhood he went to Winslow township, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he married Polly McCreight, daughter of Andrew McCreight, a pioneer settler of Jefferson county, and became a farmer and lumberman. In 1864 he sold his farm in Winslow township, and settled in East Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he bought what was known as the John Bovard farm. Here Mr. Ross lived for fourteen years, carrying on farming and stock raising. In 1878 he left the farm, locating in Indiana, where on Nov. 12, 1878, he died; his remains were interred in Oakland cemetery. Twenty-eight years later, on Dec. 26, 1906, his widow died, and her body was interred by his side. From the time of the formation of the Republican party until his demise Mr. Ross heartily supported its principles and candidates, and was an honorable and upright man, in political as well as business affairs. The United Presbyterian Church held his membership and received his generous support. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ross are: Thomas M., born March 5, 1855, resides at Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Annie, born Sept. 5, 1857, married James M. McCall, and resides at Falls Creek, Pa.; John Smith was born Feb. 27, 1860; Adda B., born Nov. 10, 1862, married Beniuel Hough, of Prescottville, Pa.; and Abram E., born Sept. 25, 1865, resides at DuBois, Pennsylvania.

John Smith Ross, son of Robert and Polly Ross, was but four years of age when the family came to East Mahoning township, so that he was practically reared in this locality. In young manhood he took up the profession of school teaching, which he followed about twenty years. In 1888, he settled in Richmond, Grant township, where he became a

general merchant in partnership with Josiah Widdowson, under the firm name of Widdowson & Ross. Four years later he became a commercial traveler for George A. Horn & Co., of Newark, N. Y., operating in New York State and Michigan, and was thus engaged several years. In 1903 he associated himself with J. C. Weaver; under the name of Weaver & Ross, in an undertaking business, which still continues, and in which he has acquired the reputation of being a funeral director and embalmer of more than ordinary ability. In 1912 Mr. Ross formed a partnership with John A. Nolf, for the purpose of buying the Patchen Roller Flouring Mill, now operated under the name of Savan Roller Mills. This plant is equipped with both water and steam power, with a capacity of forty barrels of flour per day. Mr. Ross and his partner are now engaged in operating their milling plant with very gratifying results.

In addition to the activities heretofore mentioned, Mr. Ross was engaged during the years 1903 and 1904 in leasing and developing the coal interests in South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., and in Cowanshannock and Plumcreek townships, in Armstrong county, Pa. During this time the Buffalo and Susquehanna Company bought on options taken by Mr. Ross over seven thousand acres of coal lands, and the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Company bought 1,734 acres.

Fraternally Mr. Ross is an Odd Fellow and a Mason, a member of Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M. During all the years of his manhood, he has been a staunch Republican, has served his township in the capacity of school director for nine years and is at present secretary of the board. Like his father he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the United Presbyterian Church of Richmond, and is serving that body as an elder, while for some time he has been superintendent of the Sabbath school.

Mr. Ross was married (first) in 1891 to Electa L. Widdowson, a daughter of William and Louisa Widdowson, a history of whose family is to be found elsewhere in this work. Two daughters were born to this union: Lucile, born Feb. 19, 1896, and Louise, born April 26, 1907. Mrs. Ross died May 17, 1907. In 1912 Mr. Ross married (second) Mrs. Flora (Hamilton) Schrecengost, daughter of William and Lena Hamilton, of South Mahoning township. By her first husband, Park Schrecengost, she had two children, Lena and Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have no children.

Mr. Ross is one of the most progressive men of his township, possessing an unusual degree of ability. A man of domestic tastes, he takes his pleasure in his family circle, and is proud of his home and surroundings. Such a man is a credit to his community and to his own individual efforts.

JAMES SIDWELL GETTY, a farmer and stock raiser of Conemaugh township, was born Feb. 28, 1851, in that township, on the old homestead of his father, James Getty.

Andrew Getty was the great-grandfather of James S. Getty, and was a native of Ireland.

James Getty, son of Andrew Getty, settled on Blacklegs creek, in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., about two miles from Clarksburg, on a large tract of land opposite the present election house, on the road between Saltsburg and Clarksburg. There he followed farming and stock raising with good results, and rounded out a successful life, at the time of his death holding the full confidence and respect of his associates. He married Prudence Green, and they had children as follows: James; Andrew, who married Margaret G. Henderson and (second) Jane (Deane) Kelley, widow of Albert Kelley (he had six children by his first marriage); and Catherine, who married Archibald Templeton, a brick manufacturer of Saltsburg.

James Getty, son of James Getty, and father of James S. Getty, was born Jan. 6, 1823, in Conemaugh township, and died June 6, 1903. He attended the subscription schools of the period. Before he attained his majority he went to Ohio, but returned after a short stay and began boating on the canal, owning in conjunction with John Elder the "Sciota," a section boat. This they ran from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, Mr. Getty being the captain. In 1848 their business had so increased as to justify his buying the Alex Templeton farm. This property comprised 150 acres of good land, and he began operating it as a general farmer and stock raiser. He became interested in the diseases of animals, and studied veterinary surgery under a Mr. Hickey, of Westmoreland county. So skilled did he become that his services were called for by outsiders, and he soon had a large practice, extending over several counties.

When the country had need of his services Mr. Getty enlisted in Company C, 4th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, in September, 1864, and served until the close of the war.

participating in the battles of Hatcher's Run and Five Forks, besides minor engagements, and was present at the surrender at Appomattox.

First a Republican, he later changed his political views and died a Democrat. For many years he was a prominent figure in township affairs, and served as school director, overseer of the poor and supervisor. Until 1890 he continued his farming and professional work, and subsequently lived retired. He was laid to rest beside his wife in Edgewood cemetery, at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania.

James Getty married Anna Elder Templeton, who was born March 26, 1820, daughter of Alex and Anna (Marshall) Templeton, and died Feb. 23, 1899. They had two children: Alex Templeton, who was born Nov. 20, 1847, and died Oct. 27, 1863; and James Sidwell.

James Sidwell Getty was born in a log house on his father's homestead and brought up amid primitive conditions that helped to strengthen his character and teach him habits of thrift and industry which have continued with him through life. In boyhood he attended the common schools of District No. 8, and later went to Saltsburg academy. Following this he taught school for six terms in Conemaugh township. Having earned sufficient money, he took a course of one term at the Indiana normal, and a commercial course in the Spencerian business college at Cleveland, Ohio. Returning home, he taught school from 1880 to 1888 in Conemaugh township, and afterward bought the homestead of his father. During the aged father's last years Mr. Getty and his wife took care of him and made him comfortable with filial devotion. The valuable property owned by Mr. Getty is underlaid with a rich vein of coal, now owned by the Mitchell-Watson Company. Mr. Getty is engaged in farming and stock raising and has met with fair success in most of his ventures. A Democrat politically, he has been called upon to serve as school director, and has also been township auditor, assessor and supervisor, administering the affairs of these offices creditably.

On Dec. 23, 1886, Mr. Getty was married to Mary Elizabeth Rose, daughter of George and Lucinda (Alter) Rose. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Getty, five of whom survive: Anna May, who is a graduate of the Indiana normal school, class of 1909, is now teaching at Wilmerding, Pa.; Benjamin died in infancy; Sarah Rose, who was graduated from the Indiana normal in 1911, is now

teaching at Saltsburg Extension, after having taught one term in the district schools and one term in Lyman county, S. Dak.; Mary Elvira is attending the Indiana normal; Alice Glyndon and Thelma Theodora are attending school.

Mr. Getty has gone into the cultivation of the soil and the kindred lines of work sensibly, with a due appreciation of the relative merits of intensive farming and the utilization of modern machinery. As a result, with but little more outlay, and in less time than before, he is able to accomplish many things that were impossible in the earlier days. In his career he demonstrates that there are as good, if not better, openings for young men in agricultural sections as in cities, and his example ought to prove beneficial in inducing more men to embrace agriculture as a life calling.

RICHARD WILLIAMS, who is engaged in general farming at Grisemore, in Green township, is a son of William M. Williams, a retired farmer, also living at Grisemore. The Williams family is of Welsh origin and has been settled in this part of Indiana county since the first half of the last century.

Richard W. Williams, great-grandfather of Richard Williams, was born in 1796 on the island of Anglesea, Wales, and came to the United States in 1832, first settling in Madison county, N. Y. He then moved to Pittsburg, Pa., living in Allegheny county for six years, and thence, in 1845, came to Indiana county, settling in Green township, on the place where his grandson William M. Williams now lives. There he remained until his death, in 1876, in his eighty-first year. He was one of the men interested in the establishment of a Welsh Church and Sunday school in the vicinity. By his first wife, Jane (Davis), he had a family of seven children, six sons and one daughter, all born in Wales, and all of whom came to this country. For his second wife he married Sarah James, of Pittsburg, a native of Wales, who is deceased.

William R. Williams, son of Richard W. and Jane (Davis) Williams, was born in 1814 in Wales, and was quite young when brought to this country. He came with his father to Indiana county, and continued to live here until his death, which occurred Jan. 16, 1905. In 1836 he married Elizabeth Morris, also a native of Wales, born in 1816, who was but a child when she came to America with her parents, Robert Morris and his wife. Robert Morris was a native of North Wales. Upon

his arrival in this country he first settled in Madison county, N. Y., later, in 1840, settling in Indiana county, Pa., where he made his home in Green township, conducting a saw-mill for some time and subsequently devoting himself to farming, which he carried on the rest of his life. His family consisted of seven children. Mrs. Elizabeth (Morris) Williams died March 19, 1903. She was the mother of nine children, the eldest dying in infancy; William M. is mentioned below; Robert is deceased (he was in the Union service throughout the Civil war, serving in Company A, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was captured, and was confined in Libby prison and at Andersonville); Jane became the wife of Thomas Walter, of Venango county, Pa., and both are deceased; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Henry Kelly, of Pine Flats, this county, who survives; Richard is deceased; Elizabeth married Hugh Williams and is deceased; two died in infancy.

William M. Williams was a boy when the family came to Indiana county in 1845, and he received a public school education in Green township. From an early age he assisted with the farm work and lumbering, and during several years of his young manhood conducted a water mill in this county which he bought from his grandfather. Later, with his father and brother Robert, he bought a steam mill with which he was connected for over forty years, and which was conducted by William R. Williams & Sons. Meantime he had also become interested in farming, which he continued until his decease on Jan. 28, 1913, on the old homestead near Grisemore. Though never a seeker after public honors or office Mr. Williams was willing to do his duty as a citizen, and he was some years a member of the school board of Pine township, serving several years as president of that body.

On Dec. 31, 1861, Mr. Williams was married in Pittsburg to Sarah Jones, who was born in that city Aug. 3, 1841, daughter of John D. and Jane Jones. Her father was a native of South Wales, and after coming to America lived in Pittsburg until his removal to Indiana county, where he bought land and engaged in farming until his death. He had a family of six children, of whom Sarah (Mrs. Williams) and Jane (wife of David Oldham of Beaver City, Pa.) are now the only survivors.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams: Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Jones, of Barnesboro, Pa., has one child, Ethel; John

J., who lives in this county, married Elizabeth Martin, daughter of John Martin, of Indiana county, and they have four children, John M., William Hay, Sarah J. and George M.; Mollie is the wife of G. M. Joiner, of Grisemore; Richard is mentioned below; Jane, William W. and Margaret are at home; Emma died when seventeen years old; Mariam died in infancy. Mr. Williams was a member of the Nebo Presbyterian Church at Grisemore, to which his wife also belongs, and helped to build the present edifice; he was serving as elder at the time of his death.

Richard Williams was born Sept. 25, 1868, in Pine township, this county, and there spent his boyhood on the farm, assisting his father with the agricultural work and lumbering, as well as in the mill. In 1897 he moved to Grisemore, and here he has carried on general farming, having 110 acres. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of the neighborhood.

On Dec. 24, 1896, Mr. Williams was married to Mary Florence Bennett, a native of Pine township, and they have had two daughters, Emma Mae and Mary Wilda. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are prominent members of the Nebo Presbyterian Church at Grisemore, and he is serving at present as trustee of the church and superintendent of the Sunday school. He also takes considerable interest in public matters of local importance, and is a member of the present board of school directors of Green township. In politics he is a Prohibitionist.

John Bennett, Mrs. Williams's paternal great-grandfather, was a native of London, England. His son Michael Bennett, grandfather of Mrs. Williams, was born in Pennsylvania and was an early settler in Indiana county, making a location in Buffington township, where he remained until his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Strong, was of German ancestry. Of their sons, Abraham, Peter and William served in the Civil war; William, a resident of Clearfield county, Pa., and George, of Johnstown, Pa., are now the only survivors.

Jacob S. Bennett, father of Mrs. Williams, was born Nov. 29, 1838, in Indiana county, and was engaged in farming and lumbering here, also conducting a hotel in Vintondale for some time; at the time of his death he was operating a flourmill known as the White Mill, in Cambria county, having been thus engaged three years. Mr. Bennett was twice married, his first wife, Evannah (Adams), being the mother of five children: Franklin, Amanda,

Emily, Daniel and William. His second wife, Rebecca (Downing), was born Feb. 14, 1840, in Blair county, Pa., where the marriage took place, the couple coming at once to Indiana county, where they made their home in Pine township. Her father, James Downing, was born in Blair county, Pa., and was of Irish descent. His wife was a daughter of Christopher Rhodes, a native of Germany, who came to America when twelve years old with ten other members of the family, was married in Northumberland county, Pa., and was the father of ten children. He was a farmer. In his later years he lived in Blair county, and at the time of his death was a resident of Morrisons Cove, that county. He lived to an advanced age.

By his second marriage Jacob S. Bennett had four children. He died Jan. 16, 1907, his wife Rebecca passing away Feb. 7, 1912. Of his nine children, Franklin lives in Cambria county, Pa.; Amanda is the wife of Hugh Marsh, of Cambria county; Emily is the wife of Emanuel Stiles, of Cambria county; William S. died Feb. 4, 1912; Mary Florence is the wife of Richard Williams; Martha is the wife of Frederick Roehm, a resident of DuBois, Pa.; Joseph Downing lives at Vintondale; Dora May is the wife of W. S. Griffith, a resident of Lucerne, in Center township.

**ELSWORTH BROWN CAMPBELL**, merchant of Indiana borough and also interested in other local enterprises, has been a resident of that place since 1903 and actively associated with its business life since that time. He was born Dec. 18, 1861, in Jefferson county, Pa., son of James T. and Joannie (Shields) Campbell, both natives of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch-Irish and German parentage, respectively. Hugh Campbell, the grandfather, was born in Scotland, and came to the United States when a young man.

James T. Campbell was a painter by trade. In 1861 he enlisted at Brookville, Pa., for service in the Civil war, remaining in the army almost four years and taking part in many of the hard-fought battles of the war. He had the good fortune never to be wounded or captured. After the close of the war he returned home and resumed work at his trade. He married Joannie Shields, whose father, John B. Shields, was born in the North of Ireland and came to the United States in young manhood, locating in Jefferson county, Pa., where he followed farming. Mr. Shields was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Catherine Edmonds, and they

had children as follows: John, Thomas, Alvin, Joana, Abigail and Sarah, and two that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were the parents of five children, namely: Elsworth B.; Minerva Catharine; Charles O.; John L., and Mamie, wife of Charles Clark. The parents were members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Campbell belonged to the G. A. R.

Elsworth B. Campbell attended public school in his native county and later went to business college at Bradford, Pa. But he had to rely on his own resources from an early age, and when a lad of fifteen went to Brookville to work. Whatever schooling he received afterward was obtained by economy and his own efforts. For six years he worked in the sawmill of E. B. Cartwright & Co., during the last three years of that period being foreman. He then became filer of the gang saws, being thus employed for one year. The next two years he was engaged in cutting lumber on contract for Robert Hamilton. He then bought a piece of land and did contracting of various kinds, also engaging in the general mercantile business, and continued in this way for about ten years. In April, 1903, he moved to the borough of Indiana, where he has since carried on his business activities. For one year he was in the real estate and lumber business, in which he had an extensive patronage. Then he embarked in the retail coal business, also dealing in sand and brick, and he has built up a flourishing custom in these lines. For eleven years he had a general store at Eleanor, Jefferson county, and for four years was in that business at Indiana, and he is recognized as one of the progressive merchants of the locality, one who can be depended upon to give satisfaction in the commodities he handles and his methods of transacting business. In 1907 Mr. Campbell bought the old Morehead farm adjacent to and west of Indiana borough, one of the oldest farm properties in the county. The house on this tract, an old stone fort, will be specially referred to in the general history, and is about one hundred and twenty years old: the pioneers at one time took shelter in it when fighting the Indians which molested the settlers at the early day when it was first occupied. Much of this farm, being low, was swampy when Mr. Campbell took possession, but by drainage and judicious improving he has brought it into a valuable state of cultivation, and it is now one of the most desirable farm holdings in the county. Mr. Campbell has become financially interested in several important business concerns in Indiana.



*E. B. Campbell*





among other things being a stockholder in the Citizens' National Bank, which he serves as director. He is regarded as one of the substantial men of the borough, one who can be depended upon to advance her prosperity by every commendable means. He is well known in local fraternal bodies, being a member of the B. P. O. Elks, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias and Sons of Veterans. In religious connection he belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

In 1893 Mr. Campbell married Anna Reed, daughter of Jacob Reed, and they have two children, J. Elsworth and L. DeLoss.

**JAMES GABLE FLEMING**, who is particularly well known in Indiana as the promoter of the south extension of that borough, known as the Fleming extension, is developing one of the prosperous residence sections of this place. Formerly he was for some years a merchant of Indiana, and in every business association he has made a name for honorable dealing and reliability which reflects credit upon his character and methods. He is a native of Armstrong county, Pa., born in 1837 at Woodard's Mill, son of James and May Fleming.

Thomas Fleming, his grandfather, was born in Huntingdon county, this State, and his wife, Bettie (Marton), was a native of Ireland, coming to the United States with her parents when a little girl. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleming were both of Scotch-Irish parentage. In 1818 he settled in Indiana county. He was a farmer by occupation.

James Fleming, son of Thomas, was born in Huntingdon county and lived in Indiana county among the early settlers. He was a machinist by trade, engaged in farming to some extent, and was also in the flourmilling business, being a part owner of the first flourmill in Armstrong county. During the forties he was a member of the Pennsylvania militia. His children were: Elizabeth A., wife of David Hill; John; Thomas; James Gable; William; May A., wife of Israel Thomas; and Charlotte, wife of George Cline. The father of this family died in 1891, the mother surviving until 1902; she was ninety-two years old. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

James Gable Fleming obtained his early education in the public schools, later becoming a pupil at the Indiana academy and the Glade Run academy. For about six years he taught school, being engaged in Indiana, Armstrong and Westmoreland counties. Meantime he

had commenced farming on his own account, and he followed that calling for about thirty years. He then went into the mercantile business, at Five Points, Indiana county, continuing same about eleven years, when he sold out and took charge of the grocery and shoe departments of the Wilson & Sutton establishment, in Indiana. Subsequently he opened a shoe store of his own in the borough, being associated in this enterprise with Israel Thomas under the firm name of Fleming & Thomas, retaining his interest in this business for about ten years. After that for some time he was occupied in looking after his farm, which is in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and is the old Fleming homestead owned by the family since the days of the early settlement in this county, in 1818. In company with H. M. Lowry, Mr. Fleming purchased the eighty acres of land now known as the south extension of Indiana borough, and they have opened streets and laid it out in lots, developing a residence section which promises to become one of the most popular in the borough.

Some years ago Mr. Fleming was appointed justice of the peace by Governor Stewart, to fill a vacancy, and in 1908 he was elected to that office, which he is now holding. Some idea of his personal standing may be gained from the fact that he is the only Democrat in Indiana borough holding the office or having held that of justice of the peace. During Morgan's raid he served as a member of the State militia. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been ruling elder for over twenty years.

On May 9, 1865, Mr. Fleming married Harriet Bowman, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and they have had three children: Jannett Alice, Mary Bell, and J. D.

**ROBERT F. FLEMING**, carpenter and contractor, at present serving as auditor of Green township, has been a resident of Starford for several years past and is one of the best known citizens of his section of Indiana county. Born in Green township Oct. 15, 1853, he is a son of Francis J. and Christiana (Haley) Fleming, and grandson of Robert Fleming, a native of Scotland. Robert Fleming settled in Allegheny county, Pa., when he came to this country, and remained there until his death. His family consisted of five children: Bartholomew, William, Francis J., Elizabeth and Mary, all deceased.

Francis J. Fleming was born Aug. 22, 1811, in Allegheny county, Pa., and came to Indi-

ana county at an early day. He settled in Green township, near Cookport, about 1839, bought land and carried on farming in that vicinity, living on what came to be known as the old Fleming farm near Cookport, where he remained until his death, Aug. 25, 1871. He married Christiana Haley, a native of Ireland, born Aug. 22, 1814, who came to America when seven years old with her parents, Thomas H. and Christiana Haley, the family settling in Pittsburg, where Mr. Haley passed the remainder of his life. His family consisted of nine children, three sons and six daughters, all now deceased, namely: William, Patience, George, Mary, Jane, Christiana (Mrs. Fleming), Emma, Elizabeth and Thomas. Mrs. Christiana (Haley) Fleming died March 27, 1889. She and her husband had a family of eleven children, viz.: One that died in infancy; George H., deceased, who was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting from Indiana county (he is mentioned elsewhere in this work); Bartholomew, deceased, who was also in the Union service during the Civil war; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of William H. Munshower, of Lovejoy, justice of the peace; Thomas H., deceased; Jane Zidana, wife of George Lutman, of Green township; James, deceased; William L., a resident of Indiana county; one that died in infancy; Robert F.; and Mary Elizabeth.

Robert F. Fleming was educated in the public schools of Green township, passing his boyhood days on the old home farm, where he continued to live until after the death of his mother. He then sold his interest in the property and went to learn the trade of carpenter, which he has ever since followed, now doing general contract work. In 1905 he moved to Starford, building the home which he occupies there, owning that as well as other property. He has succeeded in his business undertakings, and has gained the confidence of his fellow citizens to such an extent that he has been chosen to various local offices of trust, having been school director three years, and at present serving as auditor. He was elected on the Republican ticket.

MILTON G. MILLER, wholesale and retail druggist of Blairsville, was born at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa., June 16, 1856, a son of Samuel G. and Mary Ann (Keener) Miller, natives of Westmoreland and Indiana counties, respectively. His paternal grandfather, who was an Irishman by birth, came to Amer-

ica in young manhood and located in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel G. Miller, son of the immigrant Miller, and father of Milton G. Miller, spent the greater part of his life in Conemaugh township, this county, and died there in 1880; his wife died in 1879. He was prominent as a debater, and took a very active part in the Presbyterian Church both as a member and elder for forty years, and was sent as a delegate to the presbytery upon several occasions. The children born to Samuel G. Miller and wife were: Elizabeth C. Reed, of Indiana county; Dr. S. G., of Livermore, Pa.; T. S., of Lewisville, Pa.; Dr. M. W., of Pittsburg; Robert N., of Indiana, Pa.; Dr. J. A., who died at Santa Fe, N. M., in June, 1912; Milton G.; John K., who died in Blairsville in 1910; Margaret D. McComb of Lewisville, who died in 1912; Mary Ann Shields, who died several years ago; and Sarah J. Marshall, who died some years ago.

Milton G. Miller was educated in the public schools, of Indiana county, Eldersridge academy, and the Indiana State normal school, and for ten years following the period of his study he taught school. Later he embarked in a general store business at Blairsville, operating it for a year, and then in 1881 purchased the drug business owned by J. C. Leslie. At that time it was a small concern, but Mr. Miller began to enlarge it, and moved to his present more commodious quarters. In 1896 he branched out, becoming a wholesale as well as retail druggist, being the only wholesale dealer in his line in the country. Beginning with the small capital of \$400, he has become one of the leading business men of Blairsville, and fully deserves his success.

Mr. Miller belongs to the Methodist Church, in whose work he is active, and also holds membership in the Brotherhood, serving that body one year as president. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

On Jan. 1, 1890, Mr. Miller was married to Ella George, a daughter of Isaac and Anna George, of Beatty station, Pa., who died March 2, 1900. She was the mother of these children: Mary Glenn, who was graduated from Wilson College in 1913; Mabel Ruth, who is a student in the same college; and Isaac George, deceased.

On June 14, 1911, Mr. Miller was married to Dawn Fray of Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Miller is a public speaker and his address to the Old Boatmen, a few years since, was regarded as a masterly effort. He has held the office of school director and during

his term of office has filled the positions of president and secretary of the board. He has been a member of the Blairsville council and has been president of that body.

JOHN NELSON ARNOLD, of Conemaugh township, has farming interests there and in Young township, is engaged in mining and handling coal, and is of the best known residents of his section of Indiana county. He was born Aug. 10, 1860, in Kiskiminetas, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Robert and grandson of William Arnold. The grandfather was born and raised in Plymouth, Devonshire, England, and passed all his life in his native country. He was engaged in the hardware business. He married Maria Jeffery, and they had children as follows: William; Edward H.; Robert; and Amy Rosina, who married William Henna Spry.

Robert Arnold, father of John Nelson Arnold, was born Oct. 24, 1823, in Plymouth, Devonshire, England, where he grew to manhood, coming to America in 1848 in company with his brothers William and Edward. By trade he was a tinner. His first location was in Pittsburg, Pa., where he remained one year, thence moving to Maysville, Armstrong county, where he lived for six years; to Olivet, Armstrong county, where he remained eight years; to Burrell township, Armstrong county, where he made his home four years; and in 1868 to Young township, Indiana county, where he followed his trade in connection with farming until his retirement, in 1900. That year he removed to Conemaugh township, this county, where he died May 11, 1905, in his eighty-second year; he was buried in Edgewood cemetery, Saltsburg, Pa. He was a member of the Jacksonville United Presbyterian Church. One of Mr. Arnold's prized possessions was a box made by his great-grandfather, to hold guinea scales, in the construction of which wire was used instead of nails. A dog which he had trained to furnish the motive power for a churn attracted considerable interest in the neighborhood.

In 1850 Mr. Arnold married Mary Shirley, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Fulmer) Shirley, born Oct. 22, 1828, died Oct. 7, 1906. They became the parents of eight children, viz.: Maria C. married R. C. Millen, who died in 1908; he was a soldier in the Civil war, and afterward farmed in Conemaugh township. Joseph Ralston died when nine years old. George Wilson lives in Girard, Ohio, where he follows the business of machinist; he married Rachel Richardson. James H., a ma-

chinist in the employ of the Pittsburg Steel Company, married Carrie Kepple. Emma B. married Thomas Smith and resides in Saltsburg. John Nelson is mentioned below. Flora Adeline married John A. Kneppshiel and (second) H. S. Oakman, and resides in Clarion county, Pa. Jacob Samuel Telford, a farmer and machinist, now residing at Mount Sterling, Ky., married Mary Gowns.

John Nelson Arnold attended common school in Young township, later went to the Eldersridge academy for a term, and then followed farming with his father, with whom he remained until 1894. In that year he moved to Conemaugh township and settled on his present place, which is a farm of forty-eight acres owned by his wife, her father having willed it to her. Besides looking after the agricultural work on this tract he owns and conducts a 156-acre farm in Young township, and he owns 200 acres of coal land in that township. He works the coal mine located near his home owned by Mrs. Arnold, this deposit being known as the Pittsburg vein, and supplied the rolling mill in the vicinity until it was closed. He now conducts what is known as the "farmers' coal band," disposing of over fifteen thousand bushels during the season; the customers call for it.

Mr. Arnold has been very active in local public affairs, being tax collector at present—an office he has held since 1909; he has also served as roadmaster and member of the election board. Politically he associates with the Democratic party. He is a member and ruling elder of the United Presbyterian Church at Saltsburg, his wife and son also belonging.

On Feb. 21, 1894, Mr. Arnold was married to Mrs. Martha B. (Nowry) Wiley, daughter of Samuel H. and Elizabeth (Crawford) Nowry and widow of John Luther Wiley. By her first marriage Mrs. Arnold had one daughter, Sadie May, who is now the wife of Charles Orvis Lamer and resides in Lorain, Ohio, where her husband is an electrician in the employ of the United States Steel Company. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold have had one child, Carl L., born May 1, 1895, who is now a student at the Kiskiminetas Springs School, at Saltsburg, Indiana county, a well-known institution for boys, being a member of the class of 1914; after graduating there he intends to enter Princeton.

SAMUEL H. NOWRY, deceased, eldest son of James and Mary (Marshall) Nowry, pioneer settlers on Blacklegs creek, Conemaugh township, was born May 3, 1812. He

received his education in the public schools of said township, and under private tutors. At the age of eighteen he taught his first school, in a primitive schoolhouse located near the election house at the junction of Scrubgrass run and Blacklegs creek, after which school term he remained at home with his father for a period of three years, helping to prepare the brick and erect the present brick homestead, now known as the old Nowry homestead, on the State road. All the while he was studying for his much loved vocation, that of a teacher in the public school. He began teaching again at the age of twenty-two, and taught twenty years without intermission. In the meantime he had saved enough money from his scanty wages as a teacher to purchase the farm in Conemaugh township on which Nowrytown is now located. He then retired from his chosen profession and took up farm life in addition to participating in local politics, being a staunch Democrat. He was a township officer almost continuously for ten years. Being a firm believer in the axiom that "the only sure investment on earth is in earth," he purchased two additional farms in Conemaugh township, the one known as the Walkinshaw farm and later part of the D. S. Gailey homestead, the other known as the Lyons farm, now owned by William Schmidt. Having now arrived at the age of fifty, and believing he had the wherewithal to furnish a home and rear a family, he hid himself to an adjoining county and formed an alliance with a daughter of a pioneer settler of Armstrong county, William Crawford, of near Olivet. Samuel H. Nowry and Elizabeth Crawford were married by Rev. Alexander Donnelson, March 26, 1862, and went to housekeeping on the farm on which Nowrytown is located. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nowry, one son and two daughters: Albert and Martha B., twins, born May 18, 1864, and Rebecca M., born June 8, 1866. Albert Nowry, son of Samuel, still resides on a part of the old homestead, and has a family of seven children. Martha B., married to John N. Arnold, is chronicled with the Arnold family; Rebecca M. married John C. Lahl, of Lorain, Ohio, and has no children.

In the year Foster coal mines first opened when people were coming over from England to engage in the mining industry, they being of the best class of Christian people and wanting to buy land and erect new homes, Mr. Nowry as a public-spirited man volunteered to sell fifty acres of his farm in lots to them, that

they might erect homes and raise their families away from the degrading influences of the pit mouth. He was rewarded by having the settlement named Nowrytown to perpetuate his memory.

Samuel H. Nowry died June 6, 1887, and is interred in Edgewood cemetery at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. His wife, Elizabeth, died April 4, 1897, and is interred beside her husband.

ROBERT HAZARD CUNNINGHAM, justice of the peace, and a farmer and business man of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born in that township Oct. 8, 1851. He is a son of John Cunningham and grandson of Robert Cunningham, who came to this country from Scotland and settled in Young township, Indiana Co., Pa. He became a large land owner and was extensively engaged in stock raising. He and his wife Jane (Hopkins) are buried in the cemetery at Jacksonville. Their children were: Hugh, a farmer, who married Martha Hart; John; William, who was never married; Robert, a tanner and farmer, who married Eliza Hart; Ann, wife of John Gilmore; Margaret, wife of William Gamble; Jane, who married John Lucas, a carpenter, of Blacklick, this county; and Rebecca, who married Milton Neal.

John Cunningham, son of Robert, was born in 1820 in Scotland, Indiana county, Pa., and passed his early life in Young township, attending the log schoolhouse in the neighborhood. He learned the trade of carpenter, and was especially in demand as a barn builder, in which line he became very skillful. He helped to build the locks on the old Pennsylvania canal. Moving to Armstrong township in 1850 he built a dwelling and tannery (on the farm where his son Robert now lives) and was an energetic business man up to his death, cultivating his farm of 200 acres and following tanning, shipping leather to Philadelphia. He also owned a coal bank which he operated, and was an all-round enterprising and progressive man. He served his township in the offices of school director, supervisor and assessor, and was an elder and trustee of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he was long a devoted member. Politically he was a Republican. His death occurred in 1888. Mr. Cunningham married Rebecca Beatty, daughter of Robert and Nancy (Boreland) Beatty, and (second) Sarah Lucas, who now makes her home with his son William. Mr. Cunningham was the father of children as follows, all born to the first marriage: Robert Hazard; Elizabeth, born Sept. 26, 1855, wife of Albert Wig-

gins; William, born Dec. 19, 1853, unmarried, who is a farmer and owner of coal land in Armstrong township; and Harriet, who died when three years old.

Robert Hazard Cunningham grew to manhood on the home farm and at an early age began to assist his father at tanning, and from 1868 carried on the tanning business himself. For a number of years the tanning he did was for himself, but he shipped leather to Philadelphia. The hides tanned were mostly country hides. He continued to engage in that line until 1907, since when he has cultivated the ninety-acre farm in Armstrong township where he now resides, carrying on general farming and stock raising. His home has all along been on this same farm, which is part of the old home place. Mr. Cunningham has been honored by his fellow citizens with election to local office, having been school director eight years, and at present serving as justice of the peace, which office he has held for the last twelve years. He is member of the United Presbyterian Church, and at present is clerk of the session of the United Presbyterian Church of Shelocta, Pennsylvania.

On June 30, 1875, Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage with Julia Henderson, who was born Dec. 4, 1850, near Eldersridge, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Anthony) Henderson, of Whiskey Run, Indiana county, Pa. About the age of nine years Mrs. Cunningham moved with her parents to a farm near Shelocta; she attended select school at Shelocta and Parkwood. She is the mother of four children: Margaret E., born May 2, 1876, now engaged in teaching in Armstrong township; Wilber, born Aug. 18, 1877, who graduated from the Indiana State normal school in 1902 and taught in the public schools of Indiana and Westmoreland counties, now a plumber of Leechburg, Pa. (he married June 18, 1907, Maud Penman); Samuel Roy; and Sarah, born June 18, 1885, who lives at home.

S. ROY CUNNINGHAM was born May 8, 1881, on the farm where his father now resides. After going to the public schools of his own township he entered the Indiana State normal school in 1900, and attended for five terms, taking the college preparatory course, and completing the business course in 1904. While working on his father's farm he learned the tanning and harnessmaking trade. In 1904 he left the farm and for five months worked in the steel mills at Vandergrift, Pa. Before going to Vandergrift he learned the carpenter's trade at Ernest, Pa., when the coal town was first started. He helped

to build the West End hotel barn at Indiana, Charles Mohan's store building, and the Elkin hotel at Clarksburg, Pa. In February, 1906, he was employed by Fred Herlinger to do carpenter work at Josephine, Indiana county. After working there three months he was with the Indiana Lumber & Supply Company until Aug. 16, 1910, when he entered the employ of J. G. McCrory, to superintend the building on his land in Brushvalley township, Indiana county. At the present writing Mr. Cunningham is superintending the erection of two concrete store buildings which Mr. McCrory has under construction in Florida.

Mr. Cunningham married, Oct. 7, 1908, Katharyn Miller, daughter of M. B. and Rachel (Mangus) Miller, of Armstrong township, Indiana county. They lived on South Tenth street, Indiana, where his wife died Dec. 1, 1909. He is a man of sterling qualities, and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He is an expert in his line of work and has always merited the confidence of those who employed him.

REV. CHARLES L. TREFNY, pastor of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church at Starford, and of three other churches in that section of Indiana county, came to his present charge from Pittsburg. He was born July 2, 1880, in St. Louis, Mo., son of Charles W. and Frances S. (Zika) Trefny, and his grandparents on both sides came to the United States from Bohemia, of which country they were natives.

Charles W. Trefny was born in the State of Illinois, and when a boy moved to St. Louis, where he has since made his home. He is now engaged in business there. His wife is a native of Pittsburg, Pa. They have had two children, Charles L. and Louis, the latter deceased.

Charles L. Trefny began his education in the parochial schools of St. Louis, afterward attending the St. Louis University. He then became a student at St. Francis Seminary, at St. Francis, Wis., preparing for the priesthood, and finished the philosophical course there, after which he went to Rome, in 1902. He completed his course in the American college there in 1905, was ordained at Rome, and returning to America was appointed the same year to a charge in the southern part of Arkansas which he served for four years, looking after thirty-six missions, in which twenty-six nationalities were represented. He is well fitted to meet the difficulties of such a posi-

tion, having the linguistic gifts often found among those of his race. Besides English he speaks fluently German, French, Spanish, Polish, Italian and the Slavic languages. From Arkansas Father Trefny was transferred to a parish in New York City, where he remained one year, after which he was at Pittsburg for a short time before coming to Starford, where he resides. Besides the church at that place he administers to the parish of the Sacred Heart at Dixonville, St. John the Baptist parish at Heilwood and St. Anthony parish at Clymer, Pa. His labors are diversified and arduous, but he has attended faithfully to the many demands made upon him and has maintained the various churches under his care in creditable condition. His devotion to his work and unselfish interest in all that concerns the welfare of his parishioners have won him the unlimited regard of all classes in this part of the county, regardless of creed.

ALBERT M. BARRON was born near Jacksonville, Indiana Co., Pa., in 1870, and is a son of Peter and Elizabeth (Hendrickson) Barron.

The Barrons are descendants of a German family of which three brothers settled in this country—one near Philadelphia, one in North Carolina and the other in Somerset county, Pa. The posterity of the last are numerous in Somerset, Westmoreland, Cambria, Fayette and Indiana counties.

Nicholas Barron, paternal grandfather of Albert M., was a prominent farmer of Somerset county, Pa., for some years, later came to Center township, Indiana county, and died at the home of his son, Peter Barron.

Peter Barron, son of Nicholas, and father of Albert M. Barron, was born in Somerset county, Pa., whence he removed to Indiana county with his parents. For a time he resided at Jacksonville, but later purchased a farm of 207 acres in Burrell township, and to this new home removed with his family in 1873. He erected buildings on this property, made numerous other improvements, and spent the remainder of his life in cultivating the soil, dying in 1897, at the age of seventy-two years. He was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Coral. Originally he was a Democrat in politics and a firm believer in the principles of the party until 1859, when he espoused the cause of the Republican party.

In 1854 Mr. Barron married Elizabeth Hendrickson, of Center township, a daughter of Philip Hendrickson, and they had seven

children, as follows: Elmira, who married Alexander Lyons; James, deceased; Margaret J., who is deceased; Marshall M.; Ida, who is deceased; Minta, deceased; and Albert M.

Albert M. Barron, son of Peter Barron, began his education in the Burrell township schools and later attended summer school at Armagh and Homer City. He was principal of the schools at Graceton, Blairsville Intersection and Josephine, and also worked on the homestead farm (part of which he now owns) until after the death of his father. He has taught fourteen terms of school (ten in his home township), besides several summer sessions. He is one of the substantial citizens of his community.

In 1894 Mr. Barron was married to Charlotte ("Lottie") Hildebrand, daughter of Frank Hildebrand, of Burrell township, and they have had eight children, as follows: Elsie, Albert Roy, Arthur H., Margaret V., Charlotte May, Mary Frances, Eugene H. (deceased) and Virgil.

Mr. Barron has been school director of Burrell township for two years. He was a supporter of the principles of the People's party a number of years, and is now a Socialist, having been one of the first advocates of Socialism in the county, and was elected school director on the ticket of that party; he has since received the nomination for register and recorder. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Barron is liberal in his church views, progressive in his ideas, and a representative type of his community's most enterprising citizenship.

WILLIAM BLAIR LYTLE, farmer and dairyman of Conemaugh township, a part of whose property was formerly included in the old Lytle homestead, was born in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., July 15, 1870, son of Alexander and Louisa Caroline (Blair) Lytle.

Alexander Lytle was the great-grandfather of William Blair Lytle.

William Lytle, son of Alexander Lytle, was born in 1802 in Conemaugh township, and died June 26, 1869, at the age of sixty-six years, eight months, thirteen days. He attended the primitive subscription schools of his day and locality, and on attaining his majority built a gristmill on Lytle's run, and was also a butcher for many years, being thus engaged at the time of his death. An active member of the United Presbyterian Church of Conemaugh, he was a trustee of the congregation for many years, and a member of the

building committee when the first church was erected. Mr. Lytle was a Whig and later a Republican, and became a prominent man of his day, serving efficiently and faithfully as United States revenue collector, tax collector, assessor and school director, and to the end of his life as a member of the election board. He acquired large tracts of land and at the time of his death was the owner of several valuable farms in Conemaugh township. By his first wife, Mattie (Sloan), he had five children: Elizabeth, who married Smith Templeton; Martha; Mary J., who married Samuel Ritchie; Sarah F., and one other. Mr. Lytle's second marriage was to Sarah Collom, and they had a family of eight children, among them Alexander. Of the others Sarah, residing at Conemaugh, married Robert Milard, deceased; Caroline Margaret, the widow of James Gilkerson, is conducting a large farm in Conemaugh township; Maria, Mrs. Staples, now resides in South Bend, Ind.; William F. lives in Young township, Indiana county.

Alexander Lytle, son of William Lytle, and father of William Blair Lytle, was born in 1837, on the Lytle homestead in Conemaugh township, attended the common schools and followed farming with his parents. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company G, 206th Regiment, P. V. I., with which organization he served one year, and received his honorable discharge at Richmond, Va. Returning to his home, he again took up the peaceful occupation of farming, and the rest of his life was spent in cultivating his 120-acre farm, where his death occurred June 16, 1892. He was a stalwart Republican, and a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Lytle married Louisa Caroline Blair, daughter of William and Annie (Patterson) Blair, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and to this union were born two children, Annie and William B. Mrs. Lytle and her children still reside on the old homestead place.

William Blair Lytle, son of Alexander Lytle, received his educational training in the public schools of Conemaugh township, and worked with his parents until he took charge of the farm of 120 acres, eighty-six acres of which belonged to the original homestead of the Lytles. Mr. Lytle is an enterprising and progressive farmer, carrying on farming, stock raising and dairying and shipping a large amount of milk to Pittsburg. In 1903 he erected a large silo for his cattle, and he has also made numerous other improvements which make this property one of the most valuable of its size to be found in the town-

ship. The barn that now stands there is in first-class shape, although it was first erected in 1839 by Mr. Lytle's grandfather, but since that time additions have been made to it. The original Lytle home, built by the grandfather, was of logs, but was destroyed by fire in 1845 and was replaced by a large brick residence, now occupied by Mr. Lytle, his mother and his sister, the bricks for this structure having been made on the homestead. In addition to taking care of his farming interests Mr. Lytle has been employed during the last six years by the West Penn Powder Company, in teaming its product to the different mines in this section.

Mr. Lytle is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, which his mother and sister also attend. In political matters he is a Republican, and has served his township efficiently in the capacity of school director. Always ready to support any movement of a progressive nature, he is known as one of his section's best citizens, and has the unqualified esteem and respect of his fellow men.

EPHRAIM WALLACE, farmer of West Wheatfield township, now residing on his father's old farm, is a descendant of an old and respected family of that part of Indiana county which has been settled there for several generations.

Robert Wallace, great-great-grandfather of Ephraim Wallace, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, early in the eighteenth century, and died at Ballymena, in that county, in December, 1772. He was married twice and by his first wife he had an only son, named Ephraim, born in 1747, who married Janet McCullough; by his second wife he had four sons, viz.: John, born in 1750, married Mary Alexander; James, born in 1752, married Elizabeth McDonald; Samuel, born in 1755, married Mary Barton; Robert, born in 1759, married Sarah Barelay.

Ephraim Wallace, son of Robert, was born in County Antrim in 1747, and came to this country about 1768. He bought a large tract of land along the Conemaugh river, in what is now Indiana county, Pa. About 1774 he married Janet McCollough, or McCullough, who was born in Ireland in 1744, and of this union six children were born, namely: Robert, born in December, 1775, married but left no children; John, born Feb. 9, 1778, married Anne Clark; Sarah, born April 15, 1782, married Joseph McKelvey; Anne, twin of Sarah, married Samuel McKelvey; Samuel, born Oct. 3, 1784, married Jane McKelvey; Mar-

garet, born May 15, 1787, married William McKelvey.

Samuel Wallace (son of Ephraim and grandson of Robert) was born Oct. 3, 1784, in West Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., and died Jan. 24, 1860. He conducted a large farm inherited from his father, the properties now owned by Robert and John Liggett, and was one of the prominent and prosperous citizens of his day. Although influential in all local affairs he never sought or held office, but he was active in the interests of the Bethel U. P. Church, of which he was one of the founders and liberal supporters. He married Jane McKelvey, who died Oct. 30, 1882, and they are buried in Bethel cemetery in West Wheatfield township. Mrs. Wallace, like her husband, was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. They had a family of five children, as follows: Mary, born Feb. 17, 1808, married William Liggett and had thirteen children; Ephraim, born Sept. 3, 1809, married Anne Graham; James, born Jan. 29, 1811, married Ruth Graham, and resided in Iowa; Jane, born Aug. 15, 1818, married James Crawford; Margaret, born Sept. 1, 1817, died March 15, 1900.

Ephraim Wallace (eldest son of Samuel, Ephraim, Robert) was born Sept. 3, 1809, on the homestead in West Wheatfield township, in a log house built by his father. He attended the log schoolhouse in that district, and grew to manhood on the home place, working with his parents in its improvement and cultivation. On Aug. 22, 1833, he married Annie Graham, daughter of Joseph and Hannah Graham, of West Wheatfield township, where they were born. He bought a tract of land from Daniel Stannard containing over three hundred acres, which he cultivated all the rest of his life. He was particularly successful with stock, raising some very fine horses. He took an interest in the advancement of the locality, serving many years as a member of the board of school directors, and was a prominent member of the United Presbyterian Church, serving as trustee and Sabbath school teacher. He was a man honored by all who knew him. Mrs. Wallace died April 15, 1864, at the age of fifty years; she was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and was buried in Bethel cemetery, West Wheatfield township. Mr. Wallace passed away March 16, 1889, at the age of seventy-nine. They had children as follows: (1) Joseph G., born Feb. 15, 1835, died Sept. 30, 1871. (2) Jane, born Nov. 9, 1836, died Feb. 12, 1838. (3) Samuel W., born Dec. 11, 1838, married Eliza McCune,

and died Sept. 3, 1903, his wife dying May 3, 1903. He resided on a part of his father's farm, now owned by his brother Ephraim. He served nine months during the Civil war in Company C, 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. (4) Ephraim, born June 28, 1841, married Ellen S. Graham. (5) Hannah Jane, born Dec. 30, 1843, died Sept. 30, 1856. (6) James, born Aug. 10, 1847, married Laura Clark, and they resided on a farm near Blacklick which was given him by his father, but sold their farm later and moved to Johnstown. Mr. Wallace died Oct. 3, 1907. Their children were: Anna (married Edward McCormick), Bertha (married Alvin Davis, and died Sept. 11, 1909), James (married Gertrude Briney), Samuel (died Oct. 1, 1910), Leola (married Charles Myers), Clark (died in October, 1903), Ephraim, Joanna and John, the three last named and Mrs. Wallace now residing at Long Beach, California.

Ephraim Wallace (son of Ephraim, Samuel, Ephraim, Robert) was born June 28, 1841, on his father's farm in West Wheatfield township, and attended the Wallace school near his early home. He worked at home, helping his father, until he reached his majority, and after he commenced on his own account was employed at lumbering in the home township, getting out railroad ties and doing other work of the same kind. On April 23, 1885, he married Ellen S. Graham, who was born March 18, 1854, daughter of George and Annie Graham, of West Wheatfield township. The same year he erected a house and barn on the southern part of the homestead farm, given to him by his father, about a half mile from his father's home, and there settled with his family. His children are as follows: Ephraim, born June 21, 1886, is now engaged in farming at home; Joseph, born Nov. 20, 1887, died Aug. 17, 1888; Anna, born Nov. 22, 1889, who taught school for a time in West Wheatfield township, was married May 29, 1912, to Thomas Mabon, and resides on his farm, which joins her father's place; Paul, born May 31, 1892, is teaching school in West Wheatfield township; Samuel, born Nov. 19, 1894, is farming at home.

At the death of his brother Samuel, Mr. Wallace inherited the old homestead, giving him a tract of over 300 acres, which he now cultivates, carrying on general farming, and besides raising cattle and sheep and doing a large dairy business, shipping milk to Johnstown, Pa. He is a man of progressive ideas and energetic disposition, and his farm bears every indication of thorough care and intelli-



gent management. A rich coal vein runs under his land. Mr. Wallace has prospered in the various lines he has followed and is one of the substantial citizens of his township. He gives all his time to his own affairs, taking no part in public matters. In politics he associates with the Republican party. He and his wife and children are all members of the United Presbyterian Church of New Florence, Mr. Wallace serving as trustee of same. Mr. Wallace now lives at the old homestead, renting the house on the southern part of the property where he and his family formerly lived.

THOMAS E. HILDEBRAND is engaged in the drug business in Indiana borough, carrying on the establishment founded by his father over fifty years ago. It is the oldest drug house in the county. Mr. Hildebrand also has other important interests here, being cashier of the Indiana County Deposit Bank, with which he has been connected since 1884, and he is one of the most esteemed citizens of the community, where he has passed his entire life. He was born at Indiana Feb. 18, 1860, son of William B. and Sarah (McClaran) Hildebrand, and grandson of William Hildebrand. His great-grandfather, John Hildebrand, was of German origin, and married Elizabeth Swigart. The family has been settled in Pennsylvania from the early days, and has long been identified with Adams county.

William B. Hildebrand was born in 1825 in Adams county, Pa., and in 1853 removed to Indiana borough, where he lived from that time until his death. He became a prominent and useful citizen of that place, establishing the drug business now conducted by his son, and in other connections identifying himself actively with the best interests of the borough. In 1876, as a tribute to his recognized ability and high personal worth, he was elected secretary of the State normal school located at Indiana, and continued to serve in that position, being annually reelected, until his death, which occurred in 1886, when he was in his sixty-first year. In every relation of life he was known as a man of the highest integrity and honorable methods. He took no active part in politics, though he was a public-spirited citizen and a staunch Republican, but in all other causes in which he was interested did his share toward advancing the principles they represented. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Indiana, and served ten years as trustee. In 1859 Mr. Hildebrand married Sarah McClaran, who

was born in 1826 at Blairsville, Indiana county, daughter of Hon. William McClaran, a native of Indiana county, of Scotch-Irish descent, who passed all his life here. He was an old-line Whig and a very active man in politics in his time, representing the county twice in the State Legislature, and serving two successive terms as register and recorder, to which position he was first elected in 1842. He was a strict Presbyterian in religious connection, and a man whose high principles were apparent in all his actions. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand had seven children, four sons and three daughters, namely: Thomas E., Gertrude, Frank, Walter, William M., Mary and Elizabeth. Mrs. Hildebrand was, like her husband, a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Thomas E. Hildebrand grew to manhood in the borough of Indiana, and had the advantages afforded by the common schools and the State normal school. All of his business life he has been connected with the drug store, where he began as his father's assistant, after his father's death purchasing the store and taking entire charge of the business. In 1889 he tore down the old building and replaced it with a substantial three-story brick building, 21 by 75 feet in dimensions, specially equipped and arranged for the conduct of the business. It is located on Philadelphia street. Mr. Hildebrand has always prided himself on having a complete and reliable stock of drugs, and being himself a skillful druggist knows the needs of his trade, to which he caters most successfully. He has kept up his wide circle of patrons, and indeed has added perceptibly to the extent of his business throughout his long career.

In 1884 Mr. Hildebrand began his connection with the Indiana County Deposit Bank as teller, and he is now cashier, which position he has held since Feb. 26, 1907. He has taken considerable interest in the local government and public affairs generally, and he is a member of the board of trustees of the Indiana (Pa.) State normal school. He is a Republican in political connection. Mr. Hildebrand has long been a member of the Cosmopolitan Club of Indiana. His intelligence and public spirit entitle him to rank among the most valuable men in his section.

ELMER E. HEILMAN, M. D., has been engaged in the general practice of medicine at Hillsdale, Indiana Co., Pa., for almost twenty years, having settled there at once upon his graduation from medical school. He

is a native of Armstrong county, Pa., born Nov. 23, 1867, son of Reuben and Mary (Everhart) Heilman, farming people. Dr. Heilman's father and grandfather were also born in Armstrong county.

Dr. Heilman obtained his preliminary education in the public schools, and was with his father working on the farm and in the mercantile business for several years during his young manhood. Entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., he completed his course there in 1893, and the same year came to Hillsdale, where he has found a congenial field of labor. Personally and professionally he has a high reputation, and he has built up a creditable practice, his sincere interest in his patients and unflagging attention to their needs winning him friendship as well as confidence wherever he goes. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Society.

On Oct. 8, 1896, Dr. Heilman married Morna Lee Pittman, of Hillsdale, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Harriet J. (Barbour) Pittman, and they have one child, Virginia Irmingerde Lee. Dr. Pittman came to Hillsdale in 1863.

**EVERHART.** The Everhart family of Armstrong county, to which Dr. Heilman belongs in the maternal line, were among the early settlers west of the Allegheny mountains. The Doctor's great-great-grandfather Everhart was born in Germany and came with his parents to this country. His son, Christian Everhart, came in an early day from Huntingdon county, Pa., to Westmoreland county, and frequently had to leave his farm to seek safety from the Indians, taking refuge in a neighboring fort. He served in the war of 1812. He was an elder in the Lutheran Church, and died in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, at the age of sixty-six years. He married Mary Snyder.

Henry Everhart, son of Christian and Mary (Snyder) Everhart, was born in 1808. In 1847 he moved from Westmoreland county to Kittanning township, Armstrong county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Oct. 1, 1888. He was a farmer by occupation, a good worker and thrifty manager, and became one of the substantial and respected residents of his section. He held various public offices in his township. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious connection an earnest member of the Lutheran Church, and served it many years in the capacity of elder. He married Susan Keck, who was born Nov. 25, 1810, in Mercer county, Pa., daughter of

Christian Keck, a soldier of the war of 1812, who was born in Mercer county and died there in 1854, at the age of seventy years. Mrs. Susan (Keck) Everhart died in Kittanning township April 24, 1875, a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Everhart had a family of six children, of whom Mrs. Mary (Everhart) Heilman, mother of Dr. Heilman, was one.

**JACK.** The Jack family has been represented for four generations in Blacklick township, Indiana county, where William B. Jack is now engaged in farming and prominent in various local interests. The following is taken from a history of his ancestors written mostly by William Jack, M. D., of Allegheny, Pa., several years before his death. (Dr. Jack's account was written about thirty years ago.—1912.)

James Jack lived and died in Cumberland county, Pa. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Jane Carahan, both died and were buried near Newville, that county. They had thirteen children, four sons and nine daughters, namely: Patrick, James, John, Andrew, Jane (married John Cooper), Ellen (married James Scroggs), Polly (married John Heron), Betsy (married William McFarland), Peggy (married William Clark), Nancy (married James McCombs), Cynthia (married James Hemphill), Hannah (married James Wills) and Jemima (married Thomas Dunlap).

Patrick Jack, great-grandfather of William B. Jack, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was born in Cumberland county, Pa. (son of James and Jane Carahan Jack), and there married his first wife, Margaret Bryant, and about the year 1786 he moved to Westmoreland county, settling near Mount Pleasant. Then he came to the southern part of Indiana county, Pa., in 1791, settling on a farm on Aultman's run in Blacklick township, where he spent the remainder of his days. He died Feb. 17, 1817, in his seventy-second year, and was buried in Ebenezer cemetery. He became a very prominent man in the community where he resided, was one of the first ruling elders of Ebenezer congregation in Indiana county, a leading man in the church, upright in his dealings, and a wise counselor. For his second wife he married the Widow Watson, and his third marriage was to Mrs. Margaret Leslie (or Lesley), who died without issue, before him. The second and third wives are also buried at Ebenezer. There was one child by the first marriage, called James after his

grandfather; and one by the second marriage, Anna, who married John Henderson. Many years ago John Henderson moved from Pennsylvania to what was then called the Far West, settling on a farm near Marysville, the county seat of Union county, Ohio. His youngest child, William, still lived on that old farm when this article was written. Mrs. Anna Henderson died at the age of eighty-two. She and her husband had ten children, of whom Andrew died when a child. The others were: Joseph, John, Samuel, David W. (a physician), William, Margaret, Sarah Ann, Levinia and Mary. Dr. David W. Henderson practiced medicine in Marysville, Ohio, until his death.

James Jack, son of Patrick Jack by his first wife, was born on Christmas night, 1779, in Cumberland county, moved thence with the family to Mt. Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, and was a boy of eleven years when, in 1791, he came to the farm on Aultman's run in Blacklick township, in southern Indiana county, Pa., formerly a part of Westmoreland county. There he lived and died, his death occurring in August, 1861, when he was eighty-one years of age. He was buried at Ebenezer. He and all his family were members of the Ebenezer Church, to the support of which he contributed liberally, and he was known for his charity and generosity in all worthy causes. One of the progressive agriculturists of his day in his section of Indiana county, he cleared and improved the tract of about four hundred acres which he inherited. He married Mary Alcorn, daughter of James and Esther (Kennedy) Alcorn, and she survived him, being ninety-three years old at the time of her death. Although she was only three or four years old at the time, she recollected the circumstances of her mother's capture by the Indians while out digging potatoes in a patch some distance from the cabin in which the family resided, in the Allegheny mountains. James and Mary (Alcorn) Jack had eight children, three sons and five daughters, who lived to maturity, one son and one daughter dying in childhood. We have the following record of this family:

(1) Margaret Jack married Marshall Shields, and died in 1865, about the close of the Civil war, survived by one son and one daughter, William C. and Virginia Antoinetta. Her eldest child, Milton, died in childhood, of whooping cough, and was buried in the old cemetery at Saltsburg, Pa. The second child, James Jack Shields, enlisted with his father in the 105th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was wounded at the

battle of Fair Oaks, dying as the result of his injuries. He was buried in Cypress Hill cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

(2) Jane Jack, second child of James Jack, married Samuel C. Hazlett, a farmer, dealer in horses, stock, etc., and had a family of four children, three sons and one daughter: James J., who was an eminent attorney of Greensburg, Pa.; John Leslie, who resided at Indiana, Pa.; Mary Agnes, married to John Welsh, of Latrobe, Pa.; and Judge Alfred Hazlett, of Beatrice, Nebraska.

(3) Esther Kennedy Jack, third child of James Jack, married William C. Marshall, of Clarksburg, Indiana county. Of the large family born to them only one son, Theodore, and one daughter, Ella, wife of Armour Cribbs, survive. Three of the sons, James, Scott and Theodore, were in the Union army during the Civil war. Lydia married D. M. Reed, of Hiawatha, Kans. The fourth son lived on the home farm until his death.

(4) James McComb Jack, fourth child of James Jack, was born June 15, 1825, on Aultman's run in Blacklick township, where he resided with his parents, growing to manhood on the home farm and assisting his father in its cultivation. He followed farming and stock raising all his life, residing on the old farm which has been in the family for so many years and a part of which came into his possession upon the death of his father. Mr. Jack took a conspicuous part in local affairs, serving the township many years as school director, and was one of the most highly regarded citizens of his neighborhood, beloved and respected by all who knew him. He was a Republican in politics and in religious connection a member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder. He and his wife Elizabeth are buried in the Ebenezer cemetery.

Mr. Jack was twice married. His first wife, Emma Noyes, from the State of Maine, was a music teacher in the Blairsville Female Seminary for some years previous to her marriage. Several children were born to this union, but all died in infancy. For his second wife James McComb Jack married, June 11, 1868, Elizabeth Fulton, of Westmoreland county, daughter of Moses Fulton, formerly of Westmoreland county, Pa. A few years before her father and mother died they resided near the village of Livermore, in Indiana county. Five children were born to this marriage, four sons and one daughter: (1) Fulton, born June 17, 1869, was graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in the class

of 1892, studied law, was admitted to the bar at Beatrice, Nebraska, in 1895, and continues to practice his profession there. He married Angie L. Pollock, and they reside at Beatrice, Nebraska. They have three children, Fulton, Jr., Elizabeth and Mary Josephine. (2) William Bryant is mentioned below. (3) James P., born in May, 1872, married Mrs. Henriette Harrison. (4) Frank, born Jan. 28, 1874, died in September, 1889. (5) Mary Agnes, born Jan. 12, 1877, graduated from Grove City College in the class of 1900, and has since followed teaching. She spends her vacations with her brother William on the home farm.

(5) John Henderson Jack, fifth child of James Jack, married Mary Reed, of Clarksburg. He died in 1897.

(6) Mary Ann Jack, sixth child of James Jack, resided at the old homestead until her death, March 16, 1912.

(7) Eliza Jack, seventh child of James Jack, died in the year 1876.

(8) William Jack, youngest child in the family of James Jack, became a physician and surgeon. He served three years as surgeon in the Civil war, and then located in the village of Jacksonville, Indiana Co., Pa., near his old birthplace, where he became acquainted with and married Mary J. Bruce. In 1875 he moved to the city of Allegheny, where he continued to reside until his death, in December, 1892. He built up a fine practice there and won many warm friends. Dr. and Mrs. Jack had four children: William Bruce, who died in 1890; Mary Blanche, who died when two years old; Emma Josephine, who died in 1901, wife of William Speedy; and James Arthur, who died some time after his father.

WILLIAM BRYANT JACK, son of James McComb and Elizabeth (Fulton) Jack, was born Sept. 30, 1870, in Blacklick township, and there obtained his early education in the district schools, later becoming a student at the Eldersridge Academy. Then he taught school for two years in Blacklick and Young townships before settling down to farming with his father on the farm which had been originally brought into the family by his great-grandfather. The house built by his grandfather is still in first-class condition and in use. Mr. Jack helped his father with the farm work until the latter died, and he is now the owner of the home place of 136 acres, which is under a high state of cultivation. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Telephone Company of Blacklick Township, being a citizen of broad public spirit and farsightedness in matters affecting the general welfare.

For eleven years he has been township auditor, and he has taken a prominent part in the administration of all local affairs. He is a Republican, and has served on the township committee of his party. Like many members of the family he is a leading member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM R. CALHOUN, of Indiana, is a widely known citizen of Indiana county, which he served for six years in the capacity of prothonotary, from 1900 to 1906. He had previously served for a similar period as clerk in the office. Since his retirement from official life he has been engaged in business in the borough, being at present connected with the Penn Enamel Sink Company, of which he is treasurer.

Mr. Calhoun was born April 11, 1862, in West Lebanon, Young township, Indiana county, and is of Irish extraction. His earliest ancestor in America was one of four brothers who came from Ireland to this country.

James Calhoun, grandfather of William R. Calhoun, died in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Nancy (Robinson), also died there.

Alexander Harvey Calhoun, father of William R. Calhoun, lived in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and was a wagonmaker by occupation. Later he located at West Lebanon, in Young township, and he died at Blairsville, this county, Jan. 28, 1901. Mr. Calhoun served his country as a private in the Union army for twenty-four months during the Civil war, enlisting twice, the second time in the 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He married Mary Ann Henry, who survives him, and to them were born children as follows: William R.; Alma, Mrs. R. S. Coulter, of West Lebanon; Nancy, Mrs. W. J. North, of Blairsville; Lillian, unmarried; Oscar, of Blairsville, and Carrie, who is unmarried.

William R. Calhoun attended public school at West Lebanon, and later took a course at the Curry business college, in Pittsburg, Pa. Learning the carpenter's trade, he followed it for a number of years. In 1894 he became a clerk in the office of the county prothonotary, and continued to serve as such for six years, in fact until he himself assumed the duties of prothonotary, to which office he was first elected in the fall of 1899. He was reelected at the end of his first term, in 1902, and thus filled the position for six consecutive years, giving high satisfaction to all concerned. Af-

ter his retirement from the office he spent six months in California, and upon his return to Indiana embarked in the insurance business. In October, 1911, he became associated with the Penn Enamel Sink Company, of which he is now treasurer. This is one of the progressive business concerns of Indiana. The product is white enamel kitchen sinks and similar goods, and its quality, which is equal to that of any concern in the country, has enabled the company to compete in this locality with many larger organizations. The main office and works are at Indiana, Pa. Mr. Calhoun is an able and energetic business man, a valuable member of the company, and does his full share in promoting its interests.

On July 18, 1900, Mr. Calhoun married Annie McCormick, of Blairsville, Pa., daughter of the late William and Eliza McCormick, of Blairsville, and they have had one child, W. Carl.

Mr. Calhoun is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Woodmen of the World, and in religious connection of the United Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in political matters.

JAMES G. FINDLEY (deceased), for many years a highly esteemed resident of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, where by reason of his ability, integrity and intelligence he held a prominent place among his fellow citizens, was a native of that township and a descendant of George Findley, its earliest settler.

George Findley is supposed to have been of Scotch origin. He crossed the mountains and located in the Pumroy and Wilson settlement, in what is now Derry township, Westmoreland county, in 1764. The following year he crossed the Conemaugh river to what is now East Wheatfield township, settling on a tract of land now owned by George H. Mathews, which comprised 200 acres of land. The selection was "tomahawked," but his rights were as valid in those days as if he had gone through the more complicated methods now necessary. His visits to his land were as frequent and his stay each time as long as the troublesome times would permit. His home was spoken of May 29, 1769, as the "Findley cabins," in some application warrants of that year. When the Revolutionary war broke out he had a clearing of about ten acres, on which his cabin stood. There is a tradition in the family that when he visited his future home with a bound boy named George Farmer, to look after some cattle, the Indians surprised

them, and that Mr. Findley was wounded through the left arm, but escaped, while the boy was captured by the savages and scalped, the Indians leaving the body along the run which adjoins the homestead. Mr. Findley settled permanently on this farm with his family as soon as conditions made it safe to do so, and continued to make his home there, although frequently obliged to seek shelter at Fort Ligonier or Palmer's Fort. Here this brave pioneer rounded out his useful life, becoming interested along various lines, for in 1784-85 he built a gristmill which is supposed to have been the second in the county, and in 1788 he added a sawmill to his plant. The first structure was a small, rude log mill, using a ten-foot undershot wheel, and had only one run of stones. The second was worn out in 1817 and was then using a breast wheel, and it too had only one run of stones. The third was erected in 1817 and had two runs of stones, and an overshot wheel sixteen feet in diameter. Mr. Findley cleared off much of his land, and was noted for his energy and industrious habits; his thrift made possible the accumulation of a comfortable fortune. His death occurred on the farm he had redeemed from the wilderness Sept. 7, 1814, when he was fifty-eight years old; his remains were interred on the homestead. His wife, Elizabeth, also died there, and is buried by his side. They were married near Hagerstown, Md. The children born to this worthy couple were: James, born in Franklin county, Pa., Dec. 16, 1777; Isabelle, born in Hagerstown, Md., who married Andrew Reynolds; and Elizabeth, born Jan. 28, 1784, who married in 1806 Archibald Mathews, and settled on a portion of her father's farm.

James Findley, son of George, came to what is now East Wheatfield township with his parents when eight years old, and was there reared to manhood. During the war of 1812 he gave his country brave service and assisted in the construction of Fort Meigs. Like his father he was a farmer and miller, and spent his useful life in East Wheatfield township, where he died May 30, 1837; he was interred in the family burial ground on the farm, where a headstone still marks his last resting place. The remains of the old mill which belonged to him is still to be seen at Cramer.

On Jan. 1, 1812, James Findley married Permelia Dill, who was born in 1792 near the present site of Dilltown, Buffington township, daughter of Matthew Dill and granddaughter of Col. Matthew Dill, Jr., who was colonel of a regiment in the Revolutionary

war. The children of James Findley and his wife were: George, born Nov. 16, 1812; Ann, born Sept. 19, 1814, who married William R. Dill; Mary Jane, born March 30, 1816, who married Robert McCormack; Permelia, born July 11, 1818, married to William Wolf; James G., born May 19, 1820; Rebecca, born July 4, 1822, who married John Goddard; A. Mathews, born April 14, 1825; Eliza Jane, born June 16, 1827, who married Samuel McCune; and Harriet A., born Sept. 28, 1829.

In his boyhood James G. Findley followed farming with his parents. Subsequently he learned the trade of millwright, in the pursuit of which calling he became very well known, being considered the most skillful tradesman in his line throughout this section. He also did carpenter work, contracting and building, and was a reliable and conscientious workman. He was prominent in local affairs, serving as justice of peace of East Wheatfield township, and was also active in church work. He built a small church at his own expense, where he held Bible class, prayer meetings, and Sunday school. He was a great reader and Bible student, being remarkable for his excellent memory, and will long be remembered for his many deeds of charity. During the war of the Rebellion, 1861-65, he joined the 83d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. In the year 1850 Mr. Findley married Phoebe Burkhart, who was born Aug. 5, 1828, in Jackson township, Cambria county, daughter of Joseph and Ester (Goughenour) Burkhart, and a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of Cambria county. They had a family of twelve children, all born in Buffington township, viz.: Alice, who died in infancy; George, who died when twenty-one years old; Carrie, who married John H. Downing, and died in 1892; Rebecca, who married J. C. Murphy; Eliza, who died when eighteen years old; Susan, who married Benjamin Reese; James Sampson; Joseph, who died young; Essie Jane, who married John A. Keiper; Ella S., who married Charles Scheetz, and resides at Anderson, Ind.; Annie, wife of Louis J. Hahn; and Frank, an employee in the offices of the Cambria Steel Company, who married Gertie Horan and has one daughter, Helen Phebe, born in March, 1895, residing with her parents at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

James G. Findley moved to Conemaugh with his family in 1874, from that place moving to Mineral Point in 1886, where in 1889 his home was swept away in the great Johnstown flood. His wife, Phoebe (Burkhart)

Findley, was drowned, and her body was never recovered. One daughter, Essie, wife of John A. Keiper, and her infant son were also drowned, their bodies being found and buried in Grand View cemetery. Mr. Findley and his daughter Annie had a very narrow escape, both being rescued by people who pulled them out of the water. Mr. Findley died while on a visit at Erie, Pa., Jan. 21, 1903, at the age of nearly eighty-three years, and is buried in the soldiers' plot in Grand View cemetery, at Johnstown. His son, James Sampson, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, resides at Pittsburg and part of the time at his summer home at Conneaut Lake; he has eight children, Edgar Allen, Charles G., Essie J., Enid, Donna, Frank, Alice and Robert, and one grandchild, son of Essie J., Jesse Finley Cunningham, born in 1913.

LOUIS J. HAHN was born Jan. 1, 1865, in the town of Grozingen, Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John G. and Dorothea (Brodbeck) Hahn. He was educated in his native land, and when sixteen years of age came to America, first settling in Philadelphia, Pa., and later coming to Johnstown, Pa., where on July 5, 1892, he married Annie Findley, daughter of James G. Findley. Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have since made their home on Somerset street, Johnstown, where he is engaged in the real estate business, having built up a fine patronage in that line. They have had a family of six children: Lionel J., born April 28, 1893; George James, Aug. 19, 1894; Dorothy Lilian, June 2, 1896; Frances Eugene (daughter), Jan. 31, 1898 (died Aug. 5, 1898); Louis, Jan. 21, 1899 (died April 5, 1904); and Francis Eugene (son), July 12, 1900 (who died by accidental drowning on March 31, 1905).

Lionel J. and George J. Hahn, mentioned above, are employees in the office of the Lorain Steel Company and Dorothy Lilian Hahn is a student in the Johnstown high school.

The above is a correct account of all direct descendants of James G. Findley as far as known. The family record having been lost in the flood, some dates are omitted.

THOMAS C. MACK, a well-known farmer and stock raiser of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, where he owns Fair View farm, was born Dec. 27, 1874, on the old Mack homestead in that vicinity.

The early members of this Mack family in Indiana county were among the most respected of the pioneer settlers in what is now East and West Wheatfield townships,

and its founder here was Robert Mack, great-grandfather of Thomas C. Mack. Robert Mack was a native of County Down, Ireland, born about 1763. There he grew to manhood and married Margaret Campbell, who was born about 1769, and four children were born to them in their native home: John, born about 1797; Robert, born about 1799; James, born March 3, 1800; and Jean, born about 1803. In the early part of 1803 Robert Mack with his wife and four children left their native home for America. While they were crossing the Atlantic, on a slow-going sailing vessel, their little daughter Jean died and was buried at sea, the body being placed in a sack, weighted at the feet with sand. The burial service was read by the captain. After landing in the New World the family made their way west of the Alleghenies, locating in Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., where Mr. Mack settled down to farming on a 400-acre tract. He had to erect the log cabin for his family, and began a hard fight for existence in the wilderness which lasted many years. By steady industry and thrifty habits he managed to develop his farm and make many improvements, and he spent the remainder of his life on that place, dying there Aug. 2, 1850. He was buried in Bethel Church cemetery, in what is now West Wheatfield township, and a headstone marks the last resting place of himself and wife. Mr. Mack in religious principle was what was known as a Seceder, later joining the Bethel United Presbyterian Church. He was an old-line Democrat on political questions. His wife preceded him to the grave, dying on the farm Nov. 17, 1839, at the age of seventy years, and was laid to rest in Bethel cemetery. She, too, was a member of the Bethel United Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of thirteen children, those born in Wheatfield township being: David; William; Samuel; Armstrong; George; Jean (2), who married William McLean, and resides in West Wheatfield township; Margaret, who married Hugh St. Clair, and removed to Iowa; and Elizabeth (Betsey), who married William Campbell, being his second wife.

Robert Mack, son of Robert, was born about 1799, came to America with his parents and grew to manhood in Wheatfield township. He made his home in what is now West Wheatfield, where he became engaged in general farming and stock raising, owning a tract of 100 acres which he himself cleared up and improved, building a log house and barn and doing all the other work necessary to con-

vert the property into a habitable place. By hard work he succeeded in making a comfortable home for his large family, and he was one of the most respected citizens of the vicinity. He died on his farm in 1854, at the age of fifty-five years, and was buried in the cemetery of Bethel U. P. Church, in which he held membership. In political conviction he was a staunch Democrat. Mr. Mack's first wife, Margaret (McDonald), daughter of Joseph McDonald, of Wheatfield township, was buried in Bethel Church cemetery. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Nine children were born to this union, namely: Joseph, Robert, Hugh, John, Margaret (married Robert Campbell), Catherine (married James Campbell), Mary (married James Smith and went West), Elizabeth (married Thomas Wertz and went to Iowa), and Martha (married John Campbell, who died in Andersonville prison, and she subsequently married David Brandtger, of Johnstown). Mr. Mack's second marriage was to Mrs. Nancy (Barr) Mikesell, widow of John Mikesell, and she died in September, 1897, at the age of eighty years, at Titusville, Pa., where she is buried. The children of this union were: David; Samuel; Stewart, twin of Samuel, deceased in infancy; Nancy, who married William Kerr; and Leareda Belle, who married William Henderson and resides at Titusville.

David Mack, son of Robert and Nancy Barr (Mikesell) Mack, was born in what is now East Wheatfield township, Dec. 24, 1849, and obtained his education there in the public schools. He was only in his fifth year when his father died, and he lived with his mother on the farm, learning agricultural work and assisting at home as soon as possible. After some experience in the employ of others he settled on the homestead place, a tract of 140 acres where he carried on general farming and stock raising, doing well and making many improvements upon the property, where most of his active life was spent. He built a frame dwelling house and barn there. In 1895 he removed to Armagh, this county, where he embarked in the mercantile business, in partnership with his son Thomas C. Mack, the firm name being David Mack & Son. They had been associated for four years when David Mack had to give up active work because of poor health, and he died shortly afterward, Dec. 17, 1899. He is buried in the Armagh cemetery. He was quite prominent in the public affairs of his locality, serving as tax collector, school director and constable

of the township for a number of years. In his political views he was a Republican. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mack married Angeline Carney, a native of Buffington township, this county, daughter of Thomas Carney, and she survives him, living in East Wheatfield township. She is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mack had two children, Sylvester S. and Thomas C.

Thomas C. Mack was educated principally in the public schools of his native township, and attended summer normal under Prof. J. T. Stewart and Prof. C. A. Campbell. Beginning work on the farm with his father, he continued there until the family settled at Armagh, when he became his father's partner in the mercantile business, continuing same until a short time after his father's death. In 1900 he sold out and resumed farming, settling on the tract of 110 acres which has since been his home. This place was formerly owned by A. P. Thompson. Here he has followed general farming and stock raising for the last twelve years, and being enterprising as well as industrious has made many changes for the better in his property. Mr. Mack is the kind of citizen who believes in working for the general welfare as well as for the advancement of his private interests—feeling that the prosperity of the one is favorable to the other. He has served seven years as auditor of his township, and has been election inspector. He is a Republican in political principle, but votes independently. His religious connection is with the M. E. Church at Armagh, which he joined in 1900; he has served as trustee of that church. He takes great pleasure in his automobile, which is one of the best cars in the township.

On June 6, 1900, Mr. Mack married Mary A. Shaffer, who was born in West Wheatfield township, daughter of L. S. Shaffer, of Clyde, that township, mentioned elsewhere. They have had two children: David Raymond, born Aug. 6, 1901, and Helen Elda, born Dec. 5, 1903.

SYLVESTER S. MACK, brother of Thomas C. Mack, was born July 23, 1873, and began his education in the public schools of the home township. Later he attended summer normal at Armagh under Prof. C. A. Campbell, and the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg. For three years he taught school, then becoming clerk in a store at Pittsburg and afterward being similarly engaged at Johnstown for a short period. He has since been man-

ager of the Conemaugh Mercantile Company's store at Conemaugh, Cambria county, where he now resides. On Oct. 6, 1896, he married Rose M. Spires, daughter of Wellington Spires, and they have had seven children: Lenore, Angie, Paul, Stanley, Dorothy, and twin daughters, Ethel and one that died at birth. Mr. Mack is a member of the M. E. Church, in which he is an active worker, serving as trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Republican in political matters.

DANIEL FREDERICK RINN is an active business man of Indiana, where he has various associations which have brought him into prominence and established position. He is a member of the firm of St. Clair, Rinn & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in coal, sand and brick, also engaged in the milling and feed business at Indiana, and operating a large stone quarry and sand plant at Kimmel's Siding, on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad, and carries on lumber operations on his own account besides maintaining his connection with that concern. He was born March 13, 1864, in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., son of John Rinn and grandson of Daniel Frederick Rinn. The latter brought his wife and family from Germany to America many years ago, settling in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he passed the rest of his life on a farm, where he and his wife lived to a ripe old age.

John Rinn was born in Germany and was seven years old when he came with the family to America. He grew to manhood in Rayne township, and what little education he received was gained in public school there. He was very young when he commenced to work, being employed in the timber and at anything he could do. At the time of his marriage he settled on a farm of his own in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, and later bought and moved to a farm in Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he died in 1894, when sixty-seven years old. He was married in Indiana county to Margaret Haag, a native of Germany, who came to America with an older brother and a younger sister. Mr. and Mrs. Rinn were reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and joined the Evangelical denomination. He was a Republican in his political opinions. Six children were born to this worthy couple: Mary, Mrs. Walter Hunter, now deceased; Samuel A., a coal operator, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Daniel Frederick; Sarah, Mrs. William Brumbaugh; Jen-





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nie, Mrs. Jacob Lingenfelter, deceased; and Lizzie, Mrs. Humble, deceased.

Daniel Frederick Rinn obtained his early education in the public schools of Jefferson county, completing his schooling with a course in a seminary in Perry township, Jefferson county. For nine years he was engaged in teaching public school in Jefferson county. Subsequently he took a position as coal weigher with the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company, at Eleanor, Pa., and was later bookkeeper with the same concern. Since severing that connection he has been interested in the lumber business, and he has also met with considerable success as a coal dealer. In 1904 he settled at Indiana, where he has been associated with business operations as a member of the firm of St. Clair, Rinn & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in coal, who also carry on a feed store, engage in milling, and deal in sand and brick. He is also a member of the Indiana Hardware Company and a director of the Savings and Trust Company.

On Sept. 21, 1886, Mr. Rinn was married to Sadie E. Freas, daughter of John and Catherine (Snyder) Freas, of Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa. They have a family of three children: John C., who graduated June 12, 1912, from Gettysburg College; Minnie C., who graduated May 28, 1912, from Combs' Broad Street Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia; and Samuel W., now a senior at the Kiskiminetas Springs school (he is serving his second year as captain of the track team and winning his "K" in track, basket-ball and foot-ball work).

Mr. and Mrs. Rinn are members of the Lutheran Church, and he has been a prominent church worker, at present serving as member of the church council and superintendent of the O. A. B. C. work in Indiana county. He is a Republican on political questions.

**JOHNSON LIGHTCAP LAUGHRY**, a farmer and stock raiser of East Mahoning township, was born in that township, on the farm he now occupies, March 21, 1846.

The family is of Scotch extraction, but the immediate founders of it in Pennsylvania came from Ireland. Some members of this family spell the name Loughry, while others spell it Laughry, the latter form being used by the branch to which Johnson Lightcap Laughry belongs.

William Laughry, the founder of the family in this country, came here from Ireland and

settling in Westmoreland county, Pa., later moving to Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pa., settling west of Campbells mills, in which section he was one of the pioneers. He not only operated a large farm, but served as justice of the peace and was a man of dignity and prominence. He married Esther Allison, also a native of Ireland, and their children were: James; Joseph; John, who married Margaret Graham; William, who married a Miss Chambers; Benjamin; Rebecca, who married Malachi Sutton; and Sarah, who married William Robinson.

James Laughry, son of William Laughry, was born in Blacklick township, on a farm. His educational opportunities were very limited, as there were few schools during those pioneer days. After he grew up he settled in what is now White township, and there made his home, following farming all his life. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and lived out in his everyday life the creed he professed. James Laughry married Ann Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, who during the American Revolution was one of General Washington's life guards. Ten children were born to this marriage: John W.; Mary, who married Abraham Moor; William, who married Margaret Lucus; Alexander, who married Louisa McLean; Martha; Rebecca, who married Gibson Stewart; Elizabeth; Margaret, who died in childhood; Robert, who married Susannah Flickinger; and Joseph, who married Martha Allison. Mrs. Laughry died, and Mr. Laughry married (second) Jane Shields, by whom he had these children: Ann, who married James Park; Margaret, who married Dr. D. M. Marshall; James N., who married and is a physician; Nelson; Esther, who married Dr. Burrell; and Mary J., who married Joseph Shields.

John Wilson Laughry, son of James Laughry, was born in White township June 10, 1809, and there attended school for a few months each winter. Although his educational advantages were thus limited, he was a well-informed man, as he did a great deal of reading and was very intelligent. Growing up on the farm, he worked along agricultural lines for a time, and then began to learn tanning in Young township, but later went to Rayne township, where he followed this trade in conjunction with farming. In 1842 he came to East Mahoning township, buying 120 acres of land owned by Hugh Cannon. On it he built a log house and stable, and cleared off the land, working hard early and late. In

1851 he built the frame dwelling, and three years later the frame barn, and spent the remainder of his life there, carrying on diversified farming as well as stock raising. He also bought a tract of land from John C. and J. H. Rochester, known as the Brady farm, thus becoming the owner of 200 acres of land, all of which he cultivated. His death occurred Aug. 24, 1881, when he was seventy-two years old. His remains were laid to rest in the Washington Church cemetery in Rayne township. From the formation of the Republican party Mr. Laughry was interested in the success of its principles and gave it hearty support. For years he held township offices, among them being those of school director, assessor and collector. During the entire period of his holding office he gave complete satisfaction, and was a man of extreme probity. The Presbyterian Church held his membership, and he was as highly respected in that connection as he was elsewhere.

On Jan. 31, 1834, John Wilson Laughry married Jane Lightcap, who was born in Cumberland county, Pa., Aug. 3, 1808, a daughter of Godfrey Lightcap, and died Nov. 16, 1894; she is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. They had children as follows: Samuel W., born March 22, 1835, died Dec. 30, 1846; James M., born Feb. 27, 1837, was a soldier of the Civil war, and now resides at East Mahoning township; Johnson Lightcap was born March 21, 1846; Mary Jane, born Jan. 24, 1848, died Nov. 4, 1863; Margaret Ann, born Sept. 19, 1851, resided with her mother on the homestead.

The Laughry family is a large one and its members are scattered all over the country, but wherever found they are men and women of high character who have made good use of their talents and occupy positions of trust and responsibility in their communities, doing credit to their common ancestor, the sturdy Scotch-Irishman who came to this country so many years ago.

Johnson Lightcap Laughry, son of John Wilson Laughry, was brought up on his father's farm and taught lessons of thrift and industry that have served him well all his life. He attended the local schools, his first teacher having been Miss Mary (Molly) Brady. The youngest son, Mr. Laughry, remained at home and took care of his parents in their declining years. Long before the death of his father he took charge of the property, the greater portion of which he had assisted in clearing, and commenced further improving it. In 1881 he built a frame house

for his mother and sister, which is now occupied by his son and family. In 1903 he put up his present fine residence, which is one of the best in the township, and supplied with modern improvements. As circumstances required he erected buildings on the farm to house his stock and machinery, and his entire premises are in magnificent condition. Adding to the original homestead he is now operating, with the assistance of his sons, 233 acres of land, and is recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his section. A public-spirited man, he has found time to serve as a school director, inspector of elections, clerk of the board of elections, and (for seventeen years) auditor of the township. The Republican party has in him a tried and true supporter. He has long belonged to the Presbyterian Church of Marion Center, but holds no official position in that body.

On March 26, 1874, Mr. Laughry was married to Hester A. McLaughlin, a native of Rayne township, daughter of James and Margaret (Speedy) McLaughlin. After thirty-seven years of happy married life Mrs. Laughry died Dec. 13, 1911, very suddenly, of rheumatism of the heart, and was buried in the Marion Center cemetery. She was a lovable Christian woman, and was deeply mourned not only by her own family but by the many who claimed her as a friend: The following children were born to Johnson Lightcap Laughry and his wife: James Norman, born March 29, 1877, on the homestead, married Ella M. Pollock, daughter of Hugh M. Pollock, and they have one son, Frank Glade, born March 16, 1910; John Dallas and Margaret Eva (twins), born April 18, 1885, are at home; Harvey McKee, born March 7, 1888, died Feb. 23, 1891.

FRANKLIN O. SHIELDS, of Spring Farm, Blacklick township, Indiana county, is a son of John Shields. His mother was Myrtilla Stewart, daughter of Alexander and Susan (Sutton) Stewart, granddaughter of Gawin Sutton and great-granddaughter of Peter Sutton, the Revolutionary soldier and ancestor of the Suttons in Indiana county. Her grandmother—wife of Gawin Sutton—was Jane Ward, a daughter of John Ward, of Morris county, N. J., who also was a soldier in the Revolution, serving every alternate month during the whole war, and for his service was pensioned during the later years of his life.

John Shields, great-grandfather of Franklin O. Shields, was the pioneer of the Shields

family in this county. He was born in Chester county, Pa., Aug. 18, 1759, and moved to Toboyne township, then in Cumberland (now Perry) county, Pa., from where he enlisted in the war for independence at the age of seventeen years. On one occasion he substituted for his father and at another for a neighbor, and later served in the State militia in quelling the Indian outbreaks. In 1782 he married Mary Marshall, and a year later moved across the mountains into what was then known as the Indian country, settling on the bank of Blacklick creek, near where Gen. Charles Campbell had built his mill, and at what is now known as the Shields ford. He was a hunter and Indian scout and came from a family known for their love of frays, and was seven feet tall. The settlers living between blockhouses depended upon him to warn them of the movements of the Indians. His wife died leaving him children: William, who married Margaret Reed; Joseph; Jean, who married Michael Stewart; Martha, who died unmarried; John, who married Elizabeth Speedy; Mary, who married William McKee; Margaret, who married James Speedy; and James, who married Margaret Getty. On Oct. 8, 1818, John Shields was again married, this time to Elizabeth Carson, of Center township, Indiana county, by whom he had one child, a daughter, named Sarah. He died Oct. 26, 1840, and is buried in the Washington Church graveyard. He was pensioned by the government for his services in the war, as shown by the military records at Washington.

Joseph Shields, second son of John, born Nov. 22, 1783, served in the war of 1812 on that memorable march of General Ferree from Pittsburg through Ohio to Fort Meigs, during the winter of 1812-13, when nearly half of the company perished from sickness caused by malaria and exposure. He married Isabella McKnight of the Indiana McKnight family, and died Aug. 2, 1823. Mrs. Shields died March 31, 1847. Their children were: Mary, wife of William Hanna; Eliza and Isabel, twins, who died unmarried; Alexander, who married Caroline Graff; John, father of Franklin O. Shields; Ellen, wife of Samuel Dixon; and Margaret, wife of Joseph Cummins.

John Shields, father of F. O. Shields, was born Aug. 20, 1819, and lived his whole life within Indiana county. After the death of his mother he owned and resided upon Spring Farm, the present home of his son. He was an elder in the Bethel Presbyterian Church for thirty-five years. He died March 22, 1896,

and his wife Myrtila on May 14, 1897. They left seven children: Alexander S., now of Omaha, Neb.; Joseph M., a farmer, of Center township, this county; Ellen E., now Mrs. Rue, of El Paso, Tex.; John W., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; William S., of Evanston, Ill.; Franklin O.; and James K., an M. E. minister, of Chicago, Illinois.

Franklin O. Shields was born Nov. 1, 1863, and at the age of seventeen went to the State of Illinois, where he engaged in farming. When twenty-one years of age, imbued with the spirit of pioneer ancestors, he filed claim upon 160 acres of government land in southwestern Kansas, and helped to organize the county of Scott. After proving title to his land he returned East. Mr. Shields has been an important factor in the progress of the southern end of Indiana county. He has introduced modern and more scientific methods of farming, proving the value of his principles by the success he has had. He introduced the custom of dehorning cattle in this part of the State, and it was through his petitions that the government established the first rural free delivery mail route in this county. In 1905 he was elected justice of the peace of his township. Besides operating an extensive farm he has conducted a small store, carrying a stock of general merchandise for the convenience of his community. A man thoroughly acquainted with his work and attending closely to his own affairs, he yet finds time to keep up with the world's doing and thinking, and he has accomplished much. If the saying be true that he who causes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before is a benefactor to his country and the human race, the "Squire" has not lived in vain.

On March 22, 1892, Mr. Shields married Sarah E. Cabeen, of Mercer county, Ill., who died May 10, 1893, leaving him a son, John Benton. On May 5, 1898, he married (second) Ella V. Cabeen, his present wife, who is the mother of his only daughter, Sadie Marie.

DINSMORE DICK, one of Indiana county's progressive farmers, is a member of one of the oldest families of Wheatfield township. The founder of the family in Indiana county was James Dick, who was a native of County Antrim, Ireland. With his wife, who before her marriage was Mary Dinsmore, and several children, Mr. Dick left his home in Ireland in the spring of 1811 and crossed the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. When in sight of New

York their vessel was captured by the English and taken to Halifax, N. S., three of the sons, John, Robert and William, being pressed into the naval service by the British. They were for six weeks on the "Guerriere" before they were released, and in the spring of 1812 the family made their way to Indiana county, Pa., locating in what is now Centerville, West Wheatfield township. Mr. Dick became interested in agricultural pursuits and the remainder of his life was spent in work on the farm. Here he and his wife passed away. Their children were: John, born in 1787, who married Sarah Griffith; Robert, born in 1789, who married Jane Lapsley; William, who married Isabell Nelson; Thomas, who married Margaret Hice; Jane, who married William Moffatt and (second) John Southwell; James, who married Anna Graham and (second) Mary Stewart; Jeanett, who married Thomas Love; and Alexander B.

Alexander B. Dick, son of James and Mary (Dinsmore) Dick, was born in February, 1810, and was but an infant when his parents brought him to America. He grew to manhood on the farm of his father, attending the schools which in those days were supported by subscription and were open only a few months each year. In spite of these limited chances for an education, he became a well-read man and well informed on many subjects by close reading, being of a studious mind and applying himself to his studies. He made farming his occupation, in 1850 moving to Brushvalley township and locating south of Mechanicsburg. Here he farmed for several years, in 1876 buying what is now the Charles Hileman farm, where he spent the remainder of his life. His death occurred July 4, 1897, at the age of eighty-seven years, five months, and he was buried in the Mechanicsburg cemetery. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, was elder for twenty-seven years, superintendent of the Sunday school for some years, and served in township offices. He filled the position of deputy sheriff under Sheriff Truby. In politics he supported the Republican party.

Mr. Dick married Mary Kelly, daughter of John and Mary (Griffith) Kelly, and she died in 1899 and was buried in the United Presbyterian Church cemetery at Mechanicsburg. She was a member of that church. Children as follows were born to them: Agnes married Andrew Simpson (she is now deceased); Elizabeth is the widow of John Hood and resides in Homer City; James K., retired farmer and ex-county commissioner, resides in Homer

City; Thompson is deceased; John, an undertaker, resides in Huntingdon, Pa.; Albert is a resident of Indiana; Dinsmore is mentioned below; Robert Nelson is deceased; Harriet married Joseph Alexander, of Black Lick; Sarah Jane married Robert Phillips, of Blairsville; Margaret resides at Homer City; and Annie married William Kissinger and resides in Indiana.

Dinsmore Dick, son of Alexander B. and Mary (Kelly) Dick, was born Sept. 16, 1851, in Brushvalley township, where his boyhood days were spent, and where he attended the public schools. He continued to live under the parental roof until he reached manhood. He spent some time as an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, until 1877, when he took up farming in Brushvalley, and his place is known as the Cherry Valley farm. Here he has been engaged in farming since, devoting his time principally to stock raising. He has made extensive improvements on the property, the present barn being built in 1904. Mr. Dick is a progressive and enterprising farmer as well as a successful one, and he has spent the best part of his life in developing and improving his place. A staunch Republican in political principle, he has filled the public offices of school director and overseer of the poor in his township. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

On March 9, 1877, Mr. Dick married Milisia Mack, daughter of George Mack, and to this union have been born the following children: George W., living at Latrobe, Pa.; Alexander, a school teacher for nine years, residing with his parents; and Myrtle, wife of Leo Fiola, a train dispatcher, of Duluth, Minnesota.

HUGH P. LEWIS, agriculturist, of East Mahoning township, postmaster at Marion Center, and ex-sheriff of Indiana county, was born in the county, in Rayne township, April 30, 1842, son of Samuel Lewis.

The Lewis family is of Welsh origin, and has been associated with Indiana county history since the close of the Revolutionary war. The founder of the family in this part of the State was Samuel Lewis, born in Franklin county, Pa., in 1770, and there reared to manhood. He crossed the Allegheny mountains and became a pioneer of Indiana county, locating in Young township in 1790. This part of the State was then in the wilderness, and when Mr. Lewis settled on what is now the Lowry farm he was surrounded by extreme pioneer conditions. In endeavoring to de-

velop a home he overtaxed his strength, and after ten years of hard and unremitting labor died, still in the prime of life, a sacrifice to the spirit of early settlement, in 1800, aged thirty years.

Samuel Lewis married Lydia Kelley, born in 1779, who after his death married John Niel, and lived to be eighty-eight years old. She was a member of Bethel Church. By her first marriage she had three children: Nathaniel, who married Rachel Gossage; Stephen, who married Ann Hopkins; and Samuel. By her second marriage she had these children: Rachel, who married Thomas Lowman; John, who married Nancy Coleman; Hugh, who married Sarah Ann Wilkinson (he was the progenitor of the Niel family of Young township); and Keziah, who died unmarried.

Samuel Lewis, son of Samuel Lewis, and father of Hugh Parr Lewis, was born in Young township Jan. 18, 1801, after the death of his father, on what is known as the Lowry farm. After attaining to manhood's estate he worked in the Clarksburg gristmill, and later went to Jefferson county, locating near Frostburg. After some years there he went to Rayne township, and bought 300 acres of land in the woods. On this property he erected a log house and barn, but later put up a house of frame and barns to correspond, and made extensive improvements, devoting his land to general farming and stock raising. His life was spent on this farm, where he died at the age of eighty-three years, and his remains were interred in the Washington Church cemetery of Rayne township. Both a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church, he was one of its generous supporters. First a Whig and later a Republican, his sympathies were with the abolition movement, and he operated one of the stations of the underground railroad.

In 1826 Samuel Lewis married Mary Graham, who was born in 1808 in what is now Wheatfield township, a daughter of William Graham, a native of Scotland and an early settler of Wheatfield township. Mrs. Lewis died on the home farm and was also laid to rest in Washington Church cemetery. Like her husband, she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Samuel and Mary (Graham) Lewis were: William G., who married Margaret Davis; John K., who married Ruth Thompson; Alexander Brown, a lawyer, who was a lieutenant of an Iowa company during the Civil war and died from the effects of wounds received at the battle of Iuka; Rachel, who died when

fourteen years old; Lydia, who died at the age of eleven years; Hugh P.; Nathaniel, who died at the age of seven years; Rachel Ann, who married Moses Lemon; and Stephen Clark, who married a Miss Rankin and lives in Indiana.

Hugh P. Lewis attended the schools of his neighborhood and remained at home with his father until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he began to be interested in military matters. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in Company K, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. D. K. Duff and Colonel Scholmaker, for three years. After his promotion to the rank of corporal, he was discharged for disability while in the line of duty. To his loyal spirit it was a sore cross to be obliged to return home, but his physical condition made this imperative, and he had the satisfaction of having risked his life and lost his health in the defense of his country.

Returning home Mr. Lewis took a commercial course in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, and then became a clerk in a store at Marion Center. Soon afterward though he began farming, settling on a 170-acre farm in 1869. This property is known as the "Rolling Farm," and is north of Marion Center. As his property was eminently suited for stock raising, Mr. Lewis began experimenting along that line in 1874, and found it so profitable that he developed into a heavy breeder of thoroughbred horses, specially noted ones being Fleetwood (a Hambletonian) and Lewis Dolphin. Mr. Lewis also raises Jersey cattle, and his dairy products command the highest prices because of superior quality. He has become an authority as well upon Berkshire hogs and sheep. His farm is one of the finest in the county, the buildings thoroughly modern and constructed with the view of handling the stock effectively and scientifically. His profits demonstrate conclusively that his methods are wise and sound, and many are following the example he has set for so long. Like his father an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party, he has filled the offices of tax collector, overseer of the poor, auditor of the township and supervisor. For three years he was county auditor, and in 1890 he was elected sheriff of Indiana county, serving as such for three years. In 1910 he was appointed postmaster at Marion Center, after he had taken the civil service examination. He has always demonstrated his warm interest in school matters in a practical way, and knows what he is talking about, for he taught

school several terms in East Mahoning township in his younger days. Since the organization of the John Pollock Post, No. 219, G. A. R., at Marion Center, he has been an enthusiastic member, and has held all the offices up to and including that of commander. He also belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership and he was one of the teachers of the Sunday school and also served as superintendent. For a period of twenty years, he led the choir in this church.

In 1866 Mr. Lewis was married to Ella Bingham Ansley, daughter of the late Daniel Ansley, who served Indiana county as sheriff. Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, two of whom died in infancy: William died young; Naomi Viola was formerly a teacher and is now married to H. R. Martin, a lawyer; Estell Bubb was graduated from Jefferson Medical College and is now a practicing physician at Glen Campbell, Indiana Co., Pa.; Blanch Hope was graduated from the Indiana normal school, following which she was a teacher for eight years, and she is now the wife of W. C. Harrison, of Painesville, Ohio; John K., who was graduated from the Pittsburg School of Pharmacy, is engaged in the drug business at Greensburg, Pa.; Mary Mabel was graduated from the Indiana normal school and was a stenographer and typewriter until she married William H. McIntire, of Decatur, Ill., who died Jan. 19, 1913; Ruby Pearl was graduated from the Liberty Heights School for Nurses and for several years followed her profession, until her marriage to John C. Sheridan, of Johnstown, Pa.; Marion Gale died at the age of eleven years; Noble N., who attended the Indiana State normal school, married R. R. Kirne, and resides at home; Hugh Ansley is assistant postmaster at Marion Center. Mrs. Lewis is a charming woman, whose aim has been to bring up her children properly and aid her husband in every way.

**WILLIAM A. ST. CLAIR**, who has been a resident of Indiana borough since 1885 and is now living retired, was during his active career engaged in farming, merchandising, lumbering and sawmilling, and is widely known in these various connections. He was born Nov. 13, 1842, in a round log house in White township, Indiana county, son of John and Nancy (Miller) St. Clair.

Mr. St. Clair is of Scotch-Irish extraction. The St. Clair family is an old one in Scotland. Two of its members, Gen. Arthur S. and

James St. Clair, cousins, were engaged in the Continental service during the Revolutionary war, the former being president of the Continental Congress in 1787 and commander in chief of the armies of the United States in 1791. The latter was great-grandfather of William A. St. Clair. His parents were natives of the North of Ireland, and he himself was born in 1741, in eastern Pennsylvania. He owned a valuable farm not more than nine miles from York and died in York county in 1806, at the age of sixty-five. His wife's maiden name was Miller.

James St. Clair, son of James St. Clair, was born in May, 1774, in York (now Adams) county, Pa., and in 1809 came thence to Indiana county, for several years living in Brushvalley. In 1816 he came thence to the region of Indiana, bringing a horse and a cow. He lived at Indiana for a while but soon removed about five miles out into the northern part of White township, where he had bought 500 acres. There being no road to the new home at that time, he had to follow the bridle path, and the horse and cow were tied to saplings until better arrangements could be made. He had to cut logs to build a cabin. He followed farming on that place for many years. His death occurred in Center township, this county, April 8, 1855. He was an old-line Whig in politics.

Mr. St. Clair married Jennie Slemmons, born in Lancaster county, of Irish descent, daughter of William Slemmons, who removed from Lancaster to Washington county in 1790, and there followed farming until his death, in 1820, in his sixtieth year. Mr. Slemmons served thirty years as justice of the peace under appointments by the governor. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Boggs, had several children. Of these Mrs. St. Clair was reared in Washington county. She died Oct. 15, 1855, aged seventy-one years, the mother of ten children, among whom were Thomas, Isaac and John. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John St. Clair, the son of James and Jennie (Slemmons) St. Clair, was born Aug. 18, 1818, in a log house in White township. His educational advantages were meager, being limited to those afforded by the old subscription schools. He followed farming all his active life in the place where he was born, but died while visiting with his daughters in Chicago, Nov. 21, 1900. His wife, Nancy (Miller), died in Indiana Dec. 20, 1904, at the age of eighty-four. They were Presbyterians in religious faith. In politics he was first a Whig



and afterward a Republican. Four children were born to this couple: William A.; Jane, public school teacher of Chicago, who died there Dec. 17, 1908; Harry, of Los Angeles, Cal., a chiropractic, who married Clara Lowry; and Mary Agars, who has been a teacher in the Chicago public schools for twenty-two years.

William A. St. Clair grew to manhood in White township, where he received his education in the public schools. On Aug. 25, 1864, he became a member of Company F (Capt. John A. Kinter), 206th P. V. I., Col. Hugh Brady, enlisting for one year or during the war. He served with the Army of the James, was discharged June 26, 1865, at Richmond, and returned home, remaining with his parents until he was twenty-five years of age. For some time Mr. St. Clair conducted a store at Newville, Indiana county, now known as Creekside, where his first wife died. He continued residing in Indiana county until after his second marriage, in 1879, going West to Atehison, Kans., where he rented land and farmed for two years. Returning to Pennsylvania on account of his wife's health, he moved back to his farm in White township, and in addition to his farm work ran a sawmill. In 1885 he removed to the borough of Indiana, where he built his present home, but he continued to operate his farm and sawmill until his retirement. His home is at No. 337 North Ninth street. He has had various interests and has made a success of his different undertakings.

On Nov. 5, 1868, Mr. St. Clair was married to Mary C. Foreman, of Armstrong township, daughter of Moses Foreman, whose wife's maiden name was Anderson. Mrs. St. Clair died in 1874, the mother of one child, Minnie, now the wife of S. Craig King, of Vandergrift, Pa. On July 29, 1875, Mr. St. Clair married (second) Harriet Wherry, daughter of James and Sarah (Nesbit) Wherry, and they had two children: Oscar A., an electrical engineer, of Chicago, married Merriam Cameron, of Indiana; Hazel M. graduated from the Indiana normal school and is now a teacher in Belleville, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Indiana, in which he served as elder. He is a Republican in politics, and socially he has united with G. A. R. Post No. 28.

AMARIAH N. BUTERBAUGH, postmaster at Lovejoy, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Green township, this county, March 20, 1850,

a son of John and Elizabeth (Learn) Buterbaugh.

William Buterbaugh, his grandfather, was born in Maryland, from which State he moved to Pennsylvania, settling first in Huntingdon county and later in Indiana county. He was the father of eight children.

John Buterbaugh, son of William and father of Amariah N., was born in Maryland in 1799, and lived to the age of ninety-six years. He accompanied his father to Pennsylvania and after living in Huntingdon county for several years settled in what is now known as Pleasant Valley, in Green township, Indiana county, the family acquiring 300 acres of land. In October, 1831, John Buterbaugh married Elizabeth Learn, a daughter of John Learn, and to them thirteen children were born, seven daughters and six sons: The eldest born, Mary, was the wife of John Cook, and both are deceased. Elizabeth married A. H. Reed, and both are deceased. Henry L. and Levi are deceased. Simon is a resident of Indiana. Sarah A. is the widow of D. P. Reed. Susan married Franklin Nupp, who served in the Civil war, and they live at Windber, Pa. Isaac lives in Cherryhill township, Indiana county. Catherine, who is deceased, was the wife of H. W. Baker. Ella is deceased. Amariah N. was the third youngest in order of birth. Andrew is a resident of Indiana, and the youngest died in infancy. After coming to Indiana county the father of the above family engaged in the milling business, erecting a saw and grist mill. He was a shrewd and successful business man, but was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and no inducement could be brought to bear that would lead him to operate his mills on Sunday. He was fond of hunting and was a fine shot.

Amariah N. Buterbaugh attended the district schools in Green township and lived on the farm settled by his father until he was fifty years of age. In 1900 he moved to Windber and there embarked in the mercantile business and conducted a store for four years. In the fall of 1904 he came to the present site of Lovejoy, although at that time there was no town organization, only the promise of rapid settlement which has been fulfilled. Mr. Buterbaugh conducted a store here for several years and was appointed the first postmaster, an office he has since filled.

On Nov. 2, 1872, Mr. Buterbaugh was married to Sarah Houck, who was born in Green township Oct. 13, 1851, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Myers) Houck. Mr. and Mrs.

Buterbaugh have had the following children: Harry R., who lives at Starford, married Minerva Fleming, of Green township, and they have two daughters, Mary and Leona; Elizabeth Ollie is the wife of T. H. Fleming, and they live at Windber and have two children, James Amariah and Beatrice; Agnes is the wife of S. A. Fridler, of Starford; John Henry, who is manager of the Dixon Run Lumber Co., of Lovejoy, married Mary Kimbell, of Bedford county, and they have the following children, Alta Marie, Louis Chalmer, Sarah Margaret, Henry Carl and Elmer Ernest; Louie Bertha is the wife of M. L. McKeown, of Josephine, Pa., and they have three children, Robert Wallace, Louise Ulrica and Sarah Pauline. Mr. Buterbaugh and his family are members of the M. E. Church.

Henry Houck, father of Mrs. Buterbaugh, was born in Germany, and was seven years old when his parents brought him to the United States. They settled in Pennsylvania, securing land first in Rayne township, Indiana county, and moving later to Green township, and there Henry Houck continued to follow farming and stock raising until the close of his life. He died about 1898, near Purchase Line, in Green township. He married Elizabeth Myers, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and they had the following children: David R., who is deceased; William H., who lives at Purchase Line; George F., who also lives at Purchase Line; Joseph, a resident of Green township; Sarah, who became Mrs. Buterbaugh; Hannah, who is the wife of Andrew Buterbaugh, a resident of White township; and Henry H., who lives at Purchase Line, Green township.

THOMAS G. SHULTZ, furniture dealer and undertaker, in business at Starford, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Cambria county, Pa., in March, 1874, a son of Henry and Emma (Hill) Shultz.

Henry Shultz was born in Germany and came to America with his parents in his youth, being reared in Pine township, Indiana county, where his father bought a farm. Later Henry Shultz moved across the line into Indiana county, where he invested in farm property and occupied the same until his death. He also followed cabinetmaking. His wife survived him but a short time. They were parents of eleven children, the eldest being Ellen, who became the wife of Samuel Bennett, and they live in Pine township; Dilly is the wife of Gideon Baum, and they live at Barnesboro, in Cambria county; Catherine is

the wife of Amos Adams, of Barnesboro; Amanda married J. S. Killins, a furniture dealer and undertaker at Barnesboro; Anna is deceased; Thomas G. was the next in order of birth; Robert lives in Pennsylvania; William is a resident of Pine township, and Frank of Wehrum, Pa. Two children died in infancy.

Thomas G. Shultz attended school in Barr township, Cambria county, and later took a business course in a commercial college at Johnstown, after which he was a student in the State normal school at Lock Haven. When he was sixteen years of age he left home and started to learn the carpenter's trade at Portage, Pa., and after completing his apprenticeship traveled over the country working as a journeyman. In 1907 he came to Starford and here embarked in the undertaking and furniture business.

In 1905 Mr. Shultz was married, at Barnesboro, Pa., to Dessie Westover, who was born in Cambria county, a daughter of Gideon Westover, and they have three children: Calvin, Shelton and Elaine Gertrude. Mr. Shultz has property interests at Barnesboro. He is associated with Lodge No. 680, I. O. O. F., at Cleveland, Ohio; with the Knights of Pythias, at Starford, and belongs also to the Loyal Order of Moose.

DAVIS A. PALMER, of Blacklick, Indiana county, is senior member of the firm of D. A. Palmer & Son, furniture dealers and undertakers, who are the leading merchants in their line in that section. He is a business man of the highest standing and a citizen who commands the respect of the entire community, in whose welfare he has shown a commendable interest. Mr. Palmer is a native of West Wheatfield township, this county, born March 15, 1859. His father, Johnston Palmer, was a son of David Palmer and grandson of Henry Palmer, mention of whom is found elsewhere in this work.

Johnston Palmer was born Sept. 11, 1818, in Burrell township, Indiana county, where he followed farming, owning a tract of 129 acres which he cultivated and greatly improved. He spent several years in Jefferson county, Pa., but resided upon the place above mentioned until his death, which occurred April 9, 1896; he is buried in Blairsville cemetery. Mr. Palmer was a prominent man in his township, where he was chosen to fill various important offices, serving ably as tax collector, school director and constable; he held the latter office for twenty-

eight years. In politics he was a Republican, in religion a member of the M. E. Church, and he was active in that connection also, serving as class leader and taking part in all church work. In West Wheatfield township he married Jane Palmer, who was born Aug. 26, 1820, daughter of Charles Palmer, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Jan. 21, 1885; she, too, is buried in Blairsville cemetery. Thirteen children were born to this union, viz.: Sarah Jane, born Oct. 8, 1843; Charles W., Dec. 30, 1844; (Rev.) Cyrus G., Oct. 1, 1846; Clara, June 16, 1848; (Dr.) J. W., June 18, 1849; Lyman D., Aug. 26, 1851; Eveline, Oct. 16, 1853 (died in infancy); Martha E., Nov. 14, 1855 (deceased); Susanna Elizabeth, March 11, 1857 (wife of Thomas Mabon, of New Florence, Pa.); Davis A., March 15, 1859; Mary A., March 28, 1861; and Jessie J. and Anna Margaret, twins, Dec. 18, 1862. Jessie J. Palmer is proprietor of the Commercial Printing Company, of Blacklick, Pennsylvania.

Davis A. Palmer grew to manhood on the home farm in Burrell township and had the educational privileges afforded by the local public schools. He continued to work with his father on the homestead place until he reached the age of thirty-two, at which time he acquired an interest in the lumber business, forming a partnership with S. A. Kunkle, under the firm name of Palmer & Kunkle. They were engaged in the manufacture of lumber and railroad ties, and much of their product was disposed of directly to the railway companies. In 1904 Mr. Palmer established himself as a merchant in the town of Blacklick, in Burrell township, erecting the fine frame building in which he has since carried on his furniture and undertaking business, which has attained large proportions. Mr. Palmer has taken his son Lyman D. Palmer into partnership with him, under the name of D. A. Palmer & Son, and through their enterprise and progressive methods they have become widely known over a large territory. They have acquired an extensive trade as a result of their personal integrity no less than their thoroughly satisfactory dealings with their customers, showing their appreciation to their patrons, by making their business relations pleasant and mutually agreeable.

Mr. Palmer has interested himself in local affairs, particularly the problem of public education, and he has filled the office of school director of Burrell township for three terms, doing effective work in that capacity. He has

been a notary public for the last thirteen years. He is broad-minded and has advanced views on most questions. In politics he is a sincere Socialist, one of the foremost men of that party in this portion of the State, and fearless in upholding the principles of socialism as taught by the founders of the party. He believes firmly in their ultimate triumph.

Mr. Palmer was married at Homer City, this county, to Margaret Wier, daughter of Squire D. C. Wier, a well-known trial justice of Homer City. Their family consists of six children: Lyman D., who is in business with his father; Clara, who is now the wife of B. L. Foreman, and resides at Dayton, Pa.; Grace, wife of W. B. Rhodes, of East Pittsburg, Pa.; Terrence V., a student at the Pennsylvania Business College, of Lancaster, Pa.; Davis, deceased; and Florence, who is now a student in the high school at Blairsville. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

SAMUEL CLARK COLEMAN, farmer and proprietor of an express business at Ise-lin, in Young township, is a member of one of the oldest pioneer families of Conemaugh township, and was born at the old Coleman homestead there May 31, 1863, son of Samuel and Margaret (Miller) Coleman.

Nicholas Coleman, the paternal great-grandfather of Samuel Clark Coleman, and founder of the family in America, was born in Scotland in 1731, and coming to this country, settled in the Conococheague valley, in Pennsylvania, where he was married to Jane McClelland, a native of that section. He came to what is now Conemaugh township, Indiana county, in 1773, and in 1774 or 1775 made the first improvements on what has been the family homestead for four generations. Nicholas Coleman was an extensive farmer and large land owner, but suffered much at the hands of the hostile Indians, and on one occasion was driven from his land; his cabin was destroyed by fire. His children were as follows: William, born in 1774, who died in 1851; John, born April 9, 1776; Elizabeth, who married James Matthews; Margaret, who married John Matthews and (second) James Oliver; Mary, who married Samuel Cravan; Nancy, who became the wife of Moses Thompson; Jane, who married Alexander McGaughey; Archibald, who married Margaret Jamison; Robert, who married Elizabeth McLane; Sarah; and James, born in 1785, who married Mary Campbell, and died in 1857.

John Coleman, son of Nicholas, and grand-

father of Samuel Clark Coleman, was born April 9, 1776, and made farming his vocation, living on a part of the old homestead in Conemaugh township. He fought as a soldier during the war of 1812, and was quite a prominent man in his township during his day, taking a deep interest in the affairs of his community and its people. He lived to a ripe old age, passing away in 1865. John Coleman married Martha Katon, and they had a family of children as follows: Nancy, who married John Neal; Nicholas, who married Margaret Colewell; Samuel, the father of Samuel Clark; Elizabeth, who married William Miller; Margaret, who died on the old homestead at the age of ninety-one years; and Ebenezer, who went West and there died.

Samuel Coleman, father of Samuel Clark Coleman, was born on the old homestead in Conemaugh township, where he grew to manhood and became a farmer, following the same vocation throughout his life. He owned a tract of 240 acres where he made his home, and in 1856 built a large brick house on his property. In 1879 he had a fine frame barn built, which was put up by David Cunningham, a contractor, and other improvements of a like nature were made. Mr. Coleman had a long and useful life, died Dec. 4, 1884, and was buried in Conemaugh cemetery. He was a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, and his political views were those of the Republican party, although he was never an office seeker. Mr. Coleman was married in Conemaugh township to Margaret Miller, daughter of John Miller, and she survives him and is living on the old homestead at the age of eighty-two years. She is a faithful member and active worker of the United Presbyterian Church. Samuel and Margaret Coleman had the following children: Mary, who died in young womanhood; MeLeod, who passed away at the age of twenty-one years; Ella, who married Hugh Lowman, who was justice of the peace at Clarksburg, Pa., for forty years; Samuel Clark; Irwin Miller, who resides in Westmoreland county; and Roland, living on the old homestead with his mother.

Samuel Clark Coleman, son of Samuel Coleman, attended the schools of Conemaugh township, and remained on the old homestead place assisting his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, at which time he went to Armstrong county and for one year was engaged in farming there. In 1888 he settled on his present place in Young township, near Clarksburg, known as the Thomas Elder farm, and

now owned by the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company, a tract of 202 acres, on which he has been carrying on operations for a quarter of a century. Farming and stock raising have occupied his attention and his ventures have all proved uniformly successful. In 1909 Mr. Coleman purchased the William McComb farm, a tract of 162 acres, on which he has made numerous improvements, and this he rents. In addition to the fine frame residence on a part of this property, which is located on the Clarksburg and Eldersridge road, he is erecting another large house for a tenant. During the year 1909 Mr. Coleman branched out into the express business in Iselin, and now has three express teams and employs five hands. He has shown himself to be no less a business man than an agriculturist, the years of tilling the soil having proved no less valuable in commercial affairs. Mr. Coleman is a Republican in his political views, and has served frequently as election clerk and inspector. He belongs to Lodge No. 35, Woodmen of the World, at Clarksburg, and has many friends among its members. In his religious views he is liberal, but supports all movements calculated to benefit the cause of education, morality and good citizenship, and endeavors to live up to the teachings of the Golden Rule.

In 1883 Mr. Coleman was united in marriage to Sarah T. George, daughter of William George, and they have had the following children: Beatrice married Edward Shearer and resides in Young township; Florence married Edward Irwin, also of Young township; Clarence McBride, residing with his father, married Cora Davis, who died five months later; Elizabeth married Frank Getty, of Saltsburg, Pa.; Harry, Jennie, Glenn and Thomas all live at home and are attending the public schools of Young township. The family attends the United Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Coleman is a lady of intelligence and refined tastes and like her popular husband has numerous friends in their part of the township.

ALVA CLARENCE FISHER, postmaster at Dixonville, Indiana county, has been a resident of that town for seven years and has held his present office since March, 1910. He belongs to a family which has been settled in Grant township, this county, since the time of his grandparents, Andrew Fisher and wife, natives of Germany, who came to America and made their home in that township, continuing to live there the rest of their days. They were farming people. Of their large

family four sons were in the army during the Civil war on the Union side, and one on the Confederate side.

George F. Fisher, son of Andrew, was one of a family of sixteen children. He was born in Grant township, Indiana county, and lived there during the greater part of his early life, spending four years, however, in Jefferson county, Pa. Later he removed to Rayne township, this county, and then to Blairsville, remaining at that place until his death, which occurred on Thanksgiving Day, 1902. He followed farming and also his trade of cooper. Mr. Fisher was in the Union service during the Civil war, enlisting in Company I, 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Later, when the ranks of Company I had been depleted by casualties, he was transferred to Company F. Mr. Fisher married Jennie C. Folsom, who was born at Johnstown, Pa., daughter of Hiram J. Folsom, a native of Maine, who came to Pennsylvania and settled on a farm near Johnstown, making his home there until his death. In his earlier manhood Mr. Folsom taught school besides carrying on farming. His wife was a native of England, and came with him to Pennsylvania. Mrs. Jennie C. Fisher was well educated, and taught school near Johnstown before her marriage: She died in 1870, the mother of three children, namely: Hiram A., who is now deceased; a daughter that died in infancy; and Alva Clarence.

Alva Clarence Fisher was born May 16, 1867, in Grant township, Indiana county, and there attended public school. Later he was a pupil at the Purchase Line Academy. In his youth he assisted his father at his trade.

Living at Blairsville for a time, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and subsequently moved onto a farm with his father. Afterward he returned to Rayne township and engaged in farming on his own account, and in 1905 he removed to Dixonville, where he engaged as a fireman and engineer for the Russell Coal Mining Company for four years. On March 2, 1910, Mr. Fisher was appointed postmaster at that point, and continues to hold the position. He is one of the most respected citizens of that place.

On July 24, 1895, Mr. Fisher married Margaret B. Gilpatrick, who was born in Grant township, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Gilpatrick, both of whom are now deceased; Mr. Gilpatrick was a farmer and also a cooper. Six children, five sons and one daughter, have been born to Mr. and Mrs.

Fisher, namely: Marie, Alva George, Edward D. E., John Wesley, Robert Delmont and Oscar Darrell. Mr. Fisher attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMES MCKENDRICK, retired farmer and business man of Indiana, Pa., who for many years was identified with enterprises of an extensive nature, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., in 1829, and is a son of Samuel and Jane (Macbeth) McKendrick.

The parents of Mr. McKendrick were both born in Ireland, and were married in Philadelphia, from which city the father moved with his wife, Jane, and sons John and James, when James was six months old, locating in Indiana county on a farm of 350 acres. There the father died when about forty years of age, his wife surviving him some years and passing away in Cherryhill township. They were members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. McKendrick were the parents of the following children: John, who married Amanda Gibson, was always a farmer in Indiana county, where he died; James is mentioned below; Martha married Allison Gibson, and died in Cherryhill township; Mary married James Nichols, and died in Rayne township; Esther died in childhood.

After the death of the father, the mother took her little brood to Philadelphia, and James, then a sturdy lad of seven, was put out to work until sixteen years of age with a Mr. Rubencamp, in Bucks county, who saw that he received a little schooling during the winter terms, but paid him no wages. When he was sixteen years of age his mother and other children returned to the Cherryhill township farm, and James joined them, but remained only one year, going again to Bucks county, where he quickly secured employment as a hand at a salary of eight dollars a month. He remained two years, and then once more returned to the farm in Cherryhill township, he and his brother John operating the farm together until they divided it, at which time James received 176 acres of coal land. Subsequently he purchased fifty-three acres in Rayne township, where he resided eighteen years, and near which he later bought seventy-two acres. He farmed both these tracts until November, 1903, when he moved to Indiana, where he has resided ever since. For some time Mr. McKendrick was engaged in the manufacture of venetian blinds, shades, lace curtains and all kinds of window fittings, and also conducted a general store at Georgeville, Pa., for four or five years, his next ven-

ture being in a store at Dixonville, Pa., with Samuel Gibson as a partner. For the last five or six years, however, he has lived retired from all business enterprises.

Mr. McKendrick was married (first) to Hannah Adams, and (second) to Margaret Calahan, and there were two children by the second union, both of whom are deceased. His third marriage was to Anna Short, of Rayne township, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Hewett) Short, and they have had one child, Myrtle Jane, who was born on the farm in Rayne township. She received her preparatory education in the public schools, graduated from the Indiana normal school in the class of 1909, and began teaching at school No. 2, in Cherryhill township. After one year there she was transferred to the Walnut Grove school, at Johnstown, Pa., and is now teaching in the city of Johnstown.

ROBERT M. STEWART, of Jacksonville, Indiana county, is a well-known merchant and popular official of that borough, where he has resided for over twenty years. He was born on a farm near that place, in Blacklick township, April 17, 1850, son of William and Jane (Lytle) Stewart.

William Stewart was born about 1790 in County Dublin, Ireland, and there grew to manhood. He married Jane Lytle, who was born in 1799, and in 1830, with their daughter Martha, they left their native country for America, landing at Baltimore, Md. Coming overland to Pittsburg through the Allegheny mountains with a four-horse team, they made a settlement in Westmoreland county, near Perrysville, where Mr. Stewart was engaged in farming for five years. Then he crossed the Conemaugh river into Indiana county, locating in Blacklick township, where he bought the Porter Turner farm, a tract of seventy-two acres on which stood a stone house and frame barn. There he settled down to farming and stock raising, and prospered so that he was able to buy another small tract, from the Lucas family. He had a fulling and carding mill on his farm, running same by water power except when the water was scarce, when he was obliged to use horse power, having a treadwheel. He continued to follow farming and milling all through his active life, and in his declining years was tenderly cared for by his son Robert, who gave him the loving attention which only a dutiful son could. He lived to the ripe old age of one hundred years, dying July 17, 1890, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Jackson-

ville. He was a member and elder of the United Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, and active in all the work of that congregation. In political opinion he was a Democrat. His first wife, Jane, died Oct. 27, 1862, aged sixty-three years, and his second marriage was to Mrs. Sarah Shearer. All his children were by the first union, viz.: Martha, who married Elias Garde, of Green township; Alexander L., who died July 3, 1858, aged twenty-seven years, seven months, sixteen days; John, deceased; George L., who died Aug. 13, 1858; Elizabeth, who married Hugh Lowman; and Robert McCown.

Robert McCown Stewart had the advantages of the public schools of Blacklick township and later attended the academy at Jacksonville under H. B. McIntire. He began working on the farm with his father when a boy and continued there with him until his death, that year, 1890, selling the place and moving to Jacksonville. For a number of years thereafter he was engaged in the undertaking and livery business, which he carried on until 1907, in which year he sold out and turned his attention to merchandising, buying the interests of Simon Anthony (now justice of the peace). He has since given his attention principally to his general store, though he has also taken considerable part in public affairs in the borough. He has been school director of Jacksonville for twelve years; was constable of the borough twelve years; member of the council six years; and has served as street commissioner. On political issues he is a Democrat. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, which he serves as trustee.

Mr. Stewart's first wife, Harriet E. (Smith), daughter of James Smith, of Young township, died Jan. 23, 1909, a member of the United Presbyterian Church. She was buried in the new cemetery near Jacksonville. Two children were born to this union: Grace, who married Wallace Cunningham, and resides at Steubenville, Ohio; and Welmer Devers. For his second wife Mr. Stewart married Elizabeth Baker, of Blairsville, daughter of Jacob Baker, of that place; they have no children.

WELMER DEVERS STEWART, only son of Robert M. Stewart, was born on the Stewart farm in Blacklick township, and received his education in the public schools there and at Grove City business college. While still in his teens he became interested in business at Jacksonville as a dealer in horses, buggies and harness, continuing thus for some years, and

later engaged in the same line at Indiana, Pa. Returning to Jacksonville, he followed the business here again until 1912, in which year he sold out, at present giving his time and attention to a moving picture show at Titusville, Pa., which he has found very profitable. He is a Republican in politics.

**BENJAMIN MARTIN McAFoos**, in his lifetime a well-known business man and farmer of Grant township, Indiana county, was born Feb. 25, 1847, near Kittanning, in Armstrong county, Pa., son of George Frederick McAfOos.

George Frederick McAfOos was born in August, 1816, and died Dec. 4, 1894. He followed farming near Kittanning, and came thence in 1859 to Indiana county, locating in what is now Grant township, where he owned land and followed farming and stock raising. His property was situated in what later became known as the McAfOos district, and he made many improvements on the place, where he spent the remainder of his life, his death occurring there. His wife, Margaret (Schreckengost), born Feb. 28, 1817, died Dec. 3, 1890, and they are buried in Oakland cemetery in Grant township. Mr. McAfOos was a member of the Lutheran Church. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. McAfOos: Isaac Schreckengost, born Jan. 6, 1839, died Sept. 30, 1854; James John, born Jan. 30, 1841, now a resident of Grant township, was a soldier in the Civil war; Herman Bertram, born Feb. 10, 1843, was a soldier in the Civil war and died while in the service, May 6, 1865; Susanna Urish, born Feb. 3, 1845, died Jan. 26, 1851; Benjamin Martin is mentioned below; Peter Wilyard, born May 23, 1849, died Jan. 26, 1851; Joseph William, born Sept. 16, 1851, died May 29, 1852; Daniel Lewis, born March 30, 1853, died young; Samuel G., born March 18, 1856, resides at Decker's Point, in Grant township; Sylvester L., born May 10, 1860, died young.

Benjamin Martin McAfOos attended public school near his early home in Armstrong county and later in Grant township, Indiana county. He was twelve years old when the family settled in what is now Grant township, where he grew to manhood on the farm, and when he started out for himself he purchased the Ruffner farm, a tract of ninety-two acres upon which he made many improvements, building a fine frame dwelling-house, and a substantial barn. Besides general farming he engaged in raising cattle and sheep, and also dealt largely in both, and he was selling ag-

for buggies and pianos in Grant township and other sections of Indiana county. His great energy, enterprise and business tact, combined with thrift and hard work, made him successful in his business undertakings, and he had many admirable personal traits which made him liked as well as respected. He was a lover of horses and cattle and took excellent care of his stock. In 1905 he sold the farm above mentioned and bought the Sylvis place at Decker's Point, remodeling the house, building a fine barn and converting the place into a most attractive home, one of the most desirable in that section. He did not live long to enjoy it, however, dying Nov. 4, 1907, and was buried in the Decker's Point cemetery. Mr. McAfOos was a member of the Christian Church and particularly active in the work of the Sunday school, acting as teacher and superintendent. He was very fond of music and was a very fine singer. Politically a Democrat, he took an interest in the success of the party, and served as assessor and tax collector.

On July 25, 1872, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. McAfOos was married in Grant township to Mary E. Simpson, who was born there, daughter of Isaac and Sarah Jane (Smitten) Simpson. Four children were born to this marriage: (1) Harry Simpson, born May 1, 1873, received his early education in the public schools of Grant township, and attended the Indiana State normal school and college. After teaching school four terms he engaged in farming and lumbering, having a fine farm near Gastown, Armstrong county, where his widow and children now reside. He had acquired extensive interests as a lumber manufacturer in North Carolina, and while locating there for the second time contracted fever. He started for home, but became so ill that he lived only four days, dying at Raleigh hospital, July 1, 1910. He was brought home and buried in the cemetery at Decker's Point, Indiana county, and a beautiful monument, erected by his wife, marks his resting place. Mr. McAfOos was a Republican in politics. His ambition was great, and his aspirations were high and noble. He married Lola White Graffuss, and they had two children, Annie Mary, born Aug. 13, 1905, and Helen Mabelle, born May 14, 1907. (2) Lola Eva died in childhood. (3) Anna Belle attended public school and summer normal, taught public school four years in Grant township, in the same district where her mother had taught, and is now the wife of Harry Reithmiller, a merchant, of Grant township. (4) Nobel Cleone, who was educated in the

public schools and summer normal, taught school four years in Grant township in the same district where her mother had taught. She now resides at home, and is a prominent member of the Christian Church.

Mrs. McAfoos received her education in the public schools and in summer normal at Marion Center, this county, under Professors Wolf and Covode, studied under Professor Brown, and at the Blairsville high school. For four years she taught in Grant township, and for one term was so engaged at Punxsutawney. She is an earnest member of the Christian Church, and has taught in the Sunday school. The Simpson family, of which she is a descendant, was represented among the early pioneer settlers of the county. James Simpson, the first of the family in Pennsylvania, born about 1750, was of Scottish extraction, but came to this country from the North of Ireland, in 1775. He first located in the Path valley, in Huntingdon county, Pa., later moving to Westmoreland county, where he continued to reside until 1785-86. Then he crossed the Conemaugh river, locating in what is now Cherryhill township, Indiana county, in which section he was among the first settlers. He was married to Polly Pollock, and they became the parents of the following children: Charity, who married Thomas Craven; Robert, who married Mary Shearer; Margaret, who married Moses Gamble; Nathaniel, who married Catherine Leaseure; James, who married Jane Shearer; John, who married Sarah Kirkpatrick; David, who married Nancy Coulter; Isaac, who married Mary Lewis; and Samuel, who married Phebe Lewis. (Another account gives his children as James, Charles, Sarah, John, George, David, Nathaniel, Isaac and Samuel.)

David Simpson, son of James and Polly (Pollock) Simpson, was an early settler of East Mahoning township, one of the first at what is now Richmond or Rochester Mills. He put up the first building at Richmond for a dwelling house, and the next was a saw and grist mill. The place was known as Simpson's Mill until 1862, when it was changed to Richmond. Mr. Simpson was a large land owner, most of his property lying in Canoe township. The first lot he sold for building purposes was bought by Isaac Bee, the second by Daniel Bee. Besides engaging extensively in lumber manufacturing he carried on farming and stock raising. He was a pioneer in Canoe township. He died in 1870, at the ripe age of eighty-six years, and is buried in Gilgal cemetery. Mr. Simpson was a member of the Pres-

byterian Church, and in politics originally a Whig, later a Republican. His wife, Nancy (Coulter), died in 1858, and was buried in Gilgal cemetery. She belonged to the same church as her husband. Their children were: Nathaniel, who died in the West; David, who died in the West; Isaac; and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Wilhelm and lived in West Mahoning township.

Isaac Simpson, son of David, received his education in the subscription schools in the home neighborhood. Like his father he followed lumbering and farming and was a successful lumber manufacturer, operating his father's sawmills and the gristmill, and engaging in general agricultural pursuits and stock raising and dealing. He spent his life in Grant township, and was considered one of the most progressive citizens of his day. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious connection a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. He married Sarah Jane Smitten, daughter of Archibald Smitten, and her death occurred on the farm in 1899, when she was seventy-five years old. They are buried in the Richmond cemetery. Nine daughters were born to their marriage: Nancy taught school before her marriage to W. H. Work; both are now deceased, and they are buried in Indiana cemetery. H. J., also a teacher, married J. M. Stuchel, a fine carpenter, and (second) T. H. Kerr, a veteran of the Civil war, who resided at Vandergrift, and was employed in the steel mill; she is now a widow residing at Richmond. L. Eva was also a school teacher; she is now the widow of William Widdowson and resides at Richmond. Elizabeth, a teacher, married A. P. Copp, of Maine, and died there. Mary E. is now the widow of Benjamin Martin McAfoos and resides at Decker's Point. Margaret died when sixteen months old. Sarah Candace married J. M. Gamble, of Indiana, Pa., and is deceased; she possessed the traditional powers of the "seventh daughter," having more than ordinary skill in the care of the sick, and her charity and kindness were unailing. Anna Belle was graduated from the Normal University at Ada, Ohio, and served as principal of schools at Houtzdale, Philipsburg and Summerville, Pa.; while engaged as an instructor in Kezar Falls, Maine, she became acquainted with Prof. Aristes Kennerson, whom she married in 1880, and who died April 17, 1883 (he was buried in Richmond cemetery); later she became the wife of Prof. H. F. Guthrie, a merchant of Summerville, Jefferson Co., Pa.,



where she now resides. Keturah married Josiah Widdowson, a merchant, of Nashville, Pa., and both are now deceased; by this union there was one son, Clyde, who now resides in Indiana, Pennsylvania.

FRANKLIN GESFORD CONRAD, a farmer of Buffington township, was born there Oct. 29, 1859, in a log house owned by his father, William Stephens Conrad.

The earliest Conrad of which there is any definite record, was Conrad Conrad, who came to Lancaster county, Pa., from Germany, long prior to the Revolutionary war. He had twelve sons, and from them have descended practically all the Conrads, Conards and Conraths in Pennsylvania, and many in other States.

Daniel Conrad, one of the twelve sons of Conrad Conrad, married Elizabeth Shank, and moved to Huntingdon county, Pa., where there is yet an extensive family connection.

Samuel Conrad, son of Daniel Conrad, became a Baptist minister, and also followed farming to a considerable extent. He left Huntingdon county for Indiana county, in 1838, bringing his family in a covered wagon, and driving his cattle in front. Settling first on what is now the Stephens farm, at Dilltown, he later traded it for one owned by William Stephens, now known as the Conrad farm. Before leaving his old home Rev. Mr. Conrad had married Catherine Mattern, of Huntingdon county, and they had the following children: Elizabeth married George Dill; Jane married John Rowland; Mary Ann married James Evans; Daniel married Lydia Dias; Catherine married Adam Altimus; Rebecca married James C. Dill; William S. is mentioned below; Alvira married Sampson Stephens; Harriet married Samuel Schwartz; Samuel, who married Annie Disert, became a physician, and lived at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

William Stephens Conrad, son of Samuel Conrad, was born April 27, 1832, and died Jan. 22, 1911. He married Lucinda Evans, born March 6, 1833, daughter of John and Eliza (Sanderson) Evans, who survives him and makes her home with her son, Franklin Gesford Conrad. Children as follows were born to William S. Conrad and wife: Flora, born July 27, 1857, married G. W. Nippes, and resides at Johnstown, Pa.; Frank G. is mentioned below; Ella C., born June 9, 1862, married Charles Swearingen, a farmer of Brushvalley township; Lucy Adelia, born July 21, 1865, married Hugh Tomb, and died

June 15, 1897; Emma C., born Aug. 3, 1868, married Charles Hileman, of Brushvalley township, and died Feb. 24, 1889; Lizzie B., born Oct. 15, 1871, married Benjamin D. Hileman, of Wilksburg, Pennsylvania.

William S. Conrad moved to Buffington township with his parents when but six years old, so that he was practically reared there. Although the schools were somewhat primitive and conducted upon the subscription plan, he learned rapidly and made good progress, and at the same time made himself useful about the homestead. While at home with his parents he helped to clear off the land, the timber being made into barrel staves, sometimes called shooks. As he grew older he took an active part in the work of the Baptist Church, which he had joined, and became a deacon in that body, holding that office for forty years in the church of that faith in Brushvalley. Later he was one of the founders of the Dilltown Baptist Church, and became one of its first trustees. From the formation of the Republican party, he gave its principles his hearty support, and was often called upon to represent it in different offices. For many years he served on the election board, was a school director for fifteen years, and a justice of the peace for five years, and in every way sought to do his full duty as a Christian citizen.

On Aug. 20, 1906, Mr. Conrad and his estimable wife celebrated their golden wedding, and the occasion was a most enjoyable event, attended by a large concourse of relatives and outside friends. It was then hoped that the aged couple might be spared to celebrate their diamond wedding, but these hopes were destined not to be realized, as Mr. Conrad died within five years.

Franklin Gesford Conrad, son of the late William S. Conrad, was sent to the local schools and those of Dilltown. He remained at home with his parents until the death of his father, when he bought out the other heirs and has since conducted the farm of 130 acres, devoting it to general farming, stock raising and dairying. Without doubt he is one of the most progressive agriculturists of his township, and one who stands high in the estimation of his neighbors. On Sept. 28, 1909, Mr. Conrad's home was destroyed by fire, but before the first of the following year he had erected a new one, built upon modern plans, and supplied with conveniences that make it rank with any city dwelling.

Mr. Conrad was married to Emma Elizabeth Tomb, daughter of Washington and Mary

(Ling) Tomb, and she died Aug. 24, 1907. They had the following children: Mary Lucinda, born Sept. 15, 1891; William Washington, born Aug. 31, 1893; Charles Spergin, born Jan. 4, 1896; Elizabeth May, born June 19, 1899; and Russell Franklin, born Nov. 6, 1902.

Mr. Conrad has been active politically, having served on the election board for years, for fifteen years as school director and for five years as supervisor. He is a consistent member of the Baptist Church, which he serves as trustee.

SAMUEL RAY, for years a business man of Blairsville, Indiana county, was born in 1816 in Cherryhill township, this county, and passed to his last reward at Blairsville in 1907. He was a son of Matthew and Mary (Matthews) Ray, the latter being a sister of Archibald Matthews, whose wife, Elizabeth, was the daughter of George Findley, the first white settler in Indiana county.

Matthew Ray, born in Ireland, came to the territory now embraced in Indiana county, Pa., about 1790. Here he married in 1798, his wife being a native of Ireland. His death occurred in 1817, when he was about forty-two years old, but his widow survived many years, passing away in 1861, at the age of eighty-three years. The following children were born to Matthew Ray and his wife: James, who married Elizabeth Blaine, a granddaughter of Mr. Lewis, who laid out Lewistown, which was named in his honor; Jane, who is deceased; Martha, who married James Nesbit; William, who married Eleanor Bateman; John, who married Eliza Leslie; Robert, who married Henrietta Blaine and (second) Mrs. Harriet (Odell) Sherrer; and Samuel.

Samuel Ray had none of the privileges of free education such as the boys of today enjoy. He was early taught to work and to support himself. In 1828, when twelve years of age, he entered upon the career which was to yield him a competency and high business honors, as a clerk in the general store of Frederick Leyda, at Armagh, Indiana Co., Pa., where he remained about sixteen months. He then went into the employ of William Rankin, who agreed to pay him forty-eight dollars per year. In 1836 he moved to Blairsville and engaged with Mulhollan & Waterman for \$150 per year. This house was succeeded by that of George Mulhollan, and Mr. Ray's connection with the two concerns as an employee covered a decade. At the expiration of that

time he became the junior member of the firm, purchasing a half interest, and succeeded to the business upon the demise of Mr. Mulhollan. Later the style was changed to that of Ray & Poor, who were succeeded by Ray, Hill & Co., the partners being Mr. Ray, John Hill and I. D. Poor. The latter retired to give his attention to another store at Latrobe which he and Mr. Ray operated, under the name of I. D. Poor & Co. In the meanwhile Mr. Ray was doing business with Mr. Hill under the title of Ray & Hill, and they remained together until the outbreak of the Civil war. On March 18, 1867, Mr. Ray took his son George M. in with him, the firm becoming known as Ray & Son. Meantime, in 1864, the substantial brick storehouse of the concern was built. A larger business was carried on, the firm changing to S. & L. S. W. Ray in October, 1870. L. S. W. Ray is now sole owner, his father's successor in the hardware business.

In 1841 Samuel Ray married Margaret Jane Johnston. They had children as follows: Jane Parker, wife of Cyrus Stouffer, of Blairsville, Pa.; George Mulhollan, who is deceased; Lyman Swan Waterman; Mary Matthews; Sarah Black, who is deceased; Margaret Johnston; Ada Frances, wife of Holmes Dysinger, D. D., of Atchison, Kans.; and Cornelia Ida, wife of George Dey Jenks, attorney, Brookville, Pennsylvania.

In all the relations of life Mr. Ray was a man of the highest moral character. Possessing strong convictions of right and wrong, he lived up to them, no matter what the personal cost. During his seventy years of business life in Blairsville, he saw many changes. In these improvements he was especially interested. He entered, a boy, the warehouse on the bank of the Conemaugh when the larger part of produce carried in and out of the town was by the canal. He saw the entrance of the Pennsylvania railroad; the organization of the cemetery corporation, of which he was first president; the installment of the electric light plant (his residence was the first completely wired house in the town); the water system, and the graded public schools. He started as cashier with the First National Bank upon its opening, and served as president one year. During these busy years Samuel Ray found time to help many others in the struggle of life; found time to read, was well versed in politics and the general history of public events, a lover of good poetry and literature, known to be one of the best Bible students in the community. He has



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left behind him—as a precious heritage to his children—“a good name,” and the example of a well-spent life.

HENRY W. KNAUF, a farmer of North Mahoning township, was born April 11, 1861, on the old homestead of his family in that township, a son of Hartman and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Knauf, and grandson of Michael Knauf.

Michael Knauf was born in Germany, as was his wife Elizabeth, and they were the first of the family to leave the old country for America, settling in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa. They made the trip across the ocean on a sailing vessel that took several weeks for the voyage. The family secured 185 acres of land three miles east of Trade City, which was then in the wilderness, but with his customary energy Michael Knauf went to work to bring his farm into a state of cultivation, and succeeded in doing so, having a comfortable home when he and his wife died on the farm. They were consistent members of the Round Top German Lutheran Church. Three children were born to them: Henry was a Civil war soldier, and after the close of that conflict went to Minnesota, where he took up a homestead and lived upon it until his death, having in the meanwhile married a Miss Lewis; Michael lived near Trade City, Pa., for some years, but later moved to Chippewa Falls, Wis., where he became a farmer and lumberman. He married first a Miss Lewis and second Sophia Bowman; Hartman became the father of Henry W. Knauf.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Hoffman) Knauf was born in Germany, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Hinkle) Hoffman, natives of Germany who came to America and settled near Harrisburg, Pa., but later moved to Valier, this state. Mr. Hoffman secured eighty acres of land south of Trade City, Pa., and he and his wife lived on this property the remainder of their useful lives. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were: Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Knauf; Philip, deceased, who operated a hotel and resided on the Hoffman homestead, being as well a driller and coal tester (he married Sadie Clyde, who survives him and lives at Trade City, Pa.); and Mollie, who married Murray Stear, and resided at Smicksburg until her death, her husband also being deceased.

Hartman Knauf, son of Michael, and father of Henry W. Knauf, was born on the Knauf homestead, and was sent to the local schools.

He was brought up a farmer and followed that line of work all his life, dying upon the place of his birth when he was seventy-one years old. His widow lives with her daughter, Mrs. Wilson Sprankle, of North Mahoning township. For three years Hartman Knauf served as township collector, and he was judge of election and overseer of the poor, always being elected on the Democratic ticket. Like his parents he belonged to the Round Top Lutheran Church early in life, but later joined the Lutheran Church at Trade City. He and his wife had eight children, as follows: Henry W. is mentioned below; Samuel died at the age of fifteen years; Anna Nora died at the age of thirteen years; Mary Elizabeth married Clark D. McConaughy, of North Mahoning township; Howard P., who married Jennie Stormer, has always lived on the homestead; Emma, who died young, was a twin of Etta, who married Wilson Sprankle, of North Mahoning township; George Leonard died at the age of two years. Mr. and Mrs. Knauf were called upon to endure a terrible trial, as all of their eight children were stricken with diphtheria within three months, and four of them died from the disease.

Henry W. Knauf passed his boyhood in the ordinary way, attending school and working on the farm as did the other boys of the neighborhood, and he remained at home until he was twenty-one years old. After marrying he worked on his father's farm and operated it for three years, and then bought his present property of sixty acres, then known as the I. O. Brady farm, located in North Mahoning township. At the time he took possession of it there was a small log cabin on the place, which served as a home until 1888, when Mr. Knauf built the present comfortable residence, which is modern in every respect, being supplied with hot water heat and up-to-date plumbing; the water for the house and premises is supplied from a fine spring. In 1907 Mr. Knauf built his barn, and in 1912 his wagon house. In the latter year he added fifteen acres to his farm. This property is one of the best improved in the township, and he carries on general farming and the raising of cattle and hogs; his herd of cattle numbers seven head.

For three years Mr. Knauf served as a school director, and for one year he was election inspector. Believing in securing and voting for good men rather than for party principles, Mr. Knauf is independent in his political views. An active church worker, he is very prominent in the Lutheran Church of

Trade City and for six and a half years has been an elder of same. He is one of the best-known men of the township, and his success in life has been honestly and honorably won through hard work and natural ability.

On Jan. 4, 1883, Mr. Knauf was married (first) to Maggie E. Brillhart, of East Mahoning township, a daughter of Lewis and Margaret Brillhart, of the same township, farming people, but now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Brillhart became the parents of the following children: Samuel, who is a farmer of East Mahoning township; W. W., who resides in Indiana, Pa., and has a farm in East Mahoning township; Milton, unmarried, who lives on the old homestead; Albert, a painter; and five who are deceased, two of them passing away in infancy, and Mrs. Knauf on Feb. 20, 1906. Mr. Knauf and his wife Margaret had a married life of twenty-three years. They had two daughters, Annie and Etta, both of whom died in infancy.

On April 8, 1908, Mr. Knauf was married (second) to Mrs. Jennie (Bloese) McElroy, of North Mahoning township, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Shaw) Bloese. Mr. Bloese was a farmer and wagonmaker and lived in North Mahoning township. Mrs. Knauf was the widow of Alexander McElroy, of Armstrong county, Pa., by whom she had one son, Leon, who is a civil engineer with the American Bridge Company, and resides at Philadelphia, Pa.; he married Ada Hoop, and they have one child, Brooks.

SMITH M. McHENRY, late of Indiana, was a native of White township, Indiana county, born June 11, 1844. John and Sophronia (Scott) McHenry, his parents, were farming people, in White or Rayne township, and died in this county. They had a large family, viz.: Sidney, born Jan. 10, 1828, who married Fred Bush, and is deceased; Mary Jane, born July 8, 1830, who died unmarried; Pamela, born April 16, 1834, who married Charles Little, and is deceased; William, born Nov. 14, 1836; Samuel, born May 17, 1839; Oliver, born Jan. 29, 1841; Smith M.; Rachel, born Aug. 19, 1844, deceased; James G., born June 27, 1851, deceased; and Margaret E., born Jan. 7, 1854, who married Frank McHenry and lives on the old home place in Rayne township.

Smith M. McHenry attended the East Pike school during his early boyhood, and remained on the home farm, assisting with the farm work, until he entered the army for service in the Civil war. He enlisted from Indiana

county, joining the 105th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was popularly known as the "Wildcats." Mr. McHenry saw considerable active service, and was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, receiving a gunshot injury in the right leg, below the knee. After his marriage Mr. McHenry was employed for some time in the Pennsylvania oil fields, and then returning to his native place lived upon his farm in White township for some years, giving all his time to its cultivation. He was very successful in his farming operations, and was one of the most respected citizens in White township. Moving to the borough of Indiana in 1901, he was there engaged in business to the close of his life, dealing in real estate and making a specialty of handling coal lands. He made the first coal land sale in Indiana county. He had a profitable patronage in this line, and by his honorable methods and reliable knowledge of the property he handled came to be regarded as an authority in his line. His death occurred April 22, 1909. Though an independent voter, not identifying himself with any party, Mr. McHenry was chosen to various township offices while living in White township, being elected solely on his personal merits, and his services justified the confidence his fellow citizens reposed in him. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church of Indiana, and fraternally was a member of the Elks and of Post No. 28, G. A. R., of Indiana.

Mr. McHenry married Elizabeth Wolf, and to them were born eleven children, namely: George, Samuel, Robert, Kate, Mary, John, Oliver, Paul, Arthur and Elizabeth (twins) and Clair. The mother died in May, 1889. On July 30, 1891, Mr. McHenry remarried, his second wife being Clara Long, of White township, who was born April 13, 1864, in Cherryhill township, daughter of Benjamin and Susanna (Burnham) Long, who had a family of five children. Nine children were born of this union: James, Fern, Margaret, Bertha, Ralph, Louise, Howard, Edwin and Martha. Mrs. McHenry resides at No. 628 Water street, Indiana, in the home her husband planned and built in the summer of 1906.

CARL BERNARD CRANMER, M. D., physician and surgeon for the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company, at Iselin, Pa., was born in Bradford county, this state, at Monroe borough, May 15, 1873, son of Bernard A. and Hannah (Dauffenpauh) Cranmer.

Ashabel Cranmer married Mary Griggs, and is now deceased. His widow survives and makes her home at Monroe borough, and despite her years, she having attained to the venerable age of ninety-six, she is very active in mind and body.

Bernard A. Cranmer, son of Ashabel Cranmer, is a farmer near the village of Monroe borough, operating 200 acres in the vicinity. At one time he owned a tract of 300 acres, a portion of which is included in what is now Monroe borough.

Carl Bernard Cranmer attended the local high school at Monroe borough and then entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in the spring of 1898. Following this he began the practice of medicine at Dubois, Pa., as assistant to Dr. Lee, physician and surgeon for the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Company, continuing thus until 1901, when he was appointed resident physician for the company at Rathmel, Jefferson Co., Pa., and besides acting as the company physician had a general practice at that place and at Wishaw until 1904, when he was appointed resident physician and surgeon at Iselin, where the Pittsburgh Gas Coal Company had established a plant. He has 350 families under his charge at Iselin and seventy-five families at Whiskey Run, also known as Iselin No. 3. Dr. Cranmer is ably assisted by Dr. C. F. Dixon. Both physicians take a deep interest in their work. A strong Republican, Dr. Cranmer has served as school director of the village for two terms, and has been chairman of the board, and otherwise showed a warm, public-spirited interest in local affairs. A man of religious tendencies, he helped to organize the Union Church, and is now acting as trustee. In addition, he organized the men's Bible class, of which he is teacher. Professionally Dr. Cranmer belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society. In fraternal matters he belongs to the Freemasons, being a member of Garfield Lodge, No. 559, F. & A. M.

In June, 1902, Dr. Cranmer was married to Estelle Magee, a native of Clearfield county, Pa., daughter of Henry Magee. She was educated in the public schools and high school of her neighborhood, later attending Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa., where she was trained in music. For one year after completing her musical course she was instructor of music in that institution, and then accepted a similar position in the female seminary at

Newport News, also teaching oratory and elocution. Mrs. Cranmer is a lady of unusual talents, possessing an artistic temperament and tastes, and her beautiful home shows the effects of her culture. Like her husband she takes a deep interest in the affairs of the village, and tries to bring some of her own happiness into the lives of those about her. Her influence is constantly exerted to bring about a higher moral tone and better conditions of living, and she is a powerful factor for good. Believing in the power of the Sunday school in any community, she organized the one connected with the Union Church, and is one of its most effective teachers, as well as its superintendent.

Dr. and Mrs. Cranmer have had three children, Josephine, Carl and Ralph. Highly educated, cultured and intelligent, Dr. and Mrs. Cranmer are working together to benefit the people placed in their charge. They are not content to minister alone to their bodies, but seek to raise them and bring them into better condition by elevating their thoughts and teaching them how to live in a healthful, normal way. In every way Dr. Cranmer is seconded by his wife, and they are not only most highly esteemed but beloved by the many whom they have so greatly benefited.

HERMAN H. MILLER, who is devoting his activities to the tilling of the soil in White township, was born in Indiana county, Jan. 1, 1866, and is a son of Henry and Sushanna (Marsh) Miller.

Herman Miller, the paternal grandfather of Herman H. Miller, was a native of Germany, from which country he came to the United States in young manhood and settled in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa., there purchasing land and engaging in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life.

Henry Miller, son of Herman Miller, and father of Herman H. Miller, followed farming in Pine township for many years, but eventually moved to Cambria county, where he is still actively engaged in farming, although he has reached advanced years. His second wife passed away many years ago, when Herman H. Miller was but an infant, he being the only child of that union. By a former marriage Henry Miller had two children, William and Henry, both residing in Cambria county, and to his third marriage were born five children: Stewart, Thomas, Jackson, Alfred and George, all living in Cambria county.

Herman H. Miller, son of Henry Miller,

passed his boyhood days in Pine township, and when still a lad was taken to Cambria county, where he received his education and remained until attaining his majority. At that time he came back to Indiana county and followed farming as a hand until 1905, in which year he purchased his present valuable land in White township, where he has since carried on farming and stock raising. Mr. Miller has been successful in his operations because he has used intelligence and good judgment in his work. He fully understands the business of farming, is an excellent judge of stock, and his property gives eloquent evidence of the exercise of thrift and good management.

On December 25, 1892, Mr. Miller was married to Lucretia Shultz, of Pine township, daughter of William and Mary Jane (Coy) Shultz, natives of Indiana county who are both now deceased. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, namely: Milton, who is deceased; Martha; Clinton, deceased; Benton; Goldie, and Viola. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Evangelical Church of Indiana and have been liberal in their support of its movements. Holding the esteem and regard of his fellow citizens, Mr. Miller has been called upon to fill various township offices, including that of school director, and has at all times proved his good citizenship by the faithful manner in which he has discharged the duties connected with such responsibilities.

DAVID H. DICK, general farmer, residing in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, was born there April 2, 1849, son of Jacob P. and Elizabeth (Hoover) Dick.

John Dick, the grandfather, came to Indiana county at an early day and bought land which he cleared and cultivated and resided on until his death, which occurred when he was aged forty-four years.

Jacob P. Dick was born in Blair county, Pa., but was reared in Indiana county, followed farming all his active life in Cherryhill township, and died in 1900. In 1863 he was married to Elizabeth Hoover, and the following children were born to them: Margaret, who is now deceased; David H.; George, who resides near Greenville, Pa.; Andrew and John, both of whom are deceased; Nancy, who is the wife of Benjamin Bowers, of Martinsburg, Pa.; and Martin, who lives in Cherryhill township. By his second marriage seven children were born to Jacob P. Dick, the survivors being: William, living in Iowa; James, living at Johnstown, Pa.; Jacob M.,

residing on the old homestead; and Frank, living with his mother at Greenville, Pennsylvania.

David H. Dick was reared on the home farm, obtained his education in the district schools, and has followed farming in Cherryhill township ever since. In early manhood he was married, on March 16, 1873, to Rachel Ann Long, who was born in Cherryhill township July 7, 1852, a daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Engle) Long. Mr. Long was born in Cherryhill township and followed farming there all his life, dying May 28, 1904.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick the following children have been born: Jeremiah lives in Oklahoma; Richard, who moved to Oregon, was married there to Lucy Seranton, and they have two sons and two daughters, Lois, Harold, Warren and Ruth; Emma is the wife of Edward H. Stephens, living near Greenville, Pa., and they have eight children, Louie, Lawrence, Enola, Rachel, Ila, Clyde, Mary and Ruth; Charles, who resides in Cherryhill township, married Elda Finley, of that township, and they have five children, Ellis, Ford, Len, Mary and Theodore; Nellie is the wife of Harry F. Ackerson, of East Mahoning township, and they have three children, Violet, Arthur and an infant; Weston, who is a resident of Oklahoma, married Imo Houser, of that State, and they have one child; Blanche is the wife of J. Ward Houck, postmaster at Clymer, and they have one child, Marion; Homer, who resides at Clymer, married Grace Short, of Indiana county, and they have one daughter, Margaret; Carrie is the wife of Logan G. Ober, of Rayne township; Blaine, who is an educator in Indiana county, has taught one term in Rayne township, two terms at Diamondville and one term at Spruce Grove, proving very acceptable, and when not otherwise engaged assists his father on the home farm; Ethel and Seward reside with their parents. Good health has prevailed in this large, united and vigorous family, no break having occurred in its ranks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick are members of the Baptist Church. For many years Mr. Dick has served on the school board, and he has also been register and assessor of Cherryhill township.

SYLVESTER C. WELCHONCE, who for thirty-five years has been the proprietor of a blacksmith shop at North Point, Indiana county, was born in Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa., April 23, 1855, and is a son of Austin and Margaret (McHenry) Welchonce.



Mathias Welchonce, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Germany.

Austin Welchonce, son of Mathias, and father of Sylvester C. Welchonce, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and when a lad of fifteen years moved to West Mahoning township, Indiana county, accompanying his father to the old Good mill, which they conducted for several years. Later they went to Porter township, Jefferson county, and secured a farm, and there they both passed away. Mathias Welchonce married Susan Ambrose, and they had six children: John, who is deceased; Alexander, of Clearfield county, Pa.; Austin; Lavina, deceased; Martha, a resident of Illinois; and Claranna, living in Jefferson county. Austin Welchonce was engaged for some time in burning charcoal in Porter township, but later removed to the Stewardson furnace, near the mouth of Mahoning creek, in Armstrong county, working at the furnace. He returned to his farm some time later, and in 1862 came to West Mahoning township, purchasing the Crusman farm, on which he spent the rest of his life, and where his wife is still living at the age of eighty-two years. He was a Democrat in politics, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Sylvester C.; Alvy M., a blacksmith at Homer City, Pa., who married Mamie Blose; Sarah, who married Scott Chambers, of Ambrose, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Rev. C. H. Frampton, of Oil City, Pa.; Frank, a farmer on the old home place, who married Lavina McHenry; and Ruth, who married Wallace McMiller, living at Ambrose.

Sylvester C. Welchonce, son of Austin Welchonce, received his education in the old Gamble school, in North Mahoning township, and at the age of sixteen years commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith in the shop of John C. Stear, at North Point. He continued in his employ for two years, and then went to Elk City, Pa., for a short period, but returned to North Point, and in 1878 opened his present establishment, which he has continued to conduct to the present time.

Mr. Welchonce was married in 1880 in Jefferson county, Pa., to Joanna Lettie, of West Mahoning township, Indiana county, daughter of George and Hannah (Mottern) Lettie, of Northumberland county, Pa., pioneers of Jefferson county, who settled near Worthville. In 1860 they located at North Point, where Mr. Lettie conducted a gristmill for many years, but he is now retired and living quietly

at Porter, Jefferson county. Mr. and Mrs. Welchonce have had one son, Harry Monroe. He was born at North Point, Pa., in 1884, was educated in the home schools, and at the age of sixteen years went to Hicksville, Ohio, to learn the trade of telegrapher. Finishing his course, he returned to his home and soon secured a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as operator at Indiana, going thence to Avonmore, Pa., where he spent one year, and then to Saltsburg, where he was stationed for three months. He was next connected with the B. R. & P. Railroad Company at Butler, Pa., for one year, went thence to North Point, and then became connected with the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company, at Greenville, where he was a dispatcher for two years. At that time Mr. Welchonce began playing baseball as a professional, being one year as an outfielder in the Ohio and Pennsylvania League, from which he went to the Philadelphia Nationals. After one season he was sent to the Central League, where he played with Grand Rapids, but was traded by the latter team to South Bend, Ind. He returned to the Philadelphia Nationals in 1910, but was sold to Nashville, in the Southern League, with which team he played for one season, and then went to the New York Americans and later was secured by draft by the Washington team of the American League, with which he played during the season of 1912, and of which he is still a member. He spends the winter months at home. He has demonstrated that he has inherited much of his father's mechanical skill, being able to perform almost any piece of difficult work in his father's shop. In 1904 he married Daisy Stone, of Greenville, Mercer county, Pa., at which place he makes his winter home, being employed by the Bessemer Railroad Company during the winter months, as telegrapher in their main office.

Sylvester C. Welchonce is a valued member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, with the members of which he has always been popular, as he has, indeed, with all who have met him. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as postmaster of North Point, and as a member of the school board, and he and Mrs. Welchonce are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has always been an industrious and persistent worker, and the success which has attended his efforts is but the natural result of a long and useful life, filled with earnest endeavor and marked by the highest integrity. His skill as a horse-shoer has brought him considerable renown,

and though fifty-eight years old he was able recently to set sixty shoes in one day, keeping it up for several days at a time. He has horses coming to his shops from a radius of twenty-five miles, and is one of the leading horseshoers of Indiana and Jefferson counties, having been very successful in the shoeing of racehorses, and of all kinds of crippled and deformed feet.

JOSEPH WILSON HARBISON, retired farmer of Young township, Indiana county, where he still owns 140 acres of land, and now a member of the implement and feed firm of Harbison & Gibson, at Indiana, was born on a farm in Young township May 16, 1847, and is a son of Francis S. and Parnelia (Cooper) Harbison.

Joseph Harbison, the grandfather of Joseph W. Harbison, left the State of Maryland with his brother for western Pennsylvania, but in some manner they became separated, and the brother was never heard from afterward. The grandfather came on to Indiana county, where he settled in what was then Conemaugh (now Young) township, and accumulated property until he had over 500 acres of land, continuing to reside in that section during the remainder of his life. He and his wife were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Harbison was a Whig, serving as justice of the peace for many years. He married, March 15, 1810, Rebecca Ewing, and they had the following children: Annie, born Feb. 11, 1811, married Cyrus Fulton, and both are deceased; Sarah, born Nov. 20, 1812, married Joseph Cunningham, and both are deceased; William, born Oct. 24, 1814, married Margaret McNutt; Mary, born Jan. 16, 1816, married William Cooper; Francis S. was born May 28, 1818; Catherine, born Dec. 2, 1819, died unmarried; John, born Aug. 24, 1822, married Elizabeth Beatty, who survives him at the age of eighty years and lives in Armstrong township; Jane, born Nov. 13, 1826, died unmarried.

Francis S. Harbison, son of Joseph and father of Joseph Wilson Harbison, was born in Young township, and there spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. He was active in the work of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a trustee for many years, and was also prominent in Republican politics. After his marriage he settled on a tract of land given him by his father, and there his death occurred Oct. 29, 1890. Mr. Harbison was married to Parnelia Cooper, who was born Sept. 3, 1825, at Slippery Rock, Butler

county, daughter of William and Mary Cooper. She is still living at the age of eighty-eight years, and a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Harbison had the following children: Joseph Wilson; Paulina, born Nov. 14, 1848, who married A. W. Ewing, and both are deceased; William, born Feb. 14, 1853, who married Emma Hart, and died in Young township; and Armelda M., born July 8, 1856, who died unmarried.

Joseph Wilson Harbison attended the public schools of West Lebanon during a short time in the winter terms, but the greater part of his education came in the school of hard work, he being the eldest of the family and it being necessary for him to assist his father with the homestead duties from the time when he was so small he could barely reach the plow handles. When still but little more than a lad he enlisted for ninety days' service in the Civil war, becoming a private in Capt. Samuel Anderson's Company H, 54th Regt., P. V. I. Subsequently he reenlisted, June 24, 1863, in the regiment commanded by Col. Thomas F. Gallagher, and was assigned to the Department of the Monongahela, commanded by Gen. William F. H. Brooks. On the 29th day of July following, the regiment was sent on guard, at the time of Morgan's raid. After the capture of that daring officer the regiment, being no longer needed, was mustered out of the service, Aug. 17, 1863. Mr. Harbison reenlisted in Capt. William C. Gordon's Company D, 206th Regt., P. V. I., for one year, the regiment being mustered into the service of the United States at Camp Reynolds, near Pittsburg, Sept. 8, 1864, with the following field and staff officers: Col. Hugh J. Brady, Lieut. Col. John T. Fulton, Maj. Josiah B. Ferguson, Adjt. James L. Crawford, Q. M. John Lowery, Surg. Thomas M. Lowery, and Chap. John C. High. After its organization, the regiment left the State and was assigned to a provisional brigade in the Army of the James, occupying the Bermuda front and attached to the 18th Corps. On the 4th of October it was ordered to duty with the engineering corps and put to work on a fort north of Dutch Gap. So promptly and well was the work done that in compliment it was named Fort Brady, in honor of the colonel. On Oct. 26th the regiment was assigned to the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 10th Army Corps, and on Dec. 3d the 10th and 18th Corps were merged in the 24th Corps. On April 3, 1865, the order was given to advance on Richmond, but it was found that the city had been evacuated by the Confederates, and

Mr. Harbison's regiment was the first to enter the Southern capital and display the stars and stripes. It performed provost duty there and in Lynchburg until its services were no longer needed. Mr. Harbison did his full duty as a soldier, faithfully performing every duty that fell to his lot, and was honorably discharged June 26, 1865. On his return, he resumed work on the old property, which he inherited from his father, and which he continued to operate until 1889. In that year he came to Indiana and engaged in the feed and implement business with J. J. Fiscus, under the firm name of Harbison & Fiscus, a connection which continued for two years. The firm was then dissolved and Mr. Harbison continued in business alone until 1909, when he formed a business connection with I. W. Gibson, his present partner.

Mr. Harbison was married (first) in October, 1865, to Mary A. Hart, of Young township, daughter of Robert Thompson and Nancy (Grey) Hart, and she died on the farm May 19, 1872, the mother of two children: Alva V., of Niagara Falls, N. Y.; and Ella May, who died Oct. 3, 1907. In 1876 Mr. Harbison was married (second) to Sarah Galbraith, of Salzbürg, Pa., who died April 10, 1899, without issue.

Mr. Harbison is a Prohibitionist in his political views and is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. He is interested in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, and continues a popular comrade of Indiana Post, No. 28.

THOMAS ELGIN SHIRLEY, educator, who resides on the homestead farm in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Brushvalley township, this county, Dec. 26, 1887, son of David and Eliza (Douthitt) Shirley.

Robert Shirley, the founder of the family in Indiana county, was born in eastern Pennsylvania in 1735, and was married there to Susan Baker, who was of German descent and was born in 1742. Robert Shirley served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1792 he came to Indiana county, from the Conococheague valley, and located in Conemaugh township, on Blacklegs creek, about two miles from Salzbürg. He became a farmer, and lived in that section until he was ninety-nine years of age, dying in 1834. His widow survived to be 101 years of age, her death occurring in 1843, and their eldest son, John, lived to the age of 103, all of the six children attaining old age. They were: John, who married Elizabeth Taiser; Robert; Thomas; Jane,

who married a Mr. Mullen, and moved to the West; Joseph, who married Catherine Fulmer; and Ann, who married William Bash.

Thomas Shirley, son of Robert, was born during the Revolutionary war, in 1776, and was a young man when he accompanied his parents to Conemaugh township, where he subsequently followed agricultural life until he retired. He died in 1875, at the age of ninety-nine years. He married Mary Miller, who was born in 1787, and died in 1875, at the age of eighty-seven years. Their children were as follows: Margaret, born in 1809, was married to John Lampkin and (second) a Mr. Altman; Barbara, born in 1811, married Jacob Long; Robert, born in 1813, married Eliza Kelly; Christopher, born in 1815, is mentioned below; Susan, born in 1818, married Ezekiel Gray; John, born in 1821, married Ella Rosborough, as his first wife, his second being a widow named Marshall; Thomas, born in 1825, married Ellen Fairman; and Mathias, born in 1829, married Rachel Longwell.

Christopher Shirley, son of Thomas, was born in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, in 1815, and passed a quiet, busy life on his farm there, where he died in 1900. He married Mary Douthett, and they had seven children, namely: Thomas, who lives at Ontario, San Bernardino Co., Cal.; James P., who lives at Connellsville, Pa.; George, who resides at Clarksburg, Pa.; Anna, who lives at Collinsville, Pa.; Martha, who married Elgin Rhea; Margaret, who married John Walton; and David.

David Shirley, son of Christopher, was born Dec. 20, 1856, in Conemaugh township, and was reared and educated there. He followed farming and also lumbering, in different sections of Indiana county, being a farmer in Conemaugh, Washington and Brushvalley townships prior to moving to Center township, where he bought seventy-seven acres of land, known as the C. A. Smith farm, and there he is still interested in farming and stock raising. He was married Oct. 4, 1883, to Eliza Douthitt, daughter of Samuel Douthitt, of Homer City, Indiana Co., Pa., and they have the following children: Orville Earl, who taught school for some time in Indiana county, and is now a clerk in the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C.; Roy Walton, who resides in southern California; Thomas Elgin; Effie Ann, who is engaged in the millinery business at Oil City, Pa.; and Mary Olive, David Blair and Emma Belle, all of whom reside at home. David Shirley and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church. He is one of the representative citizens of

Center township, one whose influence is beneficial in all directions, and as such he is hearty in the support he gives to the Prohibition party.

Thomas Elgin Shirley, third son of David Shirley, attended the public schools in White and Center townships and later studied at the State normal school at Indiana, Pa. After thus thoroughly preparing for his chosen profession he began to teach school, in 1907 becoming the teacher of District No. 10 school, in Center township, and proved so satisfactory that he was retained during 1908. In 1909 he became the teacher at Brush Hollow, and then accepted the position of principal of the Risinger school, at North Homer, where he has been located since 1910. He is a member of the United Brethren Church.

SAMUEL KEPORT RANK, of Glen Campbell, Indiana county, is engaged in the insurance business at that point and makes his home in the town of Hillsdale, in the adjoining township of Montgomery. The family has long been established in this part of Indiana county, and its members in every generation have displayed those qualities of substantial worth which justify their high standing in the regard of their fellow citizens.

George Rank, of Union county, Pa., great-grandfather of Samuel K. Rank, is the first of the family of whom we have record. He married Elizabeth Vertz.

Samuel Rank, son of George and Elizabeth (Vertz) Rank, was born Oct. 18, 1802, in Union county, and died Nov. 26, 1869. In 1826 he married Mary Ann Keports, a native of Switzerland, born July 28, 1805, who came from her native land to America when twelve years old. She could not speak "a word of English" when she came to America. She was a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Wehrle) Keports, of Switzerland, the former of whom served in Napoleon's army in the invasion of Russia, in 1812. Samuel and Mary Ann (Keports) Rank had a family of nine children. Mrs. Rank died March 29, 1873.

George Rank, eldest of the nine children born to Samuel and Mary Ann (Keports) Rank, born Oct. 16, 1827, near Cherrytree, in Indiana county, Pa., became a farmer in his native county, his home being near Hillsdale, in Montgomery township. He died, very suddenly, Jan. 8, 1902, at the home where he had passed so many years. The following, by Rev. P. B. Campbell, appeared in deceased's church paper a few weeks later: "Brother Rank was born near this spot and so he knew well

the hardships of pioneer life in the forest, but lived to see it give place to beautiful farms and residences, among which his own is prominent. \* \* \* He was converted at the age of nineteen. \* \* \* Soon after this he united with the Methodist Protestant Church, but in about two years afterward, in company with his father and mother, he withdrew from it on account of its complicity with American slavery. For a time this conscientious family stood aloof from church fellowship because they did not know of any church that was free from the blood of human slavery. Afterward the Rev. R. S. Ensign came to their neighborhood and organized the first Wesleyan Methodist Church of that part of the country, and they gladly became charter members and continued faithful until called, one by one, into glory. Brother George was an abolitionist of the John Brown type. In the days when it was a crime to 'harbor, aid or abet' a slave who was attempting to escape from his so-called master he, in company with the now sainted father of the writer and other noble men who feared to do wrong more than they feared unjust imprisonment and the confiscation of their homes, did feed, shelter and conduct many a company of black skinned fellows on their way to Canada. When the Republican party finished its work \* \* \* Brother Rank took up the next living issue and spent his last years in heartily supporting Prohibition. In the church he was an untiring worker. In nine years as his pastor we came to expect him in his place in every service unless unavoidably prevented, while his prayers and contributions were a constant benediction to the cause he loved so well. The Sabbath school was perhaps his choice of all places. His years of superintendence and teaching have done much for the dissemination of gospel principles. His last public work was in the Sabbath school three days before his call to heaven."

On Dec. 24, 1850, Mr. Rank was married in Indiana county to Jane Clark, who was born Aug. 9, 1829, at Lewisberry, York Co., Pa., daughter of Virtue and Catharine (Grove) Clark, and died Oct. 5, 1902, surviving her husband but a few months. She was a helpless invalid for a year and nine months before her decease. Four children were born to this union: Ira C.; Ettie P.; Mrs. A. C. Rankin; Linnie, widow of Dr. H. H. Jacobs; and Samuel K.

Virtue Clark, father of Mrs. Jane (Clark) Rank, was born May 17, 1799, in Connecticut, and was one of the twelve children of—

and Patience Clark. Before his marriage he left his native State, and in 1841 moved with his family to Indiana county, Pa., and died Feb. 7, 1863. On June 10, 1827, he married Catharine Grove, who was born March 5, 1807, in York county, Pa., one of the family of twelve children born to Samuel and Hannah (Reinhart) Grove, the latter a native of New York; her grandparents were Samuel (a native of Holland) and Katy (Ensminger) Grove and Joseph and Susan (Danner) Reinhart. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Virtue Clark. The mother died Sept. 10, 1893.

Samuel K. Rank was born June 22, 1857, at Hillsdale, in Montgomery township, Indiana county, and obtained his early education in the local public schools. Later he attended the normal school at Indiana, Pa., and then took a course in the National School of Elocution and Oratory at Philadelphia, being graduated with honors in 1880. For twenty-four years he was engaged in educational work, largely in Indiana county, Pa., though he has taught in five States altogether. He has done regular school work as well as elocution instruction, in which he was particularly successful. For ten years after giving up teaching Mr. Rank was in the employ of the Clark Brothers Company, measuring and estimating timber, and buying timber lands, not only in Pennsylvania but also in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia. In 1906 he entered his present line of work, the insurance business, in which he has built up a very profitable patronage. His office is in the Bank building at Glen Campbell. Mr. Rank handles "every good kind" of insurance, representing the Hartford, Franklin, Springfield Fire & Marine, Pennsylvania, Home and Connecticut Fire Insurance Companies, the Travelers' Insurance Company and the American Live Stock Insurance Company. He has found a congenial field of labor in insurance work, and his success shows his adaptability and business qualities of a high order.

Like his father, Mr. Rank is an earnest church and Sunday school worker. He is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, parsonage trustee, teacher of a Bible class and superintendent of Sunday school. The cause of Prohibition has always had his strongest sympathy and support, and he was a delegate to the State and National conventions of the party in 1912.

On Sept. 14, 1881, Mr. Rank was married to Della M. Lay, a native of Stephensport, Ky., born May 24, 1862, and they have had

three children: (1) Viva Rank, born Aug. 11, 1882, at Stephensport, Ky., was married Nov. 16, 1908, to Rev. Thomas Curtis Shane, a minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church now stationed at Rochester, Pa., and they have two children, Allan Curtis, born Nov. 21, 1909, at Hillsdale, Pa., and Eunice, born Jan. 20, 1913, at Beaver, Pa. (2) Aline Rank, born Nov. 5, 1886, at Cherrytree, Pa., was engaged as a public school teacher for four years, and lives at home. (3) Samuel Harrison, born July 26, 1897, at Mahaffey, Pa., is a student in the public schools, and lives at home.

Benjamin Lay, of Virginia, great-grandfather of Mrs. Della M. (Lay) Rank, married Mary A. Albertson, of that State, and they had a family of nine children.

James Lay, a son of Benjamin and Mary A. (Albertson) Lay, was born July 5, 1812, at Stephensport, Ky., and died Sept. 15, 1854. On Sept. 15, 1835, he married Mary J. Cox, who was born at Stephensport May 12, 1820, one of the three children of William and Mary (Seaton) Cox, both of Virginia, and died May 5, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Lay had eight children.

Harrison Lay, son of James and Mary J. (Cox) Lay, was born Sept. 24, 1838, at Stephensport, Ky., and died Dec. 8, 1906. He was a merchant by occupation. On Jan. 1, 1860, he married Olevia Perrigo, who was born Feb. 10, 1838, at Rome, Ind., and they had three children.

William Perrigo, grandfather of Mrs. Olevia (Perrigo) Lay, was born in 1776 and was of French descent—from Massachusetts. His death occurred in 1855. He was married in 1796 to Elizabeth Herrington, of New York, a "full-blooded Yankee," born in 1779, who died in 1865. They were the parents of thirteen children.

Samuel Perrigo, son of William and Elizabeth (Herrington) Perrigo, was born Nov. 27, 1808, in New York, and died July 9, 1864. On June 4, 1835, he married Catharine Ackerman, a native of Kentucky, born July 7, 1814, daughter of Andrew and Louisa (Reinhart) Ackerman, of Germany, the latter coming from her native land to New York; Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman had a family of seven children. To Samuel and Catharine (Ackerman) Perrigo were born twelve children. The mother died Aug. 4, 1896.

JACOB C. CONNER, president of the Conner Vehicle Company of Indiana, has been in business in that borough since 1900 and is recognized as one of the progressive element

in this section which has been striving to keep its activities up to the demands of modern trade. His establishment is well equipped and its product thoroughly up-to-date.

Mr. Conner was born in Indiana county in 1858, and his father and grandfather were also natives of the county. The latter, George Conner, was born on a farm, and witnessed much of the early settlement of this locality. Jacob S. Conner, father of Jacob C. Conner, was born in Green township, Indiana county, and was a farmer by occupation. He married Catharine Dishong, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Riblet) Dishong, and they became the parents of ten children, two dying in infancy. The others still survive, namely: Paul; Anna, wife of Wilson Gross; Elizabeth, wife of R. N. McFeters; George; Mollie, wife of Uriah Sides; Jacob C.; Flora, wife of Jacob Breath; and Henry C. The parents were members of the M. E. Church. Mr. Conner died in 1893, Mrs. Conner in 1906.

Jacob C. Conner attended public school in Green township. He was still a young man when he became engaged in the lumber business, in which he continued until 1900. That year he embarked in the planing mill business at Indiana, where he has since been located. He followed his original line until 1906, when he organized the Conner Vehicle Company, which was incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000, and he has held the position of president throughout the existence of this concern. Vehicles of all kinds except heavy road wagons are manufactured, and the output has gained a reputation which insures a constant demand large enough to keep the plant busy. Mr. Conner's business methods are up-to-date, and he has conducted this business so successfully as to win a place among the substantial manufacturers of the borough. He has acquired considerable real estate in Indiana, owning several houses.

In 1881 Mr. Conner married Lucelia Buterbaugh, daughter of Solomon Buterbaugh, of Indiana county, and to this marriage were born ten children, six of whom died in infancy. The others are: Boyd, Daisy (wife of John Myers), Effie and Emma. The mother died Nov. 8, 1907, and in June, 1908, Mr. Conner married (second) Margaret River, daughter of Pat River, of Indiana county. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. On political questions he is independent.

THOMAS BURNS GLASS, farmer, residing in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in that township April 5, 1865, son of

William and Catherine (Burns) Glass, a full record of the Glass ancestry being found in another part of this work.

Thomas Burns, maternal ancestor of Thomas Burns Glass, was born at Dublin, Ireland, in 1750, and according to family annals served in the British army at the beginning of the Revolutionary war, but later served for four years under Capt. John Paul Jones and other American commanders. In 1790 he came to Indiana county, Pa., locating in Center township. As a pioneer he made a somewhat precarious living for some years by chopping wood and burning charcoal, but subsequently acquired land on which he carried on farming. He died here Oct. 2, 1833, at the age of eighty-three years, and was buried in Bethel cemetery. In 1800 he was married (first) to Mary Hored, who died in 1816, aged sixty-four years. In 1817 he was married (second) to Sarah Boyle, daughter of Robert and Mary (Johnson) Boyle, who died Aug. 15, 1845, aged fifty-five years. They had the following children: William, born Sept. 17, 1818, was a soldier in the Civil war and died March 17, 1900; Thomas, born March 17, 1820, married Margaret Henry, and died Oct. 10, 1893; Catherine, born July 27, 1821, married William Glass, and died Oct. 17, 1886; James M., born March 4, 1824, died Oct. 10, 1855. Mrs. Charles E. Boyle, the only daughter of Thomas Burns, Jr., now resides on the homestead in Center township.

Thomas Burns Glass was reared on the Burns farm and attended the Myers school in Center township. He lived with his uncles, Thomas and William Burns, and followed farming in Center township until 1893, when he removed to Armstrong township and located on a 113-acre tract belonging to Hugh Miller. There Mr. Glass remained eleven years, following farming and general industrial activities, and when he sold that property he located in Rayne township on a farm of fifty-two acres, which was known as the James McKendree farm. Four years later Mr. Glass disposed of his interests there to J. W. Helmen and bought fifty-seven acres in the same township, from Prof. Samuel Wolf. This farm he cultivated for four years and then exchanged farms with Harry Weimer. This transaction took place in 1910 and he has continued general farming and stock raising here ever since.

On March 23, 1892, Mr. Glass was married to Lizzie Kunkle, a daughter of Michael Kunkle and sister of L. C. Kunkle, extended mention of which family will be found in an-

other part of this volume. One daughter born to this marriage died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Glass belong to the Presbyterian Church, attending at Bethel. He is independent in his political attitude.

JOHN I. BOUCHER, manager of the Greenwich Supply Company, at Lovejoy, Indiana county, was born in Rayne township, this county, Oct. 26, 1876, and is a son of James and Melissa (Shields) Boucher. His grandfather, Andrew James Boucher, was of French descent, the family having come from near the border line of Germany and France. He was an early settler in Rayne township, taking up the land where his son and grandson were born from the government, clearing it and spending the rest of his life in farming there, in addition to doing considerable carpenter work.

James Boucher, son of Andrew James and father of John I. Boucher, was born in Rayne township, and followed in the footsteps of his father, being engaged in farming all of his life and still residing on the old home place. He married Melissa Shields, also a native of Rayne township, and to them have been born six children: Effie, the wife of J. L. Way, of Home, Pa.; John I.; Myrtle, the wife of Thomas Williams, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Della, the wife of W. L. Hare, of Rayne township; Beulah, the wife of Luther J. Hughes, living in Spangler, Cambria county; and Charles, who resides at home.

William Shields, the maternal grandfather of John I. Boucher, was a native of Pennsylvania, and during his early life followed the occupation of boatman. Later he settled in Rayne township and turned his attention to farming, at which he was occupied until his death, when he was eighty-eight years of age.

John I. Boucher attended the district schools of Rayne township, dividing his time between acquiring an education and working on the home farm. Subsequently he attended Purchase Line Academy, and after his graduation from that institution entered the mercantile business as a clerk in the employ of the Burns Run Supply Company. One year later he became manager of the Westover Lumber Company, a position which he continued to occupy until 1907, when he became manager of the Greenwich Supply Company, at Lovejoy, where he has since been employed. He is recognized as a business man of more than ordinary capacity and has done much to develop his firm's business.

In 1894 Mr. Boucher was married to Kate Lockard, who was born in Green township,

Indiana Co., Pa., in June, 1872, daughter of Hiram and Susan Lockard, both of whom are deceased. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Boucher, Paul James, who is on the old farm. Mr. Boucher is a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife adheres to the Presbyterian faith.

SPENCER HICKCOX RHOADS, postmaster at Iselin, Young township, and bookkeeper for the Ridge Supply Company's store at that point, was born at Tunkhannock, Wyoming Co., Pa., July 12, 1862, son of Dr. John W. and Mary Jennie (Hickcox) Rhoads.

John W. Rhoads, M. D., belonged to an old and honored Virginia family, while his wife descended from Connecticut stock. Dr. Rhoads practiced medicine for many years at Tunkhannock and later at Houtzdale, Pa., where he died in 1889. His widow survived until 1891, and passed away in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Spencer Hickcox Rhoads was educated in the public schools of Northumberland county and in Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pa. After leaving school he became assistant agent and operator at Houtzdale, Pa., and later engaged as bookkeeper and clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at different points in Pennsylvania. In 1899 he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the office of Platt, Barber & Co., at Dubois, Pa., holding it for seven years. In 1906 he left this firm to accept the same position with the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company at their Iselin plant in Young township, Indiana county, and he holds the same office with the Ridge Supply Company. Mr. Rhoads was assistant postmaster under Joseph H. Burgess, and in April, 1911, when the office was made a third-class one, he received the appointment as postmaster under President Taft, still retaining it.

On April 19, 1899, Mr. Rhoads was united in marriage with Margaret Munson, the ceremony taking place at Philipsburg, Center Co., Pa. Mrs. Rhoads is a daughter of Levi Munson, and comes of an old Connecticut family. One daughter, Margaret Valentine, has been born of this marriage. Mr. Rhoads is very much interested in the Union Church, which he and his wife attend, and he was on the building committee that had charge of the erection of the present church edifice. He is one of the energetic men of the township, and is a very efficient public official, administering the affairs of his office in a manner that gives satisfaction to all parties concerned.

FRANK C. AMOND, general farmer, of Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born there Jan. 19, 1871, son of Levi J. and Barbara (Diek) Amond.

Frederick Amond, grandfather of Frank C. Amond, was born at what is known as Salem Cross Roads, in Westmoreland county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in 1845, settling in what was the Spruce district. Subsequently, in 1856, he moved to the farm on which Frank C. Amond is now carrying on operations, and also devoted some attention to following the trade of wagonmaker, to learn which he had been bound out until he was eighteen years of age. His death occurred in the house in which his grandson now lives, in 1875, and his wife passed away near this home.

Levi J. Amond was born in Salem township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., in 1843, and in his youth learned the trade of plasterer and stone and brick mason, a vocation which he followed for thirty-seven years in Indiana county, making his home where his son Frank C. now resides, and where his death occurred Dec. 5, 1907. He and his wife had eight children, as follows: Charles, a resident of Cherryhill township; Frank C.; Belle, wife of Jerry Learn, a resident of Indiana county; Daisy, wife of Beecher Learn, a resident of Cookport; and four children who died young.

Simon Dick, the maternal grandfather of Frank C. Amond, came from the East and settled in Indiana county at an early day, being engaged in agricultural operations until his death in 1850. His widow survived many years, passing away in 1869.

Frank C. Amond was married at Belsano, Cambria Co., Pa., June 15, 1893, to Minnie B. Edward, who was born in Cambria county March 28, 1872, daughter of John L. and Eliza Jane (Thomas) Edward, early pioneers of Cambria county, the grandparents of Mrs. Amond on both sides of the family coming to this country from Wales and engaging in farming and lumbering. Her father also followed these occupations at Belsano, where he and his wife still survive. They are the parents of seven children: Walter, a farmer near Belsano; William, a resident of Hobart Mills, Cal., and a veteran of the Spanish-American war, in which he served under two enlistments, one being under Admiral Dewey; Minnie B., who married Mr. Amond; Merton, a merchant at Belsano; Vinton, a resident of Cherryhill township, near Penn Run; Oscar, a resident of Belsano; and Bertha, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Amond have four sons and one

daughter: Vinton Dale, John L., Chester Arthur, Wilbur Roy and Florence Elizabeth.

Mr. Amond is a member of Lodge No. 1163, I. O. O. F., of Clymer, in which he has numerous friends. He is known as an adherent of the principles of morality, education and good citizenship, and at this time is school director, election judge and health officer of Cherryhill township.

REV. FATHER NEIL P. McNELIS, pastor of the Catholic Church in the borough of Indiana, Indiana county, is a native of County Donegal, Ireland, born in 1858, son of James and Margaret McNelis. He began to attend school in his native country, though he was only ten years old when brought to America, in 1869, the family locating in Lehigh county, Pa. There he obtained his elementary education in the public schools, and pursued his college preparatory studies at St. Francis College, at Loretto, Cambria Co., Pa., in 1887 entering St. Vincent College, at Latrobe, Pa. He finished his course in 1893, and the same year was ordained priest. His first appointment was as assistant at Verona, near Pittsburgh, where he remained for two years. He was then pastor of the church at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Pa., for two years, and inspector of schools for one year, in 1898 taking his present charge, at Indiana.

Father McNelis has been highly successful in his labors at this point, and he is held in the highest esteem by all classes in the borough, regardless of church affiliations. The church at Indiana was erected the year he came to America, but it was not completed at that time, and since he settled here he has expended about seventeen thousand dollars upon the improvement of the church property. His devotion and efficient services, in the management of both the spiritual and material interests of the congregation, have been notable and thoroughly appreciated.

JOHN ANDREW FENNELL is a representative of an old family of this section of Pennsylvania which has been settled in Westmoreland county for several generations. He himself is a native of that county, and has been a resident of Indiana county for the last twenty years.

John Fennell, his grandfather, was born in Germany, and was a young man when he came to America with his parents. The family located in Salem township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., at what is now called Fennelltown, making a permanent home there. They built



a large stone house on their farm. John Fennell remained with his parents until they died, inherited the farm, and there passed the remainder of his life. He was a member of St. James' Lutheran Church, of which he was a deacon for many years. In politics he was a Democrat. His children were: Mary, Elizabeth, Katharine, John, Christopher, Jacob, Michael, Andrew and George, the last named still living on the old homestead.

Michael Fennell, son of John, was reared on his father's farm in Salem township and obtained his education in the public schools there. He remained at home until after his marriage, when he purchased a 104-acre farm in Washington township, Westmoreland county, upon which he lived for the next fifteen years. Selling out he bought another farm of 165 acres in Salem township, where he made his home for the rest of his life. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and his political connection was with the Democratic party. He married Susan Fennell, daughter of Jacob Fennell, of Salem township, Westmoreland county, and she died in 1903, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Fennell died in 1905, at the age of eighty. They are buried in the Fennelltown family cemetery. Eight children were born to them: Elizabeth, who married Samuel Walton, of Westmoreland county; Tillie, who died young; Mary, who married James Young; Sarah, who married James Blakney, deceased; John Andrew; Jacob, of Congruity, Pa.; Susan, who married Lincoln Pitt; and George, of Avonmore, Pennsylvania.

John Andrew Fennell was born Feb. 5, 1854, in Washington township, Westmoreland county, and was educated in the public schools there. He worked with his father on the farm until he became of age, when he took charge of the place, conducting it successfully for a number of years. After leaving there he lived on a farm in Bell township, Westmoreland county, for ten years, at the end of that period, in 1892, coming to Indiana county. Locating on the William Henderson farm in Armstrong township he remained there for fifteen years, thence removing to Center township, where he bought the Robert Johnston farm of 125 acres. Here he carries on general farming, and he has established a reputation for substantial qualities which commands the respect of all his neighbors.

While living in Westmoreland county Mr. Fennell served six years as tax collector, and served his fellow citizens in Armstrong town-

ship in that capacity for one term. He has filled other responsible offices in both places, giving satisfaction to all concerned. In his early life he was a Democrat, following the lead of other members of his family, but he has been a Republican for a number of years and a strong believer in the principles of the party. In religion he was originally a Lutheran, serving as an elder in St. James' Church, during his residence in Westmoreland county, and after coming to Indiana county joined the Bethel Presbyterian Church near his home.

On Oct. 19, 1876, Mr. Fennell married Salina McWilliams, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Branthover) McWilliams, of Westmoreland county, and they have had a family of eight children: Lawrence Ward is mine foreman for the Jamison Coal Company at New Alexandria, Pa.; Harvey Homer is a farmer in Armstrong township, Indiana county; May married Hazard Rupert, an electrician, of Vandergrift, Pa.; Nannie married Albert Hanan, of Homer, Pa.; Roy is unmarried and lives at Vandergrift, Pa.; Ethel, who lives at home, graduated from the Indiana State normal school and is engaged in teaching; Boyd died in infancy; Ella died when twelve years old.

JOSEPH CULBERTSON STEWART, proprietor of the Arcadia Hardware Store, at Arcadia, Indiana county, has been connected with that business ever since he came to the town, in 1903, and for several years has been sole owner. He was born Feb. 3, 1862, in Franklin county, Pa., son of Valentine and Mary (McVitty) Stewart, farming people.

After receiving the advantages of the public schools Mr. Stewart attended the Excelsior normal school at Mahaffey, Pa., and then for eight years followed teaching in the winter season in Jefferson county, Pa., during the summers working at his trade, that of tanner. In 1903 he came to Arcadia, Indiana county, and for the next four years ran the hardware store he now owns for L. D. Gardner & Bro. He then bought out that firm, and has since conducted the business as proprietor. He has built up a thriving trade among the residents of the town and surrounding country, being a practical business man, with the faculty of keeping abreast of the demands of his trade and up-to-date in stocking his establishment, carrying a very satisfactory line. His fellow citizens have honored him with election to the office of

auditor of Banks township (in 1904), in which position he served one term of three years, and on July 13, 1912, he was appointed justice of the peace by Gov. J. K. Tener, to succeed George H. Curfman, deceased. However, he has devoted practically all his time and attention to his hardware business, and has come to be regarded as one of the substantial merchants of the town.

On Sept. 26, 1892, Mr. Stewart married Rhoda M. Powell, of Montgomery township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Wilson and Maria (Rank) Powell, the former of whom was a farmer and one of the early lumbermen of this region; he rafted on the Susquehanna river many years ago. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart: V. Emerson, who clerks for his father; Joseph Carl, also a clerk in his father's store; Mary Laura, who is still at school; Martha Winifred, and Anna Margaret. Mr. Stewart is a worthy member of the United Evangelical Church at Arcadia, which he is at present serving as trustee, and he is the teacher of the adults' Bible class in the Sunday school, which has about twenty-five members. In his political views he is a Republican.

**McCOMB.** The McComb family of Young township, Indiana county, came to this region in pioneer days, and from that time to the present its members have ranked among the representative citizens of the locality. They have been prosperous farmers, and all through their long residence here prominently connected with the Presbyterian Church, which has counted them among its most valued supporters.

Allan McComb, the founder of this family here, was a native of Scotland, and coming to America when a young man first located in the Cumberland valley in Pennsylvania. He served his adopted country faithfully for six years as a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and also became noted as an Indian fighter. Coming west to Indiana county, Pa., he settled near the Armstrong county line, at Eldersridge, where he became a large land owner and extensive farmer. He built a blockhouse in that neighborhood as a protection against the Indians, who were still troublesome. His own house, built of logs, was provided with portholes, as it was necessary at times to keep a lookout when there was danger on account of the savages. As one of the first settlers in his section and a man of active character and intelligence, he had considerable influence in the early de-

velopment of the country. He owned a tract of three hundred acres, which was first surveyed on an application order dated April 3, 1769, issued to James McConnell. The deed to Allan McComb is dated 1790, the consideration being £174. The patent was issued to him in 1828, the consideration being \$217.06. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he first attended at Ebenezer Church, and he gave part of his land for the site of the first Presbyterian Church at Eldersridge, where he lived. It was a log structure, and he helped to build it, having been active in organizing the congregation. Part of the Ridgeview cemetery was also land which he owned and gave for cemetery purposes. He died on his farm in 1829, and was buried in the Ebenezer Church cemetery in Conemaugh township. He married Hannah Bovard, of the Cumberland valley, who died on the farm and is also buried in the Ebenezer cemetery. They had a family of seven children: Robert, who died young; Charles; David, who married Nancy McKalip, and died in 1873; Allen, who married Annie Patton; Jane, who married Alexander Wilson, and lived to be 105 years old; Hannah, who married William Cochran, a soldier of the war of 1812; and William, a farmer at Eldersridge, where he died.

Charles McComb, son of Allan, came with his parents to Eldersridge and there grew to manhood. He settled down to farming on the homestead place, at first building himself a house and barn of logs. He cleared his land and continued to follow agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of his section, and he passed all his life on the homestead. In time he erected a brick house, the first of its kind in the vicinity, the brick for which was made on the farm. He took considerable interest in local affairs, particularly the welfare of the Presbyterian Church, being one of its organizers and first members, and like his father, donated land for the cemetery. When the brick church was erected the brick for same was made on his farm, and he aided the work in every possible way. He died on his farm July 29, 1868, a highly respected Christian man, and was laid to rest in Ridgeview cemetery at Eldersridge, where his wife is also interred. He married Mary McGuire, who was born in December, 1793, at Chestnut Ridge, in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., daughter of John McGuire, a native of Ireland. In his day John McGuire was a well-known violinist, and while crossing the Atlantic on his way to America

he made a violin which remained in the family for years. Mrs. McComb died on the farm Feb. 6, 1876. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. McComb was originally a Whig, later becoming a Republican. They were the parents of four children: Mary, born June 11, 1820, who married Andrew Ewing, and died in South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Allen, born Nov. 11, 1823, who died Nov. 3, 1826; Hannah Jane, born June 11, 1829, who still resides on the homestead with her niece, Mrs. Hart; and John, born June 23, 1834.

JOHN MCCOMB, son of Charles, was born June 23, 1834, on the home place at Eldersridge, in Young township, and received his education in the public schools of the locality. He made farming his life work, and always lived on the old homestead where he was born, making many improvements on the property during his ownership. He built the present house and barn, and was one of the most progressive farmers of the district in his day, highly respected in the community for his upright character and many sterling qualities. He died on his farm May 24, 1909, and is buried in the Ridgeview cemetery at Eldersridge. Mr. McComb was a staunch adherent to the principles of the Republican party, but took no active interest in politics and never sought office. Like his family generally he was an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church, and he taught in the Sunday school for some years.

Mr. McComb was married in Armstrong county, Pa., to Nancy Baxter, who was born in that county, daughter of William and Mary (Crawford) Baxter, and died Feb. 27, 1871; she was interred in Olivet cemetery. She was the mother of one child, Jennie, born Feb. 12, 1871, who grew up on the homestead, being reared by her aunt, Hannah McComb. She received her education in the local public schools and at Eldersridge academy, and on April 19, 1900, became the wife of John Alexander Hart, son of Robert and Martha (Patterson) Hart. Mr. Hart is engaged in the planing mill business at West Lebanon, Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have an adopted son, Gilbert McComb. Mrs. Hart is an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, a member of the home and foreign missionary societies and of the Christian Endeavor Society.

Miss Hannah McComb, now one of the oldest residents of Eldersridge, though past eighty, is still quite active and continues her interest in church work. She has always been

a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday school for thirty years, and was one of the most valuable members of the local and foreign missionary societies, serving as president and treasurer of both societies.

STEPHEN B. GRIFFITH was born Nov. 16, 1839, in what was then Green (now Pine) township, Indiana county, and there passed the greater part of his life, in 1900 moving into the borough of Indiana, where he has since lived in retirement. Mr. Griffith is of Welsh descent, the family having been founded in this country by his great-grandfather, a native of Wales. Isaac Griffith, his grandfather, was a well-to-do farmer and miller, and died on his farm in Brushvalley township, Indiana county.

Evan Griffith, father of Stephen B. Griffith, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, and though he died in his prime, at the age of forty-nine years, had long been one of the most progressive, intelligent farmers of his section. He learned farming and milling under his father's instruction. When he married he rented the Stevens farm (his wife was a Stevens) in Blacklick township, and thence moved to Green township, buying 300 acres, all then in the woods. He first built a small cabin, later a hewed log house, which was the best in all that region, and which is still standing. Before his death he succeeded in clearing a considerable part of his tract, and he was a leader in his neighborhood in adopting new methods and advanced ideas on agriculture. He owned the first threshing machine in the vicinity. When he settled on his farm there were but half a dozen families in the locality, but he lived to see its development well begun.

Mr. Griffith married Sarah Stevens, who was born in Brushvalley, daughter of Samuel Stevens, a well-known man of that section in his day. Mr. Stevens was married three times and was the father of twenty-seven children, all of great height and build. He himself weighed 250 pounds. The men of this family were great hunters, and brought down enough game with their guns to furnish them with venison and other meat all the year round. Mrs. Griffith lived to the age of sixty-three years. She and her husband were Baptists in religious connection. They had children as follows: Samuel, who is deceased; Isaac, who is also deceased; Sarah, Mrs. R. E. Roberts, who died when eighty-seven years old; John, who went West; Bendigo and William, twins, both deceased; Marion, who married John Ober and (second) John

Duncan, and who still survives, living in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa.; Martha, deceased, who was the wife of Richard Williams; Sampson, deceased; Mary, Mrs. J. T. Thomas, of Indiana; Stephen B.; and Jane, Mrs. John Roberts, of Indiana county.

Stephen B. Griffith was but five years old when his father died. He grew to manhood on the home place, and attended the old log school near by, his first teacher being David Taylor. When old enough he began to help with the work of clearing the farm, and he eventually succeeded to the ownership of the place, upon which he continued to reside throughout his active years, carrying on farming with the success which was but the natural reward of his industry and good management. In 1900 he retired from arduous work, removing to Indiana, where he has since made his home. He lives at No. 421 Water street.

In September, 1863, Mr. Griffith married Ann Catherine Griffith, who was born Oct. 13, 1837, in White township, Indiana county, daughter of Joseph Griffith, at one time a farmer in White township, who subsequently moved out to Kansas, and there died. Mr. Joseph Griffith married in Indiana county Lydia Row, daughter of George Row. Before her marriage Mrs. Ann C. Griffith taught school for eleven years, under Superintendents Bonman and Wolf. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Griffith: Lottie, now Mrs. Willis W. Tolles; Annie, Mrs. Thomas Ray; Ida, Mrs. Smith, deceased; Frank J., of Indiana county; and Steven G., at home.

Mr. Griffith has not taken any special part in politics or public affairs, but he is a public-spirited citizen and interested in good government. He is a Republican in party connection, and a member of the Christian Church in religious connection; for many years he served as elder of this church, of which he is a liberal supporter.

**JAMES H. PETERMAN, M. D.**, of Cherrytree, Indiana county, engaged in private practice and as surgeon for the New York Central Railway Company, has been settled there for almost eighteen years, during which period he has become one of the most valuable citizens of the community. His professional activities have given him the opportunity to acquire an intimate knowledge of local requirements in the way of public administration and general advantages, and he has turned this information to the benefit of his

fellow citizens in the performance of the duties of the various offices to which they have chosen him.

Dr. Peterman belongs to a family of German extraction, and is a grandson of Michael and Sarah (Fisher) Peterman. His grandfather came to this part of Pennsylvania at an early day, being a pioneer of Somerset and Armstrong counties, and took up land in the latter county, remaining there throughout his active years. Some time before his death he came to live with his son Jeremiah in Indiana county, where he died in 1881. His other children were: Michael married Jane Wiggins; Jacob married Margaret Beer; George never married; Elizabeth married John C. Weaver; Harriet married Samuel Groat; Martin married Susan Ross; Sarah married Peter Menges; William died when twenty-two years old; Mary died in infancy.

Jeremiah Peterman, father of Dr. Peterman, was born in Somerset county, Pa., Nov. 18, 1829, came to this region with his father, and in 1857 settled on a farm near Chambersville, in Rayne township, Indiana county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying there July 25, 1900. In 1864 Mr. Peterman enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a member of the 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. Politically Mr. Peterman was a Whig until the origin of the Republican party, which he supported ever afterward until his death. From 1864 until the close of his life he was a member of the Washington Presbyterian Church near his home, and his wife united with that church at the same time; for a number of years previous she had been a member of a Presbyterian Church in Armstrong county.

On April 6, 1854, Mr. Peterman married Mary Clark, like himself a native of Somerset county, Pa., born April 23, 1827, daughter of Noah Clark, who settled in Armstrong county over sixty years ago and there spent the rest of his days; he was of English ancestry. Mrs. Mary (Clark) Peterman died April 11, 1900. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peterman: Eliza is the widow of Albert C. Smith, who died in 1890, and she makes her home with her brother, Dr. Peterman, at Cherrytree; she has one child, Carl Edgar, now a practicing dentist in Baltimore, Md. Noah C. died July 2, 1864. Jesse L. died March 15, 1864. Clara A. is the wife of John Nesbitt, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and has a family of seven children, Janet N.,



*J. H. Pelerman*



Charles C., Harry, Mead, Ella, Frank and Edith; one is deceased. James H. is mentioned below. Harry E., of Baltimore, Md., is a physician and surgeon, specializing in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

James H. Peterman was born Aug. 24, 1869, near Chambersville, in Rayne township, Indiana county, and grew up on the farm, assisting with the work at home during his earlier years. He was given excellent educational advantages, attending the Hawthorne school, select schools at Marion Center and Plumville, and the Indiana State normal school. In his young manhood he was engaged in teaching in Indiana county for four years, in Rayne and Burrell townships, and for two terms taught in the select school at Hawthorne. He then entered Baltimore Medical College, to prepare for his profession, and was graduated from that institution in 1895, taking fourth prize for his work in college. The year of his graduation he commenced practice at Cherrytree, Indiana county, where he has since been settled. Since locating there he has been surgeon for the New York Central Railroad Company in addition to looking after his private practice, and he has been very successful, having established himself thoroughly in the confidence of a wide circle of patrons. He is a member of the Indiana County and Pennsylvania State Medical Societies, and of the American Medical Association. He has led a busy life, but has found time to take part in local activities, being a member of the school board of Cherrytree borough at present, and a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church, to which he and his wife belong. Socially he is a Mason, holding membership in the blue lodge at Ebensburg, in the consistory at Williamsport, and in Jaffa Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Altoona.

On April 25, 1895, Dr. Peterman was married to Emma J. Wilhelm, who was born Sept. 5, 1872, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, daughter of Augustus and Margaret (Riley) Wilhelm, who are now living in White township, this county, where he follows farming. Mr. Wilhelm was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting in the 63d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and serving from 1862 until the close of the struggle. He was captured and taken to Libby prison, and after his exchange was again taken prisoner, at the battle of the Wilderness. He was confined

six months at Andersonville and four months at Florence. Mr. Wilhelm was wounded at the battle of Frazier's Farm, his skull being fractured, was taken to Bellevue hospital, New York, and after his recovery returned to the army. He and his wife had a family of six children, viz.: Mary, Mrs. Lydick, of Indiana county; Melissa, wife of R. F. Getty, of Creekside, Pa.; Emma J., Mrs. Peterman; Harry, a resident of Rayne township, this county; Stephen, living in Washington township, this county; and Clay, who lives in the borough of Indiana.

Dr. and Mrs. Peterman have had four children: Eugene Paul, born Aug. 17, 1896, who died in infancy; James Elmer, now attending Baltimore City College, at Baltimore, Md.; Marguerite; and Helen Louise.

JAMES WARD HOUCK, postmaster at Clymer, was born in Green township, this county, April 13, 1885, a son of James N. and Margaret E. (Gibson) Houck.

George Houck, the American founder of the family, came from Germany to Bedford county, Pa., at an early day. He was a farmer and merchant, and also conducted a tavern for a number of years. Later he moved to Indiana county, where his son James N. was born.

James N. Houck conducted a general store in this county for twenty-six years, and for the last few months has been living in Indiana borough, where he is still engaged in merchandising. His wife, also a native of Indiana county, bore him four sons and three daughters, the eldest of whom is James Ward Houck, the others being: Floda M., wife of Blaine Sharp, of Dixonville, proprietor of a meat market; Ralph S., of Dixonville; Golda V., at home; Paul G., deceased; Myrtle, at home; and Maxwell M.

James Ward Houck first attended the Rayne school, and later studied elsewhere. Upon going to work he began as clerk in his father's store, but later taught at the Bookamyer and Cribbs schools in Washington township, and Tanoma and Rayne, in Rayne township. He last taught at the school he had first attended in boyhood. In all he taught four terms, and then, in February, 1906, receiving his appointment as postmaster of Clymer, assumed charge of the office. Mr. Houck was reappointed under President Taft, and so far has been the only postmaster at this point.

On Sept. 14, 1910, Mr. Houck was married in Indiana to Blanche A. Diek, born in Cherryhill township, June 1, 1884, daughter

of David H. and Rachel Dick, both of whom were natives of Indiana county. The father is a farmer, and he and his wife are both living, residing on their homestead in Cherry-hill township. Mr. and Mrs. Houck are the parents of one child, Marion E. Mr. Houck and his wife are Presbyterians. They both belong to old and well-known families whose members have been connected with the early history of Indiana county.

**SAMUEL McCLAIN MILLER**, an enterprising farmer of Center township, Indiana county, was born April 24, 1865, in Grant township, that county, and is a son of Samuel Braddee Miller.

The Miller family is one of the oldest established and best-known in this section of Pennsylvania. Samuel Miller, grandfather of Samuel McClain Miller, was born in Cone-maugh township, Indiana county, and later, in 1838 or 1839, settled in Montgomery township, part of which eventually became Grant township. At that time Montgomery township was a wilderness. The magnificent pine forest was as yet untouched by the hand of man. Mr. Miller purchased three hundred acres of land and began the work of clearing it preparatory to cultivation. Building a rude log cabin, this hardy pioneer and his devoted wife laid the foundation for a home of their own in what was then a lonesome forest. Wolves, bears and deer and other wild animals were then so plentiful in the region that they found it difficult to protect their live stock, and there were many other drawbacks amid such primitive surroundings. But in time, through the persistent efforts of Mr. Miller and his family, a farm was cut out and a comfortable living and home assured. Here Samuel Miller lived and died, reaching the age of eighty-four years. He was buried in Taylorsville cemetery. His wife, Mary (Rankin), a native of Indiana county, Pa., died in the year 1870, at the age of eighty. They had a family of seven children: Mary married Hugh Colgan; Sarah was twice married, first to a Mr. Lydie and afterward to Samuel Streams; John died on the homestead place; Margaret married Peter Leasure; William, of Brushvalley, is deceased; Jane married William Smyers; Samuel Braddee was the youngest.

Samuel Braddee Miller was born in 1833 in Montgomery township, Indiana Co., Pa., and received such educational advantages as were afforded by the public schools of Grant township, where he grew to manhood. He

was reared on his father's farm and remained with his parents at the homestead until they died. In the year 1882 he bought the Samuel Cummins farm, which contained 320 acres on Twolick creek, in Center township, and the same year moved thither with his family. Here he engaged in general agricultural work and stock raising, and made many improvements which increased the value of the property. He showed good judgment in the management of his work, and had the aid of his capable sons, and the farm became one of the best in the county. Mr. Miller spent the remainder of his life on that place, dying there July 7, 1905, and he was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and an exemplary man in all the relations of life, served his township officially in many capacities, and as neighbor and friend was respected by a large circle of acquaintances in his locality. Mr. Miller married Jane Pollock, a native of Ireland (daughter of Andrew Pollock), who at the time of her marriage, July 7, 1859, was living in East Mahoning township, this county. Mrs. Miller survived her husband, dying Feb. 24, 1910, and was buried by his side in Greenwood cemetery. She was a member of the Covenanter Presbyterian Church. A large family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Braddee Miller: Elder J. is mentioned below; Mary Martha died in infancy; J. Sloan, M. D., is a resident of Clymer, Pa.; Samuel McClain is mentioned below; Tirzah Bell married D. C. Rankin, of Wilkingsburg, Pa.; Myra is living in Berkeley, Cal.; Zella J. married J. E. McCreary, of Berkeley, Cal.; Ida M. died in infancy; Georgia Alice married Alfred Bell, of Wilkingsburg, Pa.; Sarah M. married Milton Mikesell and is living in Taft, Cal.; Argyle Irwin is on the old family homestead.

Elder J. Miller, eldest son of Samuel Braddee Miller, is one of the prominent business men of Homer City, Indiana county. He was born in 1860 in Grant township, and grew to manhood on the farm, meantime attending public school. Beginning farm work at an early age, he continued to follow it for some years, and in 1900 became engaged in the butchering business at Homer City. He has since carried on that business, has added other lines to his original one, and is now one of the well-known dealers in meat and groceries in his section of the county. He also has a dairy farm near town which he manages successfully, marketing the products in Homer City. Other enterprises have en-



listed his attention and capital. He was one of the organizers and first directors of the Homer City National Bank, and has served as president since the organization. His activities in business circles and successful conduct of everything he undertakes have earned him the unlimited confidence of his fellow citizens. He is a man of courteous manner, and is liked as well as respected wherever he goes. Mr. Miller has taken considerable interest in borough affairs, having served as school director and member of the council. In political matters he is a Republican, in religion a Lutheran. His wife, Emma (Rankin), is a daughter of N. S. Rankin, of Center township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have three children: Wendell, an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Helen, now a student in the Homer City high school; and Edward.

Samuel McClain Miller obtained his education in the public schools of Grant and Center townships, Indiana county. He remained at home with his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years, when he went to Altoona to enter the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the machine shops at that point. After four years' work there he took a similar position in the shops at McKees Rocks, Pa., where he lived for some time, being transferred thence to Pittsburg, at which point he was occupied four years. He was then sent to Chicago, where he became an employe of the American Car and Foundry Company, turning car axles in the lathe department for a time. Returning East, to Allegheny, he remained there until 1893, when he purchased part of his father's homestead farm—the place upon which he has since resided. Mr. Miller has ninety-five acres of creek bottom land in a good state of cultivation, fertile and well managed, and he has improved the place greatly during his ownership. His buildings are substantial and convenient, and he enjoys all the comforts which the up-to-date farmer has at his command. He has proved a valuable citizen in his community, having served five years as secretary of the Center township school board. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party. He has been a zealous member of the Homer City United Presbyterian Church ever since he joined, in young manhood, and is at present serving as elder.

On Oct. 4, 1891, Mr. Miller married Jessie Mikesell, of Homer City, daughter of the late A. H. Mikesell, of Center township, and they had one child, Herbert McClain, who is now

employed in the Westinghouse electric plant at East Pittsburg, Pa. Mrs. Miller died July 21, 1891, at Altoona, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. On Sept. 25, 1895, Mr. Miller married (second) Annie Patterson, daughter of James Patterson, of New Alexandria, Pa., and to this union were born four children: Marie Velma, Anna Florence (who died when three years old), Dorothy Bell and Gertrude Elizabeth. The mother of this family died Aug. 18, 1904. On Dec. 20, 1905, Mr. Miller married for his third wife Anna Shields, of Natrona, Pa., daughter of Ralph and Sarah (Streams) Shields.

BRADLEY W. WILSON, liveryman and proprietor of a feed store at Glen Campbell, was born in Clearfield county, Pa., near Cherrytree, Indiana county, Nov. 13, 1849, a son of Robert and Mary (Finck) Wilson.

Robert Wilson was born in the southern part of Indiana county, as was his wife. He was a blacksmith, and followed his trade for some time at his birthplace, later moving to Cherrytree, where he lived until his death, which occurred in his seventy-ninth year. His wife survived him for three years. They had five children: Bradley W.; Joseph, who is a resident of Heilwood, Indiana Co., Pa.; George, who is a resident of Cherrytree; Stephen, who is a resident of Cherrytree; and Emma, who is the wife of Robert Plowse, of Cambria county.

Bradley W. Wilson spent his boyhood in Cherrytree. Early in his business career he began buying and selling horses, thus continuing until his removal to Glen Campbell some eighteen years ago, when he established himself in a transfer business. After fourteen years of successful operations along that line he embarked in the livery business, and in conjunction with same conducts a feed store and buys and sells horses. He was the first policeman of the borough, and during the time he has been in the council he has acted as its president. Fraternally he belongs to the Glen Campbell lodge of the Odd Fellows, and also is a member of the Mystic Chain and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Wilson was first married to Julia Long, of Indiana county, who bore him two children, Warren and Sallie, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter makes her home with her father. After the death of his first wife Mr. Wilson was married (second) to Mary Crassman, a native of Indiana county, and they also had two children, Lulla and Harry,

of whom the former is deceased; the latter resides at Graceton, Pa. His second wife dying, Mr. Wilson was married (third) to Eliza Ashel, of Clearfield county, who is now deceased, and he has since married (fourth) Mrs. Louisa McCreedy, who has two sons and one daughter by her former marriage: Charles, who was deputy sheriff of Indiana county, and is now a resident of Oregon; William, who is a resident of the State of Washington, and Lucy, who is the wife of John Gorman, of Indiana, Pa. Mrs. Wilson belongs to the Methodist Church.

CAPT. DANIEL KILLIN, who during his life was a farmer of East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born on the old homestead of his family in that township, in 1833, son of Samuel Killin.

Daniel Killin, a native of Ireland, came to the American Colonies in early manhood, arriving here in 1770. When the Revolutionary war broke out, he served his adopted country as a soldier. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary McClatchey, was also a native of Ireland. In 1795 the family crossed the Allegheny mountains into Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where they lived for some years, and there Daniel Killin died, but his widow moved to Indiana county and spent the remainder of her life with her son Samuel, in East Wheatfield township. She was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian denomination, belonging to Bethel Church, so that when she died her remains were interred in the cemetery attached thereto.

Samuel Killin, son of Daniel Killin, and father of Capt. Daniel Killin, was only sixteen years old when he came to Indiana county, he having been born in eastern Pennsylvania, Nov. 17, 1794. Locating in what is now East Wheatfield he worked as a carpenter with his brother James; but later became a farmer on the farm now occupied by his grandchildren. On it he erected a residence built of stone and lumber, and a barn and other outbuildings, improving his property in many ways. Here he rounded out his life, dying on the farm in April, 1880, in his eighty-sixth year, having been tenderly cared for during his latter days by his son Daniel Killin. A member of the Bethel Church, his remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery where his mother is buried. Politically he was a Democrat, and his efforts were always directed toward securing good government. In 1817 Samuel Killin was married in East Wheatfield township to Mary Tomb,

born Nov. 16, 1798, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Dickson) Tomb. Mrs. Killin died on the farm Oct. 3, 1874, and is also buried in Bethel Church cemetery; she was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. The children of Samuel Killin and his wife were: David, born April 21, 1818, married Jane Lewis; Mary, born Jan. 24, 1820, married Daniel Snyder, of Center township; Elizabeth, born Dec. 18, 1823, married James Dick, of Johnstown, Pa.; Matilda, born Jan. 28, 1825, married Samuel Klinefelter; Jane Ann, born Jan. 30, 1829, married Daniel W. Angus; Delilah was born Dec. 6, 1831; Daniel was born Oct. or Nov. 3, 1833; William, born Dec. 19, 1835, married Nancy McFarland; Sarah married Franklin Horner; and Jackson died at the age of five years.

Capt. Daniel Killin's boyhood days were spent on the homestead with his parents and he was sent to the local schools, although his educational opportunities were limited. He made the most of them, however, and was all his life a great reader, keeping himself well informed on current topics. When the Civil war broke out he took a patriotic interest in the issues of the day, and offering his services in defense of his country was made first lieutenant of Company K, 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Thomas W. Anderson. When Captain Anderson was discharged on account of disability Lieutenant Killin succeeded him in command of the company, and so continued until the close of his period of service.

Returning home, Captain Killin resumed the agricultural pursuits which his army experience had interrupted and developed into one of the leading farmers and stock raisers of his township. From the time he took charge of the homestead he began making improvements, and continued to add to the working equipment of his farm the remainder of his life. He erected a handsome dwelling and other buildings, and took a pride in keeping his premises in first-class order. A man of more than ordinary ability, possessed of a keen insight into conditions, he was an important factor in the public life of his community, being elected to the office of assessor of East Wheatfield township on the Democratic ticket many times, as he acted in this capacity for fifteen years, and was also overseer of the poor for a long period, being specially fitted for the latter position. Always a religious man, he joined the Presbyterian Church in his latter days, and died firm in its faith April 24, 1907, at his home, and his remains were

tenderly laid to rest in Armagh cemetery. In addition to his heavy agricultural interests, Captain Killin was the organizer of and a stockholder in the Armagh Cemetery Association, and served on its official board.

On Oct. 20, 1862, Captain Killin was married at Hollidaysburg, Pa., to Nancy T. Paterson, who was born at Hartz, Log Valley, Huntingdon Co., Pa., daughter of Carnes and Sarah (Cole) Paterson. Mrs. Killin is a lady of pleasant bearing and genial disposition, whose Christian character has been developed and ripened by the many troubles of her life, not the least among them being the loss of her beloved husband. Her devotion to her invalid daughter Lucy is beautiful, and the bond which unites mother and daughter has been strengthened by the former's many sacrifices.

Captain and Mrs. Killin became the parents of four children: Clara, who died when eight months old; Mary, who resides at home; Samuel, who operates the homestead, also residing at home; and Lucy, whose invalidism has continued for many years.

Not only did Captain Killin carry on an extensive farming and stock raising business, give due attention to his public duties, and keep a firm hold upon his position with regard to local affairs, but he also rendered valuable services in settling up estates and appraising property. His reputation as an honorable, upright and capable business man induced many to name him as executor of their estates, knowing that the trust reposed in him would never be violated. He was also called upon to serve on the election board, and in every way, as soldier and citizen, he fought manfully the battles against the common enemy, whether in war or peace, and left behind him a name that is synonymous with integrity of living and uprightness in business relations. He but maintained during his long and honorable life the high standards raised by his father and grandfather, and brought into his everyday duties the principles instilled by his God-fearing parents.

**SAMUEL J. ROBINSON**, superintendent for the Bowman Coal Mining Company, at Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa., is a native of that place, born July 17, 1861, a son of David and Nancy J. (Galbraith) Robinson. He is a member of one of the oldest pioneer families of Indiana county.

Robert Robinson, the founder of the family in America, was born at Mahara, County Antrim, Ireland, in 1739, and was there married

in 1769 to Rachel Wier, who was also a native of that county, born in 1738. They came to America in 1770 with Mr. Robinson's father, mother, two brothers and two sisters, landing at Philadelphia in July of that year, and subsequently moving to Marietta, Pa., later to Harrisburg. The father died at Lancaster, and was buried there, and the mother passed away in Dauphin county, and was buried at Derry Church. Robert Robinson was a mason by occupation, and helped build the "John Harris House," afterward known as the "Cameron House." He moved with his family to Conococheague (Conikakig) Creek, in Franklin county, where he helped to construct a mill, which was later used as a tub factory. About 1777 Mr. Robinson located in Westmoreland county, at what was known as Big Sewickley, where the family lived for several years, later moving to Armstrong township, near the mouth of Lick run, on lands called "York." Here they built a home and cleared up the land and carried on farming until 1820, when they went to the home of the eldest son, John Robinson, who had a farm on the Iconium lands, and there the parents spent the remainder of their days. Robert Robinson died June 23, 1836, of palsy, at the ripe age of ninety-seven years, and was buried in the Robinson River Hill cemetery. His wife passed away thirteen years previous, Oct. 31, 1823, at the age of eighty-five, and was buried in the same cemetery. Their children were: John, born April 6, 1772, died April 25, 1856; Elizabeth, born April 17, 1775, married Thomas Wier, and died in Allegheny county Sept. 6, 1862; James, born June 30, 1777, died in 1803; Robert was born Aug. 14, 1780.

Robert Robinson (2), son of Robert, was born at Big Sewickley, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Aug. 14, 1780, and became a farmer of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, where he made his home all of his life. He died Nov. 17, 1833, and was laid to rest in Edgewood cemetery. He married Elizabeth Black, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. W. Henderson, and she lived to the ripe old age of eighty-nine years, passing away Jan. 10, 1874, and was laid to rest beside her husband in Edgewood cemetery. She was a daughter of James Black, who was a Revolutionary soldier and one of the pioneers of what is now Indiana county. Robert and Elizabeth (Black) Robinson had the following children: James B., who married Eliza Barnett; Robert S., who married Eleanor Walahan; John H.; Thomas W., who married Elizabeth Johnson;

Johnston S.; William C., who married Margaret Robinson, (second) Jane Tice and (third) Sally A. Wagner; Jane B.; David, and Elizabeth.

Johnston S. Robinson, son of Robert Robinson (2), and grandfather of Samuel J. Robinson, was born in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., and there grew to manhood. He removed to Saltsburg in 1832, and there learned the trades of chairmaker and painter, following those callings until 1853, at which time, with his son David S., he became engaged in the drug business at Saltsburg, continuing his connection therewith up to the time of his death, in 1888. He was buried in the cemetery at Saltsburg. Johnston S. Robinson was one of his community's highly respected citizens, and was the incumbent of a number of public offices, serving as postmaster of Saltsburg from the beginning of the Civil war up to 1869. He was married in 1836 to Sarah S. Shryock, daughter of David Shrock, a pioneer settler of Salem township, Westmoreland county, and they had two children, David S. and Anne E.

David S. Robinson, son of Johnston S. Robinson and father of Samuel J. Robinson, was born in Saltsburg, Pa., where he received his education. At an early age he became associated with his father in the drug business at that place, the association continuing until his father's death. He was also one of the early coal operators in the vicinity of Saltsburg, having been connected with the Fairbanks & Foster mines as general manager from 1878 to 1892. He established the Saltsburg Bank, of which he was one of the owners and cashier, but eventually disposed of his interests in Saltsburg and removed to Pittsburg, where he became secretary of the Home-wood Cemetery Association. He continued to make Pittsburg his home up to the time of his death, in August, 1907, when he was laid to rest in Saltsburg cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Saltsburg, was a Republican in politics, and was fraternally connected with the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Knights Templar degrees of Masonry, at Greensburg; he was a member of the Pittsburg Shrine. Mr. Robinson was married to Nancy J. Galbraith, daughter of Samuel and Martha (Kerr) Galbraith, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., and they had only one child, Samuel J. Mrs. Robinson still survives, and is residing at the home of her son in Saltsburg, where she removed after Mr. Robinson's death.

Samuel J. Robinson was given ordinary

educational advantages, first attending public school at Saltsburg, and then becoming a student in Saltsburg Academy. Immediately thereafter he became a clerk in his father's bank, in which he was engaged for several years, and subsequently became connected with other of his father's business ventures until 1900, when he became interested in and superintendent of the Bowman Coal Mining Company, miners and shippers of bituminous coal, whose mines are at Saltsburg. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belongs. His only fraternal connection is with Williamson Lodge, No. 431, F. & A. M., of Saltsburg.

Mr. Robinson married Jean E. Thompson, of Blairsville, Pa. They have had no children.

ALEXANDER McNUTT HARBISON is a highly successful farmer of Young township, Indiana county, where he has been prominently connected with the administration of public affairs for many years. He is a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families of that section, and was born there, on the Harbison homestead near what is now West Lebanon station, Feb. 14, 1841.

The Harbison family is supposedly of Scotch-Irish extraction, and Francis Harbison, who founded the branch living in Indiana county, was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Philadelphia. During the memorable struggle of the Colonies for independence he served as a soldier, and was taken prisoner. In 1798 he came to western Pennsylvania, crossing the Allegheny mountains and settling with his family in what is now Young township, Indiana county, where he was among the early pioneers who opened up this region. His land was south of West Lebanon, where the station is now located, and he became the owner of a large body, having over one thousand acres, then in its primitive condition. He built a house of round logs, and also a log barn, and set himself to work to clear his land and prepare it for cultivation. He spent the remainder of his life there, dying on his farm in 1823, at the age of sixty-five years, and is buried in the Ebenezer Church cemetery in Conemaugh township. He was a Presbyterian in religious connection. His wife, Catherine (Hart), lived to the advanced age of ninety years, dying in 1849, and is also buried in the Ebenezer Church cemetery. They had a family of eight children: Joseph, mentioned below; Robert, born in 1785, who married Mary

Millen, and died in 1855; Mary, who married Thomas Cunningham; Jane, who married James Ewing; Anna; William, who married Sarah Hutchinson; Sarah, who married William McNeil; and Matthew, who married Mary Heney.

Joseph Harbison, eldest son of Francis and Catherine (Hart) Harbison, came with his parents to Young township and became one of the leading agriculturists of his day in that vicinity. He acquired a tract of five hundred acres. His first dwelling was constructed of logs, and he later erected a frame house and barn, also making many other improvements on his property, where he spent his life. The frame residence which he built there in the latter forties is still standing and is in an excellent state of preservation. Mr. Harbison died on this place in December, 1867, and was buried in West Lebanon cemetery. He was a strong antislavery man, a Whig and Republican in political sentiment, and a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, serving as elder of the church at West Lebanon, which he helped to organize; he was originally a member of the church at Eldersridge. He was a man of high Christian character, devoted to his home, his family and the best interests of the community, and was a desirable citizen in every sense of the term. His wife, Rebecca (Ewing), was a daughter of John and Sarah (Moore) Ewing and a sister of Alexander Ewing, one of her nephews being the late Rev. T. R. Ewing. Mrs. Harbison died on the farm in December, 1864, and was interred in the West Lebanon cemetery. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Eight children were born to Joseph and Rebecca (Ewing) Harbison: Anna, wife of Silas Fulton; Sarah, wife of Joseph Cunningham; William, mentioned below; Mary, wife of William Cooper, residing at Slippery Rock, Butler Co., Pa.; Francis S., who married Parmelia Cooper, and resided in Young township; Catherine, who died unmarried; John, who married Elizabeth Beatty and resided in Armstrong township, this county; and Jane, who died unmarried.

William Harbison was born in 1814. What education he received was obtained in the public schools of the home district, at that time conducted upon the subscription plan. He was engaged at farm work all his life, owning and cultivating the tract of eighty acres now owned and operated by his only son. He put up a substantial frame dwelling house and barn there, and made various other improvements, but he did not live long to enjoy his

home, dying March 6, 1850, at the early age of thirty-five years. He was buried in Ridgeview cemetery, at Eldersridge. Like his father he was a Whig in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church, being an elder of the church at Eldersridge. On Nov. 14, 1839, he was married in Armstrong township, this county, to Margaret McNutt, a native of that township, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (McKnight) McNutt. Three children were born to this union: Alexander McNutt, who is mentioned below; Rebecca, born Feb. 12, 1844, who married Albert Jewell and resides at Livermore, Pa.; and Elizabeth, born May 31, 1846, who married Alexander Campbell, and died in Armstrong township. The mother died Feb. 27, 1877, on the farm, and is buried in Ridgeview cemetery. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Alexander McNutt Harbison attended school in the independent district of West Lebanon and for three terms was a student at the Eldersridge academy, under Rev. Dr. Donaldson. He was only a boy of nine years when his father died, and thus he was early obliged to assume responsibilities. From early boyhood he assisted with the work on the home farm, of which he took charge in time, caring for his mother until her death. The house that his father built on the property was destroyed by fire, and he erected the present residence there in 1873, a substantial frame house which is in excellent condition. He built the frame barn in 1872, and has made numerous other improvements, the entire place showing his painstaking care and intelligent management. He added to his father's holdings, now owning and operating one hundred acres, and though farming and stock raising have been his principal lines he has also had other interests. In 1868 he began threshing, which he continued to follow for thirty-three years, not only in Indiana county but also in parts of Armstrong and Westmoreland counties. Before the days of steam power machinery for this work he operated an eight-horsepower thresher with separator, and later owned a steam engine. Though past three score and ten Mr. Harbison is still an active worker and just as alive to the needs of his calling and keen about the general welfare as ever.

Mr. Harbison has always supported the Republican party and its principles and has been active in its interests in his locality, serving as member of the township committee and several years as judge of elections. He has been elected to several local offices, in all of

which he has rendered acceptable service to his fellow citizens, having been township supervisor two terms, assessor two terms, tax collector one term, auditor one term, and school director many years. The public school question has always had his particular encouragement, and he was school director in the independent district of West Lebanon for over twenty-five years, serving much of that time as president of the board and also acting as secretary. In religious connection he is a Presbyterian. Few citizens have done more to promote the welfare of the locality than Mr. Harbison, and he is looked up to and esteemed by the entire community.

On Sept. 7, 1864, Mr. Harbison enlisted at Pittsburgh in Company K, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. D. K. Duff (of Pittsburgh) and Colonel Schoonmaker, and continued to serve throughout the war, seeing active service at Winchester and Harper's Ferry. He was discharged and mustered out at Washington in June, 1865. He is a member of Foster Robinson Post, G. A. R., Saltsburg, and the I. O. O. F. lodge at Indiana, of which he is a past grand; he is a member of the grand lodge.

On Nov. 27, 1866, Mr. Harbison married, in Armstrong township, Mary Craig, a native of that township, who died March 23, 1901, after nearly thirty-five years of happy wedded life. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of West Lebanon, and is buried in the West Lebanon cemetery. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harbison: William Wallace, born Jan. 24, 1868, a general merchant of Shelocta, Pa., married Orpha King; Clara Jane, born Sept. 17, 1869, married David Townsend, of South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Hugh Craig, born Nov. 2, 1871, died in infancy; James Arthur, born Aug. 26, 1873, died in infancy; Jettie Barbara, born Aug. 6, 1874, lives at home with her father; Margaret Elizabeth, born Dec. 3, 1876, married Robert Wilson George and resides at West Lebanon; Harry B., born Jan. 13, 1879, married Flora Wiggons, of Armstrong township, and now lives at Buffalo, N. Y.; Ella A., born Nov. 29, 1882, is unmarried and lives at home; Walter M., born Jan. 21, 1886, is at home. Miss Jettie B. Harbison has from early girlhood been afflicted with spinal trouble, which affected first one of her lower limbs and later the other. But though she has suffered much she has been very active mentally and has succeeded in acquiring an excellent education, being well-read and having a degree of intel-

lectual culture which only a broad-minded woman could attain. Her high Christian character is typical of the members of this family.

WILLIAM WALLACE HARBISON, eldest of the family of Alexander McNutt and Mary (Craig) Harbison, was born in Young township Jan. 24, 1868. He was reared there, attending the public schools at West Lebanon, and in his earlier years followed farming at home, helping his parents until 1890. That year he went to South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he was employed by H. Townsend & Son, general merchants, for a period of three years. For one year he worked for A. W. Wilson & Son and in 1894 settled at Shelocta, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he has ever since been doing business. He rented a store and embarked in the general merchandise business, in which he has since continued, now having one of the thriving establishments of his section. He remained in the rented store until 1909, in that year erecting the larger building which the business has since occupied, and which he owns. He carries a complete and varied stock, "everything from a toothpick to a threshing machine," and his enterprise in catering to the wants of his customers has brought him a large trade, which has shown a steady growth from the beginning. His success has placed him among the substantial men of the borough, and he is influential in all its affairs, in which he has taken a prominent part, at present serving as school director. In political matters he is associated with the Republican party. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

On May 20, 1896, Mr. Harbison was married to Orpha King, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Klingsmith) King, of South Bend, Pa., and they have three children: Mary Catherine, born March 1, 1902; and Alexander Edward and Esther Allene, twins, born Nov. 14, 1909.

GODFREY MARSHALL is one of the oldest and most respected business men of the borough of Indiana, where he has resided for over half a century. He has been in business for himself for forty-five years, at his present location since the year 1870. Mr. Marshall was born in Germany in 1839, son of Peter and Magdalena Marshall. His father was a farmer in the Fatherland. Coming to the United States with his family in 1859, he lived

at Pittsburg, Pa., for a short time, and then settled in Butler county, this State, where he engaged in farming. He was the father of five children, all now deceased but two of the sons.

Godfrey Marshall attended school in Germany until he reached the age of eleven years, at which time he came to this country with his parents. He worked on his father's farm until he was seventeen years old, when he became an apprentice to the harnessmaker's trade at Pittsburg. After completing his apprenticeship he remained in Pittsburg some time longer, in 1861 coming to Indiana, Indiana county, where he has since made his home. He worked in the harness shop of his brother Philip, with whom he entered into partnership, continuing thus until 1866, when he started a shop of his own. In 1870 he moved to his present location. There are few business men in this section who have kept more thoroughly up to the demands of the times than Mr. Marshall. He has long maintained his standing as one of the leading men in his line in western Pennsylvania. His store, which is one of the largest establishments of the kind outside of the large cities in the State, is thoroughly stocked with the most up-to-date goods carried in the trade, and lacks nothing that could be found in a first-class store anywhere. Mr. Marshall himself is satisfied with nothing but the best the market affords in the line of stock, and the best that can be had in workmanship, of which he is an excellent judge, and the large business he has built up is but the natural result of enterprising methods and his efforts to give absolute satisfaction to all who have dealings with him. As he prospered in his original undertaking he became financially interested in other concerns, encouraging and supporting various enterprises which promised good results as well as advantages to the community. He is a director of the Farmers' Bank of Indiana, director of the Robinsteen Collar and Leather Company of Indiana, a stockholder in the Pittsburg Harness Supply Company and a stockholder in the Indiana Electric Street Car Railway Company. He has also acquired valuable property holdings. His career has been creditable and prosperous in every respect, and he is deservedly regarded as one of the most substantial men of this locality.

Mr. Marshall was married in 1862 to Kate Wissel, daughter of Conrad Wissel. They

have one child, Harry B. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are members of the Roman Catholic Church.

MICHAEL HESS RISINGER, of North Homer, in Center township, contractor and builder and dealer in builders' supplies, head of the firm of M. H. Risinger & Son, is widely and favorably known in his part of Indiana county, where he has lived most of his life. He was born in Center township, near his present home, Oct. 30, 1853, son of John Risinger and grandson of Daniel Risinger. He is descended from Hans Nicklaus Risinger, the emigrant, through John Peter Risinger, John Heinrich Risinger, Daniel Risinger and John Risinger. A full account of the earlier generations will be found elsewhere in this work.

Daniel Risinger, the grandfather, was born in York county, Pa., and coming west with his family to Indiana county settled in Brushvalley township, where he acquired land and followed farming. He was among the first settlers in his section, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying in the early fifties. He is buried in the Fry cemetery at Mechanicsburg. In religious connection he was a member of the Evangelical Association. He married Susanna Andrews, by whom he had four children: John; George, who settled in West Virginia; Jacob, a veteran of the Civil war, who died in Brushvalley; and a child that died young.

John Risinger, son of Daniel, was born on the family farm in Brushvalley township and there attended public school. He worked at home until he reached manhood, when he settled in Center township, on a tract of 136 acres which he improved notably, making a permanent home there. He followed general farming. He associated with the Republican party in politics, and though he did not aspire to office served as school director, displaying a public-spirited interest in the general welfare which proclaimed him a good citizen. In his religious views he was liberal. His wife, Mary (Hess), was born in York county, Pa., daughter of Michael Hess, and died on the farm Jan. 5, 1907, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Risinger long preceded her, his death occurring April 3, 1871, on the farm. They are buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. Mrs. Risinger was a member of the M. E. Church. They were the parents of these children: Susanna, who married Edward Chesley and (second) Archibald Smitten, and is now a widow, residing in Indiana, Pa.; Elizabeth, who is married to

Samuel Stewart, of Center township; Catherine, wife of Joseph C. Long, of Indiana, Pa.; Michael Hess; Daniel Andrews; Mary, wife of Thomas S. Phillips, of North Homer; and Nancy, married to James B. Grover, of Homer City, Pennsylvania.

Michael Hess Risinger, son of John, obtained his education in the public schools of Center township, where he grew to manhood on the home farm. He became familiar with farming as his father's assistant, and continued to work on the home place until he was twenty-eight years old, when he became engaged in the lumber business. Then he took a position as car inspector with the Cambria Iron & Steel Company, at Johnstown, Pa., and subsequently commenced contracting and building on his own account, at Saltsburg, this county. He was located there for several years, until 1891, building the present M. E. Church edifice, and a number of other structures, public and private, his business growing steadily. He lost heavily by fire, however, while at Saltsburg. In 1891 he moved thence to North Homer, settling on part of the homestead, where he erected a fine brick residence, store and office, having his home and business headquarters there. He carries on contracting and building and deals in builders' supplies, and is assisted by his son Paul, with whom he is associated under the firm name of M. H. Risinger & Son. Mr. Risinger has a reputation for thoroughness and reliability which creates a steady demand for his services and he has built up a profitable patronage, keeping abreast of the times and giving eminently good satisfaction to all who have had dealings with him. He is an energetic man, taking an active part in all movements which interest him. He has been school director of his township, and is a leading member of the M. E. Church, which he served as trustee, class leader and steward; he attended the Sabbath school at Homer city, in the old brick church, for over fifty years. In politics he is a Republican. Fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

On May 5, 1880, Mr. Risinger married Lydia M. Frew, who was born in Allegheny county, Pa., daughter of John A. and Maria M. (Phillips) Frew. They have had three children: M. Edna, who is married to G. B. Neal, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Llouella Marie, wife of Dixon Stephens, of North Homer; and

Paul, now associated with his father in business, who married Beulah Duncan, and is living at North Homer.

GEORGE CALVIN SHIELDS, of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born on the Shields homestead there Sept. 10, 1855, son of James G. and Jemima (Hoover) Shields.

James Shields, the great-grandfather, was a Revolutionary soldier, with a record that covered eight years of service in the Continental ranks, during which he was wounded seven times. In 1830 he came from the Ligonier valley in Pennsylvania to Indiana county, with his son Robert, and they were engaged in farming near Marchand, where James Shields died at the remarkable age of 107 years. He had the following children: Robert, who married Jane Taylor; George, grandfather of George Calvin Shields; James, who lived in different parts of Indiana county; Rebecca, who married William Laughley, and lived in North Mahoning township; Hannah, who married Job Harn, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Jane, who married Matthew Cochran, and lived in Brookville, Jefferson county; another daughter, Mrs. Foster, of Pennsylvania.

George Shields, son of James, was born in the Ligonier valley, and as a young man accompanied his father and brother to Indiana county, taking up land in Canoe township, where he became the owner of 177 acres. Mr. Shields bore an active and prominent part in the development and upbuilding of this region, and his name should be among the foremost on the rolls of Indiana county's honored pioneers. On his arrival this land was all covered with heavy timber, and he erected a small log cabin and settled down to make a home for himself and his family. He was ever an industrious and hard-working man, and at his death, which occurred when he was seventy-seven years of age, the community lost one of its best citizens. At the polls he always cast his ballot with the Democratic party, and took a deep interest in its success. He served as supervisor, school director and in other offices, and had the entire confidence of his fellow citizens. Mr. Shields was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Boyle, who died the mother of three children: James G.; Robert, deceased, who was a farmer near Marchand, and married Mary Ann Snyder; and Margaret, who died unmarried. His second marriage was to Sarah Braugher, who died in September, 1865, at



the age of eighty years, and they had the following children: Adam, an extensive farmer of Canoe township; William H., deceased, a farmer and lumberman in Banks township, Indiana county, who married Sarah Martin; Sarah Ann, deceased, who was the wife of David Fleming and lived in Oil City, Pa.; Harriet Jane, the widow of Isaac Wood, living in Clearfield county; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Calderwood, of Canoe township; and Eva, who married Cyrus Wood, and lived in Clearfield county.

James Shields, son of George Shields by his first wife, was born on the old homestead in what is now known as North Mahoning township, and there passed his youth and early manhood, receiving a common school education. He lived on the old place until his marriage and for some time afterward, several years later obtaining a farm near Marchand which he subsequently sold, buying a farm of 133 acres in North Mahoning township near where his son George now lives. This place was mostly wild land when it came into his possession, and he erected the house and barn, cleared a large portion of the property, and made all the other improvements thereon. He was always a farmer, and one of the most industrious and reliable citizens in his township, where he was highly respected and held some of the public offices. Politically he was a Democrat, and in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church. His wife, Jemima (Hoover), a native of West Mahoning township, this county, survived him, dying in May, 1894; his death occurred in February, 1893. Five children were born to their union: George Calvin is mentioned below; John, deceased, married Louisa Carley and lived at Georgeville, Pa.; Hannah M., deceased, was the wife of David Bush; Nancy died unmarried; Hugh J., who died in New York State, was twice married, his first wife being Mary Barnett.

George Calvin Shields was given the advantages afforded by the common schools and lived at home until he married. He and his wife then located near Smithport, in Banks township, this county, living there three years, at the end of which time they sold their farm and moved to his father's place, upon which they remained nine years. Mr. Shields then bought his present place in North Mahoning township, known as the Ruff farm, his first purchase consisting of seventy-four acres, to which he has added, now having ninety-seven acres, about half of which is under cultivation. All of the substantial and valuable im-

provements now on the property have been made by him. He built his barn in 1899 and his house in 1908, and all his buildings are attractive and kept in good order. Mr. Shields has attended strictly to his private affairs, and has never aspired to any public position, though he takes an interest in the success of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Evangelical Church at Marchand.

On Jan. 16, 1879, Mr. Shields married Mary Jane Lloyd, of North Mahoning township, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Kinter) Lloyd, the former of whom was born in Ireland and came to America with his parents when five years old. His father, Andrew Lloyd, obtained 180 acres of land located in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., then all in its wild state, upon which he made a permanent home, spending the rest of his active years in its clearing and improvement. His wife's maiden name was Park, and they had two children: Robert, who lived on the old place, and who never married; and Samuel, who also lived and died on the old place, owning that tract of 180 acres, and following farming. To him and his wife Jane (Kinter) were born three children: Andrew Park, who lived on the old homestead, and died in 1908; Mary Jane, Mrs. Shields; and William Stewart, a farmer, of Manchester, Maryland.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. George C. Shields: Laura, who lives at home; Jemima F., who married Roll Mattern, of North Mahoning township; and Grover, of Pittsburg, Pa., foreman for the Pittsburg & Allegheny Telephone Company, who married Pauline Green, of Washington, Pennsylvania.

ALPHONSE CUNNINGHAM, a substantial and respected resident of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, where he has been engaged in farming all his life, was born April 28, 1850, on the farm there which he now owns and operates, son of William Cunningham.

William Cunningham, the first representative of this family in Indiana county, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and of Scotch extraction. He came west when a young man, locating in Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he made a permanent home. He owned a small farm, and drove stage on the old turnpike between Ebensburg, Armagh and Blairsville for some years, later driving stage between Butler and Pittsburg. He was a patriotic Union man during the Civil war, and not only gave his own services in behalf

of the cause but also had five sons who entered the army, one of them falling in battle. William Cunningham also gave up his life on the battlefield, dying in an engagement in South Carolina, at the age of fifty-six years. He was buried there. His wife, Esther (Hutchinson), a native of Wheatfield township, died in February, 1896, in East Wheatfield township and is buried in the cemetery of Bethel Church, in Center township. They were the parents of eight children: Robert fell at Fort Donelson while serving as a member of the 40th Illinois Regiment during the Civil war, and died of his injuries; John resides in Johnstown, Pa.; David, now living retired, had extensive farm interests for many years in Brushvalley township, this county, and later was a merchant at Heshbon for twenty years; Samuel, who also served in the Civil war, is now an attorney in Indiana, Pa.; Joseph, a soldier in the Civil war, is a minister of the Evangelical Church; Albert, a soldier of the Civil war, is now a resident of Johnstown, Pa.; James is engaged as a merchant at Seward, Pa.; Alphonse is mentioned below.

Alphonse Cunningham was quite young when his father lost his life in the Civil war. He had the educational advantages afforded by the local public schools, and being the youngest remained at home with his mother, assisting in the work of conducting the home farm from a very early age. He continued to care for her until her death, and has always made his home at the old place, engaging in general farming and stock raising. He cultivates a tract of 113 acres, upon which he has built a fine barn and made various other improvements which show his enterprising and progressive character. Though he gives his attention strictly to his private affairs he takes an intelligent interest in the general welfare, and is public-spirited about encouraging and supporting every movement designed to advance the prosperity and well-being of his township and county. He has filled the office of overseer of the poor for two terms. Mr. Cunningham is a Republican in his political views, and has always been faithful in his support of the principles of the party.

On April 18, 1871, Mr. Cunningham was married to Margaret Mack, a native of East Wheatfield township, born Feb. 10, 1851, daughter of George Mack and sister of Robert G. Mack, of East Wheatfield, whose history will be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are members of the United Presbyterian denomination, at-

tending the Bethel Church in East Wheatfield township. They are the parents of eight children, of whom we have the following record: (1) George Leonard, born May 9, 1872, was employed in iron rolling mills at Chicago, Ill., where he died June 11, 1902. He is buried in Armagh cemetery. (2) Cordelia M., born Aug. 25, 1875, received her education in the public schools and at summer normal taught by Prof. J. T. Stewart and Prof. C. A. Campbell, and taught school in East Wheatfield township and in Derry township, Westmoreland county. She resides at home. (3) Esther, born March 4, 1878, married Joseph Tinkham and resides at Peru, Ind. They have had three children, Donald (who died in infancy), Madeline and James Wallace. (4) William, born July 11, 1880, is a mill operator at Portsmouth, Ohio. He married Estle Cunningham, of Portsmouth, and they have one child, Carnell F. (5) Martha, born Feb. 8, 1883, was educated in the public schools and at summer normal under Prof. J. T. Stewart and taught school in East Wheatfield and Burrell townships, this county. She is now the wife of Alfred Gerhard, son of Jacob F. Gerhard, of Blacklick, Indiana county, a full sketch of whose family appears elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gerhard live in Burrell township. They have one child, Leroy. (6) Viola Clair, born Sept. 8, 1885, married Clarence H. Findley, of East Wheatfield township, and has four children, Mildred, Mary, Margaret and Bessie. Mrs. Findley was educated in the public schools and at summer normal under Prof. C. A. Campbell, and taught in East Wheatfield township before her marriage. (7) Robert was educated in the public schools and the State normal school at Indiana and is now employed as clerk by the Cambria Iron & Steel Company at Johnstown, Pa. (8) Margaret or Madge, born Nov. 30, 1890, is at home with her parents.

CLARK B. WIDDOWSON, proprietor of the leading general merchandise store at Penn Run, Indiana county, was born in Cherryhill township, near the town of Dixonville, Pa., July 3, 1863, son of Ebenezer and Susan (Ober) Widdowson.

Joseph Widdowson, grandfather of Clark B. Widdowson, was born in Derby, England, and came to America at an early day, settling first in New York City, where he remained three years, and then coming to the northern part of Indiana county, Pa., near the present town of Dixonville. At the time

that Joseph Widdowson came to this section there were only two houses in the town of Indiana. He had learned the trade of cabinetmaker in his native country, and this he followed throughout the remainder of his life, in connection with farming on the old home place, where he died.

Ebenezer Widdowson, son of Joseph, and father of Clark B. Widdowson, was born in 1835, in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., and throughout his life was engaged in cultivating the old home place where his father had settled on first coming to this section. His death occurred July 25, 1910, while his widow still survives and resides on the home farm. She was born in 1841, in Fayette county, Pa., and became the mother of nine children: Clark B.; Harvey D., a resident of Rochester Mills, Indiana county; Joseph A., a resident of Cherryhill township, on the old homestead; Mary A., deceased, who was the wife of Harry Short, a resident of Rayne township; James, a resident of Westminster, Md., dean of the Western Maryland College, at that place; Dr. Frank, a physician and surgeon of Philadelphia; Anna, who lives at home with her mother; Olive, a student of Dr. White's Bible Teachers' Training School of New York City, who has been accepted as a missionary in foreign field work; and William, who resides at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

David Ober, the maternal grandfather of Clark B. Widdowson, was born in Fayette county, Pa., and during the early days came to Indiana county, where he engaged in working at his trade of plasterer and bricklayer, being so employed until his death, which occurred in Cherryhill.

Clark B. Widdowson attended public school in Cherryhill township, and as a lad followed farming. At the age of thirty-eight years, having decided upon a mercantile career in preference to an agricultural life, he came to Penn Run and established himself in the general merchandise business which he has since developed into the largest of its kind in Penn Run.

On Jan. 3, 1888, Mr. Widdowson was married to Margaret Anna Hess, who was born in Indiana county, Pa., Sept. 24, 1866, daughter of George and Mary (Heffick) Hess. Mrs. Widdowson's parents were early settlers of Indiana county, where her father followed the trade of blacksmith until the outbreak of the Civil war, at that time enlisting in the Union service. On his return from the army he retired from active life, so living un-

til his death at Rochester Mills, where his wife also passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Hess had a family of ten children, of whom seven are now living: Mary E., the wife of David Pollock, a resident of Grant township; Frank, who lives at Dixonville, Green township; Jennie, wife of Newton Barber, of Green township; Grant, who lives in Chicago, Ill.; Margaret Anna, who married Mr. Widdowson; Melborn, a resident of Punxsutawney, Pa.; and Harvey, also living at Punxsutawney.

Mr. and Mrs. Widdowson have five children, namely: Jennie O., who married Earl Simpson, of Cherryhill township; and Mary, Susie, Ada and William, who live with their parents. Mr. Widdowson, with his wife and children, attends the Church of the Brethren.

SAMUEL WILSON EVANS, deceased, was born in Brushvalley township, this county, in March, 1839, a son of William Evans.

Hugh Evans, his grandfather, was born in Wales, and came to the United States in early manhood on the same vessel as his future wife although when they set out on the voyage they were not acquainted. Owing to a crippling of the crew on account of severe storms, the passengers were pressed into the service, and during the many weeks of the passage friendships were formed which in one case at least deepened into love. Hugh Evans married his fair fellow passenger and they settled in Brushvalley township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he became a heavy land owner. In addition to looking after his land he built a flourmill, manufactured woolen goods, and was a lumberman, operating his large interests profitably and developing into one of the dominant men of his time and locality.

As his sons grew older he gave them farms. He died greatly respected by all who knew him. The children of his first marriage were: Hugh, Evan, James, John, William, Ann, Mary and Elisabeth. After the mother died he married Hettie Cresswell, by whom he had Ellen, Rebecca and Lucy (wife of Rev. A. B. Runyan).

William A. Evans, father of Samuel W. Evans, spent the greater portion of his life on the property given him by his father, comprising a portion of the homestead in Brushvalley township. A man of principle, he was a pioneer in prohibiting the use of whiskey at any gathering of men at his home, when it was the general custom to serve whiskey to all workers, and when on raising his barn he made known to the men his principle they at

first refused to go on with the work, but when they understood that it was withheld on account of conscientious scruples they good-naturedly went ahead, honoring him for this proof of his strength of character. In 1833 or 1834 he married Susan Wilkins, a woman of Scotch-Irish descent, also a native of Brushvalley township, and to them were born the following children: John, a surgeon in Company H, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the Civil war, who afterward practiced medicine in Homer City until his death; Andrew Wilkins, who died at his home at Washington, D. C., in 1911; Samuel W.; William A., who lives at Reed station; Mrs. Nancy Rhodes, deceased; Mrs. Sue McCormick, of Indiana; Elisabeth, who died in early life; and George, who resided until his death on a farm which is the present site of Lucerne, this county.

Samuel Wilson Evans grew to manhood in Brushvalley township, and was engaged in farming when President Lincoln issued his first call for troops, to which he responded by enlisting in a company made up of boys from Brushvalley and Wheatfield townships, under Captain Bolar. They were assigned to the 12th P. V. I., and he served three years. At the close of the war he returned to his farm in Brushvalley, where he lived until within a few years of his death, finally retiring to Indiana, Pa., where he passed away Sept. 26, 1908.

On Oct. 27, 1874, Mr. Evans married Sarah Elliott, a native of Armagh, Indiana county. From boyhood, Mr. Evans was a Presbyterian, and he always gave that congregation loyal and generous support. Politically he was a staunch Republican, as were many of the men who risked their lives in fighting for the principles upon which the Republican party was founded, but he did not care for public office. Joining G. A. R. Post No. 144, of Mechanicsburg, he took great pleasure in meeting his old comrades, and by them was made commander of the post, which office he held for years. He and his wife became the parents of three children: Margaret, Nellie and Mary. A man of principle, Mr. Evans always lived up to his convictions of right and wrong. The name of Evans is linked with much of the history of Indiana county, and its representatives have ever been found worthy of their name.

JOHN D. THOMPSON, veteran of the Civil war and one of the well-known farmers of Blacklick township, Indiana county, was

born in that township, Jan. 2, 1844, son of David Thompson.

The first of this family in Indiana county was John Thompson, known as "drover John," who married Mary Cain. To their union were born the following children: John; Rosanna, who married William Hanna; Sarah, who married William Hopkins; Margaret, who married John Crusan; William, who married Mary Brady; George C., who married Elizabeth Davis; and Robert.

John Thompson, son of John and Mary (Cain) Thompson, was a farmer of Blacklick township, where his life was spent. He married Eleanor Davis, and had children: John; William; George; James; David; Samuel, who married Sarah Clawson; Christopher, who settled in Clarion county, Pa.; Jane, wife of Adam Creamer; and Margaret, wife of Dr. John Bennett, a prominent physician of Erie, Pennsylvania.

David Thompson, son of John and Eleanor (Davis) Thompson, was born Jan. 24, 1815. In his younger days he worked on the Pennsylvania canal, first as mule driver on the tow-path from Pittsburg to Johnstown. Later he was employed as bowman and still later as steersman. He subsequently took up farming on a tract of 100 acres near Muddy run, now owned by his son John D. Thompson, and also engaged in stock raising, etc. In time he added twenty-five acres to his original purchase, and he made extensive improvements on his farm. He was noted for his industry and thrifty habits, and all of the large family he raised reflect credit on him, being citizens of standing and integrity. He died on his farm Nov. 20, 1867, and was buried in Hopewell cemetery. Mr. Thompson was interested in politics and a Democrat in his views, but took no active part in public life. He married Nancy Clawson, who was born July 6, 1823, daughter of Samuel and Ann (Donehen) Clawson, and died April 25, 1905; she was buried in Hopewell cemetery. She was a devoted wife and mother, a woman of strong Christian character. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson: Mary Ann married Wellington Spires, of Blacklick township; John D. is mentioned below; Ellen, born in 1845, died in 1881, unmarried; Sarah Jane married Albert Donahey and died in Armstrong county; Margaret married Columbus Repine and resides in Burrell township, Indiana county; Ruth married Milton L. Cunningham, of Clarksburg, Pa.; Samuel is a resident of Blairsville; Elmer, who was formerly sheriff of Indiana county, resides in

Blairsville; Rachel is the widow of Robert Repine and resides in Blairsville; Matilda married Thomas C. Smith and resides in Clarksburg; one died in infancy.

John D. Thompson, son of David and Nancy (Clawson) Thompson, attended school in his native township and worked with his parents until he was nineteen years of age. It was then, in 1863, that he went west, to Rock Island county, Ill., where he became engaged in teaming, receiving a dollar a day for his services. While there he enlisted, in 1864, in the 9th Illinois Cavalry, Company C, under Colonel Hatch and Captain Smith, and served one year, being mustered out at Selma, Ala. From there he returned to Illinois, where he continued to work until 1866, coming back to the homestead on account of the illness of his father. His father dying a year later, he took charge of the farm, where he has remained ever since, carrying on general farming and stock raising. He made a great many improvements on the property, including the erection of a barn and the present dwelling, and his progressive disposition and enterprise are apparent in all he undertakes. By hard work and foresight he has succeeded in attaining a creditable position, financially and personally. He takes a deep interest in his township and county, being always ready to support anything for the general good. A Democrat in politics, he has taken considerable interest in party affairs and public life, and has filled the office of assessor continuously since 1897. He has also been school director for one term. He is a leading member of the Hopewell M. E. Church, which he serves as trustee, and was a member of the building committee. By virtue of his Civil war service he holds membership in the G. A. R., belonging to Findley Post.

In 1888 Mr. Thompson married Letticia Lawrence, a native of Blacklick township, sister of William Stewart Lawrence, mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Thompson is a member of Hopewell M. E. Church. One child has come to this union, Albert J., born Jan. 1, 1889. He was educated in the township, and from early boyhood has worked with his father on the farm, being now in partnership with him. He is a member of Hopewell M. E. Church, and in politics a Republican. He married Nov. 8, 1911, Margaret E. Hill, who was born in Burrell township, this county, daughter of James P. and Lottie Hill.

JAMES M. HILEMAN, a dairyman of White township, Indiana county, was born in

Armstrong county, Pa., Sept. 17, 1858, a son of Stephen and Nancy (Graham) Hileman. The paternal grandfather, Frederick Hileman, was one of the earliest settlers of Armstrong county.

Stephen Hileman, son of Frederick, was born in Armstrong county, where he resided until his death, which occurred March 5, 1913, when he was aged eighty-seven years, five days. All his life was spent in agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Hileman came of stock that settled in Armstrong county at an early date. She died in September, 1896, the mother of six children: Margaret, who married John Rupert, of Armstrong county; William, who resides in Kittanning township, Armstrong county; Frederick, who resides at Wilkinsburg, Pa.; James M.; Laura, who married Madison Walker of Rockville, Pa.; and Chambers, who resides at Garretts Run, in Manor township, Armstrong Co., Pennsylvania.

James M. Hileman worked on his father's farm during his younger days, and at the same time attended the local schools. In 1884 he came to Indiana county to engage in farming, and fifteen years ago he began specializing on dairying. In 1901 he located on his present farm, which is well adapted for dairy purposes, and here he keeps fifty cows and twenty head of young cattle. The head of his herd, Prince, a registered Holstein, is one of the best in the county, weighing 1,608 pounds. He also has one of the largest cows in the county, which has a capacity of eight gallons per day. The capacity of his herd is one hundred gallons of milk per day. In 1909 Mr. Hileman built his present splendid dairy barn, which is the exponent of the latest ideas in sanitary architecture, and complies in every way with State regulations.

On April 26, 1882, Mr. Hileman was married to Mary Campbell, a native of Butler county, Pa., daughter of John and Esther (Kealer) Campbell, both now deceased. The father was born in Butler and the mother in Armstrong county. Thirty-six years ago Mr. Campbell came to Indiana county, and bought a farm here, upon which he resided until his death, March 20, 1909; his wife passed away in June, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were the parents of nine children: Herchel, who is deceased; Jane, who is the wife of J. D. Dickie, of White township; W. B., a resident of Vandergrift, Pa.; Mary, who married James M. Hileman; Freeman, deceased; Nannie, who married Albert Herr; Annie, who married Clymer Heilman, of Indiana county;

Elmer, who lives in Indiana, Pa.; and Ansley, who resides at Pottsville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Hileman became the parents of the following children: Lenus, who resides at Ford City, Pa., married Marion Mahan, of Indiana county, and they have one child, Mary Alice; Mabel, who is deceased, was the wife of Harry Clawson and they had three children, Royden, Mary and Lyndale; Harriet is at home; Esther, at home; James, at home; Harry is deceased; Hazel, at home, is studying at the Indiana State normal school; Nancy is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Hileman belong to the Methodist Church. For about nine years Mr. Hileman has been a school director, and he has served as secretary of the board for some time. Fraternally he belongs to the Woodmen of the World and is as popular in this connection as he is elsewhere, for he is a man who has many friends who admire him for his business acumen and excellent traits of character.

JOHN W. MORROW, M. D., of Marchand, is not only one of the most highly esteemed physicians in that section of Indiana county, but also one of its most popular citizens personally. He has been closely associated with local interests throughout his long period of residence there, and has done his full share in starting and supporting movements for the general welfare and advancement. He was born in that part of the county, in South Mahoning township, son of David and Margaret (Lytle) Morrow, and grandson of John Morrow.

John Morrow was a native of County Down, Ireland. In 1812 he came to Indiana county, Pa., where he settled at West Lebanon, in Young township, later in life removing to Armstrong county, where he died. He was an ardent Presbyterian. He married Margaret Gillespie, and their children were: Andrew, who married Mary Cochrane and after her death Isabella Rankin; James, who married Mary Meaner; William who married Martha Hutchinson; Martha, who married John Marshall and survived him; Elizabeth, wife of Abel Stewart; John, who married Margaret Gibson; Margaret, who married Thomas Ormand; Nancy, who married Samuel Lytle; Wilson, who married Margaret Stuchel; and David. Martha and Elizabeth were the last two survivors of the family.

Dr. Morrow's maternal grandfather, Robert Lytle, was born at Chambersburg, Pa., April 9, 1779, and died in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, May 4, 1867. His wife died April 9, 1864. He came to West Mahoning

township, where he became a large land holder. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. He was connected with the "underground railroad" and helped many slaves to reach Canada. He married a Miss Lytle (no relation) and their children were: William, who married Sarah Reed; Elizabeth; Robert, who married Eliza Smith (one of Robert's sons became a missionary in India); Alexander, who married Mary Smith; John, who married Lovina Reed; Samuel, who married Nancy Morrow; Thomas, who married Rachel Miller; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of John S. Marshall; Mary, who died in her second year; Margaret, Mrs. David Morrow; Keturah, who married Thomas Watt; and Jane.

David Morrow was born in 1807 and died Jan. 6, 1852, in South Mahoning township. He lived for several years with Rev. John Hyndman, who gave him a good education, and he taught school for several terms. Purchasing a farm he resided there until his death. Politically he was a Whig and abolitionist, and took an active part in political affairs, serving a term of five years as justice of the peace, to which office he was reelected. He was a United Presbyterian in religion. He married Margaret Lytle, and their children were: Jane; Catherine, wife of Jesse Williamson; Robert, deceased; Thomas, who married Nancy Stewart; Dr. John W.; and David, now field manager of the middle division for the South Penn Oil Company, embracing the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, and Venango, who married Clara Cochrane. After her husband's death Mrs. Margaret Morrow married John D. Laney, whom she survived over twenty years, returning to the home farm and living for a number of years with her son Thomas. From July 3, 1906, she made her home with her daughter Jane and her younger sister on the farm of her son Dr. John W. Morrow, dying Jan. 5, 1909, at the age of eighty-seven years, the last survivor of her father's family of twelve children. She was buried at Plumville, in the Beracha cemetery, beside her first husband, her funeral services being conducted by Rev. R. McGill, of Homer City. Five of the children of her union with Mr. Morrow survive, as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

John W. Morrow obtained his early education in the public schools. He worked as an oil well driller and taught school for several terms to secure the means to attend Dayton Academy, one at Perrysville, Jefferson county, one in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, and two in Armstrong township, this



*John W. Morrow*





county. For two years he read medicine with Dr. Christopher McEwen, of Plumville, and in 1871 entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated March 11, 1874. He had returned to Indiana county after his first term there and practiced for eighteen months at Marchand, going back to school Sept. 8, 1873. After graduation he returned to Marchand, where he has since practiced with the exception of his periods of service in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

He is a Republican and in 1890 was nominated and elected as the candidate of his party, for the Legislature, by a majority of nine hundred over his closest competitor. He served in the session of 1891, and again in 1897, having been reelected in 1896. During his last term, in 1897, he was elected chairman of the committee on Public Health and Sanitation. He made the last speech in the legislative chamber of the old State capitol at Harrisburg while the roof was burning, and shortly after he had finished the roll was called and the Legislature was dismissed; the building was destroyed.

Dr. Morrow has acquired various interests in his home locality. He owns much valuable real estate in the village, which he bought from the late Hon. T. B. Allison, and has about three hundred acres of farm land adjoining Marchand, underlaid with coking coal and situated in a productive gas belt. From 1886 to 1890 he was engaged in a general mercantile and drug business in partnership with Dr. W. C. Brown. He has been particularly zealous in helping forward the cause of public education in his section, and was one of the organizers of the Marchand Normal Academy, giving his time and efforts without stint to its promotion and maintenance. When Marchand held its Home Coming celebration, on Aug. 23, 24, 25, 26, 1905, he was president of the executive committee, and made the opening address. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and has held the office of elder.

**DANIEL ENDREWS RISINGER**, farmer of Center township, Indiana county, is secretary of the school board of that township and one of the most respected residents of his district. He was born there Feb. 26, 1856, on the home farm of his parents, John and Mary (Hess) Risinger, and is a grandson of Daniel Risinger, whose father, John Henrich Risinger, founded the family in Indiana county. He is descended from Hans Nicklans Risinger, the emigrant, through John Peter Risinger,

John Henrich Risinger, Daniel Risinger and John Risinger. A full account of the earlier generations will be found elsewhere in this work.

Daniel Risinger was born in York county, Pa., and coming west with his family to Indiana county settled in Brushvalley township, where he acquired land and followed farming. He was among the first settlers in his section, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying in the early fifties. He is buried in the Fry cemetery at Mechanicsburg. In religious connection he was a member of the Evangelical Association. He married Susanna Andrews, by whom he had four children: John; George, who settled in West Virginia; Jacob, a veteran of the Civil war, who died in Brushvalley; and a child that died young.

John Risinger, son of Daniel, was born on the family farm in Brushvalley township, and there attended public school. He worked at home until he reached manhood, when he settled in Center township, on a tract of 136 acres which he improved notably, making a permanent home there. He followed general farming. He associated with the Republican party in politics, and though he did not aspire to office served as school director, displaying a public-spirited interest in the general welfare which proclaimed him a good citizen. In his religious views he was liberal. His wife, Mary (Hess), was born in York county, Pa., daughter of Michael Hess, and died on the farm Jan. 5, 1907, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Risinger long preceded her, his death occurring April 3, 1871, on the farm. They are buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. Mrs. Risinger was a member of the M. E. Church. They were the parents of children as follows: Susanna, who married Edward Chesley and (second) Archibald Smitten, and is now a widow, residing in Indiana, Pa.; Elizabeth, who is married to Samuel Stewart, of Center township; Catherine, wife of Joseph C. Long, of Indiana, Pa.; Michael Hess; Daniel Andrews; Mary, wife of Thomas S. Phillips, of North Homer; and Nancy, married to James B. Grover, of Homer City, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Andrews Risinger, son of John, grew up on the home farm in Center township and received his education in the local public schools. General farming has been his life work. From early boyhood he worked on the farm for his parents, and for a number of years he has been operating the homestead place on his own account, at present, however, having only the seventy-acre part lying east

of the Twolick creek. The balance of the property has been sold to the Rochester Pittsburg Coal & Coke Company. Mr. Risinger is a thrifty and enterprising agriculturist, but though he takes the deepest interest in his home and family has also found time for public service, having been first elected school director of Center township in 1903, since when he has served continuously as a member of the school board, of which he is now secretary. He has never sought office, and though a sincere Republican has not been active in the work of the party beyond casting his ballot. He is a member and trustee of the M. E. Church, and a strong advocate of temperance.

Mr. Risinger was married Feb. 9, 1887, to Hannah E. Robinson, who was born near London, England, daughter of John and Mary (Cunningham) Robinson. They have had six children, born as follows: Myrtle, June 25, 1888; Olive May, Oct. 4, 1890; Florence Estella, Jan. 5, 1893; Bertha Virginia, May 3, 1896; John Anthony, April 12, 1900; and Daniel Ernest, May 30, 1905.

SIMON ANTHONY, justice of the peace and burgess of Jacksonville, Indiana county, was for a short time engaged in the mercantile business there and is one of the substantial and highly esteemed residents of that place. He is a native of Armstrong county, Pa., born March 29, 1849, son of John Anthony and grandson of John Anthony. The latter came from Scotland, and according to family tradition was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He settled in Armstrong county, Pa., where he engaged in farming until his death. He had a family of six children, three sons and three daughters.

John Anthony, father of Simon Anthony, was born in Armstrong county, and there made his home, near Elderton. He died while still in his prime, in 1855, and is buried at Elderton. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife was Phoebe Smail, of Armstrong county, daughter of John Smail, and they had four children: Elizabeth, who married George Harmon, of Washington township, Indiana county; Simon; Margaret, who died young; and William, who died when twelve years old. Mrs. Anthony married for her second husband Jacob Helman, and she died in 1878 in Washington township, Indiana county, where she is buried, in the Center Church cemetery.

Simon Anthony was but six years old when his father died. At that time he was bound out to George Boyer, at Elderton, Armstrong

county, the agreement being that he was to remain with him until his majority, and to receive his board and clothing. He had few educational privileges, attending school only a few months in the year, and he worked hard from early boyhood helping with the farm labors. When he was fifteen he ran away from his master, joining his mother and step-father in Washington township, Indiana county, and he worked for Mr. Helman as long as the latter lived, after which he continued with his mother, caring for her in her declining years. She died while living with him, and he remained on the farm in Washington township, a tract of 135 acres, a short time afterward, operating it until 1879, when he sold to George Parker. He had made numerous improvements on the place, putting up a house, barn and other buildings, and brought it into excellent condition. He then bought the Conway farm, in White township, this county, a property of seventy-three acres where for fifteen years he was engaged in general agriculture and stock raising, selling it in 1894 and buying the old Wilson farm in Center township. That place comprised 102 acres and he carried on farming and stock raising there for six years, in 1901 selling it and removing to the borough of Indiana. There he built a home on Main street and lived for three years, during which he was engaged in various kinds of work. Returning to Center township he bought the Lytle farm of 152 acres near Center Church, upon which he made his home for the next six years, following general farming and stock raising. He exchanged this place for a general store property at Jacksonville, trading with R. H. Cunningham, of that place, and moving to the town conducted the store for a time. On Feb. 14, 1907, he sold it to R. M. Stewart, and has since been retired from business activities. Mr. Anthony still owns a farm, having a tract of 100 acres in Blackliek township which he has improved considerably and which he rents. All his life he has been a hard worker, and the success which has come to him has been well deserved. He has been enterprising and industrious, has been an advocate of improved methods of work in his line and has adopted them with profit, and has been recognized wherever he lived as an intelligent citizen who would be valuable to any community. He was elected school director in White and Center townships, was supervisor of White township some years, and in 1909 was elected justice of the peace at Jacksonville, holding that office at present. Originally a Republican in

his political views, he now gives his support to the Prohibition party. He has acted as clerk of the election board at Jacksonville, Pa., and in the spring of 1911 was elected Burgess of the borough. Mr. Anthony has been an interested church worker, belonging to the M. E. Church, which he serves as class leader. He is also a Sunday school teacher, and for twenty-two years held the position of Sunday school superintendent.

In 1879 Mr. Anthony married Keziah Lewis, a native of Green township, Indiana county, daughter of John Lewis, and to them were born five children: Cora, who is deceased; Pearl, deceased; Jesse, at home; Ira G., who lives in Kansas; and Gladys, who was married Aug. 28, 1912, to Alexander Graham. Mrs. Keziah (Lewis) Anthony died Nov. 6, 1902, and on Oct. 7, 1903, Mr. Anthony married (second) Emma Iseman, daughter of Peter and Barbara (Jones) Iseman. There are no children by this union.

**JAMES DUNCAN McKALIP**, dealer in live stock and veteran of the Civil war, residing at No. 725 School street, Indiana, Pa., was born at New Salem Cross Roads, now Delmont, Westmoreland Co., Pa., March 3, 1842, and is a son of James M. and Eliza (Clark) McKalip.

James McKalip, the grandfather of James Duncan McKalip, was a farmer in Salem township, Westmoreland county, and died there in 1864, when seventy years of age. He and his wife, who was a Miss Hunter, and who died some time previous to the death of her husband, were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: Matthew, who died in Westmoreland county, married Elizabeth Chambers; Robert, who died in the same county, married Sarah McElroy; John, who died in the same county, married Mary George; James M. is mentioned below; Martha, wife of Samuel Carpenter, died in Westmoreland county.

James M. McKalip, son of James, and father of James Duncan McKalip, was born on the home farm in Westmoreland county, Pa., and as a youth learned the trade of cabinetmaker, becoming an expert in his line and noted for his skill in making all kinds of furniture and coffins. He established himself in business at Delmont and continued there until his death, in 1860. He was a great abolitionist at a time when the country was in a furore over the impending struggle between the States, but did not live to see the curse of slavery abolished. His wife sur-

vived him many years, passing away in 1902, when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-six. They were the parents of the following children: James, who died when sixteen years of age; Margaret, who married Alexander Keppel, of East Liberty; James Duncan; John Hunter, who served three years in the Civil war, now a resident of Rew, McKean county (married Looma Iseman); Samuel, residing at Tiona, Warren county; Hiram, who died at the age of twenty-nine years; Agnes, who married George Mortz, of Delmont, Pa.; Elizabeth, unmarried and residing on the old homestead; and Clarke, of Pittsfield, Mass., who married Missouri Mastemore.

James Duncan McKalip spent his youth and young manhood at Delmont, attending the public school and academy there, under Rev. Mr. Jackson. He then learned the trade of house painter, which he followed in Delmont until the death of his father, in 1860, at which time he went to Satsburg. The outbreak of the Civil war found him working at his trade at that place, whence he enlisted July 15, 1864, to serve one hundred days, and received his honorable discharge Nov. 14, 1864, by reason of the expiration of his term of service. He was a corporal under Capt. J. K. Weaver, 1st Battalion, Pa. Vol. Inf., stationed during most of the time at Cove Gap, in Franklin county. On his return, Mr. McKalip located in the coal fields of Rouseville, Venango county, where he did carpenter work for a time, subsequently removing to Tarentum, Allegheny county, where he followed his trade. In 1867 he came to Indiana, where he has resided to the present time.

Mr. McKalip was married in this borough, Dec. 29, 1869, to Mary E. Gibson, of Indiana, daughter of James and Eleanor (Bruce) Gibson, and in 1870 they moved into their present home. Mr. McKalip followed the trade of house painter until 1875, at which time he turned his attention to dealing in stock, and to that he has bent his activities ever since. He and his wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. A staunch Democrat in his political views, Mr. McKalip was appointed by Judge Harry White to complete the unexpired term of Jerry Wakefield in the office of county commissioner. He is interested in fraternal work, and has numerous warm friends in Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M.

To Mr. and Mrs. McKalip have been born the following children: Clarke C., residing in Pittsburg, married Nannie McAadoo, and has two children, James C. and Clarke R.; Harry Stewart, a mining engineer of Coalwood, W.

Va., married Ruth Rogers, and has two children, Gordon Bruce and Dorothy Eleanor; Walter Brown, who is with the Pennsylvania Railroad System, as an extra agent, is unmarried.

Mrs. McKalip was born on a farm in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., April 25, 1846, and was one year old when her father moved to Indiana, where she attended the public schools and the normal school, being taught by Professor Westlake. James Gibson, her father, was born in Indiana county, and was a farmer and tanner, owning a shop in Center township. He died in 1872, and his wife Eleanor in 1887. By his first marriage to Martha Gamble, who died many years ago, he had a family of fourteen children. Mrs. McKalip and her sister Elizabeth were the only children born to the second union.

HUDSON ROWLAND GRUMBLING, general merchant of Homer City, Indiana county, was born Aug. 11, 1872, at Mechanicsburg, in Brushvalley township, this county, son of Daniel Grumbling.

The Grumbling family is of French origin, and the name was formerly spelled Crumling. George Crumling or Grumbling, the founder of the family in this country, was born on the river Rhine, between Germany and France, and was only a youth of sixteen when he joined General LaFayette and crossed the Atlantic to aid the Colonies in their fight for independence. He was at the battle of Yorktown. After the Revolution he settled in York county, Pa., in Codorus township, where he followed farming as well as his trade of millwright. Later he came with his family to Indiana county, Pa., settling in Brushvalley township, where he also worked at his trade, and there he spent the remainder of his life. He died in that township and was buried there. He was a member of the United Brethren Church. His first wife, whose maiden name was Wallace, died in Codorus township, York county, and he subsequently remarried. By the first union there were two children, John and Catherine. To the second were born: Michael, who settled in York county; Jacob, who died in Cambria county, Pa.; Christley, who died in Brushvalley; Adam; Jonathan; and Lydia, who married John Falkner.

Adam Grumbling, son of George, was born May 10, 1800, in Brushvalley township, where he grew to manhood. He followed the trade of millwright, and also owned a mill in Brushvalley which he operated; for a time he owned

and operated a mill in Minersville, Cambria county, later returning to Brushvalley township, where he died in the prime of manhood, in May, 1849. He was buried in Brushvalley. Mr. Grumbling was a member of the United Brethren Church there, and helped to build its house of worship. He married Mary Overdorff, who was born Jan. 12, 1802, daughter of Daniel Overdorff, and member of a pioneer family of Brushvalley township, and they had a family of six children: George, who died in Cambria county; Jacob, a soldier of the Civil war, who died in 1866; William, also a soldier of the Civil war, now living at Piteairn, Pa.; Adam, a veteran of the Civil war, now living in Brushvalley; Catherine Ann, who died in 1859; and Daniel. Mrs. Grumbling remarried, her second husband being James Peddicord, and she died March 26, 1889, aged eighty-seven years. She was originally a member of the Evangelical Church, but later joined the United Brethren.

Daniel Grumbling, son of Adam, was born Sept. 21, 1848, in Minersville, Cambria Co., Pa., and was only an infant when brought to Brushvalley, where he was reared. He attended common school in the township and also went to the academy at Mechanicsburg. From early boyhood until he reached manhood he was occupied at farm work, and then started to learn the trade of blacksmith with his brother Jacob, finishing his apprenticeship with James McDonald. For some time he worked as a journeyman at home and in various other parts of Indiana county, and also at Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Pa., and after commencing business on his own account was alone until 1868, when he became associated with his brother William under the name of Grumbling Brothers. Later he formed a partnership with William Adams, under the firm name of Adams & Grumbling, and they were together for several years, after which Mr. Grumbling conducted the business himself until 1878, when he sold out and bought a farm of 115 acres in Brushvalley. He erected a shop on that place and continued to follow his trade in connection with farming and stock raising until 1896, when he removed to Homer City, in which borough he has since made his home. He engaged in the retail meat business until 1911, when he sold out, at present living retired. He still owns his homestead farm in Brushvalley township. The only responsibility he carries at present is the janitorship of the M. E. Church. He held township offices for a number of years, serving as school director, overseer of the poor,

township treasurer and supervisor. In politics he is a Republican, in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church.

On March 8, 1871, Mr. Grumbling married Harriet Rowland, daughter of John Rowland, of Brushvalley, and they have had one child, Hudson Rowland Grumbling.

Hudson Rowland Grumbling was educated in the public schools and at Mechanicsburg Academy, partly under Prof. J. T. Stewart and partly under Prof. H. P. Lytle. After leaving school he returned to the homestead, continuing to assist his father with the farm work until he started out to make his own way in the world. Not caring for agricultural life he went to Johnstown, Pa., and found work in the rolling mills, being thus engaged for a period of eighteen months. He next went to Pittsburg, Pa., where he was employed by a traction company two years, after which he went to McKeesport, Pa., and entered the employ of J. G. McCrory, the well-known 5- and 10-cent store owner, with whom he remained one year. His next location was at South Fork, Pa., where he became established in business on his own account and stayed two years, at the end of that time coming to Homer City. Here he has ever since carried on a general merchandise store, having a thriving business. He has erected a store and dwelling house near the Homer City National Bank. Mr. Grumbling is noted for honorable dealing, and the courteous treatment accorded all his patrons has brought him a large trade, which he endeavors to hold by satisfactory service and good values.

Mr. Grumbling is at present serving as school director of the borough of Homer City, being particularly interested in the welfare of the public schools. He is progressive and public-spirited in all things pertaining to the general good. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he belongs to the I. O. O. F. (Homer City Lodge) and Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Mr. Grumbling was married in Brushvalley township to Cora May Snyder, who was born June 9, 1875, daughter of D. L. Snyder, a well-known merchant of Homer City, mentioned elsewhere. Mrs. Grumbling was a pupil in the academy at Mechanicsburg, in Brushvalley township, under Prof. J. T. Stewart for a time, and before her marriage taught several terms in her home township. Mr. and Mrs. Grumbling have had two children: Tersa H., born Feb. 27, 1897, now a student in the State normal school at Indiana, Pa.; and Hudson Virgil D., born Nov. 10, 1908. Mr.

and Mrs. Grumbling are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Homer City.

JOHN L. NEAL, one of the well and favorably known farmer citizens of East Mahoning township, Indiana county, belongs to a family of German extraction which has been settled in Pennsylvania for six generations. He is a native of Armstrong county, this State, born July 16, 1845, in Cowanshannock township, where his parents, William Hunter and Elizabeth (Stutchel) Neal, lived for some years.

Smith Neal, the founder of this family in western Pennsylvania, was a native of Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa., born about 1766, son of Henry Neal, who came from Germany. Although only a boy while the Revolutionary war was in progress Smith Neal enlisted, toward the close of that memorable struggle, but he had been in the service only one day when peace was declared, giving the Colonies the freedom for which so many lives had been sacrificed. Later he came west, and for several seasons was engaged on keel boats on the Juniata river, and he was at Pittsburg when that place consisted of but a few houses. Afterward he settled in Armstrong county, where he was among the early pioneers, making his home in what is now Cowanshannock township, where he lived to a great old age. He died there in 1865, in his one hundredth year, living to see the successful termination of four wars undertaken by his country, and himself taking part in the war of 1812. He was a man of great enterprise and industrious habits. Besides following farming, he built a gristmill on the Cowanshannock in 1836, and he made coffins out of sycamore trees, hewed with a broadaxe, stained with red alder and cherry, and polished with beeswax. A number of times he had to travel the fifty miles to Pittsburg to get a doctor. His brothers John and William also came to western Pennsylvania, the former locating in Butler county, the latter in Allegheny county. Smith Neal married Sarah Cochran, who died on the farm in Cowanshannock township in 1863, when eighty-six years old.

Robert Neal, son of Smith, born about 1798 in Armstrong county, settled in Slippery Rock township, Butler county, where he followed farming for years. Later in life he returned to his native county, locating in Plumcreek township, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits the balance of his life, dying there in 1862, when sixty-four years old. He was a good man in all the rela-

tions of life, in religious association a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His wife, Sarah (Love), died in 1857, at the age of sixty. Six children were born to them: Smith, who married Margaret Sloan and (second) Caroline Jewell; William Hunter, mentioned below; Mary; Rosetta P., who married Thomas Marshall; Alexander; and Mary J., who married James Henegan.

William Hunter Neal, son of Robert, was born Sept. 14, 1823, in Slippery Rock township, Butler Co., Pa., where he attended public school. He moved with his parents to Armstrong county, following farming there in Cowanshannock township until 1852, in which year he came to Indiana county. He located on a tract of woodland in East Mahoning township and built a log cabin for himself and family, and with the aid of his sons succeeded in clearing up his land, where he followed general farming and stock raising. Later he erected a larger house and barn, and by dint of industry he prospered steadily and became one of the substantial citizens of the township, which he served officially as supervisor, school director and overseer of the poor, having the confidence of his fellow citizens throughout the locality. He died on the farm Feb. 23, 1892, and was buried in the Mahoning Church cemetery. His religious connection was with the United Presbyterian denomination. In politics he was originally a Whig, later joining the Republican party.

Mr. Neal's first marriage was to Elizabeth Stutchel, who was born March 11, 1823, in Plumcreek township, Armstrong county, daughter of John Stutchel, and died on the farm Feb. 11, 1878. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and was buried in the Mahoning Church cemetery. Five children were born to this marriage: John L. is mentioned below. Rebecca L., born Nov. 28, 1847, was married May 5, 1868, to Joseph Wilson, and resides at Plumville, Indiana county. Sarah E., born Sept. 19, 1850, married April 11, 1876, William Alexander Hamilton, and resides in South Mahoning township. Robert S., born Jan. 2, 1854, was an engineer, and died Oct. 28, 1884, being killed in an accident in Kansas. Thomas Ormond, born Jan. 29, 1860, married Rachel Potts Feb. 14, 1883, and resides in Buffalo, Kans. On July 28, 1879, Mr. Neal married (second) Mary Harriet Barr, who was born July 25, 1853, and survives, making her home in Indiana, Pa. After Mr. Neal's death she became the wife of William Huffman, who is now deceased. Two children were born to Mr. Neal's second mar-

riage: Stella, born April 20, 1882, married Mark McMillen, and resides at Indiana, Pa.; William Hunter, born May 10, 1891, also resides at Indiana.

John L. Neal, born July 16, 1845, was seven years old when the family moved to Indiana county, settling in East Mahoning township, where he attended the Stutchel school. He worked at home until nineteen years old, when in July, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 1st Battalion, for one hundred days' service, under Colonel Stewart and Captain Wilson. He served his term and reenlisted, in J. K. Weaver's infantry company, with which he served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge at Harrisburg in August, 1865. At the close of the war he went West and while there worked for about six months for an Indian chief. Returning home he continued with his father until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he received forty-one acres of the home farm, a brush covered tract which he cleared and upon which he made all the improvements. Then he traded it for a fifty-two-acre tract, the Bates farm, on which he built a house and barn and made other improvements, bringing the land under a good state of cultivation. In time he bought part of the old homestead, now owning 120 acres, all in good condition and well improved, and he carries on general farming and stock raising. He has worked hard all his life, being one of the most industrious of men, and owes all he has to thrift and honorable dealing. His neighbors recognize his ability and trustworthiness, and have intrusted him with the duties of several important public positions, in which he has served faithfully, having been a member and treasurer of the board of school directors, and overseer of the poor. In politics he has always been a loyal Republican.

On Jan. 25, 1868, Mr. Neal married Ruth Annie Horton, who was born at Smithport, Indiana county, daughter of George Horton, and died April 8, 1880; she was buried in Marion Center cemetery. Mrs. Neal was a member of the M. E. Church. She was the mother of four children: Mary E., born in January, 1870, married Sherwood Keslar, of Rayne township; Nora A., born April 28, 1872, married A. L. Steffey and resides in Dubois, Pa.; Eliza A., born in June, 1874, was formerly a teacher in the public schools and then became the wife of William C. Griffith, druggist of Marion Center, and died Oct. 1, 1906; Osee M., born in August, 1878, married Joseph M. White, and died in January,

1910. In May, 1882, Mr. Neal married (second) Harriet R. Lee, who was born in Bell township, Clearfield Co., Pa., daughter of John Fletcher and Jane (Caldwell) Lee, and granddaughter of Rev. Timothy and Eva (Snyder) Lee, the former a minister of the M. E. Church in western Pennsylvania. Rev. Timothy Lee was born in Pittsfield, Mass., a descendant of one of the oldest families of New England. Mrs. Neal is a member of the M. E. Church. Two children were born to her and her husband: S. Rose and Martha, the latter (born in October, 1895) still at school.

Miss S. Rose Neal, born in February, 1886, received her early education in the public schools of East Mahoning township, and later attended the State normal school at Indiana, from which she was graduated in 1908. She has taught public school for three years, having been thus engaged at Dubois, Pa., but her greatest interest has been in dramatic work, for which she has exceptional ability. She has given instructions in dramatic art at Dubois and in different sections of Indiana county, among the plays which she has successfully staged being "In the Palace of the King," "The Gilded Fool," "Brown of Harvard," "Our Old Eli," "The Man from Nevada," "His Brother's Keeper," "When a Man's Single." Miss Neal is a successful elocution teacher.

**NATHANIEL COOK SIMPSON**, agriculturist and stockman at Marion Center, and a director of the Marion Center National Bank, was born in East Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., Jan. 9, 1848, son of John and Mary Ann (Hastings) Simpson.

James Simpson, the first of the family in Pennsylvania, was born about 1750, of Scottish extraction, but came to this country from the North of Ireland, in 1775. He first located in the Path valley, in Huntingdon county, Pa., later moving to Westmoreland county, where he continued to reside until 1785-86. Then he crossed the Conemaugh river, locating in what is now Cherryhill township, Indiana county, in which section he was among the first settlers. He was married to Polly Pollock, and they became the parents of the following children: Charity, who married Thomas Craven; Robert, who married Mary Shearer; Margaret, who married Moses Gamble; Nathaniel, who married Catherine Leasure; James, who married Jane Shearer; John, who married Sarah Kirkpatrick; David, who married Nancy Coulter;

Isaac, who married Mary Lewis; and Samuel, who married Phebe Lewis.

Nathaniel Simpson, son of James Simpson, and grandfather of Nathaniel C. Simpson, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., Dec. 25, 1779. Subsequently he located in what is now East Mahoning township, Indiana county, and became an extensive farmer and land owner, accumulating about one thousand acres. He was a pioneer of that section, and from early manhood worked faithfully to make a home for himself and his family. His education in boyhood had been somewhat limited, and as a youth he lived in a log cabin in the woods, and he died while in the midst of his struggles to clear his property, at the age of fifty-four years. He was buried in the old cemetery at Gilgal Church, of which he had for many years been a member. He was a Whig in his political views, but cared nothing for public life, being content to round out his career as an honest, industrious and unassuming agriculturist. Mr. Simpson married Catherine Leasure, who was born July 23, 1793, and they had the following children: John, born Jan. 27, 1812; Elizabeth, July 20, 1813; Jane, born Sept. 15, 1815; James, Nov. 18, 1817; David, Oct. 29, 1819; William, Feb. 24, 1822; Nathaniel, March 10, 1824; Solomon, Aug. 22, 1826; Catherine, June 15, 1828; Margaret, July 19, 1832; and Culbertson, June 30, 1833. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Simpson married John Colkitt, and she met her death by blood poisoning following a broken wrist, sustained by a fall from a fence while coming from milking. She also was buried in the Gilgal cemetery. She was long a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John Simpson, son of Nathaniel, and father of Nathaniel C. Simpson, was born Jan. 27, 1812, and his education was limited to the subscription school, which was held for a winter term of three months. His boyhood was spent in assisting his father, and on coming to man's estate he settled on the Little Mahoning, in East Mahoning township, where he took up an uncleared tract of 206 acres, and erected a small log house and barn. After some years a more substantial set of buildings was erected, and here Mr. Simpson spent the rest of his active life, his declining years being passed at the home of his son Nathaniel C. and wife, who cared for him tenderly up to the time of his demise, and with whom he passed away the evening of Aug. 1, 1892, when he was eighty years of age. He was buried in Gilgal cemetery. Mr. Simpson was active in mind and body to the

last and predicted the day, and almost the hour of his own death. He was a Whig and Republican, and served as school director, tax collector, and in various other offices. His death cost his community one of its best citizens. In 1834 Mr. Simpson was united in marriage with Mary Ann Hastings, who was born in East Mahoning township, daughter of John and Isabelle (Cook) Hastings. She died Jan. 9, 1876, and is buried in Gilgal cemetery, having been of the Presbyterian faith. The children born to John and Mary Ann Simpson were as follows: Catherine, who died young; Isabella, who married Ephraim E. Work; Alexander, who died young; a child that died unnamed; Agnes, who died at the age of seven years; a twin brother of Agnes who died when still an infant; Caroline, who married Silas W. Work, resided in Marion Center, and died April 8, 1913 (she is buried in the Mahoning U. P. cemetery); Nathaniel Cook; Margaret, deceased, who married John C. Laughry; and Elizabeth, who married George W. Jordon, both now deceased.

Nathaniel Cook Simpson, son of John Simpson, spent his boyhood days on the home farm, continuing to reside with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, in the meanwhile securing his education in the public schools. He then took up farming on his own account on his present tract, consisting of 128 acres, which is a part of the home farm. He has since purchased other land, being the owner of 550 acres, and is one of the heaviest taxpayers in the township. He has erected a fine home, large barns, granaries and silos, and his property is considered among the most valuable in this part of the county. He has been a large dealer and shipper of stock and sheep, in partnership with his sons, but is better known as a breeder of mules, raising a large number each year and finding a ready market in the coal regions of Jefferson, Clearfield, Cambria, Clarion, Indiana and Westmoreland counties. A thorough business man and excellent agriculturist, while making a success of his own affairs he has taken no undue advantage of others, and his honorable dealing in all matters has gained him hosts of friends. In politics a staunch Republican, he has served his township in the capacity of supervisor, and his religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he having been one of the organizers of the church at Covode, Pa. He is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to John W. Jenks Lodge of Punxsutawney, and also holds membership in the lodge and grand lodge of the I. O. O. F.

On May 5, 1870, Mr. Simpson was married to Sophia C. Simson, who was born May 26, 1843, in Mahoning township, daughter of Levi and Ellen (Wilson) Simson, her father a soldier of the war of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have had the following children: Annie Maude, born March 15, 1871, married Dennis E. Bell (deceased) and (second) A. L. Pierce, and resides in Indiana, Pa.; John Levi was born June 5, 1873; Edward Newton was born Oct. 28, 1875; Ella Bell, born May 11, 1878, was married Aug. 14, 1901, to Charles L. Morrison, and has two children, Mildred Genevieve, born Aug. 26, 1902, and William Cook, born May 2, 1904; Ebert Taylor was born June 7, 1881; and Linus Cook, Sept. 7, 1884.

John Levi Simpson, son of Nathaniel Cook Simpson, received his higher education in the teachers' training schools, and remained at home assisting his father. He has now settled down to farming on his own account on what is known as the Milton Stuehill farm, a tract of 110 acres, on which he has made numerous valuable improvements. He is also associated with his father in the mule breeding enterprise, and is known as a man of excellent business abilities. On May 12, 1896, he was married in Rayne township to Clara L. Edwards, daughter of James Edwards, and they have had three children: Ada Mary, born Aug. 3, 1898; Myra Leota, born May 12, 1901; and a son, born and died April 10, 1912, who is buried at Marion Center.

Edward Newton Simpson, son of Nathaniel Cook Simpson, attended the select schools and passed his boyhood on the farm with his father. He is now carrying on operations on his own account, having a tract of 127 acres located east of Oak Tree station, where he has put up a fine brick dwelling house and other buildings. Like his father and brother, he is interested in the cattle, sheep and mule business. He was married March 2, 1897, to Cora Lynn Barelay, daughter of Thomas Barelay, and they have three children: Walter Cook, born July 30, 1898; Thomas Raymond, Aug. 15, 1900; and Laura Belle, Sept. 27, 1902.

Ebert Taylor Simpson, M. D., son of Nathaniel Cook Simpson, at the age of nineteen, graduated at the Indiana State normal school, and began the study of medicine at the Western University of Pennsylvania. He was graduated therefrom in 1909 with his M. D. degree, and since that time has been enjoying a large and representative practice at Butler, Pa. On Dec. 24, 1905, he married Iva



States, and they have had a son, Nathaniel Albert, born Sept. 12, 1907, who died Feb. 12, 1908.

Linus Cook Simpson, youngest son of Nathaniel Cook Simpson, was educated in the public schools, and has always been engaged in farming. He is unmarried, and makes his home with his parents.

**MITCHELL.** The Mitchell family, well-known and highly respected residents of Center township, Indiana county, have been settled in Pennsylvania since Colonial times.

James Mitchell, Sr., the first representative in this county, was born in 1755 in Philadelphia, and when a young man became a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving with General Washington at Valley Forge. The musket he then carried was in the possession of his grandson, Alexander L. Mitchell, as long as he lived. In 1788 he came to Indiana county, locating on a tract of land along Blacklick creek part of which is now occupied by the Coral coal works. He put up a cabin and began the work of clearing, and after he had lived and worked alone there for a year he married Margaret Montgomery, of York county, Pa. He often served as a scout during the border troubles with the Indians, and in the spring of 1791 was obliged to move his family to "Allison's Fort" (now the McGee Farm), near Homer City. When the alarm subsided he returned with his family to the farm and they were not afterward molested. As he prospered James Mitchell erected substantial buildings on the farm, and the house he built is now owned and occupied by Mr. Mack, and is in good condition.

Robert Mitchell, the third son of James Mitchell, Sr., married Elizabeth Lowry, of Rural Valley, Armstrong Co., Pa. The Lowrys, too, were pioneers in this part of the State. Elizabeth's mother was killed by the falling of a tree, as she was riding home from church on a summer Sabbath afternoon. Elizabeth, then ten years old, was sitting behind the saddle and escaped with little injury, as did the husband and father, who, carrying his rifle because of the danger from the Indians, was walking near by.

Alexander Lowry Mitchell, second son of Robert and Elizabeth (Lowry) Mitchell, was born April 18, 1826, on the old Mitchell farm, at what is now Coral. He was a man of intelligence and well educated for his time, was well read and was considered a good debater. In the early days he taught school, and he always continued his interest in educational

matters, educating his family well and serving many terms as school director of his township. Two of his daughters obtained State certificates and followed the teacher's profession for a number of terms. He was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church, and served as a member of the session of his church at Homer City from 1880 until his death, which occurred Jan. 10, 1895. Politically Alexander L. Mitchell was always a staunch Republican. On Oct. 20, 1841, he married Sarah McCormick, who was born March 24, 1824, in Brushvalley township, on the farm now known as "Oak Grove," daughter of James H. and Sarah (Wilson) McCormick, and they had five children: Robert Calvin, born Oct. 10, 1843, died in November, 1845; Richard M., born Jan. 5, 1847, died Dec. 20, 1848; Finetta McCormick is Mrs. Thomas F. Billingslee, of Center township, Indiana county; Margaret Jane is Mrs. W. S. Lawrence, of Blairsville, Pa.; Elizabeth Lowry married Harvey Trimble, of Home, Pa., and has three children, Harvey McCormick (born Nov. 30, 1891, a member of the class of 1913 at Indiana State normal school), Horace Hamilton (born May 14, 1894, a student of the same school), and Lois Mitchell (born April 27, 1899, a pupil of the public schools of Rayne township). Mrs. Sarah (McCormick) Mitchell died March 30, 1909, and though eighty-five years of age retained the full use of all her faculties to the end.

**THOMAS F. BILLINGSLEE,** farmer and stock raiser of Center township, Indiana county, was born Oct. 22, 1861, near Murrysville, in Franklin township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., son of Robert J. Billingslee and grandson of Thomas Billingslee.

Thomas Billingslee was a native of Ireland, whence he came to America when a young man. His first location was in Allegheny county, Pa., where he followed farming for a time, later removing to near Harrisburg City, in Westmoreland county, where he spent the remainder of his long life. He died at the age of ninety. In politics he was a Democrat.

Robert J. Billingslee, son of Thomas, was born March 4, 1834, in Penn township, Allegheny Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools of that county. After locating in Westmoreland county, near Greensburg, he operated the farm of Attorney Stokes for five years, at the end of that time renting the place and beginning its cultivation on his own account, being thus engaged until 1880. That year he moved to Indiana county and

settled on the farm in Blacklick township where he has ever since resided, being now engaged in general farming in partnership with his son Matthew B. Billingslee. On July 4, 1856, he married Sarah Jane LaCock, who was born in the Ligonier Valley, in Westmoreland county, Pa., July 12, 1837, and died May 22, 1910. She is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana, Pa. Mrs. Billingslee was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of five children: Annie Rosetta, born July 28, 1857, is the wife of Edward Kunkle; William Joseph, born Dec. 17, 1858, died Sept. 28, 1860; Thomas F. was born Oct. 22, 1861; Eliza Catherine, born April 12, 1865, died young; Matthew Bright, born March 21, 1868, resides on the homestead with his father.

Thomas F. Billingslee attended public school in Westmoreland and Indiana counties, principally at the McCrea school in Blacklick township. Between school terms, when of proper age, he worked for neighboring farmers, receiving nine dollars a month, and after his marriage he settled on the Mitchell farm in Center township, his wife's old home, where he still continues to reside. This fine tract of 150 acres is under excellent cultivation, and Mr. Billingslee's thrift and industry are apparent in every detail of his surroundings. Besides general farming he makes a specialty of raising fine draft horses and Holstein cattle, in which line he is very successful. He gives all his time to his own affairs, taking no part in public matters, though he unites with the Democratic party on political issues.

**JOHN TURNER HOOVER**, of Heilwood, Indiana county, chief engineer of the Penn-Mary Coal Company, was born April 19, 1868, at Julian Furnace, in Center county, Pa., son of George W. and Elizabeth A. (Turner) Hoover. His paternal grandfather was a native of Georgia.

George W. Hoover was born in York county, Pa., where his father first settled upon coming to this State, later removing to Center county, where he followed farming. George W. Hoover has been engaged in the lumber business for many years. In 1869 he became a resident of Philipsburg, Center county, where followed the lumber business for over twenty years as a member of the firm of Hoover, Hughes & Co. After this concern dissolved, in 1893, Mr. Hoover continued in the same line at Philipsburg until 1904, when he removed to Williamsport, Pa., at which place he is engaged as a wholesale lumber dealer and

has established a fine business. He also has a furniture factory at Glen Rock, York Co., Pa. Mr. Hoover is a man of ability and energetic disposition, and has had various important interests besides his lumber operations. He was one of the organizers of the Clearfield & Cosh Creek Coal & Coke Company, one of the first coal companies in Indiana county, which carried on operations at Glen Campbell. Mr. Hoover married Elizabeth A. Turner, whose father, John Turner, was a native of York county, Pa., coming thence to Huston township, Center county, where he engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have had a family of ten children: John Turner, mentioned below; Edward, who is deceased; Gustavus, deceased; Eva, living at home; Margaret, wife of Henry Putney, of Brookline, Mass.; George W., a resident of Williamsport, Pa.; Esther, at home; Malcolm, a resident of Glen Rock, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased; and one that died in infancy.

John Turner Hoover obtained his early education in public schools at Philipsburg, graduating from the high school there, and in 1885 attended the State normal school at Indiana, Pa. Later he was a student of Ulrich's preparatory school at Bethlehem, Pa., and then took a course in Lehigh University, at South Bethlehem, graduating from that institution with the class of 1891. When he entered business life he was engaged in lumbering and contracting for several years, following those lines at Philipsburg and in West Virginia until 1897, in which year he came to Indiana county and became connected with the Clearfield & Cosh Creek Coal & Coke Company, as superintendent and mining engineer. He continued with that concern until it went out of business, in 1903, since when he has been engaged as mining engineer in Indiana, Clearfield, Cambria and Fayette counties, Pa., and in West Virginia. In 1909 he came from Uniontown, Fayette county, to Heilwood to take his present position with the Penn-Mary Coal Company, being chief engineer. Mr. Hoover is thoroughly fitted for the duties and responsibilities of this position, both by education and experience, as well as native ability, and he enjoys the unlimited confidence of his superiors and universal respect from the men in his charge. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum at Philipsburg and is a high Mason, belonging to Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M., to Williamsport Consistory, and to Jaffa Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

On June 27, 1900, Mr. Hoover was united

in marriage with Mary Barclay, who was born in Tioga county, Pa., daughter of James Barclay; her mother's maiden name was Wood. Mrs. Hoover's parents are now deceased. One child, J. Barclay, has been born (Nov. 3, 1901) to Mr. and Mrs. Hoover.

ROBERT F. TEMPLETON, now a resident of Indiana, Pa., was until recently engaged in general farming in Green township, owning and occupying one of the most attractive farms in Indiana county. He formerly followed other lines of work as well as agricultural pursuits, and has been a prosperous man, doing well in his various undertakings. Mr. Templeton was born in Center township, this county, July 30, 1843, son of William F. and Eliza (Hamilton) Templeton and grandson of Walter Templeton, who lived for some time near Brookville, in Jefferson county, and later moved to near Atwood, Armstrong county, remaining there until his death. By occupation he was a farmer.

William F. Templeton came to Indiana county many years ago, making his home in Center township, where he lived to the end of his days. He died when a comparatively young man, when his son Robert was but fifteen months old, leaving his wife, who survived him many years, dying May 25, 1889, at the age of seventy-four years. They had two children, one dying in infancy. James Hamilton, the father of Mrs. Eliza (Hamilton) Templeton, came to Indiana county at an early day with his father and settled in the southern portion. He married Margaret Sample, a member of a pioneer family of the county, and Robert F. Templeton was born on the old Sample farm.

From the time of his father's death until he was eight years old, Robert F. Templeton lived within a mile and a half of the borough of Indiana, in 1851 moving to the place in Green county where he made his home until his removal to Indiana, and where he was engaged in agricultural work all his active years. The second year of the Civil war he enlisted, Aug. 19, 1862, in the Union service, joining Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Maj. Harry White (one of the compilers of the history of Indiana county which appears in this work), and was in the army for three years, receiving his discharge June 27, 1865, at Harrisburg, Pa. He was in the Army of the Potomac, and took part in several battles under General Grant, among the engagements in which he saw active service being the Wilderness. He drove the ambu-

lance of his corps and did considerable guard duty. Returning home after being mustered out he engaged in farming and lumbering, was engaged to some extent in rafting, and in addition to general farming raised sheep for the eastern markets, buying and shipping hogs, cows and sheep. Of late years, however, he confined his labors to the work about his home place, which he had in an excellent state of cultivation and noticeably well looked after. About April 1, 1913, he sold his farm to G. M. Joiner, of Grisemore, disposed of his personal property, and moved to Indiana, where he expects to reside the remainder of his life. Though he has given most of his attention to his private affairs he has given his fellow citizens acceptable service as a member of the school board of Green township, and he is an elder in the Nebo Presbyterian Church near Grisemore, to which he and his wife belong. He is a member of the Union Veteran Legion.

An April 2, 1867, Mr. Templeton married Keziah N. Patterson, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Dunkle) Patterson, of Green township, and they have had nine children: (1) Jessie Mae is deceased. (2) Laura E. married Harry A. Moorhead, of Pittsburg, Pa., and they have had nine children, Jean E., Murray, Kenneth, Walter, Nellie, Dorothy, Roberta, Donald, and Pauline. (3) Charles died when twenty-four years old. (4) M. Myrtle is the wife of A. Scott Harris, of Bisbee, Ariz., and has one child, Nannie A. (5) Lucy L. died when twenty-seven years old. (6) Ralph E., who lives in New Jersey, married Ida Ford, of Conemaugh, Pa., and they have one child, Margaret. (7) William N., who lives at Clymer, Pa., where he is associated with the A. F. Kelly store, married Mabel C. Reade, and they have three children, Caroline Leone, Ruth and Robert R. Mr. W. N. Templeton is an elder in the Clymer Presbyterian Church. (8) Norris died in infancy. (9) One died in infancy unnamed.

JOHN CALVIN ROSE, a farmer of Conemaugh township, this county, was born near Murrys ville, in Penn township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Jan. 11, 1861, son of George Rose, and grandson of John Rose.

John Rose was born in Penn township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was a carpenter and farmer. He moved to Irwin station, Westmoreland Co., Pa. He was married to Jane Katz, and their children were: George; Jennie, who married Rev. John Boyd, of Illinois; Sarah, who married John Sowash, of Claridge, Pa.; Amanda, who married Will-

iam Morrow, of Irwin, Pa.; and Rebecca, who married Joe McWilliams, and lives in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania.

George Rose was born on his father's homestead in 1833. He served his country as a faithful soldier in Company C, 205th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for a year, enlisting at Greensburg, Pa. Owing to disability contracted while in the service he was sent to Vienna hospital, and was eventually discharged. Coming home in 1864, he bought the Robert Henderson farm of 235 acres in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., in 1866, and began farming, following this occupation the remainder of his life, dying May 2, 1890. He was a man prominent in all township affairs and served as a school director and overseer of the poor, to which offices he was elected on the Republican ticket. He was a member of the Grange, and in religious connection was a member of the Presbyterian Church, giving that body his earnest and conscientious support.

George Rose married Lucinda Alter, a daughter of Jacob and Jane (Bratton) Alter, and she survives her husband, making her home in Saltsburg. She is now (1913) seventy-eight years old. Children as follows were born to this worthy couple: Jacob Alter, who married Daisy McConnell, of Conemaugh township, grandniece of Judge Harry White, of Indiana, Pa., resides at Harrisburg, Pa., where he is connected with the Huber Manufacturing Company (their children are Titian J. and Margery M.); John C. is mentioned below; George Nevin, who married Minnie Mahan, of Indiana, Pa., resides at Bridgeville, Del., where he is engaged in farming (they have one son, Joseph Theodore); Sarah is the wife of Dr. S. E. Nowry, residing at Wilberdeen, Pa., and has one child, Rose Lucinda; Mary Elizabeth married Sidwell Getty, of Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., and they have five children, Anna May, Sarah Rose, Mary Elvira, Alice Glyndon and Thelma Theodora; Nannie E. married Elmer E. Riggs, of South Dakota, at present residing in Jonesboro, Ark., where he is engaged as a carpenter, and they have one child, Rose L.

John Calvin Rose was brought to Conemaugh township, Indiana county, when he was but five years old, and grew up in the township, attending the common schools here as well as the Saltsburg academy, Beaver high school, and Indiana normal, and taught school for fourteen terms in Conemaugh township, two terms in Allegheny county, one term in Westmoreland county—seventeen terms in all.

At the expiration of this period he felt the call of the soil, and bought 106 acres of land in Conemaugh township which he cultivated. Later he sold at a profit and moved to Saltsburg, where he became a traveling salesman for the Deering Harvester Company and the Huber Manufacturing Company, thus continuing for a few years. Leaving the road, he located at Wilberdeen to enter the employ of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, and remained with that concern for eighteen months. Once more he returned to Conemaugh township, buying in 1911 the M. G. Sandles farm, situated a half mile from Clarksburg, Pa., 167 acres on which he is carrying on general farming and dairying, shipping milk to Saltsburg.

Mr. Rose married Jennie E. Nesbitt, a daughter of Samuel and Agnes (Fulton) Nesbitt, and they became the parents of the following children: Nellie Agnes, a graduate of the Indiana normal school, class of 1912, was formerly a teacher in Conemaugh and is at present engaged at Thornburg; Mary Lucinda, who is a graduate of the Saltsburg high school and North Washington Institute, is now teaching in Conemaugh township, and is also a student and teacher of music; George Nesbitt, born Oct. 18, 1897, is a student at Eldersridge Academy, and after attending the State College of Agriculture expects to be a scientific farmer; Janet Elizabeth is attending public school and studying music.

For many years Mr. Rose has been one of the staunch supporters of Prohibition in Conemaugh township, and has been often called upon to serve the people; he has acted as township auditor and member of the election board. The Presbyterian Church of Saltsburg has long had in him one of its most efficient members, he having served as elder for nine years; since moving to Clarksburg he has been an elder and superintendent of Sunday school. A man of action, he has accomplished much, and has many plans for future usefulness, for he is not one who stands still, but believes in exerting himself to improve existing conditions in every possible way.

**NESBITT.** Robert Newton Nesbitt, a farmer of Conemaugh township, was born in that township Nov. 15, 1872, son of Samuel Nesbitt and grandson of Samuel Nesbitt.

Samuel Nesbitt, the grandfather, was one of the early farmers of Conemaugh township, where he owned 180 acres of land. He died at the extreme old age of ninety-six years. His wife Jane (McConnehey) died at the age of

eighty-five years. Their children were: Margaret, Malinda, Nancy, Evelyn, Bell, Robert, Harry and Samuel.

Samuel Nesbitt, son of Samuel Nesbitt, became one of the leading agriculturalists of Conemaugh township, owning 180 acres of land, the old Nesbitt homestead, on which he carried on general farming and stock raising, specializing in the latter line. He was a prominent citizen of his day, holding the office of county treasurer for one term of three years, during which time he lived at Indiana. He was a jovial man, and beloved by the many who knew him. His death occurred at his home in Saltsburg when he was seventy-two years old.

During the Civil war, Samuel Nesbitt proved his patriotism by enlisting in Company C, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and serving for four years. He had the misfortune to be wounded in the neck and thigh. Among the treasured possessions of his son, Robert Newton Nesbitt, is the coat of his father's uniform, which is riddled with holes made by bullets.

Samuel Nesbitt married Agnes Fulton, a daughter of Moses Fulton, of Livermore, Pa., and the children of this union were: Jennie E., who married John C. Rose; Samuel Moses Fulton, who married Maud Stranahan, and lives in Dennison, Ohio, where he has charge of a church, being a Presbyterian minister (their children are Agnes, Lucile, Maude and Euphema); and Robert N.

For his second wife Samuel Nesbitt married Miss Elizabeth Lowman, and to this union was born one child, Alexander Gilmore, who graduated from Grove City College and later from business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and is now a practicing attorney at Pittsburg.

Robert Newton Nesbitt attended the common schools of his neighborhood and Grove City College, spending one year at the latter institution. Returning home, he began farming, and found that line of work so congenial that he has continued it ever since, now owning the homestead farm of 180 acres in the fertile Conemaugh district. Mr. Nesbitt carries on general farming and stock raising and when occasion demands acts as auctioneer, his services in that capacity being highly appreciated by those who have need of him.

Mr. Nesbitt married Nora Kennedy, a daughter of Daniel and Eveline (Fleming) Kennedy. Since casting his first vote he has been an ardent Republican, and for eight years has been the township auditor. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership, as

it did that of his father, the latter having been one of its presiding elders for half a century. Mr. Nesbitt conserves its interests as a trustee, having held that responsible office for three years. His father's services are still remembered in Conemaugh township with reference to the school board, which he assisted in bringing to its present efficient state as one of its directors, and also in connection with his work as overseer of the poor. The Nesbitt family, like the Rose family, is a very prominent one in this part of the county, and its representatives are living up to the high standards raised many years ago by honored ancestors.

SAMUEL L. ROWE, justice of the peace and farmer of East Mahoning township, was born in South Mahoning township, this county, Dec. 17, 1848.

George Rowe, the founder of the family in Indiana county, was born in Ligonier, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and located in Rayne township among the pioneers of that section. He settled on 125 acres of land which he cleared, and developed a good farm, upon which he died. His wife, Mary (Cooney), who was born in Cumberland, Md., also died on the farm. Both are buried in Washington cemetery in Rayne township. For years they were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to this excellent couple were: James, who died in Rayne township; Jacob H.; George, who died in Rayne township; Maria, who married Robert Walker, and died in Montgomery township; Elizabeth (Betsy), who married Jacob Stumpf, of Rayne township; and Catherine, who married Benjamin Walker, and died in Rayne township.

Jacob H. Rowe, son of George Rowe, was born in 1805 in Westmoreland county, Pa., and was only two years old when his parents came to Rayne township. He had but few opportunities for acquiring an education, but became a well-read man and an excellent penman. After attaining manhood's estate he settled in South Mahoning township upon rented land, and spent ten years there, later moving to the vicinity of Ambrose, where he operated the James Bovard farm of 110 acres. After six years there he came to East Mahoning township, where he acquired a small tract of land near Marion Center, and there he died in 1879, aged seventy-four years. His remains were buried in the Marion Center cemetery, his wife, who died in 1884, lying by his side. She was Jane Walker prior to her marriage,

being a daughter of Robert Walker. Mr. Rowe was not connected with any religious denomination, but governed his life according to the Golden Rule. The following children were born to him and his wife: Mary, who married Joshua Lydick, is a widow, residing at Marion Center; John W., who served in Company B, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, died at Marion Center; Robert Walker, who was a soldier in the 2nd Pennsylvania Light Artillery, is deceased; Catherine resides in Westmoreland county; Samuel Lewis is mentioned below.

Samuel Lewis Rowe attended the schools of South and East Mahoning townships and worked with his father and also for neighboring farmers, receiving from twenty-five to thirty cents per day for his services, as well as board. When he was seventeen years old he began learning the carpenter's trade with John W. Weston, of Marion Center, and spent two years with him, receiving sixty dollars for the first year, and seventy-five dollars the second year, including board for the entire period. Mr. Rowe worked as a journeyman in both Indiana county and Pittsburg, later going to Allegheny, where he spent three years, and then he located in East Mahoning township, where he began contracting. He built a number of houses in various sections, the last one being the St. Clair Thompson residence, in Rayne township. In 1881 he settled on the John Hamilton farm in East Mahoning township and began farming the 100 acres contained within its confines. He made improvements on this property and now carries on general farming and stock raising, having met with a gratifying measure of success. In 1891 Mr. Rowe was elected justice of the peace, and was reelected successively in 1896, 1901, 1906 and 1911, now serving his fifth term. Mr. Rowe has made a remarkable record, for during all these years but one appeal has been taken from his decisions and the upper court sustained his ruling on that. Originally a Republican, he later became a Greenbacker and is now an enthusiastic Progressive. Like his good father, he believes that if a man does unto others as he would be done by, he lives up to the highest form of religious life. Mrs. Rowe is a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church at Richmond, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Rowe was married in 1880 to Elizabeth Hamilton, a daughter of John Hamilton. She died Dec. 30, 1892, and is buried in the Mahoning Church cemetery. There were three children by this marriage: Charles A., who

is with the Westinghouse Air Brake Company; George G., who is at home; and a child who died in infancy unnamed. Mr. Rowe married for his second wife Clara B. Work, a daughter of the late William Work, a full sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have had two children: John Wilson, who died in childhood; and Mary, who is at home.

HARRY AUSTIN BOGGS, senior member of the firm of Boggs & McGregor, of Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in White township, this county, June 21, 1861, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Adams) Boggs.

The Boggs family is of Irish origin, and Alexander Boggs, grandfather of Harry A. Boggs, was born in Ireland, coming to America when eighteen years old. Landing at New York City, he remained there a short time and then came westward to Pittsburg, where he also made a brief stay. His next location was in Redbank township, Armstrong county, where he followed farming for three years, at the end of that time coming to Indiana county and settling four miles north of the town of Indiana, in White township. He purchased a farm of 160 acres, now owned by Robert Mabon, and lived and died on this place. His first dwelling there was a log house which he built, and which he later replaced with a frame house. His death occurred Feb. 22, 1864, when he was in his sixty-seventh year, and his wife, Mary (Daugherty), died March 16, 1865, in her sixty-eighth year. They are buried in Oakland cemetery at Indiana. Mr. Boggs was a Presbyterian in religious faith. Six children were born to this couple, viz.: Caroline, who died Jan. 27, 1865, aged thirty-one years; Sarah N., who married D. L. Ralston; Martha, who married Read Adams; Mary Jane, who married Logan Odair; Pauline, wife of John Hathway; and Joseph.

Joseph Boggs, only son of Alexander Boggs, was born Feb. 2, 1830, on the farm in White township, and was there reared to agricultural life. Eventually he purchased his father's homestead, and continued to make his home there until four years before his death, when he moved into the borough of Indiana. He married Elizabeth Adams, who was born June 22, 1829, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Nesbit) Adams, and died Feb. 16, 1888, aged fifty-eight years, seven months, twenty-four days. Mr. Boggs died June 8, 1894, aged sixty-four years, four months, six days. They are buried in Oakland cemetery

at Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had children as follows: Clara, Mrs. Irons, who resides at No. 1002 Church street, Indiana; Harry Austin; Carry C.; Frank A., deceased; and Jennie V., deceased.

Harry Austin Boggs was educated in his native place and there grew to manhood's estate. In 1878 he took charge of the home farm, operating it until 1889, on Nov. 4th of which year he moved to Indiana, and for four years thereafter was interested in operating the stage route from Indiana to Punxsutawney. As an outcome of this he developed a livery business. In 1903 he firm of Boggs & McGregor was organized to conduct a first-class livery, sell oil and lightning rods, and they do a big business in the several lines.

On Dec. 14, 1887, Mr. Boggs was united in marriage with Florence M. McLaughlin, of Indiana county, who was born Jan. 10, 1863, daughter of James K. and Sarah Belle McLaughlin. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs became the parents of the following children: Clara May, born Dec. 2, 1888, was educated at the public schools and the Indiana normal school, from which she was graduated in 1910, and is now teaching her third term at Heilwood; Grace Miriam, born Sept. 4, 1898, died April 13, 1903.

Mr. Boggs is justly numbered among the live, progressive men of his city, and his success in life has been attained through his industry and ability to grasp opportunities as they came his way.

JOHN KUHNS MIKESELL, who owns a beautiful 200-acre farm in Blacklick township, Indiana county, belongs to a family which has been settled in these parts for several generations. The Mikesells are of German descent, John Mikesell, the founder of the branch in Indiana county, having been a native of Germany. He spent his early life there, coming to America when a young man, in the early part of the last century, and first settling in Bedford county, Pa. Thence he came to Indiana county, making his home in Center township, on the Ridge near the line of what is now Burrell township. He became the owner of 300 acres in what was then an unsettled region, erected a small log dwelling and set to work to clear his land for cultivation. The rest of his life was spent at that place, farming, and he made many improvements on the property, building a stone residence and substantial barn, and in various other ways adding to its appearance and

value. He married Margaret Altimus, and they became the parents of six children: Adam, who settled in Center township; Elizabeth, who married Peter Bowman; Peter, who settled in West Wheatfield township; Joseph, who died in Michigan; John, who died in Iowa; and Jonas. Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell died on the farm and are buried there. They were members of the Lutheran Church, which he served as elder, and in politics he was an adherent of the Democratic party.

Jonas Mikesell, son of John, was born March 7, 1804, on the Ridge farm in Center township, and there received such educational advantages as the subscription schools afforded. However, he became a well informed man in spite of his lack of early opportunities, and was well read in both German and English. Working at home until he reached manhood, he then removed to Clarion county, locating near Salem, on a farm owned by his father-in-law, Christopher Rugh. It was a tract of 123 acres, and he carried on its cultivation for some time, eventually selling out and returning to Indiana county. Settling at his parents' old home on the Ridge in Center township he cared for his widowed mother in her declining years and operated that place, which comprised 180 acres of fine land. He lived there the remainder of his life, improving the farm greatly. He died Jan. 16, 1854, and was laid to rest in the family burying lot on the farm. He married in Center township, Catherine Rugh, who was born at Rugh Station, in what is now Burrell township, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Best) Rugh, and died at the old homestead. She is buried in the cemetery of the Lutheran Chapel at Coral. Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was quite active in church work. Politically he was a Democrat. They were the parents of ten children: Julia Ann, who died unmarried in 1909; John Kuhns; Solomon, who died from the effects of wounds received while serving in the Civil war; Abraham, who died in Altoona, Pa.; Christopher, also deceased; Jonas, Jr., deceased; Augustus, who died in boyhood; Isaac, deceased; Jacob, twin of Isaac, who died in infancy; and Philip, who resides in Illinois.

John Kuhns Mikesell was born March 4, 1833, near Salem, in Clarion county, Pa., and was but two years old when his parents returned to Indiana county. He attended school in Center township, and acquired his knowledge of farming under his father's tuition, working with him upon the home place until

he died and subsequently cultivating that tract on his own account for a number of years, until the land and coal were sold, in 1890, to the Graceton Coal & Coke Company. He then moved to Blacklick township, buying the Alexander Gordon farm, a tract of 224 acres which he has since occupied. He follows general farming and stock raising: Mr. Mikesell considers no detail of his work too trivial for attention, and his home and surroundings show his taste and thrift. He has erected buildings and made other notable improvements on the property during his ownership, and few farmers have their work on a more systematic and orderly basis.

Mr. Mikesell was married in Center township June 2, 1870, to Keraenhappuch (Carry) Coy, a native of Pine township, this county, daughter of Lewis and Margaret (Sleppey) Coy, and they have had a family of five children, namely: Augustus Babb, who resides on the homestead, working for his father, and at present acting as a director on the school board of Blacklick township, being secretary of that body; Laura May, who married Edward Berkley and lives in Middletown, Ohio; Ira B., now living at Steubenville, Ohio; Christopher, who died on the farm; and Mary, unmarried, who lives at home.

Mr. Mikesell is a member of the Lutheran Church at Coral, which he helped to organize, and he is at present serving as elder and superintendent of the Sunday school, being one of the most efficient workers of that congregation. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but now supports the Republican party.

The Coy family, to which Mrs. Mikesell belongs, is also of old settled Center township stock. John Coy, the founder of the family in Indiana county, came hither from Bedford county, Pa., settling in Brushvalley township in 1820 and later moving to Pine township, where he passed the remainder of his life. He married Sarah Bowers, and they had a large family, viz.: Lewis; Franey; John B., who married Margaret Empfield; Adam, who married Rachel Lyda; Sarah, who married George Empfield; Peter, who married Mary Stevens; Nancy, who married Samuel Stall; Elizabeth, who married William Fowler; and David, who married a Miss Dick.

Lewis Coy, son of John and Sarah (Bowers) Coy, was born in 1812 in Bedford county, Pa., and was a boy when he came with his parents to what was then known as Brushvalley township, Indiana county. Later he moved with the family to Pine township, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming,

dying in July, 1896. In 1834 he married Margaret Sleppey, who was born in 1810, daughter of Abraham and Ann Sleppey, and they had a family of nine children, three sons and six daughters, one of the latter being the wife of John Kuhns Mikesell.

JOSEPH HENRY BURGESS, for several years chief clerk and paymaster for the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company at their Iselin plant in Young township, was born in Erie, Pa., Sept. 22, 1873, son of John and Mary (Pilling) Burgess, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Manchester, England, and died at Erie, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Henry Burgess attended the local grammar and high schools of his native city, and after finishing his educational training became clerk for a hotel in Erie, retaining this position for several years. He then engaged with the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company, at Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa., as clerk, in the fall of 1903 leaving that concern to become chief clerk and paymaster for the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company, at Iselin, and has been thus retained ever since. As the plant was in its infancy at Iselin when Mr. Burgess assumed his present responsibilities, he has seen it grow and assisted in its material advancement. The employees on the payroll have increased from 200 to 1,600, and instead of the few houses in the village that Mr. Burgess found upon his arrival there are now over three hundred good residences. Having seen all this progress, Mr. Burgess was naturally interested in the village, and was one of the men who organized the Union Church of that place, serving on the building committee, and subsequently as a trustee. He is a strong Republican, and was postmaster of Iselin from the establishment of the office until 1911, when it was changed from a fourth-class to a third-class office, and his assistant, Mr. Rhoads, succeeded him. He now makes his home in the borough of Indiana.

Mr. Burgess was married in Erie, Pa., to Elizabeth Walter, who was born in that city, daughter of G. A. Walter. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess have had four children, Richard Walter, Alice, Frederick and Jane. Mrs. Burgess is active in church and Sunday school work, ably seconding the efforts of her husband along these lines, and both of them stand high in the public estimation.

JOE J. CAMPBELL was born in West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, Sept. 15, 1865, son of Robert M. and Margaret



(Mack) Campbell, and grandson of David Campbell, the first American ancestor of this branch of the family.

Toward the end of the eighteenth century Wheatfield township embraced all the territory south of the Purchase Line. Sixteen townships have since been formed within her original boundaries. The first settlers in this district were emigrants from Ireland, from the Counties of Antrim and Armagh, they landing in America July 21, 1792. Stories of the New World soon attracted others left behind, and David Campbell came some time later to join this colony in Wheatfield. Leaving his native home he took passage on a sailing vessel to America, and after a stormy voyage of more than six weeks found himself on the shores of the New World. He proceeded westward over the Allegheny mountains to the Conemaugh valley and finally located on Blacklick creek, near the present site of the village of Heshbon. About the year 1800 he purchased by patent 219 acres of land on Blacklick and here he spent the remainder of his life. Assisted by his sons he cleared the land and erected buildings, and his farm became one of the most productive tracts in the locality. Mr. Campbell was laid to rest in the Campbell graveyard on the homestead place.

Mr. Campbell was married to Margaret Mahan, and their children were: John, Christopher, Robert M., David, Porter M., Alexander (who died young) and Jane (who married William Palmer).

Robert M. Campbell, the third son of David, born Aug. 7, 1819, received his education at the subscription school of the neighborhood. For a time he worked as boatman on the Pennsylvania canal and later helped in the construction of part of the stone pike from Pittsburg to Philadelphia. In about 1840 he bought a farm of 127 acres in West Wheatfield township, on which he resided until his death, which occurred Oct. 30, 1883. He was a man of upright character and temperate in all his habits, and held the respect of all who knew him. He was an earnest member of the United Presbyterian Church, and for a number of years served as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a Democrat in his political views and a leading party worker in his day, and held a number of township offices, serving as school director, supervisor, overseer of the poor and auditor.

On Aug. 3, 1843, Mr. Campbell married Margaret Maek, who was born Oct. 27, 1820, eldest daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Mc-

Donald) Maek, of West Wheatfield township, where he engaged in farming; Mr. Maek was a native of Indiana county. Mrs. Campbell died Feb. 21, 1889. Nine children were born to this union: (1) Margaret Jane, born July 31, 1844, was married Sept. 16, 1860, to Samuel M. Palmer, of Josephine, Pa., and died Feb. 12, 1872. (2) Amanda E., born Oct. 31, 1845, was married Sept. 2, 1869, to John Sidman Lamoreaux, and for her second husband married Jesse Fee. (3) James McCluer, born June 1, 1849, married Martha A. Maek April 16, 1872. He lives at Garfield, Pa. (4) John Gilbert is mentioned below. (5) Alexander Hail, born Oct. 27, 1854, died Nov. 28, 1855. (6) William Piatt, of Latrobe, born Nov. 16, 1856, was married Nov. 25, 1880, to Violet C. Maek. (7) David Albert, born Jan. 28, 1860, died Oct. 9, 1865. (8) Martha Emma, born April 29, 1862, was married May 1, 1884, to Christopher C. Fisher, of Garfield. (9) Joe Johnston, born Sept. 15, 1865, is mentioned below.

JOHN GILBERT CAMPBELL, M. D., late of Homer City, Indiana county, was born March 1, 1852, near Armagh, East Wheatfield township, this county. He attended public school in his native township and later studied at Eldersridge Academy. For eleven years he taught school in Pennsylvania. In 1876 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. R. J. Tomb, of Armagh, later attended medical college at Cleveland, Ohio, for a short time, and then entered the Baltimore School of Medicine, from which he was graduated March 1, 1879. Immediately afterward he opened an office of his own at Clyde, Pa., and some time later removed to Homer City, where he built up a large practice, following his profession until his death, which occurred in that borough Oct. 10, 1907. He was a prominent member of the United Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder and trustee, and he also took an interest in public matters, holding various borough offices. In his political views he was a Democrat. But his practice received the greater part of his time and attention, and he had a high reputation as a conscientious, faithful physician, one who never neglected his duty to his patients even under the most trying circumstances. He erected a beautiful home on Main street, one of the finest in the borough.

In February, 1885, Dr. Campbell married Belle Boyd, daughter of David and Mary (McCarty) Boyd, of Homer City, and they had three children: Frank Boyd, now the wife of Milton Brandon, of Homer City, Pa.;

Margaret, a graduate of the Homer City high school; and John G.

Joe J. Campbell remained on the old homestead, working with his father, until he reached the age of nineteen years, when he went to Benton county, Iowa, and worked on a farm there for nine months. He then went to Ashland, Wis., to work at dock building, railroading and bridge construction for the Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic Railroad Company, following this for a period of two years, after which, in 1887, he came to Homer City, Pa., and engaged in the lumber business with the Two Licks Lumber Company. He was with this company for four years, and since that time has been employed as mine superintendent of the Fearing Run Mines, near Homer City, now owned by the Townsend Coal Company, where he holds a position of trust and responsibility.

Mr. Campbell married Aug. 5, 1890, Mary I. Kier, daughter of Squire Martin Kier, of Homer City. They have had a family of nine children, eight of whom are living, as follows: Hugh Kier, who died in infancy; Robert Martin; Paul G.; Helen M., a student in the Indiana State normal school; Mary E.; Margaret I.; Joe H.; Murray Glenn, and Bessie M. Mr. Campbell is an elder of the Homer City United Presbyterian Church: He is a supporter of the Democratic party and a firm believer in its principles. He served the borough of Homer City as burgess for one term and as school director for four years. He has been road supervisor of Center township for eight years, and for five years has been school director of the township. Mr. Campbell was one of the organizers and is now a director of the Homer City National Bank. He is well known and highly respected, a citizen whose worth is well appreciated by his community.

ADAM SHIELDS is carrying on extensive farming operations in Canoe township, Indiana Co., Pa., the fine place on which he resides being known as Shady Grove Hospital. He is a veteran of the great Civil war. Mr. Shields was born July 28, 1832, at Locust Lane, Pa., son of George and Sarah (Braugler) Shields.

James Shields, the paternal grandfather of Adam Shields, was a Revolutionary soldier with a record that covered eight years of service in the Continental ranks, during which time he was wounded seven times. In 1830 he came from Ligonier Valley, Pa., to Indiana county, with his son Robert, and they

engaged in farming near Marchand, where the grandfather died at the remarkable age of 107 years. He married Jane Duglass, and they had the following children: Robert, who married Jane Taylor; George, the father of Adam Shields; James, who lived in different parts of Indiana county; Rebecca, who married William Laughey, and lived in North Mahoning township; Hannah, who married John Ham, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Jane, who married Mathew Cochran, and lived in Brookville, Jefferson county; and a daughter who married a Mr. Foster, of Pennsylvania.

George Shields, son of James, and father of Adam Shields, was born in Ligonier Valley, Pa., and as a young man accompanied his father and brother to Indiana county, taking up land in Canoe township, where he became the owner of 177 acres. Mr. Shields bore an active and prominent part in the development and upbuilding of this region, and his name should be among the foremost on the rolls of Indiana county's honored pioneers. On his arrival this land was all covered with heavy timber, and he erected a small log cabin, and settled down to make a home for himself and his family. He was ever an industrious and hard-working man, and at his death, which occurred July 4, 1856, when he was seventy-seven years of age, his community lost one of its best citizens. At the polls he always cast his ballot with the Democratic party, and took a deep interest in its success. He served as supervisor, school director and in other offices, and had the entire confidence of his fellow citizens. Mr. Shields was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Boyle, who died in 1810, the mother of three children: James, deceased, who was a farmer in North Mahoning township, and married Jemima Hoover; Robert, deceased, who was a farmer near Marchand, married Mary Ann Snyder; Margaret died unmarried. He married for his second wife Sarah Braugler, who died in September, 1865, at the age of eighty years, and they had the following children: Adam; William H., deceased, a farmer and lumberman in Banks township, Indiana county, who married Sarah Martin; Sarah Ann, deceased, who was the wife of David Fleming and lived in Oil City, Pa.; Hannah Jane, the widow of Isaac Wood, living in Clearfield county; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Calderwood, of Canoe township; and Eva, who married Cyrus Wood, and lived in Clearfield county.

Adam Shields, son of George Shields, was

reared to farm life and educated in the common schools, remaining on the home farm and tenderly caring for his parents during their declining years. He was married Feb. 2, 1858, to Hannah Williard, of Canoe township, a daughter of David and Sarah (Tawney) Williard, the latter of Gettysburg, Pa., and the former of Westmoreland county. Mr. Williard made the first shingles for the courthouse at Greensburg, Pa. Mrs. Shields was born Aug. 10, 1844, in the spring of which year her parents had come to Indiana county and settled in the northern part of Canoe township, where they secured a farm in the woods. There they spent the remainder of their lives in the development and cultivation of the soil, Mr. Williard passing away when eighty-nine years of age and his wife when eighty-six years old. They were the parents of the following children: Betsy, Jacob, John, Joseph, David, Polly, Esther, Isaac, Hannah, Sarah Jane and Fred, all of whom are deceased with the exception of Mrs. Hannah Shields.

Mr. and Mrs. Shields have had eleven children, namely: George, engaged in farming in Forest county, Pa., married Ann Henry; David M. died in 1865; Sarah Jane passed away in 1865; Samuel, farming on a part of the old homestead, married Blanche Stoops; Aaron is unmarried and lives with his father, farming the homestead and dealing in live stock, also acting as agent for the Johnston Harvester Company and the Leroy Plow Company; Lillie May married Harry Bewes, a carpenter, of Perrysville, Jefferson county; Evelyn W. married Dan Kline, foreman for the Bowman Lumber Company, of Williamsport, Pa., and resides at St. Albans, Kanawha Co., W. Va.; Willis M. died in 1872; Nora Belle married Elmer Weaver, a frescoer and decorator for the Myers Company, at Steubenville, Ohio; Mary Maud married Jess Thomas, a liveryman at Clymer, Pa.; Martha Ann married Charles Thomas, a farmer, of Rayne township.

Adam Shields has always been engaged in farming and has always resided on the old home place in Canoe township, with the exception of the time that he spent as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war. On March 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Indiana, Pa., whence he was sent to Harrisburg for one month, and then on to Clarksburg, W. Va., where he continued to do scouting and guard duty until receiving his honorable discharge, Oct. 1, 1865. On his return he

resumed farming on the home place, which he has developed into one of the finest farms of the township. It has many improvements, is supplied with good and substantial buildings, and is very conveniently located.

Like his father, Mr. Shields is a staunch and active Democrat, and has been elected to a number of leading township offices, including those of constable, school director, supervisor and overseer of the poor, in all of which he has rendered signal service to his community. With his family he attends the Rock Bridge Presbyterian Church. The members of the family are all well known and highly esteemed, and no man in the township has a wider circle of friends than Mr. Shields.

HARVEY C. EMERICK, assessor of Canoe township, was born June 7, 1867, on the old Emerick homestead in that township, a son of John Emerick, and grandson of John and Eva (Graff) Emerick.

John Emerick, a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, came to America, and for eight years worked as a merchant tailor in Baltimore, Md. He then went to Franklin county, Pa., where he farmed from 1832 to 1840, in the latter year coming to Indiana county and continuing his agricultural operations in Canoe township. There he died in 1878, aged ninety-four years, while his wife died in 1874, aged eighty-five years. Both were Methodists. Their children were: John; Henry, who married Mary Hoover and lived in Canoe township, where he and his wife both died; Elizabeth, who married John Heflick and lived in Canoe township, where both died; and Mary, who married Michael Winshimer and lived in Indiana county and Maryland (both are deceased).

John Emerick, son of John Emerick, Sr., and father of Harvey C. Emerick, was brought by his parents to Indiana county and helped his father to clear a farm in Canoe township. He secured fifty acres of the homestead and lived on it until his death, in 1894, at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife died in 1892, aged sixty-seven years. Both worked hard to make their farm a good one. Mr. Emerick was also a tailor, and worked at his trade occasionally. A Republican in politics, he confined his public activities to casting his vote for the candidates of his party. The Lutheran Church of Trade City held his membership, and he was a most excellent man in every respect.

John Emerick married Barbara Wortman, who was born in North Mahoning township,

this county, a daughter of Casper Wortman. They had the following children: John, who owned a farm in Canoe township, married Margaret Lowry, and died in 1892 (his children were Robert L., who is a teacher and farmer of Canoe township; Orrin, who is on his father's homestead in Canoe township; Anna B., who married Jacob McFarland, of Canoe township, and Cecil B., who married Harry Dunmire, of Canoe township); Kate married James Colkitt, of Punxsutawney, and has four children, Charles, Alfred, Mary and Ralph; George, who is living with his brother Harvey C., is a huckster and farmer; Harvey C. completes the family.

Harvey C. Emerick and his brother received very limited educational advantages, but they are intelligent men and are making a success of their work. They own 160 acres of land, of which 120 are in a good state of cultivation, and they carry on general farming, raising horses, cattle and hogs. Harvey C. Emerick is a member of the Odd Fellows, belonging to Alert Lodge, No. 936, of Richmond, Pa., and to Silva Rebekah Lodge, No. 349, of Richmond.

George Emerick is a Republican of some local note, having served on the election board, and as auditor for twelve years. His brother, also a Republican, has served on the election board, and is at present assessor of Canoe township. These young men take a good deal of interest in politics, and are very highly respected. The family is an old and honored one in Indiana county, and they are fully sustaining the high reputation borne by those of their name who have gone before them.

**PETER ZEHNER**, a farmer, of White township, was born at Pittsburg, Pa., June 1, 1859, son of Peter and Harriet (Dill) Zehner.

Peter Zehner was born in Germany, and left his parents at the age of fourteen years to come to the United States. They never left their native land, dying there. Upon his arrival in the new country Peter Zehner made his way to Pittsburg, Pa., and there learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked until coming to Indiana county, in 1866. Upon his arrival he bought a farm in White township, comprising fifty-five acres, to which additions were later made until the property now comprises 133 acres. Here Peter Zehner lived until his death, which occurred April 19, 1890. Much of the hard work incident to placing the land under cultivation was

done by him, and he was always a hard-working, thrifty man. His wife, Harriet (Dill), was born in Somerset county, Pa., daughter of John Dill. The Dill family came to Indiana county at an early date and continued to make their home here until death claimed them, John Dill and his wife dying at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Zehner. The latter died April 11, 1904. Peter Zehner and his wife had five children: Jane married John Baker, of Indiana; Philip is a farmer of Kansas; John is a resident of Indiana; Peter is mentioned below; Charles is a resident of White township. All are a credit to their parents.

Peter Zehner, Jr., was educated in the local schools, remaining on the homestead. When his father died he took charge of the property, and has always lived upon it, now devoting it to general farming and stock raising.

On June 2, 1880, Mr. Zehner married Belle Warden, born in North Mahoning township, this county, daughter of John and Anna (Streams) Warden, both of whom were natives of North Mahoning township, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Zehner have had two children: (1) Laura Bell married Thomas Huber, of Indiana, Pa., who now lives in Rayne township and runs a sawmill and threshing machine. They have one child, Leroy. (2) Leroy is living at home, assisting his father in the farm work. Mr. and Mrs. Zehner are consistent members of the Lutheran Church. They are excellent people, who command well-merited confidence among their neighbors.

Robert Warden, the grandfather of Mrs. Zehner, was also born in North Mahoning township, where he became a farmer and miller, conducting a gristmill in that township for some years.

John Warden, son of Robert Warden, and father of Mrs. Zehner, was also a farmer. He enlisted for service during the Civil war from Indiana county, in Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the conflict, participating in the battles of Gettysburg and the campaign of the Wilderness as well as other activities of less importance. Following the war he came to Rayne township, where he died Aug. 14, 1905. He carried the mail on rural route No. 2 until the fall of 1904.

The Streams family came to Indiana county at a very early day. Mrs. Warden, who belonged to that family, survives and makes her home in Indiana, Pa. Mrs. Zehner was one of five children born to her parents: Belle,

Mrs. Zehner; Alexander, who is a resident of Creekside, Pa.; Robert, twin brother of Maggie (she is deceased), residing at Greensburg, Pa., where he is a substantial citizen; and Hattie, who died when fifteen years old.

JAMES A. BEATTY, a general farmer and coal operator, of East Mahoning township, was born in that township June 9, 1856, son of Josiah Beatty.

James Beatty, the founder of the family in East Mahoning township, came from what is now Armstrong township to the present East Mahoning township, settling on 300 acres of land. He was a pioneer of that section, and made a good home in the wilderness, spending his life on the farm, which he improved very materially. It is now divided into three farms, one being owned by the mother of James A. Beatty, one by James A. Beatty and the third by another grandson, Robert S. Campbell. James Beatty died on his farm, and his remains were laid to rest in Gilgal cemetery. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and always lived up to his creed. Politically he was a Democrat. James Beatty married Nancy Stewart, who also died on the farm and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. The children of this good couple were: Nancy, who married Seroggs Work; Sally, who married John Work; Ann, who married Ralph Walker; Rebecca, who married Adam Campbell; Polly, who died unmarried; James, who died unmarried; Joshua, who died on the homestead; Robert, who died unmarried; John, who died on the old homestead; and Josiah.

Josiah Beatty was born in East Mahoning township, in 1830, and grew up on the homestead, alternating farming with attendance at the local schools. Inheriting the homestead, he further improved it, but died in 1859, aged twenty-nine years, and he was buried in the same cemetery as his parents. Like his father he was a Presbyterian and Democrat. Josiah Beatty married, at Jacksonville, Pa., Elizabeth Cunningham, daughter of Horace Cunningham, and they had two children, James A. and Horace D., the latter living at Pittsburg. Mrs. Beatty married (second) John Hopkins, and now resides in East Mahoning township. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

James A. Beatty was only three years old when he had the misfortune to lose his father, and he was reared by his mother and stepfather. He attended the local schools and those of Marion Center, later going to the

Covode summer school. Until 1873 he continued to help at home, and then took charge of the property, now owning one of the three farms into which the original Beatty tract was divided. In addition to carrying on farming and stock raising Mr. Beatty operates a coal bank, known by his name, which he opened in 1884. Since then he has taken out many thousands of bushels of coal, and sold the product at his bank. He has also interested himself in the lumber business in conjunction with his sons, and from 1886 to 1908 operated a threshing outfit in different portions of Grant, East Mahoning and other townships, meeting with more than ordinary success in his undertakings.

In September, 1873, Mr. Beatty was married to Isabelle Hunter, a daughter of James Hunter, and she died in 1882, the mother of the following family: Clarence, who married Isabelle Colnell, of East Mahoning township, is a farmer of that township; Roy, who married Susan Judy, is a farmer of North Mahoning township. Mr. Beatty married (second) Susan Heshbarger, a daughter of Robert Heshbarger, and their children are: R. N., who handles lumber and operates a sawmill at Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pa.; Harry M., who also deals in lumber and conducts a sawmill; Carl, who is in partnership with the others; Birdetta and Mamie, attending school; Jesse; Olive; and J. Dewey. Mr. Beatty is a Republican, but has never sought office. He does not belong to any church or lodge, but lives up to the principles embodied in the Golden Rule. A man of efficiency, skilled in his several lines, he has become one of the leading farmers and business men of his township and deserves the prosperity that has come to him.

DENNIS ROSER, farmer of Pine township, Indiana county, has lived at his present home from childhood. He was born in Pine township (on the Gallagher farm) Nov. 24, 1854, son of George Roser, and belongs to a family of German extraction, his grandfather, George Roser, having been a native of Germany. The latter settled in Brushvalley township, Indiana Co., Pa., over one hundred years ago, buying land near Mechanicsburg. It was then in its wild state, and he had to clear it before he could begin farming, which he followed the remainder of his life, dying on the homestead. He married Elizabeth Fry.

George Roser, son of George and Elizabeth (Fry) Roser, was born Feb. 23, 1808, in York county, Pa., and moved with his parents to

Indiana county. Settling in Pine township, he lived there until his death, which occurred Sept. 28, 1892, when he was eighty-four years old. He married Christina Fetterman, who was born in 1814, in Indiana county, where her father, Philip Fetterman, located in pioneer times. She died Feb. 5, 1884, at the age of seventy years. Children as follows were born to George and Christina (Fetterman) Roser: Samuel, who died in infancy; Peter, deceased; Lawrence, deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. Thompson, deceased; Fry, of Pine township; George, deceased; Martin, who lives in Clinton county, Pa.; Dennis, living on the old family homestead in Pine township; Lydia, Mrs. Waltemire, residing in Cherryhill township; and Sarah, deceased.

Dennis Roser was educated in the home district, and commenced work with his father, remaining at home to assist him until sixteen years old. After that for several years he worked out among other farmers, meanwhile helping his father from time to time, until he commenced operating a farm on his own account, in 1884, when he settled on the home place. He has a valuable tract of fifty acres, the old place which his father cleared and improved. George Roser erected a log cabin and barn, roofed with clapboards. The substantial dwelling now on the property was erected in 1901. Mr. Roser carried on general farming, and is a thrifty, successful man, his industrious life winning him the thorough respect of all his neighbors. He has served his township as school director one term. In politics he is a Republican, in religious connection a member of the Mount Zion Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 20, 1873, Mr. Roser married Eliza Jane Brown, who was born Oct. 25, 1851, in Cherryhill township, and they have two children: Albert Francis, born April 15, 1877, married Reba D. Singer, of Greenville; Cora Blanche, born Oct. 25, 1883, married G. R. Waltemire, of Indiana.

Daniel Brown, Mrs. Roser's father, was a native of Bedford county, Pa., born Feb. 15, 1811, and died Feb. 23, 1878, in Cherryhill township, Indiana county. He is buried in the Manor graveyard. His occupation was farming. He married Barbara Putt, who was born May 8, 1818, in Bedford county, and they had a family of five children: Mary; Catherine, deceased; Nancy; Eliza Jane, Mrs. Roser; and Sarah. The mother died March 4, 1882, in Cherryhill township. The father was a member of the Mount Zion Lutheran Church, and on political questions was a Re-

publican. His grandmother Brown was taken captive by the Indians and held among them for eleven years, when she was returned to her people.

EDGAR J. WELCH, a grain and feed dealer of Plumville, Indiana county, was born in Plumville Jan. 8, 1876, son of Lewis A. Welch. George Welch, his grandfather, married Elizabeth Hartshorn.

Lewis A. Welch, son of George Welch, and father of Edgar J. Welch, was born in Clearfield county, Pa., in 1838, and grew to manhood in that county. He received only a limited education, learned the trade of shoemaking, and in 1859 moved to the village of Plumville, where he was a shoemaker for about a quarter of a century. In 1883 he began farming in South Mahoning township, Indiana county.

Mr. Welch had an enviable record as a soldier, having enlisted in Company E, 148th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was mustered into the service Sept. 2, 1862, under Capt. John Sutton and Col. James A. Beaver, of Center county, and after a varied experience extending over three years, during which he proved his bravery and gallantry, was honorably discharged. A member of the Union Veteran Legion, he took an active part in the reunions, and it was while at one of these, held at Bellefonte, Pa., in 1902, that he died of heart failure. His remains were taken back to his old home and interred in the Mahoning cemetery. He was a Republican, but never cared for office. For many years he was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, and died firm in its creed.

In 1860 Lewis A. Welch married Anne Elizabeth Spargo, a native of Cambria county, Pa., daughter of James and Mary (Jones) Spargo, who were of English and Welsh descent. James Spargo was a miner and sank the shaft into the third coal mine opened west of the Allegheny mountains. Mrs. Welch died in December, 1907, and was buried by the side of her husband. She, too, was a member of the Baptist Church. They had the following children: Mary, who married Andrew P. Cunningham, resides at Dayton, Pa.; Eliza B., who married Wilson M. Bowser, resides in West Mahoning township, this county; Charlotte Ann (Lottie), who married John Sims, resides at Farson, Wyo.; Myrtie married Harry Rowland, of South Mahoning township; George L. is a business man of Dayton, Pa.; Edgar J. is mentioned below; Alameda married Edgar Nolf, of South Ma-

honing township; J. L. Curbey is a liveryman at Dayton, Pennsylvania.

Edgar J. Welch was educated in the schools of South Mahoning, and when only eighteen years old began teaching in that township. For the next six years he was so engaged, and then took a course at the Indiana State normal school. In 1901 he was given a school of an advanced grade at Plumville, and taught it for one year, and then during 1902 taught a summer normal at Plumville with remarkable success. Having been made principal of the Homer City public school, he taught same for three years during the school year, and during the summers, in conjunction with William P. Risinger, opened a school at Homer City, which he conducted for three seasons. In addition he was assistant superintendent of schools under Prof. J. T. Stewart. The close confinement told upon his health, however, and in 1906 he established himself in business as a flour and feed merchant at Plumville, where he has since been extensively engaged in handling grain, flour and feed. So successful has he been that in 1910 he felt justified in erecting his present place of business, which is near the depot and very conveniently located for his purposes. He has always taken a deep and intelligent interest in the affairs of the borough, and has given efficient service as a school director, being particularly fitted for such office by reason of his long connection with the educational affairs of the county. While on the board he acted as its treasurer. He is at present a member of the council. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, Lodge No. 803, which he joined at Smicksburg, and is a past grand of that lodge, also belonging to the Rebekahs, in which his wife holds membership. The Baptist Church has in him a consistent and faithful member and he has been very active in Sunday school work both as a teacher and superintendent. Politically he is a Republican.

In August, 1906, Mr. Welch was married to Carrie Coup, who was born in Brushvalley township, a daughter of Wallace W. Coup. Mrs. Welch attended the public schools of her neighborhood and the summer normal conducted by Mr. Welch, and for two years was a teacher in Center township, so that she and her husband are very congenial, having many tastes in common. In religious faith she is a Presbyterian. Mr. and Mrs. Welch have become the parents of three children: Marion, who was born in August, 1907; Leonard

Edgar, born in November, 1910; and Nellie Almeda, born in March, 1913.

GEORGE A. CONRATH, president and manager of the Penn Enamel Sink Company, one of the flourishing industries of Indiana borough, is one of the substantial and progressive business men of Indiana county, where he has passed all his life. He was born July 24, 1873, in Green township, son of Nathan Conrath, and is a grandson of John Conrath, a native of Germany, who founded this family in the United States, coming to this country in young manhood.

Nathan Conrath was born in Mifflin county, Pa., and followed farming throughout his residence in Indiana county. He married Susan Ham, who was born in Center county, Pa., and to them were born five children, namely: Isaac N., Amanda (wife of Samuel Freedlin), Frank, Sarah C. (wife of W. S. Pittman), and George A. The parents were members of the Baptist Church. The mother died in 1906, the father on Jan. 3, 1912.

George A. Conrath obtained his education in the public schools. When a youth he commenced to work in a flour mill, and followed milling for about four years. In 1898 he engaged in the enameling business, at Blairsville, and while there mastered the details of that line of work, his experience proving most profitable. Locating at Indiana in 1906, he established the Penn Enamel Sink Company, of which he was made president the following year. He has served as manager from the beginning, and has continued to act as president and manager since the incorporation, in 1910, with a capital stock of \$100,000. The company manufactures sinks, lavatories and all kinds of enameled goods, and has the reputation of turning out as high-class product as can be found in the United States. The trade is in a highly prosperous condition, and the high standard of the output is its best advertisement, a ready market being found for all the goods, either at home or abroad. Mr. Conrath's success and his activity in trade circles has entitled him to a place among the leading manufacturers in the county. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the B. P. O. Elks.

Mr. Conrath married Sarah Waterson, daughter of John Waterson, and their family consists of six children: A. Chloe, Virginia, Mathias, Effeline, George and Audley.

WILLIAM SCHRADER was one of the best-known millers in Indiana county during

his active career, and also followed the baking business for a number of years. For a short time he was engaged in farming. He was a native of Germany, born Oct. 22, 1846, in Waldeck, son of William John Schrader. The father was a blacksmith by trade. He served in the Germany army, taking part in the war of 1848, and was wounded in the calf of his left leg, carrying the bullet the rest of his life. He died in his native place in 1869, at the age of sixty-three years. He was a Lutheran in religious faith. William John Schrader married Dora Stormer, who lived and died at the same place, and their family consisted of five children: William; Charles, who died in Germany; and Dora, John and Conrad, all of whom lived in Germany.

William Schrader went to school until he was thirteen years old. Until he was fifteen he worked on the sugar beet farms and then went to St. Petersburg, Russia, where he remained for nine years, meanwhile learning the baker's trade. He then came to America, sailing from St. Petersburg to Hamburg, and thence to New York City, where he landed Oct. 10, 1868. Thence he came direct to Indiana county, Pa., where his uncle, Charles Stormer, a miller and farmer, was located. Mr. Schrader worked for a time in his mill, and then rented the Henderson mill at Blairsville, which he carried on on his own account for two years. By that time the new roller process took the place of burr milling. Mr. Schrader next rented the McKee mill, near Ernest, this county, where he made considerable reputation as a miller, his flour taking first premium at the Indiana county fairs for four years. From there he came to Indiana borough, where he worked two years for Charles Gessler. Mr. Gessler going to Germany at the end of that time, Mr. Schrader rented his bakery for a year and a half. He next moved to Punxsutawney, where he was in the baking business, running the People's Bakery for twelve years, until he traded it for a farm of 150 acres in Brushvalley township. The next three years he devoted to the cultivation of that place, and then selling the coal and surface rights retired to the borough of Indiana.

On June 13, 1872, Mr. Schrader was married, in Indiana, to Mary Ann Faith, of that place, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Barnhart) Faith. Six children have been born to them, namely: (1) Harry Franklin, of Indiana, a policeman, married Maggie McDonald, and they have four children, Margery,

McDonald, William Edward and Reynolds. (2) Elizabeth married J. R. Lewis, of Pittsburg, and their children are Edward, John and Elizabeth. (3) Margaret married Harry Harris, of Indiana, and is the mother of two children, Dorothy and Margaret. (4) William Edward, of Mahaffey, Pa., married Ida May Robinson, and has three children, Paul, Myrtle and Rebecca. (5) Bertha Jane married George Lydic, of Indiana. (6) Charles, of Pittsburg, is a pharmacist.

Mr. Schrader was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in his native land, and he and his wife belong to that denomination. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and in politics he is a Republican. His home is at No. 251 Church street.

FRANK H. LEARN has been engaged as a dealer in flour since his removal to Indiana, in 1903, and bought his present store in August, 1910. He was born Jan. 1, 1863, on the old Learn homestead, near Cookport, Indiana county, son of Henry and Catherine (Kunkle) Learn.

The Learn family has long been settled in Pennsylvania. John Learn, great-great-grandfather of Frank H. Learn, was murdered by the Indians at Tannersville, Northampton (now Monroe) Co., Pa., July 3, 1781. He had five sons: George, who with his wife and child was killed at the same time his father met death at the hands of the savages; Andrew, mentioned below; Jacob, who remained on the old homestead; John, who settled in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where his descendants still live; and Peter, who settled in the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Andrew Learn, son of John, removed to Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1775. He married Susan Yockey, and they are buried in the St. James' Reformed Presbyterian Church cemetery in Westmoreland county. Their children were: John, George and Andrew.

John Learn, son of Andrew and Susan (Yockey) Learn, was born in 1785, and settled in 1829 on the farm at Cookport, Indiana county, now known as the old Learn homestead. He married Elizabeth Ashbaugh, and they had a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, all of whom reached maturity. He died at Cookport April 3, 1858, and Mrs. Learn died Nov. 26, 1864, aged seventy-five years, eleven months, twelve days.

Henry Learn, son of John and Elizabeth (Ashbaugh) Learn, was born April 20, 1826, near Apollo, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and died



on the old Learn homestead at Cookport in 1893. His wife, Catherine (Kunkle), born Jan. 25, 1831, daughter of Henry and Catharine (Mundshower) Kunkle, died there Aug. 10, 1907. They were Lutherans in religious connection, charter members of the church of that denomination at Cookport. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Learn: Frank H. and Oakley E., the latter living near Cookport.

Frank H. Learn lived on the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-three years. He attended the local public schools until he was eighteen, and has always been a close reader, never relinquishing his interest in books and study. In his twenty-fourth year he left home, and lived at Cookport for the six years following, running a temperance hotel, and then for ten years engaging in the mercantile business at Barnesboro, Cambria county. In 1903 he came to the borough of Indiana and entered into business as a wholesale jobber in flour, which he still continues in connection with the general store at No. 366 Philadelphia street, which he bought in August, 1910. He makes a specialty of the Superlative and Marvel brands of flour, and handles feed, chop, middlings and bran, having a profitable trade in his various lines. He is a straightforward and capable business man, and has gained a firm standing among the substantial business men of the borough by his enterprising methods and honorable transactions.

A number of years ago Mr. Learn became interested in the Prohibition movement, and he has long been an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He has served as a delegate to State and national conventions, and has been the candidate of the party for various offices, at present for representative in the State Legislature. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he officiates as elder.

On May 27, 1886, Mr. Learn married Clara May Gibson, daughter of Robert Gibson, of Blacklick township, this county, and they have become the parents of eight children, two of whom are deceased, the survivors being: Viola Grace, wife of Dr. C. G. Harmon, of West Lebanon, Pa.; Howard G., of Indiana, who married Hazel McCoy; George Blair, at present a student in the Indiana State normal school; Elizabeth; Robert Henry, and Ruth.

**FRANTZ.** The Frantz family is supposed to be of German extraction, and the earliest known ancestors of the branch here under

consideration were residents of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Frantz, the first of the name of whom there is record, lived in Lebanon county, and was there killed by the Indians. He was the great-grandfather of Jacob Frantz, of Rossmoyne, Indiana county.

Daniel Frantz, son of Henry Frantz, was born in Lebanon county, and there grew to manhood, learning the trade of miller. He came to what was then a portion of Union county, Pa., married Catherine Shafer, and settled down about ten miles north of Selinsgrove, now included in Snyder county. There he followed his trade of miller for years, and also worked as a millwright. Later he moved to Jefferson county, locating at Mahoning Creek, where he operated the old Bell mill for some years and spent the remainder of his useful life. His remains were laid to rest in Paradise cemetery, in Jefferson county, and his wife lies by his side. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. They were earnest Christian people, who worked hard and tried to do their duty as they saw it. Their children were: Henry, who died in Snyder county; Eve, who married John Armstrong, and died in Clearfield county; John, mentioned at length below; Daniel, who died in Jefferson county; Joseph, who died in Clearfield county; and George, who died in Jefferson county.

John Frantz, son of Daniel Frantz and father of Jacob Frantz, was born near Selinsgrove, Pa., in 1803. Growing to manhood there, he received what education the local or "Pennsylvania Dutch" school afforded. From early boyhood he worked hard in the flourmill, learning all the details of the business from the bottom up, and so was well fitted for milling when he was able to embark in that line for himself. His first property was known as the Mount Pleasant Mills. In 1848 he moved with his family to Jefferson county, at the Douthers, near Bank creek, and engaged in farming for a period, but later resumed milling operations at Sportsburg, Pa., where he conducted a mill for some time. Still later he moved to Indiana county, taking charge of the Samuel Good mill, in West Mahoning township. After a year, however, he went to Armstrong county and conducted a flourmill in Cowanshannock township, for a year, leaving that location for Valley township. In the latter locality he found employment for his skill in operating the John Sechrist mill for four years, and from there went to Red Bank township and

conducted a mill at Eddyville for two years. At the expiration of that time he returned to Cowanshannock township, and for a period resided with his son Jacob, but his last two months were spent at the home of his son Israel, at Stump Creek, in Henderson township, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he died in 1874; he was buried in a cemetery at Troutville, Clearfield Co., Pa. From the formation of the Republican party he gave its principles and candidates his hearty and effective support. Early in life he was a Presbyterian, but later was received into the communion of the Catholic Church, in which faith he died.

John Frantz was married in what was at that time a part of Union (now Snyder) county to Mary Steffey, who was born in Union county, daughter of Jacob Steffey, and died in 1843. She was buried at Richfield, Union county. Mrs. Frantz was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children of this marriage were: Amos, who died in young manhood in Jefferson county; Eli, who died in Jefferson county; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Royer, and died in Union county; Susannah, who married James McCracken, and died in Clearfield county; Mary, who died young; John, who was a soldier during the Civil war, and died in Clearfield county; Daniel, who died in Colorado; and Jacob, who survives.

After the death of his first wife John Frantz married (second) Rachel Hefley, of Union county, and they had one daughter, Catherine, who married Thomas Collins, of Butler county, and died in Clearfield township. Mrs. Rachel Frantz died in Butler county at the home of her daughter, and was buried in Clearfield township, that county. Both were devout members of the Catholic Church.

JACOB FRANTZ, son of John Frantz, is now living retired from the activities of life in Rossmoyne, South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., enjoying in his declining years the fruits of his earlier labors, and has every reason to be proud of what he has accomplished in his busy career. He has been spared to see his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up about him. Mr. Frantz was born in what was then Union (now Snyder) county, Pa., near Selinsgrove, Aug. 20, 1838. Brought up to hard work and thrifty habits, he attended school in his native place as much as possible; but he was only ten years old when the family moved to Jefferson county and thereafter he had no educational opportunities, work being always placed before schooling in those days when the labor

of each child was regarded as an asset. The early schools were conducted on the subscription plan, and English and "Dutch" were both taught. When he was only twelve years old he hired out to George Gorley and worked on his farm for two years, receiving four dollars per month for his services, in addition to his board. Returning home, he was put to work at milling, and proved so capable that he continued with his father until he was ready to go into business for himself, meantime acquiring thorough and practical knowledge of milling and millwrighting. In 1859, when he became of age, he began operating his first mill, renting a place at Pine Creek, in Armstrong county, where he remained one year, when he went to Glade Run and conducted the John Sieger mill for over a year. For the next two years he operated the George Howser mill in Brady's Bend township, and from there went to Eddyville, same county, and for eighteen months operated another mill.

During this period of his business activity the Civil war had been declared, and like other loyal Northern men he felt that he must not allow private interests to interfere with his duty to his country, so he enlisted on Aug. 12, 1863, in Company B, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Captain McCanna and Colonel Sirwell commanding. Mr. Frantz was in the 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, and participated in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Allatoona, Big Shanty and Kenesaw Mountain. There he was changed to Chattanooga to guard trains, transferred to Company A, 78th Regiment, and served until honorably discharged, Sept. 11, 1865, at Nashville, Tennessee.

Returning home, Mr. Frantz resumed his milling operations, spending three years at the Denny mills in Butler county. Going back to Armstrong county, he located in Valley township, where he commenced farming on a tract of eighty-seven acres. He farmed this property, but preferring milling to agricultural work, traded his land for a mill in Cowanshannock township, known as the Hosc mill. This was the first mill he owned, and he conducted it for four and a half years. Selling this property, he came next to Mahoning township and rented the Samuel Good mill, one that his father had conducted some years before, and ran it for eighteen months. Later Mr. Frantz went to Oliver township, Jefferson county, and once more began farming, this time on fifty-one acres which he bought. How-

ever, after two years he rented his farm, and going back to Armstrong county operated a mill at Phoenix, in Wayne township, for three years. Again he rented the Denny mill in Butler county and operated it for four years. Then he went to Eli Coulter, at Sprinkle Mills, in Jefferson county, for two years, and then in 1886 came to Indiana county, and locating in South Mahoning township bought the old mill known as the William Mill, then owned by George Langendorfer. Taking his son Thomas and later James D. into partnership with him, he developed the business to somewhat extensive proportions, under the name of Jacob Frantz & Sons, until 1892, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Frantz retired, his sons continuing the business under the style of Frantz Brothers. During the period that he was at the head of the firm numerous improvements were made in the plant, new machinery being installed and new methods adopted.

For the last twenty-seven years Mr. Frantz has been living at Rossmoyne. Although now advanced in age he is very active in mind and body, in full possession of all his faculties, and takes a deep interest in local affairs, about which he is well informed, as well as those of national character. Until the first Cleveland campaign he was a Democrat, but at that time became a Republican, and has since been staunch in the support of the principles and candidates of the party. For years he served capably as township supervisor, but aside from that has not aspired for office. A man of kindly impulses and charitable intent, he has endeavored to govern his life according to the teachings embodied in the Golden Rule. He is a member of Shields Post, No. 38, G. A. R., of Covode, West Mahoning township, this county, and for forty-one years has been an Odd Fellow. He is a past grand and member of the grand lodge of the State, and has attended the grand lodge four times.

On July 4, 1861, Jacob Frantz was married to Hannah Howser, who was born in Valley township, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of George Howser. Mr. and Mrs. Frantz celebrated their golden wedding on July 4, 1911, surrounded by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The occasion was one not likely to be forgotten and was enjoyed by all, especially by the venerable couple who for half a century had lived together in happiness and mutual service, each assisting the other in the duties of life.

Six children have been born to Jacob Frantz and wife: George, who is a millwright and

millwright in Maryland, married Margaret Warding, and they have had children, Blanch (unmarried), Nellie (wife of S. Davis), Viola, George (a Presbyterian minister), Bertha, Frank, Jane, Paul, Jacob and a son that died in infancy; Jacob N. died at the age of thirteen; John W. died at the age of ten years; Thomas H. is mentioned at length below; James D. is also mentioned at length below; Nora married F. R. Wingard, of South Mahoning township, and has children, Jacob Frantz, Bertha, Gladys, Clark and Olif.

THOMAS H. FRANTZ, fourth child of Jacob Frantz, was born Aug. 17, 1868, and until he was ten years old attended school, but since that time his educational training has been obtained through experience and observation. His services being needed in the mill, he was put to work early, and in return was given a good trade, learning milling and millwrighting in all their details. When he was only twenty-two years old his father took him into partnership under the firm name of Jacob Frantz & Son, which was later changed to that of Jacob Frantz & Sons, when his brother James D. was admitted into the firm. This desirable association continued until 1892, when with the retirement of his father the two sons formed the firm of Frantz Brothers. In October, 1902, the mill was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$7,500, but undismayed the two energetic young men rebuilt the same year, and now have a fine plant, a three-story structure which was put up at the cost of \$13,000, and is fully equipped with modern machinery, roller process. The firm has also established a large store at Rossmoyne, where a full line of general merchandise is carried. In 1897, during the McKinley administration, Mr. Frantz was appointed postmaster at Rossmoyne, which office he has filled ever since. He is responsible for the suitable name of Rossmoyne, as he selected it for the new office, which is in the fourth class. He served very efficiently as school director for fifteen years, and is a local power in the Republican party. An Odd Fellow for over twenty years, he is interested in the work of that fraternity, has been a past grand for years and is also a member of the grand lodge of the State. He also belongs to the Plumville lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias at Sagamore and the Owls at Punxsutawney. Mr. Frantz is one of the progressive business men of his township and stands very high in the public estimation.

On Oct. 30, 1888, Mr. Frantz was married to Melvina Lewis, who was born in Perry

township, Jefferson county, daughter of John and Christina (Doverspike) Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frantz have had the following children: Ina, who married O. A. Good, and has one child, Marlin; Delbert G., who has charge of the store of Frantz Brothers; Alma, who died when seventeen months old; Edna; and Leland L.

JAMES D. FRANTZ, son of Jacob Frantz, was born March 30, 1870, in Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., Pa. He received better educational advantages than his brother, attending school until sixteen years of age, when he entered the mill operated by his father and brother. He continued as an employee until 1888, when he was taken into the firm, the name being changed from Jacob Frantz & Son to Jacob Frantz & Sons. As before stated, in 1892, James D. and Thomas Frantz became sole proprietors of the milling property upon the retirement of the father, and the name was once more changed, becoming Frantz Brothers. This milling plant is one of the largest and best equipped in Indiana county, and an immense business is handled annually. In addition to milling the firm deals heavily in flour, grain and feed, and owns and conducts one of the leading mercantile establishments in this locality.

The enterprise of the Frantz family is well exhibited in the various undertakings of the two Frantz brothers. They are good business men, who know their different lines thoroughly and how to operate them successfully. They have branched out more than their father, who confined himself to milling and farming, but they are imbued with the same honorable principles which characterize the elder man, and their name stands for all that is upright and noble.

James D. Frantz is a Republican and is serving as assistant postmaster at Rossmoyne, but he is no office seeker. The Lutheran Church holds his membership, and Mrs. Frantz belongs to the same religious denomination. In 1891 Mr. Frantz joined the Odd Fellows lodge at Plumville, and he is interested in its work.

On Oct. 3, 1895, James D. Frantz was united in marriage with Mary Annette Sprankle, of North Mahoning township, this county, daughter of M. S. Sprankle, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. Frantz are the parents of one son, Carl Sprankle, who is attending school. Mrs. Frantz is devoted to her home and family. Mr. Frantz is a fine type of the modern business man and good citizen. While his own affairs occupy his attention, he is never too

busy to be interested in local improvements and lends his support to all which he believes will work for the ultimate good of the many.

All in all, Jacob Frantz and his two sons represent the class of men who have developed this nation, and established its prestige at home and abroad. Their interests are closely allied to the prosperity of their community, for they assist in creating it.

WILLIAM AUSTIN GLASS, agriculturist and member of the board of supervisors of Center township, Indiana county, was born in Brushvalley township, this county, near Mechanicsburg, April 18, 1852, son of William and Jane (Campbell) Glass.

William Glass was born March 4, 1812, and made his home in Brushvalley most of his life. He was a tanner and harnessmaker by trade and one of the first manufacturers of leather in Brushvalley township, his shop being on what is now known as the Hiner farm. He continued in active business there until about 1860, when he moved to Center township, and made his home on the Thomas Burns farm, although he still continued to work at his trade. He died Nov. 2, 1880, and was buried in Bethel Church cemetery, in Center township. He was well known and highly respected, an active Republican, and a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church. He was twice married, his first wife being Jane Campbell, daughter of Andrew Campbell, by whom he had children as follows: Pauline, who married William McBeth; John, who served as a soldier during the Civil war; Andrew, who died March 12, 1912; Esther Annie; Sarah Jane, who married Harry B. Hawes, of Cherrytree; William Austin; Benjamin Foster; Isabelle, widow of Martin Moddy; Mary Ellen, who married Washington Aultman; and James and Jane, who died in childhood. The mother of the above children died in 1860, and was buried in Bethel cemetery. Mr. Glass was married (second) to Catherine Burns, who was born in Center township, daughter of Thomas Burns, and she died Sept. 17, 1886, at the age of sixty-five years, one month, twenty-three days, and was buried in the United Presbyterian Church cemetery. One child was born to the second union, a son, Thomas Burns.

William Austin Glass was educated in the public schools, and was but eight years of age when he lost his mother by death, making his home with his mother's sisters until he was nineteen years old. At that time he went to Cambria county and learned the trade of mill-

ing with Peter Garman, with whom he worked for seven years, and subsequently continued to follow his trade until 1885. He then came to Center township and purchased a farm of 126 acres, known as the Fulmer farm, near the line of White township, and here he has been engaged in general farming ever since. He erected the present comfortable home, barns and other buildings, and made improvements of an extensive nature, through industry and faithful effort having made a success of his ventures. He is recognized as an industrious and capable agriculturist, and is widely known and highly esteemed in Center township, where he has many friends. He is a staunch supporter of the principles and candidates of the Republican party, and since 1896 has served in the capacity of member of the board of supervisors; he also held the office of school director for one term. He is a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

On April 5, 1881, Mr. Glass was married to Cordelia Douglass, and they have one child, Harley Blair, who is engaged in general farming with his father. He and his mother are also members of the Baptist Church, and are well known in church and social circles.

WILLIAM DOUGLASS SHIELDS has been a farmer all his life and since 1884 has been settled in Banks township, Indiana county, where he is one of the most respected citizens of his locality. He was born April 17, 1849, in North Mahoning township, this county, son of Robert and Jane D. (Taylor) Shields, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania, the mother born in Adams county. Robert Shields was a farmer by occupation.

William D. Shields was given a public school education and trained to farm work. In 1884 he moved to Banks township, where he has since had his home, on the same farm, owning a fine tract of 118 acres which he cultivates very successfully, being regarded as one of the up-to-date agriculturists of his section. He is highly respected by his fellow citizens, who have shown their confidence in his ability and integrity by electing him to the offices of election inspector and township supervisor, which latter he held for seven years. He has always been a Republican on political questions. He is a member of the Evangelical Church.

On Oct. 27, 1870, Mr. Shields married Susanna Amanda Bush, daughter of Philip and Catherine (Sloniker) Bush, farming people, both natives of Pennsylvania. Fifteen children have been born to them, eleven of

whom survive. We have the following record of this family: Delia J., who is deceased, was married to Thomas Black, and had five children, of whom two, Owen and William, are living. James W., a miner of Banks township, married Emma Armenta Airgood, and they have seven children, Monroe, Edward, Susan, John, Bertha, Rosa and Almeda. Anna Bell is deceased. Frank Lester, a farmer, of Clearfield county, Pa., married Anna Uber, of Banks township, Indiana county; they have an adopted child, Ada Bell. Philip Clyde, a miner, of Dixonville, Indiana county, married Jane Black, and their children are Wade, Henry, Guy, Leonard, Howard (deceased), Carl, Della, Clark and Blaine. Ruth is the wife of Frank Cessna, a machinist, of Indiana county, and they have four children, Bertha, William D., Goldie and Minerva Viola. Katherine Maud married Henry Black, a farmer, of Dixonville, and has three children, Harvey, Wilda and Melvin. Clark Wilson, a minister of the Evangelical Church, married Clara Wissinger, of Indiana county, and they have one child, Ruth Estella. Daisy Dean married Lester Lockard, a farmer, of Indiana county, and they have five children, Maud, Lewis, May, Fred and Leafy. Irvin I., a miner, of Indiana county, married Elizabeth Marks, of Indiana county, and has one child, Harry Eugene. Morton Taylor, a farmer, married Mary Dunlap, of Indiana county, and has one child, Tirza May. Oscar was drowned May 23, 1903. Annie is deceased. Lewis McKinley and Zella Mary are still attending school.

SNYDER. The Snyder family is well represented in Center township and one of the old settled families of Brushvalley township, being widely and favorably known in that section of Indiana county. The Snyders are of German extraction, and the branch to which William H. and Jackson K. Snyder, brothers, both farmers of Center township, belong is descended from Conrad Snyder, who was the first of the family to come to Indiana county, Pa. His early home was in the State of New Jersey, where he married Abby Loubson. At an early period he came with his family to Indiana county, locating on a farm in White township, where he was engaged in farming during the remainder of his life. He and his wife died on the homestead farm. They had six children: William, Daniel B., Henry, Mary, Caroline and Emily.

Daniel B. Snyder, son of Conrad, was the father of William H. and Jackson K. Snyder.

He was born in New Jersey, and was in his teens when the family came to Indiana county. He learned the trade of mason in White township, and followed it for some years, doing much work on the blast furnaces of Indiana county. Later he took up farming, operating a part of the homestead in White township, but eventually sold out and moved to Brushvalley township, where he purchased a farm of 400 acres. He made extensive improvements there and spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was widely known and highly esteemed throughout the township, as a prosperous farmer and as a public-spirited citizen whose activities assisted in the development and progress of this section. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, to Mary Killin, who was born in that township, daughter of Samuel Killin and granddaughter of Daniel Killin, a soldier in the war of the Revolution. She died on the farm at the age of seventy-nine years, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had the following children: Elizabeth; Tillie; David L.; William H.; Samuel, who is deceased; Abbey; Richard, who resides in Center township; Jackson K.; and Sarah.

WILLIAM H. SNYDER, son of Daniel B. and Mary (Killin) Snyder, was born March 2, 1851, on his father's homestead, Center township, and was there reared to manhood. He attended school in both Center and Brushvalley townships, and was thoroughly trained to farm work under the direction of his father, remaining at home with him until his marriage. At that time he received ninety-six acres of the home tract, situated in Center township along the Brushvalley line, and there he has since lived and worked. He built a house and barns and made numerous other improvements, added twenty acres to his original holding, and now with the aid of his sons cultivates a tract of 150 acres. In addition to his farm work, Mr. Snyder was engaged in butchering for some time, in partnership with his brother David, and he has been general agent in the county for the Perkins National Herb Tablets, made in Washington, D. C. He has been thrifty and industrious, and is a most respected man in his community, a worthy member of a family whose members are known for their substantial qualities. He is a Democrat, but has never taken any part in politics or public affairs of any kind.

On Sept. 23, 1879, Mr. Snyder married Annie Stewart, who was born at Cherryvalley,

in Center township, daughter of Levi Stewart, of that township, and six children have been born to this union: Samuel H. lives at home; Sarah Allen married Sumner V. Hill and resides at Josephine, this county; Mary Matilda married Donald Wetzel, of Brushvalley township; Henry is at home; Elizabeth died young; Cora May is at home.

JACKSON KILLIN SNYDER, son of Daniel B. and Mary (Killin) Snyder, was born Aug. 30, 1859, on his father's farm, and during his boyhood attended the schools of the neighborhood. He worked at home with his father during his youth and early manhood, and when he attained his majority obtained ninety-six acres of the home farm, engaging in farming and stock raising there until 1894. Then he sold out and removed to Buffington township, this county, where he lived and worked on the Barnard Gamble farm for one year. Selling out again, he was employed at the Graceton Coke Works for a year, at the end of that time settling in Center township, buying a piece of land from the Fritz family upon which he has since made his home. He follows farming to a limited extent, giving considerable time to plastering, at which business he worked for several years in Indiana, Johnstown and other places.

On Jan. 1, 1880, Mr. Snyder married Martha Gamble, who was born in Center township, daughter of Barnard and Harriet J. (Gorris) Gamble. They have had four children: Abbie Ann is married to William Shelton Marshall and resides at Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Margaret Elizabeth is the wife of Frank Stiles, of Center township; Martha Gamble is the wife of D. Ralph Mack, of Center township; Harry Dixon is at home. Mrs. Snyder attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Snyder is a Republican in political sentiment, but he has never sought office and takes no active part in public affairs. He was formerly a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Mechanicsburg, Pa. He is a man of high character and regarded by all who know him as a most desirable citizen.

SAMUEL CRAWFORD, postmaster at Rochester Mills, has passed all his life in that part of Indiana county, and was for many years actively engaged in farming on the place in Canoe township where he still makes his home. He was born April 27, 1835, in East Mahoning township, and is a member of an old family of this region, his grandfather, Moses Crawford, having come to Indiana county in 1798 and to the Mahoning district

in 1818. The Crawford family were among the first pioneers north of the Purchase Line in this county.

Moses Crawford was a member of a pioneer family of Kentucky, where he was born about 1772. He grew to manhood in his native State, and coming to western Pennsylvania in 1798 first located in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, near Centerville, where he continued to make his home until 1818. He then moved to what is now East Mahoning township, settling in the woods on a tract of land where he established a permanent home, dying there in 1831, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a carpenter, and followed his trade as well as farming. During the war of 1812 he was in the service of his country as a scout. In politics he was a Whig. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Nancy (Scroggs), had a family of nine children: Mary, who married James Donaldson; Samuel; Jane, who married William Hartman; John; David; Allen; Ann, who married William Robb; James, and Elizabeth, who married William Matthews. Mr. Crawford's second wife, Mary (Jamison), was born in 1790 in Wheatfield township, daughter of Archie Jamison, a Scotch Covenanter, who settled near Armagh, this county, where he followed farming. She died in 1864 in East Mahoning township. Seven children were born to this marriage: Archibald J. T., who married Emily Sprenkle; Rachel, who married Andrew Spalding; Margaret, who married John Gourley; William, who married Mary Gourley; Isabella; Martha; and Moses Scott, who married Rachel Pollock.

Allen Crawford, son of Moses, was born in 1804 in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, and there obtained what education the subscription schools offered. He was fourteen years old when the family moved to the Mahoning section, settling in what is now East Mahoning township, and there he grew to manhood, later moving to what is now North Mahoning township, on a tract of 150 acres where he put up a log house and barn and set to work to make a comfortable home. With the help of his sons he succeeded in clearing his land, upon which he made many improvements, building a frame house and frame barn as prosperity enabled him to better his surroundings, and adding to the value of the place in various ways. He followed farming and stock raising there throughout his active years, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying there in 1872. He was

buried in Covode cemetery. Mr. Crawford was first a Whig in politics, afterward becoming a Republican, and in religious connection was a Presbyterian. In 1826 he married Nancy Brown, who was born in 1806 in what is now East Mahoning township, daughter of John and Margaret (Wiggins) Brown and granddaughter of John Brown. They had the following children: Margaret married Daniel Rishell, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Moses died in young manhood; John, who died at Punxsutawney, married Jane Black and (second) Miss Milliron; Samuel is mentioned below; Alexander S., deceased, married Elizabeth Anderson; James L., a physician, now deceased, married Zermiah Griffith and (second) Alice Blinn; Mary Jane married Samuel McGee; Nancy Ann married James Wilkins; Lucinda died in young womanhood.

Samuel Crawford attended the subscription and public schools of North Mahoning township, and was reared to farming from early life, following that kind of work until his enlistment for service in the Union army, in 1864, when he joined Company B, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Wilson, of Punxsutawney, and Colonel Rhobeck. He served until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge in August, 1865, at Clarksburg, W. Va., and was mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa. His principal service was in West Virginia, doing guard duty. Upon his return to Indiana county Mr. Crawford commenced farming for himself in Canoe township, on the W. P. Morris tract of 185 acres, where he has followed general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. He has erected a substantial house, barn and other buildings, and has made numerous improvements on the property, which gave every evidence of his thrift and intelligent care during his management. In 1886 he gave up the active work of farming, his son now operating the place, but Mr. Crawford has continued to make his home there. For the last thirteen years he has served as postmaster at Rochester Mills, having been appointed Feb. 16, 1900, under President McKinley, by Hon. Emery Smith, of Philadelphia, then postmaster general. He succeeded H. D. Widdowson, becoming the fifth incumbent of the office, and has had the longest term of any postmaster there. Mr. Crawford has also filled other local offices, having been assessor of Canoe township eleven years, school director, and a member of the election board. His political connection has been with the Republican party.

He is a member of the G. A. R., Post No. 28, at Indiana, and in religious association is a Presbyterian, belonging to the church at Rochester Mills and serving as trustee of same. A useful and highly respected member of his community, he has become popular with his fellow citizens in a long career of satisfactory public service, and is widely and favorably known in his section of Indiana county.

In 1858 Mr. Crawford married May Radcliff, daughter of David Radcliff, of Banks township, this county, and they have had a family of seven children, as follows: James Robert; Edith M., living on the old farm; Samuel C., of Iowa; Harvey, who is engaged as an oil operator in Jefferson county, Pa.; Clark, also an oil operator of Jefferson county, Pa.; Edith, wife of Harry Pierce, of Punxsutawney; and Jennie, wife of Howard Vite.

**THOMPSON CLARK McCREA.** The McCrea family of Blacklick township, Indiana county, the head of which was the late Thompson Clark McCrea, for several years president of the First National Bank of Blacklick, and in every respect one of the most substantial citizens of that section, is one of the oldest and best known families of this territory. The McCreas are of Scotch origin. The first of the name in Indiana county was John McCrea, who located in 1774 on a tract of land near what is now Rugh station, in Burrell township, which was then included in Westmoreland county. He settled there when it was a wilderness. He married Jane Porter. In the early part of 1777 they were forced to flee to Wallace's fort, in Westmoreland county, on account of the Indians, Mrs. McCrea carrying her only child, John. She preceded her husband to the fort, he waiting behind to hide the household effects. He was closely pursued by the Indians as he hurried to the fort, and died the next day from the overexertion. His widow returned to Franklin county, where she married (second) William McCrea, by which union she had one child, Samuel Alexander. The family later moved to Uniontown, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania.

John McCrea, son of John and Jane (Porter) McCrea, was born in what is now Burrell township Sept. 16, 1776, and was but six months old when his parents had to leave their log home in the wilderness to take refuge in Wallace's fort from the Indians. He lived with his mother and stepfather until 1800, when he returned to the place of his birth, Blacklick township, and settled down to farm-

ing, erecting a log cabin. He continued to make his home in the township the rest of his life, extensively engaged in farming, being a large land holder, owning over 350 acres. He died on his farm, near Smith station, while living with his son Samuel, in 1861, aged eighty-four years, seven months, four days, and was buried in Blairsville cemetery. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics a Democrat. He was a strong, rugged man, active and hard-working, and respected by all for his industrious nature and high moral character. He married Elizabeth Reed, who was born May 28, 1776, in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., and died April 26, 1847, at the ripe age of seventy years, ten months, twenty-eight days. Mrs. McCrea was buried in Blairsville cemetery. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. To this union the following children were born: (1) Robert Reed, born Feb. 2, 1802, was a farmer in Conemaugh township and later in Saltsburg. (2) William Clark was born Sept. 18, 1803, and died March 1, 1874. (3) John J., born April 2, 1805, located in Armstrong county and died April 4, 1865. (4) Thompson, born in 1807, died Nov. 30, 1884. (5) Jane, born Nov. 20, 1809, married David Lintner, of Burrell township. (6) Rachel, born April 23, 1812, married Samuel Hosack, and died in Blairsville. (7) Elizabeth, born April 13, 1814, died in December, 1841. (8) Acasah, born May 8, 1816, married John Hart, of Conemaugh township. (9) Matilda, born Jan. 21, 1820, married J. Taylor, of Collinsville, Pa. (10) Samuel, born in 1822, died April 16, 1864.

William Clark McCrea, son of John and Elizabeth (Reed) McCrea, was born Sept. 18, 1803, in Blacklick (now Burrell) township. He grew up on the farm with his father and his education was limited to what he could obtain in the subscription schools of the locality, which were open only a few months in the year. When he started out in life for himself in Blacklick township, on a farm of 325 acres, owned and occupied by his son, the late Thompson C. McCrea, half of his tract was woods and part of the cleared land was used by the local militia for drilling. He continued the rest of his life on this farm, which he improved extensively. He was one of the best known men of the township, and took a leading part in township and county affairs. He was interested in politics first as a staunch Whig, later as a Republican. During the Civil war he supported the principles of Abraham Lincoln, and was quite ac-





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tive in the township at that time. He filled the office of supervisor before Burrell and Blacklick became separate townships, and also served as justice of the peace. He was county commissioner of Indiana county during the Civil war, having been elected Oct. 13, 1863, and served one term. He was a man universally respected for his high morality, sterling integrity and Christian principles. In religious matter he adhered firmly to the principles of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he was a ruling elder and trustee. He died March 1, 1874, aged seventy years, five months, eleven days, and was buried in Blairsville cemetery.

On June 3, 1830, Mr. McCrea married Nancy Adams, who was born Oct. 7, 1811, daughter of James and Mattie (McCartney) Adams, and died Dec. 19, 1873; she was buried in Blairsville. Mrs. McCrea was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of ten children: (1) John Porter, born Sept. 30, 1831, located in Massahasket, Iowa. (2) James, born Sept. 18, 1833, was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company B, 56th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was wounded at North Anna River May 25, 1864, dying from the effects of his wound May 26, 1864. (3) Elizabeth, born Nov. 10, 1835, married William T. Rankin, and resided at Atlantic, Iowa. (4) Robert T., born Aug. 3, 1838, died June 6, 1911, was a minister of the United Presbyterian Church, and resided at Fresnold, Ohio. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company D, 206th Regiment. (5) Thompson Clark was born June 15, 1841. (6) Martha, born Aug. 29, 1843, died April 6, 1848. (7) Mary Ann, born April 14, 1846, died Dec. 1, 1866. (8) William M., born July 16, 1849, died in November, 1866. (9) Nancy Jane, born Oct. 6, 1853, died in 1899, in Iowa. (10) Samuel, born Nov. 6, 1856, died in September, 1857.

Thompson Clark McCrea, fifth child and fourth son of William Clark and Nancy (Adams) McCrea, was born June 15, 1841, in Blacklick township, on the homestead. He attended the old brick school known as the McCrea school, and grew up on the farm, where he worked with his father from early boyhood, engaged in farming. He continued to reside with his parents, and they died at his home. After the death of his father he remained on the old homestead, which contains over 300 acres, on which he made numerous improvements, including the erection of a substantial dwelling house and barn. He

also bought the Graff farm, of 285 acres, now operated by his son William Porter McCrea, and dealt in other land in the township. He was also largely interested in real estate in Ohio. Mr. McCrea was energetic and up-to-date, being considered one of the most progressive farmers of his section of Indiana county, as he was one of the most successful. He had a reputation for keen business foresight, having carried his various enterprises forward profitably, and had numerous business connections besides his agricultural and real estate interests. He was among the first directors of the First National Bank of Blacklick, and filled the office of president from 1909 until his death, having been elected to succeed Dr. Carson in that position. He was a stockholder in the Farmers' Blacklick Telephone Company, and a member of the Indiana County Agricultural Society. His death occurred July 7, 1913.

During the Civil war Mr. McCrea volunteered for three months in Col. J. Porter's regiment, but served only five weeks. In former years he supported the principles of the Republican party, but of late years, choosing to set an example to the youth of the country, he openly adopted the doctrines of the Prohibition party and supported its ticket by vote and voice; he was a staunch advocate of the cause of temperance. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Homer City and one of its foremost workers, being one of the ruling elders, a trustee for many years and also Sunday school teacher. Mr. McCrea was a liberal contributor to all good works, but was particularly interested in local and foreign missions.

On Nov. 12, 1874, Mr. McCrea was married at Homer City, Pa., by Rev. H. Q. Graham, to Margaret Ellen Wineman, who was born Aug. 26, 1847, daughter of Jacob and Eleonora (Stewart) Wineman, who were old settlers of Center township. Mrs. McCrea is a member of the United Presbyterian Church. She is a woman of strong Christian spirit, and bore with fortitude the great trial she and her husband had some years ago, when six of their children were taken from them within six weeks. They had a family of eight children: William Porter, born Nov. 27, 1875, is mentioned below; James Quincy, born July 26, 1877, died Jan. 4, 1892; Ethel Eleanor, born Dec. 31, 1878, died Nov. 28, 1891; Harry R., born Sept. 5, 1880, died Dec. 1, 1891; Robert McClellan, born March 18, 1883, died Nov. 29, 1891; Elizabeth, born Dec. 11, 1887, died Dec. 8, 1891; Martha M., born Jan. 6,

1892, died Jan. 17, 1892; Frank Clark, born July 1, 1893, resides with his mother on the homestead farm.

WILLIAM PORTER MCCREA, son of Thompson Clark and Margaret Ellen (Wineman) McCrea, was born on the homestead farm Nov. 27, 1875. He was educated in the public schools of his home town and in the high school at Homer City, and remained on the home place with his father until 1903, when he settled on the 285-acre tract of land which was formerly owned by Henry Graff, known as the old Dixon farm. Here he has since followed farming, in which he has been highly successful. He has made numerous improvements on the property, his home and surroundings telling their own story of his intelligent interest and practical thrift. They show artistic taste as well as industry and are a distinct credit to his efforts. In politics Mr. McCrea is a Republican, and he has served as school director for three years. He was one of the organizers and first directors of the First National Bank of Blacklick, and has been a member of the board of directors ever since. He belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Homer City, where he serves as trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a typical member of the enterprising family from which he comes, and is thoroughly in sympathy with all good movements.

Mr. McCrea married March 25, 1903, Mary Melissa Wilson, who was born Dec. 17, 1877, daughter of Robert M. and Sarah Louisa (Fair) Wilson. Mrs. McCrea is also a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Four children have been born to this union: Clair Wilson, born Sept. 25, 1904; John Thompson, Oct. 28, 1907; Margaret Louisa, May 11, 1909, and Alice Martha, June 17, 1911.

WILLIAM BARBOUR, who died March 13, 1913, was a venerable citizen of Montgomery township, Indiana county, living retired at the time of his death, which occurred in his eighty-sixth year, his birth having taken place Sept. 12, 1827, in Westmoreland county, Pa. His parents, John and Eliza Barbour, came to this country from Ireland.

When seventeen years old William Barbour began to learn the trade of blacksmith, at that time going to Clearfield county, Pa. In his boyhood he had lived for seven years, from 1837 until 1844, at Dixonville, Indiana county, and in 1858 he settled in Montgomery township, buying a farm of 110 acres to the cultivation of which he devoted himself

throughout his active years, retiring in 1899. He was an enterprising and ambitious worker, and made many improvements on his property, clearing the land and bringing it under excellent cultivation. He also engaged in lumbering. For years he filled the office of school director in his township. In August, 1864, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out July 3, 1865.

In December, 1848, Mr. Barbour married Elizabeth Lee, of Burnside, Clearfield Co., Pa., who was born Sept. 19, 1824, daughter of Timothy and Eve Lee, the former a minister of the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Of the children born to this union four survive: Harriet Jane, now the wife of Dr. H. Benjamin Pittman, of Hillsdale, Pa.; Alwilda Lee, wife of Fred Dunlap, a farmer, of Bloomington, Pa.; Augustus F.; and William W., an attorney, of Ridgway, Elk Co., Pennsylvania.

AUGUSTUS F. BARBOUR was born Oct. 6, 1856, and obtained his education in the public schools of Montgomery township. He worked with his father on the farm and also at lumbering, and at the age of twenty-one began clearing land for himself. He now owns the old homestead, and has also acquired other land, having 136 acres in all. Farming has been his principal business in life, and he has made a success of his undertakings, being a substantial and much respected citizen of his district. He has been actively interested in various movements which appealed to him as promising to benefit the community, belonging to the Patrons of Husbandry (Shryock Grange) and supporting the Prohibition party at the polls. He is holding the office of school director, in which he has already served nine years, and in 1911 was elected for six years more.

In the year 1877 Mr. Barbour married Sarah A. Lydic, of Taylorsville, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Moses and Eliza P. (Hensley) Lydic, farming people, and they had one child, Arthur L. Mr. and Mrs. Barbour are members of the M. E. Church.

ARTHUR L. BARBOUR, only child of Augustus F. and Sarah A. (Lydic) Barbour, was born April 29, 1878, and received his education in the public schools of Montgomery township and at Marion Center and Glen Campbell, this county. He has worked at the carpenter's trade to some extent, but farming has been his chief vocation, and he is now engaged in general agriculture with

his father in Montgomery township. On Nov. 19, 1904, he married Sarah A. Rush, of Glen Campbell, and they have three children: Sarah Ethel and William Augustus, who are in school; and Elizabeth Lee, at home.

GEORGE A. BRICKELL, farmer and miner of Banks township, Indiana county, is a member of the third generation of his family to reside there. His father, George A. Brickell, came to Indiana county with his father in 1838 and settled in Banks township, the present George A. Brickell occupying his homestead of forty acres which has been in the family about seventy years. The grandfather lived there too, dying Oct. 5, 1873, at the age of seventy-three. They were "York State" people, from Rockland county. The old stock of Brickell came from Ireland.

George A. Brickell, the father, was a farmer and lumberman by occupation. He became a prominent man in this section, holding a number of township offices, including those of tax collector, overseer of the poor, and supervisor, in all of which he proved an efficient public servant. Mr. Brickell died April 7, 1893, at the age of seventy-two years. His widow, Ann Eliza (Baird), who was born May 21, 1825, near the town of Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa., is still living, now aged eighty-eight years, and came to Indiana county in 1835. She has been a professing Christian since she was thirteen years old.

George A. Brickell was born Nov. 4, 1858, in Banks township, and there received his education in the country schools. He and Hon. John P. Elkin, who became United States senator from Pennsylvania, were boys together, and Mr. Brickell has often taken part in school debates with him. He assisted his father in his farming and lumbering operations, and at the age of twenty-six years took up lumbering on his own account, devoting himself to that work for several years. During the summer season he always followed farming, which he still continues, and for the last fifteen years he has also engaged in mining. He has not only been energetic in the management of his own affairs, but has also taken part in politics and local government, having served several times on the election board of the township and two terms as overseer of the poor. He is independent on political issues.

On Feb. 15, 1885, Mr. Brickell was married to Sarah C. Weaver, a native of Banks township, daughter of William and Nancy Weaver, the former of whom is a farmer and lumber-

man. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brickell, two of whom survive, namely: Laura Inez, now the wife of James H. Smith, a miner, of Gipsy, Indiana county; and George Ray, who lives at home. Clarence Edison died when seven years old, and another child died in infancy.

ERASMUS R. COOPER, who carries on general farming in Rayne township, Indiana county, and has been an official of that township, was born June 26, 1846, in Somerset county, Pa., whence his parents, John F. and Leigh (Cable) Cooper, moved, to Indiana county not long afterward, settling in Rayne township. The father was a native of Somerset county, and died in 1854, at the age of forty-five years.

Erasmus R. Cooper was reared in Rayne township and attended public school. He is now engaged in farming there, owning his farm, which consists of 105 acres. He has taken an active part in local affairs, served seven years as overseer of the poor, and for three years as member of the board of school directors, his work in both positions being efficient, and satisfactory to his fellow citizens.

On Dec. 23, 1876, Mr. Cooper married Margaret Bell, who was born in Rayne township, daughter of J. J. and Catherine (McHenry) Bell, and granddaughter of John F. McHenry; the latter's father, who came from Scotland, had a family of five children. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bell had seven children, viz.: Thompson M. died while serving in the Civil war; W. W., a physician, of Chicago, Ill., married Catherine Corning and has five children, Madie, Catherine, Flossie, Victoria and Lottie; Samuel M., a physician, living at Homestead, Pa., married in November, 1883, Anna McKee, of Rayne township, and they have two daughters, Lizzie and Daisy; Joseph M. died unmarried at the age of forty-seven years; Mary Jane married John T. Cathcart, of Rayne township, and has had six children, three of whom are living; Malinda C. died at the age of thirteen years; Margaret is the wife of Erasmus R. Cooper.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cooper: Effie is the wife of F. B. Speedy, an electrician in the employ of the Westinghouse Company, and they have two children, twins, Harold and Grace, born Oct. 17, 1904; Bessie B. is engaged in teaching school at Cherrytree, this county; Willetta A. is a teacher at Pitcairn, Pa.; Iva M. is a stenographer employed in Philadelphia; Jennie,

born May 21, 1888, and Flossie, born Sept. 16, 1890, are at home. The family are Presbyterians in religious association, attending the old Washington Church in Rayne township.

MARTIN WASHINGTON BEST, a farmer of Grant township, was born near Alum Rock, Clarion Co., Pa., July 24, 1845, son of John S. Best, and grandson of Michael Best.

Michael Best made his home in Westmoreland county, Pa., and early records show that the Best family came originally from Holland, but at so remote a date that definite data are not forthcoming relative to the exact location here of the immigrant ancestor. For a number of years Michael Best resided in Westmoreland county, and then moved to Clarion county, at a time when that section was still a wilderness, so that he had the distinction of being one of its pioneers, and to him belongs a portion of the credit for its early development. He became an extensive landowner and farmer and died full of years and wealthy in land and stock. He was a man of prominence in his community, and earned and retained the confidence of all who had any dealings with him.

John S. Best, son of Michael Best, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and was brought to Clarion county in childhood, there growing to manhood. He received a local school education, and at the same time was taught farming from the bottom up. After attaining his majority Mr. Best began farming on his own account, continuing to reside in Clarion county until 1849, when he moved to Indiana county with his family, and bought 120 acres of land in Grant township. This property was then owned by Judge Thomas White, of Indiana, Pa., a distinguished jurist, father of Judge Harry White. It was still in a wild state, and the family settled in the woods at Deckers Point. From then on there was plenty of hard work for all, but as Mr. Best was not only an industrious man, but a good manager, he succeeded in clearing his land and putting it under cultivation. He built a comfortable dwelling house, substantial barn and other necessary outbuildings, making a valuable property and desirable home. Here he resided until death claimed him, in 1892, when he passed quietly away on the farm he had reclaimed from the wilderness, and his remains were laid to rest in the family lot on the place. Although in his younger years he was a Lutheran, he later united with the Methodist Church, and died firm in that faith. An old-time Democrat, he

held firmly to the principles of his party, and gave it substantial support for many years.

While still living in Clarion county Mr. Best married Catherine Sterner, a native of Berks county, Pa., daughter of John Martin Sterner. Mrs. Best died on the farm aged eighty-seven years, and is buried by the side of her husband. Like him, she was a consistent Methodist. The children born to this worthy couple were: Francis Emanuel, who is deceased; Martin Washington; Rebecca, deceased; Mary Olive, who married George Coalman; Martha Elda, who married J. C. Sherry and lives at St. Louis, Mo.; Joseph W., deceased; Delilah, who married Thomas Burkett; and Isaiah Wesley, who died young.

Martin Washington Best, son of John S. Best, was only five years old at the time of the family migration to Indiana county, and so grew to manhood in this locality, attending the local schools for a few months each year. At the same time he gave valuable assistance to his father in the work of the farm. After attaining his majority Mr. Best went into the oil fields of Clarion county, and later was engaged in lumbering in Clearfield county, thus continuing for four years, when he resumed his agricultural pursuits, feeling that he was better fitted for that kind of work than any other. In 1896 he took charge of the homestead, to which he added twenty acres, now owning 130 acres of as good land as can be found in Grant township. While he is engaged in general farming and stock raising, of late years he has found it profitable to specialize in raising produce, which he sells in the mining towns of Clymer and Dixonville and throughout neighboring sections. A man of unusually progressive ideas, he has had the ability to carry them out, and is reaping the profit therefrom. In addition to increasing the fertility of his land, Mr. Best has made many material improvements, and is very proud of his property.

A Democrat of firm principles, he has given valuable and hearty support to the candidates of his party and has been a successful candidate himself for the office of school director of Grant township, which position he has held for some years. He has also served very acceptably as constable for one term, tax collector for one year, and has been inspector of elections. Brought up in the Methodist faith, it is but natural that he should unite with that church, and he has always given it generous support, now conserving its interests as trustee, while in the Sunday school he is an honored teacher. For some years he be-

longed to the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the Grange.

Mr. Best married Lavina Schreckengost, who was born in Armstrong county, Pa., daughter of Daniel and Mary (McAfoos) Schreckengost. Mr. and Mrs. Best have one son, John D., who is at home. Mrs. Best belongs to the Methodist Church and takes a lively interest in the good work of that organization. She is an intelligent Christian woman, and is beloved not only in her own home but throughout the neighborhood, where her many virtues are known and appreciated.

WILLIAM JOHNS, M. D., now engaged in the practice of medicine at Mechanicsburg, in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, is a native of the county, born Sept. 18, 1880, in West Wheatfield township.

Wilson P. Johns, his father, was born in 1844 in Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., and about 1867 came to Indiana county, making his home in West Wheatfield township, where he followed lumbering and farming throughout his active years. For the last twenty years he has been a resident of Wilkinsburg, Pa., where he removed upon his retirement, in 1892. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and in politics is a Democrat. On April 15, 1820, Mr. Johns married Amanda Hall, who was born in 1853 in Westmoreland county, daughter of John Hall, and they have had a family of ten children, as follows: Catherine married William Watterson and resides at Charleroi, Pa.; Mary is a nurse in the West Pennsylvania hospital, at Pittsburg; Ida is the wife of A. S. Moorhead, editor of the *Indiana Progress*; Myrtle is married to Henry Van Ryan; William is mentioned below; John H. has charge of the plant of the National Biscuit Company at Fairmont, W. Va.; Jennie was graduated from the State normal school at Indiana and is engaged in teaching public school in Wilkinsburg; Edna graduated from the Pittsburg commercial college and is now employed as a typewriter and stenographer; Marvin is studying medicine; Golden is a high school student at Wilkinsburg.

William Johns obtained his primary education in the common schools and later went to summer normal at Greenville, this county. He taught for two terms in West Wheatfield township, after which he entered the Westinghouse electric works at East Pittsburg, Pa., where he was employed for three years. Meantime he took a scientific course at night school in Pittsburg, and subsequently entered the University of Pittsburg, where he pursued the medical course, graduating in 1908, with

the degree of M. D. The following year he was resident physician at St. Francis hospital, in Pittsburg, meantime taking a special course in surgery, and in 1909 located at Homer City, Indiana county, where he was in practice a short time, thence coming to Mechanicsburg, where he has since followed his profession. Dr. Johns' high personal character and practical ideals have already brought him recognition as a most desirable citizen in the community, and as a physician he has gained the confidence of a circle of patients which is steadily widening. His work is thoroughly creditable to his attainments and ambition. He is a member of the Indiana County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On Sept. 6, 1910, Dr. Johns married Mary Bell Waddell, daughter of James E. and Margaret (Elrick) Waddell, of Tunnelton, Pa. They are popular members of the M. E. Church. In political matters the Doctor is independent.

JAMES G. WALKER, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising on a well-cultivated property in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born in Burrell township, Armstrong Co., Pa., Oct. 10, 1845, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Walker) Walker.

Alexander Walker, the paternal grandfather of James G. Walker, was a native of Ireland and the first of the family to come to the United States. He first located in eastern Pennsylvania, later being one of the pioneers in Burrell township, Armstrong county, and drove packhorses across the mountains at a time when there were but forty houses in Pittsburg. Later he became the driver of a six-horse train, handling freight between Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and finally acquired a large tract of land in Armstrong county, there building the first gristmill erected west of the mountains, on Crooked creek. He made flour which he took to Pittsburg in a canoe, thus doing business for a number of years. He became widely known and highly esteemed, was a prominent Whig and Republican and one of the first county commissioners of Armstrong county, and donated two acres of land, on which was erected the old log building of the Congregational Church. He was twice married, having two sons by his first wife: One who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Robert.

Robert Walker, son of Alexander Walker,

and father of James G. Walker, was generally known as "Robert of A." He received only a meager education in the subscription schools of his day and locality, having to journey four miles through the woods to reach the little log schoolhouse. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and also taught the business of milling, and in 1830 erected a gristmill on Crooked creek which he operated for a long period. In order to make a mill run he was obliged to dig a tunnel three hundred yards long through a stone hill, a task that to many a man might have seemed almost impossible. He devoted his 1,700 acres of land to general farming and stock raising and became wealthy and prominent, being a supervisor and leading Republican. Mr. Walker moved to Eddyville in the spring of 1858 and there purchased a gristmill, which he conducted until the spring of 1871, then returning to the old home place. His death occurred at Tunnelville, Pa. He passed away in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he had for many years been an elder. He married Mary Walker, who died in April, 1859, and is buried at Tunnelville, and they became the parents of the following children: Alexander, deceased, who was a farmer of Armstrong county; Samuel, deceased, who lived on the old place in Armstrong county; Margaret, deceased, who married James Kerr; Caroline, deceased, who married George Crownover and lived in Armstrong county; Robert, deceased, who was a resident of Burrell township, Armstrong county; John, who met his death in the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863, as a member of Company D, 62d Pennsylvania Infantry; Sarah, widow of James Altman, living in Burrell township, Armstrong county; Mary Ann, who died at the age of two years; Matilda Jane, widow of O. H. Nodstrom, living at Punxsutawney, Pa.; and James G. In April, 1864, Mr. Walker married (second) Nancy Butler, who survives him and is still living on the old homestead. By this marriage there were two children: Almira, married to Rev. Harry Calhoun, now living in the State of Indiana; and Andy Gregg Curtin, who lives at Tunnelville, Pa. Of the 1,700 acres Robert Walker owned at the time of his death all but one hundred acres is still owned and farmed by his children and grandchildren.

Samuel Walker, the maternal grandfather of James G. Walker, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, was married there to Mary Little, and they came to Armstrong county with Alexander Walker and his family, settling on

a farm on Crooked creek. He was a prominent and progressive farmer, and raised the first wheat west of the mountains. His children were: Mary, the mother of James G. Walker; Robert, a surveyor by profession, who lived at home; Margaret, who married Samuel Cook; Samuel, who married Jane Espy (he was a farmer, went to Missouri and there died); and John, deceased, who married Elizabeth Iseman (he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits).

James G. Walker, son of Robert Walker, received his education in the common schools, and remained at home until he was sent to Eddyville to conduct the mill, which he operated successfully until 1871, in the meanwhile being also profitably engaged in farming and lumbering. On Feb. 15, 1867, he was married to Susanna Smith, of Eddyville, born Sept. 22, 1842, daughter of George Smith, a farmer of Eddyville. To Mr. and Mrs. Walker there have been born the following children: O. P., chief of police of Vandergrift, Pa., and also for many years at Punxsutawney, married Della Stear; Myrtle married Davis Lindsley, of Punxsutawney, and has six children; R. S., of Salmon, Idaho, an electrician in the line of mining machinery, married Nellie Girtley and has four children; Annie married M. Gabagan, of McKean county, and has two children; Maggie married Clark Laughry, of Goodville, Pa., and has three children; Bessie married Charles Stephenson, of McKean county, and has three children; Clara married Ed. Dickey, of Smicksburg, and has three children; Florence married A. F. Pfeiffer, of Plumville, Pa., and has three children; G. R., who is carrying on operations on the old home place for his father, married Lulu Lewis, and has two children.

Mr. Walker moved to West Mahoning township April 6, 1880, and purchased the farm of 214 acres on which he now makes his home. About one half of this land is under cultivation, and improvements are being constantly made, so that the property is becoming one of the most valuable in West Mahoning township. In its management Mr. Walker has shown himself to be an able farmer and an excellent business man, and he has so prosecuted his activities as to gain and retain the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. While a resident of Armstrong county he served as justice of the peace for many years and as supervisor and in other capacities. He has been justice of the peace in Indiana county since 1884, was auditor from 1894 to 1897, and at the present time is a member of the



county board of supervisors. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and with his family attends the Lutheran Church at Smicksburg.

On Sept. 4, 1864, Mr. Walker enlisted in Company B, 6th Pennsylvania Artillery, at Pittsburg, his regiment being sent into Virginia, where it joined the Army of the Potomac. He continued with this organization until receiving his honorable discharge, Jan. 17, 1865, the greater part of his service having been in the guarding of railroads, bridges and forts. His record as a soldier was without stain or blemish, his military career always being characterized by the same conscientious faithfulness to duty that has marked all his relations in his life. Mr. Walker has hosts of friends in and near Smicksburg, drawn about him by his many admirable qualities of mind and heart.

ALBERT HENRY HESS, retired farmer and builder, now living at Gipsy, in Montgomery township, is in various connections one of the best known citizens of his part of Indiana county, his active business and public life having brought him into contact with most of the residents of that section. He was born in this county Nov. 27, 1843, son of Simon J. and Louisa (Reed) Hess, natives of New York who came here in 1842, settling in Montgomery (now Grant) township. The father was a carpenter and builder all his life, and also followed farming, having a farm of 150 acres. He died at the age of seventy-two years, the mother at the age of sixty-five.

Albert Henry Hess received his education in the public schools, and as soon as he was able began to assist his father in his building operations, being thus engaged until he entered the service during the Civil war. On Aug. 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, 135th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving with that regiment until May 30, 1863. He reenlisted July 1, 1863, joining Company E, 53d Pennsylvania Regiment. Mr. Hess saw field service at the various battles of the Army of the Potomac, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Poe River, Spottsylvania, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, siege of Petersburg, Ream's Station (where he was wounded in the foot), White Oak Road, Five Forks, Amelia Court House and Appomattox. Entering the service as a private Mr. Hess rose to be sergeant major and was eventually promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, being mustered out as such June 30, 1865. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C.

Returning to his home in Grant township, Indiana county, Mr. Hess settled down to farming and also followed building, in which line he was in great demand, building nearly all the barns for miles around in his active days. He retired April 1, 1904. He has taken considerable part in local affairs, having served as road supervisor and on the election board at almost every election, and though a Republican in principle and interested in the success of his party he is independent in his support of measures and candidates. In the fraternal circles of this section he is well known, being a past grand in the I. O. O. F., a third degree member in the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the P. O. S. of A.

On Nov. 10, 1871, Mr. Hess married Margery E. Lydick, of Indiana county, daughter of James and Margaret (McConahey) Lydick, farming people, all of North Mahoning township, this county. Mrs. Hess and her parents were all born in Indiana county. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hess: Ray L., who is in business as a hardware merchant at Indiana, Pa.; Laura L., now the wife of John T. Kane, a merchant of Glen Campbell; Blair D., contractor and builder, of Gipsy, Pa.; Frank W., a foreman on the railroad, living at Gipsy, Pa.; Bertha M., wife of C. D. Buchanan, a traveling salesman, of Gipsy, Pa.; Howard S., contractor and builder, of Gipsy, Pa.; and Maud, now the wife of Charles Judge, manager of the Burnside Supply Company, of Glen Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are members of the Christian Church and he is one of its most earnest supporters, having held the office of elder for fifteen years.

ISAAC KEENER MILLER, one of the progressive farmers of Blacklick township, Indiana county, is a native of Conemaugh township, this county, born Sept. 19, 1863. The family has been here for many years, his great-grandfather, Samuel Miller, having come hither from Westmoreland county, where he was a farmer. He settled near Jacksonville in Indiana county. He was married twice, his first wife, Margaret, the mother of his children, dying in Westmoreland county. He married (second) in Indiana county Miss E. Bell. His children were: Ellen married John Taylor; James married Margaret Miller; Sarah; Hugh married Sarah Moore; Samuel G. married Mary Keener; John is mentioned below; Ann married Peter Keener; Martin married Hannah Simpson; Alexander mar-

ried Mary Elder; William married Elizabeth Coleman; Richard married Sarah Dillinger; Jane married James Blakely; Eliza married Samuel Davis; Margaret married Samuel McCurdy.

John Miller, of Conemaugh township, was first a farmer in Westmoreland county, and in the late forties moved to Indiana county, settling in Conemaugh on a farm of 160 acres. It was not only covered with timber, but also rocky, but he succeeded in clearing up much of it; at one period he spent seventeen days hauling stone from one field of this land. He continued on that farm the remainder of his life, dying there in 1872, and is buried in the Ebenezer cemetery in Conemaugh township. He was a member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. He was twice married, first to Mary Irwin and afterward to Matilda McPhileny, both of whom died in Conemaugh township and were buried at Ebenezer. There were six children by the first marriage: Margaret married Samuel Coleman, of Conemaugh township and is living now near Conemaugh Church; John Irwin is mentioned below; Mary married William Barkley, of Turtle Creek, Allegheny Co., Pa.; Amanda was next in the family; one son died in infancy; Martha (Mattie) married Robert Ewing and resides in Conemaugh township. There were three children by the second marriage: William S., who resides in Lewisville, Conemaugh township; Anna, who married Robert E. Dixon, of Young township; and a daughter that died in infancy.

John Irwin Miller, son of John and Mary (Irwin) Miller, was born Dec. 13, 1832, in Westmoreland county, and was ten years old when he came to Indiana county with his parents. Here he attended school and grew up on the farm, beginning work with his father. Then he began work on his own account, on a ninety-eight-acre tract in Conemaugh township, on which he farmed for a number of years, moving thence to Blacklick township, where he bought a farm of 204 acres. On this tract he built a large barn and made numerous other improvements, and there he was engaged in general farming and stock raising the rest of his life. He was thrifty and ambitious, and made a success of his undertakings. He took great interest in the welfare of the township, as well as of his own home and property, and was specially active in supporting any movement for the good of the public schools. He gave all his children good educational advantages, six of them becoming school teachers, three gradu-

ating at Grove City College. Mr. Miller died July 17, 1902, and was buried in the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church cemetery. He was a member and trustee of that church. In political opinion he was a Republican. He served his township as overseer of the poor, and was a good citizen in every way, well liked and respected. His wife, Mary (Keener), daughter of Isaac Keener, died May 2, 1892, and was buried in the Ebenezer cemetery. She was also a member of the Presbyterian Church. Ten children were born to their union: (1) George Irwin was formerly a practicing attorney in Colorado and is now a resident of San Diego, Cal. (2) Emma C. married J. Stewart Johnson and (second) Harry J. Graff, of Blacklick township. (3) Isaac K. is mentioned below. (4) Sarah Elizabeth married George Smith Long and (second) Harry Carson, a well-known farmer of White township. (5) Lillie Bell married John F. Pounds. (6) Thomas Benton is a practicing physician near Pittsburg, Pa. (7) James Herron is a minister of the Presbyterian Church and lives at Union City, Ind. (8) Mary Iola married J. Orr McLaughlin, and lives at Hood River, Oregon. (9) John Harvey died in infancy. (10) Mattie E. died when two years old.

Isaac Keener Miller, son of John I. and Mary (Keener) Miller, was born Sept. 19, 1863, on the homestead in Conemaugh township, and there attended school. From early manhood he worked under his father, and moved with the family to Blacklick township, where he has continued farming ever since, living on the George Howard farm, where his father settled. He has made extensive improvements on this tract of 204 acres, making many changes which have added materially to its value. Mr. Miller has made a success of his work, is a man of progressive ideas, and takes deep interest in the growth and progress of the township as well as in the furtherance of his own affairs. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers' Telephone Company, of which he is a director; and served his township as auditor and school director, and is an active member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. A Republican in politics, he has been greatly interested in the success of the party and has acted as member of the election board.

In December, 1895, Mr. Miller married Jennie Harbison, who was born in Center township, daughter of Edward and Rosanna (Carson) Harbison. Mrs. Miller was educated in the district schools and the State normal

school at Indiana, and taught school for two years in Center township. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller: John Harbison, born Jan. 21, 1897, educated in the Gordon school, passed the common school examination in 1912; Margaret Catherine was born May 25, 1906.

**HARRISON BENJAMIN BOYER**, a farmer and stockraiser of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born in Plumcreek, Armstrong Co., Pa., Dec. 14, 1865, on the Tobias Kimmell farm, and was brought to Armstrong township when eighteen months old by his parents, George and Elizabeth (Fisher) Boyer.

George Boyer, his grandfather, was born in Somerset county, Pa., and died in Armstrong county.

George Boyer, son of George Boyer, was twelve years old when the family emigrated from Somerset county to Armstrong county. He grew to manhood like any ordinary country boy, alternating work on the farm with attendance at the local schools, and when old enough began learning the carpenter's trade in Plumcreek township. In 1866 he moved to Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he bought ninety-six acres of land known as the Hershberger farm, and upon it began farming and raising fine horses, cattle and sheep. A man of quiet disposition and habits, he lived for his family, continuing his farming until 1885, when he bought the Peelor mill, a chopping mill, and ran it for seven years. His death occurred Sept. 5, 1909, when he was seventy-nine years old.

George Boyer married Elizabeth Fisher, a daughter of Jacob Fisher; her mother's maiden name was Fry. Mrs. Boyer died June 30, 1906, aged seventy years. She was born and reared on Dutch run, in Plumcreek township, Armstrong Co., Pa. The children born to this excellent couple were: Sarah Jane married George Proper, a farmer and stockman of Coshocton county, Ohio; Jacob married Jennie Kline; Peter married Jennie Kerr and (second) a Miss Anderson, and resides in Butler county, S. Dak.; Christiana married John B. Clawson, of White township; Noah married S. Petticord; John died in childhood; Harrison B. is mentioned below; Susanna, who married L. Valentine, is deceased; Mary is the widow of Conrad Stormer, a farmer of Young township; Maggie married Banks Kauffman, of Homer City, Pa., and is deceased; William married Amelia Anderson, and resides in Flandreau, S. Dak.; Martha

married James White and (second) John Kerr, and resides at Rockwood, Pa. In political faith Mr. George Boyer was first a Republican, but later became a Democrat. For many years he was a member of the Methodist Church of Shelocta, of which he was trustee for a long period.

Harrison Benjamin Boyer attended the local schools in Armstrong township, and assisted his father while doing so. After leaving school he was employed by James A. McKnight of Washington township, to do general farm work, receiving ten dollars per month for his services. Later he received \$145 and then \$150 per year, in 1887 and 1888, respectively, and out of this saved \$100 each year. Because of his thrift he was able to buy on April 1, 1898, the Jacob Hill farm of 100 acres, on which he carries on general farming and stock raising. He is a splendid example of a self-made man, and owes no one credit for what he has accomplished. His has been no royal road to fortune, his prosperity being the natural result of unceasing labor, intelligently directed, and a steady saving of small amounts. His excellent habits have been of assistance to him, and it is but natural that he should be a Prohibitionist, for he realizes how much money and energy are wasted by those who indulge in strong drink. It is his firm belief that the salvation of the country depends upon the adoption of a Prohibition platform. Feeling as strongly as he does Mr. Boyer is able to influence others, and demonstrates in his own life what temperance will help to accomplish. He is an elder of the Curry Run Presbyterian Church in Armstrong township, of which he has long been a member, and his family also belong to it. For some time he gave the affairs of the church his supervision as trustee, and at present he is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Feb. 22, 1893, Mr. Boyer was united in marriage with Margaret Hill, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Fleming) Hill, of Armstrong township. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer are the parents of the following children: Herbert William, Clark Franklin and Murray Wilson.

**MATTHEW T. RANKIN**, of Rayne township, Indiana county, is an up-to-date farmer of his community and has been quite active in local politics, taking an interest in good government and efficient office holders for his township. He was born Nov. 20, 1860, in South Mahoning township, this county, son of

James B. and Caroline (Adams) Rankin. The father was born Jan. 16, 1833, in Montgomery township, Indiana county, was reared there, became a harnessmaker by trade, and also followed farming. He died in October, 1901, aged sixty-eight years, seven months, four days. Mrs. Rankin, who was born in 1837, died Sept. 20, 1870. Their children besides Matthew T. were: Hannah M., George A., Bell J., Emma F., Anna E.

Matthew T. Rankin was educated in the country schools near his early home, and was reared on the farm, receiving a thorough training for agricultural work. He remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one, and for a number of years was engaged in sawmill work, as well as lumbering and logging in the northern part of Indiana county. He lived in Rayne township during that time, having located there April 1, 1889, and he settled on his present farm in that township April 1, 1909, now giving his attention principally to its profitable cultivation. Mr. Rankin is public-spirited and willing to do his share toward securing the advantages of intelligent government for his home locality, and he has served five years as member of the township election board, having acted as judge, inspector, etc. He was elected to the office of supervisor and filled same for one term.

On Jan. 18, 1883, Mr. Rankin married Margaret L. Steetle, of Rayne township, daughter of John and Delilah Steetle, farming people. Four children have been born to this marriage: John S., who is engaged as clerk in a general store at Chambersville, this county, married Mae Swan, of Washington township, Indiana county, and they have two children, Margaret and Eva Grace. Linnie Caroline married Fred McLaughlin, a native of Rayne township, now living at Homewood, Pa., and they have one child, Vada Grace. Harry, who is at present engaged in school teaching, lives at home. Eva Grace is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin attend the Presbyterian Church at Marion Center, of which they have been members since 1884.

JAMES W. MACK, who lives at Johnstown, Pa., belongs to the Mack family numerously represented in East and West Wheatfield townships, Indiana county, where it was established over a century ago by his grandfather, Robert Mack.

Robert Mack was a native of County Down,

Ireland, born about 1763. There he grew to manhood and married Margaret Campbell, who was born about 1769, and four children were born to them in their native home: John, born about 1797; Robert, born about 1799; James, born March 3, 1800; and Jean, born about 1803. In the early part of 1803 Robert Mack with his wife and four children left their native home for America. While they were crossing the Atlantic, on a slow-going sailing vessel, their little daughter Jean died and was buried at sea, the body being placed in a sack, weighted at the feet with sand. The burial service was read by the captain. After landing in the New World the family made their way west of the Alleghenies, locating in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, Pa., where Mr. Mack settled down to farming on a 400-acre tract. He had to erect the log cabin for his family, and began a hard fight for existence in the wilderness which lasted many years. By steady industry and thrifty habits he managed to develop his farm and make many improvements, and he spent the remainder of his life on that place, dying there Aug. 2, 1850. He was buried in Bethel Church cemetery, in what is now West Wheatfield township, and a headstone marks the last resting place of himself and wife. Mr. Mack in religious principle was what was known as a Seceder, later joining the Bethel United Presbyterian Church. He was an old-line Democrat on political questions. His wife preceded him to the grave, dying on the farm Nov. 17, 1839, at the age of seventy years, and was laid to rest in Bethel cemetery. She, too, was a member of Bethel United Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of thirteen children, those born in Wheatfield township being: David; William; Samuel; Armstrong; George; Jean (2), who married William McLean, and resides in West Wheatfield township; Margaret, who married Hugh St. Clair, and removed to Iowa; and Elizabeth (Betsey), who married William Campbell, being his second wife.

David Mack, son of Robert and Margaret (Campbell) Mack, was reared in West Wheatfield township. He always followed agricultural pursuits, owning and conducting a farm of 130 acres, the place now occupied by his son Samuel, and in his later life also operated a sawmill on Germany run. He was one of the prominent citizens of the township in his day, not only active in busi-

ness but also associated with the administration of public affairs. He was a life-long member of the United Presbyterian Church and active in all its work. He and his wife are buried in the Bethel Church cemetery. Mr. Mack married Matilda Craig, who died in 1878. They had a large family, namely: Robert, who married Elizabeth Brantlinger and (second) Sarah Adamson; Jacob, who married Mary Jane Wakefield; John, who married Elizabeth Murphy; David, who married Mary Jane Kerr; William, who married Sarah E. Marrs, and lives at Armagh, this county; Tillie, who married Samuel G. Walbeck and resided at Heshbon, this county; Samuel, who lives on the old homestead in West Wheatfield township (he married Charlotte Roof and their children are Bart, Charles, Theresa and Irvin); Thomas, who married Kate Roof; James W., who married Alice McCrory Jan. 9, 1884, and has had four children, Mabel M. (born Dec. 29, 1884, died March 18, 1902), Mary E. (born May 3, 1889), Arthur J. (born Oct. 22, 1898) and Gertrude A. (born Nov. 18, 1903).

Few families can equal the record of this one for patriotism. Six of the sons served in the Civil war, Jacob and John in Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; David in Company K, 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Robert, John and David were in Company H, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Greer and Col. Hugh J. Brady; William was in the 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery.

James W. Mack was born April 24, 1859, on the old homestead in West Wheatfield township, and began his education in the Germany school near by. Later he was sent to the select school at Dayton, Armstrong county, and then took up school teaching, which profession he followed for six years, in West Wheatfield township. After that he worked for Campbell & Mack, in the general store at Armagh, in East Wheatfield township, H. M. Elliott later buying Campbell out, and the firm name was Mack & Elliott for two years. In 1884 he moved to Johnstown, where he has become established as a contractor and builder. He is a carpenter by trade, and has followed that calling with great success, having erected many fine residences in and around Johnstown, and at various near-by towns. His home and office are at No. 755 Sherman street, Johnstown.

In politics Mr. Mack has adhered to the

Republican party, and he is strongly inclined toward the principles of the Prohibition party. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Johnstown.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER HAMILTON, a farmer and stock raiser of South Mahoning township, was born near his present home in that township July 8, 1849, son of Hugh H. Hamilton.

Robert Hamilton, the grandfather of William Alexander Hamilton, located in South Mahoning township when it was all a wilderness, and buying a tract of land devoted himself to clearing and improving it. He spent the remainder of his life upon this place, became one of the founders of the church built by the United Presbyterians in that section, of which he continued an active member until his death, and was a man of influence in the county. He married Rachel Work, born in Cumberland county, Pa., in 1794, daughter of William and Miriam (Scroggs) Work, the former one of the first school teachers in this locality. Mrs. Hamilton died in 1878, aged eighty-four years. They had six children: William, Hugh H., James, John, Allen and Miriam.

Hugh H. Hamilton, son of Robert and father of William Alexander Hamilton, was born in 1828 in South Mahoning township, where he was reared and sent to school. He made farming his life occupation, and developed his fifty-acre portion of his father's estate into a valuable property, adding to it until he owned 162 acres. On this farm he built a fine brick residence and commodious barn and made other desirable improvements, and engaged in farming and stock raising. Also a carpenter, he found plenty of employment at his trade, and erected a number of barns in East Mahoning township and other sections of the county. Together with that trade he combined a knowledge of mason work, and was called upon for his services in this line of building work as well. Like his father a strong United Presbyterian, he gave the land on which the Smyrna United Presbyterian Church was built, and he, John MeGaughy and Robert Ross split the stone and reared the structure. This most excellent man died in 1876, and was buried in the Mahoning Church cemetery. First a Whig and later a Republican, he served acceptably as a school director and supervisor, and was always interested in securing the best gov-

ernment for his township. This homestead is now owned and operated by Mrs. John Nichol.

Hugh H. Hamilton married Mary Ann McCreary, of East Mahoning township, a daughter of William and Margaret (McClain) McCreary. Mrs. Hamilton is buried by the side of her husband. They had children as follows: Rachel married Samuel Lydick and both are deceased; William Alexander is mentioned below; Wilson is deceased; Margaret Jane is deceased; Ella died young; John died young; Amanda married Jefferson Swan, of Indiana; Mary Rosette married Murry Hopkins, and is deceased.

Mr. Hamilton married for his second wife Hannah Stewart, who survives him, making her home in South Mahoning township. The children of this marriage were: Bessie, who married Harvey Marshall and (second) John Kirkpatrick, of South Mahoning township; Rhoda, who died young, as did Jennie and Russell.

William Alexander Hamilton was educated in the public schools of his neighborhood, and worked on the farm with his father until he was twenty-seven years old. He then obtained seventy acres of land, a portion of the homestead, on which he erected a residence and barn, a silo and other necessary buildings. Later he bought another farm of seventy acres from William Neal, in East Mahoning township, and this he has also improved, devoting all his land to general farming and stock raising. He has achieved his fair share of success in these occupations. A Republican, he served as overseer of the poor for one term, as supervisor for three terms, assessor, and inspector of election. The United Presbyterian Church holds his membership, and he is an elder, has been superintendent of the Sunday school, and very active in all church work.

In April, 1876, Mr. Hamilton was married to Sarah E. Neal, born in Armstrong county, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth (Stuchal) Neal, granddaughter of Robert and Sarah (Love) Neal and great-granddaughter of Lovett and Sarah (Cochran) Neal. Mrs. Hamilton is a descendant of one of the oldest settlers of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have the following children: Torrence, who resides in North Carolina; Delsie, who was a school teacher, now living at home; Thorne, who is in the lumber business in North Caro-

lina; and Wilson, also in the lumber business in North Carolina.

SIMON McDONNELL, who has lived in the borough of Cherrytree, Indiana county, since he retired from farming, has become quite prominent in the public affairs of that place during his residence there and is at present serving as burgess. He is a native of Cambria county, Pa., born April 3, 1843, son of William and Elizabeth (Allen) McDonnell and grandson of John McDonnell. The latter was a native of Bedford county, this State, and at an early day settled in Cambria county, where he bought a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits.

William McDonnell, father of Simon McDonnell, was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, but passed most of his life in this section, engaging in farming and lumbering, in Cambria and Indiana counties. He died in August, 1878, in Indiana county. His wife, Elizabeth (Allen), was born in Indiana county, where her family settled in the early days, and died in June, 1873. Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell had a family of nine children, namely: Joseph, who is now deceased; John, a resident of Greensburg, Pa.; William, deceased, who served during the Civil war in Company I, 82d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Simon; Barbara, deceased; Martin, a resident of Cambria county; Daniel, living in Green township, this county; Mary, wife of Jacob Keith, of Indiana county; and Aaron, a resident of Bedford, Pennsylvania.

When fifteen years old Simon McDonnell came to Indiana county, and lived on the farm in Green township where the family settled until the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of Company D, 115th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served to the end of the war, being mustered out at Harrisburg. He was wounded in the engagement at Chancellorsville, and among the other battles in which he took part were Fredericksburg, North Anna River, Po River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Strawberry Plains, Deep Bottom and Poplar Springs. His army service ended, Mr. McDonnell returned to Indiana county, and followed farming in Green township until 1900, when he retired from active labor and moved to the borough of Cherrytree, where he has since had his home. In addition to farming he also engaged in rafting on the Susquehanna river, and he had an industrious and prosperous career, the fruits of which he is now enjoying in comfortable

ease. He has always been an active citizen, associated with the best interests of the community wherever he lived, and while on the farm served as supervisor and school director of his township. Since coming to Cherrytree he has been street commissioner, school director and Burgess, having been elected to the latter office in 1909, for three years. He is associated with the Republican party. He is prominent in G. A. R. circles, belonging to William Conner Post, No. 40, of which he is commander and quartermaster.

In 1866 Mr. McDonnell married Julia Ann Lamer, who was born in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of Henry and Catherine (Kitter) Lamer, farming people, both of whom were natives of Cambria county. Mr. and Mrs. McDonnell are members of the Church of God at Pine Grove, in Green township.

GEORGE M. JOINER has been engaged in the general merchandise business at Grisemore, Indiana county, since 1895, and has established an extensive patronage in that place and the surrounding territory, where his thorough business methods and obliging nature have made him favorably known. Born Jan. 1, 1864, in Clearfield county, Pa., he is a son of William and Caroline (Neff) Joiner, both of whom are now deceased. The father was killed while serving in the Union army during the Civil war, having enlisted from Clearfield county. The mother remarried, and died at the age of forty-eight years, when her son George was but nine years old. She left two children, George M. and William E. Joiner, the latter now living in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

George M. Joiner came to Indiana county with his mother and stepfather, the family settling near the Cambria county line, and he attended school in Indiana county. He was reared on a farm, and when a young man taught school for a time, being thus engaged three terms in Green township and one term in Cambria county. He followed farming until 1895, when he established the general store at Grisemore, in Pine township, which he has ever since conducted, building up a trade which has shown a healthy growth from the start. In the spring of 1913 he bought the R. F. Templeton farm in Green township, where he is now engaged in farming. Mr. Joiner is a public-spirited and intelligent citizen, and his sterling qualities of character and business ability have been recognized by his fellow citizens, who have chosen him several times to public positions of trust. He

has served two terms as auditor of Pine township, and one term as tax collector, giving thorough satisfaction to all concerned in both capacities. He belongs to the Prohibition party.

On May 14, 1889, Mr. Joiner was married to Mollie D. Williams, who was born in Green township, this county, daughter of William M. and Sarah (Jones) Williams, who still live in Green township, near Grisemore. Mr. Williams has now retired from active work, but in his earlier days he was one of the most energetic and progressive farmers of this section of Indiana county. He and his wife are natives of Pennsylvania, born in Pittsburg; their parents came to this country from Wales, where they were born. Mr. and Mrs. Williams had a family of eight children: Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Jones, living at Barnesboro, Pa.; John, a farmer of Green township; Mollie D., Mrs. Joiner; Richard, a resident of Grisemore, Green township; Jennie, at home; William, also living at home; Margaret, at home; and Emma, the youngest, deceased. Robert Williams, an uncle of Mrs. Joiner, now deceased, was in the Union service during the Civil war.

Mr. and Mrs. Joiner are members of the Presbyterian Church.

SAMUEL W. WALKER, a veteran of the Civil war and a general farmer of East Mahoning township, living near the South Mahoning township line, was born in Washington township, this county, March 16, 1848.

Robert Walker, the grandfather of Samuel W. Walker, was born Dec. 10, 1785, and settled in Armstrong township with his father, on land near Shelocta. Robert Walker married Elizabeth Matthews, and they located in Washington township, being among the very first settlers there. Their farm comprised 110 acres on which they led the lives of pioneers, farming their land and operating a gristmill which Mr. Walker erected. He was a man of unusual enterprise, with ideas ahead of his time, and lived to see his property grow valuable, dying upon it in April, 1855. His widow only survived him until June 14th, and they are buried in the old Washington Church cemetery. He helped to erect the church edifice connected with the cemetery. In politics he was a Whig. The children of Robert Walker and wife were: Margaret and Jane (twins), born Jan. 23, 1805, the latter marrying Jacob Rowe; John, born Sept. 23, 1807; Benjamin, born May 27, 1810; Robert N., born Oct. 4, 1811, who lived

in Green township; James, born March 3, 1813, who died July 6, 1830; Thomas and Alexander (twins), born Sept. 25, 1815, the former dying Sept. 14, 1833, and the latter moving to Effingham, Kans.; Abraham, born Dec. 4, 1818, who died Jan. 11, 1819; and Sharp, born Dec. 24, 1820.

Sharp Walker, son of Robert Walker and father of Samuel W. Walker, was born on Christmas Eve, 1820. He was reared to the life of a farmer's son, and received a limited educational training in the subscription schools of his neighborhood. His life was spent in agricultural labor, and he died before he reached his prime, June 30, 1851, being buried in the same cemetery as his father. The Presbyterian Church held his membership. Sharp Walker married Elizabeth Waddell, who was born at Blacklick, Pa., a daughter of Samuel Waddell, and lived to be ninety years of age, dying at the home of her son, Samuel W. Walker, who with his wife cared for her tenderly. Her death occurred Nov. 29, 1905, and she is buried in Marion Center cemetery. They had four children: Johnston, a Civil war veteran, who was wounded in battle Aug. 29, 1863, and died from the effects of his wound, June 1, 1864; Marshall, who died in infancy; Samuel W.; and James, a merchant of Creekside, who married Susan Van Leer.

Samuel W. Walker, son of Sharp Walker, was only three years old when his father died, and he was reared by his mother. When only fifteen and a half years old, he enlisted, on Nov. 17, 1863, in Company F, 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Robert Kirk and Colonel McKnight, and served until the close of the war. After participating in the grand review at Washington he was honorably discharged, July 11, 1865, at Arlington Heights. During his period of service he was in the 3d Division, 3d Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and saw some hard fighting.

Returning home he resumed his agricultural work near Ambrose, South Mahoning township, where he remained until 1874, when he bought the William Colkitt farm in East Mahoning township, and operates the same. It is near the South Mahoning line, and is a very valuable piece of land. He has greatly improved it, building a house and barn and putting up good fences, and the land is under a good state of cultivation. He carries on general farming and stock raising.

A Republican, Mr. Walker has been supervisor of his township, has been school director

two terms, and judge and inspector of election. He has no fraternal connections, as he prefers to seek relaxation with his family. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

In September, 1872, Mr. Walker was married to Elizabeth Dunlap, a daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Landes) Dunlap. Four children have been born to this union: Belle, who married William Getty and resides in East Mahoning township; Minnie, who died in childhood; and Olive and John, who are at home.

THOMAS DUNLAP, father of Mrs. Walker, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., a son of Robert Dunlap. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, and was an agriculturist all his life. In 1861 he located in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he bought 110 acres of land, on which he carried on general farming and stock raising. Later he bought the farm which is now owned and operated by his son-in-law, Samuel J. Mulberger, comprising 102 acres. Mr. Dunlap improved this property considerably, built a barn and other buildings, and died there March 24, 1894; he is buried in the Washington Church cemetery. For years he was a member of the Baptist Church at Ambrose, having helped to organize it, and served it as an elder. A Republican, he served the township as supervisor and was on the election board. His first wife, Catherine (Landes), died in 1858, and was buried in the Leechburg cemetery, Westmoreland county, Pa. She was the mother of three children: Elizabeth, who married Samuel W. Walker; Margaret, who married M. C. Mahon, both now deceased; and a daughter who died in infancy unnamed. Mr. Dunlap's second wife, Isabelle (Warden), is also deceased. By this marriage he had three children: An infant son who died unnamed; Rev. Elmer Dunlap, of Ashland, Oregon; and Mary, who married Samuel J. Mulberger, a farmer operating the Dunlap homestead.

SAMUEL J. MULBERGER, a farmer and stock raiser of South Mahoning township, was born in Plumcreek township, Armstrong Co., Pa., April 17, 1860, son of William Mulberger.

Simon Mulberger, a native of Germany, left his native land when still a young man, and crossing in a sailing vessel came from New York City to Center county, Pa., where he engaged in farming until 1840. In that year he left for Armstrong county, and locating



in Plumcreek township continued his agricultural operations on 200 acres of land, at a time when his property was in the wilderness, he being one of the pioneers of that locality. One of his first acts was to erect a log cabin and a stable for the housing of his stock, both of which continued in use until 1857, when he built a substantial frame house and barn, and continued to make similar improvements until death claimed him, in 1879. He is buried in Elderton, Pa. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and politically was a Democrat. Simon Mulberger married a Miss Swinbart, who died in Center county, Pa., the mother of these children: Daniel, who went to California in 1849; Susan, who married Absalom Smith, of Armstrong county; Rachel, who married Moses Foreman, who lived near Kittinging, Armstrong county; Elizabeth, who married Solomon Penrod, of Plumcreek township; Polly, who married Johnson Thomas, of Plumcreek township; John, who lived at Elderton, Pa.; Catherine, who married William Stewart; William, who served in the Civil war; and Samuel, who died in prison while serving in the Union army during the Civil war.

William Mulberger, son of Simon Mulberger, and father of Samuel J. Mulberger, was born in Center county, Pa., in 1829, and there grew to manhood's estate. He came west with the family to Armstrong county, settling in Plumcreek township, where he began farming on seventy-two acres of land, thus continuing until 1873, when he sold and came to Indiana county. Settling in Washington township on the Thomas Johnson farm of 157 acres, he continued his agricultural operations, farming and raising stock as well as improving his property, until his death, Sept. 26, 1890, at the age of sixty-one years. He is buried at Plumville, having been a member of the German Reformed Church and one of the organizers of the church of that denomination at Willet. Politically he was a Democrat. He married Mary Cravener, of Cowanshannock township, Armstrong Co., Pa., who died at the home of Samuel J. Mulberger, Sept. 20, 1899, and is buried by the side of her husband. She also was a member of the German Reformed Church. The children of this estimable couple were: Adella, who married John A. Burns, of Washington township; Samuel J.; Ada, who married John Black, and resides in

Ohio; James F., who lives on the homestead, married to Vernie Miller; Ambrose Good, also on the homestead, married to Carrie Lawton.

Samuel J. Mulberger, son of William Mulberger, went to the schools of Plumcreek township, Armstrong county, and worked with his father until he was thirteen years old, and then began working among the neighboring farmers. When the family moved to Washington township he resumed working at home, and thus continued until he was twenty-four years old. At that time he began farming on his own account in South Mahoning township, operating the Moses Lemon farm for two years, when he bought fifty acres of the homestead in Washington township, in 1886. On this property he built a house, barn and made other improvements, so continuing until 1895, when he sold it to his youngest brother and settled on the Thomas Dunlap farm of 101 acres in South Mahoning township, west of Ambrose. There for the last eighteen years he has continued to live, all the while extensively improving his property and carrying on general farming and raising stock. He is specializing upon the growing of cabbages with very profitable results. The barn, which was built by his father-in-law, proved inadequate for his requirements, so he has enlarged it considerably, and he put up the first silo in this part of the county. Mr. Mulberger is one of the progressive men of his community, using modern methods in his farm work. Thrifty, he not only knows how to earn and save money but can also invest it wisely. Very fond of horses, he takes pleasure in his stud, being the owner of the thoroughbred stallion Prince, one of the finest of its kind in Indiana county. Formerly a Democrat, Mr. Mulberger has become convinced that only through the success of the Prohibition party can the country hope for a relief from the evils attending the present system of liquor traffic, and he supports its principles vigorously. At one time he served as supervisor of his township, and was an efficient official. The Washington Presbyterian Church holds his membership.

In 1886 Mr. Mulberger married Mary Dunlap, a daughter of Thomas Dunlap, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Mulberger is a most charming lady, whose excellent housewifery makes her noted throughout her neighborhood. She, too, belongs to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Mulberger are the parents of one son,

Byron C. After finishing a course in the public schools he attended Marion Center high school for two terms and then took a course at the State College. Having prepared himself for a useful career, he is now putting his knowledge into practical use on the home farm, being a great comfort to his parents, who are justly proud of him. The family is well and favorably known throughout Indiana county, and all of its members have many warm personal friends who appreciate them and their manifold virtues.

JOHN NOGEL (deceased) was engaged in business in the borough of Indiana for a number of years before his death, and his widow still resides there. Mr. Nogel was a native of Rothenburg, Germany, born in 1830, and passed his early life in the Fatherland. There he married Barbara Keim, and they came to the United States, settling in Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa. Mr. Nogel embarked in the livery business, which he continued until his death, becoming one of the best known men in that line in this city and vicinity. He succeeded by application and the exercise of those industrious traits characteristic of his nationality, and he was considered a good citizen in every sense of the term. He was a Democrat in political faith. His death occurred in October, 1884, when he was about fifty-four years old, and he is buried in Oak-land cemetery. In religion he was a Lutheran, belonging to the German Church.

Mr. Nogel's first wife died at Indiana. There were no children by that union. On May 4, 1879, he married (second) in Indiana Margaret Metz, a native of Pittsburg, daughter of Michael and Caroline (Raymond) Metz, and three children were born to them: Carrie, Mrs. James Chrisman, of Indiana; Estella, Mrs. Simpson Garret, of Bel-laire, Ohio; and Frank, who lives at home.

Michael Metz, father of Mrs. Margaret (Metz) Nogel, was born in Baden, Germany, and came to the United States when a young man. He married in Pittsburg, and some time afterward settled on a small farm in White township, Indiana county, where he spent the remainder of his long and industrious life, dying Oct. 6, 1906, at the age of eighty-one years. He married Caroline Raymond, who was born in Hanover, Germany, and died April 1, 1909. They were members of the German Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Metz, namely: Margaret, widow of John Nogel, of Indiana;

John, of Willet, Indiana Co., Pa.; William, who lives on the home farm; and Annie, Mrs. George McHenry, of Indiana.

ENOCH F. LEWIS, an honored citizen of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, farmer, former justice of the peace, and veteran of the Civil war, has a record of usefulness in his community of which he and his family may well be proud. He was born July 9, 1838, on the old Lewis homestead in South Mahoning township, son of Ephraim E. Lewis and grandson of Joshua Lewis. The Lewises are of Welsh extraction. David Lewis, the great-grandfather, had a large family, namely: Evan, Robert, John D., Sarah, Joshua, Nancy, Elizabeth, Samuel, David, George and Margaret.

Joshua Lewis was in what was then Mahoning township as early as 1806, settling on the farm now owned by John B. McCormack, where he built a stone house which is still standing, and which has been remodeled by Mr. McCormack. Here he spent the rest of his life engaged in farming, dying in 1828. He was a Presbyterian in religious connection, and is buried in the cemetery of the Gilgal Church. He served four years as associate justice of Indiana county. His widow, Nancy (Kelly), died in 1841, aged sixty-nine years. They were the parents of twelve children: Isaac, Lydia, Rebecca, David, Joshua, Keziah, Ephraim E., John, Lydia (2), Nancy, William H. and Mary E.

Ephraim E. Lewis, son of Joshua, was three years old when his parents moved to what is now West Mahoning township, and there he received a common school education in the subscription schools. He taught for a period, first in subscription school and later in public school, but made farming his principal occupation in life, following general agriculture and stock raising, having purchased improvement rights of a tract of land lying on the waters of the southeast branch of Plum creek, in what was then Mahoning (now South Mahoning) township. It contained 215 acres, surveyed by warrant dated July 9, 1838, and letters patent were granted to E. E. Lewis, bearing date the 2d day of February, 1849. The last twenty years of his life were spent on a farm he purchased near the home- stead, which under his management and care increased greatly in value and appearance, having a comfortable home there until his death, which occurred April 13, 1892, when he was eighty-seven years old. He is buried in Gilgal cemetery. Mr. Lewis was originally

a Whig in political conviction, later a Republican, and he took a keen interest in the success of his party and in the administration of local public affairs, serving South Mahoning township as overseer of the poor and school director, and for twenty years as justice of the peace.

Mr. Lewis was twice married, the first time, in 1830, to Margaret H. McPherson, who died in 1833, the mother of two children: Agnes, who died in 1873, and Margaret M., who died Jan. 31, 1899. On April 19, 1836, Mr. Lewis married (second) Susanna Irwin Farnsworth, daughter of John Farnsworth, of Blair county, Pa. Mrs. Lewis died in 1872, and is buried in Gilgal Church cemetery. She was a member of the Mahoning Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had children as follows: David R., now of Indiana, Pa., a veteran of the Civil war, was formerly register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' court, holding that office for two terms; he married in 1868 Susan W. Lemmon. Enoch F. is mentioned below. Jane H. died in 1847. Elizabeth D. died in 1847. Eliza H. died in 1861. Lydia W. married Capt. Evan Lewis, of Smicksburg, and died Jan. 28, 1903. Mary M. married William I. Work March 10, 1891. Jane E. married Theodore Lockhart, June 8, 1880, and died Feb. 12, 1886.

Enoch F. Lewis obtained a public school education, partly under his father's tuition. He worked at home with his father during his younger manhood, and farming has always been his occupation. The 102 acres of the homestead place which came into his possession have been greatly improved under his intelligent care, his labors in the line of general agriculture and stock raising being quite successful.

Mr. Lewis is a veteran of the Civil war, having entered the service as a member of Company I, 102d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 6th Army Corps. He was promoted to corporal and later to sergeant. Wounded in the right thigh by a minie ball in the battle of Cedar creek, Oct. 19, 1864, when discharged from the U. S. General hospital, Pittsburg, Pa., he returned to his regiment in front of Petersburg, March 27, 1865, taking part in all subsequent engagements until the close of the war.

On Jan. 15, 1867, Mr. Lewis married Mary Jane Shields, of Plumville, this county, daughter of James and Margaret (Getty) Shields, and they had children as follows:

Annie M., M. Elizabeth, Laura B. and Maude L.

Mr. Lewis has been honored by his fellow citizens with election to numerous offices of trust. He was justice of the peace for fifteen years, and was elected for a fourth term, but declined to serve. For years he was school director, has held the office of auditor and other township offices, and in every capacity has discharged his duties faithfully, never disappointing his constituents by lack of interest or efficiency. He is a Republican in political principle. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Plumville, of which he has been a trustee for years. He is highly respected wherever known.

WILLIAM HAMILTON KINTER (deceased), who during his life was engaged in farming in Grant township, and was a soldier in the Civil war, was a native of Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., born March 26, 1844, son of Peter and Agnes (Craig) Kinter.

The Kinter family is of Dutch extraction, the founder of the family in this country, Philip Kinter, the great-grandfather of William Hamilton Kinter, having been born in Holland in 1700. His wife, Margaret (King), was born there the same year. On coming to this country they settled in what was then Lancaster (now Dauphin) county, Pa. They had seven sons (daughters also), and all the sons served in the Revolutionary army under Washington; two, John and Peter, remained together, and all trace of the others has been lost by the branch of the family here under consideration.

John Kinter, son of Philip, and grandfather of William Hamilton Kinter, moved in 1808 to Indiana county, locating in what is now Rayne township, then a part of Washington township, near what is now known as Kintersburg; and Kinterhill, the highest point in the township, was named in his honor. Here he continued to reside, engaged in agricultural pursuits, during the remainder of his life, and died at the age of eighty-two years. During the Revolutionary war he served under three enlistments of two months each in the Continental army, and he was ever a patriotic and public-spirited citizen. Mr. Kinter married Isabella Finley, daughter of John and Sarah (Todd) Finley, the latter a sister of Gen. Eli Todd and daughter of Robert Todd, of Trappe, Pa. Eli Todd had a son Robert and a daughter Mary, the latter becoming the wife of Abraham Lincoln. Mrs. Isabelle (Finley) Kinter lived to

the advanced age of ninety years. She and her husband became the parents of six sons and three daughters: Margaret, who married William Borland; John, who married Sarah Ross, and died in 1866; Henry, a soldier during the War of 1812-14, who married Christina Heater; Catherine, who married James Coulter; Sarah, who married Judge Peter Dilts; William, who married Mary Speedy; Peter, the father of William H. Kinter; Finley, who married Catherine Heater; and Isaac, who married Hannah Myers.

Peter Kinter, the other son of Philip mentioned, married Mary Finley, sister of his brother John's wife.

Peter Kinter, son of John, and father of William H. Kinter, was born in 1800 in the valley of Spruce creek, in Center county, Pa., and in 1808 came to Indiana county with his father, the family settling on Crooked creek, at Kintersburg. He spent his entire life in farming in Rayne township, where he made numerous improvements on the home property, and died honored and respected by all who knew him. Both he and his wife passed away on the homestead farm, and were buried in the old Washington cemetery. Peter Kinter married Agnes Craig, who was born in 1800 in Glasgow, Scotland, daughter of Robert Craig, and was brought to America the same year, the family landing at Philadelphia, the home of her grandfather Young. That year they came on to Indiana county and settled on the Young land, on a farm now occupied by S. Wetzel, one mile south of Marion Center. Mrs. Kinter had a brother Robert, and a sister who married H. Robinson, of Clarion county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kinter became the parents of a large family, among whom were: Henry, Evans, Isaac, William Hamilton, Robert, Martha and Helen.

William Hamilton Kinter, son of Peter Kinter, attended public school in Rayne township, and continued to remain on the home farm and work for his father until he joined the Union army during the Civil war. In March, 1865, he enlisted for one year in Company F, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Capt. John Kinter, and was made sergeant of his company, with which he served until receiving his honorable discharge, Aug. 29, 1865, the war having closed. On his return to the pursuits of peace he located in Cookport, Green township, Indiana county, where he became engaged in the mercantile business, and was subsequently made postmaster, a position which he held until

1874, in that year selling out to turn his attention once more to farming. At that time he located on the Allison farm in East Mahoning township, but three years later moved to Punxsutawney with his family, and for three years was engaged in the manufacture of shingles and other lumber in Canoe township. At the end of that period he settled on a 200-acre tract of land in Grant township, known as the old Craig farm, where he made his home during the remainder of his life, being engaged in general farming and stock raising, and where he died Oct. 23, 1904, at the age of sixty years. He was laid to rest in Gilgal cemetery in East Mahoning township. Mr. Kinter was a stalwart Republican and served as auditor of his township for several years. The Golden Rule was his motto in life, he was a devoted husband and kind father, and was honored and respected by all with whom he came into contact.

On July 16, 1875, Mr. Kinter was married, in East Mahoning township, to Sophia A. Allison, a sister of Dr. Alexander Hamilton Allison, of that township, in whose sketch, in another part of this volume, a full history of the Allison family will be found. Mr. and Mrs. Kinter had the following children: Margaretta died in young womanhood; Roy, who is foreman for the Saven Coal Company, residing at Deckers Point, married Eva Nupp, daughter of George Nupp, and she died Sept. 30, 1911, leaving three children, Purl, Bernard and Ivan; Clair resides in the West; James makes his home in the State of Indiana; Maisie and Daisy, twins, are at home; Tim and Zim, twins, died in infancy.

**WILLIAM EVANS ACKERSON**, a farmer of Blacklick township, was born May 27, 1867, in Brushvalley, son of George Snyder and Martha (Tyson) Ackerson.

William Ackerson was born April 13, 1813, in Sussex county, N. J., where he was reared. On Feb. 7, 1839, he married Sarah Ann Snyder, who was born Feb. 1, 1822, and died Sept. 19, 1884. She, too, was reared in Sussex county. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ackerson were: John W., born Feb. 7, 1841, resides in Blacklick township with William Evans Ackerson; George Snyder was the father of William Evans Ackerson; James P., born Aug. 30, 1846, married Amanda Hazlett, of Brushvalley; Emma Elizabeth, born in February, 1858, married George W. Badgley.

When he was three years old William Ackerson was brought to Indiana county, Pa., by his parents. In time he bought the

Reed farm of 240 acres, now owned by Joseph D. Dickie of White township, and developed into one of the substantial agriculturists of his day and locality. During his lifetime he brought nearly all of his land under the plow, and raised a large amount of cattle, sheep and hogs, specializing on thoroughbred horses. Although he received but few educational advantages, he was a shrewd business man and became wealthy. A Democrat in politics, he did not aspire to public life. Bethel Church had in him a faithful member, and his remains were laid to rest by the side of his wife in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana, Pa. The death of this excellent man occurred at Mores Station, near Philadelphia, where he was living with his daughter Mrs. George W. Badgley.

George Snyder Ackerson, son of William Ackerson, was born July 21, 1844, in White township, where he was reared. He remained with his parents until married, on Aug. 26, 1866, in Brushvalley township, to Martha Tyson, who was born June 17, 1837, daughter of Harman and Annie (Murphy) Tyson, of Brushvalley township, Indiana Co., Pa. Their children were: William Evans, whose name heads this review; John Ernest, born Oct. 27, 1868, who married Mrs. Eldora Emonds (he is an engineer and resides in Apollo, Pa.); Harold A., born Nov. 8, 1869, who resides in one of the Western States; and Clair Murphy, born May 18, 1879, who died in September, 1879.

After his marriage Mr. Ackerson went to Mechanicsburg, Pa., where he worked at teaming for about five years, and then moved to Blairsville, where he bought the small tract of land on which his widow now resides. Later on he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company on the repair train, and as brakeman. Still later he went to work in the coal mines at Homer City, Pa., and spent the remainder of his life as a coal miner, meeting his death in the mines, where he was crushed by a falling wall of coal. His remains were interred in the Blairsville cemetery. For years he was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and his wife still belongs to that denomination, both having connected themselves with the organization at Blairsville. In politics Mr. Ackerson was a Republican; he never held an office.

William Evans Ackerson attended the local schools and those of Blairsville until he was twelve years old, when he went to the vicinity of Mount Pleasant, Fayette Co., Pa., and for a short time was employed there. Following

that he went to work with his father in the coal mines, and thus continued for three years, doing a little farming at the same time. Later on Mr. Ackerson worked for himself as a coal miner at Oakville, Homer City, Blairsville, Smith station and other points. All the while, however, he was saving to buy a farm, and was able to accomplish this in April, 1903. At that time he bought the George property of 140 acres from Sophia Williams, in Blacklick township, where he now resides with his family. He is one of the progressive farmers of his township, and has a large dairy and raises stock as well as carrying on general farming. Although prominent in the affairs of his town he is not an office seeker, but has served on the election board several times. In addition to other interests, he is a stockholder in the Blacklick Telephone Company. After giving full consideration to the issues of the day, Mr. Ackerson has come to the conclusion that only through practical Socialism can a remedy be found, and he has been identified with that party for the last sixteen years.

On Dec. 25, 1888, Mr. Ackerson was married to the "Hotel American," in Indiana, Pa., to Mary Hulda MacElhaney, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Hess) MacElhaney, of Indiana, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Ackerson have had children as follows: Samuel Augustus, born Feb. 10, 1890, is working for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and living at Piteairn, Pa.; John Albert, born Nov. 21, 1891, a school teacher of Blacklick township, was married Feb. 27, 1913, at the "West Indiana Hotel," in Indiana, Pa., to Lulu Edith Johnston, daughter of James Harvey and Mary Elizabeth Johnston, of Rossmoyne, Pa., Rev. W. S. Sturgeon, of Elkin, Pa., performing the ceremony (Mrs. Ackerson, like her husband, has been a well-known educator in Indiana county); Emma Viola was born July 28, 1893; Vera Elberta was born Nov. 18, 1896.

Mr. Ackerson is a hard-working, thrifty man, and his success in life has come of his industry and economy.

DANIEL J. ORNER, a retired farmer of Pine township, Indiana county, was born near Gettysburg, Adams Co., Pa., Dec. 18, 1836, son of Daniel Orner, and grandson of Felix Orner.

Felix Orner, the American founder of the family, was born in Germany, but left his native land, and in company with his brother came to the United States on a sail-

ing vessel. After landing he went direct to Adams county, Pa., and became one of the prosperous men of his locality, dying on the property he had secured. His children were: Jonas, Felix, David, George and Daniel.

Daniel Orner, son of Felix Orner, and father of Daniel J. Orner, was a native of Adams county, and farmed there for many years, but finally left Adams county with his brother George and located in Indiana county, buying a large tract of timberland in what was then Pine township. The brothers continued in partnership for some years, and then Daniel Orner bought another farm, cleared it, and conducted it until he went to Nebraska, where he spent three years with his daughters Phoebe and Nancy. Returning to Indiana county, he joined his son Daniel J. Orner at Strongstown, where he lived in retirement until his death, in his seventieth year, from cancer. He was laid to rest in the Strongstown cemetery.

Daniel Orner married Sarah Fohl, a daughter of George Fohl, and their children were: Sophia married George Holby, and both are now deceased; George A. died in the vicinity of Johnstown, Cambria Co., Pa.; Lucy, deceased, who married Finley Cameron, is buried in the Strongstown cemetery; Daniel J. is mentioned below. After the death of his first wife Daniel Orner married (second) Mrs. Eliza (Cameron) Neff, the widow of Jacob Neff. The children of this marriage were: Elizabeth, who married Stewart Campbell, resides at Morrellville, Cambria Co., Pa.; Phoebe married Scott Steffy and resides at David City, Nebr.; Nancy married a Mr. Volk and resides near David City, Nebr.; John P. married Susan Boring, and both are now deceased; Amos D. married Joan Braeken, and resides at Dubois, Pa.; Emanuel died in one of the Western States.

Daniel J. Orner was brought to Indiana county when twelve years old by his father, and completed his educational training here. Until he was eighteen years of age he assisted in the domestic lumbering and farming, and made shingles, both lap and joint, all of which were cut with a drawing knife. For the next seven years Mr. Orner worked among neighboring farmers, until he was able to buy fifty acres of land in Pine township. This he cleared of the timber, built a small house on it, and began farming for himself. Later he added to his holdings until he had acquired 130 acres. Until 1909 he continued to conduct his farm, but in that year retired,

and has since been enjoying the fruits of his years of labor.

During the Civil war Mr. Orner was one of the men who gave material proof of patriotism by enlisting (joining from Indiana county Nov. 4, 1862), in Company K, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving under Captains Reed and Clark and Col. J. F. Stanton. The regiment was assigned to the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 3d Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and participated in important battles and operations, being on guard duty along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad until February, 1863; in the operations about Winchester and the battle on June 15, 1863, when Mr. Orner had the misfortune to be captured by the enemy, and was first imprisoned in a tobacco warehouse. He was then transferred to Belle Isle, for thirty-nine days, when he was exchanged. At the battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, he was wounded by a gunshot in the right arm, and again captured May 6th, but escaped; took part in the battle of Franklin Station, June 11 and 12, 1864; Petersburg, June 15 to 30, 1864; Reams Station, June 23, 1864; Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864; Fisher's Hill, Sept. 22, 1864; Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864; second battle of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, and the final scenes at Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865. On June 9, 1865, Mr. Orner was promoted to corporal, and was honorably discharged July 14, 1865, having served his country for two years, eight months, ten days.

Daniel J. Orner was married to Martha E. Rhoads, a daughter of William and Margaret (Lower) Rhoads, and they have become the parents of the following children: Sadie J. married William W. Cramer, and both are now deceased, she dying in Johnstown, Pa., but is buried in Strongstown; William Sylvester, who married Maude Stophel, is living on the old homestead; Maggie M. married Albert Whitmore, of Pittsburg; Henry Sheridan married Catherine Gillespie, of Strongtown; Laura Etta married Benjamin Duncan, of Vintondale; Daniel Grant married Mary Olive Braeken, the daughter of Henderson Braeken, of Belsano, Cambria Co., Pa.; Lizzie Morrell married John Duncan, of Vintondale, Cambria Co., Pa.; Martha Belle married William G. Braeken, of Buffington township; Tillie Roselle died at the age of eight years; Harvey Wilmer, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, married Ella Braeken, and resides at Youngwood, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Ira Bert, who is a

fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, married Olive Harman, and lives at Conemaugh, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

William Rhoads, father of Mrs. Daniel J. Orner, moved from Williamsburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., to Indiana county when Mrs. Orner was only two years old, so she was practically reared in this county. Settling in Pine township, he became a prosperous farmer, and lived to be eighty-eight years old. He was interred at Strongstown, Pa. William Rhoads married Margaret Lower, of Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Pa., and their children were: George W., David H., Mary C., Daniel Alexander, R. R., Jesse M., William L., Samuel L., Sadie, Margaret, Jane and Mrs. D. J. Orner.

Mr. Orner is a Republican in political faith, and gave his party efficient and valuable service as a school director in his district for a period extending over eighteen years. For six years of this time he was treasurer of the board. Upon many occasions he was a member of the election board, and served on juries thirteen times in the county court. In addition to all his other duties, Mr. Orner was an auctioneer from 1867 to 1910, and during that long time cried many sales. Formerly of the United Brethren faith, in 1909 he united with the Methodist Church at Strongstown and gives that body faithful service. Few men can look back over so full a life as Mr. Orner with so few regrets. He has never failed to do his full duty as he has seen it, and has proved himself a real man in every emergency which has arisen. Needless to say he is held in the highest regard by his associates and in the neighborhood where he has spent the greater portion of his life, and all of his mature years.

**JOSEPH A. JORDAN**, a farmer of North Mahoning township, was born in McCalmont township, Jefferson Co., Pa., Sept. 14, 1852, son of Robert G. and Elizabeth (Fitterhoff) Jordan.

Samuel Jordan, a native of Scotland, served in the American Revolution after coming to the Colonies at an early day. He lived for a long period in McCalmont township, Jefferson county.

Samuel Jordan, a son of Samuel, was one of the pioneers of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, securing wild land from the government in that locality from which he made a good home. He was a great hunter and gained celebrity as such. Both he and his wife died on their farm. Their children

were: Hannah, who married John McBrier, and lives in McCalmont township; Isaac C., who married Leanna Stiffy, and lives in McCalmont township; Sarah, who married a Mr. McPherson and (second) a Mr. Carey, and lives in Clearfield county, Pa.; John, who married Nancy Bell, and lives in Perry township, Jefferson county; William A., who married Mary Reed, and lived on the old homestead in Jefferson county; James B., who married Annie Smith, and lived in Punxsutawney, Pa.; Joseph A.; and Robert G.

Robert G. Jordan was born in McCalmont township, Jefferson Co., Pa., and died July 31, 1876, aged fifty-five years, nine months. His wife, born in Huntingdon county, Pa., died Feb. 22, 1901, aged seventy-four years, two months, eighteen days. In 1861 they came to North Mahoning township, this county, where they bought a farm of eighty-six acres on which he died, his widow passing her declining years with her son, Joseph A. While he had but a limited education, Robert G. Jordan was a naturally smart man, and made the most of his opportunities. A Republican, he supported his party without seeking office. For many years he was an elder of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and gave it faithful support. He and his wife had children as follows: Joseph A. is mentioned below; John S., who married Minnie Wachob, lives in Jefferson county; Mary M. is the widow of Eli White, of Canoe township, this county; Scott, who is deceased, was a teamster of Independence, Oregon, where he died (he married Laura Sparks); Annie, who is deceased, married Edward Wise; James is living with Joseph A.; William is a baker by trade.

Joseph A. Jordan attended the common schools of this neighborhood, having been brought to North Mahoning township by his parents. He was married June 17, 1875, to Wilhimina Sutter, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Steele) Sutter, natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan became the parents of the following children: Mary Leila, born July 8, 1877, married Plumer Graham, of Butler, Pa., and has children, Alta and Joseph; Elizabeth L., twin sister of Mary L., died Nov. 8, 1877; Orpha Bell, born Oct. 15, 1881, died April 3, 1884; Harry E., born Aug. 3, 1887, a farmer, married Minnie Pepper, of North Mahoning township, and has one child, Laird.

After his marriage, Mr. Jordan lived on a portion of his father's estate, and on Feb. 9, 1887, bought the John McHenry farm,

where he still resides. This consists of 101 acres of well-improved land, eighty acres of which are under cultivation. He carries on general farming and is an experienced agriculturist, having devoted his life to his work. For some years he has served on the school board, as well as held other township offices, and in politics he is a Republican. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan are consistent members of the Methodist Church of Valier, and previously belonged to the church at Covode, of which he had been treasurer for ten years, and trustee for eleven years. He is now a steward, and for seven years has been superintendent of the Sunday school. A man of strong principles, he lives up to them and his religious creed, and exerts a powerful influence for good in his community. Although past his sixtieth milestone, Mr. Jordan is a well-preserved man, active and interested in all current matters. The family is very well and favorably known throughout Jefferson and Indiana counties, where he has many warm, personal friends, many of whom have benefited through his generosity, although he would be the last man to tell of his kindness of heart.

WAYNE P. STRONG, who conducts a general store at Clymer, Indiana county, a member of the firm of W. C. Strong & Son, was born in Clearfield county, Pa., March 26, 1882, a son of William C. and Mollie C. (Halton) Strong.

William C. Strong and his wife were born in Clearfield county and their lives have been mainly spent there. In early manhood he engaged in lumbering, later going into merchandising, and for the last twenty-two years has conducted a general store in the town of Gazzam, Clearfield county. Seven sons and one daughter were born to William C. Strong and wife, namely: Paul V., who is deceased; Wayne P.; Bessie, deceased; Clarence, who is deceased; Lawrence W., who lives at Clymer; Ray, who is deceased; Dell, who is engaged in business with his father; and Donald, who resides at home.

Wayne P. Strong obtained a common school education in his native county and then entered his father's store, where he gained a practical business training adequately preparing him for a mercantile enterprise of his own. In 1907 he came to Clymer and opened the general store which is operated under the firm style of W. C. Strong & Son, Wayne P. Strong being the junior partner. Mr. Strong is one of the vitally interested

citizens of Clymer, was one of the town organizers and is considered one of the representative men of the place. He is serving as a member of the school board.

On April 16, 1910, Mr. Strong was married to Edna Dillon, who was born in Wyoming Dec. 25, 1889, a daughter of Wilson and Della (Owen) Dillon, and they have one daughter, Dorothy.

Wilson Dillon, father of Mrs. Strong, was born and married in Pennsylvania, from which state he moved West to Wyoming, but subsequently returned as far East as Chicago, Ill., which city is the present family home.

WILLIAM RAMSAY, general superintendent of the Wharton Coal & Coke Company, at Coral, Indiana Co., Pa., is a native of the Keystone State, born at Irwin, Westmoreland county, Nov. 23, 1870, the eldest of thirteen children born to his parents, who were Morris and Sadie M. (Greer) Ramsay.

Morris Ramsay, father of William Ramsay, died in 1892. He was one of the best known mining engineers in western Pennsylvania. For a time he was mine boss at Shafton, Pa., for the Shafton Coal Company, and later became superintendent for the Kittanning Coal Company, at Houtzdale. His next field of work was with the Loyalhanna Coal & Coke Company, in Westmoreland county, as superintendent, and from there he went to Mount Pleasant as superintendent for the Morewood Coke Company, Limited, where he continued until 1884. In that year he became chief engineer for the H. C. Frick Coke Company, at Scottdale, in Westmoreland county, which position he filled so admirably for some years that Mr. Frick paid him the tribute of calling him one of the best men of his profession that had ever been in his employ. He resigned the position of chief engineer in order to accept the general management of the Southwest Connellsville Coke Company, which responsible position he continued to fill until 1892, when failing health made retirement necessary, and his death occurred Dec. 29, 1892, at Suttons Hospital, Pittsburg, Pa. In every relation of life he met his duties honestly and efficiently, and his memory is respected by all who knew him. He married Sadie M. Greer, who survives him and lives at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

William Ramsay was ten years old when the family removed first from Shafton to Houtzdale, where he attended school, and as



his father's business later called him to other places, he also attended school at Mount Pleasant and Scottdale. At the latter place he became a member of the engineer corps under his father, though then only fourteen years of age. After two years of training and experience he went with the Southwest Connellsville Coke Company, where he was under his father, who was general manager, and continued a member of the engineer corps until 1889, when he became chief engineer. This position of trust he filled until 1892, when, on account of his father's illness, he practically was general manager until his father's death, when he was appointed to succeed him. Mr. Ramsay continued as general manager until 1896, when he, too, had to resign on account of ill health and for three years afterward did little except to work to regain his normal condition.

In 1899 Mr. Ramsay went to Scottdale and for a short time was associated there with the H. C. Frick Coke Company, and then accepted the responsible position which he held until 1900, with the Gorman Coal & Coke Company, to develop a small property at West End, W. Va. In 1900 he accepted the position of superintendent for the Kansas & Texas Coal Company at South McAlester, Indian Territory, and remained there during the next two years, when the business was sold out. In 1902, on the recommendation of the late John W. Gates, capitalist, he was appointed manager for the Weaver Coal & Coke Company in the coal fields of Illinois and Indiana, and remained with Mr. Weaver until the latter's death, in 1907. During this time Mr. Ramsay went to Knoxville, Tenn., where he continued to be connected with the Weaver interests until 1907, when he took charge of the Black Mountain collieries at Pennington Gap, Va. The president of that company was J. M. Barr, of Norfolk, Va., and Mr. Ramsay was a stockholder in the same. He remained there for two years, when he resigned for personal reasons, and for two more years he was with the Rand Powder Company, a Tennessee corporation. In September, 1911, he accepted the position of general manager of the Wharton Coal & Coke Company at their plant at Coral, Indiana Co., Pa. A great improvement has been noticed since Mr. Ramsay took charge of the plant, he having brought a vitalizing influence into the business which is felt in every department, one feature being an increase of seventy per cent in the output over former figures. The enterprise is a large one and gives employment to 250 hands. Mr.

Ramsay is a thorough business man and demands the best service that can be given by those under his direction, but having worked from the bottom himself, with hands and brains, he understands the problems that are always present in a great industry and knows how to be just, hence he is popular with the laborers and enjoys the confidence of his employers. He is a valued member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers and belongs also to some fraternal organizations.

On Dec. 17, 1891, Mr. Ramsay was married to Jessie Thompson, a daughter of J. B. Thompson, of Mount Pleasant, Pa., and the following children have been born to them: Morris Byers; Olive, who was graduated from the high school at Knoxville, Tenn.; Frank Haskell, who died in infancy; Katharyn, who is a student in the State normal school at Indiana; William Thompson, Lindsey and a daughter, all of whom died in infancy; John Gates, who is a student at the Indiana normal school; Jessie, who is a normal school student; and Henry Weaver, Mary, Helen and Sarah Jane, all of whom live at home. Mr. Ramsay and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he has always been associated with the Republican party.

JOHN T. KINNAN, a resident of Green township, Indiana county, was born April 16, 1856, in Grant township, on the farm where his grandfather settled many years ago. The grandfather, William Kinnan, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., whence he first moved to Armstrong county, remaining there some years. In 1845 he moved to Indiana county, settling near Decker's Point in Grant (then Montgomery) township, where he bought the farm on which his grandson, John T. Kinnan, was born. By trade he was a carpenter. He remained on that place until his death, which occurred in 1880. He married Nancy Gibson, a native of Indiana county.

Joseph W. Kinnan, son of William, was born in Armstrong county, Pa. He carried on farming and lumbering all his life, living on his father's home place until his latter years, when he moved to Decker's Point. There he died June 7, 1905. He married Agnes Gailey, who was born in Montgomery township, Indiana county, near Cherrytree, daughter of Cornelius Gailey, who followed farming and tailoring all his life. Mr. Gailey came to Indiana county in an early day, and settled near Cherrytree, remained there some years, thence moving to Clarksburg, this

county, where he remained until the death of his wife. Later he went to live with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Kinnan, dying at their home. Mrs. Kinnan died in 1909, at the home of her son John. She and her husband had a family of eight children, of whom John T. is the eldest, the others being: William, now deceased; George, who lives in Indiana county; Sarah, wife of Anderson Vanhorn, of Punxsutawney; Ella, deceased, who was the wife of Walter Bell; Harvey; Grant, of Indiana borough; and Laura, wife of David Buterbaugh, of Decker's Point, this county.

John T. Kinnan passed his boyhood days in his native township and attended school there. He also went to the Purchase Line Academy, being one of the first students at that institution, and made good use of his opportunities, fitting himself for the teacher's profession, which he followed for fifteen terms. He was engaged in Rayne, Grant and Green townships, and at Purchase Line. Remaining at home until he reached the age of twenty-four years, he married and began work on his own account, farming and lumbering, which he has carried on successfully ever since. He lived in Grant and Cherryhill townships until 1889, when he moved to his present home in Green township, which he bought, and he also owns property at Starford. He continues to engage in farming. Mr. Kinnan has found time to take part in the local government, and has served his township ably and faithfully as auditor and road supervisor, proving his worth in every capacity.

On Nov. 22, 1879, Mr. Kinnan was united in marriage with Parmelia Langham, a sister of Congressman J. N. Langham, of Indiana county, daughter of Jonathan and Eliza (Barr) Langham, and six children have been born to them: Merrill W., the eldest, is at home; Vernie is deceased; Grace is the wife of George Barringer, of Lovejoy, this county, and has four children, Orvil, Lee, Jeannette and Elwain; Lela is married to Robert Henry, of Blue Island, Ill., and has two children, Florence and William; Albert and Gussie are at home. Mrs. Kinnan is a member of the Baptist Church of East Mahoning.

THOMAS B. CLARK, who has been engaged in business as a photographer at Indiana since 1878, has the leading establishment of the kind in that borough and is well known there and in the surrounding region. He was one of the organizers of the Pennsylvania Photographers' Association and has

been one of its leading members and most efficient officers.

Mr. Clark was born May 30, 1858, in Uniontown, Fayette county, Pa., and belongs to the fourth generation of his family in America. His great-grandfather, William Clark, came to this country from the North of Ireland about the time of the Revolution—in fact, he earned his first money here as a soldier on the American side in that war. He settled in Fayette county, Pa., buying land near Uniontown, and there lived until his death, which occurred in 1828, when he was eighty-five years old. His wife died the same year; she was also born in the same year as her husband.

Samuel Alexander Clark, son of William, became quite a wealthy man for his time, owning large tracts of land in the neighborhood of Uniontown. He died there. He married Agnes Miner and had a family of four children: William, John, Samuel M. and Rebecca (Mrs. Dixon).

Samuel M. Clark, son of Samuel Alexander and Agnes (Miner) Clark, was born in 1822 on the home farm in Fayette county, and learned the trade of carpenter. He followed that calling all his life, becoming quite extensively engaged in contract work, and was in partnership with A. B. Bryson. For many years he lived in Uniontown, where he died Oct. 14, 1901, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a member of the Baptist Church, an Odd Fellow in fraternal connection, and a Republican in politics. Mr. Clark was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Craig, who was a daughter of John Craig, of near Uniontown. By this marriage he had three children: Rebecca, Mrs. Lewis Williams, deceased; John H., who lives at Uniontown, Pa.; and William, who moved out to Illinois. For his second wife Mr. Clark married Harriet Semans, daughter of Thomas Semans. She died in Uniontown Dec. 16, 1872, aged thirty-nine years, the mother of three children: Thomas B.; Ella, Mrs. Ira Johnson, of Uniontown; and Lizzie, Mrs. Harry Hagan, of Uniontown. Mrs. Clark was a member of the Baptist Church.

Thomas B. Clark grew to manhood in Uniontown, where he attended the public schools and began work as clerk in a grocery store. In 1874 he commenced to learn photography there with E. A. Lingo, and served four years of an apprenticeship, in 1878 becoming associated with his employer's brother, Albert Lingo, with whom he came to Indiana and established a gallery under the firm name

of Lingo & Clark. They were in partnership three years, but since 1881 Mr. Clark has been in business on his own account. In his long residence in Indiana he has won high standing among the local business men. He has dealt in pictures and picture frames in addition to conducting his studio, and has become one of the substantial citizens of this place, having made a success of his business by conscientious devotion to the best interest of his patrons. He is always ready to experiment with new developments in his art, keeping thoroughly abreast of the times, which means that he is enterprising and alert, for few professions have advanced so materially or changed so thoroughly within the last decade or two. His attractive and artistic work draws customers from a large radius. In 1897 Mr. Clark was one of the promoters in the formation of the Pennsylvania Photographers' Association, which held its first meeting at Harrisburg. He was elected its secretary for the following year, 1898. The second meeting was held at Bellefonte, and Mr. Clark served continuously on the executive board until he was elected president, at the annual meeting at Philadelphia, in 1904. He held that office for one year, during which time West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware were admitted into the association. His work in this organization has gained him high standing among his fellow photographers, who appreciate his sincere efforts to advance its welfare and the good of the profession generally.

Mr. Clark has been quite active in fraternal work. He has been an Odd Fellow for thirty years, belonging to Palladium Lodge, No. 346, Indiana, of which he has been treasurer for a period of twelve years. He is also prominent in the Improved Order of Heptasophs, holding membership in Conclave No. 180, of Indiana, and was elected district deputy supreme archon, serving nearly four years, over a number of lodges of Indiana, Westmoreland, Fayette and Allegheny counties. He has been a zealous worker for good government in his borough, and has a number of times been elected to office, having served five years on the school board; he is now a member of the city council, in which he has served for a number of years, and in the fall of 1911 was reelected for four years more. In political sentiment he is a liberal Republican. He was elected fifth vice president of the Chamber of Commerce at the organization meeting, held in July, 1912, making him a member of the executive board, which is composed of the

vice presidents of the organization. Mr. Clark is a member of the Presbyterian Church and was formerly one of the trustees of his congregation.

On June 15, 1882, Mr. Clark was married at Indiana to Laura Elizabeth Kline, daughter of Wellington B. Kline, of Indiana, at one time a prominent dry goods merchant here. They have had two children: Wellington B., who married Marguerite Park, of Westover, Clearfield county, is assistant cashier in the bank at Mahaffey, Clearfield county, Pa.; George K., a civil engineer by profession, lives at home with his parents in Indiana.

It is interesting to note that Mr. Clark comes from a family noted for longevity. On his father's side, his uncles, William W. and John Clark, died at the ages of ninety-three and eighty-seven, respectively, his aunt, Rebeca Dixon, at the age of ninety-six years, and his father, Samuel M. Clark, at the age of seventy-nine years. On his mother's side, his grandfather, Thomas Semans, was one of the three oldest men of Fayette county, Pa., at the time of his death.

**ROBERT HENRY MILLEN**, owner of ninety-four acres of land in Armstrong township, was born on the homestead of his family in that township July 11, 1878, son of William A. and Martha (Miller) Millen, the latter being a daughter of Robert and Nancy (Henry) Miller.

William A. Millen was first married to Elizabeth Andrews, by whom he had children as follows: Matthew D. and Anna Mary (twins), Thomas Hamilton, and Margaret Ellen (now Mrs. William L. Brown, of Armstrong township). After the death of his first wife William A. Millen was married to the mother of Robert Henry, who was the only child of this union, and after her death he married Katie McMillen.

Robert Henry Millen was taken by his maternal grandfather after the death of his mother, and lived in Young township until he was sixteen years old. He attended public school up to the age of twenty. When he was sixteen years old he returned to his father, and lived at home until his marriage, following which he farmed the Madison Craig farm for a year, and then bought his present property.

On Jan. 19, 1905, Mr. Millen was married to Mary T. Calhoun, who was born on the farm now owned by her husband Sept. 16, 1879, daughter of Samuel and Annie R. (George) Calhoun. Mr. and Mrs. Millen

have had children as follows: Clarence Meade, Arthur Claire and Herbert Roy. Mr. Millen belongs to the West Union United Presbyterian Church. In political faith he is a Prohibitionist, as he believes that only through the reforms proposed by that party can the liquor traffic be wiped out. He is a good farmer and conscientious citizen, and his standing in his community has been fairly earned.

SYLVESTER COE KENNEDY is one of the most prominent citizens of Young township and widely known in that part of Indiana county through his long and honorable career as a public servant, particularly in the capacity of justice of the peace. His business is farming, and he has been successful in that line and known as one of the most enthusiastic advocates of modern methods and advanced ideas. He was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1843, being a native of Lower Burrell township, where his family has been settled for almost a century.

The Kennedys are of Scotch extraction. Thomas Kennedy, grandfather of Sylvester Coe Kennedy, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., where he grew to manhood. He followed farming all his life, in 1819 locating in Burrell township, Westmoreland county, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying there in 1842, at the age of fifty-six years. He owned a farm there. During the war of 1812 he served as a soldier under Gen. William H. Harrison; in politics he was a Democrat, in religion a member of the M. E. Church. He married Catherine Fleck, who was born in 1793 in Butler county, Pa.; she was a member of the Bethel M. E. Church. Their seven children were: Joseph; James M., who died in Westmoreland county; William, who died in Allegheny county; Elizabeth, who married Michael DeGroff and now lives in Allegheny county; John N., who died in Allegheny county; Thomas, who died in Westmoreland county; and Martha, who married Eli Shearer (both are deceased).

Joseph Kennedy, son of Thomas, was born in Allegheny county May 22, 1812, and was seven years old when the family moved to Westmoreland county and located in Lower Burrell township. There he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the local subscription schools, and he worked on the farm from early boyhood, later becoming a farmer on his own account. He owned a tract of one hundred acres upon which he passed the rest of his days, dying there Nov. 18, 1878, and he

was buried in Bethel Church cemetery in Burrell township. He was active in the various interests of his locality, serving as school director and taking considerable part in the work of the M. E. Church, to which he belonged, and which he served as class leader, steward, and in the various other local positions. In politics he was a Democrat. On May 2, 1839, he married Margaret Coe, who was born in Allegheny county Aug. 17, 1818, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy (Shields) Coe and granddaughter of Benjamin Coe, who served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war; her father lived and died in Allegheny county. The Coes are of Scotch-Irish extraction. Mrs. Kennedy lived at Springdale, Allegheny Co., Pa., for a number of years before her death, which occurred Feb. 4, 1900, in her eighty-second year. She was buried in the cemetery of Bethel M. E. Church. Originally a Presbyterian in religious connection, she later joined the M. E. Church, holding membership in the congregation at Springdale. Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy had the following family: Araminta, born June 18, 1840, died Oct. 2, 1841; Sylvester Coe is mentioned below; Thomas L., born Feb. 24, 1845, died Feb. 17, 1853; Joseph A., born Nov. 26, 1847, died Feb. 16, 1853; James E., born Aug. 8, 1850, died Feb. 17, 1853; Elizabeth M., born July 30, 1853, married David M. Clements, who is deceased and she now resides at Youngstown, Ohio; Anna M., born July 9, 1856, married James Shearer, who is now deceased, and she resides at Vandergrift, Pa.; John Shields, born July 15, 1860, is a lawyer.

Sylvester Coe Kennedy attended public and select school in his native township, and lived at home until his enlistment, Aug. 9, 1862, at the age of nineteen years, in Company I, 123d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Robert Humes, of Tarentum, and Col. John B. Clark, who was a United Presbyterian minister of Allegheny county. He participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Antietam, South Mountain and Chancellorsville, was in the service nine months, and received his discharge, at Pittsburg, May 13, 1863. Returning from the war he resumed farming and also attended school in 1864, and he taught one term in Westmoreland county in 1865, after which he became a student at Duff's commercial college, Pittsburg, graduating from that institution Jan. 19, 1866. After that he continued to farm in Burrell township until 1869, in which year he moved to Young township, Indiana county, where he has since had his home. He bought the Ewing farm, a

tract of 135 acres, on which stood a log house which had been built in 1800, and he has resided there continuously to the present, engaged in general farming and stock raising. In 1887 he built his present home, and he has remodeled the barn and made numerous other improvements, by his thrifty management and strict attention to details increasing the value of the property considerably. He is a man of keen intelligence and foresight, and was one of the early advocates of the Grange movement, becoming a member of Arcadia Grange, No. 176, Patrons of Husbandry, in which he has always maintained the deepest interest. The public schools have also had a good friend in him, and he served three years as school director of Burrell township while in Westmoreland county, while he has held that office for fifteen years in Young township, during that time also acting as secretary of the board. In 1887 he was elected commissioner of Indiana county, taking office Jan. 1, 1888, and serving three years, having for his colleagues on the board J. W. Shields, of Rayne township, and J. M. Marshall of Indiana. During his term the Johnstown flood occurred, and the board had to look after replacing the bridges destroyed in that catastrophe, besides completing the county jail at Indiana. In 1882 Mr. Kennedy was elected justice of the peace in Young township, receiving his commission from Gov. H. M. Hoyt; M. S. Quay was then secretary of the Commonwealth. In 1887 he was reelected, being commissioned by Governor Beaver (Charles W. Stone was then secretary of the State), but he did not serve during his term as county commissioner. In 1895 he was again elected, his commission being signed by Gov. Daniel H. Hastings and Frank Reeder, secretary, and in 1900 he was reelected, his commission being signed by Gov. William A. Stone and Secretary William W. Griest; he has been reelected twice since, in 1905 and 1910, his commissions being issued respectively by Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker and Gov. Edwin T. Stewart, Robert McAfee, secretary of Commonwealth. During his long incumbency of this office he has tried about forty civil cases, and only two appeals have been taken from his rulings. He has administered the affairs of his office impartially and with recognized ability, and his high integrity and liberal disposition have made him universally liked and respected. He is a Democrat in politics, a firm believer in the established principles of his party. As a veteran of the Civil war he holds membership in Indiana Post, No. 28, G. A. R., of which

he was adjutant for three years. He is a prominent member of the M. E. Church at Jacksonville, which he has served as steward, trustee and teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school, being active in all the lines of its work.

Mr. Kennedy was one of the organizers and first directors of the Ebenezer Mutual Fire Insurance Company, having been a charter member and the first secretary of the board, still continuing to fill that position. Of the ten members of the original board only four are now living. Besides Mr. Kennedy this board was composed of M. G. Sandles, J. N. Coleman, James Hazlett, William McCurdy, William G. Gilmore, R. E. Leard, William Kier, M. H. Henry and William H. Kennedy.

On May 5, 1868, Mr. Kennedy married Melissa E. Simons, a native of Allegheny county, born Feb. 24, 1851, daughter of William and Mary (Ireland) Simons. Mrs. Kennedy, like her husband, is a member of the M. E. Church. The following children have been born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy: Albert Cookman, born Jan. 19, 1869, married June 24, 1897, Lou C. Barkley, and resides at New Kensington, Pa.; Elmer C., born Feb. 16, 1871, died Oct. 19, 1871; Nellie Gertrude, born Nov. 22, 1872, was a public school teacher, and was married Nov. 3, 1898, to Christopher Rudolph Snyder, of Vandergrift, Pa.; a child born March 16, 1875, died the same day; Nancy Jane, born July 12, 1876, married Oliver McKee, and resides at Homer City, Pa.; William J., born Aug. 21, 1878, married Nettie Fleming and resides at Vandergrift, Pa.; Edwin Knox, born Sept. 4, 1880, formerly a teacher, now residing at Vandergrift, married Annie M. Shrimp; Silas Clark, born Nov. 14, 1882, married Blanche McKee, and resides at Vandergrift, Pa.; Mary Stella, born Nov. 22, 1885, married Ross McJunkin and resides at Vandergrift; John E., born May 3, 1888, married Minnie Keely and resides at Vandergrift; Paul, born March 27, 1893, is at home on the farm.

HUGH KEARNEY NEAL is a well-known business man and official of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, engaged in farming, butchering and stock dealing, and long a justice of the peace. He was born May 22, 1868, on the old Neal homestead in that township, son of Col. William and Sarah Ann (Mitchell) Neal, and grandson of James Neal and of Sharp Mitchell, the latter a pioneer

of Jefferson county, who at one time held the office of sheriff.

Col. William Neal was born in Jefferson county, Pa., and there grew to manhood. He was married there, at Perrysville, and later located in North Mahoning township, just across the line in Indiana county, where he obtained a farm. By trade he was a stonemason, and in the early days he was well known as a lumberman and raftsman. In his time few men of this region were better known. He held office as school director and tax assessor and collector, was active in the work of the Republican party, and was a member of the M. E. Church. He died Nov. 20, 1904. During the Civil war he served four years in the Union army, enlisting in Company A, 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was made first lieutenant of that company Sept. 9, 1861, and on April 25, 1863, was again made first lieutenant of that command; on Sept. 8, 1864, he was made captain of Company O, 206th Regiment. He continued his activity in military life after the war, was captain of Company C, 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania State Militia, was made major of Provisional Battalion, No. 1, 21st Division, Indiana, Jefferson, Cambria and Clearfield counties, Sept. 10, 1872, and on Sept. 29, 1874, was made colonel of the 13th Regiment, Infantry, 9th Division, Armstrong, Jefferson, Indiana, Butler and Cambria counties.

Nine children were born to Colonel and Mrs. Neal, and we have the following record of this family: Susie married D. L. Henry, of Punxsutawney, Pa., and has three children, Vane (a civil engineer), Olga and Eugene; Emma Bell (deceased) married Harry Sites, who is also deceased, and they had one child, Margaret; Ulysses Sidney, a farmer, living in Clarion county, Pa., married Anna Shick; Hugh Kearney is mentioned below; William Wilbur, who is engaged in farming on the old homestead, married Mary E. Gould, of Jefferson county, Pa., and they have a family of seven children, James C., Winfield S., Viola C., William G., Ruth E., Anna L. and Sidney G.

Hugh Kearney Neal was given common school advantages. He lived at home until his father's death, carrying on the farm until 1905, in which year he bought and moved to the David Stear homestead at Trade City, a tract of eighty acres, where he has since lived and worked, following farming, butchering and stock dealing. He is an excellent business man, proving himself capable and intelligent in all his private undertakings and

in the discharge of the various duties which have been intrusted to him by his fellow citizens. He is well informed, abreast of the times in the conduct of his various interests, and has made many friends in this section—northern Indiana and southern Jefferson counties.

Mr. Neal has been active in local politics as a worker in the Republican party, has been justice of the peace for the last thirteen years, and has also served as school director. He is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., at Hamilton, Pa., to which lodge he has belonged for the last twenty years, has held all the offices, having served as vice grand and noble grand, and has been treasurer for two terms. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

On Nov. 27, 1894, Mr. Neal married Alice Reits, of Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa., daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (McHenry) Reits, farming people, of that county, who are still (1913) living at their old home there, in the enjoyment of excellent health, though they are eighty-four years old. Mr. and Mrs. Reits had nine children, namely: Frank, a section boss on the railroad, living at Northpoint, Pa., married Nancy Barmoy; Ann is the widow of William Cheatham and lives in Jefferson county; Mary married Josiah Neal, of Indiana, Pa.; Nancy married William Drummel, of Northpoint; Lee, a lumberman, of Lock Haven, Pa., married Ida Eisenhart; Alice is Mrs. Neal; William, foreman in steel works, married May Rayback; Charles, of Northpoint, married Anna Snider; Clark, a section boss on the railroad, living at Northpoint, married Lillie Harrison.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Neal: Minnie, who died when thirteen years old; May, who died when three months old; Merle; Martin and Margaret, twins; Eugene, and Vara.

WILLIAM WALLACE IRWIN, a native and lifelong resident of Montgomery township, Indiana county, is a prosperous farmer of that district and has been honored with election to the office of auditor, which he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He was born Feb. 12, 1843, son of Samuel and Mary Ann (McCullough) Irwin. His father came to Indiana county in the latter thirties, married here, and was engaged as a farmer and lumberman throughout his active years.

During his boyhood William Wallace Irwin attended public school, and when he became

old enough to work assisted his father in clearing the home farm, also helping him in his lumbering operations. Farming has been his life occupation, and he has done well, winning a substantial place for himself among his fellow citizens. He served as township auditor, and takes a real interest in the affairs of his locality, being public-spirited and ready to advocate all measures which promise to benefit the community. In political faith he is a Socialist.

On Sept. 18, 1879, Mr. Irwin married Nancy Jane Pardee, of Grant township, Indiana county, daughter of Edwin and Jane Ann (Walker) Pardee, the former of whom was a millwright and farmer. Of the twelve children born to this union eleven survive: Minnie Maud (deceased) was married to Henry E. Miller, of Barnesboro, Cambria Co., Pa. (no children were born to this union); Edward E., a school teacher, is living at home; Sherman P., a miner, is also at home; James M., a carpenter, of Du Bois, Pa., married Lola McMillen, of Montgomery township, and has had three children, Percy, Lucile, and Dorothy M. (deceased); Samuel, a miner, of Arcadia, Pa., married Carrie Anthony, of Arcadia, and has had three children, Robert B. (deceased), Mary J. (deceased) and Samuel E.; Mary J. married William P. Kime, of Cherrytree, Pa., and has two children, Charles S. and Gerald I.; May married Harry L. Brady, of Gipsy, Pa., and has three children, Nancy L., Harry L. and William E.; Harman Mc., a farmer, is living at home; Walter B., a farmer, is also at home; Amanda A., Melda and William W. are at home.

NEWTON GRANT ALTEMUS, whose widow resides with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Schultz, on the old Schultz farm in Buffington township, was himself a native of that township, born May 15, 1865. He was a son of James Altemus, grandson of Nicholas Altemus, and great-grandson of Adam Altemus, the first of this name in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, where the family has been settled for considerably over a century, and it is still numerously represented there.

Adam Altemus, the pioneer, was of Holland (Dutch) extraction and a native of Northampton county, Pa. Coming to Indiana county about 1798 he located in Center township, near the line of what is now Brushvalley township, on what is known as the Robert McPhetris farm, and here he settled down to farming, having a tract of two hundred acres, which he improved very materi-

ally. He built a fine brick dwelling house on the farm, the first of its kind in that section, the brick being made on his place. He spent his active life on the farm, and when he retired from active labor moved to Mechanicsburg, where he owned a home and spent the remainder of his days, dying there in September, 1863; he was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery. He was blind some years before his death. Mr. Altemus was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was a Whig and Republican in politics, and was known to all as a man who did his duty faithfully in his walk of life. He married Evaline (Eve) Shaffer, a native also of Northampton county, and she is buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery, near Graeton, in Center township. Children as follows were born to this pioneer couple: Nicholas; Margaret, who married Peter Steffy; Daniel, who married Elizabeth Hendricksou; John, who married Mary A. Drennen; Thomas, who was killed, with the horse he was riding, by a falling tree, while returning from Wakefield's mill; William, who married Prudence Peddicord; Susanna, who married Samuel Wolf; and David, who married Sarah Peddicord.

Nicholas Altemus, eldest son of Adam Altemus, was born in 1800 in Center township, and there grew to manhood. What education he received was obtained in the subscription schools of the day. He worked at home with his father until of age, when in 1823 he settled on Brushcreek run, in Brushvalley township, and with his father's help built the first grist and sawmill in Brushvalley township (then a part of Wheatfield township), which he operated. In 1853 the old mill was replaced by the present structure, and operations have been carried on there ever since. In 1848 he built the frame dwelling house which is now the home of his son, William Wolf Altemus. Besides attending to the mill work he farmed a tract of 128 acres near the mill, and was a successful business man, acquiring the ownership of over five hundred acres before his death; most of it is still in the possession of his sons and grandchildren. On Feb. 23, 1872, while leaving his home to attend a sale, the horse he was riding slipped on the ice and fell, and Mr. Altemus fell from the horse, his head striking the hard ground. He died from the effects of his injuries in a few hours, and was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery in Brushvalley township. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and active in its work. In politics he was a staunch Whig and Republican. He was promi-

ment in local affairs, serving as assessor, tax collector and school director of the township, as well as in other public offices.

In 1821 Nicholas Altemus married Mary Wolf, who was born in Brushvalley township, in 1802, daughter of John Wolf, and died in that township. She is buried in the cemetery of the Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. Fourteen children were born to this marriage: Martha H. married Alexander Noble, and both are deceased; Margaret married Frank Burlinger and both are deceased; Adam married Catherine Conrad; Elizabeth married C. R. Weaver and died in Brushvalley; Susanna died in young womanhood; David, born April 19, 1831, married Susan Dick, and resided in Buffington township, this county; James, born Dec. 27, 1832, is mentioned below; Evaline married Robert Pringle; Sarah married Amos Knabb and resides in Colorado; Mary married George Paul; Charlotte married John Shaffer; William Wolf and Mathias S. are residents of Brushvalley township; John A. died when four and a half years old.

James Altemus, born Dec. 27, 1832, married Mary E. Dorney, who was born May 9, 1830, and he died in Buffington township. Nine children were born to them, as follows: Frank D., born March 11, 1854, married Annie Lyons; Julie Belle, born May 11, 1856, died in 1859; James J., born June 10, 185—, married Ellie Minch; Edward, born Aug. 18, 1860, died young; Charles E., born Aug. 14, 1863, married Margaret Davis; Newton Grant is mentioned below; Benjamin J., born Aug. 8, 1867, married Lulu C. Smith; Ciero P., born Nov. 21, 1869, died young; Laura C., born April 18, 1874, married John Dick.

Newton Grant Altemus was born in Buffington township and first attended common school there, later going to select school. After following farm work for a time he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he remained eight years as engineer, running between Pittsburg and Altoona. He then moved out to Colorado, where he was employed by a gold mining and milling company in the shaft house for a time. Subsequently he became engaged in selling mining stocks and real estate for the Edith May Real Estate Company and later went with the Edwin Booth Gold Mining Company in the Cripple Creek district; he was a large stockholder in both these companies, his widow now retaining his rights in same. He was taken sick in Colorado, and he and his wife and son Leard returned East, arriving at

the home where Mrs. Altemus now lives Aug. 4, 1899. There Mr. Altemus died Dec. 28, 1899, at the early age of thirty-four years, and is buried in the cemetery at Strongstown, in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Altemus married Terzah Pearl Schultz, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Graham) Schultz and granddaughter of Samuel and Mary (Marshall) Graham, all of Buffington township. Mr. and Mrs. Altemus had one son, Leard Reed, born Jan. 1, 1896, who is now attending the State normal school at Indiana, Pa. Since her husband's death Mrs. Altemus and son Leard have lived in Buffington township, on the farm formerly owned by her father, now her property. She and her mother make their home together. The farm comprises 337 acres, and Mrs. Altemus oversees the work of cultivation, in which she has shown remarkable business ability and judgment. She has also dealt in real estate to some extent, owning property in Pittsburg, Seward and Indiana, Pennsylvania.

HARRY M. ELLIOTT, postmaster and leading general merchant at Armagh, East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born at Armagh June 22, 1862, son of Alexander Elliott, and grandson of James Elliott.

James Elliott was a merchant and tavern-keeper at Armagh, his hotel and store being in a log building on Philadelphia street. He spent his life in the village and died there in 1825. His wife, Sarah, died Jan. 26, 1839.

Alexander Elliott, son of James Elliott, was born in 1799, and followed mercantile pursuits at Armagh, where the family has been represented for over a century. For a period he had a partner in his general store, his brother-in-law, Stephen A. Johnston. The business has descended to Harry M. Elliott, and is located in the building put up by Alexander Elliott. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Elliott was extensively engaged in farming and stock raising, and also dealt in cattle and horses, specializing on the latter, of which he was a very good judge. Another branch of his business was teaming to Blairsville during the time the Graff brothers were engaged in business. Successful in all his undertakings, he developed into one of the leading men of his day and locality, and influenced local history materially. His death occurred June 20, 1869, when he was seventy years old, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery belonging to the Armagh Presbyterian Church.

Alexander Elliott was twice married, his



first wife being Elizabeth Wakefield, whom he married April 28, 1829. She was born April 29, 1809, daughter of Robert Wakefield, and is buried in the Armagh Presbyterian Church cemetery. The children of this marriage were: Mary Elizabeth, born May 15, 1830, married Stephen Alexander Johnston, of Armagh; James, born July 10, 1835, died in 1840; and Sarah Jane, born May 6, 1841, married Samuel Evans. On July 11, 1842, Alexander Elliott was married (second) to Mrs. Margaret (Bell) Scott, widow of James Scott, and daughter of John and Rebecca Bell. By her first marriage Mrs. Elliott had one daughter, Mrs. William Lintner, of Burrell township. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott became the parents of the following children: Martha Ellen, born June 2, 1844, married John Cunningham; Rebecca Jane, born March 25, 1845, died young; Emma Eliza married John Thompson, of East Wheatfield township; Hattie Bell married Samuel Cunningham, an attorney of Indiana, and died in 1910; Alexander Hanson, born April 3, 1852, died May 15, 1855; Roselia, born Nov. 20, 1854, married Isaac Wilson, of Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Margaret, born July 15, 1857, died Sept. 19, 1857; John, born Nov. 4, 1858, died in infancy; Harry M. was born June 22, 1862.

Harry M. Elliott was but seven years old when he had the misfortune to lose his father, but he was brought up by a careful Christian mother, and sent to school in Armagh, and to the Indiana (Pa.) State normal school. In 1882 he entered the store his father had conducted for so many years, buying an interest in the business from James W. Mack and Christopher E. Campbell, the firm name being changed to Mack, Campbell & Co. Eventually he bought out his partners and since then has conducted the business alone, carrying a general mercantile line. For many years he has been postmaster, having been appointed successively under Presidents Harrison, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft, and has been loyal in his adherence to the Republican party. In addition to serving as postmaster, Mr. Elliott has been a good school director, and is ever ready to aid in advancing the general good of his community. The Methodist Church of Armagh holds his membership and he is a trustee of same and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Nov. 5, 1884, Mr. Elliott was married to Emma Holmes, born at Blairsville, Pa., daughter of Abraham Holmes. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are the parents of four children: Raymond Holmes, Alexander Scott, Harry

Lloyd and Lillian, the latter dying when five months old.

CALVIN S. KUNKLE, of Homer City, Indiana county, now engaged exclusively in the real estate business, has been a resident of that borough for the last twenty-five years, during which time he has followed various occupations. He is a native of the county, born Oct. 11, 1867, in Young township, where his parents had settled a few years before. His grandfather Kunkle lived and died in Somerset county, Pa., where he was a farmer. He and his wife had two children, Caroline Aukney and John Peter. Mrs. Kunkle also had two children by a previous marriage, Jacob and Margaret Groft.

John Peter Kunkle, father of Calvin S. Kunkle, was a farmer all his life. He was born in Somerset county, Pa., and died Feb. 16, 1900, at the age of seventy-two years. In 1865 he located in Young township, Indiana county, where he owned and operated a large farm, becoming one of the substantial and well-known citizens of that section. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics a Democrat. He married Lillie Ann Cochran, who was born in Indiana county, Pa., daughter of William and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Cochran, and the following children were born to them: Clara, Mary, Emma, Calvin S., J. Edward, William and Albert.

Calvin S. Kunkle attended common school in his native township and later became a student at the Eldersridge Academy, meantime also helping at home with the farm work. In 1887 he left the farm and settled in Homer City, where he has since lived and worked. During his first four years there he drove a huckster's wagon, and then engaged in the teaming business, which he carried on successfully for a period of ten years, and for several years conducted a feed business. He then engaged in the real estate business, in which he has been interested continuously to the present, although for four years he also had the leading livery establishment in the borough, embarking in that line in 1908 and selling out Oct. 24, 1912. He now gives all his time to his real estate transactions, which are steadily increasing in number and importance. Mr. Kunkle is one of the steady-going, reliable citizens on whom so much of the general welfare of a community depends, and he is thoroughly respected by all who know him. He is a Democrat in political connection and a Methodist in religion.

On Sept. 10, 1889, Mr. Kunkle married Mag-

gie Myers, of Carrolltown, Cambria Co., Pa., daughter of Henry and Mary (Donwody) Myers, and they have had six children, namely: Sarah C., John C., Homer F., Ralph, Lisle H. and Arthur (who died when six years old).

RICHARD CLAIR CESSNA, of Glen Campbell, Indiana county, owner of the Cash Department Store, is one of the live young business men whose progressive methods and up-to-date standards are making that borough an important trade center in that section of the county. He was born Feb. 7, 1874, in Banks township, Indiana county, son of George W. and Sarah M. (Davis) Cessna, the former a native of Clearfield county, Pa., the latter of Montgomery township, Indiana county. The father moved from Clearfield to Indiana county, and was a farmer and lumberman by occupation.

Richard C. Cessna received his education in the public schools of Indiana county, and during his earlier manhood taught for a while. He then clerked in a general store, and was later employed in the lumber regions, working in the woods and scaling lumber. Returning to clerking, he was engaged in a general store at Urey, Indiana county, until January, 1906, when he entered business on his own account, as proprietor of the general store at Glen Campbell, which he has since conducted. The Cash Department Store is one of the most popular and reliable establishments of the kind in the borough, and Mr. Cessna's earnest desire to please his patrons and supply them with the most desirable merchandise at reasonable prices has gained him a steady and increasing patronage which promises well for the prosperity of his establishment. His interest in the welfare of the community has led him into public affairs, and he has served two years as councilman of the borough, to which office he was elected in 1909. He is a Republican in his political associations. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F.

In June, 1906, Mr. Cessna married Margaret Divens, of Glen Campbell, daughter of William and Margaret (McCauly) Divens; her father was engaged in mining. Mr. and Mrs. Cessna have two living children, Margaret Melissa and Elizabeth Irene; two children died in infancy.

JOHN MURDOCK STEWART, M. D., a physician of Marion Center, Pa., was born at Westville, County of Pietou, Nova Scotia, March 25, 1878, a son of William Stewart.

The Stewarts are of Scotch origin, and proud of the good stock from which they are descended. John Stewart, grandfather of Dr. Stewart, was a well-educated man. He was long a resident of Nova Scotia.

William Stewart, son of John Stewart, was born in County Pietou, and became an operator in the coal mines of his native place. In 1880 he came to Pennsylvania, locating first in Sullivan county and working in the coal mines of that section. Later he spent four years working in the plant of the State Line & Sullivan County Railroad Company at Bernice. In 1884 he went to Colorado and became a coal miner at Greeley, where he remained two years, from there going to Rock Springs, Wyo., at which point he was in the mines owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company. After eighteen months he returned to Pennsylvania, and followed mining in Sullivan county until 1892. In that year he went to Jefferson county, where he worked in the Coal Glen mines, and in 1903 went to Center county, where he continued mining until 1905, that year coming to Indiana county and locating at Rossiter. He mined there for the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company until seven months prior to his death, which occurred July 27, 1907. He is buried in the cemetery attached to the Presbyterian Church of that place, having been a member of that denomination and served as elder in his church. Fraternally he held membership in the Odd Fellows.

William Stewart married Jenette McDonald, who survives him and resides at Rossiter, this county. They had the following children: John Murdock; Alexander, who lives at Du Bois; Hugh, who died in childhood; William, who died in childhood; James, who is a coal miner, resides at Rossiter, Pa., and is married to Mary Mitchell, and Hugh Allen, who is a clerk in the company store at Rossiter, Pennsylvania.

John Murdock Stewart shows forth in his useful life what a man can make of himself, for he is essentially a self-made man. He was only four years old when brought to Pennsylvania, and but six when the family went to Colorado. His childhood training was broken in upon by the frequent changes, but he attended school whenever possible, for he was an ambitious lad, and early began to make himself useful. When he was twelve years old he secured employment in the coal pits as a picker of slate, receiving fifty cents per day. After a year he became his father's helper, so continuing until he became office



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boy for Dr. Cooley, the mine physician at Coal Glen. For his services he was paid ten dollars per month, and worked hard to earn his money, caring for the office and premises. However, it was at this time that there sprung into being his firm determination to enter the medical profession, and the lad worked steadily towards that end thereafter. Later he became employed by the Punxsutawney Tea Company, remaining with that concern until 1901 as salesman. In the latter year he returned to the Coal Glen mines, where he worked for six months. From there he went to Munson Station, Pa., where he joined his father and did contract work for the Irish Brothers, contractors, getting rock out of the mines at night. All this time he was endeavoring to get an opportunity to advance himself in his studies, and finally entered the Western University at Pittsburg, with the intention of taking a four-years' course, but left after the second year and resumed mining at Munson Station. In the fall of 1904 he went to Rossiter, Indiana Co., Pa., and obtained employment with the New York Life Insurance Company, with which he remained until the fall of 1905, when he returned to college, remaining until his graduation. During his vacations he worked hard to acquire sufficient funds to continue his studies and take care of his family. Receiving his degree in 1908, he became an assistant to the physician and surgeon for the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company, and in 1909 came to Marion Center, where he bought the practice of Dr. Bee. Here he has since continued, building up a good practice, winning approval because of his skill and faithfulness. He attends to his patients conscientiously, going about in his automobile, for his practice extends over a wide territory. Professionally he belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, is a member of the board of health of Marion Center and is health physician of the town. The Presbyterian Church of Marion Center holds his membership. Dr. Stewart is active in the local Odd Fellows lodge, being a past grand and a member of the grand lodge of the State; he also belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and is popular with all who know him. He was cheer leader at the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1907, and was very popular.

In 1901 Dr. Stewart was married to Mary Penman, who was born near Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co., Pa., daughter of William Penman. Dr. and Mrs. Stewart are the parents of four children: Ruth, Adalaide, William

Murdock and Dorothy. In 1911 Dr. Stewart built his handsome buff brick residence, the only one of its kind in town. During his struggles to fit himself for his profession the Doctor more than proved his mettle, and he well deserves his present prosperity. A man of trained capabilities, devoted to his work, he has let nothing stand in the way of his success. When another would have become discouraged he kept at work, studying at night and never allowing himself to abandon his ambitious efforts. The results are shown in his everyday life, and his example serves to encourage others who are striving to better their condition.

DANIEL GLENN has resided throughout his life in Green township, Indiana county, where he was born Jan. 28, 1832, son of Joseph and Catherine (McLaughlin) Glenn.

Joseph Glenn, the father, was born in County Tyrone, in Ireland, and came to America when a young man. He lived in Indiana county, Pa., from an early day, settling in Green township, where he bought the farm upon which he resided until his death, which occurred Feb. 16, 1867, when he was advanced in years. His wife, Catherine (McLaughlin), was a native of Indiana county, where her father, John McLaughlin, settled at a very early period, owning a farm in Brushvalley township, which he cultivated until his death; he was born in Ireland and was of Scotch ancestry. Mrs. Glenn survived her husband, dying Nov. 12, 1869, in old age. They were the parents of eight children: Joseph, who died in Pine township, Indiana county; Matilda, widow of John Westover, living in Indiana county; Wilson, now deceased; Daniel; James, who was killed while serving in the Union army during the Civil war; Amariah J., who died at Cherrytree, this county; Catherine, who died in Green township; and Robert, deceased.

Daniel Glenn passed his boyhood on the home farm in Green township and received his education there in public school. He remained on the home place all during his early life, and after his marriage settled upon the property, which comprises 260 acres in Green township. He has been a successful farmer and also followed rafting on the Susquehanna river for some time. He has taken considerable part in the public affairs of his locality, having filled various township offices.

On Feb. 11, 1869, Mr. Glenn was married to Sarah King, of Clearfield county, Pa., daughter of John and Nancy (McCreary)

King, the former from Lycoming county, this State, the latter from Clearfield county, where they lived and died; they were farming people. Mrs. Glenn died Nov. 10, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn had no children of their own, but they adopted a son, Asher G. Glenn, son of Daniel Gorman, when he was eighteen months old. He is still a resident of Green township, married Lulu Stephens, and has a family of seven children, namely: Sarah, Daniel, Anabel, Alice, David, Ethel and Thaddeus A.

CHARLES ULRICH GESSLER (deceased), who was for many years engaged in business in Indiana borough, was born Dec. 29, 1839, in Horb, Wurtemberg, Germany. He was a member of the old and honored family of Von Gessler, his great-great-grandfather, Baron Ullrich Von Gessler, having at one time owned the greater part of what is now Zurich, Switzerland. Mr. Gessler was the only one of the family to drop the "Von." His widow still preserves an oil painting, two hundred years old, of the Baroness Von Gessler.

Charles U. Gessler came to the United States in 1850, with his cousin, Ambrose Gessler, and after landing at New York went to the home of his sister, near Boston, Mass., there continuing to live on a farm for some time. Subsequently he went to Hazleton, Pa., where he attended common school and obtained a good education in English, and later went to Doylestown, Bucks Co., Pa. Mr. Gessler was married in Montgomeryville, Pa., Aug. 3, 1861, following which he was employed in a baking and candymaking business at Hazleton, and then moved to Pittsburg and followed his trade. Later he went to Johnstown, where he opened for Jacob Feud a baking and candymaking plant, which he ran for a time. In 1863 he came to Indiana borough, and at No. 834 Philadelphia street opened a candymaking and baking store, and continued to conduct this successfully until 1888, when he took a trip to Europe with his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Donnelly. On his return he opened a like establishment, but sold out in 1893 to enter the grocery, candymaking and bakery business, which he eventually sold, in 1898, to Ira Myers. At that time he retired from active pursuits, and continued to live a quiet life until his death, March 14, 1908. He was buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana. Mr. Gessler served three months during the Civil war as a member of Company F, 6th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, being connected with the quartermaster's

department. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his charities, while many, were given in such an unostentatious manner that none besides himself knew the full extent of his philanthropy. His political proclivities were those of the Democratic party and his fraternal connection with the Elks.

Mr. Gessler was married to Hanna Hargrave, who was born March 7, 1840, in Philadelphia, Pa., daughter of John and Anna Barbara (Paul) Hargrave, the former a native of Leeds, Dorchester, England, and the latter of Philadelphia, and a descendant of the old Paul family of that city. Mrs. Gessler is a woman of refinement and culture. She resides in the brick house built by her husband at No. 834 Philadelphia street, Indiana, with her two daughters. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gessler: Annie, who died in infancy; Kate, who married J. A. Donnelly, who conducts a general store at Latrobe, Pa.; Fannie, at home; John, who died at the age of fourteen years; Carrie, at home, a graduate of the Indiana normal school and now a public school teacher in Indiana borough; Charles A., who married Lulu Lytle; Clyde, who married Zona Metz; Sallie, who married Edward DeVere; and Paul, who married Nora Peoples.

CHARLES E. AMOND, contractor, whose home is in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, was born in that township Aug. 21, 1863, a son of Levi J. and Barbara (Dick) Amond.

Frederick Amond, his grandfather, was born at Salem Cross Roads, in Westmoreland county, and came from there to Indiana county in 1845, settling in what was called the Spruce district. He was a wagonmaker by trade and also farmed, and died in 1875, in Indiana county, on a farm in Cherryhill township, to which he had moved in 1850; his wife did not long survive him.

Levi J. Amond, son of Frederick and father of Charles E., was born in 1843, and passed practically all his life in Indiana county, and for thirty-seven years worked as a plasterer and stone and brick mason. He died Dec. 5, 1907. He married Barbara Dick, who was born in 1841, in Cherryhill township, and eight children were born to them, the survivors being: Charles E.; Frank C.; Belle, wife of Jerry Learn, residing in Indiana county; and Daisy, wife of Beecher Learn, residing at Cookport.

Charles E. Amond attended school regularly until he was fifteen years old and then

started to learn the plasterer's trade with his father. Subsequently he learned brick and stone work, and has been engaged along the same line throughout the entire period of his business life. He now does general contracting, and has probably plastered more houses than any other contractor in Indiana county.

On Feb. 9, 1886, Mr. Amond was married to Effie S. Stahl, who was born in Cherryhill township Jan. 29, 1863, a daughter of Washington and Effie (Frederick) Stahl. Mr. and Mrs. Amond have three children, H. Merle, Effie and Lee S., all of whom live at home. Mr. Amond is a member of the Evangelical M. E. Church.

Washington Stahl and wife were early settlers in Cherryhill township, where the latter died Jan. 13, 1909, at the age of eighty-two years. By trade he was a carpenter, and this he followed until the fall of 1862, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war, and as he was never heard from after the terrible battle of the Wilderness it is supposed that he was one of the brave men who fell in that engagement. In his family there were three sons and six daughters, namely: G. W., who is a resident of Saltsburg, Pa.; Jane, who is the wife of Jacob Shank, of Cherryhill township; Kate, who is a widow; Maggie, who was the wife of James Howe; Peter, who is a resident of Homer City, Pa.; Nannie, who is the wife of M. J. Golden, of Cherryhill township; Samuel, who lives at Jacksonville, Pa.; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob B. Henry; and Effie S., who became the wife of Charles E. Amond.

JACOB M. DICK, general farmer and stock raiser, who is giving particular attention to the breeding of fine horses, in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, is a son of Jacob P. and Elizabeth (Mock) Dick.

Jacob P. Dick lost his father when he was a mere lad, and his boyhood was spent in hard work. He became an early settler of Indiana county, where he first engaged in lumbering and subsequently in farming, and the farm now occupied by Jacob M. Dick was the original family homestead. A highly esteemed citizen, he passed away in 1900, while his widow, a native of Blair county, Pa., still resides in Indiana county. There were fourteen children in the family of Jacob P. Dick, seven of them being half-brothers and half-sisters of Jacob M. Dick, as follows: David H., living near Clymer; George, who resides near Greenville, Pa.; Margaret, Andrew and John, who are deceased; Nancy A., wife of

Benjamin Bowers, of Martinsburg, Pa.; and Martin, a resident of Cherryhill township. His own brothers and sisters were: William, a resident of Iowa; James, living near Johnstown, Pa.; Frank, of Greenville; and three who died in infancy.

Jacob M. Dick was born in Cherryhill township Sept. 4, 1874, attended the schools of that township, and was reared to the vocation of agriculturist, which he has followed throughout his life. General farming, stock raising and the breeding of fine horses have occupied his attention, and in addition to his farm he owns city property in Clymer and is a director of the Clymer National Bank.

In 1899 Mr. Dick was married in Cherryhill township, to Elizabeth Hollsapple, who was born in that township, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Lehman) Hollsapple, the latter of whom is deceased. Mrs. Dick's father, formerly a school teacher and minister of the United Brethren Church, eventually turned his attention to farming, but is now living retired at Penn Run. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick: Luella, Florence, Mildred, Grace and Leroy.

Mr. Dick and his family are members of the United Brethren Church, and fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge at Pineflats. He is interested in the advancement of good citizenship and education, and for four years has served capably as a member of the school board. He is a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

RICHARD BUTLER, deceased, who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, is a member of one of the best-known families of that township, where he was born Nov. 22, 1849, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Fulcomer) Butler.

Samuel Butler, father of Richard Butler, was born Oct. 24, 1818, and spent his life in agricultural pursuits in East Wheatfield township, where he accumulated 300 acres of land, built a handsome residence, and made numerous other valuable improvements. He became one of the leading farmers of his section, and in his death, which occurred April 28, 1897, East Wheatfield township lost one of its best citizens. He was buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Wheatfield township, having been a consistent member of the Lutheran Church at New Florence. His widow, who was born Dec. 11, 1821, is a daughter of George Fulcomer, and still survives at the advanced age of ninety-one years, being tenderly cared

for by her daughter-in-law, with whom she makes her home. She is a member of the Lutheran Church. To Samuel and Elizabeth Butler were born children as follows: Alexander, born July 23, 1846; John, Jan. 24, 1848 (died in Denver, Colo.); Richard; Henry, Nov. 2, 1851 (died young); Sarah Jane, Sept. 16, 1853 (married Robert G. Mack); Catherine Ann, Sept. 20, 1855 (married Jacob W. Mack, of West Wheatfield township); Samuel, Aug. 11, 1857 (resides at Los Angeles, Cal.); George Washington, July 19, 1859 (married Lila Lynn, and died in 1910, at Johnstown, Pa.); William, Aug. 20, 1861 (who died young); and Emmeline, June 20, 1864 (died at the age of six years).

Richard Butler, son of Samuel Butler, attended district school at Culbert, in East Wheatfield township, and the summer school at Seward, Westmoreland county. He worked on the farm until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he went to southern Colorado, where his brothers, John and Samuel, were located, and the three brothers became engaged in business under the firm name of Butler Brothers, as commission merchants. This partnership continued for four years, when Mr. Butler disposed of his Colorado interests, and for two years carried on a commission business in Cleveland, Ohio, at the end of that time becoming interested in mining. Returning to Denver, Colo., he was interested with his brothers in developing mining properties until 1893, in that year coming back to East Wheatfield township to care for his parents. He purchased a homestead of 200 acres, known as the Rural Valley farm, and there carried on general farming and stock raising during the remainder of his life, although he continued to be interested in Colorado mining properties. His death occurred on his farm, Feb. 13, 1899, and he was interred in Armagh cemetery. Mr. Butler was a sturdy Republican in his political views, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. A man of excellent business abilities, he made a success of his numerous and varied ventures, and his integrity in business dealings was never questioned. At all times he so conducted his operations as to advance the interests of his community, and he was looked upon as an industrious and public-spirited citizen.

On Sept. 16, 1896, at Greenville, Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., Mr. Butler was married to Sadie Jane Lemmon, who was born Aug. 7, 1866, daughter of Henry Lemmon. By this union there were two sons: William

Parce, born Jan. 14, 1898; and Richard Lemmon, born May 4, 1899. The Lemmon family, of which Mrs. Butler is a member, is of old and honored stock of Indiana county.

John Lemmon, the grandfather of Sadie Jane (Lemmon) Butler, was the founder of the family in Pennsylvania. He was a native of Ireland, and came from that country to the United States as a young man, locating in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life in farming and stock raising and died in 1854, at the age of sixty-two years. He married Margaret Graham, who died in 1862, when fifty-eight years of age, and they had ten children, as follows: William; James; John; Solomon, who married Laura Rhodes, and died at Pittsburg on his return from serving in the Civil war; Henry; Jonathan, who married Nancy Detwiler; Sarah Jane; Jackson, who married Belle Allison; Delilah; and Jacob, who married Eliza A. Allison.

Henry Lemmon, son of John Lemmon, and father of Mrs. Sadie Jane (Lemmon) Butler, was born Nov. 3, 1834, in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., and there made his home for some years. Later he removed to East Wheatfield township and followed agricultural pursuits for many years, and there his death occurred Nov. 8, 1903. On Nov. 12, 1863, he was married to Ada Lyda, who was born April 21, 1834, and died May 28, 1908, and both are buried in Armagh cemetery. They had three daughters: Sarah (Sadie) Jane, born Aug. 7, 1866; Mayetta, born Jan. 23, 1868, who died July 16, 1884; and Laura, born Oct. 13, 1878, who married Milton Forest.

Sarah (Sadie) Jane Lemmon, daughter of Henry Lemmon, obtained her early education in the Pine and Buffington public schools, and subsequently attended Greenville summer normal school under Prof. J. T. Stewart, the noted educator and historian of Indiana, Mechanicsburg summer normal school under Prof. C. A. Campbell, and Greenville summer normal school under Professor Weaver. Thus excellently equipped, she taught school in Pine and Buffington townships, and in Cambria county, and for some time clerked in a store at South Fork, Pa. Since the death of Mr. Butler she has ably conducted the operations on Rural Valley farm, with the assistance of her sons, and is also engaged in business at Armagh and Moxham. She is tenderly caring for her aged mother-in-law, to whom she is greatly devoted. Mrs. Butler is a woman of many sterling qualities and ability, and is very busy with her farm and



commercial enterprises, but has found time to devote to the work of the Presbyterian Church, and has taught Sunday school at both Armagh and Moxham.

ALBERT F. MOREAU, cement contractor of Indiana, Pa., was born in Batavia, N. Y., Sept. 5, 1874, son of Frank and Mary J. (Foster) Moreau, and a member of a family that originated in France, went thence to Canada and finally was established in the United States.

Wilbur C. Moreau, grandfather of Albert F. Moreau, was born in Canada, and as a young man went to Massachusetts, where he was married to Martha Tupper. He was a contractor and builder and moved to Batavia, N. Y., with his wife and family, dying there in 1911 at the age of eighty-six years; his wife passed away in 1910, when eighty years of age. They had the following children: Frank; George, living in Buffalo, N. Y.; and Emma, who married William Mower, and died in Batavia, New York.

Frank Moreau, son of Wilbur C. Moreau, and father of Albert F. Moreau, was born in Batavia, N. Y., in 1856, and prepared for college at Cary Seminary, Oakfield, N. Y. After his graduation from college he taught school in New York State for several years, following which he engaged in municipal contract work at Batavia. He was married in that city to Mary J. Foster, daughter of Alonzo and Harriet Foster, and she died in 1880, at the age of twenty-six years. His second marriage was to Pauline Bullock, daughter of Levant Bullock, and she still resides at Batavia. Mr. Moreau was a Protestant, Mrs. Moreau a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and he was a Democrat in his political views. Albert F. was the only child of the first union, and he had no children by his second marriage.

Albert F. Moreau grew to manhood in Batavia, N. Y., attending the public schools and graduating from the Batavia high school with the class of 1893. On leaving school he engaged in contracting with his father, with whom he continued until 1895, at which time he came to Indiana and engaged in the cement contracting business, also doing general contracting in concrete and brick.

Mr. Moreau was married in Franklin, Pa., Nov. 8, 1899, to Clara J. Selig, of Franklin, daughter of Frederick J. and Mary (Freund) Selig, and they have four children: Walker, Kenneth, Frank and Albert. Mr. and Mrs. Moreau are members of St. Bernard's Cath-

olic Church, and prominent in religious and social circles, their home, which was erected by Mr. Moreau in 1904, being a center of culture and refinement. A Republican in his political views, he has been an active member of the board of health for several years. His fraternal connections are with the Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

JOSEPH DIXON DICKIE, a prominent citizen and well-known agriculturist of Center township, Indiana county, was born on the family homestead, in that township, June 21, 1840.

William H. Dickie, the founder of the Dickie family in this region, was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Coming to Indiana county at an early period he located in Center township, on a farm about six miles from Indiana, now known as the Kauffman farm. There he continued to engage in farming for a number of years. Later he removed to Jacksonville, Indiana county, where he remained several years, and finally to the home of his son George on a farm in White township, spending the remainder of his life with him and dying there in 1865-66, at the age of eighty-five years, eight days. Mr. Dickie was a Whig and Republican in political sentiment but not particularly active in party affairs. He served as school director, however, after the establishment of the public schools. A member of the M. E. Church, he served many years as class leader and was also chorister for a long period. In fact he was widely known in the latter connection in this region, having taught singing for many years.

Mr. Dickie married Jane Allison, a native of Center township, daughter of Andrew and Sally (Barr) Allison, the former of whom served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war under General Washington. Mrs. Dickie died aged ninety-one years, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Kauffman, and was buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana, beside her husband. Ten children were born to this couple: George is mentioned below; Hannah married Thomas B. Allison, of Marchand, Indiana county, who served as associate judge; Jane married Rev. J. Gordon, a minister of the M. E. Church; Ebenezer died at Rock Island, Ill.; Nancy married James Ayers, of Marion Center, Pa.; John died in Ohio; Mary (Polly) married Samuel Ray, of Crete, this county; Lavina married Jacob Kauffman; Elizabeth married John McMullen, of Center township, and later removed to Illinois; Ur-

sula Toledo married John F. Henderson, and died in Illinois.

George Dickie, eldest son of William H. Dickie, was born Sept. 27, 1809, on the farm in White township, and obtained his education at the subscription school held in a near-by log house. He grew up on the farm and from his earliest boyhood was familiar with agricultural work, which he followed all his life, and in which he became very prosperous. He acquired over six hundred acres of land. He built a substantial brick house to replace the first one of logs, and made many other improvements on his property, which became quite valuable under his intelligent and energetic management. In addition to general farming he engaged somewhat extensively in stock raising, and drove to the eastern markets for many years. He made a specialty of the raising of fine sheep, his large acreage enabling him to keep great numbers. He died March 5, 1901, in his ninety-second year, after a busy and useful career, and was buried in Oakland cemetery. He was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church at Homer City, and served as steward. In political opinion he was a Republican and held the offices of supervisor and school director in White township.

On May 14, 1835, Mr. Dickie married Jane Dixon, who was born Sept. 8, 1811, daughter of Joseph Dixon, whose family sketch may be found elsewhere, and they had a married life of over half a century, her death occurring Dec. 24, 1885. She, too, is buried in Oakland cemetery. They had a family of six children: Mary Jane, born April 19, 1836, died Jan. 2, 1838; William H., born Dec. 11, 1838, is a farmer in Blacklick township, this county; Joseph Dixon is mentioned below; Nancy H., born Dec. 4, 1843, is the widow of Capt. G. H. Ogden, of Homer City; Elizabeth, born May 7, 1846, married Frank Broseky, who died in Indiana; George C., born June 12, 1850, lived at Indiana, and died Feb. 24, 1912.

Joseph Dixon Dickie attended a school located one and a quarter miles from his home, but his opportunities were comparatively limited, and he has become well informed through his own efforts, reading and observation taking the place of early instruction. He remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when his father settled him upon the William Bruce farm and let him start out on his own account. There he has continued to reside to the present. By persistent work and systematic meth-

ods he has become one of the foremost farmers of Center township. He has made many improvements upon his farm, building a modern house and doing many other things to enhance the value of the property, and his progressive spirit is evidenced in all the work he undertakes. For some time he was engaged in shipping live stock to Philadelphia, being associated in this business with James Johnston, a neighbor. Mr. Dickie has been a leading member of the Indiana Agricultural Society, having been one of its managers for thirty years, still serving in that capacity; the educational facilities of his locality have always possessed special interest for him and received his best attention, as shown in his service of fifteen years as member of the township school board, of which he was president for part of that time. He is a Republican on political issues. He holds membership in the M. E. Church and has served as trustee. In fact, he is known as a supporter of all desirable local enterprises.

On Jan. 14, 1864, Mr. Dickie married Martha Jane Harold, who was born Sept. 28, 1841, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Gibson) Harold, and died June 17, 1874. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Three children were born to this marriage: Laura Jane, born Oct. 18, 1864, died Feb. 16, 1885; Sarah May, born May 16, 1870, is the wife of E. G. Campbell; Anna Edith, born April 25, 1873, died in infancy. On June 7, 1876, Mr. Dickie married (second) Genevra Campbell, who was born Jan. 9, 1856, in Fairview township, Butler Co., Pa., daughter of John B. and Esther (Keller) Campbell, of White township, Indiana county. By this marriage there are also three children: Elizabeth Pearl married Hon. James T. Henry, of Blairsville, Pa.; Nannie Mabel, a graduate of the normal school at Indiana, Pa., class of 1899, married Clarence R. Smith; and Esther Josephine, who graduated from the conservatory of music of the Indiana normal school, and was engaged as instructor of music in the public schools of Vandergrift, Pa., married Sept. 11, 1912, Arthur D. Hunger, and they reside in Philadelphia.

CYRUS STOFFER, of Blairsville, retired farmer and business man, was born in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Jan. 15, 1842, son of George and Martha (Bell) Stouffer, natives of that county.

John Stouffer was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1823, but later became a farmer of Derry township, Westmoreland county, where

he died aged seventy-two years. He married Margaret Worman, a native of Maryland, born in the vicinity of historic Frederick City, who lived to the extreme advanced age of ninety-seven years. John Stouffer was a very prominent man in his day, and at one time served as president of the Conemaugh Agricultural Society.

George Stouffer spent his life in Derry township, where he died, aged seventy-two years. The Bell family was founded in that township in 1841.

Cyrus Stouffer, son of George Stouffer, attended the schools of his home district, and remained with his parents until nineteen years of age. He then enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a private in Company K, 53d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in 1861, and was mustered into the service at Harrisburg under Capt. William B. Coulter and Col. John R. Brooks, late major-general in the regular army. Mr. Stouffer's regiment was attached to Richardson's division, 2d Army Corps, commanded by Edwin Sumner. The chief engagements of this regiment were: Fair Oaks, Gaines's Mill, Peach Orchard, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, the campaign in front of Richmond, the battle of Antietam, first battle of Fredericksburg (in which Mr. Stouffer was wounded above the knee) and Marye's Heights. Six were killed and twenty-four wounded of his company. On account of his injury, Mr. Stouffer was sent home. The next engagement was at Gettysburg, whence the troops were sent to Culpeper Station, and from there fell back to Centerville, and returned to Culpeper, remaining there until May 3d, when they broke camp, and thirty days thereafter were in the wilderness about the Poe river. They then charged upon Spottsylvania, on May 12, 1864, and in that engagement 3,500 were taken prisoners, and seventeen pieces of artillery and two Confederate generals were captured. On June 3d, followed the battle of Cold Harbor, in which Mr. Stouffer received a flesh wound that necessitated his removal to Lincoln hospital at Washington City, D. C., whence he was discharged on account of the expiration of his period of enlistment.

Following this Mr. Stouffer returned home and worked on the homestead for a year, when he entered the employ of J. & P. Graff, of Blairsville, being employed in their warehouse until 1868, when he went to Burrell township to engage in farming, continuing there until 1881. In that year he came to

Blairsville, where he was employed at the Ray Hardware store until 1906, since which time he has lived retired.

Mr. Stouffer served as county commissioner during 1906-07 and 1908. He is a member of Findley Patch Post, G. A. R., and of the Royal Arcanum, and in religious matters he is a Methodist. His home is one of the most substantial in the city, and he is justly considered one of the reliable citizens of Blairsville.

In 1867 Mr. Stouffer was married to Jane Parker Ray, a daughter of the late Samuel Ray, of Blairsville. Mr. and Mrs. Stouffer have had children as follows: Margaret Ray and Emma Jean, at home, and the following who died in February, 1879: Samuel Ray, George Edgar, Allen E., Cyrus Theodore, Mattie Belle and Ralph Christy.

WILLIAM LINTNER, late of Burrell township, Indiana county, a well-known farmer of that section, was of German descent, a grandson of Conrad Lintner, the first of the name in Indiana county. He came to this region from Mifflin county, Pa., at an early date, and was tavern-keeper in what is now Burrell township, near Smith station, his stand being on the old Frankstown road, which at that time was the great throughfare to the east from this locality. He spent his life there. His wife was Margaretta Nicholson. They had three sons, David, John and William, and two daughters. William owned the farm now belonging to James McKinney Turner near Smith station, whose first wife was his daughter Matilda Lintner.

William Lintner, son of Conrad Lintner, was married to Maria Henderson, and to them were born four daughters: Matilda (wife of J. M. Turner as given above), Sarah (wife of Joseph Rankin), Margaret and Emma (unmarried).

David Lintner, son of Conrad and Margaretta (Nicholson) Lintner, settled on a farm on the old Frankstown road near Smith station, which was known as Walnut Ridge. It is now owned by his son, J. Porter Lintner, of Blairsville, Pa. This property was surveyed April 23, 1769, by Moses Stewart, but David Lintner made the first improvements there, and farming was his life occupation, though he sold coal which he took out of the hill on his farm. This coal bank is still being operated under J. Porter Lintner's control. David Lintner died there March 29, 1873. His first wife was Polly Turner, an aunt of the late McKinney Turner, and to this mar-

riage were born two children, Margaret and Elizabeth M. By the second there were three, John (who graduated from Washington and Jefferson College in 1859), Martha Ann (who married Alexander Wilson and had two children, Banks and Jennie) and William. His third wife was Jane McCreia, by whom he had two children: J. Porter, now a well-known merchant at Blairsville, and Matilda, who married J. C. Moorhead, now of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

William Lintner, son of David Lintner, by his second wife, Esther (Young), was born June 29, 1834, in Burrell township, Indiana county, and received most of his education under his brother John, who was a school teacher and a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College. He also attended Blairsville Academy, in which his brother John taught. He was especially strong as a teacher of Latin and Greek. Remaining on the homestead until he was of age, William Lintner then commenced farming on his own account in Derry township, Westmoreland county, on a tract of 140 acres known now as the Crabbs farm. After five years' residence there, he sold out and removed to the Aurentz farm in Burrell township, Indiana county, which contained 112 acres. This place is now operated by his son, David Elliott Lintner. He devoted the remainder of his active years to farming and stock raising, in which he was successful and abreast of the times, being a man of cheerful, energetic and progressive disposition. He was one of the most esteemed members of the community, taking an active part in its affairs for many years, and served as township assessor and register a number of terms. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church in Blairsville, Pa., in which he held the office of deacon. He was also interested in Sunday school work in his early years and acted as superintendent of a rural Sunday school near his home. In politics he was a Republican. Mr. Lintner died on his farm March 12, 1912, and is buried in Blairsville cemetery. Had he lived till February of the following year, he and his wife, Agnes E. (Scott) Lintner, would have completed fifty years of married life.

On Feb. 24, 1863, Mr. Lintner married Agnes Eliza Scott, who lived at Armagh, in East Wheatfield township, this county, daughter of James and Margaret M. (Bell) Scott, and she survives him. She is a member of the Blairsville Presbyterian Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lintner, David Elliott being the eldest son. Of the

others: (1) Carrie Etta is at home. (2) Margaret Bell (or Maggie Bell) died in young womanhood in 1889. (3) Mary Ida obtained her early education in the public schools, later attending summer normal school under Prof. C. A. Campbell, and the State normal school at Indiana, Pa., from which latter institution she was graduated in 1902; she has followed school teaching ever since, having been engaged at Glassport, Vandergrift, Apollo, Pa., and in Burrell and White townships, Indiana county. (4) Harry Taylor, who resides at Buffalo, N. Y., engaged in business as contractor and builder, married Mary Humphrey, of Blairsville, and to them have been born five children, Etta Marie, Irene, Harry Negley, Margaret and William Clair, the last named dying in early childhood. (5) John Young, a contractor and builder, married Lulu Altman, of Blairsville.

DAVID ELLIOTT LINTNER, the eldest son of the late William Lintner, now on the farm in Burrell township, attended the local public schools. All his life he has been engaged in farming on the homestead, having worked with his father until the latter's death, since when he has had partial charge of the place. Mr. Lintner has taken interest in the success of the Republican party in his locality. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. On Oct. 10, 1895, he married Flora Michael, daughter of William and Mary (Allison) Michael, and they have had three children: William Everett, Royden Michael and Kenneth Hunter.

James Scott, father of Mrs. Agnes E. (Scott) Lintner, was a native of Butler county, Pa., and made his home in Ligonier valley, in Westmoreland county, for some years. He lived on the old Hill farm. He was a merchant, started his first store at Old Derry, and later had a store at Hillview in Ligonier valley, and held the position of postmaster there. Afterward he became a traveling salesman for John Covode, selling woolen goods, and during this time made his home near Ligonier, Pa., where he died in 1842, while in his prime. He was buried at Ligonier. On Jan. 6, 1836, he married Margaret Moris Bell, daughter of John and Rebecca Bell, and they had two children, namely: Rebecca Jane, born Aug. 8, 1839, who died in infancy; and Agnes Eliza, born Jan. 1, 1841, now the widow of William Lintner. On July 11, 1846, Mrs. Scott married (second) Alexander Elliott, of Armagh, Pa., and by that union had a family of nine children, of whom a full account appears elsewhere.

Three generations of the Lintners have attended Smith school, near Smith station. But the school-house now there is the third building going by the same name, the first one being located on land owned by Smiths. The second and the one now there were placed on land owned by David Lintner, as he donated this land for the site of a school building, so long as it would be used for school purposes.

JOSEPH W. POSTLEWAIT, deceased, who for many years was engaged in tilling the soil in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born in 1832 in Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa., son of David and Jane Bell (Sewickly) Postlewait.

The Postlewait family was founded in the United States by the great-great-grandfather of Joseph W. Postlewait, who with three brothers emigrated to this country from England.

John Postlewait, grandfather of Joseph W. Postlewait was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and married July 18, 1794, Sarah E. Ross, and they moved from Mifflin county, Pa., to Westmoreland county in 1818, and thence to Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa., where they spent the remainder of their lives. He died in August, 1852, at the age of eighty-four years, and his wife in 1844, when seventy-eight years old. They had the following children: David, Hanna, John, Martha, William, Mary, and James Ross.

David Postlewait, son of John Postlewait, and father of Joseph W. Postlewait, was born in Dauphin county, and there married Jane Bell, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Bell. David Postlewait died in 1875, aged eighty-one, and his wife in 1855, when fifty-eight years old. Their children were: John B., deceased; Emily Jane, deceased; Sarah Elizabeth, deceased; James Madison, deceased; Joseph W., deceased; David Minor; Mary Matilda, deceased; Thomas Jefferson, and William P.

Joseph W. Postlewait, son of David Postlewait, was married in 1870 to Sarah A. Hurner, who was born at Carr furnace, in Armstrong county, Pa., in 1851, a daughter of John Hurner. This family originated in Germany, whence John Hurner came to America. He was married in Pittsburg, subsequently removing to Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he died in 1880, his wife spending her last years with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Postlewait; she died in 1881.

Joseph W. Postlewait was educated in the home schools and resided on the old homestead until his marriage. He and his wife had the following children: Fitz John, Monroe Barclay, Jesse Scott, Laney Ann (deceased), Bessie Leila, Sarah Elizabeth (deceased) and Lilly Ruth.

Fitz John, born in 1872, resides on part of the old homestead. He married Edith E. Ruth, who died Nov. 1, 1911, the mother of three children, Allen, Andy, and Cordie (deceased).

Monroe Barclay, born in 1873, is engaged in the wood and coal business at Montrose, Colo. He was married in 1904 to Martha Grassle, of Boyd, Wis., and to this union four children have been born: Joseph W. (deceased), Albert, Glenn and a daughter.

Jesse Scott, born in 1875, is residing at home.

Laney Ann, born in 1878, died in 1910. She was married to J. W. Hicks, of North Point, Pa., and of this union four children were born: Joseph Roy (deceased), Ralph, Ray and Ruth May.

Bessie Leila, born in 1882, married Frank L. Wise, of DuBois, Pa., and is living at Albion, Erie Co., Pa., where Mr. Wise is engineer on the Buffalo & Lake Erie railroad. Of this union three children have been born, Francis, Ivan (deceased) and a son that died in infancy.

Sarah Elizabeth died at the age of two years.

Lilly Ruth is at home.

At the time of his marriage Joseph W. Postlewait began operations on the farm in North Mahoning where he spent the rest of his life in tilling the soil. His death occurred Oct. 4, 1904, and since that time his widow, his son J. Scott, and his daughter Lilly Ruth have continued to make their home there. Mr. Postlewait was an excellent farmer, and brought his 160 acres of land to a high state of cultivation, producing fine crops and raising well-fed cattle. A Democrat in his political views, he held numerous township offices, and among his neighbors was known as a man who always had the best interests of his community at heart. No movements for the advancement of education, morality or good citizenship ever failed to enlist his hearty sympathy and cooperation, and the high esteem in which he was universally held was ample evidence of his integrity and personal probity. His widow and children enjoy a wide friendship in the community in which

the family has made its home for so many years.

FERGUSON W. BADGER (deceased) was one of the successful and well-known farmers of Blacklick township, Indiana county, where he passed most of his life. He was a native of Butler county, Pa., born June 8, 1831, son of William and Mary (Ferguson) Badger.

William Badger, the father of Ferguson W. Badger, was twice married, and by his first wife, whose maiden name was Early, had the following children: James, born May 31, 1803; Peggie Jane, Feb. 13, 1805; Nancy, April 21, 1807; William, Jr., June 9, 1809 (was a doctor); John Lindsey, July 30, 1811; Esther, Oct. 4, 1813; Matthew William, March 30, 1816; Robert, Aug. 10, 1818; and Mary Ann, March 5, 1821. The father married July 3, 1827, Mary Ferguson, born Sept. 10, 1792, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Elliott) Ferguson. Two children were born to this union: Eliza, on Sept. 3, 1829, and Ferguson W., June 8, 1831. Mr. Badger died Oct. 21, 1830, in Butler county, aged fifty-four years. Seven years later his widow came to Blacklick township, where she died Aug. 11, 1858. She was buried in Ebenezer cemetery, Conemaugh township.

Ferguson W. Badger, son of William and Mary (Ferguson) Badger, was born seven months after the death of his father, and was but six years old when he moved with his mother to Indiana county. There he received what education he could obtain in the common schools. In 1841 his mother moved to the Gibson farm in Blacklick township, where he made his home until 1859, in which year he bought the Archie McEwen farm of 182 acres, continuing to cultivate that place until his death. He was well known as a carpenter, particularly as a barn builder, putting up a large number of barns in Indiana and Westmoreland counties. He was a specially good architect in that line, his ideas and plans being considered the best of their kind. Strictly honorable in all his dealings, thorough in his work and upright in character, he was much esteemed wherever known. He was an honored member of the Hopewell M. E. Church, which he served as trustee, also holding other offices in the church. He died on the homestead Oct. 25, 1900, aged sixty-nine years, four months, seventeen days, and was interred in the Hopewell cemetery in Blacklick township.

Mr. Badger was married in Blacklick township Jan. 19, 1858, by Rev. Thomas J. Higgins,

of Blairsville, Pa., to Elizabeth Smith, born June 5, 1832, in Blacklick township, daughter of James and Mary Theresa (Wainwright) Smith, who are mentioned elsewhere. Mrs. Badger died Dec. 23, 1907, and was buried in Hopewell Church cemetery. She was a member of that church for sixty years. Mr. and Mrs. Badger had four children: (1) Mary Theresa was married Dec. 28, 1876, to John A. Waddle, and resides in Westmoreland county. She has had the following children: Lulu Mae, who was married Nov. 20, 1901, to Ralph Coleman Lemon; Laura Myrtle; Virginia Blanche; and Roy Paul, who died Sept. 23, 1907. (2) Alvin Lincoln died April 27, 1867. (3) Lulu May died March 26, 1884. (4) Margaret Laura was married Jan. 15, 1908, to Joseph Melvin Mock.

JOSEPH M. MOCK was born in Green township, Indiana county, March 24, 1878, son of Simon and Amanda Mary (Ferrier) Mock. In 1900 Mr. Mock settled in Blacklick township, and has been on the Badger farm ever since. In 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Mock remodeled their home, and they have made other improvements on the farm, which is in excellent condition. They are members of Hopewell M. E. Church, and both are Sunday school teachers. Mrs. Mock looked after her parents devotedly during their declining years. She has taken a deep interest in the history of her own family and of the families with which the Badgers have intermarried, including the Wainwrights, Fergusons and Smiths, all of whom are mentioned in this work.

JOHN C. STEAR, dealer in general merchandise at North Point, Pa., was born Aug. 25, 1847, on the old Stear homestead in Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa., son of Frederick and Mary (Stiteler) Stear.

George Stear, the paternal grandfather of John C. Stear, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., and came to Indiana county about 1820, settling at Smicksburg, and erecting a gristmill on Little Mahoning creek, where he also owned a large tract of land. He was a man well known and highly respected, and had a large family by his two marriages. By his first wife, he had children as follows: Frederick, who had a farm in Porter township, and there died; George, who was a blacksmith of Smicksburg, and died in 1882 or 1883; Joseph, who lived at home, and died at the age of thirty-five years; Elizabeth, who married David Fleck, and lived in West Mahoning township; and Maria, who married James Robinson, of Jefferson county. Mr.

Stear's second marriage was to a Miss Fisher, and they had children as follows: Jacob, David, Ephraim, Enoch and Marion, all of whom remained with their father, whom they assisted in running the mill and store, and all died in West Mahoning township; Eliza, who married William Weamer, a merchant at Plumville, Pa.; and Caroline, who married Joseph McIntire, a photographer of Crestline, Ohio.

Frederick Stear, son of George Stear, and father of John C. Stear, was married in 1827 to Mary Stiteler, of Chester county, Pa., daughter of Peter Stiteler, a pioneer of Indiana county. The year following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Stear moved to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he took up 160 acres of wild land, on which he erected a small log cabin, 12 by 16 feet, with a dirt floor. He also erected sheds for the shelter of his cattle, and with small capital, but with an abundance of energy and ambition, went to work to make a home for his family. Industrious and earnest in his efforts, he was successful in clearing 125 acres of his land, and in 1872 erected a fine modern home and other substantial buildings. He held many township offices, and was considered one of the wheel-horses of the Democratic party in his part of the county, and his religious faith was that of the Lutheran denomination, in the faith of which he passed away in 1894, when he was seventy-eight years of age. He belonged to the Smicksburg Church. His wife survived him only one year, and was eighty-two years old when she died. Their children were as follows: David, living on the old home place, married Susan Neal; Peter, formerly a blacksmith and now a farmer near Georgeville, Pa., married Sarah Neal; John C. is mentioned below; William, a blacksmith of Punxsutawney, Pa., married Hilda London; Susan married William Mosier, of Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Malissa married James Brown, of Jefferson county.

John C. Stear, son of Frederick Stear, had to walk three miles through the woods to attend the old log schoolhouse, and his education was somewhat limited. At the age of fourteen years he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, and in 1863 opened a shop of his own at North Point, opposite the site of his present store. He continued to conduct this shop for four years, and then went to Hamilton, Jefferson county, but in 1873 returned to North Point, where he erected his present store and dwelling, and he has continued in the mercantile business to the

present time with deserved success. Mr. Stear is an excellent business man, and commands the entire confidence of the farming people of the surrounding country, from whom he purchases much produce.

On May 2, 1867, Mr. Stear was married to Sarah McHenry, daughter of James and Ann (Neal) McHenry, who were among the early settlers of West Mahoning township, where both died. They had six children, of whom the living are: Benjamin, a resident of West Mahoning township; Elizabeth, who married Martin Wright, of Jefferson county; and Margaret, who married Austin Welchonee, of West Mahoning township. Mr. Stear's first wife died Sept. 29, 1901, the mother of three children: Clark, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-two years; Annie, who married John Lamison, of Templeton, Pa., and has six children, Frank, Dollie, Max, Chloe, Arthur and Gladys; and Monroe, of Punxsutawney, Pa., who married Pearl Howard and has three children, Violet, Jonelle and Florin. On Oct. 5, 1906, Mr. Stear was married (second) to Ella Neal, daughter of George Neal, of Indiana county, and one child has been born to this union, a daughter, Zoe.

Mr. Stear has devoted the greater part of his time and attention to his store and hotel since 1873. During the last ten years he has acted in the capacity of postmaster at North Point, and he has also served as justice of the peace for two terms and as auditor and school director. His first vote was cast for George B. McClellan, and he has ever since supported Democratic policies and candidates. Mr. Stear has wisely invested his money in Indiana county farming land, and is the owner of a valuable tract of 240 acres. He has numerous friends in his section, is popular with the members of I. O. O. F. lodge at Smicksburg, and with his family attends the Lutheran Church.

ADAM CAMPBELL (deceased), who during his life was one of the substantial residents of East Mahoning township, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., July 6, 1827.

George Campbell, the founder of the family in America, was born in Ireland in 1788, and came to this country in young manhood, locating in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he followed farming until he died, in 1865, at the age of seventy-seven years, firm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a consistent member. He married Sarah Carnahan, who was born in 1800, and died Dec. 5, 1859, aged fifty-nine years. They are

buried in the cemetery at Saltsburg. The children of this couple were: Samuel, born Nov. 26, 1818; Sarah, born Mareh 8, 1821, who married John Ellwood, of Saltsburg; Robert, born May 15, 1825, who died at Pittsburg; Adam, born July 6, 1827; Rebecca, born Jan. 5, 1830; a daughter who died in infancy unnamed, born Jan. 23, 1832; Mary J., born Jan. 3, 1833; and another unnamed infant who was born April 9, 1835.

Adam Campbell was educated in the local schools and worked at home until he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a construction hand on the work of building the bridge across the Kiskiminetas river. Later he went to East Mahoning township and settled on the McGarey farm, which he operated for a period, going from there to the oil regions, where he remained for a time. Returning to Indiana county he resumed his farming in Montgomery township, and became interested in the lumber business, continuing the latter until 1877, when he sold and located on the old Beatty farm of 118 acres. On it he built a house that was later destroyed by fire, and in 1888 he erected the present handsome residence, and made other improvements which added to the value of the property. He followed farming until his death, which occurred April 16, 1912, when he was eighty-five years of age. His remains were laid to rest in Marion Center cemetery. He was a strong Democrat and served on the election board, as overseer of the poor and as supervisor. The Presbyterian Church had in him a faithful member and dignified elder.

Adam Campbell married Rebecca Beatty, who was born in East Mahoning township, daughter of James Beatty, and died Dec. 29, 1900. She, too, lies in the Marion Center cemetery. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The children of this couple were: Sadie A., born Oct. 16, 1867, who married George E. Riethmiller, of East Mahoning township; and Robert Stewart, born April 14, 1869, in East Mahoning township.

ROBERT STEWART CAMPBELL was educated in the schools of his neighborhood, and grew up on the farm. He is now operating about 118 acres, devoted to general farming, and stock and poultry raising. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has not cared for public office. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership, he being connected with the congregation at Marion Center. A good farmer and excellent business man, he is fully sus-

taining the high standard raised by his father both as an agriculturist and a citizen.

HAMILTON MCKILLIP (deceased) was born Dec. 9, 1812, in Red Bank township, Clarion Co., Pa., son of Archibald and Mary (McGee) McKillip, the former of Scotch birth, the latter Irish. They established the family in Clarion county, Pa., where Archibald McKillip was a farmer and miller, operating a waterpower mill. There he died Mareh 12, 1862, aged eighty-eight years; his wife passed away in January, 1836. Their children were: James was born Sept. 6, 1802; Hugh was born June 3, 1804; John, born April 25, 1806, lived at Corsica, Pa.; Polly, born July 9, 1808, also lived at Corsica; William, born Oct. 12, 1810, lived in Clarion county, Pa.; Hamilton was born Dec. 9, 1812; Peggy, born Mareh 24, 1814, lived in Clarion county, Pa.; Jane, born May 25, 1816, lived in Bethlehem, Pa.; and Archibald, born Sept. 25, 1817, lived in Kansas.

Hamilton McKillip was educated in the log schools of his period, and taught school in Clarion county, Pa. He was married in Kittingan, Pa., to Elizabeth Moore, a daughter of John and Nancy (Wilson) Moore, of Ireland, who came to America at an early date, locating in Center county, Pa. Mr. Moore was a Methodist preacher, and lived at different places as stationed. He was born in 1772 and died in 1821, and his wife, born in 1784, died in 1840. Their children were: Mary, who was born Dec. 20, 1805, died in Illinois; Peter was born Oct. 17, 1807; Nancy, born July 3, 1809, died in Illinois; Rebecca, born April 5, 1811, died in Illinois; Thomas was born April 15, 1813; Robert was born Feb. 27, 1815; John was born Jan. 12, 1817; Elizabeth was born Jan. 24, 1819; Margaret P. was born June 2, 1821.

Children as follows were born to Hamilton and Elizabeth (Moore) McKillip: William W., born July 22, 1843, died in September, 1905; he married Martha Niel, and lived in West Mahoning township. Mary A., born Aug. 23, 1845, died unmarried in 1897. Elizabeth A., born Oct. 12, 1847, married William Simpson and lives in Meeker, Colo. Hamilton Lee, born Dec. 1, 1849, formerly in the milling business with his father, is now operating the old homestead. James Stewart, born July 18, 1851, died Oct. 12, 1854. Martha Anna Jane, born Dec. 28, 1857, is at home on the old farm with her brother Hamilton Lee. These children were all well educated in the public schools. For six years Miss McKillip



was a popular public school teacher, and for twenty years she was matron in the Soldiers' Orphans' Home. Her varied duties have taken her to Mercer, McCallistersville, Mount Joy, Chester Springs, Harford, Uniontown, and other places, nineteen in all, all in Pennsylvania. She was educated at Dayton and Reedsburg, Pa., and is highly cultured.

After their marriage Hamilton McKillip and his wife lived in Clarion county, Pa., where he engaged in a milling business with his father, until 1858, when he came to North Point, Pa., when it was still known as Sellersville. He bought the Enterline mill, which was a grain and carding mill, and operated it until he sold to Jacob Crowe. In addition to his milling interests Mr. McKillip owned and conducted a fine farm of 125 acres, on which he lived until his demise, March 2, 1878. His widow survived many years, dying Jan. 18, 1898. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. McKillip held many of the township offices to which he was elected on the Democratic ticket, and he was deeply interested in the progress of his community. A man of more than ordinary ability, he naturally dominated others, and his example was followed by many. A farmer and business man of more acumen than the ordinary, he accumulated a comfortable property, and at the same time gained and retained until his death the confidence and respect of all with whom he was brought into contact. The McKillip family is a large one, and all of its members are proud of their connection with Hamilton McKillip. His daughter, Miss Anna J. McKillip, contributes the following in loving homage to the memory of her parents:

"In memory of our departed ones, I want to bring a spray of evergreen. In lowly walks God has His own dear children. Their lives are fragrant with sweet perfume of faithful living and doing in His service. With love and thankfulness their names and memory are cherished; and for those who knew them, their example and influence are as a benediction from heaven. We cannot forget their example of self-denial, their unselfishness in the blessed ministration of mercy, and we long for the touch of the vanished hand and the sound of the voice that is still."

**JOHN BENNETT GARDNER**, a resident of Montgomery township, Indiana county, was born there Sept. 27, 1852, son of Jonathan Walker and Eliza Jane (Bennett) Gardner.

James Webb Gardner, his grandfather, was

a native of Scotland, born June 18, 1777, and his wife, Tamzon Rebecca, was born Aug. 11, 1780. They died Oct. 2, 1853, and Oct. 11, 1846, respectively.

Jonathan Walker Gardner, son of James Webb Gardner, was born March 25, 1819, and died Sept. 30, 1895. He came to Indiana county about 1840, the family moving hither from York county, Pa., and was a farmer and lumberman by occupation. On May 8, 1845, he married Eliza Jane Bennett, who was born March 18, 1824, in Germany, and came to this country in 1837, and lived to the age of eighty-five, dying May 26, 1909; her family were farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan W. Gardner had the following family: James W., born Oct. 22, 1846, died Oct. 26, 1851; Sarah J. and Elizabeth A., twins, were born May 24, 1848, the former dying May 30, 1848, and the latter April 1, 1888 (she was married Nov. 3, 1868, to John T. McQuilkin); William Stansbery, born Nov. 18, 1850, married Elizabeth McCracken June 23, 1881; John Bennett, born Sept. 27, 1852, married Rose P. Reed July 4, 1882; Washington Virtue, born Aug. 17, 1854, died Sept. 12, 1870; Lorenzo Dow, born July 11, 1856, married Mary Neff in May, 1893; Irvin Isaac, born Aug. 1, 1858, married Mary Itricie Salsgiver Nov. 11, 1892; Harriet Cordelia, born Jan. 1, 1860, married Samuel F. McCune in December, 1878; Tamzon Rebecca, born Nov. 22, 1862, married George U. Ohara Dec. 27, 1881; Clara Emeline, born Nov. 2, 1865, married Harry E. McQuown in February, 1896; Loverna Evaline, born Dec. 13, 1869, died Sept. 20, 1870.

John Bennett Gardner obtained his education in the public schools of the home locality. He has been a farmer all his life, and in his earlier manhood also engaged in lumbering. His present place, of seventy acres, is located one and a quarter miles from the borough of Glen Campbell. He follows general farming, and is an industrious and substantial citizen of his district, thoroughly respected by all who know him. In political connection he is a Democrat, but he takes no active part in party affairs or public matters of any kind.

On July 4, 1882, Mr. Gardner was united in marriage with Rose P. Reed, daughter of Samuel and Amelia (White) Reed, of Burnside, Clearfield Co., Pa., and granddaughter of Dr. White, of Delaware county, New York.

**HARRY E. BURNS**, a well-known resident and business man of Grant township, Indiana county, has been engaged as a general mer-

chant at Decker's Point since 1904.

Mr. Burns is a native of East Mahoning township, this county, where he received his education in the common schools. In early boyhood he began farm work, at which he was engaged for a number of years, commencing on his own account on a tract of forty acres in Grant township which he bought from Hon. Horace J. Thompson, of Marion Center. There he carried on farming and stock raising until he became interested in the mercantile business, conducting his first store in Grant township for two years. Then he became established at Eastrun, in the same township, where he carried on a general business for eight years, in 1904 buying the business and store property of H. J. Thompson, at Decker's Point, where he has ever since been located. He has not only succeeded in holding the old customers, but by careful attention to the wants of his patrons has widened his trade steadily, building up a profitable business by the most commendable methods. He endeavors to keep ahead of the wants of his trade, introducing new lines and giving service that proves his progressive disposition and willingness to accommodate whenever possible. For two years Mr. Burns acted as postmaster at Decker's Point, until the office was closed on account of the establishment of the rural free delivery service. Mr. Burns has made a success of his business enterprises by intelligent attention to every detail, and he is recognized as capable and reliable, commanding the respect of all who have had dealings with him. Politically he is a Republican, but he has not taken any active part in public affairs.

On April 20, 1893, Mr. Burns married Mary C. Peiffer, who was born in Grant township, daughter of Frederick and Sarah Peiffer, and they have had a family of ten children: Oda Pearle, Nora Viola, Nay Ward, William Everett, Zola Belle, Frederick Carl, J. Telford, Ada Helen, Harvey Earl and Alverta June. Mrs. Burns is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SAMUEL LIGHTCAP (deceased) was for many years a successful and prosperous farmer of East Mahoning township, Indiana county, whither he came with his parents and other members of the family in 1845. He was a native of Cumberland county, Pa., born Oct. 2, 1811, and was a son of Godfrey Lightcap, the founder of the family in America, who was born in Germany and settled in Cumberland county at an early day. There he married Jane McElaney, and they had a large

family, viz.: Solomon, who settled in Rayne township, Indiana county; Polly, who died in middle age; Jane, who married John Loughery; Hugh, who made his home in Rayne township; Lucinda, who married Edward Branden; Margaret, who died unmarried; Benjamin, who lived on the old homestead in Rayne township; Juliann, who married James McQuilkin, of South Mahoning township; Jemima, who was the first wife of Edward Branden; and Samuel and Johnson, twins, the latter mentioned elsewhere, in the sketch of his son J. Scott Lightcap. Godfrey Lightcap moved across the Allegheny mountains in 1819, and first settled in Westmoreland county, later, in 1845, moving to Indiana county, making a permanent home in Rayne township, where he settled down to farming. He became a large land owner, his holdings lying in Rayne and Young townships. He died on his farm May 4, 1863, and is buried in the old Washington Church cemetery in Rayne township, as is also his wife, who died on the farm May 4, 1861. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Samuel Lightcap was a boy when his parents moved to Westmoreland county, and subsequently settled with them in Rayne township, Indiana county, whence he and his twin brother, Johnson, moved to East Mahoning township. There he acquired ownership of a tract of 216 acres known as the Hastings farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his industrious and useful life, engaged in general agriculture and stock raising. He kept abreast of the times in his work, improving his property as prosperity enabled him, and was one of the most highly esteemed residents of the neighborhood to the end of his long life, which closed April 21, 1891, when he was in his eightieth year. He died on the farm and was buried in the Marion Center cemetery. Mr. Lightcap was a Democrat, and in religious connection a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On Dec. 17, 1868, Mr. Lightcap married Elizabeth Swan, who was born May 1, 1839, in Washington township, this county, daughter of James and Jane (Fleming) Swan and granddaughter of Thomas Swan, being a member of an early pioneer family of the county. Mrs. Lightcap is a woman of marked intelligence and strength of character, and though she has passed the threescore and ten mark continues to take an active interest in her home and family, and the welfare of her children and grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. Lightcap had four children: Harriet Jane, who

resides on the homestead place with her mother; Lauranna, who died when eight years old; Mary Eva, who died when ten years old; and Elizabeth Willetta, who married Robert H. Thompson and has three children, Wendell Parr (born Nov. 5, 1899), Steele Lightcap (born June 17, 1902) and Lois Allene (born Dec. 23, 1907). Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Lightcap's son-in-law, formerly of Rayne township, is now engaged in operating the farm for her. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

**WILLIAM McFARLAND** and his wife (nee Martha McEwen) were born and married in County Derry, Ireland, and came to America about the year 1842. Settling in Philadelphia, they lived there till 1848, at which time they moved to West Mahoning township, Indiana county, and engaged in farming. In May, 1852, they removed to Canoe township, where Mr. McFarland engaged in farming and lumbering. They raised a family of five children, three sons and two daughters, one daughter dying in infancy. William McFarland was killed Feb. 12, 1853, by a falling tree, while engaged in making timber. His wife died Dec. 29, 1908. The two surviving sons, James and Robert, still live on the old homestead. Samuel, the eldest son, enlisted in the 74th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and served until the close. He died July 29, 1876.

James Herbison was born in Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland, Aug. 28, 1810, and coming to America about the year 1831 settled in New York City. On May 19, 1835, he was married to Nancy Beckett, also a native of Ballymena, County Antrim, Ireland, who with her mother, brother and sisters came to America in 1834. A small colony consisting of Mr. and Mrs. James Graham, Mrs. Elizabeth Beckett and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. James Herbison, opened up homes in the virgin forests of what was then Canoe township (familarly known as the Irish settlement), now Banks township, Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Herbison raised a family of six children, four sons and two daughters. Three of the sons enlisted in the Civil war, Samuel in Company H, 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry; he was killed at Ashby's Gap, Va., in 1863. John served in Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was wounded in the seven days' fight. James, a member of Company C, old 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer In-

fantry, was taken prisoner, and died in Salisbury (N. C.) prison Oct. 16, 1864.

After the close of the war John Herbison engaged in teaching school, in the year 1870 going West, where he engaged in educational work.

Mr. and Mrs. James McFarland, the latter formerly Nancy Herbison, were married Feb. 24, 1876. To their union were born nine children, all of whom are living but one that died in infancy. The survivors are: Joseph, Clifford, Armour, John, Blaine, Myrna, Yulu and Rawle. All worked on their father's farm during the summer, attending school during the winter.

Joseph McFarland engaged in woods' work, following that exclusively. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Company L, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving till the close of the war, after which he went West, locating in the State of Oregon, where he has been engaged in lumbering ever since. Clifford followed various occupations until nineteen years of age, then taking up school work, attending the academies of Canoe township, Purchase Line, Marion Center, and the Indiana State normal school. He received his first certificate to teach from J. T. Stewart, county superintendent, and has been regularly employed ever since.

**ABRAM HICKS**, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising in West Mahoning township, was born in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., July 15, 1852, son of Abram and Martha (Hoover) Hicks.

John Hicks, the paternal grandfather of Abram Hicks, was the first of the family to come to Indiana county, settling in Rayne township, where he spent the rest of his life in farming.

Abram Hicks, son of John Hicks, and father of Abram Hicks, grew up and was educated in Rayne township, and after his first marriage removed to North Mahoning township, where he took up a partly cleared tract of land. There he spent the rest of his life in farming, and also became well known as a Republican politician and as a consistent member and active worker in the Lutheran Church. By his first wife, Nancy McKee, of Rayne township, he had the following children: Simmons, deceased, for some years a farmer in North Mahoning township, is survived by his widow, formerly Nancy Shoninger; Nelson, who was a member of Company B, 74th Regiment P. V. I., during the Civil war,

met his death in a railroad accident at Blairsville, Pa., in 1903 (he married Jane Drummond, who is also deceased); Charles, who served through a part of the Civil war in the same company as his brother Nelson, was later a farmer and miller, and now a resident of New Kensington, Pa. (he married Rebecca McSparen, who is deceased); Jemima married Joseph McCreght, and both are deceased; Mary Ann and James E. both died in childhood. Abram Hicks was married second to Martha Hoover, of Philipsburg, Pa., and she died in March, 1906, the mother of the following children: Abram; Martha, deceased, who was the wife of John Hoop; Margaret, who married Alvin Shields, of Portland, Oregon; George, a merchant at Marchand, Pa., who married Sarah Walker; Washington J., the proprietor of a hotel at Trade City, Pa.; Ulysses Grant, who died at the age of ten years; and Eliza Jane and Nancy, both of whom are deceased. The father of the foregoing children passed away in 1873.

Abram Hicks, son of Abram Hicks, resided at home until his father's death. He was married Dec. 28, 1876, to Anna E. Barick, of Hamilton, Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of John William and Mary (Crossman) Barick, the former of Maryland and the latter of Indiana county. Mr. Barick came to Indiana county in young manhood, and engaged in the blacksmith business, but in the later years of his life moved to Valier, Jefferson county, where he died of typhoid fever in 1853. His wife passed away in 1905. Mrs. Hicks was their only child. To Mr. and Mrs. Hicks there have been born the following children: (1) J. W., a farmer and rural free delivery carrier of Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa., married (first) Lena Postlewait, who died in 1092, leaving four children, Joseph Roy (deceased), Abram Ralph, William Ray, and Ruth Mae. He married second Sarah Niel. (2) Mary Adda Verne married David Gross, of Mishawaka, Ind., who has a bottling works. They have six children, Anna E., David A., Ruth Jane, George Edward, Boyd G., and Mary Irene. (3) Orris Earl, a merchant at Punxsutawney, Pa., married Carrie Wall. (4) Preston B., who is engaged in the lumber and milling and threshing business at Dayton, Pa., married Dollie Lamison, and has two children, Glen Paul and Cecil Ann. (5) Maude, who married John G. Crawford, of West Mahoning township, has four children, Von Hicks, Helen Rosanna, Walton Gourley and Marion Mabel. (6) Mabel Inez and (7) Ernie Margaret live at home. (8) Miles died

in infancy. (9) One son died in infancy, unnamed. The children have all been given excellent educational advantages, and have inherited their parents' intelligence and honorable principles.

In 1887 Mr. Hicks went to Valier, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he remained for fourteen years, but in 1901 located at North Point, Indiana county, where he purchased the McHenry place, a tract of 125 acres, about two thirds of which is in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Hicks has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, doing general farming and stock raising, has also been in the lumber business and done considerable heavy hauling. He has been uniformly successful in all of his operations. He is known as a man who is ever ready to support movements that have the betterment of the community as their object, giving freely of his time, his services and his energies to promote the welfare of his section. He is now a member of the school board, and for three years was a member of the board of supervisors of North Mahoning township, having been active in Republican politics for some years. His religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hamilton. Like other members of this old and honored family, he is widely known in Indiana county, where his friends are legion.

HARVEY DAVID WIDDOWSON, general merchant at Rochester Mills, Pa., was born near Dixonville, in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, June 22, 1870, son of Ebenzer and Susan (Ober) Widdowson.

Joseph Widdowson, the paternal grandfather of Harvey David Widdowson, was born at Plum Tree, near Nottingham, England, and there married Mary Bexton. In 1816, with his family, he came to the United States, locating first for two years at New York City, and then coming over the Allegheny mountains to Westmoreland county, Pa., and settling at Laughlintown. Subsequently they made removal to the Manor settlement in Cherryhill township, where Mr. Widdowson continued to make his home during the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife passed away in 1870, when seventy-five years old. They were the parents of the following children: William, who married Louisa Kime; Thomas, who married Jane Lydiack; Sarah, who married Daniel Howe; John, who married Ann Ober; Josiah, who was a merchant at Roches-

ter Mills; Joseph; Ann, who married John C. Connor; and Ebenezer.

Ebenezer Widdowson, the father of Harvey David Widdowson, was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, and there obtained his education in the subscription schools. On attaining his majority, he settled on a part of his father's estate, a tract of 140 acres, where he engaged in general farming and stock raising and also gave some attention to timber dealing. He made extensive improvements on the farm, erecting good buildings and improving his land, and through industry and intelligent methods became one of the successful men of his township. He was ever a hard-working, thrifty and honest citizen, and was domestic in his tastes and temperate in his habits. He was a faithful member of the Church of the Brethren, in which he served as elder, and in the faith of which he died in July, 1910. Mr. Widdowson was laid to rest in the family vault in Twolick cemetery. He was married to Susan Ober, daughter of David Ober, and she survives him and still resides on the farm with her sons, and is a faithful member of the Church of the Brethren. Ebenezer and Susan (Ober) Widdowson had the following children: Clark B., a successful merchant at Penn Run, Pa.; Joseph A., who is engaged in operations on the old homestead; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Harry Short, of Rayne township, Indiana county; Harvey David; James, a minister of the Church of the Brethren, and a professor in the college at Westminster, Pa.; Frank R., a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, who now has an extensive practice in Philadelphia; Annie M., who resides at home with her mother; Olive S., formerly a school teacher and now a missionary to Indiana for the Church of the Brethren; William L., a resident of Waynesboro, Pa., and a daughter who died in infancy.

Harvey David Widdowson, son of Ebenezer Widdowson, was educated in the public schools of Cherryhill township and the Purchase Line select school, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, working with his father and brothers until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he went to Glen Campbell, Pa., and became clerk and assistant paymaster with the Glenwood Coal Company, where he remained for upward of one year, in 1892 coming to Rochester Mills as clerk in the store of his uncle, Josiah Widdowson. At the time of his uncle's death, in 1896, Mr. Widdowson took charge of the establishment, and for the last seventeen years has continued to

carry on a general merchandising business, having enlarged the store as the increased business warranted, and also erecting a modern dwelling house. His industry, energy and intelligent dealing have resulted in the building up of an excellent business, his customers coming from all over the surrounding territory. He served as assistant under his uncle, who was postmaster, and in 1896 and 1897 was the incumbent of that position himself. He has also acted in the capacity of clerk of election and as a member of the township committee of the Prohibition party. Mr. Widdowson is a great temperance supporter, and a faithful member of the Church of the Brethren, but as there is no church of that denomination here he has associated himself with the United Presbyterian Church at Richmond, Pa., where he has acted in the capacity of superintendent of the Sunday school. During his long residence here he has formed a wide acquaintance, and no citizen of this locality is held in higher esteem.

On Aug. 27, 1895, Mr. Widdowson was married to Floretta C. Work, who was born April 22, 1875, in Canoe township, daughter of David B. Work, a complete history of whose career will be found in another part of this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Widdowson have had the following children: Walter C., born Sept. 2, 1896, who died July 26, 1897; a son, born April 18, 1898, who died the same day; Edgar E., born May 15, 1899; Wilber J., born Aug. 12, 1901; Ralph D., born Nov. 3, 1903; Frances S., born Aug. 28, 1905; and Carl A., born May 15, 1909.

JACOB BROWN, who is following farming and stock raising in Burrell township, Indiana county, was born in Cherryhill township, this county, March 7, 1863, son of Jacob T. and Margaret (Deal) Brown.

David Brown, the paternal grandfather of Jacob Brown, was born in Germany, and came to America as a young man, settling first in Blair county, Pa., and subsequently removing to Cherryhill township, Indiana county, where he took up a tract of 150 acres and became engaged in stock raising and farming. He became known as a substantial agriculturist, as a raiser of fine horses, and as a prominent Whig and Republican politician, and died in 1863, advanced in years, and commanding the respect and esteem of his entire community. His wife, Barbara, was born in Blair county, Pa., and to them were born five children, as follows: Mary, who married Amos Farrier of Green township, Indiana

county, and had seven children, the first two being Robert and Amos; Susan, who married Samuel Griffith, of Green township; Jacob T.; Elizabeth, who married Philip Bowen; and John, who married Margaret Potts, daughter of Samuel and Susanna (Soyster) Potts.

Jacob T. Brown, son of David and father of Jacob, was born in 1830, and died in November, 1862. He married Margaret Deal, daughter of David and Barbara Deal, natives of Germany and early settlers of Somerset county, Pa., and they had the following children: William, who married Maggie McKendrick, and resides on the homestead in Cherryhill township; Lizzie, who is buried in Manor Hill cemetery, in Cherryhill township; Florinda, who married Charles Hartman, of Green township, and has a family; Annie, who married Elias Learn, of Green township, and has four children; and Jacob.

Jacob T. Brown received his education in the district schools of his native (Cherryhill) township, and there grew to manhood on the homestead farm, where he became the owner of 100 acres. An industrious and hardworking farmer, he made extensive improvements on his property, erecting a large barn and a comfortable frame house, cultivating his land, and developing a valuable estate. Like his father he was content to devote his activities to his farming and stock raising interests, and never entered the field of politics, although he supported the Republican party as a voter and took a good citizen's interest in the matters that affected his community. His religious faith was that of the Golden Rule. He and his wife were laid to rest in the Manor Hill cemetery. Mr. Brown died in the prime of his life, and his death was not only a shock to his immediate family, but to a wide circle of friends who had been drawn about him by his strict integrity and many excellencies of character.

Jacob Brown, son of Jacob T. Brown, received somewhat limited educational advantages, as his father had died before his birth and the lad was obliged to go to work on the home farm as soon as he was able. He continued to work for his mother for some years. During this time he had industriously and thriftily saved his earnings, and was eventually able to purchase the Peter Barron farm of sixty acres in Burrell township, in 1894, since which time he has carried on general farming and dairying. He keeps good stock, and disposes of his dairy product at wholesale in Blairsville. Enterprising and progressive to a high degree, he has demonstrated his

ability on more than one occasion, and at this time "Ellwood Farm" is producing as much as many properties twice its size. In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican, and has taken an active and prominent part in township affairs, having served as school director for nine years, township clerk for two years, and member of the election board for sixteen years.

Mr. Brown was married to Ida Stephens, daughter of Giles and Catherine (Craig) Stephens, the former born in Huntingdon county, Pa., and the latter in Brushvalley township, Indiana county. This union has been blessed by two children: Paul Stephens, born May 16, 1894; and Gladys, born in August, 1902.

PETER C. PIERCE, construction foreman and farmer in Canoe township, was born in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., March 6, 1863, son of Abraham and Mary (Colkitt) Pierce. Job Pierce, his paternal grandfather, was a farmer through life in South Mahoning township and died there.

Abraham Pierce, father of Peter C. Pierce, was born in South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., July 5, 1825, and died in February, 1907, in his eighty-second year. He secured a district school education in South Mahoning township and afterward bought a farm in North Mahoning township, and followed farming and lumbering until within fourteen years of his death, when he moved to Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he afterward lived retired. In early manhood he married Mary, daughter of Robert Colkitt, and the following children were born to them: Elizabeth married John K. Neal, of Reynoldsville; Jane, who is the widow of Harmon Rider, lives at Punxsutawney, Pa.; Melissa married John S. Neal; Andrew, who is a resident of Reynoldsville, married Mary Wells; Elhnira married Miles Davis, of Reynoldsville; Berthinda married Monroe Fetterhoff, of Plumville, Pa.; Peter C. is mentioned below; George lives at Reynoldsville, and is married to Alice Fleck; Ephraim, who is a resident of Mateer, Armstrong Co., Pa., married Nancy Eckman; Grant, who lives in South Mahoning township, married Nancy Fetterhoff; Annie is the wife of Frank Kelly, of Reynoldsville. The mother of the above family died in 1901, aged seventy-two years, and both she and the father were buried in the Methodist cemetery at Georgeville. Abraham Pierce served for one year in the Civil war as a member of Company C, 206th

Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, mainly in the vicinity of Richmond, Va., and assisted in the construction of Fort Brady prior to the siege of Richmond. He was honorably discharged and mustered out of the service at the close of the war.

Peter C. Pierce obtained his education in the public schools of North Mahoning township and assisted his father until he was eighteen years of age, afterward, for a number of years, making farming his main business, and he still owns a farm containing fifty-four acres, lying in Canoe township, near Rochester Mills. For the last thirteen years Mr. Pierce has been engaged in construction work, as construction foreman, for twelve years being connected with the P. J. McGovern Construction Company; his connection during the last year has been with the P. E. McGovern Construction Company of Punxsutawney, Pa. Their principal work is the building of bridges, grading of railroad beds and paving of streets.

Peter C. Pierce married Ida M. Work, a daughter of David B. Work, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this work, and Sarah Ellen (Colkitt) Work, the latter of whom died in 1867. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have three children: Veda, who married Edward Potts, of Richmond; Hallie, who married Charles McCullough, of Rossiter; and Floyd, who is a resident of Akron, Ohio. In politics Mr. Pierce is a Republican. He served two terms in the office of constable and one term as township supervisor. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Richmond, and served one term as a member of its board of trustees.

**HARRY WHITE BENNETT**, engaged in farming and stock raising in Buffington township, where he owns 190 acres of valuable land, was born there Sept. 2, 1863, son of Abraham and Margaret (McAdams) Bennett.

William Bennett, the paternal grandfather of Harry W. Bennett, was born at Strongstown, in Pine (now Buffington) township, Indiana Co., Pa. He taught school three months in a log schoolhouse that stood on his farm in Buffington township. His farming was done principally with a yoke of oxen. He also engaged in making shingles, shaving them with a drawing knife. He overworked himself building fence, and died at the age of forty-five, leaving a large family. To him and his wife Elizabeth (Bailey) were born the following children: Susan, who married John Campbell; Kate, who married Thomas

Schwartz; Jane, who was the wife of George McCutcheon; Mary, who married Adam Moses; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Whitehead; John, who married Mary Ann Schultz; James, who married Elizabeth Schultz; Abraham; and David, who died in battle during the Civil war.

Abraham Bennett, son of William, and father of Harry White Bennett, was born Aug. 13, 1835, in Buffington township, and married Margaret McAdams, who was born in Scotland, Nov. 29, 1836. She came to this country at the age of eleven and her mother dying of seasickness after landing at New York was left an orphan among strangers. From there she was taken east of the mountains into Cumberland county, where she became acquainted with her husband whom she married at the age of twenty. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett had children as follows: Harry White; Charles, who married Kate Petticord, and resides at Vintondale, Pa., where he is engaged in the livery business and also carries on agricultural pursuits; William, who married Gertrude Orner, daughter of William and Rachel (George) Orner, and is a farmer and stock raiser at Strongstown, Pine township; and Alexander, who married Jennie Bracken, and is a stock-buyer and trader at the town of Indiana, Pa. Abraham Bennett never went to school, but with the help of his wife he obtained a fair education. He learned the trade of blacksmith with George Beck, of Indiana, and followed that vocation some years, thriftily saving his earnings until he was able to purchase the Doughitt farm of 170 acres, which was the nucleus for his large holdings—over seven hundred acres of land—in later life. Industrious, enterprising and progressive, Mr. Bennett accumulated means and position as the years passed, steadily forging toward the front among his fellow men, becoming one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of his section. As each of his sons grew to maturity he bought him a farm, gave them all good educational advantages, and fitted them for the positions in life which they were called upon to fill. Now, in the evening of his days, he is living retired with his wife at Strongstown, Pa., surrounded by friends and reaping the rewards which a long and useful career brings. He was also known as a skilled veterinary surgeon in his day. During the Civil war he fought valiantly as a Union soldier, and upon his return to civic life interested himself in public services, acting as constable of Buffington township for six years and as

supervisor of roads for a like period. A man of integrity and probity, he has supported the principles of the Prohibition party, and has always cooperated in movements tending to the advancement of morality, religion and good citizenship. For thirty years he has been a class leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church, for twenty years has been steward and trustee, and for ten years has been exhorter, being elected by the Pittsburg conference.

Harry White Bennett attended the district schools of Buffington township, and remained on the home farm until his twentieth year, at which time he went to South Dakota and took up a homestead of 160 acres near Rapid City. Subsequently he spent six months in the employ of the Northwestern Railroad Company, and on his return home was engaged for a time in farming. In 1885 Mr. Bennett went to Johnstown, Pa., where he worked for the Cambria Steel Company, in the rolling mills, one year, and then came back to Buffington township and located upon the 120-acre farm formerly owned by Darwin Cassatt, but disposed of his interests therein not long after and purchased the John Michael farm of seventy acres and the David Bailey eighty-acre farm, which he is now cultivating. Mr. Bennett carries on large farming and stock raising operations, and is recognized as one of his community's most substantial citizens. His whole time has not been devoted to his private affairs, however, as he has been active in all movements that affect his township, has served on the election board for many years, acted in the capacity of school director for twenty-two years, and has been supervisor two terms. He supports the Republican party, and is depended upon to influence public opinion in its favor in this part of Indiana county. Like his father, he has been active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he was superintendent of the Sunday school for two years, and is now acting as steward. Formerly Mr. Bennett was a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. A progressive, enterprising citizen, he has been identified with those movements which have benefited his county during the several decades just past, and during this time has drawn about him a wide acquaintance, in which he numbers many warm friends.

Mr. Bennett was married Nov. 4, 1884, to Mary Ann Graham, daughter of Samuel C. and Sarah (Blades) Graham. She was born in Pine (now Buffington) township, Indiana

county. They have had the following children: Clark; Cora, who married Bert Petticord, of Buffington township, and has two children, Margaret and Harry; Annie, who married Park Altimus, and is deceased; Golda, deceased; Alexander, deceased; Mabel, born in 1897; and Harry, born in 1904.

WILLIAM E. BARRETT, general merchant at Loop, Indiana county, was born April 21, 1869, on the old Barrett homestead, in West Mahoning township, this county, and is a son of Cyrus Eugene and Mary Jane (Stacey) Barrett.

Moses Barrett, the first of his line in America, came to this country from England as a missionary. He had two sons that are known of, one of whom, Daniel, was born in 1753, and died in Virginia in 1825. He had a large family, thirteen in all, and the sons were Moses, Daniel, Benjamin, Elisha, Lysander, Marcus and Samuel.

Lysander Barrett, the paternal grandfather of William E. Barrett, was born at Holyoke, Mass., Nov. 6, 1800, and there grew up and was married to Elizabeth Bush. He went to Virginia about 1837 or 1838, remaining in the Old Dominion for five years, and then in 1842 came to Indiana county, Pa., locating on what was known as the Bird property. In the early eighties he went to Kansas, where he died in 1885, while his wife passed away about 1859, in Indiana county. In addition to carrying on agricultural pursuits Mr. Barrett was a manufacturer of medicine. He and his wife had seven children: Edward E., who went to Iowa, married Annie Tomlinson, who is deceased; Elizabeth, who married Marshall Barrett, resided in Kansas, and is now deceased; Cyrus E. is mentioned below; Spencer P., who married Annie Elkin, went to Iowa, then to Kansas, where he engaged in farming, and in 1910 to Wendell, Idaho (he has the following children: Charles, Harry, William, Arthur, Frank, Elsie, George and Fred); Lucy married James Huston, and both are deceased; John Quincy, a member of Company K, 155th Regiment, P. V. I., was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, during the Civil war, and was buried at Snicksburg, Pa.; Jane died in 1854.

Cyrus Eugene Barrett, son of Lysander Barrett, and father of William E. Barrett, was born near Holyoke, Mass., in 1837, and received his education in the common schools of Indiana county, whither he had accompanied his parents when he was four or five years of age. He held many of the township



offices, being a member of the school board for nine years, and was known as one of the wheelhorses of the Republican party in his locality. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, served as elder therein for some years, and died in the faith in 1893. He was ever an industrious man, and remained active up to his death. He had the misfortune to lose a foot in a cider mill, and this injury caused his death six weeks later. His wife, a native of County Wexford, Ireland, died Jan. 8, 1908, the mother of the following children: Edward P., formerly a school teacher, went to Kansas in 1886, and twenty-three years later, in 1909, pushed on to Wendell, Idaho, where he is engaged in farming (he married Cora Butts in 1889, and has had children, Elva, Alice, Harold, Arthur, deceased, and Dale); Elmina married Robert Adams, of West Mahoning township, and has one child, Jane; Alice, who married J. Q. Hoover, of West Mahoning township, has nine children, Frank (who married Pearl Good), Eva, George, Floyd, Merle, Sadie, Marie, Russell and John; William E. is mentioned below; Herbert M., a farmer of West Mahoning township, married Virginia Hyskell, and has four children, Carl, Weston, Twila and Edith; Mary, who married Frank Crawford, of North Point, Pa., has had three children, Dale, Otto (died Jan. 1, 1913) and Marcus; Cyrus, who married Cora Young, lives adjoining the old homestead, and has four children, Gladys, Leroy, James and Ada; Frank died at the age of eleven years; Albert, living on the old homestead, married May Elkin, and has had four children, Eugene, Alberta, Robert and Paul, the last named deceased; Clark, merchant and postmaster at Baxter, Pa., married Annie McGill, and they have had one child, Ethel L., who died Dec. 25, 1912; Grace makes her home with her brother Clark; Ersie married Richard Corbett, and resides at Baxter, Pennsylvania.

The maternal grandparents of William E. Barrett, George and Alice (Earl) Stacey, came to the United States in about 1848 or 1850, and settled first in New York. There Mr. Stacey contracted fever, was taken to a hospital, and all trace of him thereafter lost. His daughter, Mary Jane, mother of William E. Barrett, was born in 1840, came to America in 1854, and to Indiana county about 1857, here marrying Mr. Barrett.

William E. Barrett, son of Cyrus Eugene and Mary Jane (Stacey) Barrett, was educated in the home schools and Glade Run as

well as Dayton Academy, and after leaving the latter institution was a teacher for sixteen years. He first spent five terms in Indiana and Jefferson counties, was for two terms at Dayton, two terms at Smicksburg, one term at Punxsutawney, and a period of six terms near Wamego, Kans. In the spring of 1904 he gave up the vocation of educator for that of merchant, buying the stock and good will of R. A. McDivitts, at Loop. He carries a large and complete assortment of first-class goods, calculated to supply all the needs of a large trade, from the surrounding country. As an educator he was popular and efficient, and in mercantile lines he has proved no less so, his evident desire to please his customers and to give them full value for their money having been the medium through which he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of the community. On Feb. 20, 1908, he was appointed postmaster at Loop, and has proved to be a conscientious and courteous official.

On June 5, 1895, Mr. Barrett married Nannie Daugherty, of West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Jason and Angeline (Black) Daugherty; and to this union there have been born seven children, namely: Muriel, who was born in Wamego, Kans.; Lulu A., who is deceased; Ruth; Ella; Leona; Boyd, and Lois.

Mr. Barrett is a Republican in his political views, and has served as a member of the school board for three years and as auditor for two terms. He assisted in organizing the Dayton lodge of the Modern Woodmen of America, and was made a member of that society while a resident of Kansas. Mr. Barrett has always been a member of the Lutheran Church, and in addition to being active in church work has taken much interest in the activities of the Sunday school, of which he has been superintendent. A successful business man, a citizen who takes an interest in all that affects his community and an excellent friend and neighbor, Mr. Barrett holds the regard of his fellow citizens in a high degree, and is justly considered one of his community's most representative men.

GEORGE HENRY ELBEL is one of the farmers of Banks township, Indiana county, who are trying modern methods in their work with excellent success. He was born April 21, 1867, in the northern part of the county, in Banks township, son of Charles William Edward and Regina (Renno) Elbel.

Charles William Edward Elbel, the father,

came to this country with his parents from Saxony, Germany, in 1848, when fifteen years old, the eldest of the family of five children, three sons and two daughters. They made the voyage to Baltimore on a sailing vessel, the trip taking forty-nine days, and they remained in Baltimore one month. From that city they proceeded to Cumberland, Md., and thence by canal and stage to Pittsburgh, Pa., where they were three months. They then removed to Jefferson county, Pa., where the father bought land and started a tannery, his son Edward living there with him and in the neighborhood until about 1866. He settled in Banks township, buying a tract of 167 acres of woodland which he proceeded to clear, and meantime, for about ten years, continued to follow his father's trade, tanning, establishing the first tannery in the northern part of the county. He also carried on lumbering with considerable success, first stocking other mills, then building a water mill for cutting his logs, later a steam mill. He became a much respected citizen of his community, and was elected to the office of school director, in which he served efficiently. He died Feb. 8, 1905, survived by his wife and eight children. On Oct. 13, 1861, Mr. Elbel married Regina Renno, who was born in Butler county, Pa., Oct. 2, 1838, daughter of John Renno, and is still living in Banks township, now (1912) aged seventy-four years. The Renno family came to America from Saxony, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Elbel had a family of ten children, of whom two are deceased, the survivors being: Charles William; George Henry; Mary; Maggie, wife of Herman Bowers, a contractor and builder of Clearfield, Pa.; Sarah Emma, wife of James A. McKee, a farmer of Banks township; Theresa Jane, wife of Clyde Frampton, a stationary engineer, of Big Run, Pa.; Bertha, wife of Bert Bee, a carpenter, of Rositer, Pa.; and Ida M., wife of Earl V. Bowers, a merchant, of Banks township.

George Henry Elbel attended the common schools in his boyhood and youth, and later went to Duff's business college in Pittsburgh. He began work as his father's assistant in his lumbering operations and farming, continuing with him practically until his death, though about two years before he had begun to follow lumbering and farming for himself, being thus engaged about nine years. He now devotes practically all his attention to farming, owning a fine place of 167 acres in Banks township, about one hundred acres cleared, where he follows general agricultural pursuits and

the raising of good farm stock. He has made a specialty of the latter line, and has also given considerable attention to intensive farming, with which he has experimented to advantage. Mr. Elbel is recognized by all his fellow citizens as a thoroughly progressive and well-balanced man, and they have shown their faith in his ability by electing him to office. He was auditor of the township for three years and school director for three years, serving two years as president of the school board. In religion he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the Union Church in Canoe township, and he has been quite active in church work, serving as clerk of the session, of which he was a member for twenty-one years. He was the first president of the Christian Endeavor Society, organized in 1894, at the Union Presbyterian Church, served a number of years as superintendent of the Sunday school and was also assistant superintendent for several years. Mr. Elbel was originally a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of the United States, which in May, 1906, united with the Presbyterian Church of America, by the united action of their general assemblies in Des Moines, Iowa, and Decatur, Iowa. There were only two Cumberland congregations in Indiana county. For many years Mr. Elbel held membership in the Knights of Pythias, but is not associated with that organization at present. He is a Republican on political questions, favoring the progressive wing of the party, and has always taken great interest in the Prohibition movement.

On May 22, 1900, Mr. Elbel was married to Ida Ethel Lewis, of Home, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Stephen C. and Sarah Lewis, farming people, and they have a family of four children: Edward Clark, Melvin Park, Sarah Grace and Gussie Arveta.

WILLIAM DRIPPS BASH, of Indiana, Pa., is a veteran of the Civil war and an honored and useful citizen of his State. He was born Jan. 22, 1846, on a farm in Grant township, Indiana county. This farm, owned by his father, Jacob Bash, Jr., furnished the site for the town Colfax, better known as Decker's Point.

The grandfather, Jacob Bash, Sr., came with his wife from Germany, bought a farm in Westmoreland county, Pa., and settled on it. There Jacob Bash, Jr., was born Dec. 28, 1806, and there he grew up. He married into the McKelvey family, Aug. 23, 1827, his bride being Mary McKelvey. They purchased

the Grant township farm already referred to, and became one of the leading families of that vicinity. This farm was their home for many years, and the birthplace of their eleven children, namely: James M.; Jacob C.; Sarah A., who died in infancy; John L.; a daughter that died in infancy; Mary Jane; Isabella L.; Elizabeth E.; Rebecca A.; William D.; and Catharine. Nine of these grew up, married, and raised families of their own.

The father directed the work on his farm, and ran a brick kiln and pottery besides. While yet a young man, he taught English and German. In the fall of 1859, he removed with his family to Centerville, W. Va. He purchased a farm in the woods and cleared and cultivated it. There he lived and prospered until the period of the Civil war. Then he offered himself for Union service, but was rejected because of his advanced years. He tried to make up for his age by publicly advocating loyalty and preaching against secession throughout the disputed territory of West Virginia, and by furnishing three sons for the Federal army. He became known for his strong Union sentiments, and in 1863 was taken prisoner by the Confederates and thrown into Castle Thunder, Richmond, Va. There he died of abuse and starvation, Nov. 15, 1863. His farm was, of course, a part of the territory claimed by both North and South, and as such was of service to both armies. The women of the home voluntarily contributed supplies for the Northern troops. The Southerners confiscated all that was left. Their guerrillas overran the fields, taking crops, horses, cattle, and even household furniture. Necessary bedding had to be hidden in the woods by day so as to be safe for the family's use at night. The last horse was taken from under its rider. One of the daughters, Rebecca, was dragged from its back when she was returning home from an errand to the nearest town. She fought for the horse but was overpowered and had to complete her journey on foot, triumphantly carrying the old saddle, a treasured relic from her Pennsylvania home.

In the meantime her three brothers were doing patriotic service in the Union army. Jacob C. and James M. were enlisted in the 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. The latter was killed in the battle of Cold Harbor. William D. Bash, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest of the brothers. He, with a neighbor boy, Noah Crawford, offered himself to a company of light artillery which was being recruited at Buchannon. The lads

had walked fifteen miles to perform their mission, but were refused, being under size and under age for enlistment. Disappointed and footsore, they trudged back home, but not without hope, for they had left their names with General Westfall, asking that he send them to the company and regiment stationed at Beverly, W. Va. That night the parents of the boys gave them written permits to enlist. Armed with these, the two started out the next morning to walk to Beverly, more than fifty miles away. Arriving there at about eleven o'clock the following morning, Aug. 13, 1862, they were made soldiers, and as members of Company B, 10th West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, did honorable service until the end of the war. The regiment was sent into the Shenandoah valley to help build fortifications and winter quarters. It remained at Beverly until the following spring, and then joined in the Shenandoah valley campaign under General Sheridan. The boy William Bash fought in the following battles: Beverly, July 3, 1863; Droop Mountain, Va., Nov. 6, 1863; Leetown, Va., July 3, 1864; Harper's Ferry, W. Va., July 7, 1864; Snicker's Ferry, Va., July 17, 1864; Kernstown, Va., July 24, 1864; Winchester, Va., Sept. 19, 1864; Fisher's Hill, Va., Sept. 22, 1864. Soon after this last fight, he was smitten with typhoid fever, and sent back to Winchester. For the whole trip of twenty-five miles he lay on the bare boards of a government wagon, and deep sores were rubbed on his back before the journey was ended. Two days later he was transferred to the hospital at Martinsburg, thence to Baltimore, and when he was able to sit up was sent to the Mower United States general hospital at Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Here he contracted diphtheria, and while he was still sick the war ended. He was discharged from the service, with honor, May 23, 1865.

Meanwhile, news of the father's death in prison had reached the mother and daughters; their farm stock and products had by this time all gone to the soldiers; the fields were constantly being devastated by guerrillas; nothing of value seemed to remain of the new home. So, vanquished by the ill fortunes of war, the women left their place and came back to Indiana county, Pa. The mother died March 13, 1886.

William D. Bash joined the family in Indiana county when the war was over, broken in health under the hardships and exposure of his army life. He tried to engage in farm work, and even learned a trade after the local

custom, but was practically an invalid for many years. When his health returned in a measure, he engaged with the Chase Brothers' Nursery Company of Rochester, N. Y., as salesman, and has been with them during all of his business life. They regard him as one of their most efficient and popular men. For years he made the nursery business a real study and has attained to a knowledge of local conditions which renders him valuable to both firm and customers. The latter rely upon his unflinching honesty and judgment and courtesy, and have come to regard him as a friend in all business dealings.

On Oct. 11, 1872, Mr. Bash married Mary Ellen Jamison, daughter of William and Hannah Jane (Clowes) Jamison. Four children have been born of the union: Laura is a public school teacher in her home town, Indiana; Pearl, who was also a teacher, is married to Prof. Albert Kerr Heckel, Ph. D., of Pittsburg; Thaddeus S., who married Gertrude Brand, of Indiana, is an employe in the office of the Steel Car Works at Butler, Pa.; and Gladys is a public school teacher at Cone-maugh, Johnstown, Pa. All of the children were educated at the Pennsylvania State normal school at Indiana, and the daughters have had college training. The son added to his regular normal school training the course of instruction provided in the commercial department of that same institution.

Mrs. Bash's father, William Jamison, was born Jan. 10, 1829, in Washington township, Indiana county, and died Jan. 9, 1901. He was a farmer all his life, a Republican in politics, and a Baptist in religious connection. He married Hannah Jane Clowes, daughter of John and Sarah (Hicks) Clowes, well-to-do farming people of Washington township. The Jamisons came from Scotland, the Clowes family from England. Six children were born to William and Hannah J. Jamison: One died in infancy; John C., born Nov. 7, 1856, died when three years old; Sarah Catharine, born Oct. 24, 1858, married Charles C. Long, now of Glen Campbell, Indiana county; Stewart was born Oct. 3, 1861; George T., born April 2, 1863, is principal of the Centennial school at McKeesport, Pa., and is married to Annie Edmundson, formerly a teacher in the same school; Mary Ellen, born Jan. 28, 1854, is the wife of William D. Bash.

Mr. and Mrs. Bash have been residents of Indiana for twenty-six years, and are worthy representatives of the town. They are prominent in the First Baptist Church, and are actively affiliated with various social and edu-

cational organizations. Mr. Bash has a soldier's modest pride in being a member of the fast thinning ranks of the Union Veteran Legion, and the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Post No. 28.

WILLIAM McMILLEN, a farmer of Grant township, was born in Montgomery township, this county, Nov. 4, 1853, son of Simon McMillen.

Simon McMillen was a farmer of Montgomery township and became a heavy land owner in that section. Settling first on sixty acres of land, he built there a log house which served the family as a shelter until he replaced it with a handsome frame residence and a barn of like value. After bringing his original holdings into a good state of cultivation he added to his farm, and became one of the leading agriculturists of his township, carrying on general farming and stock raising. He died on his farm and was buried in Fairview cemetery. A consistent member of the Baptist Church, he lived up to its faith and was an excellent man. The Republican party had in him a staunch supporter, but he never sought office.

Simon McMillen married Leah Fridley, who was born in Center county, Pa., daughter of Jacob Fridley, and died in May, 1874. She is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. After her demise Mr. McMillen married (second) Mrs. Sarah Ellen Wire, by whom he had no children, all of his family being born to his first marriage, viz.: Martin lost his life while in the service of the Union army during the Civil war; Sylvester, who is a farmer of Montgomery township, married Mary Minser, a sister of George A. Minser, of East Mahoning township, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere, and they have nine children, Ella (who married James McCoy), Albert (who married May Biss), Charles (who married Margaret Rose), Mark (who married Estella Neal), Sadie (who married Howard Hileman), Orange (who is at home), Ray (at home), Claire (at home) and Clarence (at home); William is mentioned below; John, who is a farmer of Montgomery township, married Mina Daugherty, a daughter of James Daugherty, of Grant township, and they have three children, Zeddie (who married Mary Flannigan), Lola (who married James Irwin) and James Blain (who is at home).

William McMillen attended the public schools of his native township during the winter months, and worked on the farm in the summers until he was of age, when he com-

menced farming on a sixty-acre tract. This land was in a wild state and had no buildings, but with the energy which has always characterized him, he began improving his place, erecting a good frame residence and fine barn, as well as other outbuildings. He cultivated it as a general farmer and stock raiser for nineteen years, during which period he had very materially increased its value, so that when he sold it he was able to realize a handsome figure. In 1892 he came to Grant township, settling on his present farm of 106 acres, which at that time was only partly cleared. Since coming here he has changed everything, now having one of the best farms in the township, fully supplied with all necessary buildings, including a handsome residence and substantial and commodious barn. Later he added to his holdings until he now owns 140 acres, and is specializing on raising and dealing in horses, cattle and hogs. In 1905 he erected a slaughtering house on his farm, and since then has been engaged in butchering in addition to his agricultural pursuits. His meat market, which he built in the coal mining town of Wilgus, compares favorably with any in the county. Since he was sixteen years old Mr. McMillen has been interested in lumbering, and has at different times worked in the lumber camps and rafted down the Susquehanna river to Lock Haven and Marietta. Until 1904 he was interested in taking contracts for lumber, operating in Indiana, Jefferson, Clearfield and Forest counties for nearly thirty-five years, with very gratifying results.

A staunch Republican, he has always been a strong supporter of his party and its principles and takes a deep interest in current events. For fourteen years he has been a school director, two of these years serving in Montgomery township, and is now treasurer of the board in Grant township. He has been inspector of elections upon many occasions. The Golden Rule doctrine is his religion, and he attends the Baptist Church. For some time he was a member of the J. O. U. A. M.

William McMillen was married in June, 1874, in Grant township, to Loretta Ann O'Harrah, born in Grant township July 18, 1854, daughter of John and Nancy (Gardner) O'Harrah, and granddaughter of Col. James Gardner, who gained his rank during the Mexican war. Mrs. McMillen is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and is as popular in that organization as she is throughout the neighborhood, where she has gained many warm friends because of her ex-

cellent qualities. Mr. and Mrs. McMillen are the parents of the following children: Effie Alice, born July 5, 1875, married Matthew Hamilton, of Grant township; Vernie Pearl, born June 29, 1881, married Alexander Sterner, of Grant township; E. F., born May 18, 1886, who conducts the meat market owned by him and his father, married Bertha Kinter, a daughter of Porter Kinter; Stanley Q., born Sept. 15, 1890, is at home.

Mr. McMillen affords an excellent example of the thrifty Pennsylvania agriculturist who, beginning with nothing, has developed his resources until he is now one of the leading men of his community. He has found no royal road to fortune, but has quietly and industriously pursued the road which lies open to every honorable man willing to work, and has reached the goal of his desires.

Mrs. William McMillen has taken considerable interest in the early history of her grandparents. Col. James Gardner, born in 1774, was a tailor by trade, and cut and made George Washington a suit of clothes. Mrs. McMillen has the iron and scissors that the clothes were made with and she has a room furnished with the old-fashioned articles—bedstead with old-fashioned curtains around the bed, bureau, chest, split-bottom chair, and rocking chair, clock and looking-glass. She also has a white sunbonnet that her Aunt Margaret Gardner made seventy years ago with her own fingers, and there is not a hole in it yet. Though she has been asked to sell the old furniture she would not part with it, for she always loved to go to her grandparents to visit in the old log house, with its old fire-place. But she did not like to stay all night, for next to the lower log in the house there was a hole cut to let the cats out and in, and they always talked about so many wild cats being around that when a child she was afraid they would crawl in at that opening and devour her.

D. DONALD PATTERSON, former principal of the school at Clymer, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Green township, Indiana county, Jan. 21, 1886, son of William E. and Jane M. (Griffith) Patterson, and a grandson of Thomas and Magdalena Patterson and of Thomas and Margaret Griffith. Thomas Patterson was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, July 7, 1814, and his wife Magdalena (Dunkel) was born in Brushvalley township, this county, June 1, 1820. They were married May 9, 1844, and located near the Salem Church in Green township, where

they resided until his death, May 11, 1888. She still survives, being in her ninety-fourth year. Thomas Griffith and his wife Margaret (Williams) were both born in Wales, on Oct. 8, 1812, and Dec. 18, 1820, respectively. They were married Jan. 7, 1847, and came to this country in 1851, locating near the site of Salem Church.

William E. Patterson was born in Indiana county Jan. 2, 1850, and has spent his life here, still carrying on agricultural operations on his farm in Green township. On July 4, 1878, he married Jane M. Griffith, born Jan. 7, 1859, also a native and resident of Indiana county, and they have three children, namely: Leona Adeline, born June 11, 1879, who is the wife of H. W. Cameron, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Edna Evelyn, born Oct. 31, 1881, who is the wife of E. F. Parry, residing near Pineflats, Indiana county; and Dwight Donald.

D. Donald Patterson attended the country schools in Green township and as a youth worked on his father's farm. Later he was a student in the Rural normal summer school and prepared himself for teaching, entering the educational field in 1903, and since then has continued in what he has found to be congenial work. He taught two terms in the Griffith school in Pine township, later taught the East Branch school in Barr township, Cambria county, and the Gardner school in Susquehanna township, also in Cambria county, and afterward was principal of the Cherry-tree schools, in Indiana county. In 1910 he was called to Clymer to become principal of the Clymer school, and this position he filled very acceptably until he went to pursue higher studies in Juniata College, at Huntingdon, Pa. He is an active member of the Presbyterian Church and is well known in the pleasant social life of Clymer. He is a constant student, and keeps well informed concerning all public affairs, taking especial interest in all movements that appear contributive to educational advancement.

**WILLIAM GIBSON ROBINSON**, better known as William Robinson, a justice of the peace of Shelocta, was born Jan. 17, 1836, in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., a son of John Robinson, and grandson of John Robinson.

John Robinson, Sr., was born Feb. 1, 1760, and died March 13, 1839. He was of Scotch-Irish stock. Founding his family in Indiana county, Pa., in 1787, he took up land and in 1789 built a house upon it to which he brought

his family. Before his death he became the owner of 300 acres of land. His first wife, Mary, died in August, 1794, aged twenty-seven years. The second wife of John Robinson bore the maiden name of Isabell Gaston, and she died March 11, 1822, aged forty-five years.

John Robinson, Jr., was born Dec. 15, 1788, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and died on his farm Aug. 29, 1865. He married Oct. 2, 1817, Jane Gibson, born April 20, 1790, who died in 1885, aged ninety-five years, twenty-seven days. Their children were: Polly, born Oct. 5, 1818, married Andrew Sharp; Lydia, born Aug. 31, 1822, married John Stewart, and died March 12, 1900; Isabell, born Jan. 28, 1824, died unmarried; Nancy, born July 4, 1825, married William Brackan; Margaret, born March 18, 1827, married John McCauslan and is deceased; Eliza Jane, born Sept. 30, 1828, married James Dickson; Sarah, born May 25, 1830, married John McClain; John Jamason, born May 1, 1832, died Aug. 17, 1824; Martha Ann, born March 17, 1834, married James Campbell; William Gibson is mentioned below; Caroline, born Oct. 21, 1837, married R. H. McHenry, and resides in Hicksville, Ohio. John Robinson was a farmer all his life and became the owner of 126 acres of land. He was prominent in church work and a man of influence in his community.

William Gibson Robinson, son of John Robinson, attended the public schools of his district, and grew up on the farm, earning the reputation of being the best cradler in his township. In time he became the owner of a large farm in Armstrong township, and operated it until 1911, when he sold his farm and bought a residence in Shelocta, which has since continued to be his home. He is now serving his second term as a justice of the peace. For many years he has been a member and trustee of the Curry Run Presbyterian Church, and gave the property on which the present church edifice stands. For fifteen years Mr. Robinson was a school director, and also served as overseer of the poor. Since coming to Shelocta, he has joined the United Presbyterian Church of that borough, but retains his interest in the Curry Run Church.

On Dec. 6, 1858, Mr. Robinson married Mary E. Fleming, who died without issue, and is buried in the cemetery at Curry Run.

During the Civil war, Mr. Robinson served in company H, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was the first company to enter Richmond. A man of sturdy hon-

esty, upright in all his dealings, he is now enjoying a well-earned retirement at Shelecta.

ALBERT FRANCE UNCAPHER, one of the successful farmers and stock raisers of Blacklick township, Indiana county, has lived there all his life. His family is of Holland Dutch extraction, and its early representatives in this country settled in Virginia.

George Uncapher, the grandfather of Albert F. Uncapher, was from Culpeper, Va., and was young when he came to Pennsylvania, settling in Loyalhanna township (which was then a part of Derry township), Westmoreland county, where he followed farming. He was a pioneer in the section. Besides farming, he owned and operated a tannery and a distillery (for years engaging in distilling), and also manufactured salt. Cabinetmaking was another line of work he learned and followed. In addition to his property in Westmoreland county he owned 600 acres in Ohio, near what is now Marion. He was a successful man, and active to the end of his life, dying at the age of sixty-three years on his farm in Westmoreland county. He married, and he and his wife became the parents of ten children: John settled in Ravenna, Ohio, where he died; Solomon settled in Marion, Ohio, where he died; Elizabeth married Michael Myers, and resided in Loyalhanna township; Daniel is mentioned below; Israel settled in the State of Indiana; Joseph settled near Marion, Ohio; Philip settled in Marseilles, Ohio; Andrew settled in Marseilles, Ohio; Isaac settled in Marion, Ohio; Margaret married Robert Henderson and settled in Marion, Ohio.

Daniel Uncapher, son of George, was born in 1805 in Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland Co., Pa. What schooling he received was obtained in the subscription schools of that period, and he began work at an early age with his father on the homestead, under his able direction learning farming, distilling and tanning. He was engaged in those lines until 1837, when he came to Indiana county, locating in Blacklick township, on the Conemaugh river, on a tract of 132 acres on which was a tannery and which he received in exchange for the home in Loyalhanna township. Here he settled with his family, and he gave most of his attention to tanning, selling the products of the tannery to the country trade. The remainder of his life was spent on the farm, and his son Albert cared for him in his declining years. He died Dec. 17, 1889, and

is buried in the Livermore cemetery. Mr. Uncapher was a ruling elder of the church. In politics he was originally a Democrat, but during the Civil war supported Lincoln and the principles of the Republican party. In later years he voted the Prohibition ticket. He married Elizabeth Keener, a native of Conemaugh township, who died on the homestead and was buried in the Livermore cemetery, in Westmoreland county. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Uncapher: John is mentioned below. Isaac died on the farm. George is a farmer in Valley Falls, Kans. William, who was a carpenter and contractor and builder, died in St. Louis, Mo. Margaret died on the homestead. Thomas Benton, who spent some years in Kansas, farming, now resides on the farm with his brother Albert. Albert France is mentioned below. Elizabeth was educated in Blacklick township, at the Indiana State normal school, and at Ann Arbor, Mich., University, where she graduated in medicine; after practicing for a time in Allegheny City, Pa., she gave up her practice there on account of her health and went to Houston, Texas, where she practiced medicine up to the time of her death, in 1909; she was buried in Livermore cemetery.

Capt. John Uncapher, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Keener) Uncapher, was born in Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland county, and was only one year old when he came to Blacklick township. Here he grew to manhood. Going West, he was a pioneer settler in Kansas, and he lived in Topeka when the strife between slavery and antislavery was on. While there he cast his first vote, to make Kansas a free State. He was a soldier with Gen. Jim Lane in Kansas during the border troubles previous to the Civil war. At the breaking out of the Civil war Mr. Uncapher enlisted in Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, and participated in all the battles in which that regiment was engaged. He was wounded and taken prisoner at Gaines's Mill, and again wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg and taken prisoner. He was confined in Libby prison and at Belle Isle, and during his captivity was promoted to sergeant of his company. Returning from the war at the expiration of his term of enlistment he became engaged in the mercantile business which he carried on until his death, in Blacklick township. He was captain of Company D, 10th Pennsylvania National Guard, for three years. He was married in 1875 to Annie M. Ewing, of St. Petersburg,

Pa., and to them the following children were born: Lonie May, who married F. M. Smith; Mary Elizabeth, who died when seventeen years old; Agnes, who died when six years old; George, who died when between twelve and sixteen years old; and William Ewing, who now makes his home with his uncle Albert in Blacklick township.

Albert F. Uneapher was born in Blacklick township and received his education in the local schools. He grew to manhood on the home place, working with his father, and in time became interested in farming and stock raising with his brother Isaac, the brothers operating a tract of 300 acres. Since the death of his brother Mr. Uneapher has continued to operate the home farm, and he has done well, his progressive disposition and high standards showing in his work. He is a director of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He is a well-read man, interested in the leading events of the day, and though a staunch believer in the principles of the Republican party is independent in action, voting for the men and measures he approves most. He has served his town as treasurer for six years, and also as school director for six years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Livermore.

ARCHIE S. McQUILKIN, a farmer of West Mahoning township, was born in Washington township, this county, May 30, 1862, son of Robert and Eliza R. (Stewart) McQuilkin.

John McQuilkin was a resident of Washington township, this county, and there married and rounded out a useful life as a farmer. His children were: John, Samuel, Robert, Joseph, Rebecca and Anna, all of whom are deceased.

Robert McQuilkin grew up in Washington township, where he was born Sept. 13, 1818, and attended the local schools, remaining with his father until eighteen years old. In 1877, coming to West Mahoning township, he located on the old Stauffer farm, owning 160 acres of land. In 1889 he moved to Dayton, Pa., and lived there retired until his death, on Oct. 19, 1901, when he was in his eighty-third year. A Republican in later life, he never sought office. For years he was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church.

Robert McQuilkin was three times married. On Dec. 16, 1852, he married (first) Catherine Weaver, who died Dec. 11, 1855. On Nov. 5, 1857, he married (second) Eliza R. Stewart, who was born May 8, 1821, in Indi-

ana county, and died May 3, 1874. On July 5, 1876, Mr. McQuilkin married (third) Elizabeth J. Porter, of Armstrong county, Pa., who survives her husband and lives at Dayton, Pa. By his second wife Robert McQuilkin had children as follows: Sarah, born Jan. 11, 1859, who is living at Dayton, Pa.; and Archie S.

Archie S. McQuilkin was educated in the home schools, and lived with his father until his marriage. Although he is now one of the most prosperous agriculturists of West Mahoning township, Mr. McQuilkin has not confined his activities to farming, for from 1904 to 1908 he was profitably engaged in a mercantile business at Indiana, this county. At present he carries on general farming and stock raising, specializing on Berkshire hogs, sheep and chickens. He is one of the heaviest potato growers of Indiana county, and believes in experimenting in order to discover the best methods. So successful has he been along different lines that he is a recognized authority upon agricultural matters, and his neighbors often follow his example. Since the organization of the Dayton Agricultural and Mechanical Fair Association of Dayton Mr. McQuilkin has been its president, and is one of the men who have made its success possible. Not only does he take a deep interest in the fair each year, but leads others to join him in pushing its affairs, and advancing it in every way. A strong Republican, Mr. McQuilkin has often been called upon to hold office in the township, and discharges all such responsibilities conscientiously and ably. In 1907 he was mercantile appraiser. For several years he has been a member of the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, and is now superintendent of the large Sunday school of that organization.

On Oct. 23, 1890, Mr. McQuilkin was married to Eliza Jane Stuchul, who was born in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, daughter of Robert H. and Hannah D. (Thompson) Stuchul, natives of South Mahoning township. Mr. Stuchul was a son of John and Rebecca Stuchul, of South Mahoning township, where Robert H. Stuchul also owned and operated a farm. He was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church, and died firm in its faith in 1897. The children in the Stuchul family were: John T., who is deceased, was an attorney of Indiana, Pa.; Eliza Jane is Mrs. McQuilkin; Rebecca Ann, widow of Sloan Marrow, lives in Plumville, Pa.; Hannah Charlotte married Calvin Wyncoop, of Plumville, Pa.; Robert



James is a farmer on the homestead, in South Mahoning township; Clara Josephine is the widow of Homer Dodson, of Plumville, Pa.; Effie Inez married Andrew Marrow, of Du Bois, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. McQuilkin became the parents of children as follows: Robert, born Feb. 18, 1892; Hazel Marie, born April 14, 1895, and Grace Mardie, born Sept. 25, 1897.

JOHN A. BEE, for years prominent in business circles in Canoe township, Indiana county, was born April 11, 1851, in Armstrong county, Pa., and is a son of Jacob and Nancy (Dillon) Bee.

Jacob Bee was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in 1846, here engaging in farming, lumbering and rafting. He met an accidental death by drowning, in 1856, at Good's Rifle, on Mahoning creek. He and his wife were the parents of seven children: Mary Ann, deceased, who married Cooper Brady, and lived for some time in Indiana county, subsequently removing to Brookville, Pa.; William Henry, a veteran of two enlistments during the Civil war, who married Catherine Allen, and died in Richmond, Pa.; Jacob L., who served three years as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, married A. Kuntzman and died in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1908; Benjamin F., who also donned the uniform of his country during the war of the Rebellion and died in it, at Camp Copeland; Oliver P., a farmer, who married Emma Kernes, and died in Clearfield county, Pa., in 1911; Margaret Jane, who married John Varner, of Vandergrift, Pa.; and John A.

John A. Bee received but a limited education in the district schools, and when he was still a lad went to live with David Young, of North Mahoning township, with whom he continued to reside until he was twenty-one years of age. In 1871 Mr. Bee was married to Amanda White, of Canoe township, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Gaston) White, the former of whom was born Aug. 26, 1818, and the latter May 20, 1822, in North Mahoning township and Brookville, Pa., respectively. Mr. White died Nov. 30, 1896, and his wife March 21, 1888, both in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. White was an elder. They were the parents of the following children: John A., born Feb. 20, 1842, now deceased, formerly a farmer in Banks township, married Eva A. Tyger, and had seven children; Sarah J., born July 4, 1846, now deceased, married George

R. Timblin, of Armstrong county, Pa.; Malinda, born June 9, 1848, died at the age of twelve years; Maria, born Feb. 18, 1851, is deceased; Amanda was born Nov. 17, 1853; Martha Ann, born Jan. 18, 1856, married Adam Tyger, of North Mahoning township; Isaac Clark, born April 16, 1858, married Callie Snyder, and now resides at DuBois, Pa.; Charles Harvey, born March 14, 1861, married Jane Dummire, and is now living on the old place in Canoe township; Emma Ada, born July 14, 1863, married Sloan Kipple, of Armstrong county.

Mr. and Mrs. Bee have had the following children: Harvey Benton, born June 17, 1872, a farmer and carpenter of Canoe township, is married to Bertha Elbel, and they have four children, Lawrence, Dorothea, Martha and Rebecca; Isaac L., born July 17, 1874, superintendent of mines at Lovejoy, Pa., married Minna Smith; Thara Mabel, born April 7, 1879, married John Domb, of Canoe township, and has two children, Harold and Virgil; Harlin Ray, born Oct. 23, 1882, is carpenter for the Greenwich Coal Company, at Lovejoy, Pa.; Sanford Clyde, born Feb. 3, 1888, is also a carpenter for the same company; Doyle Clark, born Sept. 25, 1898, is living with his parents.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bee settled on the old White homestead in Canoe township, and in 1882 Mr. Bee purchased his present farm, formerly known as the David Mitchell place. In addition to this he has owned and operated various other farms in Canoe township, and his contracting and building operations have made him known throughout this section of the county. Structures in Rossiter and Smyerstown testify to his able workmanship, and among business men he is known as one in whom the utmost confidence may be placed. A Democrat in politics, for a long period he served as constable, and for the last thirty years has acted in the capacity of justice of the peace. With his family he attends the Presbyterian Church.

WHITE. Mrs. Bee belongs to a family that for years has been associated with the history of Indiana county. We are allowed to quote from a local newspaper, which in its review said in part as follows:

"The history of the White family in this section goes back almost one hundred years. John White (the progenitor) was born in Lorraine, France, Aug. 31, 1783. He fought under the command of Napoleon from 1797 to 1801. Later he left his native land to come

to America. His ship was wrecked about four miles from the American shore. He reached shore by good swimming, but lost all the earthly goods he had possessed. He finally settled in Delaware and married Kezia Vanderver, and they had the following children: Jane, Charles S., Isaac (the father of Mrs. Bee), John, Jr., James M., and Isaiah."

JOHN DORN, farmer and fruit grower in North Mahoning township, was born in Hesse, Germany, July 28, 1834, a son of Franz and Margaret (Miller) Dorn, and a grandson of Adam Dorn. The grandfather was born in Hesse, Germany, and died there. By trade he was a shoemaker.

Franz Dorn, son of Adam and father of John Dorn, was born in Hesse, Germany, in 1804, and died there in 1864, aged sixty years. He was a farmer, and was a soldier in the German army. He was married to Margaret Miller, a daughter of Valentine Miller, and the following children were born to them: John is mentioned below; William, who came to America in 1859, now living at Pittsburg, Pa., married Eva Roeder, of North Mahoning township; George, who came to America in 1865, located in North Mahoning township, but later removed to Pittsburg, where he still resides.

John Dorn came to the United States in 1850 and spent his first winter in New Jersey. In the spring of the following year he came to North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., and for four years afterward worked for farmers in this section. From here he then went to Blair county, and continued farm work, and for one year before the opening of the Civil war worked for Mutters Bauch, in Virginia, where he found sectional feeling running high. When the first call was issued for three months' men he tried to enter a Pennsylvania regiment, rightly regarding this State as his home, but the ranks were so quickly filled that the quota was made up before he secured a place. As soon, however, as the call came for three years' men he enlisted as a member of the 1st Cameron Dragoons (this being afterward made the 5th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry), becoming a private in Company K, and two days after being mustered in was engaged in a skirmish between his regiment and a band of Confederates. Before his term of three years was out he was given the privilege of reenlisting, to take effect at that time, with certain advantages, and those of the regiment who did not do so served out their full three

years. Mr. Dorn's second enlistment took place in 1864 and he served until the war closed. Shortly after this enlistment he was captured by the enemy, at Stony Creek Station, in the Wilson raid, and spent six months in Confederate prisons. First he was taken to Andersonville, Ga., and when General Sherman's forces tried to release the Union soldiers who were being so brutally treated, these prisoners were removed to Florence, where conditions were a little better. Fortunately he was exchanged before his health was entirely shattered. Prior to being taken prisoner he had participated with his company in twenty-seven engagements, including the Seven Days' fight before Richmond and all the raids in connection with it.

When the war was over and he was honorably released, Mr. Dorn returned to Indiana county and settled on his present farm in North Mahoning township, not far from the village of Marchand. He has 200 acres, 100 acres being under careful cultivation and the rest being in valuable timber. He has one of the finest peach orchards in this part of the country, containing three thousand trees, about half of which are in bearing condition. He also has four acres devoted to the growing of strawberries. All his enterprises are prospering and he looks after his many interests himself. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served six terms as judge of elections. For many years he has been a trustee of the Evangelical Church of Marchand, to which he and his family belong. Mr. Dorn is interested in the G. A. R., being a member of Post No. 206, of Covode.

In 1866 Mr. Dorn was married to Eva Beam, a daughter of John and Kitty (Glaser) Beam. To Mr. and Mrs. Dorn the following children were born: Emma Elizabeth, who is the wife of Thomas Lowman, of Grant township; Samuel, who lives on the homestead, married to Lulu Kohlhepp; Ellen, who died at the age of four years; John, who died at the age of two years; a child that died unnamed; Albert, who resides at home; and Irvin, who died when aged seven years.

John Beam, father of Mrs. Dorn, was born in Germany and there obtained his education. He was a farmer, and when he came to the United States secured land in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he died many years later; he is buried at Marchand. He was twice married, first to Kitty Glaser, who was buried in the North Mahoning Evangelical Church cemetery. The second marriage of John Beam was to Elizabeth

Bishop, who survives and resides at Marchand. His children were born to his first marriage, namely: George, who is deceased, married Margaret Glaser; John died in Andersonville prison during the Civil war; Margaret, who is deceased, was the wife of Jacob Bartholomew; Eva is the wife of John Dorn and was born seventy years ago. In politics John Beam was a Democrat, but never held any public office. He belonged to the Evangelical Church, in which he was a class leader for many years.

LEWIS THOMAS, assistant superintendent of Iselin No. 3 mine, at Reed, in Young township, Indiana county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born at Morris Run, Tioga county, Feb. 25, 1880, son of Thomas D. and Esther (Jenkins) Thomas. His grandfather was a native of Wales, but was not spared to live to advanced years, dying when Thomas D. Thomas was but five years old.

Thomas D. Thomas, father of Lewis Thomas, was born at Aberdare, Glamorgan-shire, Wales, in 1832, there grew to manhood, and became a fire boss. He was married at Aberdare to Esther Jenkins, and in 1866, with his wife and several children, came to the United States and located at Morris Run, Tioga Co., Pa. He continued to work as a coal miner, being thus employed at that place for more than twenty-one years, at the end of which time he removed to Jefferson county and located at Lindsey, now the west end of Punxsutawney. Mr. Thomas continued to follow the occupation of coal miner in the employ of the Berwind & White Coal Company, at that point, as well as at Anita, in the same county, and on retiring from active life made his home at the west end of Punxsutawney, where his death occurred Feb. 29, 1908, and where he was buried. Mr. Thomas was well known among the miners of that section of Pennsylvania and bore an excellent reputation for integrity and upright living. Possessed of a fine, rich baritone voice, Mr. Thomas was trained by Caradog, the famous musician and vocalist, who was one of the judges of music and singing at the World's Columbian Exposition held at Chicago in 1893, and subsequently won prizes in the Welsh Eisteddfod, which corresponds to the German Saengerfest. For many years Mr. Thomas conducted choruses in Jefferson and Tioga counties, and at all times took a deep interest in movements tending to advance musical culture. His widow survives and makes her home in the West End, Punxsu-

tawney. They were the parents of fifteen children: Margaret, who married Edward Beechey; Daniel J., who was assistant principal of public schools at Punxsutawney, and is now a tea and coffee merchant of West Punxsutawney; Ellen, who died unmarried in 1908; William G., who is a meat dealer at the West End of Punxsutawney; Esther, who married J. R. Davis, of Punxsutawney; Thomas D., Jr., who is assistant superintendent at the Lucerne mine, in Center township, Indiana county; Evan J.; Lewis; Mary, who died of scarlet fever in 1892, at the age of eleven years; Ann, who died at the same time, when eight years of age, both children being buried in the same grave; and five children who died in infancy.

Lewis Thomas, son of Thomas D. Thomas, was educated at Lindsey, or the west end of Punxsutawney, and had his first experience as a miner when he was a lad of eleven years. However, after a short period he returned to school, continuing his studies until he was fourteen years of age, when he again found employment, this time in the glass works at his native place. He spent but one year there, however, and a like period in the brickyards, and when sixteen years of age began to work in the mines of the Berwind & White Coal Company, at Anita, Jefferson county. He had been an employee of these mines for nine years when he met with a serious accident, in which both of his legs were broken, his injuries confining him to his bed for forty-nine days, and after recovering therefrom he entered the service of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad Company, with which he was connected for a short period. Subsequently he became connected with the Mahoning Supply Company in the store at Adrian, Jefferson county, but a short time later was made clerk for the Walston Scales Company, being connected with that firm until October, 1905. At that time Mr. Thomas came to the new mining town of Iselin, in Young township, Indiana county, to become weighmaster for the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company, a position which he filled until 1906, when he was made assistant superintendent at Iselin No. 3 mine, then in its infancy, with but a few houses and only 125 hands at work. Mr. Thomas has continued to fill the position during the last six years with ability and to the general satisfaction of the company, and the industry has grown here to such an extent that the community boasts of seventy-seven houses, a large general store and post office, known as Reed, and a large reservoir.

Mr. Thomas is a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, and takes a deep interest in the town and its people. He is well liked and highly respected by the 450 hands now under his control, they recognizing that he has done much to build up the community and secure them many advantages not enjoyed by less favored localities. He was largely instrumental in having the church and schoolhouse erected here, collecting the money personally, and in numerous other ways has shown his public spirit. A thorough miner, conversant with every detail of his vocation, in 1911 he obtained a State mining foreman's certificate. Politically Mr. Thomas is a stalwart Republican. He belongs to Blue Lodge No. 431, F. & A. M., of Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pa., and is also a member of the Odd Fellows.

In 1906 Mr. Thomas was married to Anna Cranmer, daughter of Bernard A. Cranmer, of Monroeton, Bradford Co., Pa., and sister of Dr. C. B. Cranmer, of Iselin. Mrs. Thomas is a lady of culture and refined tastes, is devoted to her home and family, and has numerous friends in and about Iselin. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Margaret Ruth, born July 5, 1910.

Evan J. Thomas, brother of Lewis Thomas, and son of Thomas D. Thomas, was born in 1876 at Morris Run, Tioga Co., Pa., and was there educated in the public schools. From early boyhood he has worked in and about mines, and in 1906 became inside foreman of Iselin mine No. 3, where he has continued ever since and where he is popular with his men and highly esteemed by his superiors. He makes his home near the mine, and, like his brother, is interested in Reed and its people. He married Carrie Emrick, a lady of Clearfield county.

PETER W. WASSAM is one of the leading citizens of Green township, where, as a highly successful farmer and stock raiser, one of the most progressive agriculturists of his section of Indiana county, and a public official who has been connected with the administration of local affairs for many years, he has become well and favorably known to most of the residents of this district.

Mr. Wassam is a native of Somerset county, Pa., born Jan. 1, 1843, son of Jacob and Barbara (Burkey) Wassam. The family is of German origin, his grandfather, Adam Wassam, having been born in Germany. He was in the army under Napoleon Bonaparte for six years. Coming to America with his large

family, five sons and five daughters, he located in the State of Ohio for a time, thence removing to Somerset county, Pa., and later to Indiana county, Pa. Here, about 1841, he first leased land in Green township, near Cookport, afterward buying a tract in Montgomery township, upon which he remained until his death, at the age of eighty-eight years. He was buried in the Fry cemetery in Banks township.

Jacob Wassam, father of Peter W. Wassam, was born in Germany, and was fourteen years old when he came with his parents to America. The voyage was made in a sailing vessel, and they were on the water seventy-two days. He remained with his parents and lived in Somerset and Cambria counties before coming to Montgomery township, Indiana county, remaining there for seven years. He also lived for seven years in Rayne township, and in 1864 removed to Ohio, settling in Darke county. In 1868 he left that county, going west to Kansas, where he resided for some time. Later he went to Missouri, and there died at the home of his son, J. J. Wassam, in 1894. He married Barbara Burkey, who was born in Somerset county, Pa., of which county her father, Peter Burkey, was also a native; he was reared near Johnstown, Pa., and was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Wassam died in 1894—the same year as her husband—at the home of her daughter, Ella, in Kansas. They were the parents of fourteen children, namely: Mary, who is deceased; Peter W.; Rachel, wife of Levi Hershey, now living in the State of Indiana; Sarah, Mrs. Rairigh, deceased; Adam, a physician and surgeon, now living in Galveston, Texas; Jacob J., whose home is in Colorado; Margaret, Mrs. Martin Ober, of Kansas; Abraham, who lives in the State of Indiana; Daniel, living in Missouri; Ella, married and living in Independence, Kans.; Louis, deceased; Samuel, a resident of New York State; Angeline, deceased, and one that died in infancy.

Peter W. Wassam came to Indiana county with his parents when seven years old, lived with them in Montgomery township and moved with the family to Rayne township. Meantime he attended the common schools near home. On Sept. 8, 1864, he enlisted for service in the Union army, joining Company E, 211th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he took part in various battles; he was wounded once in a night skirmish near the James river, in Virginia. At the close of the war Mr. Wassam was mustered out at Camp Reynolds, near Pittsburg, Pa., and re-



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turning to Indiana county, lived at Cherrytree for two years, doing business as a merchant and keeping boarders. Then he settled down to farming in Montgomery township, where he continued to reside until 1904, in that year moving to Green township and buying the farm of twenty-eight acres upon which he has since resided. He also owns the old homestead of 134 acres in Montgomery township. He has become one of the most prominent residents of his locality. In addition to general farming, he raises, ships and buys stock, in which line he has been engaged for twenty-six years, his interests being quite extensive; he deals in fertilizers and has done considerable in the line of building soil and fertilizing, being a man of the enterprising type, one who keeps abreast of the times in everything pertaining to his particular work. He has not only managed his own affairs successfully, but has found time to take part in the general business of the community, and he has held nearly all the township offices. He was the first constable of Montgomery township after the war, was assessor, supervisor, auditor, school director and overseer of poor of that township, and in every capacity has given complete satisfaction, his discharge of the various responsibilities laid upon him being thorough and intelligent. He is not filling any public position at present. In political association he is a Republican.

On Sept. 9, 1864, Mr. Wassam married Sarah J. Armstrong, who was born Aug. 9, 1845, in Indiana county, daughter of William and Ann Eliza (Hazelet) Armstrong, both of whom died in 1902. Their family consisted of eleven children. Mrs. Wassam died in 1875, and was buried in the Hazelet cemetery in Montgomery township. She was the mother of four children: Ada N., the eldest, now deceased, married J. A. Rank, and they had children, Maud Elaine, Edith Jane and Freda, the last named deceased; Ella B. is the wife of V. E. Cramer, a farmer, of Montgomery township; Mary A. is deceased; Francis M. is deceased. On Nov. 16, 1878, Mr. Wassam married (second) Mollie I. Armstrong, who was born Sept. 16, 1850, in Indiana county, sister of his first wife. To this union were born five children: Bertha, now the wife of William E. Cramer, of Cherrytree, Pa., who has two children, Paul W. and Beatrice W.; William F., now principal of the school at Beaverdale, Pa., who married Grace Buterbaugh, of Indiana, Pa., and has had four children, Eugene, Kenneth, Meredith and Victor William, the last named deceased; Edith and

Edna, twins, the former living at home, the latter deceased, and J. Blaine, a plumber by trade, living in this county, who married Anna Tonkin, of Indiana county, and after her death (which occurred in June, 1908), married (second) Nona Nupp, of this county, by whom he has one child, Mildred Mine. Of this family, Ada, Mary, Blaine and William became school teachers. Mr. Wassam has every reason to feel proud of his family, for they have all become useful and respected citizens, filling their places in the community faithfully and intelligently.

Mrs. Mollie I. (Armstrong) Wassam died Sept. 17, 1912, and is buried in the Hazelet cemetery in Montgomery township. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren, to which Mr. Wassam also belongs.

HARRISON SPIERS, justice of the peace and retired agriculturist of Brushvalley township, is a native of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, born Aug. 31, 1841.

Richard Spiers, grandfather of Harrison, was a native of Scotland, and came to America when a young man, locating in Blacklick township. He married Susan Kunkle, and they became engaged in farming there, remaining for some years, after which they removed to East Wheatfield township. There they settled down to farming also, following that work the remainder of their lives, and both Mr. and Mrs. Spiers died there. They were members of the M. E. Church. Politically Mr. Spiers was a Whig, then a Republican.

John Spiers, son of Richard and Susan (Kunkle) Spiers, was born on the farm in Blacklick township, and there grew up. He removed with his parents to East Wheatfield township and there made his home, following various occupations. For a time he was a contractor in mining ore in that section of the county, and also operated the Campbell mills. Later he became engaged in farming, which he continued the rest of his life. He died on the farm and was buried in East Wheatfield township. He was a Republican and a devout member of the M. E. Church.

Mr. Spiers married Eleanor Butler, of East Wheatfield township, daughter of James Butler. She was also a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. and Mrs. Spiers were the parents of the following children: Harrison, who is mentioned below; Wellington, who is deceased; Malissa, who married Elias Stephens, of East Wheatfield township; Fimmel, who married Jacob Finley, both being de-

ceased; Emory, who died young; Mariam, who married F. M. Bolar, of East Wheatfield township; Wilmer, who went West; Sarah, who married William Wood, now deceased; and Hudson, who is deceased.

Harrison Spiers attended the district schools, and also went to summer school for three terms, and grew up on his father's farm. When of age, in August, 1863, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company I, 135th P. V. I., under Capt. John A. Kinter and Col. James Porter, and was with the Army of the Potomac, taking part in the battles of Munson's Hill and Chancellorsville; while on duty in front of Fredericksburg he received a small flesh wound. He was in hospital at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, with typhoid fever, and was mustered out of the service in 1864. He again enlisted, at Greensburg, in a company just formed, and was detached to do secret service, being engaged in that work up to the close of the war. Returning home he stayed on the homestead with his parents for one year, and then learned the trade of shoemaking with Thomas Hatch in Burrell township. Later he became engaged in that business with James Alexander Getty, under the firm name of Spiers & Getty, and the business was conducted thus for two years, when Mr. Spiers sold out and took to farming in East Wheatfield township. In the early seventies he came to Brushvalley township and bought a tract of eighty-three acres, on which he built a dwelling house, and rebuilt a barn which had been destroyed by a gale. He continued engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1892, when he accepted a position at the Cambria Iron Works, at Johnstown, stoking in the steel works, and when he had spent four years there he decided to return to the farm, where he lived two more years. He then obtained a position as foreman in the Round department of the Cambria Iron Works, at Johnstown, whither he removed with his family, and continued to fill that position for four years. In 1902 he again returned with his family to the farm and continued engaged in farming until 1909, when he retired and located in Mechanicsburg, where he has ever since resided. A staunch Republican in politics, he has served his township as school director, and in 1911 was elected justice of the peace, which office he is now filling with excellent ability. He is a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Emory Fisher Post, of Johnstown. He is much interested in church work, being a member of

the Evangelical Church, is trustee and class leader, and has been for years superintendent of the Sunday school. He teaches the Bible class.

Mr. Spiers married Feb. 7, 1867, in East Wheatfield township, Emma J. Johns, who was born in Wheatfield township, daughter of Isaac Johns. She died March 15, 1911, and was buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery at Armagh, Pa. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Spiers, as follows: Clarissa, born Jan. 16, 1868, is deceased; Oliver Perry, born April 4, 1869, is deceased; Adaline, born Dec. 19, 1870, is deceased; Eleanor, born March 1, 1872, married Albert Hill, and resides in Juniata, Blair Co., Pa.; Harry F., born March 4, 1874, resides in Johnstown, Pa.; Seguin Adolphus, born Nov. 20, 1876, is deceased; Lillian Theodosia, born Sept. 4, 1878, married Wesley Stahl, and resides in Vandergrift; Cora, born Oct. 8, 1880, married John Murphy, of Boswell, Somerset Co., Pa.; Tesse Izette, born Feb. 20, 1884, now deceased, married Harry Overdorff; Nellie Blanch, born Feb. 21, 1886, married Clark Marsh, of Brushvalley township; Warden Gwinford, born March 17, 1888, resides in Center township; Flora E., born April 23, 1891, is deceased. Mr. Spiers was married (second) April 10, 1912, to Mrs. Mary P. (Windren) Crothers, born in Whitesburg, Armstrong county, daughter of Samuel and Margaret Windren, and widow of Samuel Crothers.

HARVEY W. SHANK, a general farmer and stock raiser of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, owning a handsome tract of land on the edge of the borough of Clymer, was born in that township May 10, 1862, and is a son of Levi and Martha (Lydick) Shank.

Joshua Shank, his paternal grandfather, was an early settler of Indiana county, coming here from Somerset county, Pa., and locating on a tract of land situated near Greenville, where he spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits.

Levi Shank, son of Joshua, and father of Harvey W., was born in Cambria county, Pa., and accompanied his parents to Indiana county, the remainder of his life being spent on the old homestead, where his widow, a native of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, still resides. They had a family of three sons and three daughters, as follows: Harvey W.; Nancy, the wife of Lemuel Myers, of Indiana, Pa.; Jane, the wife of



Walter M. Myers, a farmer and minister of Cherryhill township; Ora, a resident of Penn Run, Indiana county; Minnie, who makes her home with her mother at Greenville; and Sherman, a farmer living near Indiana.

Abraham Lydick, the maternal grandfather of Harvey W. Shank, was also an early settler of Indiana county, where the greater part of his life was spent in tilling the soil.

Harvey W. Shank received his education in the district schools of Cherryhill township, and was reared to the vocation of agriculturist. When he was twenty-five years of age he left the parental roof and embarked in business on his own account as the operator of a sawmill, a business in which he was engaged for eight years. During this time he also learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for several years, building the first five houses in the borough of Clymer. During the last few years he has been living at a beautiful home situated on the edge of Clymer, and has been successfully engaged in farming.

On Feb. 26, 1885, Mr. Shank was married to Lucinda Houck, who was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, Sept. 20, 1864, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Wheeler) Houck, both of whom are now living in Cherryhill township, where they were early settlers. The Houck family consisted of four sons and three daughters, as follows: John, residing in Indiana, Pa.; Mary, widow of Joshua Shank; Fred, living on the homestead in Cherryhill township; Lucinda, wife of Harvey W. Shank; Aaron, of Marion Center, Indiana county; Ida, wife of James Kirtland, of Cherryhill township; and Lowry, a liveryman and hotel-keeper of Penn Run.

Mr. and Mrs. Shank have had a family of twelve children, in order of birth as follows: Peter; Linus; Joshua, who married Edith Alders and resides in Cherryhill township; John, residing in Indiana county; and Goldie, Claire, Mary, Ferman, Hazel, Vernie, Lula and Roy, all at home with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Shank and their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

WILLIAM L. CALHOUN, formerly a farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, now living retired in the borough of Indiana, still owns considerable land, but beyond looking after his property is not actively interested in any business. He was born in Armstrong township March 13, 1842, son of Alexander and Nancy (Wiggins) Calhoun. His grandfather, William Calhoun, married

a Lytle, and they lived and died in Armstrong township.

Alexander Calhoun was born in Armstrong township, and was a farmer all his life, dying on his farm near Elderton. His wife also died there. They were members of the U. P. Church. Mr. Calhoun was a Republican and took considerable interest in the politics of his locality, serving in various local offices and proving a useful man in his community. Six children were born to him and his wife: James, who died in Denver, Colo.; William L.; Mary, Mrs. Daniel Farrell, of Kansas; Samuel, of Plumcreek township, Armstrong county (he served in the 206th P. V. I., during the Civil war); Alexander, of Plumcreek township, Armstrong county; and Margaret, Mrs. James Harmon, of Plumcreek township.

William L. Calhoun was a boy when his father removed to Armstrong county, and there he received his education and grew to manhood. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a member of Company G, 63d P. V. I., under Captain McHenry and Col. Alexander Hayes. He served faithfully until the fall of 1862, when he was disabled by being sunstruck, and typhoid fever developing he was sent home and discharged on account of disability. He reenlisted Jan. 1, 1864, joining the signal corps, and served until August, 1865, when he was discharged at Georgetown. Among the actions in which he took part were the skirmishes around Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, the seven days' battle and second Bull Run. Upon the close of his army service he resumed farming at his old home in Armstrong county, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his removal to Armstrong township, Indiana county. He continued farming there until he retired and moved to the borough of Indiana, in 1900. He retains the ownership of 130 acres of farm land and 130 acres of coal land, all in Armstrong township. Mr. Calhoun was an intelligent and enterprising farmer, and his agricultural operations paid well under his thrifty management.

In the spring of 1866 Mr. Calhoun married Christina Fry, of Rayne township, Indiana county, daughter of John and Margaret (Mahan) Fry. Seven children have been born to them: Belleza, Mrs. Frank Fry, of Advance, Indiana county; Nancy W., who is at home; Porter, who is a farmer in Armstrong township, Indiana county; Lottie, Mrs. Richard Spence, of Indiana county; Mayme, Mrs. John Winger, of Indiana county; Marlie, who went West; and Edith,

who is unmarried. The family home is at No. 445 South Seventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun are members of the Second United Presbyterian Church of Indiana. His political principles are those of the Republican party, but he is an independent voter.

ISAAC NORMAN KING, of Center township, is one of the progressive farmers who are keeping that part of Indiana county up to the high standard set by modern agriculturists. He is a citizen of worth, and belongs to an old family of German origin which has been settled in this section of Pennsylvania for almost one hundred and fifty years.

The name was originally spelled Koenig, and John Koenig, the founder of the family in America, came from Germany about 1769, making a home in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he had a farm.

Joseph Koenig, son of John, was the first of the family to write the name King. According to tradition, while he was attending an English school in Westmoreland county the schoolmaster used the English version, which the family has since adopted. He located in Brady's Bend township, Armstrong county, followed farming, and became a land owner. He was twice married, and had sons: David, who married and had seven sons; John, who married Catherine Fife, and settled in Ohio; and Isaac.

Isaac King, son of Joseph by his second marriage, made his home near Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., and died there. Farming was his life occupation. His children were: Gideon, Elias, Robert, Isaac, and Sarah (married Joseph Stuyvesant of Kittanning, Pa.).

Isaac King, son of Isaac, was born on a farm near Kittanning and there grew to manhood. He was early familiarized with farm work, which he always followed. Moving to Indiana county in middle life, he settled in Armstrong township, where he continued to farm throughout his active years. He died when past seventy years of age, at Twolick, Pa., and is buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. King married Eva Dunmore, of South Bend, Armstrong county, who died in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and is buried in Oakland cemetery. Eleven children were born to this union: Jennie, who married David Ortiz, of Indiana; Philip; Lucy, who married Thomas Ewing, and settled in Nebraska; Elizabeth, who married William Gar-

land, and resides at Kiskiminetas Junction, Pa.; Isaac Norman; Nannie, who married Levi Gilbert, of Johnstown, Pa.; Robert, living in Allegheny county, Pa.; Thomas, of Bellwood, Pa.; May, married to Samuel Crusan, of Derry, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Letitia, who married Samuel Jenkins; and Margaret, who resides at Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Norman King was born March 23, 1853, in Young township, Indiana county, and was reared there, attending the local schools. When a youth he became employed at farm work in South Bend township, Armstrong county, and also in Young township, Indiana county, and at the age of twenty-one began farming on his own account, settling in Center township. At the time of his marriage he came to reside on the W. H. Kerr farm in that township, where he has since had his home and follows farming and stock raising. He has made numerous improvements on the place since it came into his hands, putting up buildings and making many changes which have enhanced its value, and he has shown intelligence and enterprise in his able management of the property. It occupies the highest elevation in the township, being over seventeen hundred feet above sea level. Mr. King has served as member and secretary of the school board of his township, and takes a public-spirited interest in movements which he feels will benefit the community. He is a staunch advocate of temperance and supports the Prohibition party. In religious connection he is a prominent member of the Crete United Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder for fifteen years, also filling all the other church offices. Fraternal he belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M.

On Oct. 19, 1876, Mr. King married Annie E. Hoffman, daughter of John D. and Deborah (Eckels) Hoffman, and they have had four children: Nettie Myrtle, who is the wife of Milton M. Bowman, of Armstrong township, Indiana county; Laura D., at home; Sadie C., who died Feb. 16, 1911; and Ruth, who died in infancy. Miss Sadie C. King, the third daughter, received her education in the public schools of Center township and fitted herself for the teacher's profession, becoming one of the most successful public school instructors in Indiana county. She taught at the Risinger school in North Homer, Center township; Myers school in Center township; Bridenbaugh school, Center township; Lytle's school, two terms; New Alexandria (Westmoreland county) public school;

Vandergrift Heights public school; Smith's station public school in Burrell township; Iselin public school in Young township; and Graceton public school in Center township. Miss King made hosts of friends while following her profession. While teaching at Graceton she contracted the fever which caused her death, at her home, in February, 1911, leaving many to mourn the loss of one who in her busy, useful career had left a gracious influence on the lives of those whose good fortune it was to be associated with her, either as pupils or fellow workers. She was buried in Oakland cemetery at Indiana.

**WILLIAM GREINER**, who is the proprietor of one of the largest bakeries in Indiana county, situated at Clymer borough, was born in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., June 1, 1854, and is a son of John A. and Margaret (Hill) Greiner, natives of Germany.

The parents of Mr. Greiner came to the United States in 1852, John A. Greiner being engaged as a coal operator at Miller's Run, near Pittsburg, until his retirement eighteen years prior to his death, which occurred in 1911. He was very successful in a business way, and at the time of his death had accumulated a handsome competency. His wife passed away in 1910. They had a family of eleven children, as follows: John, who resides in Pittsburg; Kate, who is deceased; William; Charles, who is deceased; Fred, who is engaged in the coal business at Homewood, Pa.; Mary, wife of Fred Studtlander, a druggist of Pittsburg; Louise, wife of Charles Purnell, of Pittsburg; Henry, also of that city; Louis, residing in Allegheny; Edward, who is engaged in the insurance business in Pittsburg; and Carrie, the wife of George White, of Homewood.

William Greiner was educated in the public schools of Pittsburg, and as a youth learned the baker's trade, having mastered his vocation when he was only sixteen years of age. For several years thereafter he worked at his trade in Pittsburg, and then engaged in business on his own account, being proprietor of a grocery and bakery in his native city until 1889. At that time he removed to Indiana county, where he carried on a business venture for several years, but eventually returned to Pittsburg. A short time thereafter he came to Clymer and established himself in business, and his recognized ability, sound business judgment and absolute integrity have aided him in making his one of the leading enterprises of its kind in Indiana

county, and in gaining the confidence and patronage of the people of his community.

Mr. Greiner was married in August, 1875, to Anna King, a native of Pittsburg, and she died July 23, 1891. There were four children born to this union, namely: Charles, who is a resident of Homewood; Lucinda, the wife of Victor Bermont, of Lockville, Pa.; Edna, deceased; and George, who is engaged in the bakery business at Indiana. In 1892 Mr. Greiner was married (second) to Kate Page, of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Greiner and the members of his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a popular member of the Knights of Pythias.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LING**, one of the oldest citizens of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, who is now living retired at his home at the foot of Laurel Hill, was born in Somerset county, Pa., Sept. 16, 1832, and comes of an old and honored family of German extraction.

Philip Ling, the grandfather of Benjamin Franklin Ling, made his home in Shade township, Somerset county, where he followed farming, but died while still in the prime of life, in 1814, when about forty years of age. He married Elizabeth Manges, who lived to the ripe age of ninety-two years, and died in Bedford county, Pa. She was also of German descent and a member of an old family.

William Ling, son of Philip Ling, and father of Benjamin F. Ling, was born in Shade township, Somerset Co., Pa., in 1806, and there grew to manhood and made farming his occupation. He was but eight years of age at the time of his father's death, but remained with his widowed mother until he began farming on his own account, and in 1850 came to Indiana county and began farming at the foot of Laurel Hill, in East Wheatfield township, near the Indiana and Cambria county line. Here he purchased a tract of 131 acres, which is still in the possession of the family, made extensive improvements, erected a comfortable home and other buildings, and continued in farming and stock raising until his death, Oct. 30, 1880, at the age of seventy-four years, seven months, twenty-six days; he was laid to rest in Blacklick Church cemetery. He was a Republican in politics, but never an office seeker. His religious views were those of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was ever a consistent member. On March 14, 1830, Mr. Ling was married to Mary Berkey, who was born Sept. 30, 1812, daugh-

ter of Joseph Berkey, of Somerset county, and she died May 4, 1888, aged seventy-five years, seven months, four days. She was buried beside her husband. The children born to William and Mary Ling were as follows: Elizabeth, born Dec. 11, 1830, died Nov. 18, 1832; Benjamin Franklin is mentioned below; Mary Ann, born Sept. 9, 1834, married George Washington Tomb, and died Dec. 16, 1866; Chauncey, born Nov. 6, 1836, a blacksmith, died Aug. 4, 1866; Rebecca Berkey, born Nov. 16, 1838, married Thomas Wilson Bowen; Reuben H., born Dec. 14, 1840, married Elizabeth Bolar and is living on a part of the old homestead; Christopher Berkey, born June 5, 1843, was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and died at Gettysburg, July 18, 1863; Emmeline Jane, born July 23, 1845, married Charles Teter, of Johnstown, Pa., and died Feb. 19, 1869; Jeremiah Berkey, born March 20, 1849, married Matilda Clark, and is now engaged in farming in East Wheatfield township; William F., born Feb. 24, 1852, died Nov. 4, 1855.

Benjamin Franklin Ling, son of William Ling, was educated in the public schools of his native county and came to East Wheatfield township in 1850 with his parents; continuing as his father's assistant until he was twenty-five years of age. At that time he embarked in agricultural pursuits on his own account, purchasing the Rankin farm of 100 acres, and there, from 1853 until the time of his retirement from active life, he followed farming, dairying and stock raising, so industriously devoting himself to his labors as to accumulate a handsome competency and develop an excellent property. He is now the owner of a farm of 161 acres, on which are located a comfortable residence, substantial barns and commodious outbuildings, all erected by him, and numerous other improvements have been made on the property. This farm is now being operated by his son, who is also caring for the productive apple orchard that was planted by Mr. Ling many years ago. Mr. Ling's life has been one of industry and conscientious effort, and now in the evening of life, he may look back over a useful and well-spent career, satisfied in the knowledge that his record is unmarred by stain or blemish. Although he has passed fourscore years, time has been lenient with him, and he is in the enjoyment of perfect health and in full possession of his faculties. He has reared a family of children who are a credit to him and to their community, has given them excellent educational

advantages, and fitted them for whatever position in life they have been called upon to fill. A Republican in political matters, he has served for more than a quarter of a century as a member of the township school board, and for several years was overseer of the poor. He has been active in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee, and in every walk of life is esteemed and respected by all who know him.

On July 8, 1858, Mr. Ling was married in East Wheatfield township to Elizabeth McFeaters, who was born in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of John and Susanna (Deyarmin) McFeaters, and granddaughter of William and Margaret (Campbell) McFeaters. On July 8, 1908, Mr. and Mrs. Ling celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary, on which occasion were present ten children, sixty grandchildren, and a number of great-grandchildren. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ling were as follows: William, born Aug. 16, 1859, married Sarah Stephens, and died in 1902, leaving six children, Robert Henson, Freda Elizabeth, Walter and Wilber, twins, George and Thomas; Mary married Thomas Jefferson Davis, of Buffington township, and has five children, Norman, Stanton, Elden, Dalton and Melvin; Agnes Jane, who was for some years a school teacher, married Robert Elder, of Juniata, Pa., and had six children, Philip, Benjamin L., Roberta, Bryan, Charles and Walter; Teresa Ella (Tessie), widow of Fletcher Bracken, who was killed in a powder mill explosion at Seward, June 19, 1892, has four children, Walter, Homer, Jessie Elizabeth and Chalmer; Laura Emma, who married E. G. Neely, of Carlisle, Pa., has six children, Mary Elizabeth, Edith, Margaret, Harry Marlin, Kenneth and Elmer Norman; Lizzie Ida, who married Sanford U. Syster, of Derry township, Westmoreland county, has eight children, Harry, Iva, Frank, Roy, Clyde, Carl, June Rose and Dale R.; Charles Bowen, of Juniata, Pa., married Mary Stutzman and has five children, Minnie, Benjamin L., Henson, Alberta and Theodore; Fannie R., who married Albert Plowman, a railroad engineer residing at Derry, Westmoreland county, has three children, Ralph, Mabel and Floyd; Ada C., who married John Stutzman, of Buffington township, has seven children, Hazel Fern, Edward Ling, Pearl E., Benjamin L., Clyde, Gladys and Herman; Edward M., who is engaged in operating the home farm, married

Martha Plowman, and has two children, Marvin Chalmers and Mildred Violet.

SOLOMON BLACK, late of Indiana, was one of the venerable citizens of that borough, where he settled in the fall of 1904. He was a blacksmith, and followed farming as well as blacksmithing during his active years, and was a prosperous business man, highly regarded in the various communities where he resided. Mr. Black was born Dec. 9, 1830, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, son of John and Catherine (Keener) Black. John Black was at one time a farmer in Butler county, Pa. After his death his widow married Moses Wilhelm. Solomon was the only child of her first marriage.

Mr. Black attended public school in Armstrong township, his first teacher being William Miller. Afterward he was under the instruction of Gust. Reed, David Blakely, John G. Foreman, William Beatty and Samuel Dowds. He was reared on the farm and remained there until the age of eighteen years, at which time he went to Idaho, Armstrong Co., Pa., to commence his apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade with Mr. Truby. After the completion of his term he worked as a journeyman until he started a shop of his own in West Lebanon, Indiana county, where he remained for three years. The four years following he was engaged in business in Indiana borough. Then for five years he was at Five Points, this county, spending the next five years in Washington Church, Washington township, thence removing to Rayne township, where he resided for twenty-five years. From there he moved to Shelocta, Indiana county, where he bought a farm of fifty-five acres, also owning a tract of 157 acres in Rayne township, where he resided for twenty-five years. He had previously owned a fifty-acre farm. In the fall of 1904 he retired and moved to the borough of Indiana, where he had his home until his death, his residence being at No. 235 Thirteenth street.

Mr. Black was always a Republican, and during the Civil war entered the Union service, enlisting March 14, 1865, in Company F, 78th P. V. I., which was attached to the Western Army. He was discharged in the fall of 1865, but did not come home with his regiment, being sick at the time with typhoid fever in hospital at Nashville.

On March 7, 1854, Mr. Black married Mary A. Russell, who was born April 2, 1832, in Armstrong county, Pa., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Miller) Russell, and was reared in

Indiana county. She is a member of the M. E. Church, but Mr. Black had no church connections. On March 7, 1904, they celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding. Eight children were born to this union, viz.: (1) William W., an attorney in Everett, Wash., married Mollie Niel, of Kansas, and has three children, Bertha, Lloyd and Wendel. (2) Lizzie Catherine, widow of Harman Adams, had three children, John, Frank (who married Elsie Smith) and Jennie (married Daniel Stephens, who is deceased). (3) Margaret Jane married Wesley Brady, of Marion Center, this county. Their children are Minnie Myrtle and Arlington Augustus, the latter of whom married Bertha Lightcap. (4) Smith M., a farmer of this county, married Sadie Cunningham, and they have had three children, Homer and Roy (both deceased) and Russell B. (5) Lewis, a farmer of Leavenworth, Kans., married Fanny Pike, now deceased, and their children were Harry Augustus, Mary Emma, Clarence Merle, Walter Wilson and Charles Lewis. (6) Nancy Bell is unmarried and resides at home. (7) Harry White, of Beaverdale, Cambria Co., Pa., married Ella Boucher, and they have two children, Wilbur and Samuel. (8) Mary Ellen is unmarried.

CAPT. PETER C. SPENCER, a retired farmer and veteran of the Civil war, residing on his farm in South Mahoning township, two miles east of Plumville, was born in that township March 24, 1840.

Zachariah Spencer, a native of the New England States, founded the family in South Mahoning township, to which section he came in pioneer days, settling on 100 acres of farm land, near the township line between that and Washington township. At that time the land was densely covered with timber, and he settled in the woods and erected a log cabin, in which the family lived until better accommodations could be provided. A log barn sheltered the stock, and rails were split from the timber to outline the fields as he developed his land. He died firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, and was buried in the little cemetery in South Mahoning township. Politically he was a Whig, but never sought public office. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Briddle, bore him the following children: Andrew; Elizabeth, who was better known as Betsy; William, who died in Canoe township; John, who died in South Mahoning township; Sarah, who married John Lewis, of Rayne township; Daniel, who

died in Banks township; George, who died in Canoe township; Rachel, who married Samuel Stamp, of Banks township; Israel, who lives in Missouri; and Nancy, who died unmarried.

Andrew Spencer, a son of Zachariah Spencer, was born Aug. 2, 1801, in Huntingdon, Pa., and came with his parents to South Mahoning township, where he grew to manhood amid strictly pioneer conditions. His educational training was obtained in the subscription schools and at the same time he assisted his father with the work of clearing and developing the farm. After attaining manhood's estate he settled on a farm of 106 acres in South Mahoning township, in the Flat school district. On this property he erected a frame house and barn and carried on general farming with marked success. He also engaged in stock raising, but his multiple duties wore upon him, and he died while still in middle life, Nov. 23, 1856, and is buried by the side of his father. The Methodist Church held his membership, and he was in favor of the principles of the newly organized Republican party when he died.

On Sept. 16, 1824, Andrew Spencer married Margaret Pierce, born April 20, 1802, who died in Jefferson county, Pa., and her remains were laid to rest in the private burial ground of the Pierce family. She belonged to the United Presbyterian Church. The children born to Andrew Spencer and wife were: Mary, born July 19, 1825, married Jesse Spencer, of South Mahoning township; Nancy, born March 27, 1827, married Jehu Montgomery; Margaret, born Jan. 30, 1829, married Edward Pierce; Sarah Harris, born March 14, 1831, married James Niel, of Banks township; Rebecca, born May 2, 1833, married Ephraim Pierce, of Jefferson county, Pa.; Elizabeth, born July 28, 1835, married Aaron Work, of North Mahoning township; Julianna, born Oct. 2, 1837, married Arr Niel, and is now a widow, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Peter C. was born March 24, 1840; Sophia, born Aug. 8, 1842, died unmarried; one child was stillborn Jan. 5, 1846; John Miles, born Dec. 11, 1848, is deceased.

Capt. Peter C. Spencer was educated in the local schools of his neighborhood, and worked for his father on the farm until his enlistment for service early during the Civil war, being enrolled as a member of Company F, 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in September, 1861, as a private under Capt. Robert Kirk, of Clearfield, Pa., and Colonel McKnight. The regiment was

attached to the Army of the Potomac and participated in many hard-fought battles of the war. Captain Spencer was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862, in his right thigh, and was forced to spend six months in the hospital on David's Island, N. Y. He was discharged in November, 1862, and returned home. However, his patriotic spirit could not rest content, and he reenlisted in 1863 in Company A, 1st Battalion, under Capt. J. J. Moore, of Marion Center, Lieutenant Colonel Lininger commanding. He was made first corporal, and for six months was stationed in West Virginia, and was then discharged. Once more he enlisted, this time in Company B, 7th Battalion, under Capt. John G. Wilson, and was promoted to be captain of his company to succeed Captain Wilson, continuing in command until the close of hostilities. His long period of service was marked by three enlistments and earnest, faithful work that met its just reward in his promotion.

Returning home, Captain Spencer resumed his agricultural operations, living upon his farm of 106 acres until 1904, during which time he carried on general farming and stock raising. In that year he sold, and bought his present farm of twenty-five acres, where he and his wife now reside. He spent seven years at Punxsutawney, Pa., but aside from that has been a farmer all his life. Captain Spencer belongs to Capt. Ed. Little Post, G. A. R., of Punxsutawney, Pa., while the Methodist Church holds his religious membership.

In 1866 Captain Spencer was united in marriage with Sarah Ann Davis, of South Mahoning township, a daughter of William Thompson and Elizabeth (Ansley) Davis. Mrs. Spencer is a most excellent woman, consistent in her religious belief, a devout member of the Baptist Church. Charitable, a good neighbor and kind friend, she has many warm personal friends in the township.

For many years Captain Spencer has been a Republican, and served ably as supervisor of the township for four years, for one year of which period he was secretary of the board. He was one of the strong supporters of Colonel Roosevelt, and finds in that remarkable man his model as an ideal citizen and worthy leader.

Captain Spencer has passed through many changes. He has seen the country in the throes of civil conflict, and helped to bring about peaceful conditions again. Passing through the years of prosperity, he took an enthusiastic interest in the Spanish-American war, and now views with apprehension the

threatening cloud of class distinction troubles upon the horizon of public welfare. However, as he has seen other difficulties disappear because of the real patriotism of the true Americans, he hopes for the best, and knows that he has borne nobly his own part in conquering the enemies of right living in both war and peace.

EDWARD ANDREW MILLER, justice of the peace and agent for the Hartford Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., is a blacksmith at West Lebanon, in Young township, where he has resided for over thirty years. He was born in Young township, Nov. 2, 1857, son of Jacob L. Miller, and grandson of Samuel Miller.

Samuel Miller lived for some years in Westmoreland county, Pa., but later in life moved to Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong county, there buying farming land and operating it. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and a man highly respected in his community.

Jacob L. Miller, son of Samuel Miller, was born in Kiskiminetas township, Armstrong Co., Pa., in 1832, and there grew to manhood, following farming as an occupation. Coming to Indiana county, he rented a farm near Eldersridge in Young township, and was operating it when the Civil war broke out and he enlisted for service, becoming a private in Company E, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded while on picket duty near Winchester, Va., and died May 17, 1863, being buried in the national cemetery at Winchester. The United Presbyterian Church had in him a consistent member.

Jacob L. Miller was married in Armstrong county to Mary Young, born in that county, daughter of John Young. She survives, being now eighty years old, and resides with her son Edward Andrew. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had five children: Albert, who died young; William, who also died young; Edward Andrew; Mary, who is deceased, as is Alexander.

Edward Andrew Miller was only six years old when he had the misfortune to lose his father, but his widowed mother sent him to school in his district, although he had to work hard during the summer months from the time he was seven years old. The child obtained employment among the farmers of the neighborhood, receiving five dollars per month for his services in money, besides his board. For ten years he continued to labor for these meager wages, and then he began learning the trade of blacksmith with A. J. Anderson, with whom he served a three years'

apprenticeship. For the first year he received fifty dollars and his board; for the second year seventy-five dollars and his board, and the same wages continued throughout his third and last year. During the year following the completion of his apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman, and then, in 1880, he located in West Lebanon as a general blacksmith with a shop of his own. Mr. Miller still operates his shop, and has continued to do so for nearly thirty-three years, with the exception of eight years when he was interested in a mercantile business at West Lebanon with William C. Fulton, under the firm style of Miller & Fulton. During the period he was thus engaged Mr. Miller was postmaster at West Lebanon, but in 1900 he sold his mercantile interests, and returned to blacksmithing. In 1904 Mr. Miller was elected a justice of the peace, securing his commission from Gov. Samuel W. Pennypacker. He was reelected in 1909, under Gov. Edwin T. Stewart. For a number of years Mr. Miller was a member of the school board for the independent school district and acted as secretary of the board while a member of that body. The Presbyterian Church has in him a valued member, and he is serving as trustee, while his Bible class attracts attention not only from people of West Lebanon, but outsiders as well. Mr. Miller is a man to whom family and church represent the best there is in life, and he exerts a good influence in his community.

On May 17, 1882, Mr. Miller was married to Ella Miller, daughter of David Miller of Jacksonville. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have had six children: Essie E., Paul, Winifred, Hazel, Bruce and Edward Louis. Essie E. was a school teacher before her marriage to William A. Dible, and she and her husband now live at Parkwood, Pa. Paul was educated at Eldersridge academy and the commercial college at Williamsport, Pa., following which he taught school for several terms, and is now bookkeeper of the Vandergrift Bank & Trust Company, of Vandergrift, Pa. Winifred married Howard E. Snyder, of Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa.; prior to her marriage she taught school for five years. Hazel is employed as a stenographer and typewriter at Vandergrift, Pa. Bruce and Edward Louis are at home.

JOHN NEALER, general farmer and stock dealer of White township, has been a resident of that township all of his life, having been born there Feb. 17, 1856, son of John and Margaret (Graff) Nealer.

His paternal grandparents spent their entire lives in Germany, where they were agricultural people. They were the parents of two sons and two daughters.

John Nealer, father of John, was born in Germany, and after his marriage came to the United States and settled in Allegheny county, Pa., there spending three years. Subsequently he removed to Cars Furnace, Clarion county, where he also spent three years, at the end of that time coming to White township, Indiana county, where he purchased a farm, cleared the land and engaged in tilling the soil for many years. On retiring from active pursuits he removed to the town of Indiana, where he purchased the comfortable home in which he continued to reside until his death, in 1890. During his active years Mr. Nealer was extensively engaged in raising heavy draft horses in connection with his farming operations, and in both lines met with uniform success. In Germany Mr. Nealer was married to Margaret Graff, one of five children, all of whom are deceased, and they had three sons and three daughters, as follows: Annie, deceased, who was the wife of Nicholas Hoffman, who now lives in White township; Therese, who is deceased; Margaret, who was the wife of John Hoffman, now a resident of Indiana, Pa.; Henry, who also lives in the town of Indiana; John; and Andrew, who lives in Indiana.

John Nealer, son of John, was educated in the public schools of White township, and remained on the family homestead until his marriage, at which time he bought a farm from his father-in-law. He continued to reside on that property until the year 1903, when he bought the farm on which he now resides, in White township. In addition to general farming, Mr. Nealer is greatly interested in raising cattle, hogs and horses, and in this line does a large and constantly growing business. In various ways he has demonstrated his ability as a skilled agriculturist and judge of cattle, while as a citizen he has rendered his community signal service in various positions of honor and trust. A Republican in his political views, he has been chosen to fill the offices of supervisor and tax collector of White township, and gave to the discharge of his duties the same conscientious attention that has made him successful in his private affairs.

On May 4, 1880, Mr. Nealer was married to Margaret McHenry, who was born on a farm in White township, daughter of Samuel and Maria (Rowe) McHenry, natives of Washington county, Pa., both of whom are

deceased. The Rowe family is of German ancestry, while the McHenry family is of Scotch-Irish extraction. Samuel McHenry, father of Mrs. Nealer, was born in Washington county, Pa., and spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. He and his wife had six children, as follows: George, who now resides at Hastings, Pa.; William, who makes his home in San Francisco, Cal.; James, living in the town of Indiana, Pa.; Harry, who lives at Punxsutawney, Pa.; John, who is deceased; and Margaret, Mrs. Nealer.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nealer, namely: Arthur, who makes his home with his father, married Belle Lewis, of Indiana county, and has five children, Lillie, Leora, Violet, Floyd and Oliver; William is living at home; Paul resides at New Kensington, Pa.; Benjamin is living in Allegheny county, Pa.; Oliver, a bookkeeper, is at New Kensington, Pa.; Bertha is deceased; Florence is at home. With his family Mr. Nealer attends the Roman Catholic Church, at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

**JAMES ALEXANDER STREAMS**, a farmer of East Mahoning township, Indiana county, and a veteran of the Civil war, residing near Georgeville, was born at Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., Aug. 15, 1838, a son of Samuel Streams.

Samuel Streams was a blacksmith by trade and pursued that calling at Elderton for a number of years, but later came to Indiana county, locating in what was then South Mahoning (now East Mahoning) township, where he continued to work at his trade, owning a shop. In addition he engaged in farming, and erected a residence and shop combined on his property. In 1864 he bought 100 acres from David Winecoop, and there he died in 1867, and is buried in the cemetery at Curry Run. Politically he was a Republican. Samuel Streams married Hannah Gambell, a daughter of Thomas Gambell, and they had seven children: Milton lives at Kelleysburg, Rayne township, this county; Ann Jane, who is the widow of John Warden, lives at Indiana, Pa.; James Alexander is mentioned below; Samuel died in childhood; a daughter died in infancy unnamed; Sarah married Ralph Shields; Hannah married John Hill, of Rayne township. The mother of this family died at Elderton, and was buried in Curry Run cemetery. Samuel Streams married (second) Mrs. Sarah (Miller) Lydick, the widow of Samuel Lydick, and they had seven children: Samuel, retired, is living on West



Philadelphia street, Indiana, Pa.; Mary married George Roof; Margaret married L. Hazelett, and is now a widow, residing in Burrell township; John is deceased; Bruce resides at Indiana, Pa.; Keziah is deceased; Matthew is living in South Mahoning township. By her first marriage Mrs. Streams had one child, Ellen Lydick, who married Matthew B. Wynkoop.

James Alexander Streams was educated in the schools of Elderton and those of Indiana county, having been brought to the county when ten years old. He helped his father until he was twenty-two years old, when, in 1861, feeling that his services were required by the government, he enlisted in Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Creps of Rayne township and Col. O. H. Rippley, and was assigned to the 6th Army Corps. The regiment participated in the battles of Fair Oaks, Harrison's Landing and the second battle of Bull Run, where he was wounded in the right leg, but continued in the service. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and served until Oct. 12, 1864, when honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pa. During the period of his enlistment he proved himself a brave and efficient soldier, and the recollection of the fact that he did his duty may be a source of pride to him through life.

Returning home, Mr. Streams settled down on the homestead in East Mahoning township, and for twelve years was engaged there in agricultural pursuits. He then located in North Mahoning township, on the William Kimple farm, a tract of sixty-five acres, and made many improvements upon this property, continuing to reside there for twenty-eight years, carrying on general farming and stock raising. He still owns the farm. In 1905, however, he moved to his present property, which comprises eighty-two acres, and was known as the David Simpson farm. On it he carries on general farming and stock raising and is one of the successful agriculturists of his township. He is a staunch Republican, upholding the principles of Lincoln, McKinley and Taft, and has taken some part in local public affairs, having for three years served very acceptably as school director, and for one year as overseer of the poor. He belongs to the G. A. R. post at Marion Center, and enjoys meeting his old comrades there. The Presbyterian Church at Gilgal has in Mr. Streams one of its most earnest members and effective workers. He is now serving as trustee.

James Alexander Streams was married April 16, 1867, to Margaret Jane Shields, who was born in Armstrong township, this county, daughter of John M. and Susan (Lucas) Shields. Mr. and Mrs. Streams are the parents of these children: William, who was formerly a school teacher, now a farmer of East Mahoning township, married Ida Means, and they have six children, Max, Harry L., Walter, William Guy, Hannah Margaret and Carl; Ada died at the age of seventeen years; John died in childhood; Anna Belle died at the age of fourteen years; Mildred died in young womanhood; Ida and Ira, twins, died in infancy; James Lucas, who is a farmer, married Mary Craig; Blaine and Blair, twins, are at home; Margaret Jane, who is a music teacher, is living at home.

WILLIAM H. MARTIN, a farmer of White township, Indiana county, was born in the county Feb. 13, 1860, in Canoe township, son of Adam and Anna B. (Kanouff) Martin.

Jacob Martin, his grandfather, was born in Germany, and coming to the United States at an early date settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, but after a few years came to Indiana county, locating in North Mahoning township. Still later he moved to Canoe township, where he died. Upon his arrival in Indiana county he invested in land and became a man of substance, having followed agriculture upon a large scale.

Adam Martin was born in Germany, but has spent the greater part of his life in North Mahoning township, where he is still living. His wife was born in this township, a daughter of John Kanouff, a native of Germany, who came to the United States in young manhood, and settled in North Mahoning township, where he farmed until his death. Adam Martin and his wife became the parents of ten children: Mary married J. P. North, of Jefferson county, Pa., and both are deceased; William H. is mentioned below; John is a resident of North Mahoning township; Maggie married J. M. Wachob, of North Mahoning township; Joseph M. is farming the property in Canoe township where his brother William H. was born; Emma is at home; four died while young.

William H. Martin was reared on his father's property, and remained at home until 1901, when he came to White township, buying his present farm of 109 acres, which he devotes to general farming, specializing on raising fine fruits for the market.

On Sept. 27, 1885, Mr. Martin was married to Mary E. Wineberg, born in Canoe township, a daughter of M. C. and Addie (Kopic) Wineberg, early settlers of Canoe township, who are now deceased. They had eight children: George, who is a resident of Dubois, Pa.; Elizabeth, wife of Theoff Powell, of Johnstown, Pa.; Jennie, who married D. E. Spencer, of Indiana, Pa.; Theodore, a resident of Akron, Ohio; Mary E., Mrs. Martin; and three deceased. After the death of his first wife Mr. Wineberg married again and had these children: Laura, who is at home; Budd, resident of Hiawatha, Kans.; and Raymond, of Canoe township. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had seven children: Lyman, who is at home; Pearl, at home; Lola, who is the wife of Clyde Mench of Cherryhill township; Bertha, at home; Wade and Clay, at home; and Elizabeth, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Mench have a daughter, Eleanor. Mr. Martin belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and is liberal in his donations to it. For some years he has served as school director and auditor.

JESSE M. LONG, late of Blacklick township, Indiana county, was a successful farmer and prominent in all the affairs of that locality for a number of years. He was born Feb. 29, 1832, in Huntingdon county, Pa., the youngest in the family of sixteen children born to Hiram and Elizabeth (Lochard) Long, and came to this region from Johnstown, Pa. He bought the farm of 136 acres now owned by his son Jesse R. Long, and there passed the remainder of his days, dying March 20, 1904. He was buried in the cemetery of the Hope-well M. E. Church, and contributed liberally to its support. Mr. Long also took a real interest in public matters, serving as township school director for many years, and as supervisor of roads, in both of which positions he gave excellent satisfaction to all concerned. His first wife, Sarah (Smith), daughter of James and Tirzah (Wainwright) Smith, was the mother of five children: Margaret Ellen married Gere Clawson and (second) Charles Creamer; William, born Jan. 10, 1859, married Nettie Mabon, daughter of Francis and Catherine (Ansley) Mabon, and resides in Blacklick township; James Milton married Nellie Toppin, of Pittsburg; George Smith married Sarah Eliza (Lizzie) Miller, who married for her second husband Harry Carson; one died in infancy.

Mr. Long's second marriage was to Mrs. Sarah Louisa (Fair) Wilson, who was born

Dec. 8, 1852, daughter of Peter C. and Sarah Ann (Young) Fair, and widow of Robert N. Wilson, of Center township, this county. There was one child by this union, Jesse Royden.

JESSE ROYDEN LONG, only child of Jesse M. and Sarah Louisa Long, was born April 14, 1892, in Blacklick township, and there obtained a good education in the district school. He remained at home working with his father until the latter died, and has since continued to carry on the farm, which he is operating very successfully. He is a hard worker, and though young to have the entire responsibility of the place has already shown himself to be capable and enterprising. His mother resides with him. He is a member of the Hope-well M. E. Church.

William Fair, of Blacklick township, Indiana county, grandfather of Mrs. Jesse M. Long, was born on the Dickie farm in that township. He married Mary Cribbs, and they had the following children: Peter C., Mrs. Long's father; Mary Jane, who married Washington Bell; Susan, who married Jackson Bell, and resides at Black Jack and Prairie City, Kans.; Henry, married and living at Oil City, Pa.; William, who married Harriet Williver; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Doty, of Blacklick township; Sarah L., married to Abram Mikesell; Lemuel, who married Mary Ann Brightenbaugh; and Julia Fredelia, who married Christopher Mikesell.

Peter C. Fair, son of William, was born Jan. 19, 1823, in Blacklick township, and died in June, 1904, in Center township. He followed farming all his life in those two townships, and for over twenty years was also engaged in teaching school. On March 27, 1851, he married Sarah Ann Young, who was born May 9, 1830, and died Feb. 8, 1873. They had three children: Ann Mary, born Nov. 29, 1851, who died Sept. 24, 1852; Sarah Louisa, Mrs. Long; and Helen Mar, born May 30, 1854, who died Dec. 8, 1860. Mr. Fair's second marriage, which took place March 17, 1875, was to Martha Jane Doty, by whom he had one child, William McQuade, born July 27, 1876, in Center township, who married Laura Stair and resides on the old home farm in Center township.

Sarah Louisa Fair, daughter of Peter C. Fair, first married Robert N. Wilson, of Blacklick township, and by that marriage had three children: Dr. William Fair, born Oct. 11, 1879, married Minnie Duncean and resides at Elmo, Independence Co., Ark.; Mary Melissa, born Dec. 17, 1877, married William P.

McCrea, of Blacklick township; Maybel married Verna S. Mock and resides at Josephine, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

CHARLES MEADE, a veteran of the Civil war, now employed as an engineer with the David Ellis Milling Company, of Indiana, Pa., was born at Pittsfield, Mass., Dec. 10, 1840, son of Daniel F. and Lucretia (Warren) Meade. The Meade family is of Scotch descent.

In his boyhood, Charles Meade was taken by his parents to Auburn, N. Y., and there grew to manhood. At the time of the outbreak of the Civil war he was intensely interested, and eventually proved this by enlisting, on July 16, 1861, becoming a private in Company A, of a New York Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, at Syracuse, N. Y., under Capt. D. A. Bennet and Colonel Reynolds. His regiment was stationed in West Virginia, and he served until the close of the war, when he was mustered out at Elmira, N. Y. He then took his present position with the milling company.

Mr. Meade was married (first) at Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., to Elizabeth Fleming, and they had these children: Lucretia, who married John D. Dodson, of Indiana, Pa.; Bessie, who married Charles Stuchell, of Indiana, Pa.; Catherine, who is at home; George R., deceased, who married a Miss Butler, now also deceased, both passing away at Johnstown, Pa.; and Frank, also of Johnstown, Pa. After the death of his first wife Mr. Meade married (second) Mrs. Delilah McClaren, daughter of Adam Lower and widow of John McClaren.

CHARLES H. MOORE, proprietor of the "Hotel Moore" at Indiana, has been engaged in the hotel business for the last twenty years and since 1900 has been in Indiana, where he conducted the "American House" for some time before taking charge of his present establishment. He is well equipped by both nature and training for hotel-keeping, and has been thoroughly successful, his establishment being a credit to the town in which it is situated.

Mr. Moore was born March 10, 1849, in McKean county, Pa., son of George R. Moore and grandson of William Moore, who was of Scotch ancestry, and was for many years quite extensively engaged in the lumbering business. George R. Moore also followed that line, on a large scale, in McKean and Warren counties, this State, and died in 1888. His wife, Martha, was of English ancestry. She died in 1902. Mr. and Mrs. George R. Moore

had four children: Sarah J., wife of Solomon Farr; Ella E., wife of Sylvester Farr; Martha, who died when nine years old; and Charles H.

Charles H. Moore received his early education in public school and at Lima (N. Y.) Seminary, later attended the Iron City Business College, at Pittsburg, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1867, and then studied for a time in the academy at Warren, Pa. During the oil excitement at Pithole, in 1865-66, he went to Titusville, Pa., where he became engaged in the oil business for a time. Later he became interested in the lumber business, in Warren county, continuing there until 1872, when he went to Clermont, McKean county, and followed the same line of work on an extensive scale, until 1890. From that time to the present he has devoted his attention principally to the hotel business. Settling at Clearfield, Pa., he conducted the "Mansion House" there for five years. At the end of that time he removed to Silver Creek, N. Y., where he ran the "Webster Hotel" one and one half years, after which he moved to Salamanca, N. Y., where he ran the "Dudley House" until 1900. Then he came to Indiana and became proprietor of what was known as the "American House" until 1907, when he reconstructed what is now the "Hotel Moore," establishing the first modern hotel in the borough; this was the "American House" remodeled. The house is 60 by 150 feet in dimensions, five stories in height, of brick, and has eighty rooms, well equipped and supplied with the modern conveniences. It is up-to-date in every sense of the word and conducted on first-class lines, a fact which has been well appreciated by its patrons. The business has increased steadily under Mr. Moore's intelligent and farsighted management. He has shown himself to be an ideal hotel man, having the important qualifications without which no real success in this business could be attained. The interest he has shown in the comfort and convenience of his guests has been well repaid by their substantial recognition and the reputation which his house has gained for courtesy and competent service. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M., of Indiana, to the chapter at Clearfield, No. 228, and to Trinity Commandery, No. 58, at Bradford, Pa., as well as Ismaili Temple, at Buffalo, N. Y. He is also a member of the B. P. O. Elks lodge at Indiana.

In 1878 Mr. Moore married Mary Good-

win, daughter of Thomas Goodwin, and they have had two children, Lloyd and Aletha, the former of whom is deceased. The daughter is the wife of John S. Lyon, and they have three children, Catherine, Mabel and Elizabeth.

MILTON CARNEY has made his home in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, for almost forty-five years, engaged in farming throughout that period, and is one of the most highly esteemed residents of his locality. He is a native of the county, born in White township July 12, 1835. His grandfather, John Carney, was born in Pennsylvania, of Scotch ancestry, and coming to Indiana county in the early days of the opening up of this region settled in the southern portion and engaged in farming. He lived to an advanced age, dying near what is now Blacklick, Indiana county.

Finley Carney, father of Milton Carney, was born in Indiana county, and like his father became a farmer, following that occupation all of his active years. He died near Indiana borough, in 1899, at the remarkable age of ninety-five years. His wife, Jane (Craig), was also born in Indiana county, where her father, Jacob Craig, settled many years ago and followed farming; he came from Ireland. Mrs. Carney died in 1883, aged seventy-six years. To Mr. and Mrs. Carney were born nine children, namely: Martha, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel Donahay; Anna, deceased; Milton; Finley, a veteran of the Civil war, who now lives in White township; Craig, a veteran of the Civil war, deceased; Matilda, deceased; Emily, wife of John Stumpf, of Indiana; Stewart, deceased; and Walter, deceased.

Milton Carney passed his early life in White township, attending public school there. He was trained to farm work by his father, whom he assisted during his boyhood and early youth, later working also for other farmers. In 1868 he moved to the farm in Cherryhill township upon which he has since resided, owning a fine property, which he has cultivated profitably for many years. He is one of the substantial citizens of his township, thoroughly respected by all who know him, a man whose worth is recognized throughout the community.

On March 15, 1860, Mr. Carney married Phoebe Cameron, who was born Nov. 14, 1842, in Indiana county, daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Pershine) Cameron. Her paternal grandfather, John Cameron, came from

Scotland, and he settled in Indiana county, Pa., at an early day, following farming. Mrs. Elizabeth (Pershine) Cameron was born in Indiana county, daughter of Frederick Pershine, also a native of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron died in Cherryhill township. They had the following children: Hugh, Eliza, Frederick, Daniel and Jacob, all deceased; Nancy, wife of George Rink, of Indiana; Joseph, who lives in Mahaffey, Clearfield Co., Pa., and Phoebe, Mrs. Carney.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Carney: Knox, who lives at Indiana; Emerson, now of Morgantown, W. Va.; Bert, living at Johnstown, Pa.; Blanche, living at home; Etta, wife of Zenas Decker, of Cherryhill township; Clara, wife of James Gibson, of Cherryhill township; Ira H., deceased; Elizabeth J., who was the wife of Asbury Carney and the mother of three sons; and Jessie, the youngest, who is at home. The parents are members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Carney is particularly active in religious work, having acted as class-leader for the last forty years.

JAMES S. KAUFFMAN, of Center township, Indiana county, is a worthy representative of a family which has been settled in the county since 1835. He is engaged in farming on the place where his father settled over a half century ago, and has been prominent in public affairs in his township, where he has the esteem and good will of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Kauffman's grandfather, Christian Kauffman, came to Indiana county from Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1835, bringing his wife and children, and first located on the Judge Thomas White farm, in White township, north of Indiana. Later he bought and removed to the Samuel Fiscus farm in Armstrong township, and there spent the rest of his life, carrying on farming and stock raising. He married Nancy Kauffman, and to them were born five children: John, who is deceased; Fannie; Jacob; Abraham, and Katherine. The parents were members of the Christian Church.

Jacob Kauffman, father of James S. Kauffman, was born Sept. 24, 1823, in Huntingdon county, Pa., came to Indiana county with his parents, and grew up on the farm, learning the details of agricultural work as his father's assistant. He received his education in the district schools. After his marriage, to Lavinia Dickie, daughter of William H. Dickie, a prominent farmer of Center town-

ship, he purchased his father-in-law's property of 240 acres, and there made a permanent home. When he came to this place the only buildings on it were rude log structures, the house having been built in the year 1800, by William McKee, a great-uncle, and the barn was also of the kind built at that period. Mr. Kauffman erected a brick dwelling, which was completed in 1873, and which at the time was the best of its kind in this section. Through his own untiring efforts, and with the assistance of his faithful wife, he converted his place into one of the best homes in the vicinity. He died there in the prime of life, Aug. 23, 1879, one of the most respected members of his community. In politics Mr. Kauffman was a Republican, in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church at Homer City. His widow died Oct. 5, 1886. They were the parents of five children, namely: E. Jennie, widow of John W. Baker, of Blairsville, Pa.; Nannie C., deceased; Dickie, who died in infancy; James S., mentioned below; and W. Banks, living at Homer City.

James S. Kauffman was born Dec. 31, 1860, on the farm in Center township where he now resides, and there reared. He was educated in the near-by public schools, meantime acquiring a comprehensive knowledge of farm work under his father's training. When his father died he assumed charge of the place, continuing its cultivation with the assistance of other members of the family, and though only a young man succeeded in keeping up the home and taking care of his mother in her declining years. He has continued to make improvements of all kinds, in 1910 remodeling the house, which is now furnished with all modern conveniences. Though he has attended faithfully to his private affairs, as his prosperity shows, he has found time for other interests and has held various township offices, having been honored by his fellow citizens on several occasions. He has been elected auditor, treasurer and collector, giving excellent satisfaction to all concerned in every one of these positions. In political sentiment he is a Democrat, but he is independent in his choice of candidates, particularly for local offices.

In 1887 Mr. Kauffman joined the National Guard of Pennsylvania, with which he has served in all twelve years, part of the time as sergeant. When the call for troops was made, in 1898, at the breaking out of the Spanish-American war, Mr. Kauffman was a sergeant in Company F, 5th Regiment. This com-

pany, under command of Capt. Meade Mahon and Colonel Burchfield, was soon at Mount Gretna, Pa., for orders, and on May 25th was sent to Chickamauga, Ga., remaining in camp there over six months; it was discharged Nov. 9, 1898.

On Nov. 13, 1889, Mr. Kauffman married Ida M. Mikesell, daughter of Enos and Nancy (Fair) Mikesell, of Graceton, Center township, and they have had six children: Charles, who is now located in Lawrence, Kansas; J. Claire, a normal student, who has taught at Graceton and in Blacklick township; Hazel, now a student at the Indiana normal school; Stella, at home; and twin sons who died in infancy. The family are Lutherans in religious connection, members of the Homer City Church.

FRANK FISHER MOORE, M. D., physician for the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company at the Lucerne mines, in Center township, Indiana county, has been in practice since 1903 and at his present location since 1907. Dr. Moore was born in the State of Ohio Nov. 5, 1880, son of George and Margaret (Fisher) Moore, who were temporarily residing in Ohio. They were natives of New Jersey.

Dr. Moore was quite young when his parents moved to Bridgeton, N. J., and there he received his early education in the public schools, graduating from high school in 1897. He then entered upon a thorough course of preparation for his chosen profession, attending the Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, where he took the full courses in pharmacy and medicine, graduating from that institution May 23, 1903. For a short time thereafter he was engaged as a druggist at Atlantic City, N. J., thence going to Punxsutawney, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he became house physician at the Adrian hospital until June, 1904. He then took the State examination at Pittsburg, which he passed, and moving to Yatesboro, Armstrong county, was made assistant surgeon for the Cowanshannock Coal & Coke Company, being thus engaged until he received his present appointment, in 1907. As physician of the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company at the Lucerne mines, in Center township, he has over three hundred families under his medical care, and his conscientious disposition and thorough experience qualify him for this work in an exceptional degree. He is well liked personally as well as in his professional capacity, being popular among all classes in the

community. He is medical examiner for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a member of the Indiana County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Socially he is connected with the B. P. O. Elks at Indiana. In politics Dr. Moore is a Republican, and he has been associated with the local activities of his party, in whose welfare he takes considerable interest. Dr. Moore enjoys hunting and is a good sportsman.

On June 17, 1907, Dr. Moore married, at Pittsburg, Jean Craig, daughter of James and Margaret (Patterson) Craig, and they have one child, Francis Craig.

JOHN P. MIKESSELL (deceased) was a most respected resident of Center and White townships, Indiana county, where he was a prosperous farmer and stock dealer during his active years. For some time before his death he lived retired at Indiana. Born Nov. 19, 1833, on his father's farm at Graceton, in Center township, he belonged to a family of German extraction, being a son of Adam Mikesell and grandson of Jonas Mikesell, of Brushvalley township, this county. The latter married a Miss Altimus, of Pike county, Pennsylvania.

Adam Mikesell, father of John P. Mikesell, was born in 1794 in Center township. He passed his life in agricultural pursuits in that township, where he purchased the tract of five hundred acres upon which he resided until his death. He died, however, in Washington township, while on a visit, in November, 1877. He was a citizen of worth and high character, a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and esteemed by all who knew him. Mr. Mikesell married Margaret Brieker, who died in Center township, and they had children as follows: Israel, Mary, Philip, Enos, Violet (married William Sutton), Jonas, John P. and George.

John P. Mikesell was reared on the farm and received his education in the common schools of Center township. There he began life for himself as a farmer, and he remained in his native township until the fall of 1879, when he removed to White township. He was engaged in general farming and stock dealing, shipping stock to Philadelphia. He came into possession of 112 acres of his father's property in Center township. In 1890 Mr. Mikesell retired and moved to the borough of Indiana, where he passed the rest of his days in retirement, his death occurring Dec. 31,

1905. He purchased property upon settling in the borough, and the comfortable home his widow now occupies was erected in 1904. Mr. Mikesell was a Democrat in political connection, but took no active part in such matters.

On March 10, 1868, Mr. Mikesell married, at Blairsville, Indiana county, Sarah (Sallie) Ellen Holmes, who was born in Brushvalley township, this county, and received a good education, attending public school and the academy at Pineflats. To Mr. and Mrs. Mikesell were born two sons: Addison Holmes and Torrence. The latter, born Sept. 10, 1876, is deceased. The former, born Feb. 20, 1869, in Center township, was married June 13, 1888, to Monetta Ralston, daughter of Samuel Ralston, of Cherryhill township, this county, and they have two living children, Arthur Talmage and Helen Beatrice; they also had sons John and Walter Gilbert, now deceased. Addison H. Mikesell resides on his own farm in White township.

Mrs. Mikesell is thoroughly alive to business activities in the borough of Indiana, in which she takes an intelligent interest. Broadminded and highly respected for her many sterling qualities, she is an honored and influential member of the community. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which her husband also belonged.

The Holmes family, of which Mrs. Sallie E. (Holmes) Mikesell is a member, came from Ireland, her father, George Holmes, being but three months old when brought to this country. He was a carpenter by trade, doing fine woodwork principally, being employed in the construction of some of the best dwellings erected in his day in Indiana county. He died in Cherryhill township, this county, when his daughter Sallie was quite young. He married Eliza Ann Watterson, who was born in Milford, Kent Co., Del., and Mrs. Mikesell was the youngest of their thirteen children.

THOMAS D. THOMAS, assistant superintendent of the Rochester Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company at Lucerne, in Center township, Indiana county, is an experienced coal miner and a competent man for the responsible position he fills. He is of Welsh extraction, his grandfather, William Thomas, having been a native of Wales, where he lived and died.

Thomas D. Thomas, father of Thomas D. Thomas, was born in Wales and was also a miner by occupation. Upon coming to Amer-

ica he located at Morris Run, in Tioga county, Pa., where he followed that calling for many years, later moving to Punxsutawney, Jefferson county. There he remained until his death, which occurred Feb. 29, 1908, and he is buried at that place. He was married in his native country to Esther Jenkins, daughter of William Jenkins, a native of Wales, who also settled at Morris Run, Tioga Co., Pa. Fifteen children were born to them, of whom seven still survive, namely: Margaret, Daniel J., William G., Esther (Mrs. Davis), Thomas D., Evan J. and Lewis.

Thomas D. Thomas was born Nov. 3, 1874, at Morris Run, and educated in the public schools of the home district, and he was only a boy of eleven when he began work in the mines at Morris Run. After that he attended public school at night for a time, later entering Duff's business college, at Pittsburg, from which institution he was graduated in the year 1900. He then became office man and accountant at Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he was employed for a period of five years, at the end of that time going to DuBois, Pa., and taking a position in the office of the Falls Creek Coal Company, as bookkeeper. He continued there for the next eighteen months, following which he was at the Big Run mines as superintendent, remaining there two years. He has since been with the Rochester Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company, as assistant superintendent of the plant at Lucerne, in Center township, Indiana county. Mr. Charles Cronk is superintendent. Mr. Thomas is a trusted employee, and his work at Lucerne has been highly creditable to his ability as well as to his faithfulness in the performance of everything intrusted to him. He is unmarried, and makes his home at Lucerne.

Socially Mr. Thomas is a Mason and Odd Fellow, belonging to John M. Reed Lodge, F. & A. M., and to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Lindsey, Jefferson Co., Pa. His political support is given to the Republican party, and he is a Methodist in religious connection.

**WILLIAM CRAIG MACK**, farmer and coal operator of East Wheatfield township, is a member of the Mack family numerously represented in East and West Wheatfield townships, Indiana county, where it was established over a century ago by his grandfather, Robert Mack. He was born Sept. 1, 1843, on his father's farm near Garfield, in West Wheatfield township.

Robert Mack was a native of County Down,

Ireland, born about 1763. There he grew to manhood and married Margaret Campbell, who was born about 1769, and four children were born to them in their native home: John, born about 1797; Robert, born about 1799; James, born March 3, 1800; and Jean, born about 1803. In the early part of 1803 Robert Mack with his wife and four children left their native home for America. While they were crossing the Atlantic, on a slow-going sailing vessel, their little daughter Jean died and was buried at sea, the body being placed in a sack, weighted at the feet with sand. The burial service was read by the captain. After landing in the New World the family made their way west of the Alleghenies, locating in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, Pa., where Mr. Mack settled down to farming on a 400-acre tract. He had to erect the log cabin for his family, and began a hard fight for existence in the wilderness which lasted many years. By steady industry and thrifty habits he managed to develop his farm and make many improvements, and he spent the remainder of his life on that place, dying there Aug. 2, 1850. He was buried in Bethel Church cemetery, in what is now West Wheatfield township, and a headstone marks the last resting place of himself and wife. Mr. Mack in religious principle was what was known as a Seeceder, later joining the Bethel United Presbyterian Church. He was an old-line Democrat on political questions. His wife preceded him to the grave, dying on the farm Nov. 17, 1839, at the age of seventy years, and was laid to rest in Bethel cemetery. She, too, was a member of Bethel United Presbyterian Church. She was the mother of thirteen children, those born in Wheatfield township being: David; William; Samuel; Armstrong; George; Jean (2), who married William McLean, and resides in West Wheatfield township; Margaret, who married Hugh St. Clair, and removed to Iowa; Elizabeth (Betsey), who married William Campbell, being his second wife; and another of whom we have no record.

David Mack, son of Robert and Margaret (Campbell) Mack, was born in 1802, and was reared in West Wheatfield township. He obtained his education at subscription schools, attending at an old log schoolhouse provided with plank desks and slab seats; the windows were of paper. The instruction was as primitive as the equipment, but he mastered the three R's. From early boyhood he assisted with the farm work at home, and worked

on the Philadelphia and Pittsburg turnpike when it was in course of construction. Later he worked with the railroad construction gang. He settled down to farm in West Wheatfield township, near what is now Garfield, on a tract now occupied by his son Samuel, and there followed farming the rest of his days. When he took up his residence there he erected a log house and barn, later putting up a frame dwelling and barn, and making numerous other improvements upon the property. He engaged in general farming and stock raising, and also operated a sawmill on Germany run. He was one of the prominent citizens of the township in his day, not only active in business but also associated with the administration of public affairs. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious connection a lifelong member of the United Presbyterian Church and active in all its work. He and his wife are buried in the Bethel U. P. Church cemetery. Mr. Mack died on the farm in 1881, aged seventy-nine years. His wife, Matilda (Craig), who was born in 1809 near Indiana, died in 1895, at the age of eighty-six. They had a large family, namely: Robert, who married Elizabeth Brantlinger and (second) Sarah Adamson, died in West Wheatfield township in 1912; Jacob, who married Mary Jane Wakefield, died in West Wheatfield township in 1909; John, a farmer of East Wheatfield township, married Elizabeth Murphy; David, who married Mary Jane Kerr, now resides at Clyde, this county; William Craig is mentioned below; Matilda (Tillie) married Samuel G. Walbeck and resided at Heshbon, this county; Samuel, who lives on the old homestead in West Wheatfield township, married Charlotte Roof and their children are Bart, Charles, Theresa and Ewing; Thomas, who married Kate Roof or Ruth, died at Graceton, Pa.; and James W., a carpenter and contractor, lives at Johnstown, Pa. Few families can equal the record of this one for patriotism. Six of the sons served in the Civil war, Jacob and John in Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; David in Company K, 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Robert, John and David were in Company H, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Greer and Col. Hugh J. Brady; William was in the 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery.

William C. Mack grew up on the home farm, and spent his boyhood at work there and in attendance at the local public schools. Later he worked for the Cambria Iron Com-

pany as carpenter, and also made barrel staves and shooks in both Westmoreland and Indiana counties, doing such work for two years, at \$1.25 a day. On Aug. 9, 1864, he enlisted at Pittsburg in Company G, 6th Heavy Artillery, under Captain Hadley and Colonel Barnes, and continued in the army until the close of the war, taking part in the grand review at Washington. After receiving his discharge at Pittsburg he returned home and began farming, cultivating a tract of fifty-three acres for the next ten years. He then bought the Plowman farm of eighty acres in East Wheatfield township, and in 1910 he bought the John Dick place (known as the old John Tomb farm), a tract of 142 acres on which he now makes his home. Farming and stock raising have always been his occupations, and with the help of his sons he now operates over two hundred acres. There is also a fine coal bank on his farm which he and his sons have developed and operate. He has been elected to local offices, having served as supervisor, road boss, and overseer of the poor in his township, and he is a substantial man, one whose influence and aid are considered beneficial to any cause he espouses. Originally a Republican in politics, he is now associated with the Prohibition party, being a strong advocate of temperance. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church at Armagh, of which he is a trustee. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Nov. 18, 1866, Mr. Mack married Sarah Elizabeth Mars, a native of Clearfield county, Pa., daughter of William Mars. She died in 1897, and is buried in Bethel Church cemetery in West Wheatfield township. Nine children were born to this union, as follows: William Edgar, who is a farmer and coal operator in East Wheatfield township; Emma Elizabeth, widow of Harry Campbell; Matilda, who was the first wife of Harry Campbell, he marrying Emma E. after Matilda's death; Jesse Mars, a farmer in Buffington township, this county; Benjamin A., who is a storekeeper at Coral, in Center township; David Wellington, a farmer of East Wheatfield township; Leal James, living on the homestead, who married Zoe Ling; Gilbert, farmer on the David Kelmer place; and John, unmarried, who is engaged as a storekeeper.

JOHN W. WILLIAMS, who carries on agricultural pursuits in Green township, Indi-



iana Co., Pa., was born in that township Nov. 21, 1833, son of Daniel and Mary (Waters) Williams.

Rev. Daniel Williams, the paternal grandfather of John W. Williams, was born in the south of Wales, and was a Baptist minister. He never came to this country. He married Jane Matthews, also a native of that country, and they had a family of six children.

Daniel Williams, son of Rev. Daniel Williams, and father of John W. Williams, was born in Glamorganshire, South Wales, and came to the United States in young manhood. After a three months' voyage he landed at Baltimore, Md., and from that city came to Ebensburg, Pa., there for about two years following the blacksmith's trade, which he had learned in his native land. In 1831 Mr. Williams came to Indiana county, settling at Mitchells Mills, where he purchased land and engaged in farming, but never gave up his trade, at which he worked in connection with tilling the soil and lumbering until his death, in June, 1865. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, as follows: Gwenie, who is a resident of Pinedats, Pa.; Philip, Hannah and Mary, all deceased; Jane, the wife of Dr. James Dinwiddie, of Phillipsburg, Pa.; Evan, deceased; a child who died in infancy; John W.; and Rachel, who is deceased.

John Waters, the maternal grandfather of John W. Williams, died in Monmouthshire, England, and his widow, Mary (Jones) Waters, subsequently came to the United States with her only child, Mrs. Williams, later marrying a Mr. Arthur, by whom she had three children.

John W. Williams, son of Daniel Williams, was educated in the district schools of Green township, his boyhood being divided between the old log schoolhouse, surrounded by timber, which he attended during the short winter terms, and the home farm, to the hard work of which his summers were given. He was reared to habits of honesty, industry and integrity, and thoroughly trained to the vocation of farming, in which he has been engaged all of his life. At this time he is the owner of a property whose general aspect of prosperity testifies mutely but eloquently to the presence of thrift and good management. For one and a half terms Mr. Williams has served on the board of school directors of Green township, and in every possible manner has demonstrated his public spirit when movements of a progressive nature have been advanced. His religious connection is with

the Christian Church. Mr. Williams has never married.

JOHN H. MCGUIRE, of Clymer, Indiana county, has in his work as contractor and carpenter done his share in the material up-building of that borough, in whose interests he has been active in various ways from the very beginning, having settled there about the time the town was founded. He was born Oct. 22, 1862, in Cherryhill township, where the town of Clymer is now located, and is a son of John and Mary E. (Kerr) McGuire, both of whom were natives of the State of Pennsylvania. John McGuire, the father, was an early settler in Indiana county, and followed farming there in his younger days. He continued to make his home there until his death, which occurred in February, 1897. His widow still survives. Their family consisted of six children: Levi, the eldest, who lives in Indiana county; Jennie, wife of John Olgher, living in Indiana county; Martha, who is deceased; John H.; Mary, wife of Luther Helmer, of Indiana county; and Clara, wife of J. S. Rowe, of Dixonville, this county.

John H. McGuire attended school near where the town of Clymer is now situated. When a boy he did farm work, which he continued to follow until 1893, at that time moving to Indiana, where he lived for two years. While there he was engaged at the trade of carpenter, which he had learned, but he returned to farming for a time, moving from the county seat to Rayne township, this county, where he purchased a farm upon which he lived for several years. From the farm he removed to Clymer, at the time that town was being organized, and he took an active part in the organization. He became a member of the first council of the borough, serving two years in that body and giving efficient service. He has taken the contracts for and built many of the residences in the borough, and he also acts as janitor of the schoolhouse, to which position he was appointed by the school board.

On March 10, 1887, Mr. McGuire was married to Elhuira Rowe, who was born in Rayne township, Indiana county, in June, 1869, daughter of John I. and Lucinda (Mence) Rowe, natives of Rayne township; they were early settlers in Rayne township, where Mr. Rowe engaged in farming and has continued to follow that vocation all his life. He and his wife are still living in Rayne township. They have had eleven children. Two children

have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGuire: Ora, who is deceased, and John M. Mr. McGuire and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

ARCHIE J. STEWART, stockman and farmer of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, whose property is located near Penn Run, was born on the farm he is now operating Oct. 31, 1854, son of Archie and Elizabeth (Johnson) Stewart.

Archie Stewart, grandfather of Archie J. Stewart, was born in Center county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in 1839, settling on the farm which is now owned by his grandson. He spent the remainder of his life in farming and became a well-to-do agriculturist.

Archie Stewart, father of Archie J. Stewart, was born in Indiana county, and at the time of his father's death was given the old home property, on which he spent his active years. He and his wife, who was also a native of this county, and who died when still a young woman, had a family of three children: Miss Miranda, a resident of Indiana; Archie J.; and a twin sister who died at the age of eight years.

Archie J. Stewart acquired his education in the public schools of Cherryhill township, and as a youth was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he has always followed. He inherited the old homestead from his father, and has made numerous improvements thereon. He was married Sept. 25, 1889, to Mary E. Thayer, who was born June 21, 1864, in Indiana county, daughter of William and Catherine (Howe) Thayer, early settlers of the county, where Mr. Thayer was engaged in farming for some years; at this time he is living retired, making his home in Philadelphia. His wife is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have had children as follows: Cornelia, Helen, Archie F., Robert, Virginia and Catherine, all of whom reside at home. The family is connected with the Presbyterian Church, its members being well and favorably known in church circles.

CLAIR GUY HARMON, M. D., a physician of West Lebanon, Indiana Co., Pa., was born at Sinclairville, N. Y., Sept. 30, 1882, son of James M. and Martha J. (Phillips) Harmon.

James M. Harmon comes of an old Connecticut family, while his wife's people came from Vermont. He is a prosperous farmer of New York State, and is also interested in handling real estate.

Dr. Harmon was graduated from the high school of his native place in 1902, and immediately thereafter began carrying out his ambition to become a physician by entering the medical department of the University of Kentucky, at Louisville, from which he was graduated in 1906, with the degree of M. D. After leaving college he practiced medicine for a short time at Bear Lake, Pa., and then became interne in the Braddock general hospital, at Braddock, Pa., in which connection he gained very valuable experience. Severing his relations with the hospital Dr. Harmon went to Vandergrift, Pa., where he was in active practice until the fall of 1908, in that year locating at Jacksonvill, in Young township, this county. In 1909 he bought the practice of Dr. J. T. Cass, at West Lebanon, Pa., and here he has built up a large and constantly increasing practice, which reflects credit upon his skill as a physician and popularity as a man. Using an automobile in visiting his patients, Dr. Harmon has developed a love for driving his car, and is enthusiastic over the sport. Professionally he belongs to the county and State medical societies and keeps himself abreast of the progress made in his science. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, while his political affiliations are with the Republican party. The Presbyterian Church has in him a valuable member.

Dr. Harmon was married in Indiana to Grace V. Learn, and they have two children, Robert Marvin and Martha May.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BUTLER, justice of the peace, is a farmer in Burrell township, Indiana county, residing on the property on the Huntingdon, Cambria and Indiana turnpike which has been the home of the family for the last forty years. He was born May 8, 1865, in West Wheatfield township, this county, son of Washington Butler.

The Butlers are one of the oldest Irish families in Pennsylvania, and their recorded history goes back over two hundred years. A very complete account of its members during that period, down to the present time, has been written and published; George Washington Butler made material contributions to the work, which was gotten up at great expense. James Butler, father of William Butler, who founded the family in America, was born in 1718 in the parish of Cookeny, County Wicklow, Ireland, and received his education in Dublin. He married in 1739 (wife's name not known), and his children were: Thomas,

born in 1740; William, born in 1743; John, born in 1745, who died in Ohio; Jane, born in 1747, who married William Mann, and died in 1830; and Sarah, born in 1749.

William Butler, son of James, was born in 1743 in Cookney, County Wicklow, Ireland, and was educated in the schools of Dublin. In 1760, at the age of seventeen, he was pressed into the British navy, to take part in the war between England and France then being carried on in America. He was brought on a British man-of-war to what were then the English Colonies in America, but succeeded in escaping and made his way to the interior of the Province of Pennsylvania, where he found employment. When the Colonists took up arms against the mother country he enlisted in the cause of freedom, joining a Berks county regiment under Capt. Henry Christ, Pennsylvania Regiment, Rifles and Musketry. He served his full time in that and other companies, under several enlistments. From March 1, 1777, to May, 1777, he served under Capt. Patrick Anderson; in January, 1778, he served for a time in Colonel Patten's regiment; again enlisted in Capt. John Marshall's company, 2d Pennsylvania Regiment, Continental army; was corporal in John Paterson's company, and was sergeant until the close of the war; in 1780-81 was in the Pennsylvania regiment of artillery under Col. Thomas Proctor and later under Colonel Harris, serving until the end of the struggle. In 1818 he applied for a pension for his Revolutionary services. About 1823 he settled in Crawford county, Pa., becoming a land owner in Sadsbury township, where he remained to the close of his long life, dying March 1, 1839, at the remarkable age of ninety-six years. He and his wife Eleanor had a family of eight children, all born east of the Allegheny mountains, namely: Sallie, Mary, Catherine, James, William, Jean, Nancy and Eleanor.

James Butler, son of William, followed the occupation of iron worker, being a pattern-maker and molder. In 1803-04 he was employed at the old Ross Furnace, in the Allegheny mountains. He finally settled on Blacklick creek, near the furnace in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, and there spent his life. He married Martha Clark, daughter of George Clark, who was a pioneer on Blacklick creek near what is known as Blacklick Furnace, and they became the parents of a large family: William, who married Mary Sena and settled in Cambria

county, Pa.; Martha and Ellen, twins, the latter the wife of John Spires; Elizabeth; Abner and Solomon, twins; Ruth, who married Samuel Pershing; Caleb, who married Catherine Carnahan and settled in Johnstown, Pa.; Jesse, who married Mary Oakes and settled in Westmoreland county; and Washington. James Butler died in Crawford county and is buried at Harmonsville, Pa.; his wife died at Blacklick Furnace, and was buried there. Mr. Butler was a Catholic in religious faith, his wife belonging to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which her family were reared.

Washington Butler, son of James and Martha (Clark) Butler, was born Sept. 7, 1830. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed throughout his active years, devoting all his time and attention to that line of work until 1872, when he moved to the home in Burrell township where he and his family have since resided. He had previously lived at Armagh, this county. Buying a tract of 152 acres on the pike three miles from Blairsville, he erected a blacksmith shop and continued to carry on his trade and iron work in connection with farming, his sons assisting him in the cultivation of the land. Some years ago he gave up active labor, and is now living retired, making his home with his son George Washington Butler, and enjoying the leisure he has well earned. Mr. Butler served as assessor of the township several years. During the Civil war he enlisted in the navy and served for a period of ten months in the Mississippi squadron as blacksmith and machinist; he was on the gunboat "Mound City." After completing his term he returned home and resumed his trade.

In 1851, Mr. Butler married Caroline Palmer, who was born in West Wheatfield township, this county, daughter of Henry Palmer, of West Wheatfield, and died Sept. 24, 1907; she is buried in Blairsville cemetery. Mrs. Butler was a member of the M. E. Church, to which her husband also belongs. They had a family of six children, viz.: Henry L., who resided in Knox county, Nebr., where he died; George Washington; Sarah, living in Denver, Colo.; Ida, who married Samuel Nipps, both now deceased; Ella F., who married Andrew Porter, of Glassport, Pa.; and Ellzora C., who married John Allen and resides in Arkansas.

George Washington Butler, son of Washington Butler, was born in West Wheatfield township and was only a boy when the family

settled at the present home in Burrell township. He attended public school in the neighborhood, and in his youth became familiar with both farm work and general blacksmithing while helping his father. In the early eighties he was employed on the Pennsylvania railroad for a time as fireman, between Pittsburg and Altoona, Pa. Since 1902 he has had complete charge of the homestead place, where he carries on general farming, also engaging in blacksmithing, and he was formerly interested in the manufacture of lumber, owning a sawmill at his home place. He has bought other lands in Burrell and the Wheatfields, at one time owning over three hundred acres. His executive ability and thrifty management of his various interests have made them profitable, and he has proved himself a good business man, combining good judgment with industry in all his undertakings. Few men in his neighborhood have been more active in town affairs. He has filled most of the local offices, having served as school director, treasurer (two years), clerk, auditor, tax collector (three years) and assessor (six years), still continuing to hold the last named position. In 1902 he was elected justice of the peace, and after serving as such for five years was reelected in 1907, still serving. In 1910 he was United States census enumerator of Burrell township. Politically Mr. Butler has always been a staunch Republican, and a worker for the success of the party, has served as member of the election board, and as judge and inspector of elections. His repeated calls to public service are the best evidence of the satisfaction he has given to all concerned. He has been honorable and faithful in the discharge of all the responsibilities placed upon him, and is very popular in his township, his efficiency and obliging disposition winning him friends in all classes.

On June 21, 1894, Mr. Butler was married to Ella W. Axe, who was born in Newcastle, Pa., daughter of Reuben Axe, now of Blairsville, this county. Mrs. Butler is a woman of keen intelligence and many sterling qualities, and has been a true helpmate to her husband. They are members of the M. E. Church at Blairsville. They have had a family of nine children, all born in Burrell township, namely: Loyal Glenn, Margretta, Washington G., Axie, Reuben, George and Ella (twins), Florence and Albert.

ARCHIBLE STEWART was during his lifetime one of the most prosperous farmers and stock raisers of Cherryhill township, In-

diana county, cultivating the large property now owned and operated by his son Archie J. Stewart. Mr. Stewart was born in Center township, this county, Dec. 4, 1824. He was of Irish extraction, his grandfather, Archible Stewart, having come to this country from the North of Ireland just before the outbreak of the Revolutionary war. He came to buy flax and flaxseed, and had no intention of remaining in America, but changed his plans when the war broke out. He first lived in Center county, Pa., where he married a Miss Allison, and later removed to Center township, Indiana county, where he died.

Archible Stewart, son of Archible, was born in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., and was reared there. He served in the war of 1812, enlisting when eighteen years of age. He married Jane Cummins and they settled in Cherryhill township, where both died. Their children were: Archible; William, who went to California in 1849 with a party from this section and suffered greatly from the hardships of the journey, dying on the way or just after he reached his destination; Samuel, who is deceased; Frank, deceased; Margaret, Mrs. E. H. Grumbling, deceased; Milton, deceased; James, deceased; Jane, Mrs. W. H. Guthrie, who lives in Kansas.

Archible Stewart grew to manhood in Cherryhill township, and received his education in the country schools. He followed farming and stock raising, and being the eldest surviving son he kept up the homestead, which he finally bought. He added to it as he prospered, and it now consists of 300 acres, being one of the most valuable properties in the locality. Mr. Stewart was engaged in farming there until his death, which occurred in January, 1890. He is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. He was a prominent member of the Harmony Presbyterian Church in Indiana county, and served for years as one of the trustees. In politics he adhered staunchly to the principles of the Democratic party. One of the most highly respected men of his township, his death was widely mourned and regarded as a public loss by all who knew him.

Mr. Stewart married Elizabeth Johnston, who was born in Cherryhill township, daughter of Robert and Jane (Huston) Johnston, and died when twenty-eight years of age. They had three children: Marinda, who now lives in the borough of Indiana; Archible J., who conducts the home farm; and Elizabeth, twin of Archible, deceased.

FRANK WINSHEIMER, of Center township, Indiana county, is a son of John Michael and Mary M. (Emerick) Winsheimer, for many years residents of this county, and grandson of George Michael Winsheimer, who established the family in this country.

George Michael Winsheimer was born in Neubeuern, Germany, was a farmer by occupation, and a citizen of influence in his locality, serving as Burgess. In 1837 he and his wife Elizabeth (Kerley), having decided to try life in the New World, took passage with their family on a sailing vessel at Bremen, and they landed in America eleven weeks later, on New Year's Day, 1838. They had intended to proceed westward and locate in Pittsburg, Pa., but instead stopped at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, some forty miles east of that city, and established a home, remaining there some four years. Mr. Winsheimer then removed his family to Canoe (now Banks) township, Indiana county, where they lived for the next twenty years. When they retired from active life the parents made their home with their son John Michael, then of Indiana, Pa., until they died; they were buried in the Howe cemetery in Cherryhill township, Indiana county. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics Mr. Winsheimer was a Democrat. They had a family of six children, all of whom accompanied them to the United States, namely: John Lawrence, John George, Margaret, Anna Mary, Augustus Vogel and John Michael.

John Michael Winsheimer, youngest child of George Michael and Elizabeth Winsheimer, was born July 8, 1829, in Bavaria, and was a child when he came with the family to America. What little educational training he received was obtained in the pay schools in vogue at that period near Greensburg. Going with his father into the northern part of Indiana county he followed farming and lumbering, later becoming a raftsmen on the Susquehanna river; he marketed his lumber at Marietta, Pa., in this way. After continuing this occupation for a number of years he became engaged in the mercantile business in Canoe township, and when he sold out bought a farm of 500 acres in Cherryhill township, which he operated for a number of years. In 1889 he went to Virginia, locating on a farm near Richmond where he remained two years, at the end of that time returning to Indiana county, Pa. Purchasing the McCaillister farm two miles south of Indiana, he lived there for three years, and after selling that property bought the George Johns-

ton place in Center township, a tract of 206 acres, upon which he resided for seven years. For the next seven years he made his home in the borough of Indiana, thence moving to Montgomery county, Pa., where he lived until his return to Indiana in 1911 on account of poor health, retiring at that time. Mr. Winsheimer has always been energetic and hard-working, and his business ability and industry combined have brought him more than ordinary success. He is a member of the Christian Church and active in all the branches of its work, and has been a Sunday school teacher nearly all his life.

On June 3, 1853, Mr. Winsheimer married Mary M. Emerick, who was born in Bedford county, Pa., in 1833, daughter of John Emerick, and died Sept. 26, 1907; she is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Indiana. Five children were born to this union: Ezra E., now a resident of Vandergrift, Pa.; Mary Melissa, who married Ellsworth Dennison, of Blairsville, Pa.; Addie Jane, who married W. T. Myers, of Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery Co., Pa.; Frank; and Olive May, wife of Harry Clawson, of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Frank Winsheimer was born Oct. 22, 1873, in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, and was reared on his father's farm there. He attended school at Sample Run until he accompanied the family on their removal to Virginia, at which time he was fifteen years old. In 1894-5 he was a student at the Indiana State normal school. For one year he was employed in the steel mills at Vandergrift, as crane operator, but with that exception he has always followed farming. Upon his return from Vandergrift he took charge of his father's farm in Center township, of which he has since become owner, and he has occupied that place continuously since 1903. His alert attention to all the details of his work, intelligent interest in improved methods and untiring industry have brought him the success he deserves, and he ranks among the most substantial farmers of his locality. He is a member of the Christian Church at Indiana, and in political connection is a Republican. In 1911 he was elected a member of the Center township school board, of which he is now president.

On April 8, 1903, Mr. Winsheimer married Irene Johnston, daughter of Benjamin and Isabella J. (Johnston) Johnston, of Shelocta, Pa. She taught five terms of public school in Indiana and Armstrong counties. They have had three children, born as follows:

Mary Isabelle, April 16, 1906; John Glenn, Feb. 7, 1908; Ruth Irene, April 3, 1912.

**JAMES JOHNSON HUTCHISON**, who is engaged in farming and stock raising in East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., has been a resident of this section all of his life, having been born in the township June 28, 1865, a member of an old family of English origin.

Cornelius Hutchison, the great-grandfather of James Johnson Hutchison, the first of the name to settle in Indiana county, was supposed to have been a native of England. There is a tradition in the family that he came to this country at a period prior to the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, and that he took part in that great struggle. From Path valley, Huntingdon county, Pa., he made his way to what was known at that time as Wheatfield township, settling among the pioneers and here making his home during the remainder of his life. He married Nellie Maguire, and they had the following children: Robert; Philip, who settled in Armstrong county; Samuel, who also settled in that county; James, who was also a settler there; John, who removed to Lockport, Pa.; Ann, who married Robert Brown, and lived at New Florence, Westmoreland county; and Elizabeth, who married Richard McGriff, also of Westmoreland county.

Robert Hutchison, son of Cornelius Hutchison, and grandfather of James Johnson Hutchison, made his home in Wheatfield township, near the Conemaugh river, where he owned a large tract of land and followed farming. Later he removed to the Philadelphia and Pittsburg pike, where he had over 200 acres of land, part of which is now owned by his grandson, Alphonse Cunningham. He carried on general farming and stock raising there during the remainder of his life, and was buried in the United Presbyterian cemetery in East Wheatfield township. Mr. Hutchison married Nancy Steele, daughter of George Steele, and they had the following children: Esther, who married William Cunningham and resides on the old homestead; John, who removed to Illinois and there died; Cornelius; William, who was a farmer of East Wheatfield township and is now deceased; Samuel, also an agriculturist of East Wheatfield township, where he died; Ellen, who married Coulter Van Horn, both now deceased; Charlotte, who died when young; Julia Ann, who married Joseph Hunter; and Lucinda, the widow of John D. Tomb,

residing in East Wheatfield township.

Cornelius Hutchison, son of Robert Hutchison, and father of James Johnson Hutchison, was born Feb. 4, 1815, in East Wheatfield (then Wheatfield) township, and received a good common school education for his day in the subscription schools. As a lad he was reared to agricultural pursuits, but when the Pennsylvania canal was started he became a water carrier at the salary of twenty cents per day, and so continued until he was made a mule driver along the towpath between Pittsburg and Johnstown. Later he was advanced to bowman and then to steersman on the canal boats, but eventually resigned his position to take that of stage driver for Mr. Moore, of Ebensburg, driving between that point, Armagh, Blairsville and Pittsburg, a route that carried him through a perfect wilderness of country and made it necessary for him to use the greatest care to protect his passengers and mail. Eventually he established himself in the hotel business at Kittanning, Armstrong county, but in 1856 returned to his native township and purchased the Elliott farm, a tract of sixty acres, on which he erected a dwelling and barn and made numerous other improvements, adding to his land from time to time until he had 130 acres. Here he spent the remainder of his life in general farming and stock raising, and achieved success through his industry and perseverance. During the latter part of his life Mr. Hutchison suffered terribly from cancer, and for fifteen years could not eat solid food, death ending his sufferings Jan. 18, 1891; he was laid to rest in the Bethel Church cemetery. He died in the United Presbyterian faith, and he was a Republican in his political views, and for a long period served faithfully and efficiently as supervisor and tax collector of East Wheatfield township.

Mr. Hutchison was twice married, his first wife being Susan McElroy, of Allegheny county. They had five children: Agnes, who is unmarried and resides in Pittsburg, Pa.; Margaret, who died at the age of six years; Lila, deceased, who was the wife of Peter Seib; Mary, who married James E. Tomb, and resides at Armagh, Pa.; and Annie, who married John Bateman, and resides at Pittsburg. Mrs. Hutchison died in East Wheatfield township, and Mr. Hutchison married (second) in December, 1860, Susan Wiley, who was born at Chestnut Ridge, Pa. Mrs. Hutchison, who survives her husband and resides with her son, has lost her sight, but is

cheerful and patient, bearing her affliction with true Christian fortitude. Four children were born to the second union, namely: Robert, who died young; George Steele and James Johnson, twins, the former of whom died at the age of seven years; and Charles Andrew, who died when twenty-one years of age.

James Johnson Hutchison, son of Cornelius Hutchison, received a liberal education in the schools of East Wheatfield township, after leaving which he spent two years as an educator. In 1889 he went to Johnstown, Pa., where he secured a position in the steel mills of the Cambria Iron & Steel Company, but after one year, on account of the failure of his father's health, he returned to East Wheatfield township to take charge of the old homestead. He tenderly cared for his father during his last years, and is now proving a devoted son to his mother, who in the evening of life is surrounded by every comfort.

Mr. Hutchison has continued to remain on the home farm, where he is successfully following farming and stock raising operations. The property of 130 acres has been brought to a high state of cultivation and produces bumper crops, which find a ready sale in the near-by markets. He is progressive and enterprising in his ideas, uses the latest machinery and methods in his work, and belongs to that class of farmers who, while following practical lines, are ready to give a trial to any innovation which their judgment tells them may prove beneficial. In political matters he is a Republican, and for thirteen years has been a member of the board of school directors, at this time occupying the position of secretary of the board. With his family he attends the United Presbyterian Church.

On May 18, 1892, Mr. Hutchison was married to Alice E. Robinson, who was born in West Wheatfield township, daughter of Andrew and Martha (McFeaters) Robinson and granddaughter of Ephraim Robinson and John McFeaters. Mrs. Hutchison was educated in the public schools of West Wheatfield township and summer normal school under Professor Campbell, and for some time taught school in East and West Wheatfield and Buffington townships and in Bolivar, Westmoreland county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hutchison: Helen Irene, who was educated in the East Wheatfield public schools and the Greenville summer normal school under Professor Weaver,

and has taught school at Cramer and the Sheldark school in East Wheatfield township; Mabel Marie, who graduated from the township public school at the age of twelve years, under Professor Weaver, and at the age of fourteen years received a teacher's certificate, and, being still too young to teach, is attending the summer normal school; and Winifred Hazel and James Robinson, who are at home with their parents.

CLEMENT LAIRD CAMPBELL, lumber manufacturer, of Heshbon, Brushvalley township, Indiana county, was born in West Wheatfield township, this county, April 5, 1863, son of Christopher and Susanna (Palmer) Campbell.

Christopher Campbell was born in Wheatfield (now West Wheatfield) township in January, 1818, was given a good education for his day and locality, and for some years taught public school during the winter seasons. In the meantime he learned the trade of mason, which he followed in both the town of Indiana and at Coketown, near Blairsville, and in addition owned and operated a productive farm in West Wheatfield township. He died on this property, and was buried in the Campbell family's lot on the old homestead. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and was a Democrat of the old school, but never sought any public office. Mr. Campbell was married in West Wheatfield township to Susanna Palmer, who was born in January, 1818, in Blacklick township, daughter of David and Jane (Bell) Palmer, a complete record of this family being found on another page of this work. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, in West Wheatfield township, July 19, 1909, and was buried in the old Campbell family lot. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had nine children: Matthias, a ranchman of Douglas county, Ill.; Margaret and Jane, who died young; Mary Agnes, who married Addison Palmer, of West Wheatfield township; Malinda, who died young; David and Maek, who are both deceased; Clement Laird; and Olive, who married Lawrence Johnson and resides in West Wheatfield township.

Clement Laird Campbell was educated in the public schools of West Wheatfield township, and until he was eighteen years of age worked on the home farm. At that time he went to work in a sawmill, and while there acquired a thorough knowledge of the lumber business, in which, after a number of years spent as an employe in mills in both

West Wheatfield and Buffington townships, he became engaged, forming a partnership with J. A. Campbell, under the firm style of J. A. & C. L. Campbell. They also conducted a mercantile business at Heshbon, carrying on both enterprises until 1905, when C. L. Campbell brought his partner's interests. In 1907 he sold the mercantile business to the Auld Run Coal & Coke Company, of Heshbon, and since that time has given his entire attention to his sawmill and lumber interests. He resides in a comfortable home in Heshbon, where he also has some farming interests. A staunch Democrat in politics, he has served as school director of Brushvalley for three years, while his religious connection is with the United Presbyterian Church, and his fraternal affiliation with the Odd Fellows lodge at Crescent.

On Aug. 6, 1888, Mr. Campbell was married to Carrie Alcorn, who was born in West Wheatfield township, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Campbell) Alcorn. Five children have been born to this union: Edna (who has taught for three years, being engaged in Brushvalley township), Lester, Wilbur and Doyle, all living at home, and one son who died in infancy.

LEWIS E. ACKERSON, D. D. S., has been settled in practice at Clymer since 1907, previous to which time he was at Penn Run, Indiana county. He was born in Cherryhill township March 23, 1867, and with the exception of the time he has been away for study has spent his life there.

James P. Ackerson, father of Dr. Lewis E. Ackerson, was born in Sussex county, N. J., where he married Emma M. Barber, also a native of that county. In 1866 they came to Indiana county, Pa., settling in Cherryhill township, where Mr. Ackerson engaged in farming, following that occupation for several years. Later he engaged in the mercantile business at Pine Flats, which he carried on for two years, at the end of that time purchasing a farm near where he had first settled. There he has since resided. Mr. and Mrs. Ackerson have had a family of seven children: Lewis E.; James Wesley, who is a farmer in Cherryhill township; Mary M., deceased; Judson, deceased; Ada B., wife of John L. Bence, a farmer of Cherryhill township; Frank, who is a farmer near Marion Center, this county; and Nora, who was married in the spring of 1912 to Lewis Shaeffer, of Brushvalley township, Indiana county.

Lewis E. Ackerson was the eldest child of

his parents. He began his education in Cherryhill township, and later attended State normal schools, after which for several years he was engaged in teaching public school in Cherryhill township. In 1890 he attended a business college in Delaware, Ohio, and later took his dental course at what was then the dental department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, now the Pittsburg Dental College, graduating in 1899. He settled that year at Penn Run, Indiana county, where he practiced until his removal to Clymer, in 1907. He is the only dentist in the borough, and his patronage is drawn from a wide radius. His thoroughness and skillful work have had their deserved reward, for he has a constantly increasing practice which takes all his time. He has acquired an interest in various local concerns, being a stockholder in the Clymer Water Company and in the Clymer National Bank, of which latter he is vice president. He is treasurer of the Water Company.

In 1901 Dr. Ackerson married Dora E. McCollough, a native of Cherryhill township, who died Oct. 13, 1903, and they had one son, Dale. On Sept. 21, 1909, Dr. Ackerson married (second) Margaret Dixon, who was born Dec. 18, 1886, in Center county, Pa., daughter of George and Elizabeth (Houston) Dixon, natives of Scotland who came to Pennsylvania many years ago. Mr. Dixon is now engaged in farming in Cherryhill township. He and his wife had a family of twelve children, namely: Alexander, who resides on a farm; Roper H.; George, deceased; Margaret, wife of Dr. Ackerson; Thomas; Elizabeth, wife of John Rungay, of Clymer; John; Christina, wife of Jay Gibson, of Clymer; Agnes; Adam; William G., and Anna.

Dr. Ackerson and his wife have one son, James Lewis, born July 16, 1912. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he belongs to Indiana Camp, No. 40, Woodmen of the World.

J. WILSON THOMPSON, health officer of Indiana borough, probation officer of the Juvenile court, former deputy sheriff of Indiana county, is a well-known citizen of his town and county. He was born March 30, 1845, on his father's farm in Rayne township, where the Thompson family has been settled for over a century.

Robert Thompson, the founder of the family in this country, was an early settler in the northern part of Indiana county. He was born in 1737 in County Derry, Ireland, and



came to America in 1789 with his wife Mary (Cannon) and their six children: Hugh, Martha, James, John, Margaretta and Elizabeth. They left Ireland May 29th. They first settled in Franklin county, Pa., thence moving to near Old Salem Church, in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Pa., where they remained for a few years, in 1795 removing to what is now Rayne township, Indiana county, and settling on Thompson's Run, nearly two miles above where Kelleysburg now is. The son Hugh and his young wife Martha, with their infant daughter, had attempted to settle there alone in 1793, but Indian hostilities compelled them to return to their former home south of the Conemaugh river. Their permanent settlement in 1795 was made comparatively safe by the defeat of the Indians by General Wayne in August, 1794. Robert Thompson and his wife, together with their son Hugh and son-in-law Hugh Cannon, were among the founders of the Gilgal Presbyterian Church, about four miles from their home. Mr. Thompson selected his farm from the northern portion of the tract upon which the family settled, and after he and his wife died their son James and daughter Margaretta, neither of whom ever married, occupied it. Mr. Thompson died Oct. 13, 1809, and Mrs. Thompson on Jan. 25, 1815. They and all their children but Hugh lived beyond the allotted threescore and ten, and they are buried in the cemetery near Gilgal Church, where they all attended worship. Of the six children, Hugh is mentioned fully below. Martha, born in 1775, resided with her husband, Hugh Cannon, upon a farm which was the southern portion of the tract settled in 1795, and died Sept. 5, 1848, in Rayne township, the mother of seven sons and one daughter, William, Robert, John, Fergus, James, Joseph, Hugh M. and Mary T. James, born in 1778, died Feb. 13, 1849. John, born in 1781, married Mary McCluskey April 26, 1810, and settled upon a farm west of his father where he lived until his death, March 27, 1859; his children were Mary Jane, Matilda, Eliza A., Robert and Margaretta. Margaretta, born in 1785, was burned to death Feb. 23, 1864. Elizabeth, born in 1788, married Henry Van Horn in 1815, and resided in East Mahoning township, where she died Feb. 13, 1858, her husband dying in 1877; their children were Mary C., Dorcas L., James T., Tabitha L., Robert T., Isaiah V. and Harry A.

Hugh Thompson, eldest son of Robert, was born in 1767 in County Derry, Ireland, and

died June 13, 1829. He made his home on the middle portion of the tract where he settled in 1795 to the end of his days. In September, 1791, in Westmoreland county, he married Martha Thomson, who was of Scotch descent but a native of County Derry, Ireland, born in 1770. She was the fifth child of James and Mary Thomson, who moved from Westmoreland county, Pa., to Nicholas county, Ky. Mrs. Thomson died Sept. 10, 1848. Seven sons and two daughters were born to her and her husband, all natives of Rayne township but the eldest (or eldest two): (1) Mary, born Oct. 10, 1792, was married Oct. 5, 1815, to John Fenton, and died Dec. 24, 1829. (2) Jane C., born July 26, 1794, died May 1, 1837. She married John B. Henderson, who was born in 1793 and died Nov. 5, 1844. (3) Joseph, born Jan. 12, 1797, died Oct. 27, 1882. He married in May, 1822, Euphemia Moorhead, who was born in 1800 and died Sept. 27, 1873. He was at one time associate judge of Indiana county. (4) James, born July 24, 1799, died May 9, 1837, in Philadelphia, while buying a stock of merchandise. On March 16, 1825, he married Ann E. Ayers, who was born Oct. 2, 1803, and died Aug. 28, 1889. (5) Robert, born Dec. 13, 1801, died Jan. 10, 1879. On June 9, 1825, he married Mary Leasure, who was born Feb. 29, 1804, and died Jan. 23, 1870. (6) John, born June 1, 1803, was a well-known and prominent citizen of Ebensburg, Pa., where he died Dec. 5, 1879. He married Ellen J. Patton, who was born Feb. 19, 1806, and died March 6, 1872. (7) William C., born April 12, 1807, was married near Mansfield, Ohio, to Harriet Ferguson, who was born April 10, 1819, and afterward removed to Steuben county, Ind., where he died May 31, 1890. (8) Hugh A., born April 1, 1810, was for two terms prothonotary of Clarion county, Pa., afterward clerk in the State department under Governor Curtin, and still later cashier of the First National Bank of Indiana, Pa. He died April 23, 1886. On Feb. 21, 1834, he married Elizabeth Mulholland, who was born Oct. 29, 1816, and died Feb. 8, 1890. (9) Samuel Henry was born March 5, 1814.

Maj. Samuel Henry Thompson, youngest of the family of Hugh Thompson, passed his youth in Rayne township in much the same manner as other farmers' sons of the day. He received his education in the subscription schools. Soon after commencing life for himself he engaged in merchandising, but gave it up to return to farming because of the great

financial crisis. The farm on which he located in East Mahoning township, and where he lived for nearly twenty-four years, was bought by Johnston Lightcap in 1861, and in 1862 he moved back to Rayne township, settling on a larger farm above Kelleysburg, on Thompson's run, which he had purchased from Daniel Stanard, Esq. His sons T. St. Clair and William Laird afterward owned and occupied the southern part of this farm; the former died March 31, 1912.

Major Thompson was one of the leading citizens of this section in his day. He gained his title in his connection with the State militia. He became very prominent as an ardent Abolitionist, and was closely associated with Dr. Mitchell in the assistance of fugitive slaves, his place being a station on the "underground railroad." He took an active part in local affairs, serving as school director when the public school system was first inaugurated and being one of the original board of managers of the Marion select school. At the time of his death, which occurred on his farm in Rayne township Aug. 15, 1865, he was serving as auditor of the county, to which office he had been elected on the Republican ticket. He was one of the founders of the Smyrna United Presbyterian Church, near Georgeville, served as ruling elder of that congregation for over twenty years and was long one of its main supporters. His wife also belonged to that church. They are buried in Oakland cemetery at Indiana.

On April 12, 1838, Major Thompson married Flora A. Stewart, who was born June 1, 1818, daughter of John K. and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Stewart, the former an old-time merchant. She died May 11, 1869. We have the following record of the nine children, eight sons and one daughter, born to this marriage: (1) Hugh S., born Sept. 9, 1839, married June 10, 1863, Harriet N. Work, who died Aug. 21, 1896, in the Philadelphia German hospital, while undergoing an operation. On Aug. 18, 1901, he married (second) Mary M. McAnulty, who was born in 1846 and died April 29, 1911. (2) John Stewart, born in October, 1841, served in the Civil war. On May 6, 1866, he married Maggie T. Moorhead, who was born Oct. 5, 1843, and died June 3, 1867. His second marriage was to Frances A. Smith, who was born May 2, 1846, and died Sept. 8, 1885. (3) Archibald S., born Jan. 23, 1843, was a member of the United States Signal Corps during the Civil war, serving with the Army of the James. He and his brother Wilson were discharged in

August, 1865, arriving home just a few hours before the death of their father. He married May 22, 1866, Mary C. Owens, who was born Feb. 28, 1846, and died in July, 1904. He died July 25, 1909. (4) James Wilson, born March 30, 1845, is mentioned below. (5) Thomas St. Clair, born Sept. 13, 1846, was a member of the 206th P. V. I. during the Civil war, serving as a musician. On Oct. 13, 1869, he married Marietta Brady, who was born Feb. 19, 1850. He died March 31, 1912. (6) Edwin Reynolds, born March 5, 1848, died March 27, 1877, and is buried in Oakland cemetery. He was unmarried. (7) Robert Alexander is mentioned elsewhere in this work. (8) Elizabeth Hindman, born Aug. 10, 1851, was married Jan. 25, 1876, to George W. Simpson (who was born Jan. 26, 1847), and they live in Santa Barbara, Cal. (9) William Laird, born July 14, 1855, was married May 29, 1884, to Louisa Barber, who was born April 12, 1858, and they live on the home farm.

J. Wilson Thompson grew to manhood in East Mahoning township, and was trained to farming. In January, 1864, he enlisted in the Signal Corps of the United States army for three years' service, and served twenty months, being stationed at City Point, Va., most of the time. He was with the Army of the James when the war closed. Returning to his native county, he entered the employ of A. M. Stewart & Co., hardware merchants of Indiana, by whom he was engaged as clerk for the next nine years, after which he served as deputy under Sheriff J. R. Daugherty. In 1884 he entered the employ of Henry Hall, in connection with the Auditorium, and subsequently, in addition to his duties there, took the responsibility of looking after the M. E., Presbyterian and First U. P. churches, having all these for five years. He still continues to act as janitor of the Auditorium and First U. P. church. In this and various other capacities he has become particularly well known to his fellow citizens. Since 1875 he has been humane officer of the borough. Since 1875 he has been ticket taker at the main gate of the grounds of the Indiana County Agricultural Fair Society, and since 1875 he has been in charge of the door, as ticket taker, of the Indiana County Teachers' Institute, beginning his services as such under County Superintendent Craighead.

On May 10, 1869, Mr. Thompson married Virginia Keslar, of Indiana, daughter of Lawrence and Eve (Boucher) Keslar, and she died in 1884, the mother of seven children: Ger-

trude, now the wife of H. A. Waddell, of Leechburg, Pa.; Lawrence K., of Vandergrift, Pa., married to Lottie George; Margaret, wife of Irving Ray, of Saltsburg, Pa.; Merle, of Youngstown, Ohio, married to Catherine Hollis; Reynolds, who died at Scottdale, Pa., when twenty-one years old; Ella, unmarried, who lives at home; and Wendell P., deceased, who married Flavia Smith. Wendell P. was but three days old when Mrs. Thompson died.

LUMAN GILBERT, a veteran of the Civil war, and retired blacksmith, of Homer City, Indiana county, belongs to one of the old and honored families of this section, and was born in West Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., Jan. 7, 1844.

The Gilbert family came from New England, and Luman Gilbert, the grandfather of Luman, was born in Connecticut, son of a Revolutionary soldier. He settled in the Wyoming valley, in Pennsylvania, and there made his home for years. He was a soldier during the war of 1812, and was made blind by the explosion of a cannon, at the age of forty-five years, although he continued to operate his grist and saw mill. In 1858, in his declining years, he went to Burlington, Iowa, to make his home with his son Henry, who took care of him in his old age, and with whom he died at the ripe old age of ninety-three years. He married Mary Ann Barkman, who was of English and German descent, and they had children as follows: Joseph; Henry, who died in Iowa; Luman, who died at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and George, who also died at that place.

Joseph Gilbert, son of Luman, and father of Luman Gilbert, of Homer City, was born in 1808 in the Wyoming valley. He obtained a public school education, and in his younger days was with the State Line Peddling Company, traveling throughout the eastern part of Pennsylvania. He later settled in Franklin county and secured employment in Mann's axe factory, but subsequently removed to Middletown, where he established himself in business. In this he met with great success, but through the dishonesty of a business associate was financially ruined and was obliged to start all over again in his struggle for independence. Locating at Hagerstown, Md., he engaged in general blacksmithing, and there continued for some time, but eventually came to Indiana county and located in Brushvalley township. Two years later, in 1844, he came to Homer City and resumed

general blacksmithing, and there continued the remainder of his life, his death occurring in 1873, when he was past sixty-four years of age. He was originally a Whig and later a Republican, and served as justice of the peace (for thirty years), county corner, and auditor (for a long period), and was a strong antislavery man. He was first a member of the United Presbyterian Church, but later joined the Methodist Episcopal denomination. Mr. Gilbert was married near Chambersburg, Pa., to Ruth Krunckleton, who was born near that place, daughter of Samuel Newton Krunckleton. They had the following children: Sylvester Kline, a veteran of the Civil war, who died Jan. 16, 1911, at Quiney, Ill.; Mary Ann Barber, who married Solomon Kunkle, and died in Center township in 1874; Sarah Jane, who married Andrew A. Rager, and is now a widow and a resident of Johnstown, Pa.; Milton, who died at Homer City in 1854; Luman; Aquilla, who died in 1861; Leander, a mechanic, living at Johnstown; Elza Belle, twin of Leander, who died in 1886; Lucinda, who married Hugh Nealy, and is deceased; and Loretta, who married Daniel Ferrier, of Homer City. The mother of these children died in Homer City, and was buried in the Fry cemetery, Brushvalley.

Luman Gilbert was still an infant when his parents moved to Homer City, and here he secured his early education in the public schools, this being supplemented by attendance at the Iron City College, Pittsburg. At an early age he learned the trade of blacksmith with his father, with whom he was associated in business for a period of thirty years, the firm being known as Joseph Gilbert & Son. After his father's death he continued the business alone in the same shop until 1892, at which time ill health made it necessary for him to retire. When Hon. Harry White was elected judge of the Indiana county court Mr. Gilbert was appointed tipstaff, a position he held throughout Judge White's administration of over ten years. Since then he has lived retired in his home in Homer City.

In May, 1863, Mr. Gilbert enlisted in Company D, 54th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. John H. Devers and Colonel Gallagher, and was out three months, serving in Ohio during the Morgan raids. He was mustered out at Pittsburg after the period of his enlistment was completed, but in March, 1865, again enlisted, at Homer City, Pa., becoming a private in Company H, 103d Regiment, P. V. I., under Capt. John Dougherty, of Hollidaysburg. He

fought with the Army of the Potomac, and was mustered out and received his honorable discharge at Newbern, N. C., at the close of hostilities. Although never wounded, Mr. Gilbert contracted disease that has made him a great sufferer throughout his life. His army record is an honorable one, and he is fully entitled to the universal esteem in which he is held as one of those who sacrificed their young manhood and health in order that the country might live. A staunch and active Republican, Mr. Gilbert has served as a member of the election board for many years in Center township, acted capably as school director for six years, and was overseer of the poor for nine years, in addition to which he has filled numerous minor offices. In all his official capacities he has shown himself efficient, conscientious and trustworthy, and at all times has labored faithfully for the welfare of his community. He belongs to Bolar Post, No. 553, G. A. R., of which he has been commander, having filled all the chairs. His religious belief is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has ever taken an active part, at this time being class leader and steward. His wife belongs to the Methodist Church.

On April 25, 1869, Mr. Gilbert was married, by Rev. John S. Wakefield, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to Annie Pinkerton, who was born at Fairfield, Westmoreland Co., Pa., daughter of James M. and Elizabeth (Weimer) Pinkerton. Mr. Pinkerton, a soldier in the Union army, was shot in October, 1864, at Woodpile Station, Va., by bushwhackers, while he was foraging for food with his companions. Mrs. Gilbert, who was a school teacher for some years, is a lady of culture and intelligence, much devoted to her home and family. She and her husband have had four children: Alonzo Pinkerton, born Sept. 11, 1870, who died Oct. 3, 1871; Annie Zora, born Jan. 7, 1874, who died Dec. 4, 1888; Edith Laurena, born Dec. 29, 1879, who died Feb. 1, 1881; and Leila Ruth Virginia, born Jan. 16, 1892, who was married Jan. 4, 1909, to Earl L. Mushrush, and has one child, Luman Gilbert, born July 12, 1910.

JACOB WILLIAM MILLER is one of the best-known men of Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he owns and operates a farm, has had business interests for many years, and is active in public and church work. He was born Dec. 3, 1853, in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., where his grandfather, Moses Miller, settled many years ago.

Moses Miller was born and reared in Bedford county, Pa., and came to this section of the State when the site of what is now Johnstown was nothing but a wilderness. He laid out the first foundation for a house within the present limits of that city. By trade he was a stonemason. He bought a tract of land in what is now the city of Johnstown, 227 acres, paying fifty cents an acre, but he subsequently moved to Indiana county, where he passed the remainder of his life. He married a Miss Sell, and their children were: Barnabas, Henry, Moses, William, Mrs. George Mitchell, Susan (Mrs. William Johnson), Elizabeth (Mrs. John Russell), Peggie (Mrs. Henry Frailey) and Annie. The father of this family died in 1877, at the age of eighty-nine years.

William Miller, son of Moses, was born and reared on the paternal homestead place in Washington township, Indiana county. His first purchase was a fifty-six-acre farm, to which he subsequently added fifty acres (this property is now owned by his son Barnabas), and there he followed farming to the end of his life, dying at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Miller was an intelligent and successful farmer, and highly respected by all his neighbors, being a prominent man in his day, though he had no aspirations for public honors. He was a member of the Dunkard (now the German Baptist) Church, which he served officially as deacon. In political opinion he was originally a Whig, later becoming a Republican. His wife, Susan (Fisher), daughter of Jacob and Betsy (Fry) Fisher, died at the age of seventy-three years, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller are buried in the Jacob Fisher graveyard on Dutch Run road, in Washington township, Armstrong Co., Pa. They had children as follows: John (deceased) married Carrie Jewett; Jacob William is mentioned below; Jennie (deceased) married D. Schreenghost; George, who is in the butcher business in Indiana borough, married Rachel Cessney; Barnabas, who resides on the homestead in Armstrong township, married Bella Pennrod and (second) Mrs. Anna Hemphill; Elizabeth married Wilson Davis and lives at Vandergrift, Pa.; William died when one year old.

Jacob William Miller attended common school near home, and worked with his father on the farm until he reached his majority, about 1875 buying a threshing machine and in partnership with L. G. Clark engaging in threshing. They were associated for a few years, Mr. Miller eventually buying out Mr.

Clark. He also sold farming implements, and for one year "cropped" the Joshua Valentine farm in Washington township. Then he moved to Armstrong township and "cropped" the George Clark farm for eight years, at the end of that period buying one hundred acres of that place, to which he has since added thirty-eight acres. He follows general farming, owns a half interest in several baling and threshing machines, and raises hogs, sheep and cattle. He has taken a prominent part in the administration of township affairs, having served as auditor, road supervisor, school director and member of the election board. Politically he is a Republican. For forty years Mr. Miller has been a member of the Bethel United Presbyterian Church, which he joined in 1872, and of which he is now a deacon. He was formerly a teacher in the Sunday school.

On Sept. 12, 1876, Mr. Miller married Sadie Elizabeth Kerr, daughter of Valentine and Nancy (Lewis) Kerr, of Jacksonville, Young township, Indiana county, and the following children have been born to them: Maud is the wife of Harvey E. Miller, a farmer, and resides near Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Charles died in September, 1895, aged fourteen years; Lewis Earl, who is a lawyer, located in the borough of Indiana, married Elizabeth Fleming; William Arthur is at home; Bell married Wilber Stahl, a plasterer, of Indiana; Lydia Olive married Morris Ruffner, a coal driller and tester; Paul is employed as a sheet heater in the mill at Vandergrift.

SAMUEL MARSHALL NESBITT, now living on his farm in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, has been a well-known resident of that section for years, having formerly been located at Tunnelton, in the same township, where he conducted a general store and long served as postmaster. The Nesbitt family has been established in this country for over a century. They came hither from Clear Spring, Washington Co., Md., at which site Nathaniel Nesbitt, great-grandfather of Samuel Marshall Nesbitt, made the first improvement.

Nathaniel Nesbitt, grandfather of Samuel Marshall Nesbitt, was reared at Clear Spring, Washington Co., Md., and was about fifty years of age when he came with his family to Indiana county, Pa., in 1816. That year he located on the farm in Conemaugh township where his son, Maj. Nathaniel Nesbitt, passed most of his life, and which is now

owned by his heirs. He married Elizabeth Seibert, and they had the following children: Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Stonebarger; Rebecca, who married Robert McConaghey, and had a son who became a Presbyterian minister; Frances, who married John Keener; Catherine, who married Isaac Keener; Nathaniel, mentioned below; Mary Ann, who married John R. Gallagher, who was a boat owner on the old Pennsylvania canal and also engaged in milling and farming in this section (they had sons John, Nat and Isaac, all of whom served in the Civil war); Sarah, who married James Wherry and resided at South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa. (their son James Elwood became a Presbyterian minister and is now a missionary in India); Susan, who married Alexander Bell and lived near East Liberty, Pa.; and Jacob, a farmer in Conemaugh township, who married Margaret Irwin and had eight sons.

Maj. Nathaniel Nesbitt was born in 1808 on the present site of Clear Spring, Washington Co., Md., and came to Indiana county, Pa., with his parents in 1816. The farm on which the family lived is near what is now Bow station, in Conemaugh township, and there he worked with his parents until of age, after which he engaged in farming and stock raising on his own account. He was one of the notably prosperous and progressive farmers of his day. His farm comprised 268 acres, the place where he settled with his parents and now owned by his heirs, and he was particularly successful as a stock raiser, winning many prizes at the county fairs for his horses and cattle. In association with another man he owned the "Tribune," a canal boat (which was sunk by his partner), meantime also continuing his agricultural operations. He was jury commissioner of Indiana county, took a deep interest in the success of the Prohibition party, which he supported, and was a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church at Livermore, and Tunnelton, serving many years as elder. In politics he was a Democrat, in social connection an Odd Fellow, belonging to Blairsville lodge. Major Nesbitt died July 13, 1898, at his home in Conemaugh township. He held a commission in the Pennsylvania militia.

Major Nesbitt was united in marriage to Martha Keener, who was born in 1810 near Slatelick, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of George and Sarah (Frantz) Keener, and died March 17, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Nesbitt are interred in the Livermore cemetery. They had a family of nine children, viz.: (1) Sarah

(deceased) married Jonathan R. Burns and had children: John, Milton, Charles, Ida and Martha. (2) Nathaniel enlisted in the Union service June 21, 1861, for three years, and entering the army as a private became captain of Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Reserves, and was shot by a wounded Confederate lying behind a log, Sept. 14, 1862, at the battle of South Mountain, while leading a charge. He died Sept. 21, 1862. (3) Elizabeth S. was born April 7, 1836. (4) George K. enlisted June 21, 1861, in Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Reserves, was promoted to corporal July 27, 1861, and died Oct. 14, 1861, at Washington, D. C., of typhoid fever. (5) Samuel Marshall is mentioned below. (6) Mary, unmarried, lives at Livermore, Pa. (7) Martha (deceased) married James J. Fritz (who served in the Civil war, in Captain Nesbitt's company), and had children: Nat, Bessie, Lee, John, Alice, Susie and Sarah. (8) Kate died unmarried. (9) Susan is unmarried and lives with her sister Mary at Livermore.

Samuel Marshall Nesbitt was born Nov. 5, 1839, in Blacklick township, this county, where his parents lived for a short time. He attended public school in Conemaugh township and later went to select school, and when his own school days were over taught for one winter. He then followed farming, assisting his parents, until 1866, in which year he went to the oil fields, remaining a year. Returning home he engaged in lumbering as well as farming for a number of years, in 1882 entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as station master, freight agent and express agent at Tunnelton, Pa., in Conemaugh township. He held that position until the spring of 1910, and meantime also embarked in the general merchandise business. He was appointed postmaster, and served as such for over twenty years, being one of the best known residents of the place. During this period, in 1899, he bought a farm of 138 acres near Tunnelton, and carried on its cultivation in connection with his other enterprises. But in 1910, when he retired from the railroad service, sold his general store and gave up the post office, he moved to his present home, a very fine farm, where he and his son Nathaniel are engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Nesbitt has found time for public as well as business interests, served many years as school director, and is an ardent member of the Prohibition party. He has long been a member of the Presbyterian Church and has

served twenty years as elder, also teaching a Bible class. Fraternally he has been a Mason for years, is a Good Templar and member of the Sons of Temperance.

Mr. Nesbitt was married Oct. 26, 1880, to Martha J. Davis, daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Miller) Davis, of Conemaugh township, and they have had five children: Isaac Charles, born Nov. 14, 1881, who died Jan. 17, 1893, and is buried in the Saltsburg cemetery; Paul Edwin, traveling salesman for a wholesale stationery house; Nathaniel, living at home; Ralph Burrell, who is studying at Princeton, N. J., preparing for foreign missionary work; and Eliza, born Oct. 17, 1885, who died Aug. 5, 1887.

RICHARD WHITE WEHRLE, head of the firm of R. W. Wehrle & Co., of Indiana, does the leading jewelry business in Indiana county. He is also interested in other lines of commerce, and as a student of natural history is a recognized authority in certain branches of information concerning the county. Mr. Wehrle was born in Indiana Oct. 1, 1852, and is of German descent. His grandfather, Eliseus Wehrle, lived and died in Germany.

Blaseus Wehrle, father of Richard W. Wehrle, was born Feb. 2, 1809, in Baden-Baden, Germany, and learned the trade of jeweler in his native country. He came thence to the United States in 1828, landing at New York after a long and stormy voyage of forty days in a sailing vessel. At first he journeyed around selling clocks and doing repair work, being thus engaged for ten years, principally in Huntingdon county, Pa. In time, in 1845, he located at Indiana, and engaged in the jewelry business, which he continued up to within two years of his death, which occurred Sept. 2, 1887. He was a master workman in his line, characteristically thorough and familiar with its details as old country workmen learned to be, and these qualities, together with his untiring industry, brought him success. He married Cornelia Tinthoff, daughter of William Tinthoff, of Indiana, and she preceded him to the grave, dying Feb. 23, 1882. They were Catholics in their religious faith, and are buried in the Catholic cemetery at Indiana. They were the parents of eight children: Mary H.; Boniface I., who was engaged in the jewelry business in Indiana, and died in October, 1899; Richard White; Elias; Juliet; Blanche; William, and Clara.



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Richard White Wehrle grew up in Indiana, and there received a public school education. He began to learn the jeweler's trade and business with his father, and when a youth of fourteen went to Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa., to finish the apprenticeship with his uncle, Sylvester M. Tinthoff, with whom he remained about three years. He made the journey from Indiana to that place on foot, and it took him two days, and the three dollars he had in his pocket constituted all he owned. Returning thence to Indiana county he located at Blairsville, where he established a jewelry store of his own in 1873, carrying on same for over twenty years. His store on Main street was well stocked with a general line of goods, and he built up a fine trade, but sold out in 1895 to remove to Indiana, where he has since been engaged in the same line. He was with his brother Boniface the first few years, under the name of B. I. Wehrle & Brother, this association lasting until his brother's death in 1899, since when the business has been conducted under the name of R. W. Wehrle & Co. He has an up-to-date store and commands the best patronage in his line in Indiana county. Mr. Wehrle is himself a skilled workman, and has always made it a point to give personal supervision to the repair department since his business became too large to permit him to do the work alone.

Meantime Mr. Wehrle has acquired other interests. In 1889 he purchased two stone quarries, both located in Indiana county, from which he shipped blue stone and Belgium block paving stone to Pittsburg. He has disposed of the quarries. He now owns coal and timber lands, having over one thousand acres in Center and Burrell townships, this county, underlaid with valuable coal deposits and covered with timber, and he gives considerable time to the development and management of this property.

Mr. Wehrle has devoted much of his leisure to the study of natural history, particularly in its relation to local conditions, and is at present giving instruction to a class on this subject. He has made a collection, complete so far as known, of the fish, snakes and turtles of Indiana county.

Socially Mr. Wehrle is a Mason, belonging to Acacia Lodge, No. 355, F. & A. M., of Blairsville. He attends the Presbyterian Church in Indiana, Pa. Politically he is a Republican.

JACOB F. GERHARD, a resident of Blacklick, now living retired, has for many years been one of the most respected farmer citizens of his section of Indiana county, Pa., where he has made his home for over thirty years. Born Feb. 11, 1847, in Berks county, this State, son of Elias Gerhard, he is a descendant of that sturdy Pennsylvania German stock whose honesty, industry and thrift have made the Commonwealth one of the most prosperous in the Union.

Elias Gerhard, father of Jacob F. Gerhard, was also a native of Berks county, where he followed farming, selling his produce in the markets near his home. He was a Union soldier during the Civil war, enlisting at the first call for volunteers, and served nine months. He died when sixty years old, being accidentally killed, in a runaway. In religion he was a member of the German Reformed Church, in politics a "war Democrat." Mr. Gerhard was twice married, his first wife being a daughter of Jacob Zellers. She died in April, 1849, leaving four children, Isabelle, Amelia, Jacob F. and Darius. For his second wife Elias Gerhard married Sarah Kauffman, daughter of Daniel and Judith Kauffman, and she died six months prior to her husband. Their son, George W., now a minister of the Reformed Church, located at West Reading, Pa., was thirteen years old when his father died, and he was reared among strangers.

Jacob F. Gerhard was but two years old when his mother died, and he was taken to the home of his grandfather, Jacob Zellers, where he received such educational advantages as the local schools afforded. From an early age he worked on his grandfather's farm, where he remained until fourteen years old. His grandfather dying then, he was thrown upon his own resources and has since made his own way in the world. He did farm work in Berks county and elsewhere in that section of the State until he reached the age of twenty-five years, in 1872 coming to western Pennsylvania and locating in Burrell township, Indiana county, where he farmed a tract of 125 acres on shares for Samuel McCrea, spending two years on that place. The next two years he farmed on shares for Dr. Rutledge, in Robinson township, Allegheny county, from there removing to Westmoreland county, where he farmed for two years near Millwood. Thence he removed to the Sloan farm near Blairsville, in Burrell township, Indiana county, cultivating that place for one year and in 1881 buying the Rugh farm in the

same township, a tract of 273 acres, where he engaged in farming on his own account for the twenty-six years following. Under his practical and progressive management the farm became one of the best in the township and he was a very successful worker, taking much pleasure and interest in improving his property, which showed the intelligent care he bestowed upon it. He followed general farming and stock raising. In 1907 Mr. Gerhard retired (his sons now operating the farm) and located at Blacklick, where he built two fine dwelling houses, one being the residence he occupies. He is one of the directors of the First National Bank of Blacklick, but he takes no active part in business at present, though he has good health and is well preserved. Beginning life a poor boy, he has succeeded by dint of industry and steady application, and he deserves to be called a self-made man, since he had neither means nor influence to aid him in making a start. He has taken some part in local affairs, having served his township efficiently as overseer of the poor, school director and supervisor. In politics he has been associated with the Republican party.

In 1873 Mr. Gerhard married Sophia Sides, who was born April 12, 1849, daughter of Adam and Nancy (Dougherty) Sides, and they have a family of four children: Calvin, who is engaged in farming in Westmoreland county, Pa.; Frank, farming the homestead; Alfred, also on the homestead; and Clara, at home.

**SIMEON HOVEY TRUBY**, general merchant and optician, of Mechanicsburg, Brushvalley township, Indiana county, was born Dec. 5, 1860, in that place. He is a member of an old established family in western Pennsylvania.

Christopher Truby, his great-great-grandfather, had his home in Westmoreland county, Pa., where his son Christopher (2) was born. Michael Truby, son of Christopher (2) and grandfather of Simeon H. Truby, also lived in Westmoreland county, near Greensburg. He married Mary Kline.

Simeon Truby, son of Michael and Mary (Kline) Truby, was born near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, April 14, 1806. When he was but fifteen years of age he came to Indiana and found employment with William Houston, as clerk in his store. Here he also attended school, continuing, however, in the employ of Mr. Houston until 1832, when he removed to Brushvalley and became engaged in the mercantile business for himself, open-

ing a store on the Hugh Evans farm. This was the first store in the township, and a year later he located in Mechanicsburg, where he became the first merchant in that village. He continued here in active business for a number of years and became a prosperous and successful man. In 1845 he was elected sheriff of Indiana county, and served in that capacity for a period of three years. He was one of the founders of the town of Mechanicsburg. In 1837 he bought of Robert McCormack fifty acres of land on which Mechanicsburg is now located, and in 1840 he sold one third of that tract to Squire Stewart, who laid out an addition to the village. Mr. Truby was also an extensive land owner, and became one of the best-known men of the township. He was one of the incorporators of the borough of Mechanicsburg, and filled the office of burgess of the borough. He served as postmaster at Brushvalley for several years. His death occurred in Mechanicsburg Dec. 5, 1897, at the age of ninety-one years, and he was buried in Mechanicsburg. In politics he was a Whig, then a Republican. He was a member of the U. P. Church, as was also his wife.

Simeon Truby married in 1835, Nancy Kelly, born July 16, 1816, daughter of John Kelly. She died April 8, 1891, aged seventy-four years, and was also buried in the Mechanicsburg cemetery. Their children were: William Harrison, now deceased; John, who married Margaret M. Rugh; Mary, who married James Rugh; William, who married Inez Hebe Runyon; Agnes, who married William Nesbit; James T., who married Belle Smith; Elizabeth (deceased) and Margaret, twins, the latter of whom married Samuel Rugh; Jane, deceased; Ann, deceased; and Simeon Hovey.

Simeon Hovey Truby, son of Simeon and Nancy (Kelly) Truby, attended the public schools of Mechanicsburg and the Millersville State normal school, and later took a commercial course in the Iron City Commercial College, at Pittsburg. After leaving school he became a clerk in the store of J. C. Rugh, who conducted a general mercantile business at Penn Run and also at Marion Center. Later he formed a partnership with Thomas Ramey, and they conducted a store for some time, until they sold out, at which time, in 1885, Mr. Truby located at Mechanicsburg, in Brushvalley township, going into business for himself. This was at his present location, known as the Grand Central Store, where for the last twenty-seven years he has been engaged in the general mercantile business with much success. In 1892 he became interested

in the science of optics, and took up the study at South Bend, Ind., later taking another course at the Spencer Optical Company, New York, where he was graduated in 1910. He is now engaged as optician in connection with his mercantile business. He is also the representative of the Bell Telephone Company of Brushvalley. In politics Mr. Truby is a staunch Republican, and he has done good work as an official, having been a member of the council of Mechanicsburg, also a school director and auditor of the borough. Fraternally he is a member of the Royal Arcanum of Indiana. He and his family are members of the U. P. Church.

In 1899 Mr. Truby married, in New Florence, Westmoreland county, Jennie M. Hood, who was born in New Florence, daughter of John Hood. They have had children as follows: Estella Agnes, Cora J., John Hood and Mary Blanch.

**ANDREW BETHUEL RUNYAN**—Autobiography, dated Brushvalley, Indiana Co., Pa., March 28, 1896. "I was born in Lycoming county, Pa., Sept. 5, 1826, son of Thomas Runyan, grandson of George Runyan, and great-grandson of Rev. Thomas Runyan, of the old-school Baptist [ministry?] of Bedford county, Pa. Was baptized by Rev. William S. Hall at the old Madison Baptist Church in Columbia county, Pa., near Jerseytown, in the fall of 1845. Was licensed to preach by the above church Oct. 19, 1850. Came to Indiana county in the fall of 1852, and was ordained by the Twoliek Church Feb. 11, 1853, by Rev. Aaron Neff and Rev. Samuel Furman and a council composed of delegates from several churches. Served this church for over a year. Came to Brushvalley to reside in March, 1853. Married Miss Lucinda Evans, daughter of Hugh Evans, Sept. 1, 1853. Removed to Clarion county, Pa., and served as pastor of New Bethlehem, Leatherwood, Red Bank and Strattonville Churches. About 1860 removed to Curwensville, Pa., and served as pastor [of?] Curwensville, Reynoldsville and Clearfield Churches for a short period only. Removed to Brushvalley in 1862 and enlisted in the army of the United States Aug. 29, 1864 [was corporal, Company L, 6th Regiment, Pa. V. I.]. Was discharged at Fort Ethan Allen June 13, 1865, by reason of the war closing. Was taken to Pittsburg and delivered up our arms; thence to Camp Reynolds, where we were paid off, and from thence returned to our homes, the latter part of June, 1865.

"Soon after my ordination I accepted a commission from the American Baptist Publication Society and traveled as their missionary colporteur for about two years, during which time I organized at East Mahoning the first Baptist Sabbath school in all Clarion Association, which then included Indiana Association also. Have had five children, two sons and three daughters, all of which are dead except my daughter Annie Jane, who is married to F. D. Jolly. Organized four churches, viz.: Apollo, during the year 1868; Liberty Church, at Eagleville, Centre Co., Pa., January, 1871; Ambrose, Jan. 22, 1880; and Homer City Memorial Church in 1894. Have helped to build under my pastoral care eight (sic) houses of worship, Brushvalley, Lock Haven, Liberty at Eagleville, Centre Co., Pa., Ambrose, East Mahoning, Pine Flat and Homer City. Solemnized 128 marriages, but I have no record of either baptisms or funerals.

"Served as pastor of the following churches in Indiana Association: Brush Valley, Indiana, Mahoning, East Mahoning, Ambrose, Cookport, Crooked Creek, West Lebanon, Blairsville, and Homer, three years at Saltsburg, one year at Apollo and one at Brady's Bend. Served as jurymen three terms, twice as petit juror and once as foreman on the grand jury. Served as secretary of the Brush Valley school board for three years and as township treasurer two years. Taught school, either public or select, for about three years. Was never sued and was never on a witness stand, either before a justice or the court. In all the years of my ministry my average salary did not exceed four hundred dollars per annum. I attended school at Lewisburg two summers when that school was held in the basement of the First Baptist Church building. Afterwards I spent two full years at Bloomsburg Academy under the instructions of Rev. Joel E. Bradley (Baptist minister). This is all the education I ever received except what I have secured by my own effort.

"Served the church at Lock Haven three years, Liberty three years and Milesburg two years."

A memorandum says further: "I especially request that no memorial services be held after my departure. I am conscious of many defects in my life. To err is human. But God will forgive and overrule all for His glory.—A. B. RUNYAN."

Rev. Mr. Runyan died in Homer City May 6, 1908, and was buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana, Pa. His daughter, Mrs. F. D. Jolly, is a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y. His second wife, Margaret R. (St. Clair), daughter of the late Samuel St. Clair, whom he married May 3, 1902, survives him, making her home at Homer City.

**CLAWSON.** The Clawson family of Indiana county has been settled here for over a century, and its members in every generation have been respected and useful citizens, a credit to the community and to the honored name they bear.

Benjamin Clawson, the first of the family in this part of the State, was born Aug. 27, 1781, in Huntingdon county, Pa., son of Richard and Sarah (Mitchell) Clawson. He grew to manhood there, and came to western Pennsylvania when a young man, about the close of the eighteenth century, crossing the Alleghenies and making a settlement in what is now Blacklick township, Indiana county, then, however, a part of Westmoreland county. He became the owner of a large tract of land in what was at that time a wilderness, and experienced the various phases of pioneer life. He engaged in general farming and made what improvements he could upon his land, residing there until his death, which occurred when he was past eighty years of age. He is buried in Hopewell Church cemetery in Blacklick township. Mr. Clawson was twice married, the first time Feb. 21, 1811, to Mrs. Mary (Donahy) Lowers, widow of Robert Lowers, by which union there were six children, born as follows: Richard B., Dec. 15, 1811; Mary, Nov. 16, 1814 (married Samuel Bennett); Sarah, Sept. 10, 1816 (married John Clawson); William, Sept. 1, 1818 (died in infancy); William (2), Oct. 6, 1819 (also died young); Benjamin, Oct. 10, 1824. After the death of his first wife Mr. Clawson married, Dec. 1, 1838, Mary Huffman. There were no children by this marriage.

Richard B. Clawson, eldest son of Benjamin and Mary Clawson, was born Dec. 15, 1811. What education he received was obtained in the subscription schools then conducted, but for only a few months in the year. He grew to manhood in the township of his birth, and like his father made farming his occupation, his industrious and frugal habits enabling him to add to his possessions until he was one of the largest land owners in this part of the county, having upward of a thousand

acres, part of which was in Green township. There his daughters and sons-in-law settled. He spent all his life in Blacklick township, dying there in June, 1896, and was buried in the family plot in Hopewell cemetery. He was a member of the Hopewell M. E. Church, and in political belief a Democrat. On Dec. 15, 1831, Mr. Clawson was married to Rachel Davis, whose ancestors were natives of New England. She died in July, 1897, in Blacklick township, and is buried in Hopewell cemetery. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clawson: Benjamin, born July 11, 1833, is mentioned below; Eunice, born Aug. 16, 1835, died Feb. 27, 1838; Mary Ann, born March 31, 1838, married John Donahy and settled in Green township, where she died; Silas, born July 22, 1840, died March 2, 1858; Gere, born July 31, 1847, is mentioned below; Rebecca, born March 8, 1852, married Benjamin Donahy and resided in Green township; Cynthia, born March 25, 1860, died aged seventeen years.

**BENJAMIN CLAWSON** was born on the old Clawson homestead in Blacklick township and attended the local public schools. Working with his father, who owned and operated over six hundred acres at that time, he became thoroughly familiar with farm work and management, and after starting out for himself became the owner of a tract of 400 acres. He followed stock raising as well as general farming, and made extensive improvements upon his property during his active years, working hard and prospering deservedly. His well-directed labors and intelligent attention to all the details of his work placed him among the foremost farmers of his township, and few of its citizens have been more thoroughly respected for substantial worth and useful lives. In the last few years he has given up arduous work, enjoying the fruits of his early industry in comfortable retirement. He has never taken any part in the public affairs of his locality, supporting the Democratic party but not associating himself with any of its activities. However, he has been a leading member and worker of the Hopewell M. E. Church, at present serving as trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Oct. 12, 1897, Mr. Clawson was united in marriage with Caroline Ferguson, a native of Blacklick township, daughter of Elliott and Hulda (Clawson) Ferguson. They have had one child, Anna Mary, born July 16, 1898, who graduated from the township school in 1912, and is now attending high school at

Blairsville. Mrs. Clawson is also a member of the Hopewell M. E. Church. She is noted in the neighborhood for her generous disposition and whole-souled nature, her good deeds and kindness making her generally beloved. Besides looking after her own family she cares for two children of her deceased sister.

GERE CLAWSON, younger brother of Benjamin Clawson, was born July 31, 1847, on the Clawson homestead, and received a public school education. He worked with his father until he reached manhood, and when he commenced farming on his own account settled on a 300-acre tract near Hopewell Church. Though he died in his early prime, Nov. 22, 1885, he had made remarkable progress and was a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. Besides the place already mentioned, he owned a place of 150 acres on Steward's run, known as the Sutton farm, which he bought, and which is now owned and operated by his son Boyd. Mr. Clawson is interred in Hopewell cemetery. He took no part in politics, though an interested member of the Democratic party, but he was an earnest member of the Hopewell M. E. Church and a leader in all its activities, serving as class leader and steward. He was a man of the highest moral character and strict integrity, temperate in all his habits, and noted for his fidelity to every obligation. He married Feb. 26, 1874, at Livermore, Pa., Margaret Ellen Long, daughter of Jesse M. and Sarah (Smith) Long, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Boyd is mentioned below; Benjamin Milton, born Nov. 14, 1876, is a farmer of Blacklick township; Jesse Knox, born Jan. 10, 1879, is a farmer in Blacklick township; George, born March 3, 1881, is a farmer in that township; Cynthia Augusta, born Nov. 4, 1882, married Wesley Cover; Rachel, born Aug. 14, 1884, is the wife of David Creamer. After the death of Mr. Clawson his widow married Charles Creamer, son of Thompson Creamer, and by that marriage had four children, born as follows: Zera, Nov. 13, 1890; William Kebler, Feb. 5, 1892; Sarah Ann, April 16, 1894; Mabel, Nov. 5, 1895.

BOYD CLAWSON, son of Gere and Margaret Ellen (Long) Clawson, was born on the homestead Dec. 3, 1874, and attended public school in the home locality. When his father died he was but eleven years old, and he continued to live on the farm with his mother until he reached the age of seventeen, when he went to the home of his uncle Benjamin Clawson, on Steward's run in Blacklick township, pass-

ing the next three years there. Then he married and settled on the Sutton farm, a tract of 150 acres which his father had bought, and there he has had his home for the last eighteen years. In addition to general farming he has engaged in stock raising to some extent, and since 1904 has been extensively interested in dairying, shipping his milk to Pittsburg. He built a silo and has other modern arrangements for giving his stock proper care, having a fine herd of Holsteins which have proved very profitable. Mr. Clawson is up to date in his work, as the successful dairyman of today must be, and his thrift and careful business methods are apparent in every detail of his surroundings. He is a good citizen, interesting himself in the general welfare, has served his township as school director for five years, and is a valued member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as trustee for fifteen years. In politics he is a Republican, at present favoring Progressive principles.

On Dec. 20, 1894, Mr. Clawson married Mary Alice Fritz, a native of Blacklick township, daughter of Conrad Fritz, and they have had two children, Blair Fritz and Willis Gere. Mrs. Clawson is a woman of high accomplishments, a talented musician and successful music teacher.

JAMES ELDER LOSE, one of the thriftiest and most respected citizens of Burrell township, Indiana county, was born there Nov. 24, 1851, son of George and Margaret (Elder) Lose, and grandson of Jacob Lose, a native of Germany who came to America when a young man. He lived for a time in what is now Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Pa., but died in the prime of manhood. By his wife Mary (Graft), born Sept. 1, 1775, daughter of John and Barbara (Baum) Graft, he had the following children: Jacob, John, Levi, Elizabeth (married John Reed, of Mount Pleasant) and George.

George Lose, son of Jacob and Mary (Graft) Lose, was born at Mount Pleasant, Pa., and was but ten years old when his father died. He was first employed by his uncle, John Graft, who was in the mercantile business at Blairsville, and later operated boats on the Pennsylvania canal, acting as superintendent of boats run by the Graft family. In 1853 he located in Burrell township, Indiana county, where he bought a tract of 168 acres (now owned by Clark Dunlap) and settled down to farming, also engaging extensively in stock raising. He built a com-

fortable house on that place and made many other improvements there during his ownership. By his first wife, Margaret (Armel), Mr. Lose had two children, Elizabeth, who married Thomas Hammer, and Christopher, who died of fever while serving as a Union soldier in the Civil war. His second marriage was to Margaret Elder, daughter of Robert Elder, and they had six children: Charles A., who resides in Pueblo, Colo.; James Elder; Mary, who married Milton J. Osborne and resides in Lathrop, Pa.; Emma, married to Prestey Douglass; George; and Anna M., wife of Clark Dunlap, an account of whose family appears elsewhere. The mother of this family died June 30, 1906, and she and her husband are interred in the Blairsville cemetery. Mr. Lose died Sept. 25, 1894. He was a member and official of the M. E. Church, and on political questions was a Republican.

James Elder Lose attended the district school near his early home, obtaining a good practical education. At the age of twenty-three years he went West, prospecting through Iowa and Kansas. Upon his return to Burrell township he bought the Lincoln Taylor farm of 130 acres, upon which he erected a large barn and house, and here he has since lived and worked, having one of the best kept farm properties in the township. The farm is situated on Blacklick creek. Mr. Lose is progressive and enterprising in all that he undertakes, and his home and surroundings show that he keeps up to date in his work. Besides attending to his farm he has dealt considerably in real estate, and he has cleared considerable land—most all his farm. He has taken part in various local activities, being one of the most valued members of Hope-well M. E. Church, which he serves as trustee, steward and superintendent of the Sunday school, having all his life taken a strong interest in church work. He has served his fellow citizens as member of the board of school directors and supervisor, doing efficient work in both capacities, and in political opinion is a Progressive Republican. His public spirit and readiness to aid any good cause entitle him to a position among the useful members of his community.

On June 28, 1881, Mr. Lose married Sarah C. Graham, daughter of Robert M. and Susan (Covode) Graham, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and they have had three children, namely: (1) Emma attended the State normal school at Indiana and later took a course at Allegheny State Hospital, training for the profession of nurse; she is now the

wife of Ernest Shoemaker. (2) Robert Graham studied at the State normal school at Indiana and later at Pennsylvania State College, took up civil engineering, and is now professor of civil engineering at the Carnegie Institute. He married Elizabeth Montgomery. (3) Covode died when four years old.

JOSEPH LINCOLN CAMPBELL, farmer and stock raiser of Armstrong township, is a native of that township and member of a family which has been settled there since the time of his grandfather, James Campbell, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland. He was a young man of twenty-three when he settled in Armstrong township, where he had a patent for 230 acres of land, now owned by Mr. Fouts and James Campbell, brother of Joseph Lincoln Campbell. There he followed farming the rest of his life. He married Margaret Craig, and they are buried in the cemetery of the West Union United Presbyterian Church, of which they were members.

William Campbell, son of James and Margaret (Craig) Campbell, was born May 25, 1831, in Armstrong township, and there received his education in the common schools. In his earlier years he farmed with his parents. In 1880 he bought the Anderson farm of 100 acres, now the property of his son Joseph, in Armstrong township, put up a house and other buildings on that tract in 1885, and then settled there, following farming to the end of his days. He was an energetic and progressive man, and had high standards for his work, as the fine residence and barn he built, and the condition in which he kept his property, indicated. He followed farming and also made a specialty of stock raising, prospered by intelligent attention to his work, and he was prominent in all local affairs, in the administration of public matters in his township and in the welfare of his church. In political association he was a Republican and prominent in the party, and he held a number of offices, serving as school director, supervisor of roads, overseer of the poor, and township auditor. He was practically a lifelong member of the West Union United Presbyterian Church, which he served as trustee, and he and his wife are buried in the cemetery of that church. She was Margaret Patterson, born Oct. 4, 1836, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (McColum) Patterson, of Armstrong township, and they had children as follows: James, who married Elizabeth Anthony, resides on part of the tract where his grandfather settled; Agnes

died at the age of thirty-six years, unmarried; Joseph Lincoln is mentioned below; Mae married Albert Flemming, and they live in the borough of Indiana; twins died unnamed. The father of this family died at the age of seventy-six years, Sept. 29, 1907, the mother at the age of seventy-two, Nov. 3, 1909.

Joseph Lincoln Campbell was born Feb. 12, 1865, and obtained his education in the public schools of the home locality in Armstrong township. He was trained to farming from boyhood, and worked with his father at that occupation until the latter's death. Since 1885 he has lived at his present home, having moved to the place with his father after they erected the substantial residence there, and after his father's death he took charge of the property, which now belongs to him. He also owns the coal underlying this tract. Mr. Campbell is engaged in general farming and stock raising, raising fine horses and sheep, and he has followed in his father's footsteps in adopting up-to-date methods and ideas in the performance of his work, in which he has had excellent results. He has not taken any particularly active interest in the public affairs of his township, but he has been associated with the Republican party on political questions. He is a prominent member of the West Union United Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee for six years.

On June 1, 1911, Mr. Campbell married Bessie B. Craig, daughter of George A. and Mary J. (Anderson) Craig. Mrs. Campbell attended select school at Parkwood and later was a pupil at the Indiana State normal school, and before her marriage was engaged in teaching in White and Armstrong townships, this county.

John Craig, Mrs. Campbell's great-grandfather, came to this country from Ireland. His son John, her grandfather, married Martha P. Wolf. Their son, George A. Craig, born July 30, 1853, in Madison township, Armstrong county, Pa., died April 5, 1890. By trade he was a blacksmith. After living at various places in Armstrong county, Pa., Red Bank, Kellersburg, and South Bend, he settled in 1882 in Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he bought the John R. Craig farm of ninety-one acres, upon which he lived until his death. He farmed, dealt in stock and followed his trade. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. On Dec. 22, 1875, he married Mary J. Anderson, who was born Feb. 16, 1852, at Parkwood, daughter of William and Catharine

(Ray) Anderson, and died April 19, 1911. Their children were born as follows: William Winfield, Sept. 20, 1876 (died March 5, 1897); Pearl John, May 18, 1878 (married Annie Shirey Dec. 30, 1903, and resides in Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa.); Carrie M., July 12, 1880 (died June 11, 1881); Bessie B., July 21, 1882 (Mrs. Joseph Lincoln Campbell); twins (died in infancy); Taylor W., Sept. 24, 1884 (farmer in Armstrong township); Roy, 1888 (died same year).

WILLIAM GRIFFITH, now living retired in Pine township, Indiana county, is one of the best known citizens of his vicinity, having held the office of justice of the peace for thirty-five years continuously. During that time he was also connected with the township school board for over twenty years, and his services in both capacities were highly appreciated by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Griffith was born in Green (now Pine) township, this county, March 13, 1836, son of John and Margaret (Gibson) Griffith and grandson of Isaac Griffith, who came to Indiana county in the very early days of its development. The Griffith family is of Welsh origin, the founder of the branch in which we are interested coming from Wales to America in 1745 and first settling in Maryland, where the family was established for some time before coming west to Indiana county, Pa. Isaac Griffith settled in Brushvalley township, where he bought land and farmed the remainder of his life. By trade he was a miller, and he had a mill on Yellow creek, in Brushvalley township. His later years were devoted entirely to farming. His family consisted of three sons and three daughters.

John Griffith, father of William Griffith, born in Brushvalley township, there grew to manhood. He learned the trade of mason, and also engaged in farming. In 1841 he came to Green (now Pine) township, where he bought the farm upon which he lived until his death. He married Margaret Gibson, who was born in the western part of Indiana county, and was of Scotch-Irish lineage, her father being Charles Gibson, an early settler of the county, who located in what was known as the Manor settlement, remaining there until his death; he was a millwright by trade. Mr. and Mrs. John Griffith had these children: William; Isaac, living in Indiana; a daughter that died in infancy; Rachel, who married William Stephens; and Charles, on the home place in Pine township.

William Griffith spent his early days in Green township. He obtained a good education, in his youth attending the public schools and the academy at Pineflats, and he subsequently taught school in Pine township for three terms. Later he worked on the farm with his father, and he continued to follow farming in Pine township throughout his active years, in 1900 retiring from agricultural work. In 1872 he was elected justice of the peace, and he continued to hold that office for seven successive terms, by reelection, retiring at the end of thirty-five years' service. Meantime he became connected with the board of school directors of Pine township, serving over twenty years as member of that body, and he was secretary of the board for many years. He won the highest respect of his fellow citizens in the township by his faithful discharge of the duties of both offices, which he administered with intelligence and in a most public-spirited manner.

In 1870 Mr. Griffith was married to Mary Ann Stephens, a native of Green township, daughter of Alexander and Jane (Dunwoode) Stephens, the former of whom was born in Cherryhill township, this county, and was a farmer from early life; his father was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler in Pine township; Mrs. Stephens's father was a native of Ireland and an early settler in Indiana county. Mrs. Griffith was one of a family of five children. Her father remarried after her mother's death, and had three children by that union. Of his eight children three are now living: Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Elizabeth Coy (of Indiana county) and William Stephens (half-brother of Mrs. Griffith).

Mr. and Mrs. Griffith are members of the Presbyterian Church at Nebo, Green township. Politically he is a Democrat.

SAMUEL W. ROSE, senior member of the firm of S. W. Rose & Co., who have conducted the Bon Ton department store in Indiana borough since 1908, was the first merchant there to make a specialty of women's wear, and the success of his establishment shows that his judgment was correct. He has built up an excellent trade. Mr. Rose is a native of Germany, born April 2, 1876, in Gunzenhausen, Bavaria, son of Benjamin Rose and grandson of Isaac and Emma Rose, whose children were: Ira, who came to the United States and located in Milwaukee, Wis., where he became a prominent merchant and died; Benjamin, mentioned below; Emma, who was married in Germany and came to the United

States after the death of her husband, living with her sons in Chicago, Ill.; and Marks, who remained in Germany. The grandfather, Isaac Rose, was a lumber dealer.

Benjamin Rose was born in Germany in 1833, and was married there to Rachel Weinslein, a native of Poland, born in 1844. Mr. Rose was a grain dealer in his native land. In 1877 he came to the United States, settling in Blair county, Pa., where he engaged in cattle dealing and droving. In 1881 he returned to Germany, where he dealt in grain and flax, and he returned to America in 1905, locating at Altoona, Pa., where his death occurred in 1909. He and his wife had a family of seven children, namely: George, who came to the United States and died in Chicago, Ill. (he was a commission man); Wolfe; Jacob, a prominent merchant of Clearfield county, Pa.; Samuel W.; Minnie, Mrs. Nathan Dates, who died in Altoona; Jennie, Mrs. Jacob Soltz, of Acton, Ontario; and Celia, Mrs. Jacob Isaacson, of Altoona.

Samuel W. Rose attended school in Germany until he was fifteen years old. At that time he came to the United States with his sister Jennie, sailing from Bremen to Baltimore on the steamship "Carlsruhe," and they joined their brother Jacob at Pittsburg. Mr. Rose was a poor boy when he arrived here, and for the next four years he followed various occupations, working in a wholesale grocery, in a clothing store, in a department store—in fact at anything he could find to do. His first wages were but \$1.75 per week, and when he made a change he received \$2 a week, advancing but slowly at first. In 1893 he went to Chicago, where he worked at different kinds of employment until the World's Fair was over. From there he went to Billings, Mont., where he remained six weeks, then went to Butte and Anaconda, that State, engaging in the restaurant business in the latter place. While at Anaconda he enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war, but the local quota had been filled, so he was rejected, as he did not want to be transferred from the home company. After selling his restaurant he went to Wallace, Idaho, where he was cook in a restaurant, and thence to Spokane, Wash., where he was similarly engaged, receiving \$5 per day. He had been there but a short time when the Klondike boom came on, and he sailed for Sitka, Alaska, arriving at Dawson after a journey full of hardships. He secured a restaurant privilege there in a large gambling house, and continued in the business for four-



teen months. From there he went to Seattle, Wash., thence to Chicago and Pittsburg, expecting to find his brother and sister. They had moved, however, his brother to Canada, his sister to Altoona, Pa. Accordingly he went on to Altoona, and soon afterward embarked in the mercantile business at Ashville, Cambria Co., Pa., being backed by a friend in Altoona. During the five years he remained at Ashville he was very successful, and meantime he had opened a branch store at Coalport, Indiana county. Disposing of his Ashville store at the end of the five years he moved to Coalport, where he continued his store for another year, selling out and removing to Indiana in April, 1908. He has since owned and conducted the Bon Ton, dealing in women's ready-to-wear garments, millinery, women's furnishings, etc. He has commodious quarters in what is known as the Elks' building, on Philadelphia street, a three-story modern brick with 28 feet front, and his trade is still growing. Mr. Rose has become a specialist in the line of women's wear, and not only understands his customers but has studied the art of pleasing them until he has acquired excellent judgment in the selection of stock. His was the first one-price store of its kind in Indiana. Though he has been a resident of that borough a comparatively brief length of time he has succeeded in winning the confidence of his fellow citizens and making a solid place for himself among his business associates. He is practically the "father" of what is now the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, an outgrowth of the Indiana Merchants' Association, formed to offset the green trading stamp evil. It was victorious after a nine months' battle and with an expenditure of nearly \$20,000. The name was changed to the Indiana Chamber of Commerce in June, 1912. The organization counts among its membership fifty of the best known business men of Indiana county, and it is the firm belief of Mr. Rose that the number will be doubled in the near future. He is recognized as one of the progressive business men of the borough, willing to do his share in the advancement of local interests of all kinds. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and socially he belongs to the B. P. O. E. and I. O. O. F. lodges in Indiana.

On Feb. 2, 1907, Mr. Rose was married in Altoona to Emma Bergman, of that place, daughter of Isaac and Rosalie Bergman. They have one child, Bernard Irving.

JOHN J. WILLIAMS, a farmer of Pine township, Indiana county, where he has also served as a public official, belongs to an old family of this section, being a son of William M. Williams, grandson of William R. Williams and great-grandson of Richard W. Williams. The family is of Welsh origin.

Richard W. Williams was born in 1796 on the island of Anglesea, Wales, and came to the United States in 1832, first settling in Madison county, N. Y. He then moved to Pittsburg, Pa., living in Allegheny county for six years, and thence, in 1845, came to Indiana county, settling in Green township, on the place where his grandson William M. Williams lived until his recent death. There he remained until his death, in 1876, in his eighty-first year. He was one of the men interested in the establishment of a Welsh Church and Sunday school in the vicinity. By his first wife, Jane (Davis), he had a family of seven children, all born in Wales, and all of whom came to this country, viz.: William R., Owen D., Benjamin and Catherine, Rowland, John and Richard. For his second wife he married Sarah James, of Pittsburg, a native of Wales, who died in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa. They had no children.

William R. Williams, son of Richard W. and Jane (Davis) Williams, was born in Wales, and was quite young when brought to this country. He came with his father to Indiana county, and continued to live here until his death, which occurred Jan. 16, 1905. His wife, Elizabeth Morris, also a native of Wales, was but a child when she came to America with her parents, Robert and Mary Morris. Robert Morris was a native of North Wales. Upon his arrival in this country he first settled in Madison county, N. Y., later, in 1840, settling in Indiana county, Pa., where he made his home in Green township, conducting a sawmill for some time and subsequently devoting himself to farming, which he carried on the rest of his life. His family consisted of seven children. Mrs. Elizabeth (Morris) Williams died March 19, 1903. She was the mother of nine children, the eldest dying in infancy; William M. is mentioned below; Robert is deceased (he was in the Union service throughout the Civil war, serving in Company A. 67th P. V. I., and was confined in Libby prison and at Andersonville); Jane became the wife of Thomas Walter, of Venango county, Pa., and both are deceased; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Henry Kelly, of Pineflats, this county, who survives; Richard died when fourteen years

old; Elizabeth married Hugh Williams, and both are deceased.

William M. Williams was born Dec. 22, 1837, in Madison county, N. Y., and was a boy when the family came to Indiana county in 1845. He received a public school education in Green township. From an early age he assisted with the farm work and lumbering, and during several years of his young manhood conducted a water mill in this county which he bought from his grandfather. Later he bought a steam mill with which he was connected for over forty years, and which was conducted by William M. Williams & Sons. Meantime he had also become interested in farming, which he continued until 1903 in Pine township. Then he removed to Grisemore, where he resided, enjoying well-earned leisure, until his death, Jan. 28, 1913. He is buried in the McDowell cemetery, in Green township. Though never a seeker after public honors or office Mr. Williams was willing to do his duty as a citizen, and he was long a member of the school board of Pine township, serving several years as president of that body.

On Dec. 31, 1861, Mr. Williams was married in Pittsburg to Sarah Jones, who was born in that city Aug. 3, 1841, daughter of John D. and Jane (Jones) Jones. Her father was a native of South Wales, and after coming to America lived in Pittsburg until his removal to Indiana county, where he bought land and engaged in farming until his death. He had a family of six children, of whom only Sarah (Mrs. Williams) and Jane (wife of David Oldham, of Beaver City, Pa.) now survive.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams: Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Jones, of Barnesboro, Pa., has one child, Ethel; John J., who lives in this county, married Elizabeth Martin, daughter of J. D. Martin, of Indiana county, and they have four children; Mollie is the wife of G. M. Joiner, of Grisemore; Richard, who lives in Green township, married Mary Florence Bennett, and they have two children, Emma Mae and Mary Wilda; Jane, William W. and Margaret are at home; Emma Marian died in infancy. Mr. Williams was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Nebo, in Green township, to which his widow also belongs, and he helped to build the present edifice; he served as elder about twenty years until his death.

John J. Williams was born June 3, 1865, on the farm in Pine township where he spent his boyhood, and where he is now living. He

obtained his education in the local public schools, and from an early age assisted his father with the farming and sawmill work, at the mill in Pine township which his father operated. Nine years ago he began farming on his own account at the place where he now lives, taking the farm upon his father's retirement in 1903, and in addition to general agriculture he engages in stock raising—cattle and hogs. He is a busy man, but he has found time for public affairs and matters of general interest to the community, and his fellow citizens have shown their confidence in his ability and integrity by electing him to various township offices, the duties of which he has discharged faithfully. He has served as member of the election board.

On May 20, 1897, Mr. Williams was married to Elizabeth Martin, a native of Green township, born Feb. 1, 1868, daughter of John D. and Maria (Askins) Martin, who settled in this county many years ago. Mr. Martin died in 1903, and Mrs. Martin is now living in Green township. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams: John M., William Hay, Sarah J. and George M. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Presbyterian Church at Nebo, which he serves at present as elder.

CLARK DUNLAP, farmer and dairyman of Burrell township, Indiana county, was born March 11, 1870, in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and is a son of William R. and Nancy J. (Barr) Dunlap.

Andrew Dunlap, paternal grandfather of Clark Dunlap, was brought to the United States from County Derry, Ireland, when he was but two years old, the journey taking thirteen weeks in a sailing vessel, and the family eventually settled in Westmoreland county, Pa. Besides Andrew, the youngest, the children were: Thomas; James; William; Jane and Nancy, twins, who lived to old age and never married; and Mollie, who married a Mr. Stewart of Washington township, Westmoreland county, who went to serve as a substitute for Andrew Dunlap during the war of 1812, and never returned. Andrew Dunlap secured his education in a log schoolhouse situated at Warren (now Apollo), Pa., and during his earlier years his home was a little log cabin. On reaching manhood he settled on a tract of 200 acres on which he built a home and sawmill, on Beaver run. In addition to farming and lumbering Mr. Dunlap followed teaming, hauling iron ore from Bellefonte to Pittsburg, with a six-

horse team, it being necessary for him to carry about fifty bushels of oats for feed. Later he sold his first farm and removed to Harrisville, Butler county, there purchasing another tract of 200 acres and continuing to engage in farming and stock raising until his death, which occurred when he was eighty years of age. Mr. Dunlap was laid to rest in the United Presbyterian Church cemetery at Harrisville. He married Mary (Polly) Robinson, daughter of William Robinson, who lived near the Salem Church in Westmoreland county, and she died in 1862. They had the following children: John, who married Anna Elizabeth Cook, of Butler county; Rebecca, who married Andrew Dunlap, of Butler county; Nancy Jane, who married James Davis, and resided in Illinois; William R.; Andrew and Eliza, twins, the former of whom married Harriett Trump, and the latter died in Butler county, and James, who is living at Harrisville.

William Robinson Dunlap, son of Andrew and father of Clark Dunlap, was born Dec. 29, 1829, in Washington township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and received but meagre educational advantages, starting out to make his own way in the world when he was but thirteen years of age, at which time his mother died. Following this he secured employment with Jesse Gray and S. Walters, his wages being three dollars per month, and he continued to work as a farm hand until going to Warren county, where he spent about four years in the lumber business under Joseph Hall. In 1851 Mr. Dunlap went west to St. Louis and then Calhoun county, Ill., and after a short stay removed to the lead mines of Michigan. During all this time he had carefully saved his earnings, and on his return home was able to purchase 130 acres of land in Derry township, Westmoreland county, his uncle John Robinson assisting him in paying for it. This farm he sold in 1856 and bought a tract of 106 acres located in Salem township, which was underlaid with a rich vein of coal. He operated this land until 1866, when he sold it and bought a tract of 253 acres, which he divided into three parts, giving his son two of these and operating the other himself. Mr. Dunlap continued to be engaged in farming for a number of years and carried on an extensive stock raising business, but in 1898 retired from active life and moved to Blairsville, where he still lives. He was for some years a deacon in the old Salem Church, but at this time, with his wife, attends the Blairsville Presbyterian

Church. Formerly a Whig, he later became a Republican, and for a time, while a resident of Westmoreland, acted as school director. In 1860 Mr. Dunlap was united in marriage with Nancy Jane Barr, who died Feb. 24, 1883, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Sloan) Barr, and she was buried at old Salem Church, in Derry township. They had the following children: John Barr, born Sept. 12, 1860, who is now a missionary in Siam; Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 4, 1862, who married John Gilson, and resides in Derry township; Robinson Edgar, born Dec. 19, 1863, who married Lucinda Mewherter, and resides in Ada, Hardin Co., Ohio; Martha Jane, born March 7, 1866, who married William Mewherter; Charles Howard, born April 23, 1868, who married Elizabeth Kirkpatrick; Clark, born March 11, 1870; Louisa Hamilton, born March 30, 1872, who married William Latimer; Emory Eugene, born Sept. 27, 1874, who died in 1878; Nora Grace, born March 25, 1877, who married James B. Dunlap, and resides in Derry township; and Hubert, born March 30, 1879, who married Laura Stitt. William E. Dunlap's second marriage was to Martha Jane Kenly, daughter of David Kenly, of Derry township, whose wife's maiden name was Piper. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap reside at Blairsville.

Clark Dunlap, son of William R. Dunlap, attended the public schools of Derry township, Westmoreland county, and there grew to manhood, assisting his father on the farm. In 1895 he was given the home farm by his father, and that he conducted until 1899, when he sold out and purchased the Lose farm, in Burrell township, Indiana county, a tract of 160 acres, where he has erected modern buildings and made numerous other improvements, one of which is a large silo. Mr. Dunlap is a progressive and enterprising agriculturist, and in addition to general farming and stock raising is engaged in dairying, marketing his products in Blairsville. He is a Sunday school teacher of the Presbyterian Church at Blairsville, has been deacon, and was elected elder in the fall of 1912. His wife and all of her family are also members of that church.

Mr. Dunlap married Anna Margaret Lose, daughter of George and Margaret Lose, of Burrell township, and to this union there have been born four children, as follows: George L., Wilma Jane, Martha Evelyn and Anna Margaret.

JOSEPH G. SECHLER, postmaster at Cherrytree borough, Indiana county, was born at that place Feb. 24, 1855, son of John and Catherine (Gwinner) Sechler. Both the parents were natives of eastern Pennsylvania, and the ancestry was German on both paternal and maternal sides. Mr. Sechler's great-grandfather came to America in Colonial days, and served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

John Sechler, father of Joseph G. Sechler, passed his early life in the eastern part of this State, and learned the trade of miller. In 1855 he came to Cherrytree, Indiana county, and engaged in the milling business, remaining there until about 1856, when he removed to Diamond Mills, this county. Later he went from there to Ebensburg, Cambria county, where he conducted a mill for several years, finally locating at Altoona, this State, where he died when about eighty-four years old. Mrs. Sechler died at the age of eighty-seven years, in Conemaugh, Cambria Co., Pa., where she resided with her daughter, Mrs. Susan Rugh. Eleven children were born to John and Catherine Sechler: William H., now deceased, who served about three years during the Civil war; Susan, widow of John Rugh, living at Conemaugh, Pa.; Theresa, who lives at Ebensburg, Pa.; Alice, wife of Allen Edelman, of Philadelphia; George, deceased, who served one year in the Civil war; Maggie, wife of Benjamin James, of Ebensburg; Joseph G.; Mary, deceased; Emma, deceased; Anna, deceased; and John, who died at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Joseph G. Sechler was educated principally at Ebensburg, Pa., and he was but fourteen years old when he assumed most of the work in connection with the management of his father's mill there, his father having lost his sight. After conducting that mill for ten years he came to Indiana county and took the management of a mill at Cherrytree, being thus engaged for nineteen years, until, in 1895, he was appointed postmaster at Cherrytree; he has since given most of his attention to the duties of this office, in which he has given the greatest satisfaction to all his fellow citizens. The postoffice at this point was first known as Canoe Place, then Newman's Mills and later Grant before it became known as Cherrytree. Mr. Sechler has served the community in other official capacities, having been a valuable member of the school board for twenty years, and he is at present holding the office of borough treasurer. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Sechler was married at Ebensburg to Emma Stough, a native of that place, daughter of John and Jane (Mills) Stough, the former of whom was of German ancestry, the latter of Welsh extraction. Mr. Stough was a painter by trade. He died when past seventy years old and his widow now lives at Ebensburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Sechler have had three children: Birdie, wife of R. D. Tonkin, of Cherrytree, has one child, Joseph; Eva Emma assists her father in the post office; Arthur J. is a merchant at Cherrytree.

Mr. and Mrs. Sechler are members of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Summit Lodge, No. 312, at Ebensburg and the Consistory at Williamsport, and also an Odd Fellow, being a prominent member of the latter lodge at Cherrytree, in which he has held all the offices.

JOHN WEIR, now living retired, is a well-known citizen of Indiana, of which borough he has been a life-long resident. He was born there Nov. 1, 1836, son of Archibald Weir, and the family is of Scottish origin, his grandfather, Robert Weir, having been a native of Scotland.

Robert Weir was a youth in college in his native land when the Revolutionary war broke out, and with a chum he ran away from college and came to America, enlisting in the Continental army. He fought under General Greene. After the close of the war he moved to western Pennsylvania, settling in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, where he took up a claim for himself as well as one for his eldest son. Here he followed farming the rest of his life. He also enlisted for service in the war of 1812. He was twice married, having one son, Alexander, by his first marriage, and by his second wife, Margaret (Gordon), he had seven children, namely: James, Daniel, John, Archibald, Mrs. Furrier, Mrs. Guier and Mrs. Beam.

Archibald Weir, son of Robert, was born in 1806 in Brushvalley township, this county, and learned the trade of carpenter. In 1828 he settled at Indiana, and he was one of the early carpenters in the borough, and one of the most successful, keeping several crews busy in various parts of this territory, building barns, houses, etc. He was also engaged in the mercantile business there among the old-timers. Mr. Weir was a staunch Abolitionist in principle, and a member of the Lutheran Church in religious connection. He died at Indiana in December, 1859. In 1831 he married Jane C. Coleman, who was born in 1809

in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, daughter of John Coleman, a farmer of that township. They were the parents of five children: Mary Jane (Mrs. James Fenton), Robert H., John, Elizabeth and Margaret.

John Weir attended the common schools of the borough in boyhood, and when fifteen years old began to learn the trade of tailor. He followed it for some time thereafter. In 1861 he enlisted in the Union service, becoming a musician in the 3d Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment for three months. When that term expired he joined the 105th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Colonel McKnight, in the same capacity. This command was known as the "Wildcats." Mr. Weir served in the army until honorably discharged, after which he returned home and resumed tailoring for a while. He then became engaged in the sewing machine business, and later embarked in the grocery business, which he carried on until his retirement, in 1899. Mr. Weir showed considerable ability in the management of his own affairs, and prospered by giving them the strictest attention and by observing the most honorable methods in all his transactions. He is favorably known to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in and around Indiana. In his earlier years he was prominent in public affairs, serving as member of the town council and for years as Burgess. Politically he is now as he has been in the past—known as an independent. He was one of the charter members of the original G. A. R. Post No. 131, and is its oldest surviving past commander, the second to be elected to that position. He is the oldest past grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Indiana county, and is custodian of the Odd Fellows hall. In religious connection he is a member of the M. E. Church.

In 1865 Mr. Weir was married at Indiana to Jemima E. George, of Armstrong county, Pa., daughter of John George. Mrs. Weir died at Indiana in 1907. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weir: (1) Mary Jane graduated from the Western Pennsylvania School for Nurses and then entered the service of the United States government as a trained nurse, being stationed at Manila for two years. Returning to the United States she resumed her profession here as superintendent of the hospital at Braddock, Pa., until her marriage to Dr. C. S. Kerr, of Emlenton, Pa. (2) Sarah Elizabeth is a stenographer, and was so engaged at the Carnegie steel works under every president from Mr. Carnegie down until the establishment of the Carnegie Technical

School, when she was made assistant treasurer of that institution. (3) Cordelia lives at home with her father.

WILLIAM MARTIN UREY, retired farmer and lumberman, is a native of Ireland, but has lived in Indiana county from childhood. Frank Urey, his father, was born in 1794 in Rathfryland, County Down, Ireland, came to America in 1843 and first settled near Williamsport, Pa., where he worked on a farm for almost a year. He then came farther west, to Banks township, Indiana county, and bought 100 acres of woodland near the Clearfield county line, on which he built a log cabin and settled down to the work of clearing and cultivating. In mid-winter, three years later, when three feet of snow lay on the ground, the cabin home was completely destroyed by fire, and they had to cut trees for the hewed log house which took its place. This was in 1844-45. By hard work Mr. Urey made good progress in the development of his property, becoming one of the successful farmers of his section. He lived to the ripe age of eighty-three years, dying Nov. 22, 1877, and was laid to rest in the Urey cemetery in Banks township by the side of his wife, who died in September, 1871. In politics he was first a Whig, later becoming a Republican. He had married in Ireland Ruth Dixon, of his home town, and they had a family of five children, all born in Ireland, namely: John, who died when nineteen years old; David, now deceased, who married Lizzie McDermott and had children, John, Frank, Elizabeth, Ruth and Mary, who reside in Clearfield, Pa.; James, who married Eliza Dixon, of Pittsburg, and moved to Ireland, where both died; William Martin; and Mary Jane, who married Gilbert Graham, of Banks township, and had children, James, John, Gilbert and Alexander, all residing at Fair Grounds, Oregon.

William Martin Urey was born Aug. 19, 1839, in Rathfryland, County Down, Ireland, and was quite young when he came to America with his parents. He settled with the family in Banks township, Indiana county, where he attended the log school known as the Urey school and assisted his father with the farm work at home. In time he became interested in lumbering, in which he was engaged for over thirty years, rafting down the Susquehanna and marketing his lumber at Marietta. He handled principally pine, hemlock and oak. In 1885 he moved to his present location, buying the farm of

ninety-six acres, known as the Rankin place, upon which he has since made his home. It lies in three townships, Blacklick, Young and Conemaugh, and the house stands at the point where these three townships adjoin, the front porch being in Young township, the back porch in Blacklick, and the side in Conemaugh. In 1891 the former house, which had been built by William Rankin, was burned and Mr. Urey erected the present residence, a substantial frame dwelling with all available improvements, commodious and comfortably arranged. His eldest son now conducts the farm, Mr. Urey having withdrawn from active work two years ago. In addition to general farming he raised a small amount of live stock, and the place is carried on in the same way now. The land is underlaid with a rich vein of coal, only about two hundred feet below the surface. In his earlier days Mr. Urey was a hard worker, and his industry combined with keen business qualities brought him the competence which now enables him to spend his age in comfort. He is a home-loving man and takes great pleasure in his family.

On Jan. 5, 1872, Mr. Urey married Bessie Urey, daughter of John and Eliza (White) Urey, whose home was in Cadiz, Ohio. They have had seven children: James, born Feb. 19, 1873, who now has charge of the home farm; William John, born May 10, 1874; David Edward, born Jan. 8, 1876, a mason by trade; Robert F., born Nov. 24, 1877; Emmet G., born Nov. 22, 1879, who died Jan. 12, 1885; Preston G., born July 20, 1882, a graduate of the Indiana State normal school, who has taught school for seven years; and Mary Helena.

During the Civil war Mr. Urey enlisted in the Union army for one year, but served only ten months. He was a member of Company C, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. William Brown and Colonel Brady. During his army experience he assisted in building a fort at Butler's canal, near Richmond. He saw some of the harrowing sights of those strenuous times, being present on one occasion when nine soldiers were shot at sunrise for desertion, and on another when two soldiers were hanged for contemplated murder; they had planned to kill the sergeant of their company for the money he carried, but were overheard and caught before they had time to commit the act.

Mr. Urey cast his first presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, and he has continued to support the Republican ticket ever since.

He and his wife and family are members of the United Presbyterian Church in Conemaugh township.

PETER WESLEY KINTER, retired farmer, now living at Marion Center, passed all of his active years in Rayne township, Indiana county, where the Kinter family has been established for over a century. He was born there July 30, 1846, son of Peter and Margaret (McCall) Kinter, and grandson of Peter Kinter, the pioneer settler of the family here, who came from Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1808. He settled in Rayne township, where he followed farming the remainder of his life, becoming one of the well-known residents of the locality in his time. He was twice married, first to Mary Findley and later to Elizabeth Jackson, and had children by both wives, those of the first marriage being: Sarah, who married Josephus Osborn; Archibald, who married Catherine Hess and (second) Mary Colkitt; Peter; Mary, who married John Leasure; John, who married Margaret Riddle; Margaret, who married Robert Warden; and Isabella, who married John Jameson. There were three children by the second union: Samuel, who married a Miss Layton; Catherine; and Jane, who married Samuel Knox.

Peter Kinter, son of Peter and Mary (Findley) Kinter, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., accompanied his parents to Rayne township, Indiana county, and there made his home until his death, which occurred on the farm. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he also followed farming, owning the tract of 200 acres upon which he made his home. He was first a Whig in politics, later becoming a Republican, and in religion was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is buried in the cemetery of the old Washington Church. Mr. Kinter was married to Margaret McCall, daughter of John McCall, of South Mahoning township; she died on the farm in South Mahoning township, and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. They had the following family: Hugh B., who married Emily Adelaide Warden, enlisted for the Union service during the Civil war, and died of smallpox while in the army; Jane married William Buchanan, and both are deceased; John T., who served in the Civil war and held the rank of lieutenant, now residing on the old homestead, married Sarah McGara; Mary E. makes her home in Marion Center; Henry L., a Civil war soldier, who died at Apollo, Pa., married Annie E.

Shields; Margaret A. married Samuel Stevens and resides in Armstrong township, this county; Peter Wesley is mentioned below; two sons died in infancy.

Peter Wesley Kinter grew to manhood in Rayne township, where he received a common school education. He did farm work from boyhood, and as his three older brothers entered the service during the Civil war he had to help at home as much as he was able. He continued to work with his father until the latter's death, after which he became owner of the home place, which he operated until his retirement, in 1906. That year he moved his home to Marion Center, where he put up a comfortable residence and is very pleasantly situated. Mr. Kinter has always been a citizen whose life commanded the respect of his fellowmen, and he is enjoying a well deserved rest.

On Nov. 15, 1877, Mr. Kinter married Mary Elisabeth Carney, who was born Sept. 15, 1855, in Rayne township, Indiana county, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Cunningham) Carney, and received a common school education. Mr. and Mrs. Kinter have no children. They are members of the Presbyterian Church at Marion Center, and in political association Mr. Kinter is a Republican.

SOLOMON BRODY, proprietor of the Clymer Milling Company, has been a resident of Indiana county throughout the comparatively brief period of his residence in this country, and during most of the time has been settled at Clymer. He has the only flour and feed mill at that point, and has built up an extensive business in his line.

Mr. Brody was born May 17, 1860, in Russia, son of Moses and Mary Brody, both also natives of that country, who are now deceased. He came to America in 1908, arriving at Philadelphia Dec. 8th, and continuing his journey direct to Indiana county, Pa. His first home here was at Starford, where he remained only a short time, however, thence moving to Heilwood, where he embarked in the general mercantile business. After a brief stay there he came to the borough of Clymer, where he bought the flour and feed business which he has since conducted. His son Abraham is now associated with him. They have a large and increasing trade, which Mr. Brody's good business methods and ability have won, and he has become one of the respected citizens of his adopted home. He was a successful man in his native land, and has all the qualities which should insure

prosperity, being thorough, conscientious, hard-working and intelligent, experienced, and a good manager.

On Nov. 12, 1885, Mr. Brody was married in Russia to Suba Chadas, a native of that country, whose parents, Abraham and Louisa Chadas, are both deceased. They have had five children, all born in Russia, namely: Louisa, Sophia, Abraham, Louis and Moses, all of whom are still at home. Abraham is now in partnership with his father.

EDMUND K. ANKENY, farmer of White township, Indiana county, living one mile from the borough of Indiana, has resided at that place since the fall of 1900. He is a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., born near Derry Sept. 23, 1858, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lichty) Ankeny. The parents were both natives of Somerset county, Pa. They had a family of six children. The father served as a Union soldier during the Civil war. He died when his son Edmund was very young, and the mother subsequently married his brother, J. D. Ankeny.

When Edmund K. Ankeny was but an infant his parents removed to Somerset county, this State. He was only seven years old when he lost his father. For a few years during his boyhood he lived in Plumereek township, Armstrong county, where he attended school, and he was employed at farm work from an early age. At the age of twenty-three years he went out to Waterloo, Iowa, where he worked on a farm for his uncle, Jacob Lichty, and in the fall went to Thayer county, Nebr., being one of a company of eighteen formed at Waterloo to go to that county. He worked at carpentry with a cousin, Frank Kelso, picked and cribbed the corn from a hundred acres, and then went with another cousin, Jacob Whippy. He next went to Atchison, Kans., for eight weeks, at the end of that time going to Brown county, Kans., and from there to Richardson county, Nebr. He then farmed for U. M. Saylor, in Brown county, after which he came back to Pennsylvania and commenced farming on his own account, living near Elderton, Armstrong county, on a tract of 120 acres, for nearly two years. His next change was to the William Watterson farm in White township, Indiana county, where he remained one year, moving from that place to the Kimmel farm in White township, where he followed general agricultural pursuits and ran a dairy for nearly eleven years. In the fall of 1900 he came to his present farm, in White township, then

known as the Jacob Moorhead tract. At that time the principal buildings on the place consisted of a one and a half story house and a log barn, both of which have been supplanted by substantial modern structures, Mr. Ankeny having built his barn in 1901 and his house in 1903. He has made numerous other improvements, has a fine peach and apple orchard, and has the property in creditable condition in every respect. Mr. Ankeny deserves great credit for his present comfortable circumstances, for they are the result entirely of his own efforts, and he is one of the most respected men in his locality. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Indiana, and politically is a Republican in sentiment, but votes independently.

On July 12, 1887, Mr. Ankeny married Mary King, of South Bend township, Armstrong county, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Ann (Klingensmith) King, and they have had the following children: Arthur, who is now attending the normal school at Indiana; Lottie, wife of Earl Fairman, of Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Olive, who died in infancy; Roy (a student at the normal school) and Ross, at home; and Jessie, a student at the normal school.

WILLIAM SIDES, of Pine township, Indiana county, at present a member of the school board of that township, is a representative of a very early family of this section, founded here by his grandfather, who was a native of Germany.

Adam Sides, father of William Sides, was born in West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, and was a lifelong farmer. Many years ago he settled in Green township, where he bought land which he cleared and cultivated. He followed farming there for some years, on the farm now occupied by his son Adam, living there until his death, May 12, 1884. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Dickey, was also born in Indiana county, in Brushvalley township, and died in Green township, Feb. 28, 1897. They were the parents of these children: Elias, who died while in the Union service during the Civil war; John, who is living in Green township; William, living in Pine township; Uriah, now a resident of Barnesboro, Cambria Co., Pa.; Alonzo, living at Pineflats, Indiana county; one that died in infancy; Jane, wife of William Wilson, of Johnstown, Pa.; Emma, wife of William Hahn, of Johnstown; Elizabeth, wife of William H. Strauss, of Johnstown, Cambria Co., Pa., wholesale and retail

dealer in tobacco and cigars; one that died in infancy; and Adam, the youngest, who lives in Green township on the old homestead.

William Sides, son of Adam and Mary (Dickey) Sides, was born in Pine township Feb. 5, 1847, and there grew to manhood, attending school at Pineflats. He has followed farming all his life, and moved to his present home in Pine township forty years ago. He is one of the most esteemed residents of his locality, where he is regarded as a progressive and valuable citizen, one whose influence and substantial worth are factors in the general welfare. For nine years he held the position of township overseer, and he is at present serving his seventh year in the office of school director. In politics he has been associated with the Republican party.

In 1866 Mr. Sides married Rebecca Graham, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Brown) Graham; her father is a native of Indiana county and one of its oldest residents. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sides; Louie is the wife of Simon Johns and lives at Pineflats; Maggie is the wife of Samuel R. Williams, who has a general store at Vintondale, Pa.; Lona is the wife of Samuel Long, of Barnesboro, Pa.; Stephen, who is deceased, married Rebecca Kelley.

HENRY PROTHERO, who is now living retired, at Indiana, was for many years a leading merchant and postmaster at Hortons, this county. He is a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Prothero was born in 1839 in Indiana, Indiana county, son of John and Sarah (Clark) Prothero. The father, who was a native of Herefordshire, England, came to the United States when about eighteen years old, landing at New York after a voyage of six weeks in a sailing vessel. Before he came to Indiana he was at Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Hollidaysburg, Philipsburg and Clearfield, in all working at his trade, tailoring, as a journeyman. He came to Indiana by canal and on foot, and was one of the early settlers here. He followed his trade about eight years, at the end of that time going to Kelleysburg, this county, where he engaged in the general mercantile business, succeeding James Bailey. He was in partnership with James Sutton in this line, and they had a thriving trade. Mr. Prothero was in business at Kelleysburg from about 1845 to about 1870, when he moved to his farm adjoining the village of Kelleysburg, for a few years, subsequently returning to the borough of Indiana in 1879. There he built a home and lived retired, though he served as



president of the First National Bank of Indiana (of which he was one of the original stockholders), up to within a few months of his death, which occurred in 1886. His wife died in 1888. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Prothero served many years as deacon. He was one of the promoters of the Washington Presbyterian Church at Kelleysburg, and contributed liberally toward the building of its house of worship. He served several years as postmaster at Kelleysburg. Mr. and Mrs. John Prothero had a family of twelve children, namely: William; Henry; Lavina, wife of Robert Mackleho; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Laughlan; Mary, wife of S. J. Hart; George; Olive, wife of Michael Woodward; Silas; James; Adda, wife of Judge John P. Elkin; Emma, wife of B. S. Sloan; and Helen J., wife of Dick Hetrick. Three of this family, William, Lavina and George, are deceased.

George Prothero, son of John and Sarah (Clark) Prothero, took an interest in the business at Hortons with his brother Henry in 1867, and under his management the concern prospered rapidly. George Prothero died in 1892, and his family then came to Indiana to live. His eldest son, Dr. Harold Ney, now a practicing physician in Jeannette, Pa., married May Clements; his second son, Harry Lynn, who resides in Indiana, is engaged in the real estate business and also as general manager of the Clearfield & Cush Creek Coal & Coke Company, married Jean Jones; the two younger children, Glennave and George, reside with their Uncle Henry.

Henry Prothero, son of John and Sarah (Clark) Prothero, received the beginnings of his education in the public schools of Indiana county, afterward attending Glade Run Academy. He began work as a clerk in the general merchandise store of his father, with whom he remained until 1861, when upon the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, known as the 40th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served three years, being honorably discharged June 12, 1864, and saw much hard service, the engagements in which he participated including the important battles of Bull Run, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Bentonville, New Hope Church, Bristoe Station (Va.) and the seven days' fight before Richmond. He was promoted to the rank of corporal. Bates's history of the Civil war records an incident Mr. Prothero well remembers: While they were ascending South Mountain, when the battle raged the hottest,

Corporal Kuhn, who possessed great powers of mimicry, crowed lustily like a cock uttering the note of triumph, which inspired the men with renewed zeal to press forward to assured victory. Three months later, at the battle of Fredericksburg, this brave soldier was shot, falling dead at Mr. Prothero's feet. At the battle of Antietam Tom Moore, a fine young soldier belonging to the same company as Mr. Prothero, was shot in the breast while the command was engaged in the famous cornfield that was taken and retaken five times that day. The Captain ordered Mr. Prothero to take him from the field. After he had placed the injured man in the ambulance he said, "I believe I will die, but I know I shot down that Rebel flag."

In August, 1864, shortly after his return from the army, Mr. Prothero embarked in the mercantile business at Hortons, Indiana county. In 1867, as above related, his brother George became associated with him, and their interests grew steadily, the brothers engaging in several profitable lines, including farming, stock raising (horses, cattle, sheep, etc.) and dealing in lumber and coal. Henry Prothero was postmaster at Hortons for the long period of twenty-eight years, until he sold out in December, 1892. He removed to Hortons and looked after his coal and lumber business until 1902, and then came to Indiana, Pa. He has been a director of the First National Bank of Indiana since Jan. 12, 1904, but gives practically all his time to the Clearfield and Cush Creek Coal & Coke Company, of which he is vice president. The mines are at Glen Campbell.

Mr. Prothero has had many interesting experiences in his long and active life. He crossed the Rocky Mountains in a stage coach in the early days of Leadville, and came through from California over the Southern Pacific road when the road was first opened, when soldiers were stationed on each car to protect the passengers from robbers. In 1870 he visited the home of his ancestors in England, making another trip to Europe in 1878, when he traveled through England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and visited the World's exposition at Paris.

In 1902 Mr. Prothero married Mrs. L. B. Prothero, who died in 1903.

Mr. Prothero was a charter member of the Union Veterans Legion at Indiana.

THOMAS CRAIG KERR, postmaster and general merchant at Georgeville, in East Mahoning township, Indiana county, belongs to

an old settled family of this section and was born in West Mahoning township Sept. 11, 1861. His great-grandfather, Valentine Kerr, the founder of the family in America, was born in Germany, and was among the first settlers at what is now Eldersridge, in Young township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he spent the rest of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died at an advanced age. He married Hannah Barr, and they had children as follows: Joseph married Lydia Pierce; John married Mary Marsh; Samuel is mentioned below; Hannah married John Barr; Charles; James married Elizabeth Steer; Thomas married Mary Steer.

Samuel Kerr, son of Valentine, was born in 1798 at Eldersridge, and in 1820 settled in West Mahoning township, where he first lived in a log cabin. He spent his life on the farm, always following farming, and died there in 1870. His wife, Mary (Polly) Thomas, daughter of Israel Thomas, was born in 1794 in Dauphin county, Pa., and died on the farm. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. The following children were born to them: Israel T., deceased, who was a farmer in West Mahoning township, married Rosanna Gurley; Hannah married Griffith Condrom, went West, and died in Iowa; John is mentioned below; one son died in infancy; Valentine, of Jefferson county, Pa., married Sarah Roush; Amos, deceased, who lived in Nebraska, married Malinda Lenham and (second) Sophia Ruby; Margaret, deceased, married Marion Condrom; Joseph died in Iowa; William married Eliza J. Roush; Thomas joined Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Lookout Mountain.

John Kerr, son of Samuel, was born on the paternal homestead in West Mahoning township in 1826, and there received an education in the common schools. He always followed farming and stock raising in his native township, and was a successful man, becoming a large land owner. He died on the farm when about seventy years of age. In March, 1865, Mr. Kerr enlisted in Company E, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served to the close of the war. He was a Republican in politics, and in religion a member of the Lutheran Church, and was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Smieksburg. Mr. Kerr was married to Mary Mogle, daughter of Adam Mogle, and five children were born to them, namely: Samuel, who lives on the homestead

in West Mahoning township; Catherine, who married A. J. Brewer; Alfred Clark, deceased, who married Mary Jordan; Thomas Craig; and Ida M., who married Luther Beck, of West Mahoning township.

Thomas Craig Kerr received his early education in the public schools near his home, and also attended at Saltsburg. He helped at home from an early age, until he went West, where he remained a few years. In 1884 he came to Georgeville, in East Mahoning township, and forming a partnership with T. R. Travis, under the firm name of Travis & Kerr, entered the general mercantile business. This association lasted for four years, and Mr. Kerr has since been in business alone. He lost his store and stock by fire in 1896, saving nothing, but he rebuilt at once and has succeeded in placing his affairs on a sound basis in spite of the disaster. He commands a wide patronage, his attention to the wants of his customers and sincere desire to please winning and retaining trade. Mr. Kerr was first made postmaster during Cleveland's administration, and was again appointed in 1906, under Roosevelt, having served continuously since. He is an enterprising business man and public-spirited citizen, and is regarded as one of the substantial members of his community. Socially he is a member of the B. P. O. Elks, belonging to Lodge No. 301, at Punxsutawney, Pa., and in his political preferences he is a Republican, but independent in his support of the men and measures he approves.

In 1888 Mr. Kerr married Lizzie Lemmon, of South Mahoning township, daughter of John Lemmon, and they have had one child, Mary Olive, who lives at home.

ROBERT E. MIKESELL, postmaster and general merchant of Coral, Indiana county, was born in Center township, this county, Dec. 24, 1868, son of Philip and Emily (Kunkle) Mikesell. His paternal great-grandfather, a native of Germany, came to this country from the Fatherland during the early part of the last century.

Adam Mikesell, grandfather of Robert E., came to Center township at an early day, buying by patent 700 acres of land at what is now the site of the extensive coal operations of the Graceton Coke Company and the Joseph Wharton Coal Company. The towns of Graceton and Coral are both built on land taken up and improved by Adam Mikesell, whose operations along realty lines were very numerous and successful. He married Mary

Brieker, a native of Pennsylvania, and their second son was Philip.

Philip Mikesell was born on the homestead of his father, Dec. 22, 1821. He grew to manhood's estate under the parental roof, and followed agricultural pursuits during his life with a large measure of profit. On May 1, 1860, he married Emily Kunkle, daughter of John Kunkle, of Center township, and both belonged to the Lutheran Church, and attended services at the Lutheran chapel near their home, which they had helped to build. They are buried in Greenwood cemetery, in Indiana county. The following children were born to this most worthy couple: Margaret; Robert E.; Oliver, who married Martha Kunkle, a daughter of Lemuel Kunkle, of Center township; Simpson; Carrie, who married William Shank, of Coral; Christopher; Etta, who married W. C. Burke, of Coral; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Robert E. Mikesell, son of Philip Mikesell, after leaving the farm entered mercantile life, and has continued to be a merchant ever since, having been thus engaged for about nine years. Since the town of Coral was organized he has been postmaster, still holding that responsible office. When the Odd Fellows lodge was organized at Bell's Mills, now Josephine, he became a member; this lodge is now known as Blacklick No. 1156, and has a large membership. In religious belief he is a Methodist, while politically he is a Socialist, and a warm and enthusiastic supporter of the principles of his party, leading many other Socialists in the neighborhood because of the study he gives to the subject which lies so near his heart.

MICHAEL HENRY PALMER, of Burrell township, Indiana county, is located in the village of Josephine, engaged in horseshoeing and general blacksmith work. He is a native of Jefferson county, Pa., born Dec. 15, 1846, in Perry township, son of Isaac Palmer and grandson of Henry Palmer. The latter was a son of Henry Palmer, the emigrant ancestor of this family (who came from Germany), and was one of a family of five brothers. Peter, the eldest, was twice married, and reared a large family and spent his entire life in Indiana county. John married a Miss Enfield, and died in Indiana county. Charles also married and lived in Indiana county until his death.

Henry Palmer, the grandfather, was born in Bedford county, Pa., and went to Indiana county when a young man. Some time after

his marriage he moved to Jefferson county, locating in Perry township, where he purchased timberland and developed a farm in the midst of the forest. He built a hewed log house and barn on his property, and spent the remainder of his life there, dying in 1865, at the age of seventy-three. Besides farming he followed his trade, that of cooper. He is buried in Hopewell cemetery. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican. He was a member of the M. E. Church.

Mr. Palmer married Barbara Empfield, who was born in Brushvalley, Indiana county, and died in 1865, the same year as her husband, aged sixty-nine years. They became the parents of twenty-four children. We have record of the following: (1) Michael, the eldest, born in Indiana county in 1812, settled in Perry township, Jefferson county, and was a lumberman and farmer. (2) Isaac is mentioned below. (3) Henry married a Miss Swisher, and removed to Lewiston, Pa., where he died a number of years ago, leaving a wife and nine children. (4) David was the father of Johnston Palmer and grandfather of Davis A. Palmer, mentioned elsewhere in this work. (5) Sarah became the wife of Peter Depp, and both died in Jefferson county, leaving three children: Isaac M., deceased; Mary Ellen, wife of Joseph Newcomb, of Perry township, Jefferson county; and Henry, who died in Jefferson county. (6) Jane, born in Indiana county, became the wife of James Ross, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and resided near her father's farm. Both are now deceased. She died in 1897, at the age of seventy-five years, leaving four children, namely: Madison, who is married and lives with his family in Jefferson county; Isaac, who follows lumbering in West Virginia; Matilda, wife of Samuel Williams, of Clayville; and Jane, wife of Joseph Stewart, of Indiana county. (7) Clement married Ella Rogers, of Jefferson county, and died leaving a wife and one son, Donald. (8) Peter, born in Indiana county, died on the homestead in Perry township at the age of eighteen years. (9) Mary, born in Indiana county, became the wife of Philip Whitsell, and lived on a part of her father's farm until her death. (10) Caroline, born in Perry township, became the wife of Charles Williams, and died at their home near Clayville, Pa., leaving three sons, Henry, William and Clauson. (11) George, born in Jefferson county, in 1839, lives at Frostburg, Jefferson county. He married Martha Bowersox, and they have had four children: Laura, who first married John

Tucker (now deceased), of Punxsutawney; Ward; Etta, wife of Patrick Mann, of Punxsutawney; and Joseph. (12) Martha, the youngest child of Henry and Barbara Palmer, died in early life.

Isaac Palmer, son of Henry and Barbara Palmer, was born in 1813, in Burrell township, Indiana county, and removed to Jefferson county with his parents. He located upon a part of his father's farm, and followed farming and lumbering all his days. He died in the prime of life, in 1855, at the age of forty-two years, and was buried in the Hopewell cemetery. He was a member of the M. E. Church. His wife, Mary (Whitesell), of Armstrong county, Pa., daughter of Philip Whitesell, died in October, 1890, at the home of her son George, at Bigrun, Pa. She was a member of the M. E. Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Palmer: Sarah, who married James W. Wachob, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and lives at Bigrun (he was a lieutenant in the Civil war); Michael Henry; Philip, a blacksmith, who married a Miss Brown, of Jefferson county, and died at Bigrun, Pa. (he served ten months during the Civil war as a Union soldier, and afterward lived at Bigrun until his death); George, of Bigrun; Barbara Ellen; and Mary, who married George Fetterman, of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Michael Henry Palmer was only in his ninth year when his father died. He attended school in his home township and was engaged at farm work upon the homestead until he entered the army during the Civil war. In 1864 he enlisted in Company C, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving under Capt. W. C. Brown (who was later sheriff of Indiana county) and Col. Hugh J. Brady. He was in the army until the close of the war, and upon his return home went to learn the trade of blacksmith with his brother Philip, at Bigrun. He has followed blacksmithing ever since, having had shops in different places. In 1902 he came to his present location at Josephine, in Burrell township, Indiana county, and in the ten years and more of his residence there has built up a fine business and made a respected position for himself among his fellow citizens. Mr. Palmer possesses a genial personality and is well liked by all who come in contact with him. He is liberal in his views on religion, a firm believer in the golden rule, and a strong advocate of the doctrines of the Socialist party, whose principles he supports with unwaver-

ing faith; he is one of the leaders of the party in his township, and by his personal popularity is enabled to exert considerable influence in its behalf. Mr. Palmer is a member of the G. A. R. post at Hortons, this county.

Mr. Palmer married Josephine Stiver, of Clayville, Jefferson county, and they had one child, Marilla, who is now the wife of William H. Saltgiver, of Young township, Jefferson county. His second marriage was to Sarah Ellen Saltgiver, of Jefferson county, and nine children have been born to this union: Leonard J., who is a resident of Canton, Ohio; Nora M., wife of Elmer Brickel, of Hortons, Pa.; James, a blacksmith and farmer of Center township; Percy M., wife of J. K. Woodside, of Canton, Ohio; Joseph M., of Josephine; Hiram D., a miner, who lives at Josephine; Edith A., wife of Joseph H. Palmer; Jesse, a blacksmith, living at home; and Martha, who died when five years old.

JOSEPH G. BAUN, a veteran of the Civil war, who is engaged in farming operations on a tract of fifty acres in Canoe township, Indiana county, was born in Butler county, Pa., June 6, 1846, and is a son of Henry and Barbara (Strawhecker) Baun.

Henry Baun, the father, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and came to the United States when about twenty-one years of age, locating in Butler county, Pa., where he married Barbara Strawhecker, who had come to this country with her parents. They continued to reside in that county, conducting a still house, until 1853, at which time they removed to Canoe township, Indiana county, where Mr. Baun secured fifty acres of wild land, the property now occupied by his son Jacob M. Baun. The wilderness was cleared away by the vigorous hand of Mr. Baun, whose industry and good judgment enabled him to hew out a home from the surrounding timberland. Here he died at the age of seventy-six years, while his wife followed him to the grave when eighty years of age, both dying in the faith of the Evangelical Association. They had a family of eight children, as follows: Fred, who is deceased; Henry, living in Jefferson county; Christ, who is deceased; Joseph G.; David, residing on a farm in Canoe township; John, who lives near Marchand, Pa.; Jacob M., on the old homestead in Canoe township; and Caroline, who married George Smith, also of that township.

Joseph G. Baun, son of Henry Baun, received only a common school education, and

his opportunities were somewhat limited, as his services were needed on the home farm. He was there residing, assisting his father to clear the land, when the Civil war broke out, and in 1863 he enlisted in Company C, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Brown and Col. H. J. Brady. The regiment was sent to a point five miles from Richmond, Va., where Mr. Baun was engaged in building forts and breastworks, and continued to do general guard duty, faithfully performing all the tasks assigned to him until receiving his honorable discharge, in July, 1865.

Mr. Baun had an excellent record as a soldier, and in civil life he has maintained the same high standard. Returning to the home place, he took up farming again, and lived under the parental roof until his marriage, Sept. 12, 1867, to Barbara Piffer, of Canoe township, daughter of Michael and Eva (Friscome) Piffer, natives of Germany who came to the United States and located in Canoe township at an early date, Mr. Piffer following farming and his trade of stonemason throughout the remainder of his life. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Baun, namely: C. W., a farmer and stonemason of Canoe township, who married Annie Miller; Silas S., a carpenter of Punxsutawney, Pa., who married Julia Smith; Miles S., a miner of Juneau, Pa., who married Maude Dunmire; Harvey C., also a miner at that point, who married Della Piece; Harry T., proprietor of a livery at Rossiter, Pa., who married Bertha Work; Bert O., a miner of Canoe township, who married Nora Borts; Sadie, who married Harry Armstrong, of Canoe township; and Levina Nettie, who married George W. Hawk, of Canoe township.

Mr. Baun was possessed of only moderate means at the time of his marriage, and the succeeding years were spent in laborious toil, but he has been ever ably assisted by his faithful wife, who has cheerfully accepted and assumed her share of the duties incident to making a home. Endowed by nature with sound judgment and an accurate, discriminating mind, Mr. Baun has not feared that close attention to business so necessary to achieve success, and this essential quality has ever been guided by a sense of moral right which would not tolerate the employment of other than means that would bear the most rigid examination. For some years he went from place to place in Canoe township, but in 1869 purchased his present property, a tract of fifty acres, where he first erected a frame

house 16x18 feet, on a place that he had to clear first. Later this primitive home was torn down and a more modern structure erected, and in 1895 Mr. Baun built his substantial modern barn. He has put up other splendid buildings, made numerous improvements, and now has the greater part of his property cleared. During almost thirty years of this time, Mr. Baun also worked at the stonemason's trade in connection with his farming operations. He is a Democrat in his political views, and at times has been the incumbent of public office within the gift of his fellow citizens. He is a popular member of the Grand Army of the Republic Post at Richmond, Pa., and with his family attends the services of the Evangelical Association.

HARRY KENNING BOUCHER, superintendent of the Indiana Woolen Mills at Indiana, was born in that borough Jan. 24, 1870, son of Alexander and Margaret (Hartman) Boucher. The family is of French extraction.

Henry Boucher, great-grandfather of Harry K. Boucher, was born in Virginia May 15, 1780, and was a cabinetmaker, following an occupation in which many of the family have been engaged. In April, 1802, he married at Hanover, Pa., Elizabeth Wolfe, of that place, born Jan. 6, 1784, and they subsequently removed to Frankstown, Pa., on the Juniata, thence to Brushvalley in Indiana county. In 1815 they removed to Rayne township, Indiana county. Mrs. Boucher died here May 31, 1852, Mr. Boucher on Dec. 6, 1853. Their children were as follows: John, born Dec. 17, 1802; Henry, born Oct. 4, 1804; Elizabeth, born Feb. 6, 1807; Margaret, born March 9, 1809; David, born Aug. 21, 1811; Andrew, born Aug. 31, 1813; Eve, born March 4, 1816; Catherine, born May 19, 1818; Jacob, born July 12, 1820; William, born Oct. 4, 1822; and Susan, born Jan. 22, 1827.

Henry Boucher, son of Henry, born Oct. 4, 1804, at Frankstown, Pa., received his education in the common schools. He was reared to farm life, and also learned his father's trade, cabinetmaking, for which he had great aptitude, being able to make anything in wood, and under his father's skillful instruction became a fine workman. The father used to make the old-fashioned windmills. Henry Boucher (Jr.) lived in White township and later in the borough of Indiana, where he died Aug. 9, 1865. He married Catherine Dodson, of Bedford county, Pa., daughter of Joseph Dodson, and she survived him

a few years, dying Aug. 21, 1869. Their children were born as follows: Elizabeth, Nov. 16, 1834 (married Isaac Kenning, and died in 1870); George, April 30, 1836 (died in October, 1869; he served during the Civil war in Company E, 148th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry); Mary C., March 29, 1838 (died March 8, 1857); Alexander, mentioned below; Nancy J., March 29, 1844 (died in 1875); Joseph Taylor, Aug. 17, 1848 (a resident of Indiana borough); Sarah J., 1854 (died in 1857).

Alexander Boucher, son of Henry and Catherine (Dodson) Boucher, was born May 25, 1841, and died May 29, 1878, in Indiana borough. He followed various occupations, sawmilling, etc. His first wife, Margaret, died about 1872, aged about thirty or thirty-five years, leaving two children, Taylor H. (of Cookport, Indiana county, who married Emma Bash) and Harry Kenning. For his second wife Alexander Boucher married Mary Mangus, by whom he had one child, Jessie, Mrs. William Little, of Indiana county.

After the death of his mother Harry K. Boucher went to live with the family of Henry Miller, in White township, with whom he remained until he reached the age of twenty-seven. He was sent to the local public schools, and learned the trade of plasterer, which he followed for seven years. In 1897 Mr. Boucher began his connection with his present line of work, becoming foreman in the woolen mill of McElhoses & Findley, where he remained until the mill was burned, in August, 1900. Then he accepted a position as finisher in the establishment with which he is still connected. He was thus employed until 1908, when he became foreman, holding that position two years, until he assumed his present responsibilities. He is a stockholder in the concern, and is recognized as a valuable associate by all the members of the company. He is a man of upright character and sterling personal qualities, and is respected by all who know him. His political views are those of the Republican party.

On March 28, 1899, Mr. Boucher was married in Indiana borough to Clara Herron, of Indiana, daughter of Thomas and Mary Agnes (Carnahan) Herron. Mr. and Mrs. Boucher are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have one child, Agnes Meredith.

FELIX B. TRIMBLE has held a number of public offices of trust and responsibility in Montgomery township, Indiana county, and is one of the best known residents of that

section, where he has passed all his life. He was born in that township March 5, 1865, son of Thomas and Mary A. (Bostic) Trimble.

Thomas Trimble was for many years one of the foremost citizens of Montgomery township. He was born in 1818 in Westmoreland county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in 1850, buying a farm of 160 acres. In his early days he followed lumbering, but farming was his principal vocation, and he at one time owned seven hundred acres of land. He took an active part in politics, belonging to the Democratic party, and served on the election board and as judge of elections in Montgomery township, where he was also honored with election to various offices, serving acceptably as supervisor, assessor, school director and auditor. He married Mary A. Bostic, who was born in 1834 in Lancaster county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in 1850 with her parents. She survives her husband, still residing in Indiana county. Mr. Trimble died Dec. 16, 1896.

Felix B. Trimble remained on the farm with his father until he reached his majority, meantime receiving his education at the local public schools. For several years he worked at lumbering, but he has been a farmer practically all his life, and he bought his present home place of sixty acres in 1886, devoting the greater part of his time and attention to its cultivation. He is a successful agriculturist, and he has also found time to take part in public and church matters, having served his fellow citizens as school director, for three terms as township treasurer and for three years as supervisor. He has acted as inspector of elections, and has been very active in the interests of the Prohibition party, which he supports and aids in every possible way. He is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, and has served as superintendent of the Sunday school, being at present assistant superintendent, as well as class leader, steward and trustee of the church.

On March 27, 1888, Mr. Trimble married May Powell, of Montgomery township, daughter of A. D. Powell, a merchant. They have had seven children, Paul dying when fourteen months old. The others are: Cora, Nellie, Frank P., Porter S., Harry A. and Chester A., all at home.

CHARLES L. BENCE, proprietor of a general merchandise store at Dixonville, Pa., was born in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., Nov. 23, 1876, son of James and Rosina (Everwine) Bence.

Samuel Bence, the grandfather of Charles L. Bence, is a native of Pennsylvania, and was one of the early settlers of Rayne township, where he owned valuable property and was engaged in farming for many years. He is now retired and living with a sister, Mrs. Lightcap, of East Mahoning township. He has attained the remarkable age of ninety-two years.

James Bence, son of Samuel Bence, and father of Charles L. Bence, was born in Rayne township, and has spent his entire life there, being now actively engaged in farming and stock raising. His wife Rosina, whose parents were natives of Germany, is deceased. She was the mother of a large family, as follows: Elizabeth, who is deceased; one who died in infancy; David; Harry E., who is engaged in farming in East Mahoning township; Laura, the wife of F. B. Longwill, of Indiana; John L., a resident of Cherryhill township; Charles L.; Luther J., who is engaged in farming in Rayne township; Mamie, the wife of F. G. Haer, of Rayne township; Logan C., an employee of the Indiana Hardware Company, of Indiana, Pa.; and Genevieve, a trained nurse, residing in Pittsburg. By another marriage Mr. Bence had two children: Ivan, who is deceased, and Clarence D., who resides with his parents.

Charles L. Bence attended the district schools of Rayne township, and was reared to the vocation of a farmer, but early in life chose a mercantile career in preference to that of an agriculturist, and Aug. 28, 1908, engaged in the general merchandise business at Dixonville, in partnership with his brother, Logan C. Bence. The firm of Bence Brothers continued in business until April 1, 1912, at which time Charles L. Bence purchased his brother's interest, and since that time has conducted the business alone. He has a complete and well-selected stock of goods and enjoys a large and lucrative patronage, the people of his community appreciating his business-like methods and honorable dealing. He is interested in fraternal work and is a popular member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Clymer.

**JOHN HENRY BUTLER**, a merchant at Georgeville, East Mahoning township, this county, was born near Roxburg, Warren Co., N. J., Sept. 3, 1849, son of Holloway Butler. The Butler family was early established in New Jersey, and its representatives have been associated with much of the history of that State.

Robert Butler, grandfather of John Henry Butler, was a cooper, and followed his trade in Warren county, becoming a master at it. His death occurred in that county. He married Elizabeth (Betty) Worman.

Holloway Butler, a son of Robert Butler, was born in Warren county, N. J., where he learned the coopering trade with his father, and followed it for some time, but later became interested in fruit culture, raising fruits and vegetables for the market, and thus continued until his death, which occurred on the farm. He married Margaret Kimple, who was also born in Warren county, N. J., daughter of John and Mary Kimple, and a sister of Capt. William Kimple, a prominent merchant of Chambersville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Butler had children as follows: Mary Elizabeth, Thomas, John H., George, Barnett, Jane, William, Anna, Lena, Ida, Sarah and Oscar.

John Henry Butler was educated in the neighborhood schools, but had few advantages, for when he was only eleven years old he began to earn his own living, working among farmers. His first employment, which he secured in 1861, paid him \$1.75 per month and board. He continued at that rate for nine months, and then, in 1862, he worked eight months on a farm for \$3 per month and board. The balance of the year he worked for his board and attended school. In 1863 his eight months' work in season netted him \$4.50 per month and board, and in 1864 he commanded \$6.50 per month with his board for eight months, and for the remaining four months received his board and \$17. In 1865 he received \$12 per month for eight months, and in 1866 he had \$16 per month. In 1867 he went to Northampton county, and found work on a farm for Clark DePue at \$17 per month, continuing with him for three years. In 1870 he returned home and worked for Richard Hickson, receiving \$18 per month.

In 1871 Mr. Butler came to Indiana county, where his grandfather John Kimple and his uncle Capt. William Kimple were living. Settling in East Mahoning township with his grandfather, Mr. Butler worked for him during the winter of 1872-73, and then went to Butler county, where he obtained employment at bridge building, being thus engaged at Parkers Landing and Foxburg. Then he located on the farm of his father-in-law, George Aul, in East Mahoning township, and farmed it for nine years. In 1882 Mr. Butler entered upon his mercantile career as a general merchant at Georgeville, where for thirty-one years he has conducted a flourishing busi-

ness, being now the oldest established man in his line in that section. In addition to his store, for twenty-five years, Mr. Butler operated the "Union Hotel," which was a popular hostelry, but this he has discontinued. During Harrison's administration Mr. Butler was appointed postmaster at Georgeville. He is also interested in agricultural matters, and until 1909 operated his home-stand, but in that year turned the property over to his son George H., who is now conducting it very successfully. While he is a Republican, Mr. Butler is independent in some of his views. He has served as a school director one term, and collector of the school taxes for several terms. His interest in public schools has led him to take an active part in securing the establishment at Georgeville of the summer school and normal.

On March 24, 1873, Mr. Butler was married to Margerie Aul, a daughter of George Aul, and they have had the following children: George H., born May 11, 1874, married Zeld Hazelett; Margaret, born Dec. 31, 1875, died at the age of ten years; Rebecca, born Sept. 9, 1877, died at the age of eight years; Annie, born Sept. 10, 1879, married M. D. Cranford, of Smicksburg, Pa.; Frank, born Dec. 24, 1880, died in infancy; Alice, born Dec. 5, 1882, is at home; Ross, born March 7, 1884, died in childhood; Urbie Claire, born April 9, 1885, died from the effects of a gunshot wound while out hunting in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, Pa., July 29, 1902; Edward Gale, born March 26, 1886, is deceased; Bessie, born March 10, 1887, is deceased; Bertha, born March 26, 1888, married Floyd Steer, of DuBois, Pa.; Vesta, born July 25, 1889, was a school teacher, and is now the wife of Prof. Robert Emerick; Miles Putney, born July 20, 1892, is deceased.

Mr. Butler was a member of the Odd Fellows, and formerly belonged to the Jr. O. U. A. M. A man of action, he has known how to take advantage of opportunities as they offered, and has become one of the substantial business men of his county. During the long years when he worked for a mere pittance he learned valuable lessons of industry and thrift which have served him well in later life. While he endured hardships and had practically to educate himself, he was not willing to have his children suffer likewise, so gave them good advantages, and they have repaid his care and tenderness. The family are highly respected in this section, and their prosperity is deserved.

REUBEN HASTINGS (deceased), for many years a prosperous farmer of the Mahoning district, Indiana county, was born May 18, 1814, in what is now East Mahoning township, and died Aug. 14, 1875, on his farm in South Mahoning township.

The Hastings family is of English descent, and an old one in the Keystone State, and has produced some of the most substantial men and women Pennsylvania has ever known. John Hastings, the first of the name of whom we have record, died in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1774.

Thomas Hastings, son of John Hastings, died in Lancaster county, Pa., in 1777. His children were as follows: John, Lydia, Sarah, Job and Enoch.

John Hastings, son of Thomas Hastings, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and is supposed to have served in the Revolutionary war. He settled in Center county, Pa., residing near Bellville, where he died in 1797. He and his wife, Sarah, had the following family: Enoch, born in 1781, who married Eliza Sutor; Elizabeth, who married George Leech; Mary, who married Abel Moore; Thomas; Daniel; Madeline, who married John Moore; and John.

John Hastings, son of John Hastings, was born March 14, 1784, in Center county, Pa., and later settled in Indiana county, where he bought a farm in East Mahoning township, and spent the remainder of his life in general farming, dying there July 7, 1865. On Jan. 20, 1803, he married Margaretta Diven, and they had the following children: William W., born July 17, 1804, married Feb. 9, 1829, Margaret Johnson; Thirza, born Sept. 14, 1806, married John Van Horn on March 11, 1824; Joseph J., born March 9, 1808, married Mary Jane Kennedy on Feb. 23, 1837; and Sarah E., born Jan. 11, 1811, married Samuel Foster on April 14, 1834. After the death of his first wife John Hastings married (second), on Feb. 11, 1812, Isabella Cook, and they had these children: Mary Ann, born Dec. 21, 1813, married John Simpson on April 16, 1835, and they became the parents of Nathaniel Cook Simpson, of East Mahoning township; Reuben was born May 18, 1814; Isabella, born March 18, 1819, married D. Black on Sept. 12, 1836; John, twin of Isabella, died in 1872; Margaretta, born Feb. 21, 1821, married Thomas Rea on July 5, 1853; Agnes, born March 15, 1823, married John A. Work on April 26, 1849; Lucinda, born Feb. 11, 1825, died Aug. 21, 1827; Martha, born June 22, 1827, married Peter B.



Simpson on July 4, 1866; Robert A., who was born March 26, 1830, married Jane Keirs on Dec. 25, 1853; Lucinda (2) was born March 30, 1832; John Reed, born Feb. 5, 1836, married Mary Eliza Park on June 25, 1858. The father and mother are buried in Gilgal Church cemetery in East Mahoning township.

Reuben Hastings was educated in the public schools of his native township and worked for his father on the farm in East Mahoning township, the property now owned by the Lightcap family. He was a successful farmer, and carried on his agricultural pursuits principally on the 140-acre farm in East Mahoning township, which he eventually sold, moving to another farm he had bought, in South Mahoning township. There he remained until his death. He was a well-known man in his day, being energetic and progressive, held various township offices, such as constable, school director, etc., was a Republican in political association, and in religious connection a member of the United Presbyterian Church in South Mahoning township. On April 11, 1837, he married Margaret Black, who was born Sept. 12, 1809, daughter of James and Jane Black, and granddaughter of James Black, who lived near Fort Duquesne and was killed there by the Indians. Mrs. Hastings died in 1885, in South Mahoning township. Children as follows were born to this union: James B., who married Rebecca Jane Brown (they are mentioned elsewhere in this work); Lucinda, who was the wife of Silas W. Brady, of Indiana; Jane, who married Allen Hamilton, of South Mahoning township; and Evaline, the only survivor of the family, who is the widow of David C. Leasure.

Evaline Hastings was born June 22, 1846, in East Mahoning township, and was educated principally in the public schools there. She spent one term under the tuition of Mr. Wolf, at Marion Center. She remained at home until her marriage, in 1867, to David C. Leasure, and a month later they settled in Canoe township, where Mrs. Leasure still resides.

DAVID C. LEASURE was born Feb. 27, 1837, in Canoe township, son of Solomon and Mary (Kirkpatrick) Leasure. His great-grandfather, John Leasure, the founder of the family in western Pennsylvania, was an early settler in Westmoreland county, and located in the Sewickley settlement.

John Leasure, son of John the pioneer, was born in the Sewickley settlement, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and in young manhood moved to Armstrong township, Indiana county,

where he was engaged in farming for several years. In 1809 he came to what is now East Mahoning township, locating on a tract of land which he later owned with Samuel T. Brady. The warrant for this tract was issued Jan. 15, 1802, and the patent dated Jan. 17, 1802, covering a tract of 369 acres, and both papers were made out in the name of John Leasure. Mr. Leasure was a noted hunter of his day, and from the proceeds obtained from wolves' pelts he paid for several valuable farms. He was also one of the scouts sent to guard the homes of the pioneer settlers along Crooked creek, in what is now western Indiana and eastern Armstrong counties. He died in 1844, at the age of eighty-two years. John Leasure was married in 1796 to Jane Culbertson, who died in 1837, at the age of sixty-five years, and both are buried in Gilgal cemetery. Their children were as follows: Catherine, who married Nathaniel Simpson; Solomon, who married Mary Kirkpatrick; John, who married Mary Kinter; Jane, who married Solomon Hall; Rebecca, who married James Work; Mary, who became the wife of Robert Thompson; Elizabeth, who married Samuel T. Brady; Abraham J.; George and Culbertson, twins; Sarah, who married William Mahon; and Margaret, who married Andrew Shields.

David C. Leasure was educated in the public schools of Canoe township and was engaged all his life in farming and lumbering in that region, being a very successful business man. He was a youth of eighteen when his father died, and from that time carried on lumbering operations on his own account, cutting all the timber on the 140-acre farm he had in Canoe township, and hiring help for the agricultural work. He bought up coal lands and sold them, became a member of the firm which owned the Enterprise sawmills, at Enterprise, and a few years before his death acquired the sole ownership. He was a prominent man in the locality, though he did not care for public honors and never held office. In political sentiment he was a Republican. Mr. Leasure died Aug. 14, 1908, aged seventy years, and was buried at Gilgal cemetery in East Mahoning township. He held membership in the Rocksbridge Presbyterian Church, in Canoe township. To Mr. and Mrs. Leasure were born two children: Luella M., now the wife of Harry Oberlin; and Quinn R., who died when six years old.

WILLIAM M. WILLIAMS, late of Grismore, Indiana county, belonged to a family

which came to this part of the county in the early half of the last century and has ever since been counted among its substantial and creditable citizens. Born Dec. 22, 1837, in Madison county, N. Y., he was a son of William R. and Elizabeth (Morris) Williams, and a grandson of Richard W. Williams. The family is of Welsh origin.

Richard W. Williams was born in 1796 on the island of Anglesea, Wales, and came to the United States in 1832, first settling in Madison county, N. Y. He then moved to Pittsburg, Pa., living in Allegheny county for six years, and thence, in 1845, came to Indiana county, settling in Green township, on the place where his grandson William M. Williams lived and died. There he remained until his death in 1876, in his eighty-first year. He was one of the men interested in the establishment of a Welsh Church and Sunday school in the vicinity. By his first wife, Jane (Davis), he had a family of seven children, all born in Wales, and all of whom came to this country, viz.: William R., Owen D., Benjamin and Catherine, Rowland, John and Richard. For his second wife he married Sarah James, of Pittsburg, a native of Wales, who died in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa. There were no children by the second marriage.

William R. Williams, son of Richard W. and Jane (Davis) Williams, was born in Wales, and was quite young when brought to this country. He came with his father to Indiana county, and continued to live here until his death, which occurred Jan. 16, 1905. His wife, Elizabeth (Morris), also a native of Wales, was but a child when she came to America with her parents, Robert and Mary Morris. Robert Morris was a native of North Wales. Upon his arrival in this country he first settled in Madison county, N. Y., later, in 1840, settling in Indiana county, Pa., where he made his home in Green township, conducting a sawmill for some time and subsequently devoting himself to farming, which he carried on the rest of his life. His family consisted of seven children. Mrs. Elizabeth (Morris) Williams died March 19, 1903. She was the mother of nine children, the eldest dying in infancy; William M. is mentioned below; Robert is deceased (he was in the Union service throughout the Civil war, serving in Company A, 67th P. V. I., and was confined in Libby prison and at Andersonville); Jane became the wife of Thomas Walter, of Venango county, Pa., and both are deceased; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Henry Kelly,

of Pineflats, this county, who survives; Richard is deceased; Elizabeth married Hugh Williams.

William M. Williams was a boy when the family came to Indiana county in 1845, and he received a public school education in Green township. From an early age he assisted with the farm work and lumbering, and during several years of his young manhood conducted a water mill in this county which he bought from his grandfather. Later he bought a steam mill with which he was connected for over forty years, and which was conducted by William M. Williams & Sons. Meantime he had also become interested in farming, which he continued until 1903, then locating at Grisemore, where his death occurred Jan. 28, 1913. He enjoyed the evening of his well-spent life. Though never a seeker after public honors or office Mr. Williams was willing to do his duty as a citizen, and he was long a member of the school board of Pine township, serving several years as president of that body.

On Dec. 31, 1861, Mr. Williams was married in Pittsburg to Sarah Jones, who was born in that city Aug. 3, 1841, daughter of John D. and Jane (Jones) Jones. Her father was a native of South Wales, and after coming to America lived in Pittsburg until his removal to Indiana county, where he bought land and engaged in farming until his death. He had a family of eight children, of whom Sarah (Mrs. Williams) and Jane (wife of David Oldham, of Beaver City, Pa.) are now the only survivors.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams: Elizabeth, wife of Arthur Jones, of Barnesboro, Pa., has one child, Ethel; John J., who lives in this county, married Elizabeth Martin, daughter of John D. Martin, of Indiana county, and they have four children, John M., William Hay, Sarah J. and George M.; Mollie is the wife of G. M. Joiner, of Grisemore; Richard, who lives in Green township, married Mary Florence Bennett, and they have two children, Emma Mae and Mary Wilda; Jane, William W. and Margaret are at home; Emma Marian died in infancy. Mr. Williams was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Nebo, to which his widow also belongs, and he helped to build the present edifice; he served as elder for about twenty years, until his death.

CHARLES E. HILEMAN belongs to a family of German extraction which has been

settled in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, since the days of his grandparents.

George Hileman, his father, was a native of Blair county, Pa., born near Hollidaysburg March 17, 1829. There he grew to manhood, and he was a young man when the family moved to Indiana county, locating in Brushvalley township. Here he continued to farm with his father for two years, until he married and settled down to farming for himself, near Mechanicsburg, where he has ever since lived. By hard work and the strictest attention to his affairs he succeeded, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of his section. He is now living retired on the farm, which his son Charles E. operates, and though over eighty has all his faculties except his hearing and enjoys excellent health. He has been a public-spirited citizen, serving on the township school board for over twenty-five years, and there is no more respected citizen in Brushvalley. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Hileman married Catharine Stewart, of Brushvalley township, who is still active for her years, and they had seven children, namely: Alice married Taylor Keller; Mary T. married Hermon Ickes; Priscilla is deceased; Clara B. married Benjamin F. Evans, of Brushvalley township; Charles E. is mentioned below; Benjamin D. married Lizzie Conrad; Margaret E. married C. H. Getty.

Charles E. Hileman was born Dec. 8, 1862, in Brushvalley township, and there received a public school education. He worked on the farm with his father from early boyhood and has made farming his life occupation. He not only operates the homestead farm, but also other tracts of land in the township, being one of the largest land holders in Brushvalley and one of the most successful farmers there. Industry and intelligent management have been the causes which brought about his success, and he has the esteem and good will of all who know him. He takes particular pride in bringing his land to its highest efficiency, and has used 35,000 bushels of lime alone in improving his various properties. He has a fine orchard, which he planted himself, and there are many other evidences of his progressive and enterprising disposition to be seen on his property. Mr. Hileman is a Republican, has been quite active in local political affairs, and has served acceptably as tax collector of the township.

On Jan. 25, 1888, Mr. Hileman married Emma A. Conrad, who was born in Buffington township, this county, daughter of William

Conrad, and died March 25, 1889. On May 19, 1890, he married (second) Lizzie B. Mabon, and they have had two children: George Mabon, born July 17, 1891, and Mabel, born in November, 1895, who is at home. The son met with a painful accident, being thrown from a horse while riding it, driving cattle, and died from his injuries the following day, July 5, 1900. The family are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

THOMAS PATTERSON STEPHENS, retired farmer, contractor, hotel-keeper and merchant, now residing at No. 602 Railroad avenue, Indiana, Pa., was born on a farm in Green township, Indiana county, May 16, 1845, and is a son of John M. and Letitia (Lytle) Stephens.

William Stephens, the grandfather of Thomas Patterson Stephens, was a resident of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, and there spent his entire life engaged in filling the soil. He married a Miss Weston, and they had the following children: Thomas W., a Methodist minister; Giles; Abraham; John M.; Abraham; Tipton, and Rachel, who married John Engle.

John M. Stephens, son of William, and father of Thomas Patterson Stephens, was born in Cherryhill township, and there followed farming throughout his life, dying in 1846, when he had not yet reached middle life. His widow followed him to the grave in 1850, and Thomas P. is the only survivor of their children.

Left an orphan at the age of five years, Thomas P. Stephens became a bound boy, and had the misfortune to have a very cruel master. He was shamefully mistreated and it was with little regret that he was thrown on his own resources when his master died, he being at that time thirteen years of age. Consequently he set about making his own way in the world, working on farms during the summer months, and in the woods in winters, and also rafting on the Susquehanna river. When he had reached the age of seventeen years he was a strong, husky lad, and was readily accepted by the recruiting officer when, in August, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Union army. He became a member of Company I, 67th Regiment Pa. Vol. Inf., under Col. John F. Staunton, of Philadelphia, and served with that regiment until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge at Washington, D. C., June 20, 1865. During his service Mr. Stephens had many thrilling experiences and his full share of the hardships

incident to army life, participating in many bloody engagements and becoming fully cognizant of the horrors of Southern prisons. He was at the battle of Winchester under Milroy, and was there captured and sent to Libby prison, and subsequently to the horrible Belle Isle. He was confined at Libby thirty-one days, and his treatment was such that he lost sixty-one pounds. On being paroled from Belle Isle he was sent to Annapolis, Md., whence he walked to his Indiana county home, and after three weeks spent there rejoined his regiment at Culpeper, Va., in September, 1863. He was then under General Meade, participating in every battle from Culpeper, Va., to Cold Harbor, and while his regiment was home on a furlough Mr. Stephens and about 175 comrades who could not reenlist if they were given a furlough (being obliged to be out two years before being allowed to reenlist) were formed into a company and attached to the 148th Pa. Vol. Inf., until the regiment's furlough expired. He then fought in the campaign of the Wilderness and participated in such hard-fought battles as Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor, at the latter place being detached as a sharpshooter, being so engaged in the battles which followed in the Shenandoah campaign, under Sheridan. The battles in which he took part included Winchester (two engagements), Culpeper, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Bermuda Hundred, Petersburg (three battles) Monocacy (Md.), Charlestown, Snicker's Gap, Flint Hill, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek and Sailors Creek, all in Virginia except Monocacy. Returning to Indiana after his brave and faithful service, Mr. Stephens attended school during two summers to S. M. Davis, at Pineflats, and so readily did he learn that he qualified for teacher, and during the next fourteen years was engaged in teaching in Indiana and Blair counties. In the meantime he took up other occupations, engaging in lumbering and contracting in timber, and making a decided success of all his ventures.

Mr. Stephens was married in February, 1870, to Kate McFarland, daughter of James McFarland; her mother's maiden name was McMullen. Mrs. Stephens died at Pineflats in August, 1886, the mother of the following children: Nellie, the wife of E. H. Phillips, of Vandergrift; Frank, of Vandergrift, who married Dora Cameron; Arthur, who married Gertrude Lutman; and Fannie (twin of Arthur), deceased. Mr. Stephens was married (second) in June, 1887, to Isabelle

George, of Indiana, who was born in Armstrong county, Pa., April 13, 1853, and was reared in Armstrong township, Indiana county. She was the daughter of Samuel and Isabella (McMillan) George, Mr. George, who was a stonemason, being deceased, while his widow still survives at the age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. Stephens had one brother, Daniel A., who was in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, was wounded in battle and subsequently died, being buried at Beverly, Va. The only child born to the second union of Mr. Stephens died in infancy.

Mr. Stephens moved to Indiana borough in 1900, and has since maintained his home there. A progressive Republican in his political views, while a resident of Green township he served capably as county commissioner. He is a faithful member and elder of the Christian Church, and also holds membership in the Missionary Society, while his wife belongs to the United Presbyterian denomination. He is a popular comrade of G. A. R. Post No. 28, of Indiana.

WESLEY B. COLEMAN, who has been a lifelong resident of West Mahoning township, is now engaged in extensive farming and stock raising operations on the old Coleman homestead, where he was born March 10, 1858, son of Nathaniel Calendar and Lavina (Travis) Coleman.

Rev. Elijah Coleman, grandfather of Wesley B. Coleman, and the founder of the family in Indiana county, was born Nov. 15, 1774, in the State of Maryland, and as a young man came to West Mahoning township, where he settled on a tract of 300 acres, the remainder of his life being devoted to its clearing and cultivation. A faithful worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, he became presiding elder, being made a minister in 1825, and elder in 1830, and for a number of years worked tirelessly in the service of the Master, riding horseback through Indiana, Armstrong, Clarion and Jefferson counties. Rev. Mr. Coleman belonged to that set of sturdy, courageous and conscientious men whose lives and activities were directed along the lines laid down by personal probity, and without whose services Christianity could not have been spread. On Sept. 21, 1800, he was married to Elizabeth Weston, and they were the parents of the following children: Mary Ann, born April 10, 1811, who married David Thompson and lived in Armstrong county; Martha, born July 5, 1812, who married Andrew Rankin, and lived in South Mahoning township; John

T., born Jan. 18, 1815; Henry, born March 18, 1817, who lived in West Mahoning township (his wife's name was Charlotte); Susanna, born March 27, 1819, who married John Lias, living near Dayton, Pa.; Emily, born Aug. 11, 1821, who married John Travis, a merchant of Armstrong, Pa.; Dennis B., born March 8, 1824, who lived in Blairsville, Pa.; Wesley, born June 25, 1826, who married Martha Haskell, and lives in West Mahoning township; Nathaniel Calendar; and Elizabeth, born April 2, 1831, who married Joseph Allen, of Armstrong county.

Nathaniel Calendar Coleman, son of Rev. Elijah Coleman, and father of Wesley B. Coleman, was born Feb. 24, 1829, in West Mahoning township, and received the educational advantages granted to the youths of his day and locality in the public schools. Essentially a farmer, he found time to serve his community in various offices of public trust and responsibility, among the offices he held being those of justice of the peace, school director and overseer of the poor. He always voted the Republican ticket, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the faith of which he died Dec. 18, 1904. On May 18, 1851, he was married to Lavina Travis, who was born March 20, 1835, and died July 20, 18—, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: (1) Horace B., born Oct. 5, 1852, was for a time a school teacher in Indiana county, while living on the old home place. Subsequently he moved to Kansas, where he still resides, and where he was married in 1870 to Agnes Lowman, by whom he has had two children, Clarence and Lizzie, the latter deceased. (2) Alfred K., born Dec. 1, 1854, a former merchant of Blairsville, Pa., now deceased, married Jemima Lias and had two children, Harry and Dorothea. (3) Wesley B. (4) Ida V., born Oct. 10, 1859, married James A. Gahigan, of Gibbon Glade, and has four children, Mabel, Clarence, Coffee and Jay. (5) Emma E., born July 18, 1864, married Clark Spankle, of North Mahoning township. (6) Lillah F., born May 13, 1868, married Harry Harmon, and died in 1903, leaving two children, Floyd and John.

Wesley B. Coleman, son of Nathaniel C. Coleman, received only the advantages of a common school education. He has always lived on the home place, and now owns 138 acres of land, of which 100 are in a state of high cultivation. His versatile talents and energetic nature, however, have not allowed him to be content with farming life as his sole oc-

cupation, for from 1892 to 1902 he was in the sawmill and lumber business in Indiana and Jefferson counties, and for six years he conducted a mercantile business in Millstone, Elk county. The greater part of his attention has been given to his home property, which he has developed into one of the finest of its size in the township. In 1908 he erected a modern twelve-room, two and a half story residence, which is equipped with all modern conveniences, including gaslight and hot water, and in 1912 he erected a modern barn to replace the one he had built in 1908. He has specialized in raising draft horses, graded Jersey and Holstein cattle and Poland-China and Chester White hogs, and "Hillside Dairy Farm," as his place is widely known, turns out stock that brings top-notch prices in the markets. It is located near Goodville station, its convenient situation being but another evidence of the shrewdness and foresight of its owner, characteristics which have been responsible for his success.

On Sept. 2, 1880, Mr. Coleman was married to Maggie B. Glenn, who was born Sept. 26, 1849, at Phoenix, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of William and Mary Jane (Thompson) Glenn. Mr. Glenn was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1824, was a carpenter by trade, and fought bravely during the Civil war as a private in the 148th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He passed away in 1863, and his wife, who was born in 1829, died in 1910. He was buried at Alexandria, Va., she at Phoenix, Pa. They were the parents of nine children, of whom six are now living: T. G., a resident of Forest county, Pa.; Flora A., who married A. P. Simmons, of Jamestown, N. Y.; Myra G., who married Rev. W. E. Frampton, of Forest county; Maggie B., who married Mr. W. B. Coleman; G. L., who is engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Punxsutawney, Pa.; and Elmer, a well-known sawmill man and lumber dealer of Phoenix, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman have had the following children: Ora May, born July 22, 1882, died March 21, 1883; Ruth Vernon, born Sept. 2, 1883, married John W. Aiken, a farmer on the old Coleman homestead, and has five children, Essie, Ella, Martha, Anna Belle and John C. A.; Clinton C., born Oct. 7, 1885, is employed at the steel mills in Vandergrift, Pa.; Nellie F., born Aug. 28, 1887, married Ross Martin, of Echo, Armstrong county; Leslie B., born March 20, 1891, who is assisting his father in the work of the old farm, married May 22, 1912, Olive Allshouse.

Mr. Coleman has ever been a friend of education, and has given his children advantages along this line, all having pursued their studies in the home schools and at Brookville, Pa. Like his father he is a stalwart Republican, and his abilities have been given substantial recognition by his fellow townsmen in his election to the office of supervisor, to the discharge of the duties of which he has devoted conscientious energies during the past seven years. He is known as one of the wheelhorses of his party in his part of Indiana county, having served as county committeeman. Fraternally Mr. Coleman is connected with the Odd Fellows, and has many friends in Smicksburg Lodge, No. 891. He takes an active part in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Smicksburg, and for some years has served faithfully as steward and trustee.

JACOB BOSTIC, late of Montgomery township, Indiana county, was a prosperous farmer there during his active years and for a number of years a popular official, having held various public positions. He was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., born June 21, 1830, son of Felix Bostic, with whom he came to Indiana county when twenty-two years old. Buying a farm of 100 acres in Montgomery township, near Hillsdale, he continued to engage in farming the remainder of his life. He had been reared to that calling, and was a miller by trade. At one time he owned 180 acres. He was honored with election to various local offices, serving as assessor, tax collector and school director. He died Dec. 24, 1892, at the age of sixty-two years, six months, three days.

Mr. Bostic married Charlotte Notley, who was born in Montgomery township, Indiana county, daughter of John Notley, a farmer, who was a native of Ireland; he and his wife, Elizabeth (Flanigan), both died in Indiana county and are buried in the old Thompson cemetery at Cherrytree, Pa. Mr. Notley was a stonemason in his native country, and after coming to the United States was employed on the canal for a time. Mrs. Bostic died Sept. 20, 1911, aged seventy-five years. They had ten children, two sons and eight daughters, all of whom are living: Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Murphy; Nancy, wife of Luther Lewis; Sevina, wife of James Getty; Frank, married to Carry Saltgiver; Emma, wife of Howard Wilson; Mary, wife of Orren Wripp; Charlotte, wife of John Malcolm; Minnie, unmarried; Edward K. and Gertrude, wife of

Elmer Langdon, there having been forty-two grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, all yet living.

EDWARD K. BOSTIC, son of Jacob and Charlotte (Notley) Bostic, was born April 29, 1876, on the old homestead farm in Montgomery township, and received his education in the locality, attending the Cooper and Irwin schools. For some time he was employed in iron mills, and later on the railroad, in 1902 returning to the homestead, where he has since continued to reside. He farms fifty-two acres, and is an intelligent, up-to-date worker, supporting all movements which promise to advance agricultural interests and the condition of farmers generally. He is a leading member of Schryhoek Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, which was organized in his barn in 1906, and has been one of the active workers in that body. In politics he is a Republican, and active in the interests of his party, though he does not aspire to public office for himself; he has, however, served as school director. His church membership is with the United Evangelical denomination, and he is an active worker in the congregation to which he belongs, being steward, class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Sept. 10, 1902, Mr. Bostic married Pearl Findley, daughter of Edward and Sarah (Murdock) Findley, and they have four children: Sarah Isabella, Ruth, Emma Pauline, and Edward Findley, the last named born June 30, 1912.

JACOB KANARR, retired farmer, has made his home in Indiana since the spring of 1905. He was a prosperous agriculturist throughout his active years. Mr. Kanarr was born March 31, 1843, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., son of John and Magdalene (Bender) Kanarr. He received his education in the common schools, and was familiar with farm work from early boyhood.

In 1853 the family left Westmoreland county, settling in Montgomery township, Indiana county, where Jacob Kanarr grew to manhood. In 1864 he was drafted for service in the Union army, being assigned to Company B, 101st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge May 6, 1865. Returning home, he resumed farm work. Within a few years he located on a place of his own in Grant township, this county, which he bought from his father—a tract of seventy-four acres where he resided for some time.

Later he bought his father-in-law's place of 180 acres in the same township, which he sold three years afterward, buying a farm of 127 acres in Rayne township upon which he remained until the spring of 1905, when he retired. He sold this property to a coal company, the land being underlaid with valuable coal deposits. Mr. Kanarr has since made his home in the borough of Indiana, living at No. 229 Philadelphia street. Mr. Kanarr has devoted most of his time to his private affairs, but he is a public-spirited citizen and his support can be relied upon in movements affecting the welfare of the community. In politics he is an independent Republican. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

In 1869 Mr. Kanarr was married to Martha Jane King, of Indiana county, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Caldwell) King, and they have become the parents of eight children, namely: Simon T., who lives in Indiana county; Eliza Clara, Mrs. John P. Lydick, of Indiana county; Nancy C., Mrs. Clem. Henry, of Indiana; Hester J., who is unmarried; Mary M., unmarried; Ira Guy; Mortimer; and Carrie, Mrs. Robert T. Helman, who lives on the home farm in Rayne township.

ANDREW C. FERRIER, head of the firm of A. C. Ferrier & Son, of Indiana, proprietors of the Point Store, is a descendant of an old settled family of Indiana county, his great-grandparents having settled here many years ago. Andrew Ferrier, his great-grandfather, was a native of Scotland. Coming to America, he located in the Kishacoquillas valley in Pennsylvania in 1777 and later came to Indiana county. He was a farmer by occupation.

John Ferrier, son of Andrew, was six years old when brought to Brushvalley township, Indiana county, where he grew to manhood. There he married Mary Worton, after whose death he removed to Virginia, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in that State. He was a local preacher in the M. E. Church, and used to hold services at the different homes in his neighborhood. His children were as follows: Samuel, born 1814; Thomas, born 1821; Amos W., born Jan. 9, 1829; and two daughters who died shortly after marriage.

Amos W. Ferrier, son of John, and father of Andrew C. Ferrier, was born Jan. 9, 1829, on the old homestead near the Evans Round Top, in Brushvalley township, and learned the trades of wheelwright and carpenter. He

began work early, in his boyhood following the towpath. Farming was his principal work in life, however. After his marriage he located on a farm of sixty-nine acres in Cherryhill township, and by exchange he owned several farms. In 1859 he moved to a farm in Green township upon which he spent the remainder of his long life—a period of about fifty years, his death occurring there Jan. 5, 1909. He was married to Mary Brown, who died Nov. 27, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier are interred in the Manor graveyard in Cherryhill township, this cemetery being located on her father's farm. They were the parents of nine children, four of whom are deceased, namely: David, who died when twelve years old; Susanna, who died aged six; Theodosia, who died aged four; and Mary Amanda, Mrs. Simon Mock, who died in 1894 in White township, when thirty-five years old. The survivors are: Amos S., now a retired farmer, of Windber, Somerset Co., Pa.; Andrew C.; Robert L., of Leard, Green township, this county; Margaret Catherine, Mrs. Judson Muma; and Minerva, unmarried, a trained nurse, who lives at Pasadena, Cal. Mr. Ferrier served his country as a soldier in the Mexican war.

Andrew C. Ferrier was born Sept. 27, 1861, on the old Ferrier homestead in Green township, this county, and there attended the common schools. He acted for some time as a substitute teacher in the home school and afterward taught two terms in Clearfield township, Cambria county. During the summertime he worked in the woods in Cambria, Clearfield and Indiana counties. Leaving home when twenty-four, he commenced to work in 1887 as a driller, following that occupation in different oil fields until 1892. He then went to Kansas for a time, returning to Pennsylvania. After his marriage he located on Seventh street, in the borough of Indiana, and for the next six years was engaged in the draying business, after which he served the borough one year as street commissioner. His next business venture was in the general contracting line, which he continued to follow successfully for a period of eight years, since which time he has been engaged in the general mercantile business in Indiana. He located at his present store, Seventh and Wayne streets, in September, 1910. The firm of A. C. Ferrier & Son, formed March 1, 1911, carries groceries and deals in country produce, and the establishment is well known in the borough of Indiana and vicinity, its patrons being drawn from a wide territory. Mr. Fer-

rier is a highly respected citizen, having served three terms in the borough council from the Second ward, and he is a prominent worker in the local ranks of the Republican party. In religious connection he is identified with the Zion Lutheran Church, of which he is a devout member, and he is one of the teachers in the Sunday school.

On April 12, 1894, Mr. Ferrier was married to Sadie Shearer, daughter of Samuel and Mary Shearer, of White township, Indiana county. They have two children, Mary Lila and Charles Andrew.

**SAMUEL B. LEASURE**, register and assessor of Green township, Indiana county, and one of the substantial farmer citizens of that section, was born at the place where he still resides. The farm has been in the family since 1850. His grandfather, John Leasure, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a very early settler in Indiana county, living in South Mahoning township. He farmed all his life.

Peter Leasure, father of Samuel B. Leasure, was born in South Mahoning township, and in 1850, when a young man, came to Green township, making his home on the farm now occupied by his son Samuel. After giving up active work he moved into the borough of Indiana in the fall of 1894, and there lived retired until his death, which occurred in 1904, when he was aged eighty years. He married Margaret Ann Miller, who was also born in Indiana county, and who survives him, living with her eldest son, J. C. Leasure; she is now (1912) eighty-eight years old. Her father, Samuel Miller, settled in Indiana county in his early life. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Leasure: J. C., ex-treasurer of Indiana county; Samuel B.; Samantha, wife of Frank Oatman; Miranda, deceased, and Ida, deceased.

Samuel B. Leasure was born Feb. 28, 1853, and was educated in the public schools of his native township. He has always farmed, and in addition to his agricultural work has engaged in lumbering and milling. He carries on general farming, and keeps his land in excellent condition, making the most of its advantages. Though he gives his personal affairs all necessary attention, he has found time to take part in the management of local public matters, has given capable service in the offices of assessor, supervisor and school director, and is at present register and assessor of the township.

On Oct. 26, 1876, Mr. Leasure married

Amanda Cameron, like himself a native of Green township, daughter of Daniel and Drusilla Cameron, farming people, who settled early in Indiana county. By this union there were three children, of whom Vernie and Ernest are deceased. The only survivor is Zella, the eldest, who graduated from the Indiana State normal school and taught for one term. She is now the wife of C. R. McAdoo and has children, Margaret, Robert, Paul, Meredith and Hilda. Mr. and Mrs. McAdoo are living with her father. Mrs. Amanda (Cameron) Leasure died in August, 1881. In 1884 Mr. Leasure married (second) Jennie Wynkoop, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of John and Lucinda (Van Leer) Wynkoop, the former of whom came to Indiana county many years ago and settled in Green township, where he followed farming. Mr. and Mrs. Leasure have had one child, Grace, who lives at home; she graduated from the Indiana State normal school and has taught four terms. Mr. and Mrs. Leasure are members of the Presbyterian Church.

**JOHN S. LONGWILL**, retired farmer and merchant and veteran of the Civil war, residing at Dixonville, Indiana county, was born in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Jan. 24, 1831, son of Thomas and Sarah (Beamer) Longwill.

Matthew Longwill, the paternal grandfather of John S. Longwill, was a resident of Clarion county, Pa., for many years, followed farming during the greater part of his life, and died at the remarkable age of one hundred.

Thomas Longwill, son of Matthew Longwill and father of John S. Longwill, was born in Mifflin county, Pa., whence he came to Indiana county in 1835 and first settled in Blairsville, where he conducted a cooper shop until 1846. In that year he removed to a farm east of Blairsville, and five years later went to Conemaugh township, where he spent a like period, then coming to Green township. Eventually he located in Dixonville, where his death occurred. He married Sarah Beamer, the daughter of Samuel Beamer, of eastern Pennsylvania, and they had six children, namely: Elizabeth J. and Christian B., who are deceased; John S.; Rachel S., widow of Rev. Mathias Shirley, residing at Utica, Venango Co., Pa., and Sarah E. and Cordelia A., deceased.

John S. Longwill was given good educational advantages in the schools of Blairsville, and when a young man adopted the profes-



sion of educator, teaching school for three terms in Young township, and subsequently following the same profession in Conemaugh, Rayne and Green townships. He later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, but in 1871 opened a mercantile establishment at the present site of Dixonville, which he conducted for four years. He then returned to his farm in Green township, and until his retirement a few years ago was engaged in tilling the soil. In March, 1865, he enlisted in Company F, 74th Regiment, P. V. I., under Captain McClain, of Indiana, Pa., and continued to serve with that company until August, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge.

On Oct. 16, 1855, Mr. Longwill was married in Conemaugh township to Sarah R. Henderson, who was born in that township Sept. 4, 1832, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Graham) Henderson, natives of Ireland who came to the United States as young people and settled in Indiana county. Mr. Henderson, who followed farming throughout his active career, died at Saltsburg, and his wife passed away in Conemaugh township. They had the following children: Eliza, Mary Ann, Jane, Isabelle, Joseph, Margaret, Lu-einda and Sarah. To Mr. and Mrs. Longwill have been born eight sons and one daughter, as follows: Harmon H., Joseph A. and John A., all living in Indiana, Pa.; Robert, who is deceased; Abraham L., living in Heilwood; Frank, a resident of Indiana, Pa.; Harry W., who is engaged in the milling business at Dixonville; Nicholas B., a resident of South Sharon, Pa.; and Anna B., wife of Enos Widdowson, residing at Niagara Falls, New York.

Mr. Longwill and his wife and children are members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. A Republican in his political views, he has been called upon to serve his community in public office, having been assessor and school director for several terms, and also the second postmaster of Dixonville.

JOSEPH SHAFFER, pioneer, Civil war veteran and able agriculturist of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born March 23, 1832, in Huntingdon county, Pa., and is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Fetterhoff) Shaffer.

The great-grandfather of Joseph Shaffer was a native of Saxony, Germany, and came to the United States in 1755, settling in Berks county, Pa., whence he and two of his sons enlisted for service in the Colonial army dur-

ing the war of the Revolution. He spent the rest of his life in farming and died at an advanced age in Berks county.

John Shaffer, son of the founder of the family, and grandfather of Joseph Shaffer, was born in Berks county, Pa., and in 1803 went to Huntingdon county, where he secured a large tract of land, on which he and his wife, Eva (Thomas), died. Their children were five in number, as follows: Jacob is mentioned below; John and Adam died in Huntingdon county; Peter spent his entire life on the old Shaffer homestead; William lived near Williamsburg.

Jacob Shaffer, son of John, and father of Joseph Shaffer, was born in Berks county, and was about seven years of age when taken to Huntingdon county in 1803. There he was reared to manhood, the greater part of his education being secured in the school of hard work. He was engaged in farming, and also conducted a freighting business, carrying goods to Pittsburg. In 1838 he brought his family to Indiana county, coming through with a wagon and four-horse team, and located on the land which Joseph Shaffer now operates, here purchasing 233 acres for \$1,700. On this property were located a log cabin and barn, and about one hundred acres was cleared, and here he continued to work until his death, which occurred in 1882, when he was eighty-seven years of age, his wife surviving him two years and being eighty-nine years old at the time of her demise. For ten years Mr. Shaffer was a justice of the peace, and also held various other offices, to which he was elected on the Whig and Republican tickets. With his wife he was an active member of the Lutheran Church, and both were well known and highly respected. They had a family of nine children, as follows: Eva married Charles Wilhelm, and both are deceased; Michael, deceased, who married Martha Thomas, lived in West Mahoning township; John, deceased, who married Mary Ann Means, lived in North Mahoning township; George died unmarried in 1852; Elizabeth, deceased, married Samuel Beck, and lived in North Mahoning township; Joseph is mentioned below; Albert, who served nine months as a member of Company B, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and now lives at Covode, Pa., married Mary Chambers and (second) Sarah Varner; Margaret Ann has always lived on the old home place and is now keeping house for her brother Joseph; Jacob, deceased, married Minerva Fraughton, and lived in North Mahoning township.

Joseph Shaffer, son of Jacob Shaffer, received, like his father, only a limited schooling. In 1868 he removed to Clearfield county, Pa., where he spent two and a half years, and for a like period was in Jefferson county, in the Beechwoods settlement. On the death of his wife, which occurred Dec. 16, 1873, he returned to the old home place, and there he has resided to the present time.

In 1860 Mr. Shaffer was married to Mary Snyder, of North Mahoning township, daughter of John A. and Caroline Snyder, of Saxony, Germany. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, namely: George S., a mill and lumber man, is carrying on operations in Jefferson and Indiana counties, and living on the home farm; he married Martha R. Grove, and they have four children, Mary R., Lura R., Joseph W. and Jacob G. Luther died at the age of thirteen years, six months. John, living in Indiana borough, married Margaret J. Wachob, and has one child, Floy L. William H., a farmer of North Mahoning township, is also engaged in milling and lumbering in Indiana and Jefferson counties; he married Ollie M. Moore, and has three children, Joseph B., Clay M. and Mabel D.

On Aug. 12, 1864, Mr. Shaffer enlisted in Company C, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Indiana, Pa., and was sent to Baltimore, and then on to City Point, helping to build Fort Brady. He went into winter quarters with his regiment near that place, and April 3, 1865, was in front of Richmond, his regiment being the first to enter the former Southern capital. There he did guard duty for a time, and was subsequently sent to Lynchburg, but eventually returned to Richmond, and received his honorable discharge June 26, 1865. A brave and faithful soldier, he earned alike the admiration of his comrades and the respect of his officers. He was formerly a member of the Grand Army post at Punxsutawney, but now belongs to Joseph Shields Post, No. 638, at Covode, Pa. In politics Mr. Shaffer is a Republican, and has held numerous township offices, giving to each his faithful devotion to duty. With his family he attends the Lutheran Church at Trade City.

HENRY A. FISHER, veteran of the Civil war, who is now living retired in Grant township, Indiana county, after a long and active career in various lines of endeavor, was born Feb. 28, 1838, in Cambria county, Pa., half way between Johnstown and Hollidaysburg,

and is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Fisher) Fisher.

Andrew Fisher, father of Henry A. Fisher, was born in Germany, was there educated and reared to manhood, and married Margaret Fisher, who, although she bore the same name, was not a relative. Not long after their marriage they emigrated to the United States, both being still young people, and first located in Cambria county, Pa., where they took up land and engaged in farming. In later years they removed to Rayne township, Indiana county, where they spent some years on the Glasser farm, and then went to the timber section of Jefferson county, Mr. Fisher being engaged in lumbering for some time. Finally they came to Grant township, Indiana county, and here Mr. Fisher passed away, and was buried in Gilgal cemetery, in East Mahoning township. He was a Republican in his political views, and a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. He was married three times, and by his first wife, Margaret, had sixteen children, of whom six sons fought as soldiers during the Civil war, five in the Union army and one as a Confederate. It was one of the fortunes of war that the son in the Southern service was subsequently captured by the regiment of Federals of which his brother Henry was a member, and was confined in Fortress Monroe. Of the children born to Andrew and Margaret Fisher two died in infancy in the old country; John died in Rayne township; Charlotte and Sophia both died unmarried; Lewis served as a soldier in the Union army; David met his death by drowning in Little Mahoning Creek; May became the wife of William Buchanan, Catherine married David Meyers, of Rayne township; William became a property owner in Alabama, and was the Confederate soldier heretofore mentioned; Henry A. is mentioned later; George and Jacob were soldiers in the Union service; Caroline married John Palmer, deceased, and now resides at Richmond, Pa.; and Joseph, a veteran of the Civil war, is now residing at Deckers Point, Grant township. Mr. Fisher's second wife bore the maiden name of Betsy Foust, and she died without issue. He was then married (third) to Sarah O'Harra, and they became the parents of three children: Sarah and Andrew, Jr., who are both deceased; and Archibald, who is now a resident of Kansas.

Henry A. Fisher, son of Andrew Fisher, received but meager educational advantages in his youth, his training being limited to what he obtained in attendance at the dis-

trict schools during the short winter terms, while his summers were spent in assisting his father and brothers in the work of the home farm. He was an observant and intelligent youth, however, made the most of his opportunities, and succeeded in securing a good, practical education, which in later years has been supplemented by experience and reading, so that to-day he is a well-read man, with a wide fund of information and a thorough knowledge of important subjects. At the age of twenty-three years he embarked in farming operations on his own account, and for some years carried on agricultural pursuits in Grant township, then running a sawmill for John C. Rochester, which he operated for two years. At the end of that time he located in Deckers Point, where he built a house and again settled down to farming, but in 1869 he went with his family to Tennessee, and there spent one year in the sawmill business. Conditions in the South at that time did not attract Mr. Fisher, however, and he again came to Deckers Point, where he became engaged in shookmaking, later spending one year at Indiana, Pa., in the same line of work. He then spent two years in that line at Deckers Point, and succeeding this took up house and barn building, to which he gave his undivided attention for several years, erecting over a dozen houses and barns in Grant township, and in the meantime also following farming. In 1904 Mr. Fisher removed to Jefferson county, where he cultivated a small tract of land and also followed the carpenter's trade. In 1910 he returned to Grant township, where he and his wife are living retired, at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sheesley, their post office address being Marion Center.

On Aug. 5, 1862, Mr. Fisher enlisted in Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil war, but the company was so small that it was later merged with Company F, being under command of Col. J. F. Stanton, Maj. Harry White (since congressman and judge of Indiana county), Lieut. Col. Horace B. Burnham, and Captains Cornwell and Fleck. Mr. Fisher participated in all the movements of his regiment, faithfully attending to his duties and bearing cheerfully his share of the hardships and dangers incident to army-life. He participated in the battle in which his brother was taken prisoner, and at the battle of Winchester was himself captured by the enemy, being taken to Richmond, where he was confined with others in a tobacco shed,

and later to Belle Isle, and continuing in the hands of the Confederates for three months. At the end of that time he was exchanged and rejoined his regiment, with which he served until the close of the war, being honorably discharged after nearly three years of brave and faithful service. Although he is a man of quiet disposition, domestic in his tastes and temperate in his habits, he was always known as a hard-fighting soldier, winning alike the admiration of his comrades and the respect of his officers. In his political views Mr. Fisher has been a Republican, but has never sought public preferment, having given his whole attention to his private interests as a farmer and business man. He has not been indifferent, however, to the welfare of his community, at all times being ready to join other earnest and public-spirited citizens in promoting movements tending toward progress and advancement along all lines. He has been a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church, and has served as elder of the church at Antioch, where he has been an active worker in religious and charitable movements.

On Nov. 7, 1861, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage with Sarah Jane McAdoo, of Indiana county, daughter of James and Sarah (Palmer) McAdoo, and she has proved a faithful and loyal helpmate to her husband and a woman of many sterling qualities. To this union there have been born children as follows: One son who died in infancy; Horace, who met his death at the hands of a ferryman in McKean county in 1891; John, who is a resident of Deckers Point; James, a resident of Punxsutawney; Callie, with whom her parents reside, the wife of Peter Sheesley, living on a farm in Grant township (she is the mother of one child, Paul); and Charles, who follows the painter's trade and makes his home at Deckers Point. Mr. Fisher has had a long and useful career, and in whatever community he has found himself has so conducted his affairs as to maintain the good will and confidence of his neighbors and associates. Now, in the evening of life, he may enjoy the comforts that his years of fruitful labor have won for him, satisfied in the knowledge that no stain or blemish mars his record.

SAMUEL SHEFFLER, justice of the peace of Center township, Indiana county, owns and operates a feed mill near Coral and has also been engaged in farming and blacksmithing, in all of which lines he has met with success. He is a man of sterling character

and held in the highest esteem by all who know him. Mr. Sheffler was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., near Greensburg, Dec. 27, 1844, son of Philip Shiffler (as the father spelled his name), and his great-grandfather, George, probably came from Germany; he settled in Westmoreland county. John, son of George, married Elizabeth Hill, whose father was a soldier in the war of 1812.

Philip Shiffler, son of John and Elizabeth (Hill), was the eldest of their family and was born in 1820 near Greensburg, in Westmoreland county. He learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed all his life, earning the reputation of being a mechanic of exceptional skill. In 1842 he married Mary M. Bowman, daughter of Abraham Bowman, of Westmoreland county, and granddaughter of Barnard Bowman, who came from Germany and settled in Northampton county, Pa.; he was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. In 1851 Mr. and Mrs. Shiffler moved with their family to Center township, Indiana county, settling on land now owned by the Wharton Coke Company, near where their son Samuel now resides. They were the parents of five children: Samuel; Oliver, who married Emma J. Hildebrand, daughter of Enoch Hildebrand, of Indiana county (both are now deceased); Hannah M., who married J. J. Hill, of Steubenville, Ohio, now living in the State of Washington; Elizabeth Emma, wife of A. B. Mikesell, of Homer City; and Satilla J., who married C. W. Keller, of Coral, Indiana county.

Samuel Sheffler was seven years old when the family settled in Indiana county near his present home. He attended the district school nearest his home, but it was a mile away and the term was short, so that its advantages were limited. Sometimes he did not get to school more than one day a week. He continued at home, working with his father at the blacksmith's trade, until he was eighteen years old, in January, 1863, enlisting in the Union army for service in the Civil war. This was for a three months' term. In February, 1864, he reenlisted, for three years, becoming a member of Company F, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he remained until discharged, after the close of the war. The first part of his service was spent in Ohio and around Pittsburg. After his second enlistment he was at Pittsburg for two months, thence going to New York and from there by transport to Hilton Head, S. C., where the command was kept for two weeks. Thence they went by sailing vessel

to City Point, Va., at the mouth of the James river, and from there marched to Bermuda Hundred, where they had their first engagement. The next was at Drury's Bluff and lasted three days, the defeat at that point costing the regiment, in killed, wounded and captured, four hundred men and all the field officers. After this battle they were ordered to Cold Harbor and participated in the engagement there, one of the bloodiest of the war. For a short time after the battle of Petersburg they were located along the north side of the James river, about thirty miles from Richmond, Va. Here they were in winter quarters until March, 1865, when they were ordered to Hatcher's Run, south of Petersburg, on the Weldon railroad, watching Lee's movements until his surrender. After that the regiment was sent back to Richmond, remaining there until discharged, Sept. 15, 1865. Mr. Sheffler arrived home Sept. 25th. He was in seventeen engagements all told, and was in the hospital for about six weeks during his connection with the army.

After his return from the army Mr. Sheffler completed his apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade with his father, whom he also helped with the farm work. In 1870 he went to the oil region of Pennsylvania, where he worked as a mechanic for two years, at the end of that period coming home again and settling in Center township, where he has resided continuously since. He has a farm of seventy-five acres, to the cultivation of which he devotes all his time. He is an industrious and enterprising business man, and has high standing among his fellow citizens. He has served his township as member of the board of school directors for six years and since 1901 has been a justice of the peace. In politics he has always been associated with the Republican party. He is a Lutheran in religious connection.

In 1872 Mr. Sheffler married Rachel M. Bracken, daughter of James Bracken and his wife Margaret (Kerr), of Center township, old residents of that locality, whose home was near Homer City. Mr. and Mrs. Sheffler have had two children: Cecelia Edith married E. S. Hendrickson, of Derry, Pa., an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad; J. Ernest, now living in the Cocolalla valley, Idaho, married Lydia Armstrong, of Maryland, and they have three children, Ernest, Kenneth and Emma Jane.

JAMES WESLEY ACKERSON, general farmer of Cheryhill township, Indiana

county, has resided in that section all of his life, having been born in the township Dec. 11, 1870.

Mr. Ackerson's education was secured in the district schools of Cherryhill township, and as a youth he was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he has followed all his life. On Feb. 1, 1900, he was married to Emma Belle Stephens, who was born June 30, 1880, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Moorehead) Stephens. They have one son, William J., born Jan. 4, 1904.

William Stephens was one of the early settlers of Indiana county, settling on the farm now owned by Mr. Ackerson at a time when it was still partly covered with timber, which he assisted in clearing. He farmed there throughout the remainder of his life, and his death occurred on his original farm. Mrs. Stephens passed away May 17, 1911, the mother of six children, as follows: Giles, who resides in Pottstown, Montgomery Co., Pa.; Agnes; Emma Belle, the wife of Mr. Ackerson; Kinney, a resident of Pittsburg; Cora, living in Montgomery county with her brother Giles; and Stratton, who lives in Denver, Colorado.

Since his marriage Mr. Ackerson has carried on general farming and stock raising on the farm formerly owned by his father-in-law, and which he has developed into a high state of cultivation. He and his family reside at one of the most beautiful places in Indiana county.

CLARK DORSEY PEDDICORD, a farmer of Armstrong township, this county, was born in Center township, on the Lytle farm, Nov. 8, 1877, the only son of his parents, Dorsey and Catherine (Hunter) Peddicord, the latter of whom was born near Richmond, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Peddicord grew to manhood's estate in his native township and attended the Pealor school, having Elder Pealor, Martha Harbison, Edward Harbison, Robert Russell and other teachers. He attended school until he was twenty years old, and left to devote all his time to agricultural pursuits. In 1902, after his marriage, he spent a year in Indiana, and then went to the John Hill farm in Armstrong township. After a year there he took charge of the Cochran farm for a year, but then removed on his present property, which consists of seventy-eight acres, and since 1905 has been engaged in operating it. Mr. Peddicord built his modern barn, a corn crib and other buildings, and takes pride in keeping

his premises thoroughly up-to-date in every respect.

On Sept. 25, 1901, Mr. Peddicord was married to Rusha Allison, and they have had the following children: Zella L., Carl D., Margaret M., Laura and Mary C., all living except Carl D. Mr. Peddicord is a Presbyterian, while his wife belongs to the Baptist Church. Politically he has voted the Democratic ticket, although he is somewhat independent in his views. He is a good farmer, and a man who has fully earned all that he now owns by hard work and constant economy.

ALEXANDER FISCUS, late of Shelocta, Indiana county, whose widow and family are now residents of the borough of Indiana, was one of the respected farmer citizens of the community. He was a native of Armstrong county, Pa., born March 25, 1845, near Cochran's Mills, son of David and Christina (Ruppert) Fiscus. His ancestors on both sides were early settled families of that county.

David Fiscus was born in Armstrong county and followed farming all his life. In 1892 he moved to Jefferson county, Pa., where he died in 1910, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He was a Democrat in politics. His wife, who still survives, is now (1912) ninety-six years of age. She is a devout Lutheran in religious faith. Mr. and Mrs. David Fiscus had a family of sixteen children. We have record of twelve, namely: Samuel, deceased; Christine; Nancy; Alexander, deceased; Lucinda; Ida; Lucetta; John; Robert, of Apollo; Lewis, of Apollo; Alvin, of Apollo; and Thomas, of Leechburg.

Alexander Fiscus was educated in the public schools. He was reared to farming and after his marriage located on a 150-acre place at Cochran's Mills, Armstrong county. Later he sold this place and bought 150 acres at Shelocta, Indiana county, where he resided until his death in the fall of 1901. He became a prominent man in that community, serving eleven years as school director of the township and five years as supervisor. In politics he was associated with the Democratic party. He was a leading member of the U. P. Church, which he served in the capacity of trustee for fourteen years.

On May 15, 1876, Mr. Fiscus married Mary E. Smith, who was born July 14, 1851, in Armstrong county, daughter of James and Margaret (Henderson) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Fiscus spent their honeymoon at the Centennial in Philadelphia. Five years after the

death of her husband Mrs. Fiscus moved with her family to Indiana. Her children were as follows: Frank, of Indiana, who married Minnie Rupert; Maud, Mrs. Albert Warren, of Indiana; David, of Indiana, who married Agnes Gibson; Margaret, at home; Wilson, at home, an electrician; and George R.

James Smith, father of Mrs. Fiscus, was born and reared in Armstrong county, living and dying within three miles of his birth-place. His father, William Smith, came from Ireland with his parents when a boy, the family locating near Elderton, Pa. To James and Margaret (Henderson) Smith were born ten children, only eight of whom, however, grew to maturity, namely: Martha, Mrs. Absalom Remaley, of Armstrong county; Benjamin, who was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville; William, who was wounded in both legs by bullets at the first battle of Bull Run; Rebecca, Mrs. Henry Fraley, of Armstrong county; Tillie, Mrs. James North, of Homer City; Nancy, Mrs. Parks Shreeken-gost; Mary E., Mrs. Fiscus; and Wilson S., of Armstrong county.

JOHN McCARTNEY BARKLEY, of Buffington township, Indiana county, is a business man of many and varied interests. He owns and cultivates the farm upon which he resides, mines and sells the coal lying beneath, and has followed various kinds of mechanical work, all with a degree of success which betokens ability and enterprise beyond the average. He was born July 26, 1858, in Buffington township, son of Joseph Barkley, grandson of Robert McCulloch Barkley and great-grandson of Hugh Barkley.

Hugh Barkley was a school teacher and clerk for the commissioners in Baltimore in 1782. He married Sarah McCulloch, daughter of Robert McCulloch, of Canedogogue, Cumberland Co., Pa., whose wife was a McCartney, and their children were: James, born May 20, 1776, who died Aug. 7, 1779; Sarah, born April 25, 1782, who married a Mr. Cunningham and had children Agnes and Sarah; Robert McCulloch; Joseph, born Oct. 19, 1786; Samuel, born Aug. 15, 1789; and John McFaden, born Aug. 18, 1792.

Robert McCulloch Barkley, born Oct. 25, 1784, in Baltimore, Md., moved to the town of Indiana, in Indiana county, Pa., in 1813, and lived there for several years, thence moving in 1825 to East Wheatfield township, same county, where he remained until 1838. In that year he came to what is now Buffington (then included in Wheatfield) township,

where he built a house and settled with his family. The snow was three feet deep when he arrived at this place. He was a shoemaker, and continued to follow his trade after moving here, but he also set to work to clear his land and engaged in farming to some extent. This farm is now owned by his granddaughter, Mrs. J. A. Doty. Mr. Barkley married Elizabeth Marlin, a native of Carlisle (better known as Big Spring Valley), Cumberland Co., Pa., who was born Nov. 19, 1785, and died Oct. 14, 1863, in Buffington township. Mr. Barkley also died there, Nov. 19, 1858, and they were interred in the McCartney cemetery. Children as follows were born to this pioneer couple: (1) Joshua Marlin, born Dec. 20, 1813, died Feb. 22, 1859. He lived in Armagh, and was a well-known citizen of his day, serving as justice of the peace. He married Sarah Williams, and they had children: Anna Eliza; Amanda; David, who was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; Mary E., Mrs. Southard, deceased, who had one son, Fred, now living in Cleveland, Ohio; Jesse Marlin, proprietor of the Point Pleasant summer resort, living at Madison Lake, Minn. (he has one daughter, Mrs. George Owen); Agnes; and Margetta, who married Fred H. White, lives in Brooklyn, N. Y., and has one son William and one daughter Sadie. (2) Sarah, born Feb. 12, 1815, died unmarried March 3, 1905, aged ninety years. (3) Agnes, born Oct. 16, 1816, died unmarried Sept. 21, 1845. (4) Joseph is mentioned below. (5) Robert McC., born Feb. 6, 1820, died unmarried Nov. 4, 1900. (6) Mary, born Sept. 6, 1821, died June 27, 1830. (7) Hugh A., born May 20, 1825, died July 9, 1841.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Marlin) Barkley was a daughter of Joshua Marlin and granddaughter of Ralph Marlin, born Dec. 26, 1707, who died in May, 1793. The latter married Lettice Fleming, who died Feb. 22, —, at the age of 106 years, and they are buried in the cemetery at Big Springs, in Carlisle township, Cumberland county. They had one son, Joshua.

Joshua Marlin, only son of Ralph and Lettice (Fleming) Marlin, born Dec. 27, 1745, was married March 25, 1776, to Agnes McCulloch, sister of Mrs. Hugh Barkley, above, and their twelve children were born as follows: Ralph, April 3, 1777 (he was a colonel in the war of 1812); Sarah, June 2, 1779 (died Aug. 1, 1779); Robert, June 8, 1780; Lettice, Jan. 17, 1782; Sarah, March 8, 1784 (died Feb. 14, 1830; married Marlin

Walker); Elizabeth, Nov. 19, 1785-86 (married Robert McCulloch Barkley); Samuel, Oct. 6, 1787; Joshua, April 17, 1790; Agnes, July 6, 1792 (died June 6, 1832; married William Douglas); Lettice (married George Ballentine); Jesse, March 4, 1797; William, July 9, 1800. The McCullochs lived in Canedogigue, Cumberland county, Jane, sister of Mrs. Marlin and Mrs. Barkley, married Ephraim Wallace.

Joseph Barkley, born May 10, 1818, at the town of Indiana in Indiana county, died March 18, 1900. He received his schooling at his native place, and later moving with his parents to East Wheatfield township taught at the Barkley school there for a few years; he also taught the Irish Bottom school and others. Later he learned shoemaking under his father and followed the trade in the winter season, in the summer engaging in agricultural pursuits on his ninety-six acres in Buffington township; he carried on general farming. For many years he served as school director, and he was also active in church work, acting as superintendent of the Sunday school of the United Presbyterian Church, to which he belonged. In politics he was first a Whig, later a Republican.

On May 29, 1849, Mr. Barkley married Jane McCartney, who was born May 25, 1817, and preceded him to the grave, dying Dec. 15, 1894. She was a daughter of John and Sarah (Bryan) McCartney, and her father was a pioneer settler in Buffington township. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barkley: Elizabeth, wife of John A. Doty, a farmer and engineer (he is a descendant of the old Doty family of Massachusetts, which has been in America since the earliest settlement in that region, the immigrant ancestor coming in the "Mayflower"); Sarah Jane, wife of Charles Frank Curtis, living in Garnett, Kans., where he is a large stock dealer and farmer (they have one son, Frederick B.); John McCartney; and Hugh McCulloch, deceased.

John McCartney Barkley received his education in the public schools of Buffington township, and in his earlier years worked with his father at farming and shoemaking. Later he learned the trade of carpenter with John Young, of Buffington township, and followed that for many years, in time becoming engaged as a contractor and builder, which line he carried on until the year 1891. He also worked at the trade of blacksmith, which he learned by himself. In 1891 he bought the Nick Altimus farm of 133 acres (formerly

owned by Nat. Bryan, his great-grandfather) in Buffington township, and there he has since resided, tilling the soil and also developing the coal deposits, a rich vein running through the property, known as the Upper Freeport vein. He mines and sells from five thousand to six thousand bushels of coal annually. His farming interests are quite extensive, and he is still interested in mechanical work, owning a large threshing machine which he operates all over this section. He was one of the organizers of the Dilltown Telephone Company, in which he is a stockholder, and he also owns stock in the Buffington Township Telephone Company. His progressive nature and industrious habits have made him one of the most substantial residents of his locality. He has taken some part in public affairs, having served one year as overseer of the poor and seven years as member of the township election board. In political association he is a Republican. He is a member of the East Union United Presbyterian Church and a leader in its activities, having been elder for seven years and superintendent of Sunday school.

On Feb. 3, 1887, Mr. Barkley married Martha Ann Stilz, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Sidler) Stilz, of Buffington township and Pittsburg, Pa., respectively, and they have had three children: (1) Joseph Henry, born Aug. 17, 1888, attended school under Prof. C. A. Campbell and later studied at Ebsenburg and went to college at Pittsburg. He is now employed by the Cambria Steel Company, in the office at Johnstown, Pa. He is unmarried. (2) Margaret Jane, born Dec. 13, 1891, studied under Professor Campbell for three terms and under Professor Weaver for one term at Mechanicsburg, and subsequently taught school four terms in Buffington township. She is now at home. (3) Paul McCartney, born July 31, 1894, is now teaching the Grow school in Buffington township.

The branch of the McCartney family from which Mr. Barkley is descended in the maternal line are the posterity of Joseph McCartney, who married Sarah Galbreath, of New Carlisle, Pa. Her mother's name was Kate Sanderson. His father, Joseph McCartney, was a brother of Thomas McCartney, the first sheriff of Indiana county, Pa., who is buried in McCartney's graveyard in Indiana county. The McCartneys came from County Armagh, Ireland.

Joseph and Sarah (Galbreath) McCartney had children as follows: (1) Jennett mar-

ried Nicholas Chapman, and had children: Thomas, Sally, Joseph, John, William, Rachel, Nicholas and Samuel. (2) Thomas married Betsey Ross, and their children were: Will, Washington, Thomas, Matilda and John G. (3) Sarah was twice married, first to James Galbreath, second to Robert McCandless. (4) Joseph married Jane Trimble, and had children: Margaret; George; Samuel; Mary Jane; Sallie; Martha, who married Joseph Bryan and had McCartney, Will, Charlie and Jane; Joseph, who married Maria Frazier, and had a son Will; and Nancy, who married Charlie Allison and had two children, Carrie (who married James Stewart and had four children) and Sam. (5) Margaret married Matthew Dill. (6) John is mentioned below. (7) Catherine married Samuel Stephens and had children: Miriam, Martha, Jane, Samson, Estep and Sarah. (8) Rachel married Alex. Galbreath and had: Joseph, Martha, Clarissa \_\_\_\_\_, Matilda, Margaret, Sarah Jane, Rhoda and Ann. (9) Martha married Richard Dill and had a daughter, Eliza, who married Ephraim McKelvey and had children, Nathaniel and Ann Eliza. (10) Andrew, of Jackson river (branch of James) in Virginia, had children Jane and John, the latter of whom lived at Fort Cumberland, Va., and had a son Thomas.

John McCartney, son of Joseph and Sarah (Galbreath) McCartney, married Nov. 3, 1814, Sarah Bryan. He died Feb. 2, 1846, and she passed away Feb. 14, 1864. They had the following family: Sarah, born Aug. 30, 1815, married James McFarland; Jane, born May 25, 1817, was married May 29, 1849, to Joseph Barkley, and died Dec. 15, 1894; Martha, born March 1, 1819, married William H. Doubthett, and died Nov. 28, 1863; Elizabeth, born March 5, 1821, died March 5, 1880; John Bryan, born March 3, 1823, married Anna Duncan; Joseph, born Oct. 14, 1828, was in the Union service during the Civil war, in the 71st Indiana Regiment, serving from April, 1861, to September, 1864; Katherine, born March 3, 1831, married Israel Doty, and died March 3, 1874; Rebecca, born May 7, 1833, died May 8, 1854; Margaret, born Oct. 3, 1835, married Joseph Hood, and died Feb. 19, 1905; Lavina, born Feb. 4, 1838, married James Mills, and died March 16, 1901.

WILLIAM W. HAMILTON (deceased), of Montgomery township, Indiana county, was a farmer throughout his active years, and the family has lived at the present home since

1868. He was born Sept. 23, 1835, at Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Pa., son of Robert A. Hamilton, and grandson of Patrick Hamilton, who came to this country from Ireland.

The Hamilton family originally had its home in Scotland, but being obliged to leave that country on account of some political troubles located in or about Belfast, Ireland. Two brothers, Robert and Patrick (the latter the grandfather of William W. Hamilton), came to this country about the year 1800, maybe earlier, and with them a Smith family, all settling in the Scotch valley, in Huntingdon county, Pa. They were followed possibly thirty years later by another brother, named Hans, and his family. Patrick Hamilton married Elizabeth Smith, and Robert married her sister. To Patrick and Elizabeth (Smith) Hamilton were born the following children: Robert A., Parran, Jane, Ann, Ascenath, and Martha. They were farming people.

Robert A. Hamilton, son of Patrick, married Anna Mary Evers, of Duncannon, Pa., and they settled on a farm near Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Pa., whence he brought his family in 1848 to Indiana county, buying a farm of 160 acres in Montgomery township. He farmed all his life. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and an elder in his church. Eleven children were born to himself and wife, six sons and five daughters, namely: John Newton, William Wallace, Robert Bruce, Charles Harvey, James, George, Elizabeth Ann, Mary, Ascenath, Rassie and Tirzah.

William W. Hamilton came to Indiana county with his father and the rest of the family in 1848, and was reared on the farm, assisting his father. He followed farming and lumbering all his active years except for a few years, while he was in the war and when he was in business at Cherrytree, this county, where he opened a store in 1865, carrying it on until 1867. Then he resumed farming, in 1868 buying the property in Montgomery township upon which the family has since lived. He was a highly respected resident of Montgomery township, and although not active in public affairs was always regarded as one of the worthiest and most desirable citizens in his neighborhood. He died Nov. 7, 1891.

On Nov. 29, 1864, Mr. Hamilton married Susan Clark, formerly of Lewisberry, York Co., Pa., daughter of Virtue and Catherine (Grove) Clark, and they have four children living, namely: Ada E.; Robert Franklin, a farmer; Aubrey M., a farmer; and John Jay.



Mr. Hamilton was a Republican in politics, and during the Civil war he was a staunch Union supporter, enlisting twice, the first time Aug. 31, 1861, at Youngs, Clearfield Co., Pa. He was enrolled Sept. 10, 1861, in Company D, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Negley's Brigade, Rosecrans' Division. He was a musician, playing the fife, and was with his regiment constantly until honorably discharged, Jan. 12, 1863, at Nashville, Tenn., by reason of disability. He had been promoted to third sergeant in May, 1862. The second time he enlisted at Huntingdon, Blair Co., Pa., in Company K, 46th Regiment of P. V. Militia, July 6, 1863, and rose to the rank of second lieutenant. He was honorably discharged by order of Governor Curtin, at Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 18, 1865.

Virtue Clark, father of Mrs. Hamilton, was born in Connecticut May 17, 1799, and on June 10, 1827, married Catherine Grove. They moved to Indiana county from York county, Pa., in 1841, and Mr. Clark died Feb. 7, 1863. His wife, Catherine, born in York county, March 5, 1807, survived him many years, dying Sept. 10, 1893. She was the daughter of Samuel Grove and his wife Hannah (Reinhart), of New York, and granddaughter of Samuel Grove, who came to this country from Holland and married Katy Ensminger; his maternal grandparents were Joseph and Susan (Danner) Reinhart. Mr. and Mrs. Virtue Clark were the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters.

JOHN P. GEORGE, a farmer of Buffington township, and postmaster at Blaides post office, was born in that township June 7, 1858, son of Adam George and grandson of Nicholas George.

Nicholas George came to Indiana county from Franklin county, Pa., in 1824, settling in Buffington township on a tract of 200 acres now owned by the Mardis family. He married Elizabeth Hellman, of Cambria county, Pa., and their children were: Charlotte, who married John Luke, of Ridders Furnace, Cambria Co., Pa.; Betsy, who married William Cameron, of Buffington township; Kate, who married John Pringer; Polly, who married Joseph Mardis, and had one child, George; Jerry; Nicholas; Adam; Jacob, and Cyrus.

Adam George was born Nov. 19, 1812, and died March 6, 1898. He married Elizabeth Paterson, daughter of Thomas and Martha Paterson, who was born April 5, 1812, and died Aug. 12, 1899. Both she and her husband are laid to rest in the Lutheran ceme-

tery in Brushvalley. They had children as follows: Nicholas, born in 1837, is deceased; Jane married William Davis; Margaret, born in 1841, now deceased, was the wife of Franklin Campbell; Archie, born in 1843, is deceased; Elizabeth, born in 1845, deceased, married George Orner; Agnes, who married William Stiles, resides at Cramer, in East Wheatfield township, with her son Homer; Priscilla, who married John G. McCreery, resides in Pine township; Matilda, born in 1855, now deceased, married William Orner; Martin, who is deceased, married Christiana Wilson; Katie married a Mr. Sherwood; John P. is mentioned below.

Adam George came to Buffington township when twelve years old, and worked on the farm with his father until his marriage, when he bought a farm of 300 acres from Judge White, Sr., in 1833, and carried on farming the remainder of his life. He was also interested in stock raising and lumbering, developing into a successful business man and respected citizen. All during his life he discharged any duties laid upon him faithfully and conscientiously, and he made an excellent overseer of the poor. The Lutheran Church of Brushvalley had in him a devout member, and he was active in its work until within a few days of his death, serving it as steward for many years. The principles of the Republican party appealed to him, and he gave it his allegiance.

John Pringle George married Anna Gillespie, daughter of Patrick and Martha (Stephens) Gillispee, and children as follows were born of this marriage: Blanche, born Feb. 19, 1883, married Simpson Long, and resides in Vintondale; James Alfred, born Dec. 7, 1884, lives in Chicago; Walter, born Feb. 11, 1887, married Cora Weaster; Katie, born March 28, 1890, died March 14, 1893; Arthur, born May 12, 1892, married Mary Foster, and resides in Strongstown, Pine township. The mother was born April 14, 1864, and died May 15, 1892, and is buried in Strongstown cemetery. Mr. George's second marriage was to Mary Nolf, who was born Oct. 4, 1872, daughter of John and Julia (Carbaugh) Nolf, and died Jan. 29, 1909, being buried in Strongstown cemetery. Their children were: Ida Gertrude, Merton Dean, Delmer Clinton, Annie and Edith, all of whom are at home. The third wife of Mr. George was Mrs. Minnie (Hill) Graham, daughter of William P. and Elizabeth (Fleming) Hill, and widow of Stewart Graham. There are no children by this marriage.

When Mr. George was seven years old the house in which he was born was burned, and his father had to build a new one. The youngest of the large family, he remained with his parents, and gave them his tender care in their declining years. He operated the farm of 168 acres, and later cleared off other land, on which he erected a large barn and comfortable frame house. Experience has taught Mr. George that there are large profits in market gardening, and he is specializing along this line, and in raising small fruits. He is one of the progressive farmers and stock raisers of his township, and is recognized as one of the advanced agriculturists of the county. For fourteen years he has served very acceptably as overseer of the poor, to which office he has been elected on the Republican ticket. For the last four years he has been postmaster of Blaides post office and the Star route.

THOMPSON CREAMER has lived for over forty years on the farm on Muddy run, in Blacklick township, Indiana county, where he is now spending his years in retirement. He is a veteran of the Civil war.

Mr. Creamer is a native of the township, born July 4, 1839, and belongs to a family of German extraction. Adam Creamer, his father, was a native of Westmoreland county, this State, born Dec. 5, 1808. His father came from Germany, and settled in Westmoreland county. When a young man Adam Creamer came to Westmoreland county and located in Blacklick township, on the Charles Campbell farm of 100 acres, where he farmed for a period of a quarter of a century. Later he owned and operated the Campbell mills, on Blacklick creek, for seven years. His death occurred May 4, 1866, and he was buried in Hopewell cemetery, in Blacklick township. In politics Mr. Creamer was a Whig and Republican. He married May 14, 1828, Jane Thompson, who was born May 20, 1804, daughter of John and Nellie (Davis) Thompson, and died May 14, 1889; she is buried in Hopewell cemetery, and was a member of the Hopewell M. E. Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Creamer: (1) George, born Aug. 24, 1831, died Feb. 9, 1858, in Blairsville. (2) Eleanor, born Feb. 2, 1834, married John Cowell, and died in Burrell April 8, 1864. (3) Margaret, born May 27, 1837, married Daniel Spires, and died July 25, 1895, in Lawrence county, Pa. (4) Thompson was born July 4, 1839. (5) Campbell, born July 18, 1841, died in Burrell June

6, 1908. (6) Mary Ann, born Feb. 1, 1844, married Richard Kelly, and died April 14, 1881.

Thompson Creamer attended school in Blacklick township, and during his youth and early manhood worked with his father on the farm and at the mill, until his enlistment, Sept. 6, 1862. He joined Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Capt. D. R. Coder and Colonel Jackson, was mustered in at Indiana, and served two years, nine months. He participated in the following battles: Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862; Bristoe Station, Oct. 14, 1863; Mine Run, 1863; Wilderness, 1864; Laurel Hill, 1864; Weldon Railroad, Aug. 19, 1864. Taken prisoner Aug. 19, 1864, he was confined in Libby prison for three days, and then transferred to Belle Isle, where he remained until October, at which time he was removed to Salisbury prison. There he was held until February, 1865, after which he was confined at Richmond until March 10, 1865, on which date he was paroled, being exchanged in May, 1865, after being deprived of his liberty eight months. He went to Baltimore, Md., to hospital, where he was kept owing to his weak condition for six weeks. But desiring to get home, where he would be better cared for, his friend and neighbor James Dixon brought him back. After regaining his health he farmed for a period for James Dixon, and in 1869 settled on his farm on Muddy run where he has since lived. He became a very successful farmer, having extensive interests in his active years, and though he has worked hard he still enjoys good health and spirits. He has a fine memory, recalling dates and events accurately. Mr. Creamer is a staunch Republican, but he has never been a politician. He is a member of the G. A. R.

On Sept. 25, 1861, Mr. Creamer married Sarah Ann Kelly, who was born in Blacklick township, daughter of Archibald and Mary (Clawson) Kelly, and granddaughter of Richard Clawson. They have raised a family of nine children: Adam, born June 27, 1862, died Sept. 30, 1891; Mary Jane, born Feb. 25, 1865, married H. H. Rabe, and resides at Vandergrift, Pa.; U. S. Grant, born Feb. 19, 1867, resides at Vandergrift; Charles, born Dec. 1, 1869, is now farming the Gere Clawson farm; Elzora, born Feb. 14, 1871, married F. B. Pender, and is living in Blairsville; James Davis, born April 29, 1873, lives in Blacklick township; Margaret Florena, born May 22, 1875, married William Kenler, and lives at Appolo, Pa.; Hannah Gertrude, born

Sept. 8, 1878, married Benjamin Clawson, of Blacklick township; George W., born March 28, 1880, lives in Los Angeles, California.

JOHN CHAMBERS THOMAS, station agent at Homer City, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Armstrong township, Indiana county, Jan. 28, 1869, son of Amos Thomas, of Armstrong township.

Mr. Thomas grew up on his father's farm amid healthy rural surroundings and after completing a course in the local schools attended the Indiana normal school for five terms, following which he studied in a commercial college. Coming back home he worked with his father for a period, and then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Indiana, in 1892, learning telegraphy. He was located at different points on the Conemaugh division as telegraph operator until he was appointed, in April, 1897, station agent at Edri, Pa. This he held until 1900, when he was transferred to Hyde Park, and in April, 1901, he was made station agent at Homer City. He now represents the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at that point as station, passenger and freight agent, and is also agent for the Adams Express Company. A capable, trustworthy and efficient man, he not only conserves the interests of his companies, but serves the public in a manner that is acceptable to all concerned. He is a Mason and popular in the fraternity. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian Church.

On Sept. 17, 1901, Mr. Thomas was married to Clara Farnsworth, a daughter of John and Mary Ann (Buterbaugh) Farnsworth of Grant township, Indiana county. They have no children.

WILLIAM DEVLIN, who for many years has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born on the homestead farm in that township, Jan. 8, 1833, son of Richard and Nancy (Ramsey) Devlin.

William Devlin, the paternal grandfather of William Devlin, was born in Ireland and came to the United States in young manhood, settling first in the Ligonier valley and later moving to Armstrong township, where he purchased the tract of land that had been settled by John Barr. Here he carried on farming during the remainder of his life, and at the time of his death was the owner of 160 acres of good land. He had three children, namely: James, Matthew and Richard.

Richard Devlin, son of William, and father

of William Devlin, was born in the Ligonier valley, and moved to Armstrong township with his parents. He settled on 160 acres of land which they had patented, and erected a log cabin in the woods, clearing a little of his land each year, although at times harassed by the hostile Indians. Eventually he became the owner of a good property and died in comfortable circumstances, with the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Mr. Devlin married Nancy Ramsey, daughter of Hugh Ramsey, of Armstrong township, and they had the following children: Jane, who died unmarried; John R., who was a member of the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteers, for four years during the Civil war; James, who was also a member of that famous regiment, with which he served three years, and is now living on a farm adjoining that of his brother William; Hugh, who died at the age of twelve years; and William.

William Devlin, son of Richard, received his education in the Armstrong township schools, and at the age of ten years began to work on the homestead place. He has followed farming and stock raising to the present time, making a specialty of fine horses, and in spite of his eighty years is hale and hearty and continues to do his own farm work. He has a tract of ninety acres, in a good state of cultivation, and he still owns the coal there. The present barn was erected in 1866 and the house in the following year, and both give evidence of good workmanship by still being in excellent condition. Mr. Devlin is a Democrat in his political views, and has served as road supervisor for seven years. He has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church all his life, and has been liberal in his support of its movements.

Mr. Devlin married Hanna J. Wacob, daughter of John and Susan (Elwood) Wacob, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Mae, who married Ed. Sharp; Belle, who married Harvey McCurdy; Nancy, who married John Kerr; and James H., the owner of a farm in Armstrong township, who married a daughter of Elder Sharp. Mrs. Devlin has passed her sixty-fifth milestone, and like her husband is still in full possession of her faculties, and still does her own milking every day, keeps house for her husband, the family having all left home, and carries on her household duties in the same manner that she did years ago. Both she and her husband have numerous warm friends in the township in which they have lived for so

many years, and are held in universal esteem.

FREDERICK WEISS has occupied his present farm in Rayne township, Indiana county, since the year 1886, and has been a lifelong resident of the township, where he was born Feb. 27, 1858.

Henry Weiss, his father, a native of Alsace Lorraine, Germany, was brought to the United States in infancy by his parents, the family settling in New York City. Later he became a resident of Indiana county, Pa., where he engaged in farming and contracting. He died Nov. 18, 1888, and his wife, Mary A. (Minert), died Dec. 9, 1892. They became the parents of eight children, five sons and three daughters, namely: Peter, who married Julia A. Kirkland, is a farmer in Rayne township; William, who married Phoebe Moor, is engaged in business as a merchant at Home station, this county; Frederick is mentioned below; Mary M. married John W. Edwards, a farmer, and died leaving four children; Margaret died at the age of seventeen years; John died in infancy; Lewis, who married Ida Wheeler, is a farmer in Armstrong township, this county; Susan C. is the wife of Lewis Ruffer, a blacksmith, of Tanoma, Indiana county.

Frederick Weiss was reared and educated in Rayne township. In 1886, the year after his marriage, he settled at his present place, having a fine farm of 150 acres under excellent cultivation, where he is successfully engaged in general farming. He has given strict attention to his private affairs, but has also found time to act as tax collector of the township, in which office he gave acceptable service. In politics he has always been a Republican, lately espousing Progressive principles. He attends the Presbyterian Church at Marion Center.

On April 9, 1885, Mr. Weiss was married to Mary C. B. Lawson, who was born near Dayton, in Armstrong county, Pa., daughter of Hugh and Mary Ellen (Lydick) Lawson. Mr. and Mrs. Weiss have had four children, the eldest child dying in infancy; Mary Anna is now the wife of M. C. Kissingner, of Indiana, Pa., assistant examiner in the patent office; Wilda married Joseph F. Rissing, of Trafford, Westmoreland Co., Pa., who is engaged at the Westinghouse works; Don Emerson was born Sept. 14, 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Lawson had a family of seven children, two sons and five daughters: Orpha married Boliver Fisher, who is engaged in general farming in Adams county,

Ohio; Anna Jane married James E. Manner, of Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., who is engaged in farming; Eurilda E. married James O. Lewis and resides at Josephine, Indiana Co., Pa.; Thomas J., who married Agnes Stear, resides in Rayne township, Indiana county, and is engaged in general farming; Mary C. B. is mentioned above; Charles M., of Marion Center, Pa., is unmarried; Agnes E. married T. G. Alabran, of Punxsutawney, Pa., a diamond driller and contractor. Hugh Lawson, the father, died Dec. 16, 1888; the mother died June 24, 1909.

JOHN FARNSWORTH, who is now living retired from active business at East Run, Pa., where for upward of a third of a century he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, farming and stock raising, is a native of Huntingdon county, Pa., born near what is now Tyrone, Blair county, Aug. 2, 1834, son of John and Susanna (Smiley) Farnsworth.

John Farnsworth, the father, was but a lad when he left his Virginia home to come to Pennsylvania, and here located in Huntingdon county and worked out at farm laboring and as a lumberman. Later he operated a sawmill at Sinking run, which empties into the Juniata, and for many years continued in the manufacture of lumber, living for a time in Armstrong county, where he also engaged in farming, in Clearfield county, where he had a sawmill on Muddy run, and in Jefferson county, where he built a mill on the Big Mahoning. There he spent three years and died in 1852, at the age of sixty-three years. For a few years he also operated a still house, but concluding it was wrong to make and sell whiskey he took a pole axe and demolished the stills. In political matters he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but his interest in public affairs was mainly as an onlooker. He was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Diven, by whom he had children as follows: Susanna L., who married Ephraim E. Lewis of South Mahoning township, and became the mother of Squire Enoch F. Lewis, of South Mahoning township; Joseph, who married Elizabeth Wymer; Enoch, who married Maria Turnbaugh; and Mary Jane, who married Jonathan Neff. For his second wife Mr. Farnsworth married Mrs. Susanna (Smiley) Turner, a widow, and they became the parents of five children: Elizabeth, who married Dr. George Rowe; Henry, who married Nancy Wilson, and is deceased; Nancy, who married Martin R. Cooley; John; David, who resides in Nebraska; and Louise,

who married Col. James Miller, colonel of the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil war. Mrs. Farnsworth had four children by her first marriage: Daniel, Samuel, John and Joseph.

John Farnsworth, son of John Farnsworth, passed his boyhood days in Huntingdon, Armstrong and Clearfield counties, where his opportunities to secure an education were restricted to a few months in the winter terms spent in the district schools. He worked from boyhood with his father at farming and lumbering, continuing with him until he was about nineteen years of age, at which time he came to Grant township and took up a tract of farming land, where he continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits and lumbering until his removal to Cherryhill township. There, near Diamondville, he entered the employ of Robert Mitchell, now of Indiana, being engaged in farming, lumbering and teaming, hauling lumber to Indiana, and continued in that line of endeavor until July, 1863, when he went into the service in the Union army during the Civil war. Becoming a member of Company G, 102d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel McElwayne and Capt. James Coleman, he served in the Army of the Potomac, 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 6th Army Corps. Mr. Farnsworth participated in the battles of Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, North Anna River, Weldon Railroad and Fort Stevens. Then under "Fighting Phil" Sheridan he went through the Shenandoah valley, fighting at Berryville, Winchester, Flint Hill, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. After this battle he was promoted to corporal, and in December, 1864, went to Washington, D. C., and from there to Petersburg, where he was promoted to second sergeant of the Company. Eventually the men entered winter quarters at Patux Station. He began the campaign of the spring of 1865 with his company, and continued to serve therewith until the close of the war. He was mustered out of the service at Pittsburg with the rank of sergeant.

On his return to the duties of peace, after a service marked with the greatest bravery and most faithful devotion to duty, Mr. Farnsworth took up farming on 100 acres of land known as the Woodford farm. During the following year, however, he sold out and came to Grant township, and for the last forty-six years that township has been his home. Locating at East Run, on the George Buterbaugh farm of 112 acres, he made his home in the little log house and commenced farming op-

erations. This primitive home, however, was not long thereafter replaced with a modern dwelling, substantial barns and outbuildings were erected, and numerous other improvements made. He continued farming and stock raising until 1884, in which year he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, having entered this line in a general store at East Run. There he continued until 1910, and by strict attention to business built up a trade that extended all over his part of the county, gaining the reputation of being a thorough man of business, and honest and fair in all his transactions. During this time he also continued to conduct the farm, with the aid of his son, and various other enterprises have also claimed his attention. A staunch Republican in politics, he has served his township as justice of the peace for ten years, as a member of the school board and treasurer thereof, as clerk of the election board, and was postmaster from 1898 until 1906, when the rural free delivery system went into effect. He belongs to the Baptist Church, and is deacon of the church at East Mahoning, a teacher in the Sunday school, and active in all religious work.

On May 7, 1860, Mr. Farnsworth was married to Mary Ann Buterbaugh, who was born in Green township, daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Langham) Buterbaugh. Mrs. Farnsworth was a school teacher in Montgomery township for some years, having received her certificate in 1857 from the old county superintendent of schools, S. P. Bowlman. She is a member of the Baptist Church, and for fifty years has been a teacher in the Sabbath school. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Farnsworth, as follows: Ida, born May 27, 1861, married July 3, 1877, Joseph Houk, resides in Green township, and has five sons, J. Howard, Harry Raymond, David Lee, Willis Alfred and Charles Clyde; Azriah, born June 11, 1862, died Jan. 4, 1865; Eva, born Feb. 8, 1868, married July 4, 1888, Dr. Thomas B. Allison, of Tarentum, Pa., and has three children, Viola Zoe (a graduate of the West Penn College), Madge (a public school teacher), and Thomas; Clara, born Oct. 7, 1866, who was a teacher, married Sept. 17, 1891, John C. Thomas, station agent at Homer City, Pa., for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Willis, born June 8, 1872, farmer on the homestead, married March 14, 1893, Addie McQuown, daughter of Squire James A. McQuown, of Grant township, and has four children, Gwen, Berna, Blanche, and John McQuown; Louise, born Nov. 5, 1877, married

June 28, 1898, Rev. C. F. Cornman, minister of the Baptist Church, and a resident of Ohio, and has five children, Charles, Frederick, Rachel, Ruth and Louise; May, born Aug. 2, 1880, and Bessina, born July 20, 1884, are both at home.

The Buterbaugh family is of German origin, the founder of the family in Indiana county being William Buterbaugh, who came here about 1825, from Huntingdon county. He and his eldest son journeyed on foot through the country, then a forest, as far as Kittanning, hunting a place to buy, but owners were harder to find than land. On their way home they heard of a man that wanted to sell, near where the town of Lovejoy is now, went to see him, and bought some land with a log house on it. At that time he was married and all of his eight children, seven sons and one daughter, had been born. His wife was Christina Rotkey, and the children were: John, who married Elizabeth Learn; William, who married Mary A. Myers; Jacob, who married Lydia Chapman; Henry, who married Mary A. Langham; George, who married Delilah Langham; Frederick; David, who married Anna Langham and (second) Mary J. Bee; and Mary, who married George Learn. The family moved to this region about the holidays, and having considerable stock found it quite a task to haul the feed and provisions for the winter. But Mr. Buterbaugh was anxious to get at the work of clearing his land, making it ready for crops, believing he could soon clear out a farm with the help of such a lot of stout and healthy boys, and he was not disappointed.

Frederick Buterbaugh, son of William, was born June 1, 1814, in Huntingdon county, and came to Indiana county with his parents when still a youth. Here he was engaged in farming and stock raising during the remainder of his life, and died March 4, 1900. He was married Sept. 10, 1840, to Margaret Langham, who was born Jan. 21, 1822, daughter of William and Margaret (Nicholas) Langham, and by this union there were fifteen children, as follows: Mary A., born July 27, 1841, married May 7, 1860, John Farnsworth; Eliza C., born Feb. 11, 1843, married March 5, 1863, William Johnson; Nancy F., born July 6, 1844, married July 6, 1865, William Rankin, of Green township; William H., born Jan. 9, 1846, married Sept. 5, 1869, Mary Gartley; Azriah, born April 17, 1847, married Jan. 4, 1870, Virginia Gartley; Miles C., born Feb. 12, 1849, married Dec. 25, 1869, Jannetta Gilhousen; Samuel E., born Nov.

1, 1850, married Oct. 4, 1875, Ella Faith; Robert Clark was born May 1, 1852; Margaret L., born Oct. 30, 1853, married Nov. 13, 1870, D. R. Houck; Sarah J., born May 1, 1855, married Aug. 22, 1877, George Nupp; Harriet A., born Jan. 1, 1857, married Jan. 8, 1876, John W. Nupp; Esmeralda, born July 30, 1858, married Dec. 25, 1879, Philip Baker, and (second) Melvin Payne; Emma S., born Feb. 13, 1860, married July 1, 1880, J. L. Widdowson; Benton, born Oct. 13, 1861, died young; and Samantha, born Oct. 30, 1863, also died young.

WILLIAM SCOTT MILLER, a prominent merchant of Conemaugh township, located at Lewisville, belongs to an old settled family of Indiana county.

Samuel Miller, the first of the family in this county, was a native of Ireland, where his first wife, Margaret, was also born. Coming to this country they first located east of the mountains, and he came to Indiana county from Westmoreland county, where he was a farmer. He settled near Jacksonville in this county. He was married twice, his first wife, Margaret, the mother of his children, dying in Westmoreland county, where she is buried, at Old Salem. He is buried in Ebenezer cemetery. He married in Indiana county (second) Miss E. Bell. His children were: Ellen married John Taylor; James married Margaret Miller; Sarah; Hugh married Sarah Moore; Samuel G. married Mary Keener; John is mentioned below; Ann married Peter Keener; Martin married Hannah Simpson; Alexander married Mary Elder; William married Elizabeth Coleman; Richard married Sarah Dillingler; Jane married James Blakely; Eliza married Samuel Davis; Margaret married Samuel McCurdy.

John Miller, of Conemaugh township, was first a farmer in Westmoreland county, and in the late forties moved to Indiana county, settling in Conemaugh on a farm of 160 acres. It was not only covered with timber, but also rocky, but he succeeded in clearing up much of it; at one period he spent seventeen days hauling stone from this land. He continued on that farm the remainder of his life, engaged in farming and stock raising, dying there about 1872, aged sixty-six years, and is buried in the Ebenezer cemetery in Conemaugh township. He served his township as supervisor and overseer of the poor. He was a member and elder of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church. He was twice married, first to Mary Irwin and afterward to Matilda McPhiliney,

both of whom died in Conemaugh township and are buried there, in Ebenezer cemetery at Lewisville. The second wife died March 20, 1902, aged seventy-three years. There were six children by the first marriage: Margaret married Samuel Coleman of Conemaugh township; John Irwin lived in Blacklick township; Mary married William Barkley, of Turtle Creek, Allegheny Co., Pa.; Amanda married Andrew McGaughey; one son died in infancy; Martha (Mattie) married Robert Ewing and resides on the Miller homestead farm in Conemaugh township. There were three children by the second marriage: William Scott; Anna, who married Robert E. Dixon, of Young township; and a daughter that died in infancy.

William Scott Miller was born Dec. 17, 1860, in Conemaugh township, and there received his education in the common schools. His father dying when he was twelve years old, he lived with his mother on the home farm until 1884, when they sold the place, and in 1886 he purchased the Hazlett farm in Young township, a tract of ninety acres, which he farmed up to 1905, also engaging in stock raising to some extent. His mother also resided there until her death. Selling this place in 1905, he then moved to Livermore, Westmoreland county, where he was salesman for the International Harvester Company, handling farming implements, fertilizers, etc. In the spring of 1907 he moved to Lewisville, Conemaugh township, where he opened the grocery and general store which he has ever since conducted. By unquestionable methods and sincere efforts to please his customers he has built up a steadily increasing trade and made an excellent reputation among his fellow citizens. He is a member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in his political views.

On Sept. 29, 1885, Mr. Miller married Jennie H. Marshall, daughter of Elder Marshall, of Conemaugh township, and they have had two children: Zula Olga, who graduated from the Indiana State normal school in 1912 and is now teaching at the Lewisville school; and Thomas Ralph, who died when six years old.

**JAMES ROBERT WIGGINS**, a farmer of Armstrong township, was born April 30, 1853, in that township, son of Andrew Wiggins.

James Wiggins, grandfather of James Robert Wiggins, was born April 17, 1791, and died Aug. 7, 1845. He married Mary Ramsay, who was born April 17, 1790, and died Jan. 24, 1874, and they are buried in the cemetery

attached to the Shelocta United Presbyterian Church in Armstrong township. He was reared in White township, where he was born, but located in Armstrong township, near Shelocta, on part of what was the Sharp farm, a tract containing 200 acres. James Wiggins and wife were the parents of children as follows: Margaret, born June 6, 1810, married Samuel Calhoun; Samuel, born June 21, 1811, married Lena A. Armstrong; Hugh, born in May, 1813, married Jane Ramsey; Nancy, born in March, 1815, married Alexander Calhoun Nov. 17, 1838; Mary, born in March, 1817, married John Ramsey; Andrew is mentioned below; Jane, born Dec. 22, 1821, married Michael Peterman; Sarah, born March 16, 1823, died unmarried; James, born Aug. 22, 1825, married Eliza Lowry and (second) Sarah A. Marlin; William, born Aug. 23, 1827, married Sarah Borland; Thomas, born Sept. 1, 1829, married Sarah J. McCollum.

Andrew Wiggins was born in White township, this county, in 1819, and lived with his parents, assisting them with the farm work. Later on he moved to Armstrong township, buying a farm of ninety-three acres, to which he later added twenty-one acres. On it in 1867 he built a large barn, and in 1872 erected a commodious frame residence, now the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Mangus. He was actively engaged in farming until his death, which occurred Oct. 27, 1903, when he was in his eighty-third year. In politics he was a Democrat, but he did not desire public office. For many years he was a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church of his township, and in every way was a good citizen and noble man.

Andrew Wiggins married Sarah Lowry, who survived him, dying June 6, 1910. She was a daughter of James Lowry. The children of this union were: James Robert; John R., who died when one year old; and Mary Jane, born July 15, 1849, who married Elijah Mangus and resides on the old homestead.

James Robert Wiggins, son of Andrew Wiggins, attended the common schools of his district and the summer school held at Elderton, and at the same time gave his parents valuable assistance in operating the homestead. Desiring to start out in life for himself, he bought the Robert Lowry farm of 180 acres, and carries on general farming, specializing on raising sheep, pigs, turkeys and cattle. His property shows that he is a good farmer and his success in life proves his business ability.

On Oct. 6, 1881, Mr. Wiggins married Anna Mary Dettar, a daughter of Jacob and Eliza

beth (Thomas) Dettar, the former of whom died at the age of fifty-eight years, and the latter at the age of sixty-one years. Mrs. Wiggins was reared in Armstrong township. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins: Andrew Franklin, born Aug. 14, 1882, is in the United States navy, being on the U. S. S. "Birmingham," a first class water tender, having been thus associated for the last decade; Jacob Ernest was born Sept. 13, 1883; Sarah Elizabeth, born March 5, 1885, married W. R. King; John Lowry was born Aug. 12, 1887; Laura Emma was born June 29, 1889; William Parrell, born Sept. 5, 1892, is a carpenter; Martha Alice was born Aug. 20, 1894. All except Andrew F. and Elizabeth are living at home.

Mr. Wiggins has served on the election board frequently since casting his first vote, being a strong Democrat, and he was the successful nominee of his party for township auditor. In addition to his farming interests he is secretary of the Parkwood Farmers' Telephone Company and secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He and his family belong to the United Presbyterian Church, of which he has been elder for ten years, and a trustee for a number of years. From 1885 to 1912 he served faithfully as superintendent of the Sunday school connected with the church, and is a man of high principles, who wields a strong moral influence in his community, where his friends are legion.

**HENRY RISHEL**, a farmer and dealer in live stock of Canoe township, was born in that township, on the old Rishel homestead, Jan. 26, 1857, son of Christopher Rishel.

Christopher Rishel, who came of German ancestry, was the grandfather of Henry Rishel, and father of Christopher Rishel. He was the first of the name to come to this part of Pennsylvania, and settled in Center county, later lived in Young township, Jefferson county, and then located two miles west of Punxsutawney, Pa., where he bought a farm. Afterward he went to the State of Ohio, where he died; his wife died years before in Jefferson county. The children born to this worthy couple were: Daniel was a farmer of Jefferson county, Pa.; Lewis, a farmer of Canoe township, died on the battlefield while serving in the Civil war; George, who was a farmer of Canoe township, died of smallpox; John was a buggy manufacturer of Mifflinburg, Pa.; Christopher is mentioned below; Susan married Adam States and lived in

Canoe township; Elizabeth married John Pierce and lived in Iowa; Polly, who married a Mr. Shafer, lived in Clearfield county, Pa.; Sallie, who married a Mr. Pentz, lived in Clearfield county; Christy Ann married a Mr. McCracken, of Clearfield county; Nancy, who married Solomon Weaver, lived in the vicinity of Plumville, Pennsylvania.

Christopher Rishel, son of Christopher Rishel, and father of Henry Rishel, received only a common school education in Young township, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he was born May 2, 1826. After learning the carpenter's trade he came to Canoe township, Indiana county, in 1852, and buying 100 acres of land began to clear it, as it was in an entirely wild state. This property is now occupied by his son Miles and daughter Emma. Mr. Rishel not only put his land under cultivation, after much hard work, but made many improvements, developing a comfortable home, where he died Jan. 31, 1899, aged seventy-two years, his widow surviving until June 26, 1910, when she passed away aged eighty-three years. For many years this most excellent man belonged to the German Reformed Church, but later connected himself with the Evangelical Association, as it better embodied his religious views. An active Republican, he served on the election board, as school director, assessor and supervisor, and was widely and favorably known throughout the county.

On Sept. 27, 1848, Christopher Rishel married Catherine Wingert, who was born Oct. 30, 1826, in Germany, daughter of George Wingert, also a native of Germany. In 1839 Mr. Wingert brought his family to Jefferson county, buying a farm on which he and his estimable wife lived until they died. Their children were: Frederick, who lived in Clearfield county, Pa.; Henry, who lived in Jefferson county, Pa.; Charlotte, who married Conrad Staley, and lived in Jefferson county, Pa.; Margaret, who married Abram Keller, and lived at Big Run, Pa.; and Catherine, who became Mrs. Christopher Rishel.

Children as follows were born to Christopher Rishel and his wife: Mary is the widow of Robert Calderwood, of Canoe township; Henry is mentioned below; Rev. Emanuel W., for some years a school teacher, but for the last quarter of a century engaged in ministerial work, being a clergyman of the United Evangelical Church, now at Windber, Pa., married Mina Ferner, and their children are Charlotte, Madaline, Preston and Ruby; Miles is unmarried and lives on the old homestead



in Canoe township; Emma, who lives with Miles, is also unmarried; four children died in infancy.

Henry Rishel was given but common school advantages, adding to his store of knowledge by observation and experience. He remained at home until his marriage, after which he located on his present farm in Canoe township, then known as the George Bradenbaugh place. His original holdings amounted to fifty acres, but recently he added thirty acres, and has about seventy acres under cultivation, raising stock upon his property, as well as carrying on general farming. Mr. Rishel built the residence and made many other important improvements. He believes in carrying on his work according to modern methods, and has equipped his farm with good machinery.

On Aug. 26, 1878, Mr. Rishel married Jennie Knox, who was born at Marchand, Pa., daughter of David and Maria Knox, the latter born in Canoe township, daughter of Solomon Braughler. A sketch of the Braughler family may be found elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Rishel have had children as follows: Iva D. married Joseph States, of Washington county, Pa., a patternmaker for the American Steel Corporation, and has children, Ronald and James Henry; Gertrude, who married William Richardson, a rural free delivery mail carrier of Richmond, Pa., has had two children, Robert and Carl, the latter deceased; Rhoda married Sharp Cayler, a clerk in the post office at Punxsutawney, Pa., and has three children, Helen, Ray and Gertrude Jane (prior to her marriage she taught school for two terms, being the first school teacher at Rossiter, Pa.); Emery C., now an electrician for the American Glass Company at James City, Pa., formerly a teacher for three terms at Juneau, and one term at Rossiter, married Lillian Sutter, and has a daughter, Virginia; Teoka was educated in the home and private schools and at several academies, and has been a teacher for the last eight years, one term at Juneau, two terms at the Grant school, two terms at Big Run, Jefferson county, one term at Crawford No. 1, one term at Cold Springs, in North Mahoning township, and one term at Rossiter; David K. was educated in the public and private schools of his neighborhood, and has been a teacher for four years, having been stationed at the Shaffer school for one term and for the same period at the Gaston school, the Henry school and the Locust Lane school. Three children died in infancy. All of the survivors have been care-

fully reared and are a credit to their parents.

Mr. Rishel has been constable, school director, member of the election board, treasurer and supervisor of his township, always elected on the Republican ticket. His wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Richmond, Pa., and is active in the good work of the church and the missionary society. The family is one of the best known and most highly respected of any in the county, and its members richly deserve the regard they command.

KNOX. Hugh Knox, grandfather of Mrs. Rishel, was born in County Down, Ireland, as was his wife, Ann (Blakely). They came to Indiana county, Pa., and located in North Mahoning township, where Mrs. Knox died, her husband surviving her and passing away at Atwood, Pa. Their children were: John, who lived in North Mahoning township and Brookville, Pa.; James, who lived in Canoe township; David, mentioned below; Samuel, who lived on the homestead in North Mahoning township; Susan, who married Henry Coy, of Covode, Pa.; Abbie, who married James Wadding, of Atwood, Pa.; Nancy, who married Joseph Coy, and they lived at Covode, Pa., until they died; Mary, who married Hugh Knox, and lived in a Western State; and Peggy, who married and lived at Marchand, Pennsylvania.

David Knox, son of Hugh Knox and father of Mrs. Rishel, had few educational opportunities, but he became a useful, successful man. He carried on farming and merchandising, and lived on the Knox homestead. His death occurred in 1889, when he was sixty-three years old. His widow survived until April, 1911, when she died aged seventy-three years. They were consistent members of the Methodist Church at Covode, Pa. The following children were born to David Knox and wife: Hood, who married Anna Morrison, lives at Reynoldsville, Pa.; Jennie is Mrs. Rishel; Lizzie married Henry Pentz, a coal and oil dealer of Dubois, Pa.; Rhoda married William Prescott, a farmer and owner of a coal bank at Adrian, Pa.; Dawson, deceased, married Jessie Stanley, and lived on the old homestead; Hannah, who is unmarried, owns a store in Buffalo, N. Y.; Nettie married Milligan Calderwood, a farmer of Canoe township; Myrtle married Thomas Strouse, a conductor on the Cleveland street railroad; and Martin, who married Grace Hirshberger, is a dairyman of Cleveland, Ohio.

SAMUEL MILLER SHIELDS, of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, has passed most of his life in that township, where his parents settled in 1858.

John Shields, his great-grandfather, was the pioneer of the Shields family in this county. He was born in Chester county, Pa., Aug. 18, 1759, and moved to Toboyno township, then in Cumberland (now Perry) county, Pa., from where he enlisted in the war for independence at the age of seventeen years. On one occasion he substituted for his father and at another for a neighbor, and later served in the State militia in quelling the Indian outbreaks. In 1782 he married Mary Marshall, and a year later moved across the mountains into what was then known as the Indian country, settling on the bank of Blacklick creek, near where Gen. Charles Campbell had built his mill, and at what is now known as the Shields Ford. He was a hunter and Indian scout and came from a family noted for their love of frays, and the settlers living between blockhouses depended upon him to warn them of the movements of the Indians. He was seven feet tall. His wife died leaving him children: William, who married Margaret Reed; Joseph; Jean, who married Michael Stewart; Martha, who died unmarried; John, who married Elizabeth Speedy; Mary, who married William McKee; Margaret, who married James Speedy; and James, who married Margaret Getty. On Oct. 8, 1818, John Shields was again married, this time to Elizabeth Carson, of Center township, by whom he had one child, a daughter named Sarah. He died Oct. 26, 1840, and is buried in the Washington Church graveyard. He was pensioned by the government for his services in the war, as shown by the military records at Washington.

James Shields, son of John Shields, married Margaret Getty, and their children were born as follows: Richard Charles, April 26, 1811; John M., June 28, 1818; James G., Oct. 10, 1820; Isabella, April 27, 1823; William, Aug. 5, 1825; Joseph, Dec. 14, 1827; Elizabeth, May 23, 1830; Ralph, July 9, 1833; Mary Jane, Oct. 19, 1836; H. Harrison, July 5, 1840.

James G. Shields, son of James and Margaret (Getty) Shields, was born Oct. 10, 1820, in Plumville, Indiana county, and there was trained to farming, which he followed in his early years. Later he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was engaged for many years, principally in and around New Alexandria, Pa. In 1858 he moved to Lewisville,

in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, where he bought a farm of 116 acres upon which he made his home, and there during the remainder of his life he worked at farming and carpentry. He was an energetic man, and his mind was as active as his body, his intelligence and enterprise making him deservedly one of the most respected citizens of his day. He served his township officially as school director, assessor, supervisor and judge of election, and he was a prominent member of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, of which he was a trustee, and served as a member of the building committee. During the Civil war he served in the Union army as a corporal in Company G, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Mr. Shields died March 20, 1907, in his eighty-seventh year, and was buried beside his wife in the Ebenezer Church cemetery. On Jan. 10, 1850, he married Mary Ann Miller, who was born May 23, 1829, in Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of Samuel G. and Mary (Keener) Miller, and died April 23, 1895. Eight children were born to them, namely: Samuel Miller is mentioned below; Elizabeth, born May 19, 1852, married A. S. Templeton and (second) D. L. Marshall; Mary Olive, born Jan. 1, 1855, married Jan. 1, 1874, David L. Marshall, and they have had six children, Frank (a carpenter), Mary V. (employed in the First National Bank at Blairsville), Jennie (married to Levi Y. Graham), Margaret A. (in the First National Bank at Latrobe), James Shields (in the First National Bank at Blairsville) and Charles N. (of Vandergrift, Pa.); Weston F., born Sept. 9, 1858, married Emma L. Leard (he was a missionary in Siam for nine years, and is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Medford, Oregon); Sarah A., born Feb. 24, 1861, married John A. Brown April 14, 1886, and has had five children, Mary A. (who is teaching school in her home town, Derry, Pa.), James G. (deceased in infancy), Troila A. (stenographer for the railroad company at Derry), Charles A. (deceased) and Sara Elizabeth (deceased in infancy); Dr. John L., born Sept. 23, 1866, who married Clara V. Bergan, practiced medicine for ten years and died April 7, 1900; Maggie I., born April 23, 1868, died Jan. 2, 1887; Charles E., born March 14, 1870, died April 16, 1909, married Oct. 17, 1894, Ella S. McCurdy, and children were born to them, Sara, Florence, Elizabeth and Josephine.

Samuel Miller Shields was born Jan. 4, 1851, in Plumville, in East Mahoning township. this county, moved with his parents to

Conemaugh township in boyhood, and settled at what is now known as Lewisville (then Ebenezer). There he attended common school, and early began to assist his father on the farm, continuing thus until 1880, when he went to work for Elder Leard at farming. For five years after that he "cropped" on the Smith Templeton farm, and then for two years cropped the John Irwin place, of 116½ acres, which he eventually purchased, this being the place where he has since made his home. He follows general farming and stock raising, and he has made the reputation of being one of the most progressive agriculturists of his district. A man of keen intellect, he has by well-directed industry gained substantial success and made an attractive home, his property being regarded as one of the best cultivated in Conemaugh township. Though he has never sought public honors for himself he takes great interest in seeing that good men are placed in local offices, and is a public-spirited citizen in all matters affecting the welfare of his home township and county. Politically he is a staunch Republican. Like his father he is one of the reliable members of the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, of which he was formerly a trustee.

On Dec. 23, 1880, Mr. Shields married Bertha J. Speedy, daughter of Hugh and Margaret (Dunlap) Speedy, and member of an old and respected family of Conemaugh township. Six children have been born to them, as follows: Jennie May, born Sept. 19, 1882, was the wife of H. H. Charles, of Allegheny City, and died April 25, 1904 (she had one child, Dorothy May, who lives with her grandfather Shields); James Mark is at home; Pearl Margaret married George Morfolt, a rural free delivery carrier; Lizzie Bell is at home; Mary Olive graduated from the Elders-ridge Academy and is now teaching in Blacklick township; Martha A. is at home.

**WILLIAM SYLVESTER LITTLE**, a lifelong resident of Rayne township, Indiana county, was born Sept. 13, 1851, on the homestead where he is still engaged in farming.

Hugh Little, his grandfather, was born in Ireland, and coming to Pennsylvania settled in Rayne township, Indiana county, on the farm now occupied by his grandson, William S. Little. He had been a farmer in his native country, and he continued to follow farm work after taking up his home in the new land, though the task of clearing his tract was slow and discouraging. He had to cut out and clear a place for the double log cabin which he built

—a larger house than many of the early settlers attempted to put up. He was married in this country to Mary Hicks, who was of Irish and Scotch descent, and they had four children: Ann, Mary, Robert and Abraham. Hugh Little died at the age of seventy-six years, his wife at the age of sixty.

Robert Little, son of Hugh and Mary (Hicks) Little, was born March 4, 1816, in Pennsylvania, and was reared to farming, which he followed all his life. He passed all his life on his father's homestead, dying May 19, 1893. Mr. Little took an interest in the general welfare and was a public-spirited worker for the best good of the community, giving good service in the offices of school director, supervisor, etc., to which he was elected by his fellow citizens as a mark of their respect and esteem. On July 8, 1847, he married Jane W. Speedy, of Rayne township, who died Feb. 5, 1901. They were the parents of three children: Evoline is the wife of Andrew Harman, a farmer, of Atchison, Kans.; William Sylvester is on the homestead; Tabitha Jane is the wife of Ralston Dodson, of Morland, Kansas.

William Sylvester Little obtained his education in the public schools and farmed with his father until he reached maturity. He learned the carpenter's trade in his young manhood and followed it for twelve years exclusively, and he now carries on both carpentry and farming, cultivating the old homestead, which he now owns and occupies. He takes an interest in various local affairs, he and his family belonging to the Grange, and he is an Odd Fellow, holding membership in Lodge No. 676, at Wilkinsburg, and a member of the Grove Chapel Lutheran Church, in the work of which he has taken a prominent part, being an elder at present and having also served as trustee and deacon. His wife also belongs to that church. Mr. Little is a Republican and has taken quite an active interest in politics. He has served his township as supervisor.

On Sept. 19, 1872, Mr. Little married Susan Matilda Wolf, of Rayne township, daughter of David and Catherine (Horrell) Wolf. Mr. Wolf was a shoemaker and later a farmer. They have had one child, Mabel Clare, born Oct. 8, 1873, who lives at home with her parents. She received a high school education, attended summer school at Kellysburg two terms and at Plumville one term, and was formerly engaged in teaching school in Indiana county.

HARVEY R. WIDDOWSON, a lumberman of Grant township, was born in Cherryhill township, this county, Nov. 1, 1861.

Joseph Widdowson, the founder of the family in Indiana county, was born in Plum Tree, near Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England, where he grew to manhood. He married Mary Bexon, and in 1816 with her and a son, William, then still an infant, came to the United States, landing in New York City, where they spent two years. In 1818 they came to Laughlinton, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where they resided for several years. Once more they made a change and settled in Cherryhill township, where they found conditions that suited them, so Mr. Widdowson took up land, becoming a heavy property owner. He died on his farm in 1867, aged seventy-six years, his widow surviving until 1870, when she died aged seventy-five years. Their children were: William; Thomas, who married Jane Lydick; Sarah, who married Daniel Howe; John, who married Ann Ober; Joseph, who is deceased; Ann, who married John C. Connor; Josiah, who never married; and Ebenezer, who married Susan Ober.

William Widdowson, son of Joseph Widdowson, was born at Plum Tree, near Nottingham, England, in 1815, and was still a mere lad when the family located in Cherryhill township. There he grew to manhood, and received a subscription school education. His winters were spent in school, but in summer he helped in farming. When he attained his majority he began milling, operating a grist-mill in Cherryhill township, not far from Dixonville, which was one of the first to be operated by steam power in Indiana county. Until 1868 he continued a resident of Cherryhill township, in that year coming to Canoe township and embarking in a lumbering business. He erected a mill on the north branch of the Little Mahoning, which was equipped with a Burnham turbine wheel and a circular saw, the first of its kind to be used in Indiana county. The mill had the then remarkable capacity of 6,000 feet of boards per day, and also turned out laths and shingles, and Mr. Widdowson developed into one of the largest manufacturers of these different kinds of lumber in that section of the county. He had 200 acres in his homestead, upon which he made the majority of the improvements, although he did not carry on farming extensively, his time being occupied with his other interests. He was a man far in advance of his times, possessing very progressive ideas, and had great business capacity and strength of pur-

pose. A Democrat, he adhered to the principles of that party, inheriting his sentiments from his father. In religious faith he was a Baptist, and brought up his children in the same creed. The death of this excellent man occurred in 1881, when he was sixty-six years old, and he is buried at Richmond. William Widdowson married Louise Kime, who was born in York county, Pa., daughter of John Donaby and Louisa (Berridge) Kime, the former a native of Stickney, Lincolnshire, England, and the latter of Boston, Lincolnshire, England, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Key) Berridge. Mrs. Widdowson survives her husband, living at White Oak Flats, in South Mahoning township. Her parents died at her old home in Canoe township.

Mr. and Mrs. Widdowson had the following children: William was a lumberman and hotel-keeper at Richmond, where he died; John, deceased, married Jennie Hennigh; Emma is the widow of Edward Hupp; Joseph L., who was a merchant and farmer in Grant township, is now a lumberman of Idaho; Josiah E., who is deceased, married Keturah Simpson; Mary, who married Wilson Ditts, resides at White Oak Flats, in South Mahoning township; Harvey R. is mentioned below; Electa, deceased, married John S. Ross, of Richmond; Laura married George Hamilton, a farmer of Grant township.

Harvey R. Widdowson, son of William Widdowson, was still a boy when the family went to Canoe township, and there he was educated in the public schools. He worked from his boyhood on the farm and in the lumber mill with his father, and after his father died continued to operate both the farm and mill, being thus engaged until 1892, when he located in Grant township, buying his brother Joseph's interest in the sawmill and land at what is now known as Ord. For twenty years he has operated the sawmill at this point. A man of unusual energy, he knows how to direct his work so as to attain the best results, and his success is the outcome of intelligent thought along progressive lines. While a Democrat, he reserves the right to act independently whenever he believes that the best interests of the community will be conserved by his doing so. Though belonging to no religious denomination, he directs his actions according to the Golden Rule, and is charitable in thought and deed. Neither does he belong to any fraternal association, taking his diversions with his family, for he is domestic in his tastes.

Mr. Widdowson married Bessie L. Work, who was born in East Mahoning township, daughter of William Alexander S. Work. A full and interesting history of the Work family, one of the leading families of Indiana county, will be found elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Widdowson is one of the most worthy women in her township, where she is well and favorably regarded, for she is a devoted wife and mother, an excellent housewife and homemaker, and a kind and charitable neighbor and friend. Mr. and Mrs. Widdowson have had the following children: Roxie L., who was graduated from the State normal school at Indiana, married Dr. Harry B. Neal, of Indiana, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere; Mary Gay is a student at the State normal; William Work is now (1913) seven years old.

SAMUEL LEWIS, general farmer of Canoe township, Indiana county, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born May 17, 1844, on his father's farm in West Mahoning township, this county, son of George and Susan (Stear) Lewis.

John Stear, his maternal grandfather, was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and coming to Indiana county at an early date, settled east of Smicksburg, where he secured wild land, which he cleared and cultivated, making a comfortable home for his family. The rest of his life was spent there in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Stear was twice married and became the father of the following children: George, who lived near Plumville, Pa.; Mary, who married Thomas Carr, and lived near Cherrytree, Pa.; Susan, the mother of Samuel Lewis; Margaret, who married John Carr, of West Mahoning township; and John, who lived on the old homestead.

George Lewis, of Sinking Valley, Pa., father of Samuel Lewis, received only meager educational advantages. He lived at home until his marriage, at which time he commenced farming on his own account, and was so engaged until his death, in 1846. He and his wife had four children, namely: Nancy married Anthony Wingrove, and lived in West Mahoning township (both are deceased); John enlisted in the fall of 1861 in Company A, 78th Regiment, P. V. I., at Smicksburg, was sent to Kittanning and on to Louisville, Ky., where he joined the Army of the Cumberland, was taken sick at Chattanooga, Tenn., sent to hospital at Louisville, Ky., and died Dec. 15, 1863 (he married Lizzie Moonshower); Samuel is mentioned below; Jane married John B. Sowers, and lived at Yates-

boro, Pa. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Susan Lewis was married (second) to John F. Stiteler, who was born Feb. 23, 1815, in Sinking Valley, Pa., and passed away at the age of eighty-eight years, two months. They made their home in Smicksburg. She was born March 9, 1815.

Samuel Lewis had to go a long distance to the little log school, with its puncheon seats, slab desks and primitive equipments, presided over by Capt. Evan Lewis. He was still a lad when the Civil war broke out, and in August, 1862, enlisted at Pittsburg in Company A, 78th P. V. I., which he joined at Pulaski, Tenn. Subsequently he participated in its various engagements, which included such memorable and hard-fought battles as Stone River, Burnt Hickory, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta and Nashville, besides numerous skirmishes and minor engagements. He was a brave and faithful soldier and when his services were completed returned to the duties of peace with an excellent record. He was discharged June 19, 1865, at Nashville.

Mr. Lewis was married Sept. 13, 1866, to S. E. Johnson, of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, daughter of James and Polly (Simpson) Johnson, and granddaughter of John and Sarah (Adamson) Johnson. James Johnson was a carpenter by trade, and also owned a farm in South Mahoning township, where both he and his wife died. Their children were as follows: Mary Jane, who married J. K. Stear, of Cozad, Nebr.; S. E., who married Mr. Lewis; J. H., a farmer, who married Mary Kinter, and lived in South Mahoning township; Martha, deceased, who was the wife of John Webster, and lived in Jefferson county; Clara, who married T. W. Neff, of Altoona, Pa.; and John B., a railroad bridge carpenter, of Pittsburg, Kans., who met an accidental death Feb. 20, 1905.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have been born the following children: Austin Elmer, born April 23, 1867, a farmer in Forest county, Pa., married Ella Purdy and (second) Laura Bell Ekes, and had three children, Bell (who married Joseph States of Richmond, Pa., and has three children, Claire O., Joseph W. and Andrew J.), Preston C. and John F.; Nora B., born March 31, 1869, married John Love, of Jefferson county, and has three children, Harry A., Mabel E. and Mary B.; Arthur B., born Feb. 7, 1871, a miner of Onnalinda, Pa., married Agnes Lucas, and has ten children, Clair, Mary, William, Murray, Towner, Thomas, Samuel, Amanda, Ethel and another

daughter; John W., born Jan. 20, 1873, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, who was sergeant of Company M, 3d Pennsylvania Volunteers, is now living in Colorado; James A., born Oct. 29, 1874, a miner, married Mary Jones, and has six children, Samuel Thomas, Ida May, Timothy, Blanche, Margaret and Robert; Ida C., born Feb. 22, 1877, married A. E. Ross, of DuBois, Pa., and has two children, Lester and Grace; Ira B., born Oct. 18, 1878, died Nov. 13, 1878; Luther F., born Oct. 11, 1879, who was connected with a supply house at Ernest, met with an accidental death Feb. 24, 1913 (he married Sarah E. Work, and they had seven children, Bertha, Ernest, deceased, Ray, Francis, Blair, James and Eva); George F., born March 16, 1882, a carpenter, plumber and paperhanger living near Marchand, Pa., married Lulu Weaver and (second) Olive Loyd, and by his first marriage had one child, Earl, by his second two, Mona and Dale; Samuel, a painter, living at Madison, Pa., married Anna Bell Lewis, of Smicksburg, Pa., and has two children, William Elkin and Mary; and J. Harvey, born Oct. 14, 1887, now farming the old home place for his father, married Goldie Potts and has had three children, Ralph, Ethel and Floy, the last-named dying when eight months old.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Lewis settled on the Ritchey place, where they resided for two and a half years. In 1872 Mr. Lewis purchased his present property of fifty acres in Canoe township, formerly known as the Colgin place, at that time wild land, but which has all been cleared and put under cultivation by Mr. Lewis, who follows general farming and stock raising. He is an industrious, thrifty worker, and a substantial and respected citizen of his community.

Mr. Lewis is a Republican in political views, and for thirteen years has served as a member of the board of supervisors of Canoe township. He and his family are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Richmond, Pa. He is a popular comrade of the G. A. R. post at Richmond.

**ALVIN INDEPENDENT DAVIS**, a farmer of Buffington township, was born July 4, 1867, son of William Davis.

Isaiah Davis, great-grandfather of Alvin Independent Davis, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and moved to Bedford, this state, where he built the first furnace, known as the Lynn & Davis furnace. There his children were born. He married a Miss Flanigan and (second) a Miss Steel, and his children were:

Jane, who married Richard Harwood; Becky, who married William Price; Mrs. Young; James, who lives in Jefferson county, Pa.; Alex, who married a Miss Suydam; and Thomas.

Thomas Davis, son of Isaiah Davis, settled in Buffington township, Indiana Co., Pa., when he was thirty years old. Prior to that he had learned the blacksmith's trade at Hope-well, Bedford Co., Pa., but after coming to Indiana county he devoted himself to farming on his 200-acre tract, where he died aged sixty-two years. Joining the Methodist Church early in life, he continued a member of that body, and died firm in its faith, having been a liberal supporter of the church at Blacklick, Cambria county; he was buried in the little cemetery attached to that church.

Thomas Davis married Nancy Rainey, daughter of John Rainey, of Bedford county, and their children were: Sarah Jane married T. J. Bracken; James A. died at the age of twenty-two years; William is mentioned below; Ann married Thomas Hannah as her first husband, and later John Graham; Thomas Jefferson died while in service during the Civil war, as a member of the Union army; Foster married Rachel Shealer and (second) Eliza Harbaugh; Charity died in childhood.

William Davis, son of Thomas Davis, and father of Alvin I. Davis, was born Dec. 28, 1835, in Pine (now Buffington) township, this county. He attended the schools of his period and locality, and assisted his father with the farm work, learning it in all its details. Later he purchased the homestead, comprising 230 acres, and operated it, raising stock, specializing on fine horses, and lumbering to a considerable extent. For many years he served as a school director, and after the formation of the Republican party adhered to its principles. The Methodist Church held his membership and benefited from his generosity from the time he joined it, many years ago. Having spent many years in useful employment he retired, and now lives at Morrellville, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

On November 18, 1858, William Davis was married to Cynthia Jane George, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Patterson) George. Mrs. Davis was born Dec. 11, 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Davis had children as follows: Mary Agnes, born Sept. 10, 1859, married Sept. 28, 1889, Charles Altemus, a dentist of Johnstown; Thomas Jefferson, born July 14, 1861, married Mary Ling, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (McFeaters) Ling, and has had children, Norman, Stanton, Elton, Dal-

ton and Melvin; Ann Elizabeth, born Nov. 8, 1862, died in childhood; Flora, born Jan. 20, 1865, taught school for some years, married June 4, 1895, Sam C. Altemus, and died Aug. 6, 1893; Alvin I. is mentioned below; Edwin, born Nov. 5, 1869, is a dentist of New York City; William George, born Dec. 12, 1871, married July 8, 1896, Bell Hill, and is an engineer in the Cambria Steel Company works at Johnstown, Pa.; Ira, born Aug. 27, 1873, living with his parents, is a steel tester for the Cambria Steel Company; Gertrude, born Sept. 25, 1876, died Jan. 15, 1877; Fannie, born April 4, 1878, married Sept. 10, 1908, Homer Boyer, who is a banker of Johnstown, Pa.; Sarah L., born Sept. 8, 1880, died July 22, 1884.

Alvin Independent Davis attended the Duncan school, and at the same time was kept busy with work on the farm. After he left school he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as fireman, running between Derry, Pa., and points east and west. Later he came back to the farm, and buying the homestead settled upon it. This property comprised 120 acres of his father's original holdings, and contained a handsome residence, good barns and other buildings. He added seventy-six acres to this, which he bought from the McCarty brothers, and is now operating 190 acres, doing general farming and lumbering. Being a man of enterprise, with progressive ideas, he conducts his operations according to modern methods, and has been decidedly successful.

Mr. Davis was married to Bell Wallace, daughter of James A. and Laura Bell (Clark) Wallace, of East Wheatfield township. She was born Feb. 18, 18—, and died Sept. 10, 1909, the mother of four children, as follows: Jennie Bell, born July 3, 1901; William Alvin, born April 14, 1903; Harry George, born Aug. 4, 1904; and Bertha Agnes, born Aug. 27, 1909. For his second wife Mr. Davis married Mary C. Dill, daughter of Benson and Matilda (Tomb) Dill, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and to this union has come one daughter, Catharine Amanda, born Dec. 4, 1912.

Mr. Davis has been a Republican since casting his first vote, and has served as constable for five years, as township auditor for thirteen years, and as judge of election four years. The Methodist Church holds his membership, and he gives its good work his earnest support. Thoroughgoing in every respect, Mr. Davis is an excellent example of the type of modern agriculturist for which Indiana

county is noted, and sustains the high reputation established by his forbears for honesty of purpose and integrity of action.

JAMES STEWART CAMPBELL, a farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in that township Nov. 5, 1837, son of Cornelius Campbell. His paternal grandfather married the daughter of James Stewart.

Cornelius Campbell was born in 1796, and died Dec. 14, 1843. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and came to America when twenty-two years old, making the voyage in a sailing vessel that landed him in New York City, whence he later came to Armstrong township, taking up 140 acres in the then wilderness. On it he built a log house, on the site of the present residence of his son, James Stewart Campbell. In addition to attending to his farm this pioneer taught school held in a log cabin, receiving in payment for his services grain and other farm commodities. A man of more than ordinary intelligence and education, he naturally became a leader in township affairs, and his advice was asked in all matters of importance by his neighbors. A loyal member of the United Presbyterian Church, he was much interested in its welfare, having been one of its founders in this locality, and he lived up to its creed, which he carried into his everyday life.

On June 15, 1826, Cornelius Campbell was married to Nancy Gray, who died Jan. 6, 1828. They had one child, Jane, born April 26, 1827, who died Sept. 17, 1827. Mr. Campbell married (second) Dec. 23, 1830, Rebecca Stewart, who was born Oct. 10, 1801, and died Dec. 16, 1858. The children of this marriage were as follows: Mary, born Sept. 21, 1831, died March 31, 1832; Nancy, born Sept. 25, 1832, died Jan. 26, 1833; John, born Oct. 24, 1833, died Jan. 16, 1837; Esther, born April 17, 1836, married Andrew Duncan, a blacksmith, and died July 25, 1862; James S. is mentioned at length below; David, born Dec. 17, 1839, married Isabelle Miller, a daughter of Jacob Miller, of Jefferson county, Pa., and died Jan. 7, 1909. David Campbell's wife survives him, living on a farm in White township with her children. They had the following family: Mary Elizabeth, who is deceased; Rebecca Ann, who married Samuel E. Kaufman; James Wellington, who married Margaret Ellen Fleming and resides in Denver, Colo., where he is engaged in the lumber business; Ella Milanda; Martha Bell; Emory Edward, who married Mabel Zonia

Peddicord; and Lawrence David, who married Alice Bracken. David Campbell served in Company G, 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for six months during the Civil war.

James Stewart Campbell was the eldest living son of his parents when his father died, and upon his youthful shoulders fell the burden of operating the homestead and caring for his widowed mother and the remainder of the family. He nobly discharged the heavy duties life early brought him, and received the homestead in partial payment. He has made many improvements upon this property, and while the main part of his residence is the original log house erected by his father, he has so improved it that it would never be recognized. At present he is living somewhat retired, but until 1909 was actively engaged in operating his farm, specializing on raising fine horses and making butter. Mr. Campbell remembers many pioneer conditions long since passed away. When he was a lad, window glass was a luxury none in the neighborhood were able to afford. Whenever a covering other than the crude shutter of logs was desired, oiled paper was pasted in the opening. His house is but ten rods from the old Indian trail, and he has found many reminders in his fields that once the red men used this locality as a hunting ground. In plowing he has come across beds of clay on which the Indians in bygone days did their cooking, while countless arrowheads testify to their methods of laying low the wild game or each other before firearms came into their possession.

In 1861 Mr. Campbell married Anna Eliza Miller, now deceased, a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Moore) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell became the parents of two children: Elmer Elsworth, who died at the age of eighteen years, and Rebecca, who died when two years old. Mrs. Campbell and her children are buried in Oakland cemetery. Mr. Campbell is one of the most substantial men of his township, and his relations with the United Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member, are as important as they are in the outside world. Politically he is an independent Republican.

JOHN DOTY, farmer of Grant township, Indiana county, and veteran of the Civil war, was born Dec. 16, 1841, near New Salem, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and is a descendant of a family of English origin which was one of the first to settle in New England. The

name was formerly spelled Dotey, Doty, Dote and Doten.

(I) Edward Doten or Doty, a native of England, was a youth when he came to America with the little band of Pilgrims which crossed the Atlantic in the "Mayflower" in 1620, landing on Plymouth Rock, in what is now the harbor of Plymouth, Mass. He was in the service of Stephen Hopkins, and he was one of the signers of the solemn compact made in Cape Cod harbor Nov. 11, 1620, on board the "Mayflower." He married Jan. 6, 1634-35, Faith Clarke, born in 1619, daughter of Thurston and Faith Clarke. In 1652 Mr. Doty was one of the purchasers of Dartmouth, Mass., but later removed to Cape Cod, locating in the town of Yarmouth, where he spent the remainder of his life. He died there Aug. 23, 1655. His widow married (second) John Phillips, of Duxbury. Children: Edward, John, Thomas, Samuel, Desire, Elizabeth, Isaac, Joseph and Mary.

(II) Samuel Doty, son of Edward and Faith (Clarke) Doty, born in Plymouth, in 1643, became quite prominent in the affairs of Plymouth and Cape Cod. Later he removed to New Jersey, locating at Piscataway, Middlesex county, where he was well known. In 1675 he was commissioned lieutenant of the military company of New Piscataway, of which Francis Drake was captain; this commission was received in 1678. He became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, which was formed in 1700. He died about October, 1715. In Piscataway, N. J., he married Jeane Harman, of that town.

(III) Jonathan Doty, son of Samuel and Jeane (Harman) Doty, was born in Piscataway, N. J., Feb. 24, 1687-88. About 1717 he married Mary, and they became the parents of eight children: William, born Sept. 11, 1719; Jonathan, born about 1724; Daniel, born about 1727; Joshua, born about 1730; Joseph, born about 1735; Mary; Jane, who married Oct. 21, 1747, John Johnson; and Elizabeth.

(IV) Jonathan Doty (2), son of Jonathan and Mary Doty, born about 1724, in Piscataway, N. J., removed with his parents to Basking Ridge, N. J., where he was a farmer and where he died. He married Patience Sutton, and their children were: Jonathan, born about 1754; Zehulon, born about 1758; Nathaniel, born Oct. 19, 1761; Joseph, born Aug. 31, 1764; William, born Oct. 8, 1767; and Rebecca, who married and settled in Pennsylvania.



(V) Nathaniel Doty, son of Jonathan (2) and Patience (Sutton) Doty, was born at Basking Ridge, N. J., Oct. 19, 1761, and like his father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, enlisting at Morristown, N. J., and continuing in the service for eight months. Part of the time he was under Captain Carter, part under Captain Hathaway, being a private in the Morris county militia. He received a pension from the government. Settling in Westmoreland county, Pa., he farmed there, living and dying in Derry township. His death occurred March 24, 1848, and he is buried in Salem Church cemetery. In 1790 he married Jane Brockoven or Brockover, a native of Morris county, N. J., daughter of Lieut. George Brockoven, who was an officer in the Revolutionary army. She died June 13, 1850, and is buried in Salem Church cemetery. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Doty: Phoebe, born in 1792, who married John Hartley; Jonathan, born in 1794, who married Sarah Hartley; Mary, born Sept. 27, 1796, who married Alexander Henderson McCurdy; George, born Aug. 20, 1800; and Patience, born March 26, 1806, who married Daniel Dunlap.

(VI) George Doty, son of Nathaniel and Jane Doty, was born Aug. 20, 1800, in Derry township, Westmoreland county, and there grew to manhood. He made his home near New Salem, where he followed farming, and continued to live there until 1844, when with his wife and children he crossed the Cone-maugh river and came into Indiana county, locating in what is now Grant township, then a part of Montgomery township. Here he settled on 150 acres of land which was owned by Newton Hastings, known as the old Black farm, in the northern part of the township. On this tract is what is known as "Doty's Round Top," one of the highest points in Indiana county. Here Mr. Doty settled down to pioneer life in what was then a wilderness, built a log house and log barn, and made many improvements on the land. As prosperity came to him he built a frame dwelling and barn, and he spent the remainder of his life on the farm, following general agriculture and stock raising. He died there in 1879, and was buried in Gilgal cemetery. In politics he was originally a Whig, afterward a Republican. He was a man of upright life and character, highly esteemed by all his neighbors. In Westmoreland county he married Hannah Jelleson, who was born there, daughter of Robert Jelleson, and she died on the farm in 1877 and was buried in Gilgal

Church cemetery, in East Mahoning township. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Doty: Mary Jane, born July 19, 1829, married Theodore White, and died Jan. 27, 1850; Nathaniel, born June 26, 1831, enlisted for service in the Civil war, was wounded at the battle of Winchester, and died from the effects of his injuries at Fredericksburg, Md.; Rebecca, born Nov. 23, 1832, married McLean Sutton, of Westmoreland county, and is deceased; Phebe, born June 13, 1834, is the widow of Samuel Stichel, and resides in East Mahoning township, this county; Robert, born July 7, 1836, was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Jonathan, born July 14, 1838, died at Burnside, Pa., Dec. 12, 1911 (he was a Civil war soldier and was wounded in the thigh at Fredericksburg); Elizabeth Hannah, born March 21, 1840, married D. J. Broughler, and died in 1898; John is mentioned below; George Sylvester, born April 28, 1844, died young; Jesse Alexander, born Aug. 31, 1846, died Dec. 9, 1852.

(VII) John Doty was but three years old when the family moved to Grant township, Indiana county, where he grew to manhood amid primitive surroundings. His educational opportunities were limited to a few months' attendance in the winter season, but he has become a well-informed man by observation and in his varied experiences. Working at home with his father until he entered the Union army for service in the Civil war, he enlisted Aug. 13, 1864, in Company A, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under the fighting Col. Hugh J. Brady and Capt. Thomas J. Moore. His command was attached to the 24th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. Mr. Doty was mustered into the United States service Aug. 26, 1864, and remained in the army until the close of the war. His regiment was the first to enter Richmond, and did guard duty in that city until the war was over. He was mustered out June 26, 1865. Returning home, he took up lumbering the following year, in the timber regions of Clearfield county, and was engaged in that line thirty years, handling hard square timber. He rafted down the Susquehanna river to Lock Haven and Marietta, and during his career in the business handled millions of feet of lumber. Meantime he also farmed in Burnside township, that county, and conducted a small farm near the paternal homestead, having in 1873 purchased the Leonard Bates property, a tract of sixty-two acres upon which he made extensive improvements, building a

fine large barn and substantial dwelling. This place is now operated by his son Robert Clark Doty, justice of the peace. In 1898 Mr. Doty bought his father's homestead. He continued lumbering until 1901, since which year he has given the principal part of his time and attention to stock raising and general farming, and although past the threescore and ten mark he is still active in both mind and body, in spite of the fact that he has worked hard from boyhood, undergoing many hardships in the course of his long career. He has made many improvements on the homestead since settling there, and is not only enterprising in the management of his own affairs but also interested in the general welfare, being a good citizen in every sense of the word. He is a strong believer in the public school system, has served one term as school director, and has also been township supervisor one term. Loyal to every cause he espouses, he is a valued and faithful worker for any movement with which he becomes associated. His first vote was cast for Abraham Lincoln, at the time of the martyred president's second election, and he has been a consistent Republican ever since. He is a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Frank M. Brown Post No. 266, of Richmond, this county, has filled all the chairs in that body, and has been commander for the last five years. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F., holding membership in the lodge at Marion Center, of which he is a past grand, and he belongs to the grand lodge of the State. His religious connection is with the M. E. Church at Richmond.

In 1865 Mr. Doty married Ruth S. Stanley, who was born Feb. 18, 1845, daughter of John T. and Jane (Shields) Stanley. She, too, is a member of the M. E. Church. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Doty: Robert Clark married Alice Ayers and they have two children, Hilda and Wendell; Kate Iola married Forest B. Work, of Grant township, and has two children; Hannah Jane married George O. Richardson, a merchant of Richmond, and has two children, Floyd L. and Joyce Iola; John Stanley is at home; George, now of Nebraska, married Elizabeth Whaley and has two children, Robbin Lester and Royal Clark; James Marshall, twin of George, also resides in Nebraska; Clarissa died when two years old; Pearl died in infancy; Iva N. lives at home; Elda Elezda was educated in the public schools, summer normals at Marchand and Richmond, and the

Indiana State normal, and has taught public school for seven years.

The Stanley family, to which Mrs. Doty belongs, is of English and Scotch extraction. John T. Stanley, her father, was born April 1, 1809, in Adams county, Pa., son of William Stanley. He was a blacksmith by trade. Coming to Indiana county when a young man, he located at Kelleysburg, in Rayne township, where he followed his trade, later moving to East Mahoning township, where he established a shop north of Marion Center, on the place now owned by Benjamin Rochester. Later he moved to another location in East Mahoning township, near Ambrose, on the place now owned by Mr. Hopkins, and there followed general blacksmithing and horseshoeing. He was a thorough mechanic, known as an expert in his line. Selling out to James Bovard he moved to Richmond, in what is now Grant township (then part of Montgomery), and bought eighty acres of land from Thomas B. Allison, now owned by Frederick Smith. Here he settled down to farming and passed the remainder of his life, dying Nov. 27, 1887. He is buried in the Richmond cemetery. In politics a Whig and Republican, in turn, Mr. Stanley never took any active part in party affairs or public matters, and never would hold office; he was elected justice of the peace, but would not qualify. In religion he was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On March 21, 1842, Mr. Stanley married Jane Shields, a native of Washington township, this county, born June 12, 1821, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Speedy) Shields, old settlers of that township. She died March 6, 1901, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Doty, who cared for her tenderly in her old age, and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. She was also a member of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: William Henry, born March 7, 1843; Ruth S., born Feb. 18, 1845, who married John Doty; John Shields, born Jan. 27, 1847, who is engaged in fruit growing at Selma, Cal.; Clarissa Jane, born Jan. 23, 1849, who married William Huey, and died June 30, 1887; James Marshall, born April 27, 1851, who resides at Walla Walla, Wash.; and Edgar Cowan, born Sept. 17, 1854, who lives in Nebraska.

William Henry Stanley, the only brother Mrs. Doty has living in Indiana county, is a farmer and stock raiser of Grant township, where he owns a farm. He was a soldier in the Civil war, having enlisted Aug. 21, 1861, in Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer

Infantry, under Col. O. H. Rippey and Capt. Jacob Creps and served over three years, being mustered out Sept. 7, 1864. He cast his first vote for Lincoln and has been a Republican ever since, having voted for Taft in 1912. In 1890 he took the census in Grant township. For forty years he has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church, has also served as clerk of the session, and is deeply interested in the Sunday school, in which he is teacher of a class and superintendent. He was one of the organizers of the G. A. R. post at Richmond, and served ten years as commander of that body.

On Sept. 21, 1868, Mr. Stanley married Rachel Hammel, who was born in Center township, Indiana county, Jan. 5, 1850, daughter of Robert and Jane (Tremmell) Hammel, and they have had children as follows: Desse Jane, born April 7, 1870, is married to Dawson Knox, of North Mahoning township; Robert Gill, born Dec. 2, 1871, married Jennie Mills, and resides at Yonkers, N. Y.; John Meade, born April 6, 1875, died June 10, 1903, was an artist of ability (he was a mute); Otto Forbes, born June 30, 1876, is engaged as a lumberman in the western part of the State of Washington; Linus Shields, born Oct. 17, 1878, resides in Nebraska; James Ernest, born Sept. 22, 1881, resides in Chicago, Ill.; Bertha Bell, born Dec. 4, 1882, died in 1897; Hervey Gibson, born Oct. 11, 1884, is engaged in farming; Ida, born Jan. 3, 1887, lives at home; William Edgar, born April 11, 1890, is at home.

SAMUEL J. GETTY, whose well-cultivated farm is situated in White township, was born in Montgomery township, Indiana county, Jan. 27, 1861, son of Matthew and Nancy (McCartney) Getty.

Matthew Getty was born near Chambersville, in Rayne township, Indiana county, and there for some years conducted a general store. Subsequently he went to Montgomery township and founded the town of Gettysburg, being engaged in merchandising at that place for a number of years, but later conducted a farm of 164 acres in White township near the town of Indiana, residing, however, in Indiana borough until his death, which occurred in 1893. Mrs. Getty passed away in 1896. She was the daughter of George McCartney, an early settler of Indiana, who lived on the present site of the State normal school in that town. Seven children were born to Matthew and Nancy (McCartney) Getty, namely: Margaret, who is the

wife of Joseph Lydick, a resident of Indiana; George, who makes his home at Gettysburg; Nancy, the wife of Dr. Rankin, of Ridgway, Pa.; Belle, who is unmarried; James, a resident of Montgomery township; Samuel J.; and John, a resident of Indiana.

Samuel J. Getty, son of Matthew Getty, attended public school at Gettysburg, and as a youth was reared to agricultural pursuits on the farm of his father. He also followed lumbering for a number of years, but in 1894 resumed farming, on his present property, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Getty has made numerous improvements on this tract, and the substantial buildings, sleek and well-fed cattle, and general air of prosperity that pervades the place, speak eloquently of the presence of thrift and good management. General farming has occupied his attention and his operations have been deservedly successful.

In 1894 Mr. Getty was married to Cecilia Spieher, who was born in Montgomery township, daughter of Samuel and Anna (McGuire) Spieher, who still survive and reside in Montgomery township. Two children have been born to this union, Courtney and Ralph, both residing at home. Mr. Getty has always been a staunch friend of education and good citizenship, and at this time is serving in the capacity of school director of White township.

SHARP S. LANGHAM, lumber dealer of Dixonville, Indiana county, who is also engaged in farming in Green township, this county, was born in that township, Aug. 21, 1874, son of Josiah and Susan (Conrath) Langham.

William Langham, the grandfather of Sharp S. Langham, came from eastern Pennsylvania to Indiana county in 1836, settling in Green township, where he took up timbered land, cleared it, and engaged in farming there throughout the remainder of his life.

Josiah Langham, son of William, and father of Sharp S. Langham, was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and accompanied his parents to Indiana county in 1836. Like his father he was an agriculturist all of his life, and his death occurred in 1901. He married Susan Conrath, also a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and the daughter of an early settler of Indiana county, and she died in 1905, the mother of six children, namely: Mary Ann, who married S. F. Baker, of Purchase Line, Indiana county; James W., who lives in Garrett, Ind.; Maggie, who married P. E. Decker, of Green township; Jennie, who mar-

ried Stephen T. Gibson, of Clymer, Pa.; Harvey B., a lumber and coal dealer of Lovejoy, Pa.; and Sharp S.

Sharp S. Langham was educated in the public schools of Green township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, still being the owner of the old Green township family homestead. He continued under the parental roof until 1900, in which year he embarked in the lumber business, and for the last thirteen years has conducted mills in different localities, having built up a large and flourishing business in that line.

On March 21, 1903, Mr. Langham was united in marriage with Dellie Kelly, who was born in Mechanicsburg, Brushvalley township, Indiana county, Jan. 15, 1884, daughter of James and Ida (Williams) Kelly, both of whom are living at Mechanicsburg, Mr. Kelly being engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Langham have two children, Effie and Ruby. Mrs. Langham is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**JOSEPH A. WIDDOWSON**, general farmer of Cherryhill township, who is engaged in cultivating the old Widdowson homestead, was born in that township Jan. 15, 1867, a son of Ebenezer and Susan (Ober) Widdowson.

Joseph Widdowson, grandfather of Joseph A. Widdowson, was born in Derby, England, and came to America at an early day, first settling in New York City, where he remained three years, and then coming to the northern part of Indiana county, Pa., near the present site of Dixonville. At the time that he came to this section there were only two houses in the town of Indiana. He had learned the trade of cabinet-maker in his native country, and this he followed throughout the remainder of his life, in connection with farming on the old home place, where his death occurred Oct. 28, 1871.

Ebenezer Widdowson, son of Joseph, and father of Joseph A. Widdowson, was born in 1835 in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., and throughout his life was engaged in cultivating the old home place where his father had settled on first arriving in this section. His death occurred July 25, 1910; his widow still survives and lives on the old homestead. She was born in 1841, in Fayette county, Pa., and became the mother of nine children, as follows: Clark B., who is proprietor of the leading general merchandise store at Penn Run, Pa.; Harvey D., a resi-

dent of Rochester Mills, Indiana county; Joseph A.; Mary A., deceased, who was the wife of Harry Short, a resident of Rayne township; James, a resident of Westminster, Md., and dean of the Western Maryland College at that place; Dr. Frank, a practicing physician and surgeon of Philadelphia; Anna, who lives at home with her mother; Olive, a student of Dr. White's Bible Teachers' Training School, New York City, who has been accepted as a missionary in foreign field work; and William, who is residing at Waynesboro, Pennsylvania.

David Ober, the maternal grandfather of Joseph A. Widdowson, was born in Fayette county, Pa., and during the early days came to Indiana county, where he engaged in working at his trade of plasterer and bricklayer, being so employed until his death, which occurred in Cherryhill.

Joseph A. Widdowson spent his childhood on the home farm, and attended the district schools of the home vicinity, acquiring a good education and being trained in body and mind at the same time. His whole business career has been devoted to farming, and at the present time he has full charge of the old homestead, which he has developed into one of the fine tracts of his section.

Mr. Widdowson was married, in 1897, in Green township, to Caroline Brillhart, who was born in Grant township, Indiana county, daughter of J. C. Brillhart, an old resident of Indiana county, where for many years he has been engaged in farming and lumbering. He now resides with his wife on the farm in Grant township. Of their six children, five still survive: Mrs. Widdowson; Harry, a resident of Grant township; Matthew, a resident of Grant township; Belle, the wife of Robert Plowse, of Grant township; and Peter, who lives on the old homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Widdowson have had five children, all of whom are living at home: Harry, Glen, Max, Bessie and Jacob Paul. Mr. Widdowson and his family attend the German Baptist Church.

**LOWRY C. KUNKLE**, who is operating the Prof. J. T. Stewart farm, consisting of 110 acres, situated in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born at Plumcreek, Armstrong Co., Pa., Feb. 21, 1867, son of Michael and Amanda (Fry) Kunkle, and a grandson of Michael Kunkle.

Michael Kunkle, the grandfather, spent his life near Creekside, in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he owned and cultivated land. He was a member of the Metho-

dist Church. He married Elizabeth Anderson, who also died on the home farm, and to them the following children were born: Margaret, who married Thomas Stuchel; Elizabeth, who married Adam Carnahan; Christina, who married Simon Fisher; Lavinia, who married John Patterson; Susannah, who married William McIntire; Mary, who married William J. Johnson; Henry, who married Nancy Steer; Michael; Barbara; and John C., who married Sarah E. Dixon.

Michael Kunkle (2), son of Michael, was born in 1836, on the home farm in Washington township, and later followed farming there until he removed to Armstrong township, still later settling on the Taylor farm, in White township, where he spent some years before moving to Ohio. At the present time he is engaged in the livery business at Columbus, Ohio. He married Amanda Fry, daughter of John Fry, and they had five children born to them, as follows: Annie, who is deceased; Agnes, who married B. R. Peelor; Lowry C.; Elizabeth, who married Thomas B. Glass, of Center township; and Minnie, who resides at Indiana.

Lowry C. Kunkle obtained his education in the public schools, and as he remained on the home place with his father he was well instructed in general farming methods, including crop raising and stock breeding. He was only twenty-one years old when he became manager of the horses raised on the Ortondale farm, belonging to A. D. Sutton, in White township, where he spent six years. From there he went to Indiana, and became foreman at the J. M. Cunningham livery stable, continuing there for six years. Mr. Kunkle then returned to the country, and for the following six years operated what was then the Johnston farm of 110 acres, in Center township, continuing there after the farm changed ownership, having been purchased by Prof. J. T. Stewart, a well-known educator and historian, in 1905. Mr. Kunkle has full charge of all the farm industries and has made his management satisfactory to the owners.

Mr. Kunkle married Lydia Johnston, a daughter of John S. Johnston, and they have three children: Margaret, Dale John and Thomas Paul. Mr. Kunkle and family are members of the Baptist Church. In his political views he is a Republican.

SAMUEL N. MOORHEAD, late of Indiana, senior member of the firm of S. N. Moorhead & Sons, had been established in business

as a dealer in implements, sewing machines, pianos, organs, etc., for a number of years, and was one of the best known men in his line in this part of Indiana county. His upright life commanded respect wherever he was known.

Mr. Moorhead was born July 13, 1846, son of David Moorhead. The father was born in 1816 in Hagerstown, Washington Co., Md., and there followed farming. Selling his farm, he engaged in the tanning business in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and in 1870 he moved to Cherryhill township, Indiana county, settling at Taylorsville, where he bought a farm and resumed agricultural pursuits. He lived there until his death, which occurred Sept. 21, 1900. On Aug. 15, 1839, he married, in Franklin county, Pa., Lydia Hahn, who survived him, dying Jan. 25, 1906. Mr. Moorhead was a member of the M. E. Church for forty years. In politics he was a Republican, and during the Civil war he was a Union sympathizer, enlisting for service in the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves. He took part in twenty-eight battles and many skirmishes, and was once wounded, receiving a bullet in his left hip which he carried with him to the grave. Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead had a family of eight children: Samuel N. is mentioned below; Robert lives in West Virginia; Mrs. Annie McFetters is a resident of Indiana borough; Mrs. Emma Cameron lives in Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Loretta Allison lives in Taylorsville, Indiana county; Walker W. is a resident of Taylorsville; Mrs. Athlinda Terwalt lives in Taylorsville; Mrs. Jennie Pattison lives at Pineflats, Indiana county. When David Moorhead died there were thirty-nine grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Samuel N. Moorhead attended the elementary and high schools of Mechanicsburg. His first venture as a salesman was made in handling knitting machines, and later he changed to sewing machines. This was in Pittsburg. After his marriage he located in Sewickley, Pa., where he and his wife began housekeeping, remaining there three months. Then he moved to Beaver county, this State, where he was settled for three years, in the spring of 1889 moving to Indiana. He had been here but a few days when the disastrous Johnstown flood occurred. Mrs. Moorhead had just finished a large baking, and when the wagonload of supplies started out that memorable Sunday most of it went to the sufferers.

Upon settling at Indiana Mr. Moorhead established the business in which he was actively interested until his death, meantime admitting his two sons to partnership. Several years ago the firm name was changed to S. N. Moorhead & Sons, under which the business is still operated. By his thorough knowledge of the various lines of goods he carried, and his honorable methods of dealing, he gained a wide patronage and built up a lucrative custom. He died Jan. 2, 1907, after years of suffering from tuberculosis of the knee joint, which made amputation of the limb necessary. Mr. Moorhead had been a member of the M. E. Church from the age of ten years. In politics he was a Republican.

On April 25, 1870, Mr. Moorhead was married to Mary A. Gibson, of Cherryhill township, who was born near Penn Run, in that township, Sept. 11, 1847, daughter of Hiram and Catherine (Wyke) Gibson, and was engaged as a school teacher prior to her marriage. Mrs. Moorhead has been active in the work of the M. E. Church from girlhood. She and her husband had a family of three children: Catherine lives with her mother; Harry, of Indiana, married Blanche Mertz, of West Virginia, and they had five children, Rosella and Creola (twins), Roy, Glenn and Terza; Luviga, who resides in the borough of Indiana, married Bessie McCreery, of Strongstown, Pa., and they have had two children, Thelma and Naomi L., the latter deceased. In the year 1900 Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead adopted from the Industrial Home Margaret, a homeless child of six years, who was at once given the name of Margaret Moorhead, and as one of the family remains with Mrs. Moorhead.

DANIEL H. BEE, veteran of the Civil war, who is now living retired in the borough of Marion Center, Indiana county, after many years spent in business pursuits, was born Oct. 30, 1839, at Orbisonia, Huntingdon Co., Pa., and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Hollenbough) Bee.

The paternal grandfather of Daniel H. Bee was a native of England, and on coming to the United States settled in Cumberland county, Pa., where during the remainder of his life he followed the trade of shoemaker.

John Bee, the father of Daniel H. Bee, was born in Cumberland county, and as a youth learned the trade of shoemaker with his father, later engaging in boating on the canal for a number of years. He married Elizabeth Hollenbough, of Huntingdon county, Pa.,

and afterward lived for two years at Orbisonia, then moving to a farm located at the foot of Jack's mountain. In 1853 he went to Indiana county, settling on a farm at Rochester Mills, and later lived at various other places, his death occurring in Jefferson county, Pa., in 1901, when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-one years. Mr. Bee's first wife died when thirty-eight years of age, and he was married (second) to Rachel Elder, after her death marrying (third) Mrs. Smith. He was a Democrat in his political proclivities, and his religious belief was that of the United Brethren Church, while his wife was a Presbyterian. His children, all by his first wife, were as follows: Daniel H.; William, who served in the 135th Regiment, Pa. Vol. Inf., during the Civil war, and married a Miss Best; Mary, twin of William, who married David Buterbaugh; John, who died young; Isaiah, who served in the Civil war, and later married Miss Carothers; George, who married Miss Ferrier, and now lives in Clearfield county, Pa.; and Rebecca, who was the wife of Jonas Hileman, and died in 1912 at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania.

Daniel H. Bee, son of John Bee, began his schooling in Huntingdon county, and was fourteen years of age when he accompanied the family to Indiana county, where he attended school in Montgomery township. Subsequently he learned the trade of carpenter, and was so engaged at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. On Aug. 21, 1861, he enlisted, becoming a private in Company A, 61st Regiment, Pa. Vol. Inf., under Captain Kreps, and Col. O. H. Rippey, the latter of whom raised part of the regiment in the vicinity of Pittsburg, and also helped to recruit other regiments in Philadelphia. The 61st was attached to the Army of the Potomac, 4th Army Corps, under General Keyes, in General Jamison's brigade, and saw active service in some of the hardest-fought engagements of the Civil war, including Fair Oaks, the Seven Days' battle, Richmond, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Fort Stevens. At Spottsylvania Court House, May 12, 1864, Mr. Bee was one of five from his company who volunteered to man a battery at the "Bloody Angle," and was the only one to return unhurt, three of his comrades being killed, and the fourth, John A. Stewart, who afterward became county treasurer of Indiana county, being severely wounded. Mr. Bee was miraculously spared in this case, but

at Fort Stevens was severely injured in his right leg, the mangled limb being amputated in the barracks, three and a half inches below the knee. Subsequently he was taken to Mount Pleasant hospital for three months and then to the Philadelphia hospital at Broad and Cherry streets, where he also remained three months, receiving his discharge Sept. 7, 1864. He then went to Harrisburg, where he was informed by the adjutant general that he had been mustered out at the expiration of his term of service, but had to go to Washington, D. C., to get his bounty money and back pay. He came home by way of Philadelphia, where he was measured for an artificial limb, which was later sent to his home. On his return he learned the shoemaking trade with his father.

Mr. Bee was married Jan. 23, 1866, to Elizabeth M. Duncan, daughter of Thomas and Jane (McChesney) Duncan, and after his marriage established himself in business as the proprietor of a grocery and boot and shoe establishment. He built up an excellent business, keeping two journeyman shoemakers busy, and for ten years had charge of the local telephone exchange. When he felt that he was ready to retire from active business life he disposed of his interests and settled in his comfortable home in Marion Center, where he now makes his residence. Mr. Bee is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as steward and class leader for many years. In political matters a Republican, he has been staunch in his support of that party's policies and candidates. In 1889-90 he served as paster and folder at the State Capitol. His fraternal connection is with Marion Center Lodge, No. 105, I. O. F., and he also holds membership in John Pollock Post, No. 219, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was commander for several years, and with the comrades of which he is very popular.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bee there have been born the following children: Zora J., the widow of William M. Fleck, of Marion Center, Pa., and a teacher of music for the last twenty-five years; Hattie M., wife of Dr. W. E. Dodson, physician and surgeon of Indiana, Pa., who has one child, Helen C.; Charles H., a graduate of the Indiana normal school, Williamsport (Pennsylvania) Business College and the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia, who is now practicing at Summit, Licking Co., Ohio, and who married Clare Poorman, of Marcellus, Mich., and has one child, Daniel Harold; and Mary, a stenographer and book-

keeper, who resides at home with her parents.

The career of Mr. Bee illustrates forcibly what may be accomplished through a life of industry, integrity and perseverance, even when handicapped by discouragement and misfortune. As a soldier he was brave, faithful and reliable in the performance of his duty; as a citizen, he has fought the battles of peace with the same steadfastness to duty, the same cheerful spirit, and the same courage. Such a life is worthy of emulation by the youth of our land, and should be encouraging to those whose life paths are laid along difficult lines.

WILLIAM HARRISON EMPFIELD, who is now living retired in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, where for years he was engaged in farming and storekeeping, is a native of White township, Indiana county, born April 19, 1837. The family is of German extraction.

Peter Empfield, his father, was a native of eastern Pennsylvania and came to what is now Cherryhill township, Indiana county, where he followed his trade of carpenter and millwright. He did such work in many sections of Indiana county, and his later years were spent among his children, who cared for their parents in their old age. Mr. Empfield died in Cherryhill township in 1872, aged eighty-four years, and was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose name is not known, had three children: Margaret, who married John Coy; George, and John. His second marriage was to Mary Hart, and their children were: Isaac, now deceased; Nancy, who married Henry Wike, of Pine township; Sarah, who married Cyrus Dumm; Alexander, who died in Missouri; Henry, living in Missouri; Simon, deceased; Martha, deceased, who married John Green; William Harrison; and Caroline, who died unmarried. The mother died while living with her children and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Brushvalley.

William Harrison Empfield was born at Edgy Mill, in White township, and attended school in Pine and Cherryhill townships. Beginning work on the farm in early boyhood, he continued thus until 1861, when he enlisted, on July 8th, in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Col. Thomas F. Gallagher and Capt. Daniel S. Porter (who was later promoted to lieutenant colonel, Capt. H. K. Sloan succeeding him as captain). They participated in the seven days' fight

and second Bull Run, on Aug. 29-30, where Mr. Empfield was struck by a shell in the back of the head, carrying the evidence of his injuries to the present. He was taken prisoner on the field and after nine days was paroled by the Rebels. Then he was sent to Carver hospital, at Washington, and was discharged Aug. 25, 1862, for disability. Returning home to Cherryhill township he again took up farming after regaining his health, and he also engaged in the making of shooks for barrels at Nolo, in Pine township, and in Cherryhill and Buffington townships. He carried on that kind of work for over seven years. Later he settled in Brushvalley township on a fifty-acre tract of land, where he became engaged in farming for himself, and he has been farming and raising stock continuously ever since. He has been located on several different farms during that period, in 1889 buying his present place in Brushvalley township, where he built the house and made other improvements. Meantime he also became interested in the mercantile business, which he conducted for some years and which is now carried on by his sons. Mr. Empfield is a good citizen in every sense of the term. In politics he is a Republican, but he takes no active part in the work of the party.

On April 16, 1863, Mr. Empfield married in Pine township, Margaret Irwin, a native of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, daughter of John and Catherine (Bank) Irwin. Mr. and Mrs. Empfield have had a family of nine children: Mary Catherine, born May 5, 1864, died July 24, 1866; William Nelson was born June 18, 1866; Elizabeth, born July 24, 1868, married Peter J. Bowers, of Buffington township; Sarah Gertrude, born Jan. 1, 1871, married Sutton H. Murdock, and died Sept. 23, 1903; John Irwin, born July 24, 1873, a farmer of Buffington township, married May Findly, of Vintondale, Pa.; Altazora, born Sept. 26, 1875, married Alexander C. Hoover, and resides in Brushvalley township; Harry Banks, born April 19, 1878, who now conducts the general store, married Vivian Cribbs, of Tuscarawas, Ohio; Jennie Belle, born April 9, 1880, married Alex G. Murdock; Myrtle married Harry C. Mikesell, of Buffington township, Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Empfield have twenty-nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

William Nelson Empfield, eldest son of William Harrison, was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, June 18, 1866, and was educated in the public schools of Brushvalley and Buffington townships. He worked

at home with his parents until he reached manhood, when he went West to Painesville, Ohio, and there did carpenter work, receiving \$2.25 a day. Later he had charge of construction and of the docks at Grand River, and was subsequently with the Penn & Lake Erie Dock Company for twelve years as superintendent, after which he accepted the position of superintendent of the coal mines for the Webster Coal Gas Company at Bellevernon. In 1900 Mr. Empfield became superintendent for the East Goshen Company, in Ohio, with residence at New Philadelphia, where he was general manager for ten years. Since then he has been with the Northwestern Construction Company, of Franklin, Pa. Mr. Empfield is thoroughly businesslike, and a good judge of men, and he has always been popular with those under his charge as well as with his employers. He is keen and farsighted, intelligent in business and in citizenship, and has been actively interested in local public affairs wherever he lived. He served two terms as mayor of Fairport, Ohio, to which office he was first elected in 1897. In political sentiment he is a Republican. For twelve years he was postmaster at Rico, where he now lives, his wife attending to the duties of the office.

On Feb. 27, 1889, Mr. Empfield married Nellie G. Shaffer, of Indiana county, daughter of John Shaffer, and they have one child, Irwin Dale, who is now city editor of the New Philadelphia *Daily Times*. Mr. Empfield is a Mason, belonging to Temple Lodge, No. 29, of Painesville, Ohio, to the Council, and Knights Templar, Lake Erie Consistory, and Alkora Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Cleveland, Ohio.

HARVEY B. LANGHAM, of Lovejoy, Indiana county, who is engaged in the lumber and coal business, was born in that vicinity, in Green township, Dec. 7, 1872, and is a son of Josiah and Susan (Conrath) Langham.

William Langham, his grandfather, came to Indiana county in 1836 from eastern Pennsylvania, settling in Green township, where he took up timbered land, cleared it, and carried on farming throughout the rest of his life.

Josiah Langham, son of William and father of Harvey B. Langham, was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and accompanied his parents to Indiana county in the year 1836. Following in the footsteps of his father, he engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. His death occurred Feb.





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8, 1901. His wife, Susan (Conrath), also a native of eastern Pennsylvania, was the daughter of John Conrath, of Green township, a pioneer settler of Indiana county. She died April 8, 1905, the mother of six children: Mary Ann, who is the wife of S. F. Baker, of Purchase Line, Indiana county; James W., who lives in Garrett, Ind.; Maggie, who is the wife of P. E. Decker, of Green township; Jennie, who married Stephen T. Gibson, of Clymer, Pa.; Harvey B., of Lovejoy, and Sharp, who is a resident of Dixonville, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

Harvey B. Langham attended public school in Green township, and as a youth commenced to do farm work. In 1900 he engaged in the sawmill business in Green township, which he has continued to the present time, and in 1905 opened a hardware establishment in Lovejoy, which he sold in 1911. Since that year he has conducted his sawmill and also dealt extensively in coal and lumber.

Mr. Langham was married in 1907 to Edna Litzinger, of Hillsdale, Montgomery township, daughter of John and Nannie (Lydiek) Litzinger, natives of Indiana county, the former of whom died in 1906, after having been engaged in the milling business for many years. Mrs. Litzinger survives her husband, and resides on a farm at Punxsutawney.

Fraternally Mr. Langham is connected with the I. O. O. F., at Cherrytree, and the Knights of Pythias at Starford. He has interested himself in movements for the benefit of the community and has served as a member of the school board of Green township.

JAMES S. KIRKWOOD is a most respected citizen of Arcadia, in Montgomery township, Indiana county, where he has held the position of foreman at Pardee Mine, No. 41, for the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, some years. He is interested in various local matters, being a man of progressive disposition and possessing the executive ability which makes him a valuable friend of any cause he advocates. Mr. Kirkwood is a native of Scotland, born at Carfin, Lanarkshire, April 3, 1855, son of John and Agnes (Selvage) Kirkwood. The father came to America in the year 1863, but after remaining in the United States six months returned to Scotland. In 1871 he again came to this country, settling at Arnot, Tioga Co., Pa., where he engaged in mining for twelve years, at the end of that time removing to Clearfield county, this State, where he also followed mining. He was a highly respected and intelligent

man, and served twelve years as justice of the peace in Clearfield county. He died at the age of seventy, long surviving his wife, who passed away at the age of forty-four. They had the following children: James S.; John, residing at Pottersdale, Pa.; Robert, of Cleveland, Ohio; William, of Springfield, Ill.; Jean, of Auburn, N. Y.; and Agnes, of New York City.

James S. Kirkwood obtained his education principally through his own efforts, attending night school, and making the most of similar opportunities. With the exception of three years during which he was employed in a general store, he has been engaged in mining, in Tioga, Clearfield and Indiana counties, in 1905 coming to Arcadia, Indiana county, where he was made foreman of Mine No. 41, owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company. He has 150 men under his charge, and has proved himself a fit man for this responsible position. He has become closely associated with matters of general interest to the district, being a member and clerk of the school board, and a prominent member and worker of the Presbyterian Church, serving as presiding elder and secretary of the Sunday school. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and fraternally he holds membership in the Masons, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias and Good Templars.

In 1879 Mr. Kirkwood married Hannah M. Cook, of Blossburg, Tioga Co., Pa., daughter of John and Mary Cook, the former a stone and brick mason; Mr. Cook was also a Methodist local preacher for upwards of thirty years. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood: Emma B., wife of Matthew M. Van-Der Meide, a truck farmer of Livonia, N. Y.; Adda M., wife of Louis Meacham, of Rochester, N. Y., bookkeeper and paymaster for a wholesale manufacturing company; Raymond S., a student at the Indiana State normal school; Ethel Agnes, in school; and Cameron S.

REV. PAUL MANKOVICH, pastor of the Greek Catholic Church of St. Michael's at Clymer, Pa., was born in Hungary May 27, 1881, son of Cornelius and Helen (Nemesanyi) Mankovich, both also natives of Hungary.

Cornelius Mankovich is also a priest of the Greek Catholic Church, and he and his wife make their home in Hungary. They are the parents of eight living children and one who died, five daughters and four sons.

Rev. Paul Mankovich was educated in Hungary, studying for the priesthood from childhood, and was ordained in 1905. For three years following he had charge of churches in his native land, prior to coming to this country, which he did in 1909. For a short time, he was stationed at Brooklyn, N. Y., as assistant at the Greek Catholic Church and was then sent to Clymer to take charge of the Greek Church there. He has a flourishing Sunday school in connection with his church, and has brought its affairs into a very satisfactory condition. This is a new church, having been organized in 1907, by those of the Greek faith in Clymer.

Before his ordination, Rev. Mr. Mankovich was married, in 1905, to Olga Huesko, also born in Hungary, on May 31, 1886, daughter of Michael and Hermia Huesko, natives of Hungary. Rev. and Mrs. Mankovich have had three children: Desiderius, Paul and Theodore. Rev. Mr. Mankovich has built a new brick residence in Clymer since coming here. He is a man of learning and executive ability, and has the welfare of his people at heart.

JOHN A. BOLAR, proprietor of Maple Hill Stock Farm, in East Wheatfield township, is a successful and well-known agriculturist of that part of Indiana county. The family has been located there since pre-Revolutionary days, his great-grandfather, John Bolar, a native of England, having crossed the Atlantic when a boy and settled in what was then part of the English domain. He made his home in Wheatfield township, then a part of Westmoreland county, and had acquired land and done some clearing before the outbreak of the Revolution. He took up arms in the Colonial cause during the struggle for independence, and returning to Wheatfield township at the close of the war again took up the work of developing a home from the wilderness. The warrant for his land, known as "Bolar's Chance," is dated March 18, 1785, the survey Aug. 3, 1785, and the patent Aug. 22, 1786. When he began work there it was all in the woods, and he built a log cabin and lived the life of the average pioneer, full of hardships and dangers, clearing his land and cultivating it and helping to bring about civilized conditions. Here he spent the rest of his days, dying on his farm. He and his son took part in the Indian troubles which form so thrilling a chapter in the early history of this region. He married Mrs. Mary (Gray) Shaw, and they had three children:

Susan, who married Daniel Reynolds; Mary, who married Elijah Garrison; and George.

George Bolar, only son of John, made his home on the old farm along the Philadelphia and Pittsburg turnpike, in what is now East Wheatfield township, followed farming all his life, and improved the property materially during his ownership. He died there. He was in the Indian wars with his father. He married Jeannette McCoy, and to them were born four children: Eleanor, who married Thomas Bell; John; Mary, who married Hugh Bell and (second) David Palmer; and Daniel, who married Sarah Weir.

John Bolar, son of George, was born in 1798 on the homestead, and received his education in the local subscription schools. During his early life he was engaged at various occupations, first at the salt works near Saltsburg and later on the Philadelphia and Pittsburg pike, of which he was a stockholder. He finally settled down to farming and followed that calling the rest of his life, operating a tract of 240 acres on which he made extensive improvements, cultivating the land, engaging in stock raising, erecting a dwelling house, barn and other buildings, and becoming one of the prominent men of the vicinity. He took an interest in the general welfare and considerable part in public affairs, serving as school director and supervisor, and for many years as justice of the peace. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Armagh. To his marriage with Elizabeth Amsbaugh was born a large family, namely: Andrew Jackson was born April 18, 1830; Gilson, born Sept. 8, 1832, married Nancy Johnson; Jane Ann, born June 28, 1834, married Charles Killen; Mary Catherine, born Nov. 25, 1835, married William Trendell; George R., born April 4, 1837, married Anna Humphrey; Elizabeth Ellen, born Feb. 25, 1839, married Reuben Ling; Malinda, born June 19, 1841, married (as his second wife) David H. Cramer; Matilda, born March 26, 1843, was the first wife of David H. Cramer; John A. was born Jan. 1, 1845; Cordelia, born Oct. 1, 1847, married John Hess; Lucinda, born Oct. 20, 184—, is deceased; Sarah F. was born Jan. 20, 1853; Findley McCoy, born July 4, 1851, married Miriam Spires; Orlando is deceased.

John A. Bolar was born in East Wheatfield township and received his education in the public schools there. From boyhood he was occupied with the work on the home place, where he has spent all his life. He now owns and operates a tract of three hundred acres, having made some additions to the

original farm. In 1880 he began giving special attention to the growing of potatoes, in which line he was a pioneer in his section, and he has continued to make a specialty of their culture since, being now the most extensive grower of potatoes in Indiana county. His yearly output amounts to over fifteen thousand bushels, which he disposes of at Johnstown and in other near-by markets. He also carries on general farming and stock raising, and has been highly successful in all his work, which is conducted in the most approved up-to-date manner, his progressive nature being evident in whatever he handles. He is a Republican, but takes no active part in political matters or public business.

Mr. Bolar married Catherine (Kate) A. Naugle, a native of Somerset county, Pa., daughter of Peter Naugle, and they have one child, Zoebeth (Lottie), now Mrs. Frank R. Kern. She received her literary education in the local public schools and a musical education at Johnstown, under Miss Emma V. Wallace, and taught music in East Wheatfield township. On June 6, 1900, she married Frank R. Kern, and they reside with her parents on the homestead; they have one child, Catherine Bolar, born Sept. 13, 1902.

**HEZEKIAH BERKEYPILE**, who is now living retired on his farm in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, has been a resident of the county for almost sixty years. He is a native of Somerset county, Pa., born Jan. 20, 1838, son of Levi and Caroline (Fry) Berkeypile, and grandson of George Berkeypile, one of the early settlers of that county. He was a farmer by occupation. The Berkeypiles are of English ancestry, the Frys of German origin.

Levi Berkeypile, father of Hezekiah, was also a farmer. He was born Sept. 29, 1815, in Somerset county, and moved thence with his family to Indiana county in 1853, first settling in White township, where they remained for many years. In 1889 they moved to Cherryhill township, Hezekiah Berkeypile purchasing the place upon which he has since resided, and which is now cultivated by his son Steele. Levi Berkeypile married Caroline Fry, whose family came from Germany; she was born Oct. 28, 1814, in Somerset county. Mr. and Mrs. Levi Berkeypile both died in Indiana county, he on Oct. 10, 1890, and she Nov. 9, 1897. They had eleven children, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Charlotte, who is the widow of Jacob Peterson, of Cherryhill township; Levina, deceased;

Hezekiah; Barbara, wife of John Hoover, of Armstrong county, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased; Deborah, deceased; Caroline, widow of William Prugh, of Indiana county; Margaret, wife of G. W. McHenry, of Spangler, Pa.; Austin, of Johnstown, Pa.; and Jemima, deceased.

Hezekiah Berkeypile spent his early life in Somerset county and received the greater part of his education there, also attending school after the family settled in Indiana county. He followed farming throughout his active years, and upon his retirement his son Steele took the management of the home farm in Cherryhill township, which he now operates. He has been a useful citizen of his community, having served seven years as school director and two years as supervisor of Cherryhill township. Politically he belongs to the Republican party. He is a member of the German Baptist Church.

On Sept. 6, 1861, Mr. Berkeypile married Rhoda Lydick, who was born Aug. 8, 1836, in Cherryhill township, daughter of Patrick Lydick, a lifelong resident of Cherryhill township, who married Elizabeth Evans and had three children: Crawford; Russell, who passed all his life in Cherryhill township; and Rhoda, Mrs. Berkeypile, who died June 6, 1901. John Lydick, Mrs. Berkeypile's great-grandfather, was a native of Holland, and on coming to America first settled at Hannastown, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he engaged in farming. In 1760 he came to Indiana county, settling in what is now Cherryhill township, and a fort was built on his property; part of this historic old structure is still standing. The following year hostile Indians drove them back to Westmoreland county, where they remained for seven years before again venturing to live at the new location. When they returned they settled permanently in Cherryhill township, on the farm which is still in the family, and there John Lydick died at an advanced age. He served in the Revolutionary war. His son Jacob, grandfather of Mrs. Berkeypile, grew to manhood in Cherryhill township, where he lived and died. He reached the ripe old age of ninety-four years. Part of the farm where these pioneers settled is now the Berkeypile homestead.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Berkeypile: (1) Charlotte, who is deceased; (2) Russell, deceased; (3) Ellen, deceased; (4) Josephine, wife of Hileman Long, of Rayne township, who has two children, Rebecca and Stewart; (5) Wellington, of Cherry-

hill township, who married Maggie Bennett, of Pine township, this county, and has six living children, Jay, Luella, Olive, Dorothy, Ralph and Ross (three died in infancy); and (6) Steele.

Steele Berkeypile, youngest of the family of Hezekiah and Rhoda (Lydick) Berkeypile, was born Jan. 1, 1875, in Cherryhill, and has passed the greater part of his life on his father's farm in that township, which he now conducts, his father continuing to live there also. He is one of the enterprising and progressive young farmers of the locality, and is at present serving as president of the township school board. On Aug. 3, 1898, he married Ida Stake, who was born June 23, 1877, in Cherryhill township, daughter of Josiah and Marion (Pittman) Stake, the former a native of Cherryhill township, the latter of Brushvalley township, this county. In his earlier years Mr. Stake was a farmer, later engaging in lumbering. He served all through the Civil war, having enlisted in Company F, 55th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He and his wife had a family of six children, William and another being deceased. The survivors are: Angeline, wife of Herman Rigger, of Brushvalley township; Ida, wife of Steele Berkeypile; Mary, wife of Oliver Stadtmiller, of Cherryhill township; and John, of White township, this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele Berkeypile have two children, Clay Ottis and Wade Elson.

JOSIAH G. EVANS, of White township, Indiana county, engaged in general merchandising, was born March 13, 1841, in Brushvalley township, this county, where the Evanses were among the eldest pioneer settlers. The family is of Welsh extraction.

Hugh Evans, grandfather of Josiah G. Evans, and the founder of the family in this country, was a native of Cardiff, Wales, and crossed the Atlantic when a young man, working to pay his passage on the vessel. Among the passengers was a young English girl with whom he fell in love, and they were married when they landed at Philadelphia. They came west to the Welsh settlement near Ebensburg, in Cambria county, Pa., where they remained for a short time, until they came to Indiana county, locating in Brushvalley township. They were among the first settlers there. Settling in the wilderness, Mr. Evans built his log cabin and set to work clearing up the land. He remained but a short time on his first farm, buying a 400-acre tract, all brush and timber, near the site of Mechanics-

burg, upon which he settled down to farming. Much of this land is still in the family name. Here he built a dwelling house and barn, and also erected a saw and grist mill—the first of the kind in Brush creek valley. The mill was of stone, and stood on Brush creek about three quarters of a mile below the present site of Mechanicsburg, and for many years was a prominent landmark. He also owned a distillery. He worked hard and faithfully, prospered in his own affairs and did his full duty as a citizen, being one of the enterprising and progressive men of his day and generation. He was a strong abolitionist. He died on his farm in 1849, at the age of seventy years, and was buried in what is known as the Evans graveyard in Brushvalley township. He was a member of the Baptist Church, the first Baptist to settle in the township. His first wife, Hannah, died leaving children as follows: Ann, who married John Kelly and (second) James Stewart; John; Hugh, who died at Altoona; Mary, who married Henry Grumbling; Elizabeth (Betsy), who first married Joseph McNutt; Evan, who lived in Brushvalley; William, who married Susan Wilkins; and James, who died in Center township. Mr. Evans married for his second wife Esther Creswell, and she bore him three children: Ellen, Rebecca and Lucinda (who married Rev. A. B. Runyan, a well-known Baptist minister of Mechanicsburg).

Evan Evans, son of Hugh, was born in Brushvalley township, and lived to be over eighty, dying in Brushvalley township. He bought a farm and followed agricultural pursuits, and also ran a mill in his earlier days. He married Sarah George, a native of White township, daughter of Jacob George, who was born in Westmoreland county, this State, and came in an early day to Indiana county, settling in White township; Mr. George owned land and followed farming all his life. Mrs. Evans died before her husband, passing away when aged about seventy. They were the parents of three children, one son and two daughters, one of whom, Elizabeth, became the wife of Elijah Peddicord, now deceased; she resides at Franklin, Pa. Susanna died young.

Josiah G. Evans was educated in Brushvalley township. He began working on the farm for his father when a mere boy, and remained there until his enlistment, during the Civil war, for service in the Union army. He became a member of Company E, 211th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Trimble, and was in the service about a year, taking part in a number of battles. He was

mustered out at Fortress Monroe, and after receiving his discharge returned home, continuing to work on the old farm until 1904, when he embarked in the general mercantile business which he has ever since conducted, opening a store at Twolick in White township. He is located on Indiana R. F. D. route No. 4. Mr. Evans is an accommodating and enterprising business man, and has acquired a profitable patronage in his vicinity, building up his business by honorable dealing and creditable methods. He is well known all over the township, having held various township offices. His religious connection is with the Baptist Church, and for several years he has been a member of the G. A. R. post at Indiana borough; he was a charter member of Mechanicsburg Post, G. A. R.

Mr. Evans married Mary Freet, a native of Indiana county, daughter of Louis E. Freet, an early settler in the county. Eight children were born to this union: Luna, Mae, Ella, Clara, Susan, Myrtle, Berilett and Evan E. The mother of this family died in the winter of 1904, and on March 24, 1906, Mr. Evans married (second) Mrs. Kate (Baldwin) Lynch, who was born in Armstrong county, Pa., daughter of Isaac and Charlotte (Roff) Baldwin. Mrs. Evans' father died in 1900, in White township. He was a carpenter by trade, and settled at an early day in Armstrong county. Mrs. Baldwin now makes her home in Indiana. Kate Baldwin first married John Lynch, by whom she had one child, Joella, now the wife of Hollis Lockard, of Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH PALMER (deceased) was a well-to-do farmer and highly esteemed citizen of East Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., born at Blacklick, this county, Nov. 16, 1821, a son of Charles Palmer.

Charles Palmer came of Irish stock, and it is thought that both he and his wife were born in Ireland. Their children were as follows: Jesse, born May 25, 1814; Elizabeth, born Aug. 29, 1815, who married a Mr. Livingston; Samuel, born April 23, 1818; Jane, born Aug. 26, 1820, who married Johnston Palmer; Joseph; and Susanna, born Nov. 25, 1826, who married a Mr. Griffin.

Joseph Palmer grew up as any farmer boy of his day and locality. Locating at Blacklick, he lived there until 1866, when he moved to Decker's Point, Indiana County, Pa., where he died September 5, 1906. He had been a faithful member of the Methodist

Church for many years. In political faith, he was a Republican.

Mr. Palmer was twice married and by his first wife, whose name was Margaret, he had these children: (1) Charles, born Dec. 4, 1845, married Feb. 27, 1868, Eveline Lydig, and lives at Decker's Point. (2) Samuel Foster, born July 7, 1847, married Aug. 20, 1868, Rebecca Brown, now deceased, and they had two children, Myrtle, Mrs. Archie Mikesell, and Pearl, who is living with Mrs. Palmer; he married for his second wife Sarah Long, by whom he has four children, Vina, Joseph, Fred and Nora. (3) Jane, born Dec. 2, 1848, married Sept. 24, 1868, Nelson Barr, by whom she had two children, Edmund and Earl. She died in 1885, aged thirty-seven years.

Mr. Palmer was married (second) on Oct. 27, 1880, to Martha McLaughlin, who was born April 20, 1841, in Rayne township, this county, daughter of James and Margaret (Speedy) McLaughlin, and granddaughter of James McLaughlin.

James McLaughlin, grandfather of Mrs. Palmer, came from Ireland with his wife and older children, the voyage, which was made in a sailing vessel, taking six weeks. He took up 1,000 acres of land in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he died.

James McLaughlin, son of James, and father of Mrs. Palmer, was born in Rayne township Sept. 2, 1802, and was a farmer all his life, operating 300 acres of his father's homestead. He was married Jan. 6, 1830, to Margaret, daughter of James Speedy, and died on his farm Aug. 31, 1858, while his wife died May 9, 1896. They had nine children: David, born Nov. 14, 1830, married Margaretta Kinter and is deceased; James, born June 13, 1832, married Isabelle Kinter; Johnson was born April 15, 1834; Mary, born Oct. 15, 1837, is deceased; Wesley, born Feb. 2, 1839, married Maria Rankin; Martha is the widow of Joseph Palmer; John Fletcher, born Sept. 4, 1843, married Louisa Ainsley; Hester Ann, born Sept. 4, 1846, married Johnson Loughrey; Eliza Charlotte, born April 20, 1848, died at the age of twelve. James McLaughlin was a man of high character and excellent business ability, and stood well with all who knew him. He was a member of the Methodist Church. The Republican party had his vote and support.

Mrs. Palmer attended the public schools of her home district, and remained at home until her marriage, learning to be a good housekeeper and Christian woman.

GEORGE WASHINGTON ROOF, of Indiana, who has been constable of that borough for thirty years and is now also serving as deputy sheriff of Indiana county, was born July 6, 1850, near Davis post office, in Washington township, this county.

John Henry Roof, his father, was born in Berks county, this State, and came to Indiana county when a young man, settling first in South Mahoning township. Later he removed to Chambersville, in Rayne township, where he had a 150-acre farm, part of it, however, lying in Washington township. Trading farms with John Lytle, he moved to Dayton, Armstrong county, but in 1862 returned to Indiana county, settling at Reed station, in White township. There for the next twenty-two years he was engaged in "cropping" the farm of William Banks, lawyer, at the end of that period buying a tract of 106 acres in Center township, at Edgewood. He continued to cultivate this place until his death, which occurred in 1891. Mr. Roof was an enterprising business man, and besides engaging in agricultural pursuits became largely interested in stock dealing. After the Civil war he bought twelve mules from the government. He was prominent in local affairs, serving as school director and supervisor. He married Mary Jane Juart, whose father, Alexander Juart, of near Plumville and Dayton, Armstrong county, was an extensive farmer and land owner, owning over one thousand acres. Mrs. Roof died in November, 1912, at the age of eighty-eight years. She was the mother of twelve children: Jane married George Fredericks, a wagonmaker, and resides in Homer City, this county. Alexander died at the age of twenty-two years. George W. is mentioned below. Maggie, deceased, was the wife of Frank Devinney, of Homer City. John Wesley is engaged in business as a merchant in Saltsburg, this county. J. Luther, born Jan. 7, 1857, a contractor and builder, and at present caretaker of the Indiana normal school, was married March 14, 1883, to Sadie H. Hendrickson, of Hempstead, daughter of Oliver and Mary Etta (Seaman) Hendrickson; Mr. and Mrs. Roof have adopted and reared two children, James W. Williams and Nettie McClintock. Caroline married Robert Crawford and resides in Indiana. Elizabeth married Harry Walker, of Indiana. William Banks, William E. and Harry died young, and Catherine, twin of Jane, at the age of twenty.

George W. Roof first attended the Hanging Rock school in Rayne township, and later

the Harmon school in Armstrong county and the Reed school in Center township, Indiana county. Remaining on the farm with his father until 1874, he was employed as brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad for the next two years, and then returned to the farm for several years, at the end of which time he came to the borough of Indiana to live. During the first three years of his residence there he was engaged in teaming for the Adams Express Company. In 1883 he was elected constable, which office he has held continuously since, and for three years he also acted as street commissioner of West Indiana; he is now serving as deputy sheriff of the county in addition to performing his duties as constable. He is well known in the borough and one of its highly respected citizens.

Mr. Roof married Jennie Marshall, daughter of Scott and Hannah (Ramsay) Marshall, and they have had a family of five children: John died of fever when twenty years old; Cora is the wife of Harry N. White, and resides in Indiana; Bert C. married Laura McCoy; Frank Luther is married and resides at Iselin, this county; Mary W. is the wife of Charles Ebbey, and lives at Derry, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Roof are members of the M. E. Church.

JOHN SMITH, a veteran of the Civil war, is the owner of 150 acres of farming land in Canoe township, Indiana county. He was born in Butler county, Pa., May 13, 1839, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Sincon) Smith.

Henry Smith, father of John Smith, was born in Schlichter, Germany. For some years he served in the German army, and he also followed the trade of tailor. In his native country he was married, and in 1836 came to the United States, settling at Harmony, Butler Co., Pa. There he spent something over two years engaged in farming, and then came to Canoe township, Indiana county, taking up fifty acres of timber land, and at once beginning its development, for it was covered with timber and wholly unimproved. The effort required in clearing a farm is long and laborious. Trees were cut down, stumps grubbed up, the land plowed, the seed planted, and in due season abundant harvests were gathered, but all this was the work of years. And unremittingly Mr. Smith labored on until he had transformed his wild land into a rich and valuable farm. Here he and his faithful wife, who cheerfully shared the hardships and privations of pioneer existence, spent the remainder of their lives, both dying in the



faith of the Evangelical Association. They became the parents of ten children, as follows: Catherine, deceased, married William Smith, of Young township, Jefferson county; Adam, who is engaged in farming near Cloe, Jefferson county, served in Company I, 162d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded in the battle of Bull Run; John is mentioned below; Elizabeth, deceased, married George Smith, of Young township, Jefferson county; Mary, deceased, married Jacob Dunmire, of Canoe township; Lavina, deceased, was the wife of George Smith, of Jefferson county; Maggie married Stewart Miller, of Canoe township; George, an agriculturist of Canoe township, married Mary Bann; Henry, living on the old homestead in Canoe township, married Rachel Dunmire; a daughter died in infancy.

John Smith received but few advantages of an educational nature in his boyhood, and until he was eighteen years of age was engaged in assisting his father in the work on the home place. At that time he wandered from the parental roof to take up the battle of life on his own account, and for some years was engaged in working on various farms in the vicinity of his home. On July 13, 1863, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a private in Company L, 102d Regiment, P. V. I., known as the old 13th Regiment. This organization was sent to Camp Reynolds, and on to Rappahannock Station, Nov. 7, 1863, Mr. Smith subsequently becoming a sharpshooter of the 6th Army Corps. Among his engagements may be mentioned: Win Run, May 5-6, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 12-18; North Anna River, May 24; Tolopotomoy, May 29; Cold Harbor, June 3; Petersburg, June 18; Fort Stevens, July 10; Charlestown, Aug. 15; Winchester, Sept. 19; Fisher's Hill, Sept. 22; Cedar Creek, Oct. 19; Fort Steadman, April 2, 1865; Sailor's Creek, April 6; and Appomattox. On Oct. 19, 1864, at Cedar Creek, Mr. Smith was wounded in the right hand, and still carries the bullet. He was honorably discharged after brave and valiant service.

In 1863 Mr. Smith was married to Catherine Binn, of Germany, who died in 1895, at the age of sixty years. They became the parents of the following children: John M., a miner of Canoe township, who married Mary Cochrain; Albert, a miner of Island, Pa., who is married; William, a farmer and threshing machine operator of Canoe township, who married Amy Borts and (second) Laura Hawk; Julia, who married Silas Baun, of

Jefferson county; Prissie, who married Milton Pease, a carpenter, and they live with Mr. Smith; and three children who died young.

Mr. Smith began farming on a tract at Covode, Pa., where he purchased thirty acres of land, and two years later moved to Canoe township, where he bought 100 acres, all in the woods, at North Juneau. To this he has added from time to time until he is now the owner of 150 acres, about half of which is under cultivation. During the early days, Mr. Smith did a great deal of rafting as well as farming, but he now contents himself with his agricultural pursuits, and his efforts have been rewarded with satisfactory results. He is known as one of his community's good citizens, a man who will assist in every movement that promises to better the general welfare, and as one who, having succeeded himself, is willing to assist others to success. He is remembered as having been one of the strongest men of his command, during his army days, and he is still well preserved for a man of his years. He is a popular comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic post at Punxsutawney, and his pleasant, genial manner has won him a wide circle of friends.

CYRUS STIFFEY, a farmer of Cone-maugh township, was born there July 29, 1860, son of David Stiffey, and grandson of Conrad Stiffey.

Conrad Stiffey was born near Livermore, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he was a successful farmer all his life. He married Mary Connor, and they became the parents of the following children: David, John, Joseph, James, Azariah, William, Philip, Frank, Henry and Margaret (who married John Patterson).

David Stiffey was born Dec. 3, 1820, in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and after attending the common schools of his neighborhood learned the carpenter's trade and that of millwright, following them in conjunction until he had saved sufficient money to buy 145 acres of land in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa. Moving upon this property, he began farming and stock raising, and developed a magnificent farm, making the improvements himself. Although at that time few farmers believed in the efficiency of new methods in doing their work, he was ahead of his age, and so instilled his ideas in his son that the latter has become one of the most progressive agriculturists of his township and benefited accordingly.

A man of public spirit, Mr. Stiffey was

called upon to fill several offices, acting as overseer of the poor and road supervisor for many years. He was elected on the Republican ticket, as he was an ardent supporter of that party. A lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church at Ebenezer, his services to it were recognized in his election to the office of elder, and he discharged the duties pertaining to that position with dignified capability. In addition he acted as superintendent of the Sunday school connected with the church, and made that organization a powerful factor in bringing the young into the church.

On Nov. 18, 1841, David Stiffey was married to Jane Frederick, who was born Jan. 19, 1821, and nine children came to this marriage, of whom Mary Jane, born Aug. 5, 1843, married John Gifford, and is now deceased; James, born Aug. 30, 1846, married Lizzie Dick, and is now deceased; George, born Sept. 21, 1848, died April 29, 1858; Almira, born Aug. 28, 1850, married George Stahl, and is now deceased; Amanda, born Aug. 6, 1853, died May 10, 1858; Margaret, born Sept. 3, 1856, married A. W. Park; Albert, born Oct. 5, 1858, died April 29, 1862; Cyrus is mentioned at length below.

David Stiffey died Feb. 2, 1901, and his wife April 23, 1907, and they are laid to rest in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church cemetery at Lewisville, in Conemaugh township.

Cyrus Stiffey was sent to the local schools and taught to work diligently upon the home farm, and do his full duty to his parents and community. When he was twenty-five years old he went to Blairsville, Pa., and embarked in a grocery business on Walnut street, which he conducted for seven years. He then returned home and assisted in the farming operations until the death of his father, when he bought out the other heirs and became the owner of the homestead of 145 acres, which he still conducts, although his residence is in the village of Livermore, Westmoreland Co., Pa. The farm is only one and a half miles from the village, just across the county line, and on the bank of the Conemaugh river. The Stiffey home is one of the most comfortable in the village, and Mr. Stiffey goes back and forth between it and his farm every day.

On Sept. 25, 1883, Mr. Stiffey was married to Hannah Irwin, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Marshall) Irwin, and they had these children: Vernetta Jane, born April 4, 1885, attended the Indiana normal and is now teaching school; Charles Irwin, born Sept. 6, 1887, is now attending the seminary

at Allegheny, Pa.; Herbert, born Dec. 12, 1889, is at home; Sadie Mazie, born March 31, 1892, is teaching school at Nowrytown, Pa., and is living at home. The mother of these died Aug. 11, 1893. On April 30, 1896, Mr. Stiffey was married (second) to Edith Duncan, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Coleman) Duncan, of Conemaugh township. A full sketch of the Duncan family is given elsewhere in this work.

In addition to his farming interests Mr. Stiffey conducted a livery business from 1908 to 1912, at Livermore, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and in the latter year sold at a profit. He has always been in the foremost ranks of advanced agriculturists, and his ideas have been adopted by many of his neighbors. A man of intelligence, he keeps himself posted on current events, not only with relation to his business, but other matters, and his services have contributed much to the general welfare of his community. A strong Prohibitionist, Mr. Stiffey has always been willing to stand up for his principles, and has been active in the temperance cause. For a number of years he was a school director, and he has been a member of the village board of Livermore. The Presbyterian Church has in him an earnest member, and he has served as trustee and elder of the Ebenezer congregation. His influence is always exerted in behalf of moral uplift in church and everyday life.

SAMUEL L. MINSER, merchant and postmaster at Arcadia, Indiana county, has lived at that point since 1903 and is a well-known business man of this section and a popular official of Montgomery township, having held several public positions. He was born in Indiana county, Sept. 22, 1877, a son of Mark and Elizabeth (Stanley) Minser. The father was a farmer and a minister of the Dunkard Brethren denomination.

Samuel L. Minser received a good education in the common schools and at the Purchase Line academy, and he was a public school teacher in this county for four years. In 1903 he came to Arcadia, where he has since resided, and he has been engaged in the mercantile business throughout the period of his residence there. In 1905 he was appointed postmaster, which position he continues to hold, and he has been elected to the offices of school director and auditor of Montgomery township.

On Nov. 23, 1898, Mr. Minser married Martha Gilpatrick, of Indiana county,

daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Owens) Gilpatrick, farming people. Six children have been born to this union, namely: Mabel E., Florence M., Elizabeth E., Dorothy (deceased), Martha and Olive I.

SIMON THOMAS KANARR, a resident of White township, Indiana county, belongs to a family of Holland Dutch descent which was founded in this section of Pennsylvania many years ago by his great-grandfather, Andrew or Andreas Kanarr, who moved from Lehigh county, Pa., to Westmoreland county. His wife was Salome Musick.

John Kanarr, only son of Andrew, was born Sept. 4, 1807, at Grapeville, Westmoreland county, and there grew to manhood. He went to school very little, obtaining his education mostly through his own efforts, and learned the trade of cabinetmaker. In November, 1838, he married Anna Magdalene Bruder, who was born Dec. 6, 1811, and to them was born a family of seven children: George A., born Aug. 14, 1839, who served one year during the Civil war as a member of Company G, 206th P. V. I.; Moses, born Dec. 14, 1840; Jacob, born March 31, 1843; Aaron, born June 21, 1845, who served one year during the Civil war, in Company F, 206th P. V. I.; John, Jr., born Feb. 12, 1847; Henry, born Aug. 9, 1849; and Elizabeth L., born May 10, 1854. The father of this family died July 1, 1879, in Grant township, Indiana Co., Pa., and the mother died Dec. 5, 1880. They are buried in Shiloh's cemetery at Deckers Point, Indiana county.

Jacob Kanarr, son of John, is now retired from farming, and has made his home in Indiana since the spring of 1905. He was a prosperous agriculturist throughout his active years. Born March 31, 1843, in Hempfield township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., he received his education in the common schools, and was familiar with farm work from early boyhood. In 1853 the family left Westmoreland county, settling in Montgomery township, Indiana county, where Jacob grew to manhood. In 1864 he was drafted for service in the Union army, being assigned to Company B, 101st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge May 6, 1865. Returning home, he resumed farm work. Within a few years he located in a place of his own in Grant township, this county, which he bought from his father—a tract of seventy-four acres where he resided for some time. Later he bought his father-

in-law's place of 180 acres in the same township, which he sold three years afterward, buying a farm of 127 acres in Rayne township upon which he remained until the spring of 1905, when he retired. He sold this property to a coal company, the land being underlaid with valuable coal deposits. Mr. Kanarr has since made his home in the borough of Indiana, living at No. 229 Philadelphia street. He has devoted most of his time to his private affairs, but he is a public-spirited citizen whose support can be relied upon in movements affecting the welfare of the community. In politics he is an independent Republican. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

In 1869 Mr. Kanarr married Martha Jane King, of Indiana county, daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Caldwell) King, and they have become the parents of eight children, namely: Simon T.; Elizabeth Clara, Mrs. John P. Lydick, of Indiana county; Nancy C.; Mrs. Clem. Henry, of Indiana; Hester J., who is unmarried; Mary M., unmarried; Ira Guy; Mortimer; and Carrie, Mrs. Robert Helman, who lives on the home farm.

Simon Thomas Kanarr was born Nov. 24, 1869, in Grant township, near Deckers Point, and obtained his education in the public schools, first attending the Kinnan school, and next the Ray school. His first teacher was S. B. Work. In 1883 he moved with his parents to Rayne township, where he continued his education, attending school until twenty-one years old, and he continued to reside at home until 1890. Then he worked a short time for John McHendrick, in Cherryhill township, and in 1891 entered the employ of Archie Nichol, in White township, remaining with him over a year. For the next thirty-two months he was in the employ of James Gompers, and from 1895 to 1897 worked for Daniel Smith, in Burrell township. He was married in the spring of the latter year, and then lived with his father-in-law until 1899, in which year he purchased the Ralston farm of 103 acres, to which he has since added forty-three acres, parts of the O'Neil and J. J. Stephens farms, now cultivating 146 acres. His property is all in fine condition and he produces considerable small fruit in addition to general crops. He also engages in stock raising, and his enterprise and well-directed industry have brought him continued success. He has given all his time to his work, voting independently and taking no active part in politics or public affairs of any kind. He and his wife are members of the First United

Presbyterian Church at Indiana, and he is at present serving as one of the trustees of that organization.

On April 14, 1897, Mr. Kanarr was married to Anna Jane Stephens, who was born May 24, 1875, in White township, Indiana county, daughter of John J. and Ann (Trimble) Stephens. The ceremony was performed in Indiana by Rev. J. Day Brownlee. Five children have been born to this marriage: John Raymond, Walter Ralph, Muriel Monroe, Ruth Evangeline and Chester Clyde.

MOSES KANARR, retired farmer and surveyor, now living in the borough of Indiana, was born Dec. 14, 1840, son of John and Anna Magdalene (Bruder) Kanarr, and was twelve years old when brought to Indiana county. He grew to manhood in what is now Grant township, and attended school in both Westmoreland and Indiana counties; he was a pupil at the Purchase Line academy in Indiana county. He studied surveying near Greensburg at a school conducted by A. L. Altman, who was subsequently made surveyor of Westmoreland county, and after completing his course was engaged in teaching school for three terms, in Indiana. In time he began to farm in Grant township, thence moving to White township, where he carried on farming for twenty-six years, cultivating the tract of 140 acres which he owned. Upon his retirement Mr. Kanarr sold the surface of this farm, but he still holds the coal rights. From March, 1873, he followed his profession of surveyor in addition to looking after his farm work, and he has become widely known over this region in that connection. He moved to the borough of Indiana in 1906.

On Aug. 10, 1864, Mr. Kanarr enlisted at Indiana, becoming a private in Company F, 206th P. V. I., under Capt. John A. Kinter and Col. Hugh J. Brady, his command serving with the Army of the James.

On Feb. 27, 1868, Mr. Kanarr married, in Grant township, Martha J. Hamilton, of that township, daughter of John and Mary A. (King) Hamilton. Mrs. Kanarr passed away June 18, 1909. She was an active member of the M. E. Church, to which Mr. Kanarr also belongs, and he is counted among the useful members of the congregation. In politics he is independent, voting for the candidates and measures he prefers, regardless of party.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kanarr: Mary Anna, born Jan. 6, 1869, married Frank Stormer, and died in Indiana April 22, 1897; Clara May, born Feb. 2, 1871,

married Charles A. Nichol and lives in White township, Indiana county; Harry M., born Aug. 31, 1876, now chief engineer of the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company and three allied concerns, was married May 17, 1905, to Mary Elinor Reed, and they live in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

RUFUS ALEXANDER SUTOR, a farmer and stock raiser of East Mahoning township, residing near the line of Rayne township, was born in the former township, Dec. 3, 1853.

John Sutor, the founder of the family in America, was born in Scotland, and came to this country in 1799 with Robert McClaren, settling at Pittsburg. Later he went to Washington county, Pa., and in 1822 came with his family to Indiana county. They located in East Mahoning township, near Marion Center, securing 200 acres in the woods. This farm is now owned by H. J. Thompson, of Marion Center, and is a valuable property, but at that time it was a wilderness, and John Sutor had to clear off the land in order to begin farming. He lived to be ninety-five years old, and his remains were laid to rest in the Gilgal Church cemetery in East Mahoning township. He was a consistent member and elder of the Presbyterian Church. Politically he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and he held a number of the local offices. John Sutor married Ann Moore, of Philadelphia, who died on the farm and was buried in the same cemetery where her husband was later laid to rest. Their children were: William, John, Alexander and Thomas are all deceased; Eliza married a Mr. Lydick and (second) a Mr. Hastings; Ann and Mary died unmarried; Robert died on the old homestead.

Alexander Sutor, son of John Sutor and father of Rufus Alexander Sutor, was born Feb. 15, 1809, in Washington county, Pa., near Pittsburg. He accompanied his parents to East Mahoning township in 1822, and like his father was a farmer and miller, having learned his trade at Pittsburg, and later on in life followed it in the vicinity of the "Iron City." Eventually he secured 212 acres in East Mahoning township, and built a log house on his property, which he replaced with a more pretentious frame dwelling in due time. He cleared off his farm and rounded out his days there, dying on it Feb. 5, 1893, and is buried in the Marion Center cemetery.

Alexander Sutor married Jane R. Park, who was born in 1811 and died in 1908, and they celebrated their golden wedding anni-

versary in 1889. They had children as follows: Robert P. enlisted in Company A, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died of typhoid fever while in the service; Agnes married Thomas Craig and resides on the homestead; Annie, who married William Groose, resides in Indiana, Pa.; John, who was a soldier in the Civil war, resides at Chicago; Amanda died unmarried; Rufus Alexander is mentioned below; Margaret married W. D. Chilleott, of Orchard Park, N. Y. Mr. Sutor was a member of the Baptist Church and faithful to its creed. A Republican politically, he was proud of his connection with the party of Abraham Lincoln. As has been said of him:

"A contemporary of Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Sutor was one of the thousands who like him despised not the day of small things, but cheerfully helped to clear the way for the upbuilding of a great nation. An uncompromising foe of slavery and every form of evil, he was a conductor of the 'underground railway' that helped so many slaves to freedom. He gave his sons to the war to support the Union and crush slavery. Like Lincoln, fond of his fellow men, full of fun and ready with a good story to illustrate an argument or point a moral, his life had its tragedies, but for the most part he dwelt in the sunshine."

Rufus Alexander Sutor, son of Alexander Sutor, attended the local schools and worked for his father until he attained manhood's estate. Obtaining a portion of his father's homestead, he has devoted his life to farming and stock raising and is now one of the leading agriculturists of his township. The substantial residence on his property was built by him and he has made many other improvements which add value to the place. Formerly a Republican, he is now a Prohibitionist. Mr. Sutor has served as a school director for two terms, was supervisor of his township for one term, and was always a faithful official. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership, and he has been trustee and elder of same for some years. Believing in the efficacy of the Sunday school, he has done much to advance it and extend the scope of its influence, both as a teacher and superintendent.

In 1880 Mr. Sutor was united in marriage with Annie Brickley, who was born in Clearfield county, Pa., daughter of Daniel Brickley. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sutor: Edna, who married Albert Botsford, of Rayne township, and has chil-

dren, Charles and Earl; and Mary and Grace, at home.

ALVERTUS PRESTON MARSHALL, a farmer of South Mahoning township, was born on the Robert Marshall homestead April 10, 1872, and is a son of Robert Marshall.

The first of this branch of the family in Pennsylvania was William Marshall, who was born in Ireland in 1722, and there grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Armstrong. In 1748 he came to the American Colonies and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, where he followed farming. Later he moved to what is now Indiana county, but was then included in Westmoreland county, to which region his son, John Marshall, had gone some years previously. The family secured property in Conemaugh township, and on it William Marshall rounded out his useful life, passing away in 1796. His remains were laid to rest in Ebenezer Church cemetery. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and devoted to his church. His excellent wife passed away in 1806, having survived him some ten years, and was laid by his side in the little old cemetery. Among their children were: John, James, William, Andrew, Samuel and Margaret. He was a man of substance in his community, and highly respected by all who knew him.

William Marshall, son of William Marshall the immigrant, came to Conemaugh township with his parents and there engaged in farming, becoming the owner of a tract of 428 acres. Later he moved to Armstrong county, settling near Glade Run, where his cousin Archibald Marshall had located. On this new farm he spent the remainder of his life. His children were: Joseph, who married Elizabeth Marshall; William, who married a Miss Lewis; John, who married Martha Kirkpatrick; Elizabeth, who married John McClelland; Mary, who married Abel Finley; Margaret, who married Benjamin Irwin; James W.; Robert, who married Mary Hindman; and Samuel, who married Julia Lentz.

James W. Marshall, son of William Marshall, was born on Blacklegs creek, in Conemaugh township, in 1796, and was taken to Glade Run, Armstrong Co., Pa., by his parents. There he grew to manhood, and in 1820 settled in what is now South Mahoning township, near the home place of others of the family. This was almost on the line dividing the south and west parts of Mahoning. His tract was a large one, and he went to work at once to clear it of the heavy timber.

Although he had developments well started at the time of his death, he passed away while still in the prime of life, in 1844.

James W. Marshall married Margaret Marshall, a daughter of Archibald Marshall, who settled in Glade Run, Armstrong Co., Pa., where his cousin William Marshall also located. Mrs. Marshall died in 1873, having survived her husband many years. Their children were: William; Margaret, who married Thomas Davis, and (second) Nathaniel Doty; Joseph W.; Archibald, who married Mary Ann Wadding; Robert; Catherine, who married Lewis Marshall and (second) Henry Bowser.

Joseph W. Marshall, son of James W. Marshall, was born Dec. 11, 1827, on the farm in South Mahoning township. When he was seventeen years old he had the misfortune to lose his father. Prior to that he had attended the local schools, and after his father's death he continued working on the homestead. When he attained his majority he obtained a tract of 120 acres of the home farm, ten acres of which were already cleared. With characteristic energy he began making improvements, putting up all the buildings on the property, including frame residence and barn, and carried on general farming and stock raising until his death. While his life was uneventful, he did his duty at all times, and brought up his family to be an honor to the name. A strong Whig, he espoused the principles of the Republican party upon its formation, and held many offices, including those of school director, assessor, supervisor and member of the election board. The Presbyterian Church held his membership, and he was an elder in that body for years, being connected with the church of that faith at Plumville. Although he is now eighty-five years old he still possesses many of his faculties. He makes his home with his various children, by whom he is much beloved.

Joseph W. Marshall married Jane Davis, of South Mahoning township, a daughter of Abraham Davis, and she died in 1863, and is buried in the Mahoning Baptist Church cemetery; she was a consistent member of that church. The children of this marriage were: Adoniram Judson, who resides in Los Angeles, Cal., married Clara Irwin and (second) Jane Orr; a son died in infancy, unnamed; Louise Ann married Job W. Luckhart of Punxsutawney, Pa., and is deceased; Clark G. had a twin sister, Lydia C., the latter dying in infancy. In 1865 Mr. Marshall married (second) Mary Stewart, daughter of Thomas

Stewart, who survives him. They had children as follows: Rebecca J.; Margaret E., who married Clark Sink; Harvey S., deceased, who married Bessie Hamilton, now the wife of John Kirkpatrick; Nettie Irwin, deceased; Alice R., who married Elmer Shaffer, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Lawrence J., who lives at Rochester, N. Y.; Minerva Mary; Rainey W.; Rosella Sarah, who is deceased; Mason Forbes, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Esther Frances, who married Homer Hiskell; and Bertha Dean, who married Homer Sadler.

The Marshall family is one of the largest in Indiana county, and its representatives have given much attention to agricultural matters. Many of the finely developed farms of this locality are owned and operated by men who sprang from the first William Marshall. The Marshalls are not confined to Indiana county, or Pennsylvania either, for they have spread over the country, and wherever found are prosperous and industrious, a credit to their name and a valuable addition to their community. Good blood tells, and careful raising brings forth the best in a man. The descendants of the original Marshall who braved all the dangers, which were not inconsiderable in those early days, of crossing the ocean to an almost unknown land, do him credit, and owe much to him.

Robert Marshall, son of James W. and brother of Joseph W. Marshall, was born on the Marshall homestead in South Mahoning township, in 1831. He was thirteen years old when his father died, and his brother reared him to manhood on the farm, sending him to the local schools. When he attained his majority he obtained eighty acres of valuable land from his father's estate, and bought seventy-six acres more of the estate, and on this property carried on general farming and stock raising. In addition he owned forty-three acres. His useful, upright life was spent upon the farm where he was born, and there he died in 1885, when only fifty-four years old, from the effects of typhoid fever. His remains were tenderly interred in the cemetery at Smicksburg. For many years he served the Presbyterian Church as an elder, and was one of its most valued members. A Republican from the formation of the party, he gave it his support, but did not aspire for public office aside from that of school director, for he was exceedingly domestic in his tastes, and preferred to give his time and attention to his private affairs and his family. He was noted for his temperate habits, and his upright, honorable methods of doing

business, and no man stood higher in the esteem of his neighbors than he. While he was not a young man when the Civil war broke out, he would have liked to serve his country as a soldier, had his strength permitted, but as it was he gave the Union loyal support in every way he could, and his contributions to the cause were exceedingly liberal.

His support of general morality was strong and courageous, for he never had any sympathy with wrong-doing, believing that if men controlled their habits they would not be led into breaking laws both human and divine. Like other members of his family he believed in and advocated temperance upon every occasion, and the efforts of such men as these have borne remarkable fruit, for South Mahoning township is one of the most law-abiding communities in the State.

Robert Marshall married Eveline Rowland, who was born in 1840, a daughter of Griffith and Mary (Mikesell) Rowland. Mrs. Marshall died Feb. 15, 1899, and is buried in Smicksburg cemetery. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Children as follows were born to Robert Marshall and his wife: Onesimus, who died young; James Franklin; Benjamin R., who is connected with the police department of Pittsburg; and Alvertus Preston, all of whom are worthy of their honored parents and the devotion given them when they needed it.

Alvertus Preston Marshall, son of Robert Marshall, demonstrates in his everyday life that the prosperity of the farming population is the gauge of the country's development. He attended the Davis school until he was thirteen years old, when his father died, and he gave all his time to helping his mother with the work of the farm. In 1893 he took charge of her property, operating 156 acres, and took care of her in her old age. Having devoted himself to farming, he has developed many new ideas and carried out old ones successfully, and is now one of the most prosperous agriculturists of his township. He carries on general farming, stock raising and dairying, and his farm is one of the best cared for in this part of the county. His buildings are in excellent condition, and he takes a pride in them and his handsome property.

On June 30, 1897, Mr. Marshall was married to May Irwin, who was born in West Mahoning township, daughter of George Irwin. Mrs. Marshall has been a good wife and capable helpmate, so that a part of the credit

for her husband's success is due her. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are the parents of five children: A son who died in infancy, unnamed; Mary Eveline; Earl Leroy; Dee Burton; and Dolly Catherine Marguerite.

Mr. Marshall is a Republican, and for seven years served very creditably as tax collector, for seven years was auditor, for two years was supervisor, and for two years was clerk of the election board. Domestic in his tastes, he has tried to live according to the Golden Rule, and in consequence has few if any enemies. He is a citizen of highest worth, and stands well in all the relations of life.

JAMES FRANKLIN MARSHALL, proprietor of the Maple Valley Dairy Farm in South Mahoning township, was born on the Robert Marshall homestead May 30, 1865, son of Robert Marshall. He grew up in his native township and attended the schools of his district, the normal at Plumville and Glade Run academy. Having fitted himself for school teaching, he became a public educator, and for five terms taught during the fall and winter months in South Mahoning township, Georgeville, East Mahoning township and White Oak Flats. During the summer months he worked with his father on the farm until 1887, when he bought the A. David Pringle place of 106 acres, which he improved and operated, carrying on general farming and dairying in a small way. Later he bought the Harrison Shields farm, on which he erected a residence, large barn and other buildings, all of modern construction. The barn was destroyed by fire Dec. 23, 1906, as were seventeen head of cattle, one horse and some machinery, the total loss amounting to over \$3,000. Mr. Marshall replaced this barn in 1910 with one of the finest in the township. In 1904 he branched out as a dairyman upon a large scale, now keeping a herd of thirty-six head, mostly Holsteins. Mr. Marshall still later bought the J. O. DeLancey farm, on which was a fine brick residence and an excellent frame house, as well as a fine barn. To these improvements he has added a silo, which is one of the best in the neighborhood. At present he owns and operates 268 acres of land, and markets his milk at Plumville and Sagamore. His land runs to the Armstrong county line, and is very desirably located. The Marshall farm is one of the model establishments in its section of Indiana county, for Mr. Marshall is one of the advanced agriculturists and believes in conducting his large property according to the

most modern methods, utilizing every idea that he expects to find beneficial.

On July 2, 1885, Mr. Marshall was married to Clare Belle DeLaney, who was born in South Mahoning township, daughter of Jacob Oliver DeLaney, of Plumville, a full sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Marshall is an active member of the Presbyterian Church and the missionary society of that body, as well as the W. C. T. U. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall are the parents of two children: Robert DeLancey, born June 25, 1893, attended the public schools of his neighborhood and the State Agricultural College, and is now at home; Jesse Dale, who was born May 27, 1904, is now attending school. The elder son is very active in the Presbyterian Church and its Sunday school, and received his diploma to teach in the Sunday school in 1911, from the State Sunday School Association. He is a fine young fellow, and a credit to his parents.

Mr. Marshall is a Republican, and has served as school director for one term, during which time he put into practical use the experience he had acquired as a teacher. He is an enthusiastic member of the Presbyterian Church, an elder, and not only is a Sunday school teacher, but has served as superintendent of the Sunday school. In 1911 he, like his son, was graduated and received a diploma from the State Sunday School Association.

A man of learning, he has applied his general knowledge to his farm work, with very profitable results. His dairy is one of the best in the locality, and everything about it conforms to the State and local sanitary regulations. As an agriculturist and citizen Mr. Marshall shows the results of good training, and his community benefits accordingly.

**SARAH ELIZABETH KUNKLE**, widow of John C. Kunkle, residing in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in that township Jan. 24, 1858, daughter of John G. Dickson, and granddaughter of Thomas Dickson.

Thomas Dickson was born in the North of Ireland, but immigrated to the United States, first settling in Adams county, Pa., near Gettysburg. His farm was near the famous peach orchard which will go down in history as the scene of part of the battle of Gettysburg. Thomas Dickson left Adams county prior to the Civil war and so was saved the horrors which resulted from that bloody engagement. He located in Westmoreland county, leaving it later to come to Washing-

ton township, Indiana county, where he passed away. He was first married in Ireland, and had the following children: Mrs. Ruth Patterson, Mrs. Jane Getty, Mrs. Mary Ann Wilson and Mrs. Eliza Wilson, all now deceased. Mr. Dickson was married second to Elizabeth Williams of Adams county, and by this marriage his children were: Thomas, James E., Sarah (who married John Bothel) and John G., all deceased.

John G. Dickson was born in Adams county, Pa., in July, 1827, and came with his parents to Indiana county, where he attended school. He learned the blacksmith's trade in young manhood and followed it during the latter part of his life, earlier farming on ninety-six acres of his father's property of 176 acres, the balance falling to the share of his brother James E. The death of John G. Dickson occurred June 8, 1864, when he was not quite thirty-seven years old. He married Mary Jane Campbell, of Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., daughter of George and Sarah (Carnahan) Campbell. George Campbell and his brother left Ireland for this country together, but the brother died during the voyage and was buried at sea. George Campbell settled on the farm in Loyalhanna township now owned and occupied by his grandson Archy Campbell, now one of the finest places in the neighborhood. There he raised his family of six children and lived to a good old age.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dickson were born two children: Sarah Elizabeth and Samuel C., the latter now residing at Pittsburg. In politics Mr. Dickson was a Republican, but never aspired to public life. For many years he was a valued member of the United Presbyterian Church of Plum Creek, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

Sarah Elizabeth (Dickson) Kunkle received her educational training in the public schools of her native township, and at the Saltsburg academy, which she attended for one term. She remained home until her marriage, on March 25, 1875, to John C. Kunkle, and they had children as follows: Jesse M. married Stella Brown, of Washington township; Charles L. married Dolly McFeaters, of Creekside; Mary Elizabeth married George Nesbit, in Indiana, Pa.; John I. married Elsie Rupert, of Armstrong county, Pa.; Stacey E. married Luna Trusal, of Five Points; Clarence S. married Dora Gibson, of Washington township; Sarah E. married Bert Lytle, of Chambersville, Washington township; Indiana county.



JOHN C. KUNKLE was born Feb. 27, 1848, in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., son of Michael and Elizabeth (Anderson) Kunkle, of Armstrong county, the former born in March, 1810, the latter in October, 1808. In 1825 the parents moved to Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa. The Kunkle family is of German extraction.

John C. Kunkle went to the local public schools and was engaged in assisting his father in the farm work until 1875, when he purchased his father's homestead. On this property he carried on general farming and stock raising, and was a man of considerable means when he died. His farm comprised 284 acres, underlaid with coal, which was sold to D. F. Run, of Indiana, by his heirs, in 1912. The vein is an excellent one and promises to mine well.

Politically Mr. Kunkle was a Democrat, and served as a school director for one term. A conscientious member of the Presbyterian Church, he was an elder for years, being connected with the congregation at Creekside. For six years he served as superintendent of the Sunday school, and took a deep interest in the work of that body. The present church edifice is built on a portion of the original Kunkle farm, his paternal grandfather having at one time owned a large tract that was cut into several farms in this locality.

Both the Dickson and Kunkle families are well and favorably known in this part of the State, and their representatives have every reason to be proud of the stock from which they spring. Mrs. Kunkle is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of Washington township, and is surrounded by every comfort the love of her children can suggest. Mr. Kunkle died July 2, 1895, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana.

JACOB TIGER, a retired farmer of Canoe township, was born there Nov. 23, 1835, and is a son of Adam D. and Mary (Philower) Tiger.

Jacob Tiger, his great-grandfather, was of German descent, and was a Revolutionary soldier.

Abraham Tiger, the grandfather, was born in Tewksbury township, Hunterdon Co., N. J. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married Anna Teates, who was born in the same section as himself, and both lived to be over seventy-seven years of age.

Adam D. Tiger, father of Jacob Tiger, was born in Tewksbury township, Hunterdon Co., N. J., in 1803. In 1824 he was married to

Mary Philower, a daughter of John Philower, also of Hunterdon county, and she died March 6, 1879, aged seventy-five years, ten months, three days. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Abraham, who is deceased, married Sarah Griffith; Isaac married Keziah Smith; Jacob married Barbara Ann Smith; John P., who is deceased, married Martha Wilyard; Rachel, who is deceased, was the wife of Simon Henry; Mary, who is deceased, was the wife of George Taylor; Elizabeth, who is deceased, was the wife of John W. Snyder; Susannah married William H. Smith; Eva Ann married John A. White.

On May 3, 1827, Adam D. Tiger, in company with Peter Philower, located in Indiana county, in what was then a wilderness, securing about one thousand acres of land. Peter Philower took possession of six hundred acres, the south end of the tract, and there built a round-log barn, while Adam D. Tiger built a similar structure on his land, the north end of the tract, where he had 400 acres. This barn was demolished in 1844 and the one on the south end was torn down about fifty years ago. After clearing his land Adam D. Tiger began to cultivate it, and continued his agricultural activities until his death, which occurred May 1, 1885, when his age was eighty-one years, nine months, twenty-four days. Adam D. Tiger and his wife were interred in the Fairview burying ground, which plot was presented to the Presbyterian Church for this purpose by Mr. Tiger. In his political views he was a Democrat and at different periods in his long and useful life served acceptably in various township offices, having been a justice of the peace for five years, constable for six years and school director and treasurer for twenty-two years.

Jacob Tiger was educated in the public schools of Canoe township and gave his father assistance until he was twenty-one years of age, at which time he took the farm and afterward, for many years, cleared and cultivated his land during the summer seasons and spent the winters in hauling lumber. He continued to follow general farming until a few years ago, when he retired. Although he has sold the larger portion of his original farm he still owns fifty-five acres of land, four acres of which is a valuable wood tract. Mr. Tiger has always kept well informed on public matters and has always given his political support to the Democratic party. He has frequently served in the office of school director in Canoe township, and also has been township auditor. For many years he has at-

tended the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Jacob Tiger married Barbara Ann Smith, a daughter of George and Mary Jane Smith, and they have had the following children: Clark Willis, who is now deceased, married Esther Ann Hawk, of Canoe township; Mary Jane is the wife of George W. White, of Canoe township; Charles Harvey married Millie Cissney; Clarence Erwin married Verdie Coy. All reside in Canoe township.

George Smith, father of Mrs. Jacob Tiger, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and was yet a young man when he settled in Canoe township, Indiana county, where his subsequent life was spent in farming. His death occurred in 1892, when he was aged eighty-four years. He married Mary Jane White, who was born in North Mahoning township, and died in Canoe township in 1866, when aged fifty-five years. They had the following children: Keziah, John, Barbara A., William, Charles, Maria, Jacob, James, Rachel, Elizabeth, Clark and one that died in infancy unnamed. Of these there are four survivors: Barbara A., William, Maria and Jacob. The parents of Mrs. Tiger were buried in the Union cemetery, the ground for burial purposes having been donated to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church for this purpose. They were members of that religious body. In politics Mr. Smith was a Democrat, but he accepted only one township office, that of supervisor.

SAMUEL CASKIE HAZLETT, farmer of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, who has lived at his present home there for the long period of forty-three years, was born March 11, 1844, in Young township, this county, son of John C. Hazlett and grandson of James Hazlett.

James Hazlett, the grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish stock, and emigrated to this country from Ireland in 1791, settling first in Easton, Pa., and later moving to the southern end of Indiana county, Young township, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits, farming and stock raising. He packed grain and cloth over the Allegheny mountains on horses, a distance of eighty to one hundred miles, and returned with salt and other necessities. He died on his farm and was buried in Ebenezer Church cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Five children were born to him and his wife, Margaret (Long), namely: Samuel, who lived and died near Jacksonville, Pa.; Leslie, who passed away near Clarks-

burg; John C.; Naney Jane, who died in Jacksonville, the wife of James Henderson; and Rosanna, the wife of David Gibson.

John C. Hazlett, father of Samuel C. Hazlett, was born in the vicinity of Hooper Run, in Young township, Indiana Co., Pa. He grew up in the vicinity of Jacksonville and had only such advantages as the local subscription schools furnished in his boyhood, and was reared to the hard work of the farm. After his marriage he settled near Clarksburg, and continued to live at different points until the latter fifties, when he sold out and came to near Georgeville, in East Mahoning township, taking charge of and operating the Kinter farm, a tract of 300 acres, for eighteen years, engaged in general farming and stock raising. He then retired and led a quiet life until his death, in 1890, at the age of seventy-six years. He was buried in the Ebenezer cemetery. Mr. Hazlett was a Republican, and served as tax collector in East Mahoning township, and as supervisor and member of the board of school directors in Young township. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. He was married near Jacksonville to Nancy McFarland, who was born on the old McFarland farm near that point, in Young township, daughter of James McFarland, and died in 1900 on the farm. She, too, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and was buried in the same cemetery as her husband. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Sarah married I. Dixon, a farmer, and resides at Livermore, Pa.; James was color bearer of Company C, 11th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, in the Civil war, and was killed at the Battle of South Mountain; John McFarland is a resident of North Mahoning township and fully mentioned elsewhere; Samuel Caskie is mentioned below; William enlisted at the age of seventeen years in the 105th Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving three years and eight months in the Civil war, and subsequently was the proprietor of a hotel and livery business at Edenburg, Clarion county, where he died in 1897 (he married Della Waters); Leslie A., who married Margaret Stearns, lived on the old McFarland farm in Young township for eighteen years and there died; Albert, living in West Mahoning township, married a Miss Britton; Thomas, a farmer near Clarksburg, in Young township, married Martha Blakeley; Robert, a farmer at Georgeville, in North Mahoning township, married Ruth Goheen; George, unmarried, is farming in Mahoning township; Hannah

married Newton Ainsley, a stock dealer, of West Liberty, Iowa; Ella married Harry Chambers, of Clayville, Pa.; Jane died young.

Samuel Caskie Hazlett began his education at the Anderson school in the home district in Young township, and later went to school at Jacksonville under Barkley McIntire. He worked at home with his parents and moved with them to East Mahoning township, continuing on the paternal farm until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, in 1862, joining Company D, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Porter of Indiana and Captain Smith. He served three months, reenlisting in August, 1862, in Company C, 206th Regiment, under Col. Hugh Brady and Capt. C. Brown, of Marchand, Pa., and was out eleven months with that command. He received his final discharge at Richmond. While helping to build Fort Brady he had a narrow escape from death. He and another soldier were digging a ditch when a Confederate shell passed over Mr. Hazlett and killed his comrade, taking off his head and arm.

After his return from the army Mr. Hazlett settled in East Mahoning township on the farm of his father-in-law, John Hamilton, a tract of 125 acres which he operated until 1869. In that year he came to his present home, which is in South Mahoning township, near the East Mahoning line, and consists of 140 acres known as the VanHorn tract. Here he has carried on general farming and stock raising for the last forty-three years. He has erected a residence, barn and other buildings, and has made extensive improvements of all kinds, his property having increased greatly in productiveness and value under his practical and intelligent care. His corn crops have been notably good. Mr. Hazlett has given all his time to his private affairs, taking no part in the public life of the community except for one term when he served as supervisor of his township. He is interested in politics as a staunch adherent of the Republican party, is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Smyrna, this county. As a neighbor and citizen he is highly respected by all who know him.

On May 5, 1868, Mr. Hazlett married Ann L. Hamilton, who was born in East Mahoning township, daughter of John and Martha (Hopkins) Hamilton, and granddaughter of David Hamilton and of John Hopkins, both of whose families were among the pioneer settlers of East Mahoning township. Five

children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett: (1) Mine Etta was a teacher prior to her marriage to Harry Coleman Niel, and they reside in Young township. They have eight children, Laura Zoe (a teacher), Bertha Bell (a teacher), John R., Quinn, Milton, Annie, Rebecca and Hamilton. (2) Wilda is deceased. (3) Frank, who is on the homestead, married Verna Smead (daughter of Thomas Smead, who died in 1910) and has one child, Meade. (4) Mabel married John Grove, of Punxsutawney. (5) Lottie C. attended the State normal school at Indiana, and died Oct. 28, 1906.

EMERSON R. CARNEY, a farmer of Pine township, was born in what is now Buffington (then a portion of Pine) township, Indiana Co., Pa., March 20, 1853, son of Samuel Carney, and grandson of James Carney.

James Carney lived in Pine and Buffington townships, dying in the latter when he was sixty years of age. He was a farmer all of his active life. His wife was born in White township, Indiana county, and died aged eighty-eight years. Their children were: James, Hamilton, Thompson, Samuel and Julia Ann.

Samuel Carney was born in Pine township. Early in life he worked in the mines, but later on became a farmer in Buffington and Pine townships, owning a property of 103 acres in the former township. During the Civil war he served as a soldier, enlisting in Company G, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in the army for a year, or until the close of the war. His death occurred in Buffington township when he was seventy years old, and he is buried in the cemetery in that township. Samuel Carney married Ellen Moke, who was born in Germany and was brought to the United States when five years old. Her death occurred in Buffington township when she was seventy-five years old. She is buried in the new cemetery at Strongs-town. Her mother, a native of Germany, died in Westmoreland county, when ninety-four years old. Children as follows were born to Samuel Carney and his wife: Sarah Jane, born March 2, 1847; William A., born April 15, 1849; Alexander, born April 8, 1851; Emerson R.; and two who are deceased, Charles W. and Samuel E.

Emerson R. Carney was sent to the public schools of his township, and at the same time was taught to make himself useful on the homestead. He also learned to make shingles

and was engaged at this line of work, in conjunction with farming in Buffington township, until he came to his present property in the fall of 1875, settling on it on Nov. 9th. This farm is in Pine township, near Strongstown, and comprises forty-eight acres. In addition Mr. Carney owns the homestead in Buffington of 103 acres, and forty-two additional acres in Pine township. He continues his farming operations and is one of the successful men of his district. A Democrat, he has served as township clerk for one year, constable for six years and overseer of the poor for three years.

On March 12, 1874, Mr. Carney married Nancy M. Strong, a daughter of Moses Strong, of Strongstown, born Feb. 23, 1857. The town was named for the Strong family. Mr. and Mrs. Carney have had the following children: Frank A., born Dec. 25, 1875, married Linie Rhoads, of Strongstown, Pa.; Emma B., born Sept. 25, 1878, married Bert Adams; Bertha K., born Oct. 29, 1884, married Victor Graham; and Merritt B., born Feb. 17, 1894, is at home.

**CAPT. EVEN LEWIS**, a veteran of the Civil war, residing at Smicksburg, Pa., was born Feb. 21, 1829, in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, son of Samuel and Abigail (Hallowell) Lewis.

David Lewis, father of Samuel Lewis, had the following children: Joseph, Evan, Robert, John D., Sarah, Josiah, Nancy, Elizabeth, Samuel, David, George and Margaret.

Samuel Lewis, son of David Lewis, was born in Blair county, Pa., and came to Indiana county, Pa., settling in West Mahoning township, where he died in 1831. His children were as follows: Mary, who is deceased; Even; Elizabeth and Mattie, twins, the former dying and the latter marrying Samuel G. Smith and living near Johnstown, Pa. After the death of Samuel Lewis, his widow married David Smouse, and their children were: Nancy, who married Paul Smith and lives in Clarion county, Pa.; Sophia and Thomas, twins; Susan, who is deceased; David and Abbie, twins. Of these children, Thomas died in childhood; his twin sister, Sophia, married M. B. Hogue, of Pittsburg, Pa.; David, who is living in Cambria county, Pa., married a Miss McCollough.

David Smouse lived in West Mahoning township. Prior to his marriage with Mrs. Lewis he was a farm laborer. Mrs. Smouse lived to be seventy-five years old.

Capt. Even Lewis, son of Samuel Lewis, attended local schools to a limited extent, and spent one summer at an old academy in Indiana, while Thomas Morgan was a teacher of the institution. Upon the death of his father, when he was but two years old, he was taken by his grandfather Hallowell, and remained with him until he attained his majority, learning how to work to some purpose. After beginning life for himself Captain Lewis was a charcoal burner for a time, and then marrying he settled on a farm two miles east of Smicksburg, which was heavily wooded. A tornado in 1860 destroyed the greater part of the timber and the buildings he had erected. Not discouraged, however, Captain Lewis cleared away the broken timber and built a log cabin, and began anew the work of redeeming his land. At first his holdings consisted of eighty-four acres, but he added to his farm until he had 131 acres, all well improved, when, in 1897, he moved to Smicksburg, which has since been his place of residence. For six years he was postmaster at Smicksburg, and for ten years held the office of school director, while he also served in other capacities. Originally a Whig, he later became a Republican. In addition to his other lines of endeavor, for the past sixty years, Mr. Lewis has worked as a stonemason when there was a demand for his services.

Like so many of the older generation, Captain Lewis has a very interesting war record, having enlisted on Aug. 27, 1861, in Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Camp Orr, Kittanning, Pa.; he was made second sergeant. The regiment was sent to Louisville, Ky., and he participated in the battles of Nashville; La Vergne, Oct. 2, 1862; Stone River, Dec. 31, 1862, and Jan. 1, 1863; Hoover's Gap, June 24, 1863; Tullahoma, July 1, 1863; Dug Alpine, Sept. 11, 1863; Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1863; Chattanooga, Nov. 23, 1863; Lookout Mountain, Nov. 24, 1863; Missionary Ridge, Nov. 25, 1863; Rocky Face Ridge including Tunnel Hill, Mill Creek, Buzzard's Roost and Snake Creek Gap; Dalton, May 5 to 9, 1864; Resaca, May 13, 1864; Adamsville, May 17, 1864; Dallas, Ga., also called New Hope Church; Burnt Hickory; Pumpkin Vine Creek; Allatoona Hills; Kenesaw Mountain, June 9 to 30; Peach Tree Creek, July 20, 1864; Atlanta, July 22, 1864, and Pulaski, in September, 1864, receiving his honorable discharge Nov. 4, 1864. For three months over one year he served as second lieutenant. After his return he served as captain in the Pennsylvania National

Guard for six years. For years Captain Lewis belonged to the G. A. R. Post at Plumville, Pa., having been its first commander. At present he belongs to the Veterans' Society at Smicksburg, as well as the Veteran Legion, Camp No. 29, organized at Smicksburg. Since 1850 he has belonged to the Baptist Church and is active in its good work.

In 1851 Captain Lewis was married to Catherine Keel, of Canoe township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob Keel, a Baptist minister, who was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., but later located at Plumville, Pa., and still later lived in Canoe township, this county, where he engaged in farming in addition to his ministerial work. His death occurred in South Mahoning township. He was a well-known man in both Indiana and Jefferson counties. By this marriage Captain Lewis had children as follows: Elizabeth married J. H. Colkett, and both are deceased; Cyrena is deceased; Jane D. married James Stiteler, of Nebraska, Milton K., who is a stonemason, of Smicksburg, Pa., married Edith McCurdy; Addie A. married William Stiteler and (second) George Irwin, of Smicksburg; James N., who is a carpenter of Smicksburg, married Minnie Dinkle; John Newton, who is a stonemason and bricklayer as well as cement contractor of Smicksburg, married Lulu De Lancey; Elmer and Eleanor are twins; the former married Clara Stiteler and lives in Oregon; the latter married Charles McCurdy and (second) George Minnick, of Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Margaret died in infancy; Susanna May married Homer Hillbury, of Plumville, Pa.; Mollie died in infancy; Myrtle Edith married George Miller, of Johnstown, Pa. The mother of this family died in 1889, aged fifty-four years. The second wife of Captain Lewis was Sarah R. Neff, of South Mahoning township, daughter of Jonathan and Mary Jane Neff. Mr. and Mrs. Neff were early settlers of South Mahoning township, coming from eastern Pennsylvania; he was a farmer, and died when ninety-three years old, his widow surviving until she was ninety-four years old. Four years after marriage Mrs. Sarah R. Lewis died, and Captain Lewis subsequently married Lydia Work Lewis, of South Mahoning township, a daughter of Ephraim Lewis, a justice of the peace for over thirty years in South Mahoning township; the maiden name of his wife was Farnsworth. His parents settled in Indiana county when the four Mahoning townships were in one, and they had only one voting place. The

pioneer of the family built the "Stone House" now occupied by John B. McCormick in West Mahoning township, and was a man well and favorably known in this locality. Ephraim Lewis and his wife spent their lives in South Mahoning township in the house now occupied by his son Enoch Lewis. He was a man whose probity was unquestioned and he had many friends in his neighborhood. Mrs. Lydia W. (Lewis) Lewis died in January, 1902.

Captain Lewis is one of the best examples of the high type of American citizenship Indiana county possesses. True and tried, he proved his patriotism beyond any question on the battlefield and in private life, and although now somewhat advanced in years can still be counted upon whenever his services are needed.

JESSE BENTON WALTEMIRE, a farmer of Pine township, was born in Cherryhill township, this county, Nov. 17, 1869, son of John A. Waltemire, grandson of George Waltemire and great-grandson of John Waltemire.

John Waltemire was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and moved with his family to Indiana county, settling in Cherryhill township, where he purchased land. Until his death he operated this property, his youngest son succeeding him in its ownership. Seven of his nine sons served in the Civil war, they being Charles, Adam, Jacob, Henry, George, Daniel (2) and William. The others were Daniel, the eldest, and John, the youngest.

George Waltemire, son of John Waltemire, was born after the family migrated to Indiana county, and when he reached mature years went to Pine township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. After the expiration of his three years' enlistment for service in the Civil war he reenlisted, for another three years, but was mustered out at the close of the war.

George Waltemire married Matilda Fetterman, a daughter of Philip Fetterman, and their children were: Lydia died in childhood; John A. became the father of Jesse Benton; Caroline married Miles Fetterman; Elizabeth died in childhood; William is living in Cherryhill township; Nancy married Luther Buterbaugh; Frank is living on the old John Waltemire farm in Cherryhill township. The death of George Waltemire occurred in Pine township when he was seventy years of age, and his remains were interred in Mt. Zion cemetery, that township.

John A. Waltemire, son of George Waltemire, was born in Indiana county Feb. 20, 1848. For a number of years he farmed for others, first for a Mr. Huston, above Hustonville in Cherryhill township. Leaving him, Mr. Waltemire went to the vicinity of Heilwood, where he remained for a period, and then locating at Twolick spent four years and six months there. Following this he came to Pine township and bought 124 acres of land now the property of his son Jesse Benton Waltemire. For many years he operated this farm, and on retiring moved to Indiana city, where he became the janitor of the East End public school, retaining that position for two years. His death occurred Dec. 6, 1905, and he was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana.

On Aug. 6, 1868, John A. Waltemire married Susan Rairigh, a daughter of Peter Rairigh, and they had children as follows: Minnie, who married James Calhoun of Creekside; Venona, who married H. S. Buchanan, of Indiana, Pa.; Griffith, of Heilwood; and Jesse Benton.

Jesse Benton Waltemire attended the public schools of Pine township and was reared to healthy young manhood on the farm. For some years he was in his father's employ, working on the homestead, which is located two miles west of Heilwood and recognized as being one of the best agricultural properties in that section. Since coming into possession of the farm Mr. Waltemire has built a new residence and barn according to modern ideas and plans. The property is heavily underlaid with coal, which his father sold to the Heilwood Company. In addition to general farming Mr. Waltemire is now engaged as a breeder of fine horses, owning a valuable stallion now two years old, named Max Black "Perelim." This stallion weighs 1,300 pounds and is of registered stock.

Mr. Waltemire was married to Ellen Bowers, a daughter of Alexander and Miriam (Steffy) Bowers, of Pine township, and they are the parents of the following family: John A., Alice and J. Blaine.

While Mr. Waltemire has never been willing to take any active part in politics, he is a Republican in belief. The family attend the Methodist Church and are faithful members of that denomination. An excellent farmer and progressive business man, Mr. Waltemire has not only succeeded in bettering his own condition, but has advanced his community very materially and is justly re-

garded as one of the substantial citizens of Pine township.

**STAHL.** The Stahl family is numbered among the representatives of good government and desirable citizenship in Indiana county, and has a very interesting record.

Peter Stahl, the American founder of the family, is recorded as of German birth. He came from his native land when still a young man to the United States, and located in Nitany Valley, Center Co., Pa. Later on in life he moved to Indiana county, being one of the early settlers of what is now Rayne township. Still later he pushed further west to the State of Indiana, where he passed away at an advanced age. His family was as follows: John, Peter, Isaac, George, Elias, William, Reuben, Samuel, Catherine and Fannie. Although but little has come down to his descendants regarding Peter Stahl, it is known that he was a man of energy and thrifty habits, who had faith in the development of new sections of the country, and took advantage of the opportunities offered the pioneers of any locality. By braving the hardships of pioneer life he was able to secure government land, and became a man of affluence.

Samuel Stahl, son of Peter Stahl, was born in Center county, Pa., and came with his father to Indiana county. His farming operations, which were on a somewhat extensive scale, were conducted in Rayne, Cherryhill and Pine townships, and he died upon his property of eighty-two acres in Cherryhill township when he was seventy-two years old. His remains were laid to rest in the Lutheran graveyard in Brushvalley.

Samuel Stahl married Elizabeth Bence, a daughter of John Bence, and she passed away in 1855, leaving five children: Susanna, who married Caleb Snyder; Mary, who married J. D. Spicher; Catherine, who married Dan Spicher, a brother of J. D. Spicher; William B., who is a contractor of Indiana, Pa.; and Samuel R.

After the death of his first wife Samuel Stahl married (second) Nancy Coy, a daughter of John Coy, and by this union he had seven children: Sarah, who married John Dick; Nancy, who married Shemp Gressley; Rachel, who married Henry Coy; Ida, who married Stanerd Loughry; Peter, who is living in Wisconsin; John, who is living at Homer City, Pa.; and Adam, living at Clymer, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL R. STAHL, a farmer of Pine township, Indiana county, was born in Rayne township Dec. 13, 1853, son of Samuel Stahl, mentioned above. Growing up amid the healthy and sensible rural surroundings of a farm, he attended the schools of his district during the winter months, and made himself useful to his father in the summertime. He continued with his father until he was twenty-two years old, and then began lumbering in Green township during the winter, continuing agricultural operations in the summer for a period of twenty years. By that time his farming interests had grown so large that he retired from lumbering to devote all his time to them. Buying a farm in Cherryhill township of 117 acres, he conducted it so successfully that he added to his holdings until he now owns 231 acres there. This property had been his home for a quarter of century when he retired to Heilwood, in Pine township. Following this he purchased another farm of 144 acres, but later sold it to the Heilwood Company, and in 1910 bought his present farm in Pine township, consisting of seventy-seven acres, upon which he is now living, renting his Cherryhill farm. He operates his Pine township property himself with very gratifying results, for he understands his business thoroughly, and in his successful methods sets an example to his neighbors.

Samuel R. Stahl married Maggie Rhodes, a daughter of David and Ann (Duncan) Rhodes, and she died at the age of twenty-two years, leaving one child, Harry D., of Pine township. After her death Mr. Stahl married (second) Nancy Olive Homes, a daughter of George and Elvina (Diuwiddie or Dinwiddy) Homes, and she died in 1891, the mother of five children: Blanche, who married Frank Coy; Clair; Ward; Spear; and Royal, who died in infancy. Mr. Stahl married (third) Hannah Highfield, a daughter of Reed and Jane (Barr) Highfield, and they have eight children: John, Rosie, Goldie, Earl, Esther Ruth, Ila, Vernie and Murray.

A strong Republican, Mr. Stahl has been called upon to serve his township as supervisor of Pine township for four years, and prior to that held the same office for six years in Cherryhill township. The family belong to the Lutheran Church, to which Mr. Stahl gives hearty and earnest support. During his useful life he has always favored those movements which he deemed had for their object the advancement of his section, or the bringing about of needed reforms. Having

succeeded in his endeavors, he is often called upon for advice, and his example is followed by many who are less experienced in agricultural matters.

HARRY D. STAHL, a farmer of Pine township, who is also engaged in teaming for the Heilwood Company, was born in Cherryhill township Oct. 13, 1877, son of Samuel R. Stahl. He attended the excellent schools of his native township, and at the same time learned farming in all its details from his father, with whom he remained until attaining his majority. At that time he went to Vandergrift, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and for five years was a boss buckler in the steel mills at that point, proving his value as a man and developing into a desirable citizen. When he was twenty-six years old he decided to return to the soil, and located two miles to the south of Heilwood, Pa., in Pine township, upon a fifty-one-acre farm, belonging to Jackson Lemmon. At the same time he engaged with the Heilwood Company to do their teaming and hauling in his neighborhood, and still continues that connection to the satisfaction of all parties, for he is reliable and trustworthy, and can follow this line of business along with his farming.

On June 27, 1906, Mr. Stahl was married to Vianna Lemmon, a daughter of Jackson and Isabella (Allison) Lemmon. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl have had four children: Isabella and John, who died in infancy; Roy Ward, and Harry Carl.

In political belief Mr. Stahl, like his father, is a Republican, but as yet has not found opportunity to serve his community in a public capacity, his time being fully occupied with his private affairs. The Greenville Presbyterian Church holds his membership and benefits by his generosity. Although still a young man, Mr. Stahl has made his worth felt, and is justly recognized as one of the leading men and successful agriculturists of Pine township.

LEMMON. The Lemmon family originated in Ireland, and its present-day members have inherited many of the brilliant characteristics of the sons of Erin which have placed them in leading positions throughout the country. Those of this family living in Pennsylvania are proud of the fact that they are of Irish stock.

John Lemmon, the founder of the Lemmon family in America, was born in Ireland, came to the United States when still a young man, and settling in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa., began clearing off a tract of land. At

that time this part of Indiana county was in the wilderness, and the pioneers had to be hardy indeed to survive and prosper under so many hardships. Upon this land John Lemmon built a log cabin near the present farm of Harry D. Stahl, whose wife is John Lemmon's granddaughter. Later, as the needs of his family increased, Mr. Lemmon built a second log cabin, and there he died. Coming of sturdy stock, he enjoyed hard work and did not shirk any duties laid upon him by the pioneer surroundings. He married Margaret Graham, and these children were born to them: Solomon, John, James, William, Henry, Jackson, Jonathan, Jacob, Sarah Jane and Della.

Jackson Lemmon, son of John Lemmon, and father of Mrs. Stahl, was born in the second log cabin built by his father, in Pine township. His educational training was secured in the local schools, which were crude affairs at that time. However, although the advantages were few, the children attending them learned thoroughly what was taught them, and later developed into a fine class of men and women. As soon as old enough Jackson Lemmon began learning the carpenter's trade, and followed that line of work for many years, building many of the most substantial dwellings and barns in his neighborhood. For this and other reasons he became a well-known man, and always held the confidence and deepest respect of all who knew him.

Jackson Lemmon married Isabella Allison, who survives him, making her home in Pine township. They became the parents of the following children: John, who died in his third year; and Vianna, who is Mrs. Harry D. Stahl.

Like the other members of his family, Mr. Lemmon was a Republican, but did not desire office, believing he could accomplish more as a private citizen than in public life. For many years he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and died in that faith March 31, 1905. His remains were tenderly laid to rest in the old Harmony cemetery in Cherryhill township, Indiana county.

Jackson Lemmon had a very interesting war record, for he was one of the men who volunteered during the Civil war as soldiers to fight in defense of the Union. He enlisted Sept. 19, 1861, in Company F, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and reenlisted in the same company on Jan. 1, 1864, serving until the close of hostilities. He participated in the following battles: Edisto Island,

March 29, 1862; Pocotaligo, Oct. 22, 1862; Old Town Creek, May 9, 1864; Proctor's Creek, May 13, 1864; Drury's Bluff, May 14-16, 1864; Foster's Plantation, May 19, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864; Petersburg, June 15-18, 1864; Cemetery Hill, July 30, 1864; Chapin's Farm, Sept. 29, 1864; Signal Hill, Dec. 10, 1864; Hatcher's Run, March 30-April 2, 1865; capture of Petersburg and Richmond, April 2-9, 1865; Rieves Station, April 6, 1865; and Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865, being mustered out after a long and gallant service, Aug. 30, 1865. Few soldiers saw harder service or were braver than he, for he never neglected a duty or shrank from dangerous positions, and he was honored accordingly during the remainder of his useful life.

JOHN E. DOUGLASS, who has occupied his fine farm of 160 acres in Green township since 1903, is a son of William and Mary (McKissick) Douglass, and a grandson of Barnabas Douglass. The grandparents were natives of Ireland. Upon coming to America they first settled in Philadelphia, later moving to Cambria county, Pa., where they remained about eighteen years. At the end of that time the family came to Indiana county, purchasing a large tract of land, where Barnabas Douglass continued to reside until his death. He had a family of five children, all now deceased.

William Douglass, father of John E. Douglass, was born in 1808 in Cambria county, Pa., came to Indiana county with his parents, and after the death of his father continued to farm on the place where the family had settled until his death, which occurred in 1886. He married Mary McKissick, a native of Indiana county, daughter of Thomas McKissick, who was born in Scotland and on coming to America settled in Indiana county, Pa., where he bought land in Green township and farmed until his death. Mrs. Mary (McKissick) Douglass died in 1865, on the old Douglass homestead. She and her husband were the parents of nine children, the eldest being Jonathan, a resident of Green township, this county; William is deceased; Martha is deceased; Barnabas lives in Green township; Thomas E. is deceased; Joseph is deceased; John E. is mentioned below; Sadie is the wife of John Baker, of Cambria county, Pa.; Thaddeus lives in Montgomery township, this county.

John E. Douglass was born Jan. 13, 1852, and received his education in the common



schools of Green township. He has always been accustomed to farming, remaining on the old home place until after his marriage, when he bought a farm in Green township upon which he remained for twenty-eight years, carrying on general farming. From there he came to his present place, in 1903, having a fine tract of 168 acres devoted to general agricultural work and stock raising. He has given practically all his time and attention to the operation of this place, which he is cultivating profitably, but he has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director. Politically he is a Democrat.

In 1873 Mr. Douglass married Drusilla Garman, who was born in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of Peter and Lucinda (Dunkle) Garman, natives of Indiana county, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Garman was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Douglass was one of seven children born to her parents, viz.: Sadie, a resident of Cherrytree; Elizabeth, deceased; Daniel, a resident of Cambria county; Mary Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Andrew Trout; Drusilla, Mrs. Douglass; Frank, a resident of Tyrone, Pa.; and Elmira, deceased. By his second marriage Peter Garman had six children: Malvina, wife of Charles Riddle; Etta, wife of John Daugherty, of Indiana; Emma, wife of Harvey Kirkendolph, of Spokane, Wash.; Harry, a resident of Jeannette, Pa.; Treet, wife of Dr. Charles Burham, a resident of Jeannette, Pa.; and another daughter.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglass: Harry, who lives at Dallas, Oregon, married Mae Griffith, of Indiana county, and they have six children, Blair, Velma, Gay, Beulah, Drusilla J. and Mildred M. Guy, a resident of Potter county, Pa., married Cora Stackweather, and they have one child, Linus; he had three children by his first wife, Cora Mahan, Loy, Drusilla and Dora. Sadie is the wife of John Crumley, of Montgomery township, this county, and they have ten children, Edgar, Cecil, Flay, John, Elsie Mae, Hope, Elizabeth, Guy, Loy and Roy. Peter is living at home. Stanley, living in Green township, married Elsie Lloyd, of Indiana county, and their four children are Kenneth, Gideon, Gay and Lillian. Barnabas M., living in Green township, married Lucy McDonald, of Indiana county, and they have five children, Loletta, Sheldon, David, Harlie and Martha. Zoella is the wife of Marvin Sommerville, a resident of Cherrytree, Pa., and they have two children, Martha and John E. Charles is living at

home. The parents of this family are members of the Church of God at Pine Grove.

LEWIS S. WISSINGER, a veteran of the Civil war, now living in White township, Indiana county, is a member of a family which has been established in Pennsylvania since the time of the Revolution. His grandfather, Ludwig Wissinger, a native of Germany, served three years in Washington's army during that war. He married and located in Cambria county, Pa., where he followed farming, and subsequently lived in Somerset county, this State, where he died.

David Wissinger, son of Ludwig, was born in 1797 in Somerset county, and there married Mary Wert, of the same county. He was a farmer all of his life. In 1839 they came to this part of the State, settling first in Plumereek township, Armstrong county, and in 1847 moving to Washington township, Indiana county, locating on Dutch run. There they passed the remainder of their long lives, Mr. Wissinger dying at that place in April, 1883, Mrs. Wissinger in 1886. They were Dunkards in religious faith. Mr. Wissinger was a Democrat until Buchanan's term, when he changed his allegiance to the Republican party. Ten children were born to him and his wife: Susie, who married John Johnston, of Armstrong county; Jacob, of Indiana county, who married Jane Adams; Catherine, Mrs. George Orris, deceased; Ellis, deceased, who married a Miss Moore; Stephen, of Armstrong county, who married Nancy Corney; Margaret, unmarried; Hettie, who married Joseph S. Fry, of Washington township, Indiana county; John W., who married Margaret Dickinson, and died at Hannibal, Mo.; Lewis S.; and Andrew, who married Ellen Dixon, and died near Seattle, Washington.

Lewis S. Wissinger was born May 11, 1840, in Plumereek township, Armstrong county, and was a boy when the family came to Indiana county. He attended public school at Indiana until nineteen years old, meantime commencing to work among farmers during the busy season. When nineteen he went to Cambria county, where he was employed at farm work until his enlistment, Sept. 22, 1862, for three years or during the war, in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under the command of Capt. David K. Duff and Col. James M. Shoonmaker. In the fall of 1862 they went into camp at Harper's Ferry, forming an independent division under General Averill. Their first battle was at Rocky Gap,

Va., in August, 1863, and Mr. Wissinger took part in all the engagements of his command until the close of the war, receiving his discharge May 21, 1865, at Falls Church, Va. He returned home and then traveled through northeastern Pennsylvania as a book agent, until the following spring. Early in 1867 he was married, after which he lived two years in Cambria county, thence moving to Washington township, Indiana county. In company with his brother Ellis he bought a farm of 115 acres in that township, Lewis S. Wissinger devoting himself to the cultivation of that place for the next seven years. He then sold and moved to the farm in White township where he now resides, at that time the property of his father-in-law. Leaving his family here he next went into the oil region, where he did carpenter work for two years. From there he went to North Dakota and found work on ranches for one summer, and then returned for his family. Taking up a claim of 160 acres along the Northern Pacific railroad, in Barnes county, they lived there for twelve years, and upon their return to Pennsylvania again took up their home on the farm in White township where they now live. Mr. Wissinger is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of his community and is highly respected.

On Feb. 14, 1867, Mr. Wissinger married Elizabeth Ellen Kurtz, who was born Dec. 23, 1845, in White township, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Long) Kurtz. She received a good education in the public schools, and in 1863 began teaching subscription school at Plumville. She followed the profession for several years before her marriage, and met her husband while teaching in Armstrong county, near his home. They have had four children: Laura May, deceased, who was the wife of L. M. Humphrey; Elizabeth, married to Ed. Sawyer, of Chicago, Ill.; James C., of Owatonna, Minn., who married Laura Larson; and Lena Dell, Mrs. David Zufall, of Ernest, Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Wissinger are members of the M. E. Church at Indiana. He is a Republican on political questions, and socially a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Post No. 28, at Indiana.

Samuel Kurtz, father of Mrs. Wissinger, was born in 1804 near Mauch Chunk, Pa., and died at his farm at Ernest, in White township, Indiana county, in 1880. He moved to this county just after his marriage, finally locating on the place where his daughter, Mrs. Wissinger, now lives. Before settling there

he was engaged as a brick contractor, and subsequently made farming his occupation. He was a Lutheran in religious connection. His wife died shortly before him, in 1879, at the age of seventy-five years. They were the parents of the following children: Mary Jane, who died unmarried; Hannah, Mrs. Amos Altimus, deceased; Sarah, Mrs. George Flickinger, deceased; Elias, deceased, who was married and lived in Ohio; Elizabeth Ellen, Mrs. Lewis S. Wissinger; and Luther, deceased.

JAMES C. DOUGLAS, a druggist of Rochester Mills, and ex-county appraiser, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., near Latrobe, Sept. 15, 1874, son of James C. Douglas.

Archibald Douglas, his grandfather, was born at Glasgow, Scotland, and came to Pennsylvania in early manhood, settling in Westmoreland county, where he followed farming near Mount Pleasant, becoming a justice of the peace and prominent man. Politically he was a Democrat. The Presbyterian Church held his membership and he served it as an elder.

James C. Douglas, son of Archibald Douglas, and father of James C. Douglas, was born in Westmoreland county, where he was reared and educated. Devoting himself to agricultural life, he became a heavy land owner, eventually making his home at Latrobe, where he died Oct. 1, 1874, while still in the prime of life, from the effects of his army service. He served during the Civil war as a member of Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and did his duty as a soldier as well as a citizen. He voted the Republican ticket upon every occasion. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith. James C. Douglas married Eliza Blair, who survives him, being now sixty-seven years old, and making her home with her son James C. He is the younger of her two children, the other being Edward A., who is county recorder of Lorain county, Ohio.

James C. Douglas was educated in the schools of Latrobe, and taking up the study of pharmacy attended the Pittsburg College of Pharmacy, and successfully passed the examination of the State Board of Pharmacy. Following this he was in the drug business as a clerk in Punksutawney, Pa., until 1902, when he came to Rochester Mills and established the first drug store in the place. Since then he has been very successful, carrying a full line of drugs, stationery and similar goods, and enjoys a liberal patronage from

the people of his community and the surrounding district. A Republican, he was appointed in 1911 as county appraiser, and held that office for one year. He has served as judge of election in Grant township, and as a member of the township committee of his party. The Methodist Church holds his membership, and he serves that body as a trustee. Fraternally he belongs to the Sons of Veterans, Camp No. 936, at Richmond Mills, and to the Odd Fellows.

Mr. Douglas was married to Larue Minish, and they have one child, James C.

**JAMES ARMOUR MCKEE**, a resident of Banks township, Indiana county, has been engaged in farming at his present place since 1907. He was born in Banks township, Dec. 29, 1877, son of James and Rebecca (Pollock) McKee. His grandfather, William McKee, was a native of Indiana county, and married Phoebe Wilson, also a native of this county, born in South Mahoning township.

James McKee, father of James A. McKee, was born in 1841 in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, and followed farming all his life. He died Sept. 2, 1908. He served as school director of his township. In 1864 he married Rebecca Pollock, a native of Ireland, daughter of Andrew and Martha (Steel) Pollock, farming people, who came from Ireland, and settled in East Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa. Mrs. McKee, now (1912) seventy-nine years old, continues to make her home on the old farm. She is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to which her husband also belonged. They had a family of six children: (1) Clark is a well-known citizen of Banks township, Indiana county, where he is engaged as a farmer and lumberman. He has held several important township offices, having been auditor two years, tax collector six years and assessor three years. (2) Joseph Elder, a farmer of Banks township, married Ida Lewis, of Loenst, Indiana county, daughter of W. G. Lewis, a farmer and merchant, and they have two children, Moraan Lewis and Willard. (3) Phoebe Martha is the widow of James Wineman, a farmer, of Blacklick township, Indiana county. (4) Robert M., a farmer of Banks township, married Bessie McHenry, of Marion Center, Pa., daughter of G. W. McHenry, a farmer, and they had two children, George James and Rebecca. (5) James Armour is mentioned below. (6) John Wilson, farmer of Banks township, former auditor of that township, married

Dora Houck, of Purchase Line, Indiana county, daughter of Henry and Mary Houck, the former of whom is a stonemason and farmer. Mr. and Mrs. McKee have one child, Gretta Vance.

James A. McKee attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home and farmed with his father until he commenced on his own account, in 1907, settling in his native township. He occupies one of the estate farms, at what was formerly called New Washington, and has been very successful in his work, to which he gives intelligent care, adopting the best methods and keeping abreast of modern ideas. He has held the office of tax collector, in which he served one term of three years.

On Oct. 17, 1907, Mr. McKee married Sarah Emma Elbel, of Banks township, daughter of Charles Edward and Regina (Reno) Elbel, farming people, and they have one child, James Edward, born June 19, 1910. Mr. McKee is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Bear Run, in Banks township, and Mrs. McKee belongs there also.

**HUGH E. WILLIAMS**, a farmer at Pine Flats, in Green township, Indiana county, was born in Allegheny county, Pa., Jan. 8, 1845, son of John E. Williams and grandson of Hugh Williams.

Hugh Williams, the American founder of the family, was a native of Wales, and coming to America settled at Pine Flats, Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he became the owner of a farm. This he worked hard to clear and develop, and it was the first property to be placed under cultivation at Pine Flats. It comprised 100 acres. Upon this land Hugh Williams erected a house and barn, built from logs chopped from his property, and did his work so well that the barn is still standing, although over sixty years old. Hugh Williams was an excellent type of the hardy people of his native land, who accomplish much and are noted for their sterling honesty.

John E. Williams, son of Hugh Williams, and father of Hugh E. Williams, was also born in Wales, and came to the United States when still a very young man, a short time prior to his father. He first located at Manchester, La., but soon afterward went to New Orleans, where he found employment in a hat store. Still later he moved to Pittsburg, Pa., and there married. For the following fourteen years he resided in that city, in 1853 coming to Pine Flats, in Green township, Indi-

ana county, to join his father, and settling on the property his father had cleared. John E. Williams married Mary L. Lewis, a daughter of Richard Lewis, of Pittsburg, and their children were: Richard; Hugh E.; Mary, who married Eli Jones, of Ebensburg, Pa.; and Sarah, who lives with her sister Mary.

Hugh E. Williams was in his ninth year when brought by his father to Pine Flats, and he continued his educational training at this place. Until he was thirty-six years old he worked with his father, and then took charge of the homestead and continued to operate it for himself, devoting himself to general farming until 1907, when he practically retired. During the years that he was engaged in agricultural pursuits he made a success of his undertakings, and was justly numbered among the leading farmers of his township, as well as a public-spirited citizen.

On Nov. 7, 1872, Hugh E. Williams married Elizabeth Williams, a daughter of William Williams, and she died Aug. 4, 1912, a good and faithful wife and mother, devoted to her home and family. Among her neighbors she was a beloved friend whose charities and kind acts are tenderly remembered. Mr. and Mrs. Williams became the parents of the following named children: Benjamin married Gertrude Glasford and has one child, Arthur; he lives at Pine Flats. Edward H. married Eva Wilderson and has children, Grace, Clyde, Mildred, Mabel and William. Clementine married Irwin Myers, of Pine Flats, and has children, Roy, Thelma and Hugh. Frank W., who is a resident and merchant of Pine Flats, married Ina Glasford, and their children are Elizabeth, Helen, Harold and Ruth. Merl, who married Vernie Motron, lives at Johnstown, Pa. Catherine married James Davis, lives at Heilwood, and has two children, Leland and James. Don Hugh and Yencer, twins, died when five months old.

Since casting his first vote Hugh E. Williams has been a consistent Republican, but never held any office aside from that of supervisor, to which he was elected for a term of one year. The Baptist Church of Pine Flats has had in him one of its most earnest members, and during his earlier years he was extremely active in promoting its good work. At present he is serving it as trustee and deacon. When the present church edifice at Pine Flats was erected Mr. Williams served on the building committee, and rendered very valuable assistance in that connection. For four years he was superintendent of the Sunday school, and still takes interest

in its growth. A man of high moral character, he has exerted a strong influence for good in his community, and is highly regarded by all who know him.

MRS. JENNIE ALTEMUS, merchant and postmistress at Strongtown, in Pine township, Indiana county, is a daughter of Patrick E. Gillespie, and granddaughter of Patrick Gillespie.

Patrick Gillespie, the grandfather of Mrs. Altemus, emigrated from Ireland to the United States, and locating in Cambria county, Pa., died there. He was a farmer all his life. He married Catherine Rice, and they had the following children: Edward, who is deceased, is buried at Hurst's cemetery; John died of starvation in Andersonville prison during the Civil war; Patrick E. is deceased; Frank resides at Pittsburg; Mark is deceased; Mary is deceased. Mrs. Catherine (Rice) Gillespie was interred at Carrolltown, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

Patrick E. Gillespie, son of Patrick Gillespie, was born in Bedford county, Pa., April 4, 1836, but came to Strongtown early in life and became a prosperous merchant of that place, carrying on a large business for twenty years, and in conjunction therewith operating the hotel. In 1863 Patrick E. Gillespie married Martha J. Stephens, a daughter of William Stephens, of Pine township, and they had children as follows: Mrs. John P. George, who died May 15, 1892; Ella, who married W. G. Orner, of Strongtown; Jennie, widow of W. H. Altemus; Kate, who married H. S. Orner, of Morrellville; Maggie, who married M. S. Rodkey, of Mitchells Mills; William, who resides at Pittsburg, married to Sophia Reed, a sister of Attorney Reed, of Ebensburg; Robert, who married Agnes Hines; and Gertrude, who married J. H. Rank, of Indiana, Pa. Mrs. Patrick E. Gillespie is still living, making her home at Strongtown.

Throughout his mature life Patrick E. Gillespie was a Democrat, and he held the offices of school director and tax collector of his township. A Catholic, he was a member of St. Patrick's parish of Camerons Bottom, and is buried at Camerons Bottom, near Heilwood. His death occurred April 4, 1901.

Mrs. Jennie Altemus was born Jan. 5, 1869, and in 1887 was married to W. H. Altemus. They had the following children: Nora; Patrick Edgar, who married Ora McCrory, of Johnstown, Pa.; Harry, who is at home; Eva Clare; Veda Dell; Gertrude, who is de-

ceased; Nellie, at home; and Margaret. Mr. Altemus died Dec. 28, 1909, when forty-six years old. He was born in 1863, in Buffington township, Indiana Co., Pa., and his educational training was secured in the district schools of his neighborhood. His first work was assisting his father in operating the homestead. Until he was twenty-five years old he remained at home, and then began huckstering through the country, making a success of it for six years. During this period he was learning the wants of the people, so that when he embarked in a mercantile business at Strongstown he was able to conduct it intelligently and profitably, and his widow is carrying it on along the lines laid down by him, and profiting by his experience. Mr. Altemus was appointed postmaster of Strongstown, and when he died his widow succeeded him in that office as she did in his business.

Politically Mr. Altemus was a Republican, and was an efficient school director for six years. A man of high moral character, he gave his support to those measures he believed would work out for the ultimate good of the general public. Although not connected with any religious organization, he was brought up in the Methodist faith. His remains were laid to rest in the graveyard at Strongstown.

Mrs. Altemus is a fine example of the modern business woman. Although she had never entered business life prior to her husband's death, she bravely assumed the responsibilities he was forced to lay down, and has not only succeeded in keeping trade, but is rearing her children to be fine men and women. Trustworthy, honorable and energetic, Mrs. Altemus is holding her own in her community, and stands very high in the public esteem.

**JAMES IRVINE NOWRY**, a progressive farmer and public-spirited citizen of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, is a native of that township and has passed all his life there. The family has been settled in that section for many years.

Robert Nowry, father of James Irvine Nowry and William Marshall Nowry, was born in 1830 along the Blacklegs creek, in Conemaugh township, on the site now owned by Martha Nowry's heirs, and there he received his education in the common schools. Later he taught school for more than thirteen years, being engaged in both Indiana and Armstrong counties, after which he engaged in the mercantile business at what is now Grangers' Hall, on the Clarksburg and Salts-

burg road. He conducted his general store for a period of eight years, at the end of which time he sold out and bought the Thomas Elder farm of 150 acres in Conemaugh township, upon which place he spent the remainder of his life, carrying on farming. He also dealt in live stock, going over the country buying stock, which he shipped to Philadelphia. In politics he was a Democrat, and he took considerable interest in the activities of the party and in local public matters, served his township as supervisor, tax collector and auditor, and was once the Democratic candidate for county treasurer. In his early life he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, but later joined the Presbyterian Church at Saltsburg, to which his family also belonged. Mr. Nowry married Margaret Catherine Cline, daughter of Philip and Mary (Irvine) Cline, and they had two children, James Irvine and William Marshall. Mr. Nowry died Oct. 1, 1909, Mrs. Nowry passing away Aug. 13, 1911. They are buried in Edgewood cemetery at Saltsburg, this county.

James Irvine Nowry was born June 15, 1868, in Conemaugh township, at the place on Blacklegs creek now owned by Dr. Earhart. He began his education in the neighborhood, at common school, later attending the academies at Eldersridge and Saltsburg, and the State normal school at Indiana. For two years he taught school in Conemaugh township, and then for a year was engaged in carrying the mail over the rural free delivery route No. 2, out of Saltsburg. He has since been farming at his present place, a tract of 150 acres, upon which extensive improvements have been made during his residence there, being up-to-date and enterprising in every branch of his work. He and his brother own this place. In addition to general agricultural pursuits he has carried on stock raising and lumbering to some extent, having cleared considerable timberland. Under his land are rich deposits of coal.

Like his father Mr. Nowry is a Democrat and actively interested in the political affairs of the locality, and he has been honored with election to various township offices, in all of which he has given faithful service, having been general township assessor, tax collector, member of the school board for the last six years, and member of the election board several times since he reached his majority.

On Feb. 1, 1898, Mr. Nowry was married to Margaret Frances Gordon, daughter of

John and Frances (McCrary) Gordon, and they have two children, Mabel Frances and James Cline. Mr. and Mrs. Nowry are members of the Presbyterian Church at Saltsburg.

WILLIAM MARSHALL NOWRY, a progressive farmer and public-spirited citizen of Cone-maugh township, Indiana county, is a native of that township and has passed all of his life there. Mr. Nowry was born Oct. 23, 1873, in Conemaugh township, on the site now owned by Dr. Earhart. He received his education in the common schools and at Elders-ridge academy. He is a Democrat, and has been honored with election to various township offices.

KINTER FRY, of Plumville, Indiana county, is field manager for the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Company, having charge of sixteen wells located in that vicinity. He has been in the service of that company since December, 1909, and has resided at Plumville since the spring of 1910. Mr. Fry was born July 12, 1866, in Washington township, Indiana county, where the Fry family has been settled for over three quarters of a century. George Fry, his grandfather, a native of Somerset county, Pa., settled there in an early day, buying a large tract of land upon which he farmed, clearing part of it. He died on his farm when seventy-one years old. George Fry married Catherine Fisher, and the following children were born to them: Joseph S.; Jacob, who died on the homestead; Eliza A., who married Archy Pattison, and died in Louisville, Ky.; Nancy, who married Samuel Miller, and died in Advance; and Annie, who married Brice Henderson, and died in Washington township.

Joseph S. Fry, son of George, was born Feb. 8, 1839, and obtained a common school education. He was reared to farming, and has followed that occupation all his life in Washington township, where he bought from his father the tract of 110 acres upon which he still resides. Mr. Fry is a prosperous farmer, and one of the highly respected residents of his township, where he became very well known as a member of the school board for eighteen years. On Oct. 31, 1861, he married Hettie Wissinger, who was born May 7, 1835, in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of David and Mary (Wertz) Wissinger, and the celebration of their golden wedding anniversary, held at the homestead Oct. 31, 1911, was a merry occasion. There were fifty children, grandchildren and other relatives present. Seven children were born to Mr. and

Mrs. Fry: Frank, living in Washington township; Kinter; Nannie M., wife of J. E. Carnahan, of Saltsburg, Pa.; Katie, wife of Thomas Templeton, of Rural Valley, Armstrong county; Jennie, Mrs. A. L. Johnston, living at Atwood, Armstrong county; George, who lives on the old homestead in Washington township; and Marlin, living in Plum-creek township, Armstrong county.

Joseph Fry served in the Civil war under two enlistments, the first time under Captain Nicholson in Company A, 135th P. V. I., for nine months; he reenlisted in the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded by D. K. Duff, and served to the end of the war.

Kinter Fry, eldest child of Joseph S. and Hettie (Wissinger) Fry, attended public school in his native township. He was reared to farm life, but has never been engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account. Remaining at home until he reached the age of twenty, he was thereafter employed for some time in sawmills in Indiana county, and then went to work for the Indiana County Gas Company, doing general work until promoted to the position of field manager. After about fifteen years' service with that concern he became field manager for his present employers, the T. W. Phillips Gas & Oil Co., in December, 1909. In this capacity he has charge of sixteen wells in Indiana and Armstrong counties, all in the neighborhood of Plumville, to which place he moved March 24, 1910. He owns his fine home there.

On Jan. 19, 1910, Mr. Fry was married to Sarah Martha Jordan, who was born in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, daughter of Charles P. and Anna E. (Weaver) Jordan, and they have one child, Lawrence M., born Sept. 4, 1912.

Mr. Fry is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Plumville, and politically has always been associated with the Republican party. He took some part in public affairs while a resident of Washington township, and held the office of auditor.

JAMES MARTIN WILEY, veteran of the Civil war, is now living retired on the farm in Blacklick township, Indiana county, where he has had his home for the last twenty-six years. He was born in Blacklick township, and belongs to a family of Scotch origin. His grandfather, John Wiley, born in 1775, came to western Pennsylvania about 1800, with his brother Hugh, from Franklin county, this State, and settled near Blacklick creek in what is now Burrell township, Indiana county.

He followed milling as well as general farming, having been the miller at Campbell's mills in 1813, when those historic mills were burned. His death occurred about 1837. He married Margaret Mateer, and they had children as follows: Jane, who married John McCracken; Robert, who married Jane Repine; Samuel, who married Sarah Wiley; Margaret, who married John Grant; John; Susan, who married William Forsha; Sarah; Hugh, who married Rachel Forsha; James, who married Jane Patterson and (second) Mrs. Elizabeth Stevenson; Elizabeth, who married Elrod Johnson, of Westmoreland county; Mary, who married Joseph Lindy; and Martha.

John Wiley, son of John and Margaret (Mateer) Wiley, was born in 1807. His education was obtained at the local subscription schools, and in his early life he worked with his father, becoming familiar with farming and milling. After reaching manhood he engaged in various occupations. Moving to Dilltown in 1840 he followed farm work there, and subsequently located at Blairsville, where the latter part of his life was spent and where he died March 3, 1867, aged fifty-nine years, eight months, fourteen days. He was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Blairsville. Mr. Wiley was a member of the Lutheran Church and in politics was first a Whig, afterward a Republican. His wife, Sarah (Altman), daughter of George Altman, died in Blairsville Feb. 4, 1891, aged ninety years, twenty-two days, and was buried in the cemetery there. Seven children were born to their union: James Martin; Amy, who married Joseph McWhiney and resides at Parkersburg, W. Va.; Martha, who died in young womanhood; Matthew, who lives at Allegheny and is in the railway express service; and three who died young.

James Martin Wiley was four years old when the family moved to Dilltown, where he grew up and attended school. In his youth he worked at farming, and for a time was fireman on the Pittsburg branch of the Pennsylvania railroad until he enlisted, in May, 1863, becoming a member of Company E, 1st Battalion, six months' cavalry, under Captain Trimble. He served until December of that year, being mustered out at Pittsburg, and upon his return home resumed railroading, on the West Pennsylvania branch. For fifteen years he was conductor on local freight trains, during that time making his home at Blairsville. When he gave up railroad work, in September, 1879, he settled down to farm-

ing in Derry township, Westmoreland county, living there for seven years, at the end of which time he removed to his present location in Blacklick township, Indiana county. He bought a 170-acre tract from Samuel Earhart known as the James Dixon farm, and here engaged in farming and stock raising until he relinquished arduous labor, his sons now looking after the place, which is finely kept up. Mr. Wiley was an industrious and thrifty man throughout his active years, and the leisure he is now enjoying is well deserved. He has a genial disposition and high character, and he is a man who has done his duty in every relation of life. He has served his township as school director for two terms and as supervisor one term, and is a member of the Blairsville M. E. Church. In political sentiment he is a Republican, but votes independently. He was formerly a member of the G. A. R., belonging to Blairsville Post.

On Oct. 20, 1868, Mr. Wiley married, in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Rebecca Akers, who was born April 21, 1841, in Fulton county, Pa., daughter of Timothy and Mary Ann (Barton) Akers. Seven children have been born to this union: Elrod; Annie; Amy, wife of John Bishop; Scott, a farmer, now settled in Nebraska; George, residing in Blairsville; Herman, who is on the homestead; and Harry, on the homestead. Mrs. Wiley is a member of the Blairsville M. E. Church.

AZARIAH J. LYDICK, postmaster at Lovejoy, in Green township, Indiana county, is of pioneer stock, his grandfather, John Lydick, having settled in this region at an early day. John Lydick was born in Germany. On coming to Indiana county, Pa., he located in Cherryhill township, where he bought land and engaged in farming the remainder of his life, dying in that township about 1856.

William Lydick, son of John, was born in Indiana county Dec. 22, 1817, and died Feb. 4, 1884, in Green township, at the place where he was born. He began farming at an early age, and followed it all his life. He married Jane McGuire, also a native of Indiana county, daughter of James McGuire, who was born in Ireland and became an early settler in this county; he was a farmer, and in his younger days taught school in the county. Mrs. Jane (McGuire) Lydick died Jan. 14, 1899. She and her husband had a family of four children: Samantha, who married John Wheeler, of Dixonville, Indiana county;

Elliott, of Indiana borough; Azariah J.; and Jane, deceased.

Azariah J. Lydiek was born Sept. 22, 1848, in Cherryhill township, and was four years old when his parents moved to Green township, the family settling where the town of Lovejoy now stands. He attended school in Green township, and when a young man became interested in farming there, following agricultural pursuits until he assumed the duties of postmaster at Lovejoy, succeeding Amariah N. Buterbaugh. He received his appointment Oct. 1, 1912. As a farmer Mr. Lydiek was successful, and he still owns his farm of eighty acres, which his son, Frank A. Lydiek, is operating under his direction. Mr. Lydiek is regarded by all who know him as a thoroughly reliable man, his fellow citizens giving proof of their confidence in him by electing him to various local offices of trust. He served three years as auditor of the township and seven years as school director.

On Dec. 29, 1873, Mr. Lydiek married Mary Gallaher, who was born May 19, 1842, in Westmoreland county, Pa., daughter of William and Sarah (Stockdale) Gallaher, both of whom are now deceased; they were old settlers in Indiana county. Thirteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lydiek: William, the eldest, who is deceased; Blanche, now the wife of Lawrence Shank, of Green township; Harry, a resident of Dixonville, this county; Jennie, wife of John McCoy, living in Green township; Frank A., who lives in Green township on the farm of his father; Grace, wife of Lloyd Lightner, who is engaged in teaching public school at Lovejoy; Ella, at home; and six who are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lydiek are members of the Baptist Church.

ANDREW NISEWONGER, one of the successful farmers and stockraisers of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, has spent his whole life in that section, having been born on a farm in that township May 25, 1851, son of Henry and Nancy (Mock) Nisewonger.

John Nisewonger, grandfather of Andrew, was born in the East, and became an early settler of Indiana county, settling on the farm on which Andrew Nisewonger now resides. He spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits, and died in Cherryhill township.

Henry Nisewonger, son of John and father of Andrew Nisewonger, spent his whole life in farming in Cherryhill township, and met an accidental death, drowning in Twolick creek,

near the home farm. His wife passed away on the old homestead. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: John, who is deceased; Catherine, widow of John D. Meakins; Jacob, who is deceased; Andrew; Mary, deceased; Christina, the wife of Silas Allen, of Indiana; Susan, wife of John Jones, of Somerset county, Pa.; Nancy, wife of Emory Adams; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Brant, of Cherryhill township; Mary, who is deceased; Henry, of Cherryhill township; and David.

Andrew Nisewonger was educated in the district schools and spent his boyhood on the home farm, there securing experience and training for his life work, which has been farming. In addition to carrying on general farming operations he operates a coal bank, and his ventures have been uniformly successful. He is known as one of his section's most substantial citizens, and served efficiently for five years as a member of the board of supervisors of Cherryhill township.

Mr. Nisewonger was married in 1878 to Susan Putt, who was born in Cherryhill township, daughter of William Putt, an early settler and agriculturist of the locality. Mr. and Mrs. Nisewonger have had seven children: Jerry P., who is married to Julia A. Rolley, living at Clymer, Cherryhill township; William M., married to Lizzie Meekins, of Green township; Troger, at home with his parents; Earl E., also at home; Etta, wife of Clarence Shank, of Heilwood, Indiana county; Agnes, living with her parents; and Lillie, wife of Elmer Lamer, of Cherryhill township.

JOHN LANEY, roadmaster of Center township, is one of the well-known residents of his part of Indiana county, having held his present position for twenty years continuously. He has given useful services to his fellow citizens there in various other public capacities. Mr. Laney was born Feb. 17, 1842, in Blacklick township, Indiana county, son of Hugh Laney and grandson of Alexander Laney, who was a soldier in the War of 1812.

Hugh Laney was a native of Indiana county, born July 4, 1818, and died Oct. 8, 1870. In 1838 he married Sarah Learn, daughter of John Learn, of Cookport, Indiana county.

John Laney obtained his education in the free schools of Center township, which in his boyhood afforded but scanty opportunity for learning. At the age of fifteen he moved with the family to Green township, this



county, and during the next few years found employment at lumbering and coal mining, being thus engaged until the Civil war broke out. He served as a soldier in that conflict for something over three years, and upon his return again lived in Green township for a short time. In 1887 he went to Clearfield county, this State, remaining one year, and for another year was at Livermore, Westmoreland county, at the end of that time settling in Center township, where he has since had his home, and for some time engaged in coal mining. He was then made supervisor of his township.

Mr. Laney has been closely associated with the administration of public affairs in his township for over thirty years. He became auditor in 1881, and filled that office for a term of three years. In 1885 he was elected school director, which position he has filled without interruption down to the present time, and in 1892 he became supervisor, which position he has also continued to hold ever since. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican ticket, and quite prominent in the activities of the party in his district.

On Sept. 11, 1865, Mr. Laney married Isabella Kerr, of Pleasant Valley, Indiana county, Pa., and she died March 9, 1880, the mother of five children: Norman, Woodroe, Bayard R., Fernando Cortez and Renova. On Sept. 30, 1887, Mr. Laney married (second) at Ridgway, Pa., Lydia Kinter, of Rayne township, Indiana county, and to this union were born three daughters: Mary L., who is teaching public school in Homer City; Sarah G., wife of Watson Griffith, of Homer City; and Mildred Irene, at home.

Mr. Laney has a highly creditable war record. On Sept. 10, 1861, he enlisted, from Indiana county, for three years' service or during the war, and was mustered in at Kittanning, Pa., Oct. 12th as a member of Company D (under Capt. Michael Forbes and later under Capt. Robert H. McCormick), 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Col. William Sirwell, commanding. The regiment rendezvoused at Camp Orr, on the Allegheny river, near Kittanning. On the 14th it was ordered to Pittsburg, and on the 18th by transports to Louisville, Ky., thence going by rail (twenty-four miles) to Nolin's Station, on the L. & N., railroad, where it was attached to Gen. A. McD. Cook's division, Army of the Cumberland. In December the regiment was moved to Mumfordsville, and occupied at drill and in picketing the south bank of the Green river. Later it

was ordered to Nashville, and soon afterward assigned to Miller's 3d Brigade, Negley's 2d Division, 14th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland. It took part in the following actions: Lavergne, Neeley's Bend, White Creek, Charlottesville, Franklin Pike, Murfreesboro, Tullahoma or Hoover's Gap, Tenn., Dug Gap and Chickamauga, Ga., Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Buzzard's Roost or Tunnel Hill, Resaca, Rome, Dallas, New Hope Church and Kennesaw Mountain, Ga. From there it was ordered to Chattanooga to guard supply trains, thence to Tullahoma, where it was assigned to the 4th Division, 20th Corps, and took part in an engagement at Pulaski, Tenn., from there going to Nashville and Franklin, Tenn., where it was mounted and sent under General Rousseau against the Confederate cavalry in southern Tennessee, afterward returning to Nashville. Mr. Laney's company was detailed for about three months to guard railroad bridges on the Louisville & Nashville railroad in Alabama, and also to guard supply trains from July until October, 1864, near Chattanooga; was also mounted and took part in a raid to Florence, Ala. Mr. Laney did his duty faithfully and earned high commendation from his officers for soldierly conduct on the field, on the march and in camp. He was honorably discharged at Kittanning, Pa., Nov. 4, 1864, his term having expired. Mr. Laney joined Indiana Post, No. 533, G. A. R., and transferred afterward to Maj. A. J. Bolan Post, No. 28. He has been prominent in the work of that body, being a past commander, has been chaplain (two terms), officer of the day and trustee, and in every way in his power has promoted the welfare of the order. He formerly belonged to Homer City Council, No. 185, Jr. O. U. A. M., of which he was an honorary member.

IRA ALLISON MYERS, proprietor of the City Grocery, at Indiana, Indiana county, was born Sept. 12, 1867, at Cookport, Indiana county, and belongs to the fourth generation of his family in this county. The name was originally spelled Moyer, and Martin Moyer, his great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, where he and his wife Catherine were married. They came to America before the Revolution, and he first bought land in Bedford county, Pa., later moving to Indiana county, where he purchased a farm in Cherryhill township upon which he passed the remainder of his life, dying there. He was a farmer all his life. His children were: Jacob,

who married and remained in Bedford county; Barbara, Mrs. Allen, who remained in Bedford county; Mathias, who died in Bedford county; John, who worked around furnaces; Mary, Mrs. Jacob Putt, deceased; Martin; and Simon, deceased.

Martin Moyer or Myers, son of Martin and Catherine Moyer, was born in 1799 in Broad Top, Bedford county, Pa., and was reared there. Coming to Indiana county, he located on a farm at Greenville, and his death occurred in 1876 at Mitchells Mills, this county. He always followed farming. He and his wife were Presbyterians in religious connection. They had three children: William H.; Martin, who married Delilah Belle Flenner, and died in 1894 (he was a member of the 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war); and Jane, Mrs. Carlton Ferguson, deceased.

William H. Myers, son of Martin Myers, was born in 1839 on the home farm in Cherryhill township, near Penn Run, and there grew to manhood, in his boyhood attending the local district schools. He followed farming most of his active life, in his young manhood working on neighboring farms and doing odd jobs, and he also learned the trade of cooper, manufacturing hogsheds, etc. He worked at coopering in connection with farming, following his trade exclusively for several years after his return from service in the Civil war, and in 1867 engaging in farming as a "cropper." He continued thus until his removal to Indiana borough, since when he has been employed at woodwork on wagons, etc.

On July 9, 1863, Mr. Myers enlisted at Indiana for six months' service, joining Company F, 2d P. V. I., under Capt. Daniel Tinkham. He was engaged principally in guard duty, being stationed along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from Cumberland to Harper's Ferry, and received his discharge Jan. 21, 1864. Mr. Myers is a member of G. A. R. Post No. 28, and is a Republican in politics. He is not a member of any church.

On July 6, 1865, Mr. Myers married Margaret Allison, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Allison) Allison. They have had a family of five children: Ira Allison; C. Frank, at home; Cora, Mrs. Harry Fee, of Indiana; Laura, who is at home; and Lisle, who died in 1910.

Ira Allison Myers was educated in the country schools near his home and Penn Run Academy, his teachers there being Prof. Steve Simpson and Clara Cameron (now the wife of Congressman Langham). Leaving school

in 1894 he worked on the home farm for a time, and then taught one year, in the winter of 1894-95, at the Hill school in Pine township. He was next engaged as hotel clerk at the old "Clawson House" in Indiana, where he remained for two years, after which he clerked two years at the "Indiana House" for J. W. Clements, and two years at the "Merchants' Hotel" in Johnstown, Pa. Returning to Indiana he started a grocery, on Philadelphia street, at the Pennsylvania railroad, in 1905 opening his present store, which is known as the City Grocery. Mr. Myers is an energetic and enterprising man, genial in his relations with all who come in contact with him, and his high personal and business qualities have combined to bring him success.

On June 15, 1899, Mr. Myers was married in Indiana to Annie Rowe, daughter of Adam and Susan F. (Wilson) Rowe, and they have had one child, Genevieve, born Dec. 5, 1902. They own their home at No. 450 Philadelphia street, which was built by Mrs. Myers' father. Mr. Myers belongs to the B. P. O. Elks, being a charter member of Lodge No. 931, of Indiana, and his religious connection is with the English Lutheran church. He is a Republican in politics.

EZEKIEL SOMERVILLE, lumber dealer and proprietor of a planing mill at Cherrytree, was born in Cambria county, Pa., within three miles of Cherrytree, Sept. 5, 1858, son of James and Catherine (Leamer) Somerville. The founder of the Somerville family in America was of Scotch birth, and he married into Irish stock.

David Somerville, the grandfather of Ezekiel Somerville, was born in Blair county, Pa. He married Martha Galbreath, who was of Scotch ancestry, her family having come to Altoona, Pa., before the founding of the town, and owned the land upon which the borough is now located. After his marriage, David Somerville came to Cambria county, settling near Cherrytree, and investing in a farm, lived there with his father, who had been a Revolutionary soldier and who died there, his remains being interred in the local cemetery. There David Somerville also rounded out his life. He was the father of five children: James, who is mentioned at length below; Jane; John, deceased; David, who was a soldier during the Civil war, and William, who resides at Clearfield, Pennsylvania.

James Somerville bought a farm at Garvans Mills, in Cambria county, which is still



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owned by the family. In addition to operating his property he did carpenter work, having learned the trade, and was a man of considerable property when he died at his homestead, Aug. 16, 1879. When his country had need of him he enlisted from Cambria county for service during the Civil war, in Company I, of a Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry regiment, and participated in the battles of Richmond, Petersburg, and other engagements. Following his honorable discharge at the close of the war he returned home to resume peaceful occupations.

James Somerville had nine children: Samuel, who is deceased; Ezekiel; John, a resident of Clearfield county; David, who lives in the vicinity of Kinport, Cambria county; James, who is deceased; Catherine, also deceased; Mary Jane, deceased; Lucinda, the wife of Barney Ruffner, of Cherrytree, and Elнора, deceased.

Catherine (Leamer) Somerville, the mother of Ezekiel Somerville, was a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Ketner) Leamer, natives of Blair county, Pa., born near Morrison's Cove, who came to Cambria county later on in life. They had nine children: Mary Ann; Catherine; Margaret; Susan; Maria, who married John Patterson and resides in Indiana county; John; Samuel, who is a resident of Glen Campbell; Julia, who married Simon McDonnell Buyers, of Cherrytree, and Rebecca, who is deceased. Mrs. Somerville died Dec. 19, 1906.

Ezekiel Somerville spent his boyhood days on his father's homestead in Cambria county, and attended the local schools. In young manhood he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it until 1905, when he bought his present business, located at Cherrytree, which has continued to be his home ever since. Before coming to Cherrytree, in 1892, he had devoted most of his efforts in a locality embraced in Cambria county, where he gained a knowledge of the requirements of the building trade which he is able to meet with his lumber yard and planing mill.

On June 21, 1888, Mr. Somerville was married to Lucy Johns, who was born in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of James and Catherine (Shechler) Johns, both now deceased. The Johns family was one of the first to locate at Johnstown, Pa. James Johns was a farmer and lumberman and early settler of Indiana county. He and his wife had a large family.

Mr. and Mrs. Somerville became the parents of children as follows: Marvin, who is a

resident of Orlando, Fla., married Zoe Douglas, of Indiana county, and they have two children, Martha and John; Rhoda, who married Willis Barto, resides at St. Michael, Cambria county, and they have two children; Hope, James, Lee, Roy and Ted are at home.

Mr. Somerville is a member of the Cherrytree lodge of Odd Fellows and also belongs to the Sons of Veterans, acting as treasurer of that organization. Popular with his fellow townsmen, he has been called upon to serve as township clerk, auditor, school director and alderman in the Cherrytree council upon several occasions, and was elected a justice of the peace, but did not serve. He is one of the foremost citizens of his section. He is a well-informed man, and has traveled extensively, having visited a number of States and Canada.

DAVID W. DAVIS has lived at his present home in Armstrong township, Indiana county, since he was seven years old. He was born in Center township, this county, March 11, 1845, son of John Davis and grandson of John Davis.

John Davis, the grandfather, was born near Blairsville, Indiana county, and in 1840 settled on a tract of 240 acres in Center township, for which he took out a patent. He followed farming, lumbering and stock raising all his life, and was much interested in fine horses. He married Mary Gordon, and they had the following children: Alexander died at Erie, Pa., when twenty-one years old; William (deceased) married Sarah Rhea and had children, John (who was in Company A, 135th Pennsylvania Regiment, Volunteers, during the Civil war, and died in hospital at Washington), Alexander, Sarah, Martha, Johnson and Thomas; Mary married James Robinson; Jennie died when seventy years old, unmarried; David is deceased; John is mentioned below; Johnson (deceased) was in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteers, during the Civil war, and later was engaged as a stonemason in the town of Indiana.

John Davis, son of John and Mary (Gordon) Davis, was born on a farm in Center township, where after reaching manhood he operated a farm of 100 acres. Thence in 1851 he moved to Armstrong township and bought the William Beaty farm of 106 acres, which he cultivated. He was a man of energy and intelligence, prominent in all township affairs and active as a leading member of the Crete United Presbyterian Church, which he

served as elder and member of the building committee. He married Priscilla Martin, daughter of Jonathan Martin and one of a family of twenty-seven children; her mother's maiden name was Downing. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were the parents of the following: Martin was killed at the battle of the Wilderness, while serving as a member of Company K, 105th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers; David W. is mentioned below; John Anderson, M. D., a physician, located at Bloomfield, Ill., married Mattie McMillan; Watson, now living in Oregon, where he is engaged in fruit growing, married a Miss Plummer (by whom he had one daughter), and (second) a Nismith (they have one son); James Gordon, M. D., deceased, who practiced medicine at Jacksonville, Pa., married Netta Graham; Nancy Jane died when three years old.

David W. Davis obtained his education in the common schools. When eighteen years old he enlisted, in February, 1864, becoming a member of the United States Signal Corps, with which he served until April 4, 1866. He was with Sherman from Chattanooga to Atlanta, was transferred from the Army of the Tennessee to the Army of the Cumberland and sent into eastern Tennessee to head off Lee. Then his command was ordered to Texas to enforce the Monroe doctrine, as part of the 4th Army Corps. After his return home Mr. Davis learned the trade of carpenter, as well as tanning and harnessmaking, in which lines he was engaged for twelve years. At the end of that time he bought his father's farm in Armstrong township, which he has since conducted, following farming and stock raising. Local enterprises have always enlisted his attention and encouragement, and he has been actively associated with several important ventures, having been president of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company for the last fifteen years, and being also president of the Parkwood & Indiana Telephone Company. Politically he is associated with the Republican party, by which he has been chosen for various township positions, having served as school director (eight years), road supervisor (nine years) and election judge. Socially he is a member of William Armstrong Post, No. 303, G. A. R., of Shelocta, Pa. He formerly belonged to the Odd Fellows. He has held membership in the Bethel United Presbyterian Church since 1870, and has been tenor leader of the singing in that church for the last thirty-five years. Music has been his greatest pleasure all his life, and he has

given much time to making himself proficient in both vocal and instrumental music, playing the violin; his music is in demand on many occasions and thoroughly appreciated in the neighborhood. He has taught singing schools, about twenty-five years, and is often called upon to sing at funerals and on other occasions.

On Oct. 1, 1867, Mr. Davis married Sarah W. Lowman, who was born in Armstrong township, daughter of Michael and Nancy (Walker) Lowman, and died Oct. 28, 1901, aged seventy years. They had one daughter, Clara Jane, who married James H. Miller, and they make their home with her father.

**BROWN.** William Joseph Brown, farmer of Center township, Indiana county, and his sons, Harry Y. Brown and Chester A. Brown, of Burrell and Blacklick townships, respectively, are representatives of a respected family of Irish extraction which has been settled in this section of Pennsylvania for over three quarters of a century.

Charles S. Brown, father of William Joseph Brown, was born in Ireland, where he grew to manhood and married Jane Kirk. They crossed the Atlantic, landing in Quebec, Canada, and coming into the States made their way west of the Allegheny mountains in Pennsylvania, first locating in Redbank township, Clarion county, where he became the owner of fifty acres of land in what was then a wilderness. After making a number of improvements on that place he bought and moved to another farm in Clarion county, thence moving to Jefferson county, this State, where he farmed for three years. From there he moved out to Ohio, in which State he resided for three years, and returning to Pennsylvania again farmed in Clarion county a short period. Then he bought a farm in Jefferson county which he cultivated until his removal to Indiana county, where he located in North Mahoning township, farming there for the next twenty years. At the end of that time he sold out and located in Rayne township, Indiana county, where he spent the remainder of his life, continuing to farm throughout his active years. He died there Oct. 24, 1891. His first church connection was with the Methodist denomination; later he became a Seceder, and when he located in Rayne township joined the M. E. Church. Politically he was a Republican. By his first wife, Jane (Kirk), he had a family of six children: Elizabeth Ann, who died in 1856; Mary Alice, who married Lewis Townsend;

Margaret Jane, who married Thomas McKinsbury, of Vandergrift, Pa.; William Joseph; John Alexander; and Martha Malinda. For his second wife Mr. Brown married Elizabeth Thomas, by whom he had four children: Nancy Josephine, wife of Adam Black; Susan, wife of John S. Storer; and two who died in infancy. By his third marriage, to Nancy Little, there were no children.

WILLIAM JOSEPH BROWN, son of Charles S. and Jane (Kirk) Brown, was born Dec. 18, 1837, in Redbank township, Clarion county, Pa. He was a young child when he went with his parents to Ohio, and attended school there. His mother died when he was but nine years old, and he went out into the world to make his own way at an early age, doing farm work, at first for his board and clothes. Later he received eight dollars a month besides his board, working at farming and lumbering in various localities of Clarion and Jefferson counties. In 1855 he settled in Redbank township, Clarion county, continuing to farm there until 1860, in which year he went to the oil fields, remaining there until the Civil war broke out. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, 57th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. C. S. Chase and Colonel Maxwell, and the command was attached to the 3d Army Corps, Mr. Brown seeing active service in battle near Yorktown, at Yorktown, Seven Pines, in the Seven Days' Fight, in front of Richmond, at Charles City Cross Roads and in a number of other engagements. He was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., July 4, 1865, after serving three years, ten months with the same company and regiment, during which period he was never wounded or in hospital.

After his return from the army Mr. Brown was in the oil territory in Crawford county until 1867, when he resumed farming, living in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, one year. Then he moved to Plumcreek township, Armstrong county, where he made his home for twenty years, farming and stock raising, and from there went west to Illinois, spending two years in that State and Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska and Kansas. Coming back to Pennsylvania he farmed two years in Lower Burrell township, Westmoreland county, and then came to Indiana county, locating in 1896 in Center township, where he bought the Alexander McGaughy farm of 119 acres upon which he has since resided. He has engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has become one of the valued citizens of his section. He is a member of Bethel

Presbyterian Church in Center township. Mr. Brown was a Democrat originally, but after the Civil war changed his allegiance to the Republican party, which he has since supported. While in Armstrong county he served as a member of the election board. He was married in North Mahoning township, this county, to Martha Jordan, daughter of Robert and Martha (Pounds) Jordan. She, too, is a member of Bethel Presbyterian Church. Nine children have been born to this union: Laura Aurelia, now the wife of Herman Nichols; Ada Elcie, married to William H. Kirkwood, of Clarion county; Harry Y.; Chester A.; William L., who resides in Armstrong county; John LeRoy, now of Indiana, Pa.; Walter H., also of Indiana; Belle, who is at home; and a daughter that died in infancy.

HARRY Y. BROWN, eldest son of William Joseph Brown, was born Dec. 18, 1872, near Elderton, Armstrong county, Pa., and attended school at Elderton. He was only a boy when he commenced to work out among farmers, receiving very small wages at first. When he reached his majority he rented the farm of Henry Graff, in Blacklick township (now owned by William P. McCrea), a tract of 280 acres which he operated for two years. From there he moved to Allegheny county, farming a tract of 400 acres in Penn township for two years, after which he spent two years in Penn township, Westmoreland county, working on a farm for wages. In 1899 he went to Blacklick township, Indiana county, where he farmed the Wainwright place five years, the first three years of that time for the family and the other two years on his own account. In February, 1905, he bought the Kenny farm, a tract of fifty acres in Burrell township, located along the Blacklick creek, and he has devoted his time and attention to the cultivation of that property since, farming and stock raising, and quite extensively interested in dairying. He markets his dairy products in Blairsville. Mr. Brown is a hard-working man, but he is also far-seeing and intelligent, and makes his labors count to such good purpose that he is succeeding in every line. He is up-to-date in his methods, and his thrifty and enterprising policy has placed him among the prosperous farmers of his locality, where his judgment is approved on all matters pertaining to agricultural work. All the credit for his present substantial position is due to his own efforts.

On Nov. 30, 1892, Mr. Brown married Cardin Margaret Wainwright, who was born Feb. 8, 1873, in Blacklick township, daughter of George and Jane (McGee) Wainwright, a full account of whose family may be found elsewhere in this work. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: Milton Lycurgus, who is now in Indiana, Pa.; Ella Jane, at home; and Eva Belle, at home.

Mr. Brown is a Republican and interested in the success of the party, and he has served as inspector of elections. He is a member of the Hopewell M. E. Church.

CHESTER A. BROWN, second son of William Joseph Brown, was born March 4, 1874, near Elderton, in Armstrong county, Pa., and received such educational opportunities as the local public schools afforded. He began to help at home when very young, and has been on his own resources since he was thirteen, at which age he went to work in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county, Pa., for his board and clothes. He was there one year, and was next employed by Robert Foster, at New Alexandria, that county, where he also worked one year as farmer's boy, receiving his board and clothes. From there he went to work for Ralston brothers near Elderton, spending two years with them, during which time his wages were fifty cents a day. The next year he was employed on the Sadler farm, at nine dollars per month and board, and he subsequently worked for his father in Westmoreland county, farming for one year. In 1896 he located in Blacklick township, having rented a tract of ninety-three acres of the Samuel Clawson farm, which he cultivated on that basis for two years. He then bought the place, and continued to farm there until 1903, when he sold it and purchased his present home property in Blacklick township, a tract of 140 acres on which he has made extensive improvements. He has since bought another tract of thirty acres, adjoining, now cultivating 170 acres, which under his thrifty management is in prime condition. He has built a fine hay barn, and is constantly making changes which increase the value of his place, of which he may well be proud. He has accomplished much by honesty and hard work, being a self-made man whose success has come to him as the result of well-directed labor and perseverance. His home and surroundings are kept in excellent order.

On March 28, 1895, Mr. Brown married Lottie Blanch Clawson, who was born in Blacklick township, daughter of Samuel and

Rebecca (Bricker) Clawson, of that township, both of whom are now deceased. They have had three children: William S., who died March 26, 1912, at the age of sixteen years; Mary Blanch, and Charles Lloyd. Mrs. Brown and the family belong to the M. E. Church. She has been a valuable helpmate in all her husband's work, and he appreciates the encouragement and assistance she has given him.

Mr. Brown belongs to the L. O. M. lodge at Blairsville, of which he was one of the first members. He is a Republican and takes considerable interest in politics, having served as judge of election, and also as member of the Republican committee of his township. He held the office of school director for one term.

CAPT. WILLIAM KIMPLE, formerly a merchant of Chambersville, Indiana county, and for many years postmaster at that point, is one of the best known residents of Rayne township. His long career as business man and public official brought him into contact with most of his fellow citizens in that section, and his honorable life has won universal esteem from them. Captain Kimple is a native of New Jersey, born July 4, 1835. His parents, John and Mary (Sigler) Kimple, both natives of New Jersey, came to Indiana county, Pa., in 1840, and passed the rest of their lives on a farm here. Mr. Kimple was always a farmer. They reared a family of eighteen children.

William Kimple was reared at home on the farm, where he remained until twenty-five years old. On Aug. 17, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, 105th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was sent to Washington, D. C., and saw much active service, taking part in many important battles. He was at Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Bull Run, Bristoe Station, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Kelly's Ford, Mine Run, Wilderness, Weldon Railroad, Sailors Creek and the other actions in which his regiment was engaged, remaining in the army until after the close of the war. On May 5, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness, he was wounded in the thigh and sent to hospital, where he remained for six weeks. Rejoining his regiment, he was again wounded Aug. 22, 1864, in the Weldon Railroad engagement, this time in the foot. Mr. Kimple rose from the ranks to a captaincy, being promoted in turn to corporal, sergeant, first sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain; he



was given the latter rank May 24, 1864, for meritorious conduct, and continued to serve until his discharge, July 11, 1865. He is an honored member of Indiana Post, No. 28, G. A. R.

In the latter part of the year 1865 Captain Kimple opened a general store at Chambersville, where he carried on business for the following twenty-six years, and for the same length of time served as postmaster at that place. Since giving up his store he has lived in comparative retirement, though he continues to cultivate his farm in Rayne township, a fine tract of 114 acres, where he makes his home.

On Aug. 15, 1865, Captain Kimple married Maria Crissman, of Indiana county, daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth Crissman, the latter of whom was born in Blair county, Pa., the former in Akron, Ohio. Four children have been born to this marriage: Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of I. C. Winecoop, a merchant, of Larimer, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Lottie, who lives at Larimer; J. Clay, a merchant, of Beaver, Pa., who married Vernie Bell; and Gertrude, wife of W. O. Buchanan, the leading merchant of Larimer. Captain Kimple and his wife and family are members of the Baptist Church.

GEORGE S. BRAUGHLER, who is carrying on general farming operations in Canoe township, was born on the old Braughler homestead place in that township, May 1, 1848, son of Tobias and Jane (Miller) Braughler.

Adam Braughler, the paternal grandfather of George S. Braughler, was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States, settling first in Bucks county, Pa., and later moving to Indiana county. He died in Canoe township, June 21, 1841. He was married to Lydia Snyder, of Bucks county, and in 1815 they drove through to Indiana county with a team and yoke of oxen, Mr. Braughler taking up 250 acres at what is now the site of A. H. Braughler's home. This was a tract of wild land entirely destitute of improvement, and Mr. Braughler erected a rude cabin, this being the beginning for a finely developed and richly improved property. He cleared his land, planted crops, and in those early days passed through the usual experiences and hardships incident to the development of a farm in a wild region. Economy, industry, personal sacrifice and strong determination all characterized his career through that period in which he was

reclaiming the wilderness, but at length his indefatigable labors were crowned with success, as his abundant harvests brought him good financial returns. He was very progressive, and in addition to following farming he was for some years engaged at cabinet-making. A man widely known and highly esteemed, he was one of his township's representative citizens. He and his wife had the following children: Daniel, a farmer and lumberman of Cherrytree, Pa., married Agnes Leasure, and had nine children, Samuel, Adam, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah, Katie, Eliza, Jane and Nancy; John, a farmer, who lived at Greensburg, Pa., also married; Solomon, born Dec. 27, 1803, died in May, 1870, a farmer who lived on the old homestead, married Nancy Boyle and had seven children, Maria (who married David Knox and lived in North Mahoning township, where both died), Adam C. (who married Sarah Donahay, and lives in Indiana), David J. (a Grant township farmer, who married Elizabeth Doty; she is now deceased), Martin (who married Hannah Hartshorn and resides at Santa Rosa, Cal.), Nancy J. (who died young), Aaron H. (farming on the old homestead in Canoe township, who married Cordelia Johnston; she is deceased) and Annis (who married Miles Spencer and second Captain Ewing); Nancy married George Shields, of Canoe township; Lydia married Joseph Taylor, of Canoe township, and has four children, Joseph, James, George and Jane; Ann married Jeremiah Brown, of Indiana county, and has five children, William, John, Solomon, Mary and Ann; Tobias is mentioned below; the other five children of this family died in infancy or childhood.

Tobias Braughler, son of Adam Braughler, and father of George S. Braughler, was born Dec. 20, 1814, in Bucks county, Pa., and was married May 22, 1838, to Mrs. Jane (Miller) Rumbarger, widow of James Rumbarger, and daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Slasman) Miller. Mrs. Braughler was born July 14, 1815, in Mifflin county, Pa., whither her parents had moved from Maryland. Later they moved to Huntingdon county, then to Jefferson county, and finally to Indiana county, where Mr. Braughler died Oct. 3, 1904; his wife had passed away March 30, 1894. They had the following children: (1) Adam Miller, born March 13, 1839, in 1859 went to Illinois, where he became a farmer and lumberman. He enlisted in the 91st Illinois Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Champion Hills,

May 16, 1863, leaving a widow, Ruth (Logan), who is now deceased, and a daughter, Esther Jane, who subsequently married Capt. J. P. Eaton; (2) Nancy Malissa, born July 21, 1842, is living near Pittsburg, the widow of James Simpson, by whom she had two children, Bertha and Effie; (3) George Sylvester is mentioned below; (4) Martha A., born Dec. 16, 1849, died Oct. 4, 1854; (5) Emma E., born Feb. 4, 1855, died Feb. 9, 1875; (6) Phoebe Jane, born Nov. 13, 1857, married John Focht, of Fulton, Ohio, and is the mother of one daughter, Nellie.

Peter Miller, the maternal grandfather of George S. Braughler, died July 22, 1852, and his wife, May 28, 1876. They were the parents of the following children: Joseph, of Canoe township, married Elizabeth Gensmer, and had six children, of whom all are deceased except J. Stewart Miller, who is farming the old place in Canoe township; John, deceased, a carpenter, married Marjorie Cox; George, a merchant in Punxsutawney, Pa., for many years, married Jane Saltgiver, and had one child, Elizabeth, who married J. L. Hayes; Henry, living in Indiana, Pa., married Harriet Webster; Jane became Mrs. Tobias Braughler; Martha, deceased, married Thomas Means, and had four children, Thaddeus, Miller, Orin and Harriet; Eliza, deceased, married Douglas Shields, of Juneau, Pa., and had seven children, William, Hugh, Joseph, Alvin, Ella, Jane and Marjorie; Nancy married James Fitzgerald (both are deceased) and had two children, John and James.

George Sylvester Braughler received his education in the public schools, and always remained at home, tenderly caring for his parents in their declining years. On January 27, 1872, he married Isabelle C. McConaughy, of North Mahoning township, daughter of Thompson and Eliza (Hall) McConaughy, the former a well-known farmer of North Mahoning township, now deceased; the latter is still surviving, making her residence on the old homestead. Mrs. Braughler died April 27, 1874, without issue. On March 26, 1876, Mr. Braughler was married (second) to Sarah Ann McConaughy, the sister of his first wife, and six children have been born to this union, namely: Lester, born Oct. 17, 1876, a farmer in Clarion county, married Mary Shilla, and has one child, Tuila; Clarence, born Oct. 1, 1880, who is engaged in the draying business at DuBois, Pa., married Nellie Snyder, and has three children, Ernest, Owen and Catherine; John M., born Aug. 3, 1883, who is connected with the At-

lantic Refining Company in Clarion county, married Ella Shugarts, and has one son, Jack; Jennie Maude, born Dec. 14, 1888, is engaged in teaching in Indiana county; G. Clark, born June 24, 1890, is assisting his father in the management of the homestead; Mary Beatrice, born July 7, 1893, is a teacher in the Indiana county public schools. These children have all been given good educational advantages, and have been fitted for whatever positions they may be called upon to fill.

Like his father Mr. Braughler is a supporter of Democratic principles and candidates, and also like him has held various township offices, having served on the election board, as judge of election for the past twenty-five years, as school director, as auditor and as assessor three terms. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and attends with his wife at Covode, Pennsylvania.

In addition to following general farming and stock raising, Mr. Braughler has a large pear, peach and apple orchard, and devotes a great deal of time to raising fruit. He is strictly honorable in all things, and owes his success to energy, industry and perseverance.

EPYRUS COBLE, a farmer of Green township, Indiana county, was born in that township Nov. 7, 1860, a son of Dr. Samuel and Maria (Boring) Coble, the former a native of eastern Pennsylvania, the latter of Indiana county.

Dr. Samuel Coble came to Indiana county in young manhood, settling in Green township. However, he lived there with his family only for a short time, comparatively, moving west to Missouri, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1872. He was a physician and surgeon, practicing his profession in eastern Pennsylvania and also after coming to Indiana county, and in the West. After his death the family returned to Indiana county, Pa., where his widow still resides, at Uniontown. Her father, John Boring, was an early settler of Indiana county. Eight children were born to Dr. Samuel Coble and his wife, namely: The eldest died in infancy; Epyrus is mentioned below; Elmer is deceased; Emma is deceased; George is deceased; Thenis is a resident of St. Louis, Mo.; Harry is deceased; William is the youngest.

Epyrus Coble was educated in the common schools in Indiana county, and when a youth went to Missouri with his parents. Returning to Indiana county in 1873, he did farm

work for others for a time, in 1886 buying the place in Green township which he has occupied ever since. In addition to general farming he engages in stock raising, especially horses, and by industry and careful management he has become one of the prosperous and substantial agriculturists of his locality. His honesty in all transactions and reliability have made him regarded with confidence and respect by his fellow citizens, and he has been elected member of the township school board several times, having served nine years on that body.

On Oct. 30, 1884, Mr. Coble married Rebecca C. Garman, who was born in Indiana county, Jan. 10, 1862, on the farm where she and her husband are now living, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Berringer) Garman; her father was born in eastern Pennsylvania, her mother in Indiana county. Upon coming to this part of the State Mr. Garman first settled in Cambria county, whence he came to Indiana county and bought the farm where Mr. Coble now lives, remaining there until his death, which occurred May 13, 1898. Mrs. Garman survived him, dying July 16, 1906. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Martha Jane, who is deceased; Ada, wife of Marlin Cameron, of Oregon; Jeremiah, deceased; Rebecca C., Mrs. Coble; John D., a resident of Washington, D. C.; Barto, deceased; Sidney, living at Uniontown, this county; two who died in infancy; and Grant.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Coble: John, the eldest, now living at Homer City, this county, married Mabel Brewer, of Indiana county, and they have two children, LeRoy and Wendell; Floyd, also a resident of Homer City, married a Miss King, of Indiana county, and their children are Ord and Delmont; Vallie, who lives at Cherrytree, this county, married Ola Buterbaugh, and they have one child, Rhuell; Harry is deceased; Cecil lives in Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Coble are members of the Church of God at Pine Grove.

**SAMUEL S. LUCAS**, general farmer and proprietor of the Littster Mineral Springs, in White township, Indiana county, was born in Washington township, this county, May 27, 1870, son of William B. and Sarah (Cribbs) Lucas. John Lucas, his grandfather, was one of the early pioneers of Washington township, where he purchased a farm and spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits.

William B. Lucas, son of John Lucas, and father of Samuel S. Lucas, was born in Washington township, on his father's farm, and there continued to reside until 1866, in which year he bought the farm that is now operated by his son. Although past eighty years of age he is still hale and hearty, and is actively engaged in farming.

Joseph B. Cribbs, the maternal grandfather of Samuel S. Lucas, was one of Washington township's earliest settlers, and was engaged in farming during the early years of his life. In his latter years he carried the mail for the United States government, from Advance to Atwood, in Indiana county, and was widely known and highly esteemed.

There was ten children born to William B. and Sarah (Cribbs) Lucas, as follows: James, who resides in Buffington township; Alonzo and Clarette, who are deceased; Maggie, also deceased; Clara, who married Henry Dorr and is now deceased; William I., who lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Joseph C., who lives on the old family homestead in Washington township; Samuel S.; Etta, who is the wife of Edward Peterman, of South Bend, Armstrong county; and Alva, who is deceased.

Samuel S. Lucas, son of William B. Lucas, obtained his early education in the public schools of Washington township, and later took a course in the select schools. In 1894 he went to Pittsburg, Pa., where for the three years following he was engaged in clerking in a store, and on his return to Indiana became associated with W. H. Clawson, with whom he continued for three years. At the end of that time Mr. Lucas was married and came to his present farm, where he has since carried on general farming, stock raising and dairying, and in addition conducts what is known as the Littster Mineral Springs, having the only business of its kind in the county. He sells his goods in Indiana, Pa. A man of enterprise, ambition and progressive ideas, he has won success through the medium of his own efforts, and his operations have been carried on in such a manner as to gain and retain the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

On May 14, 1896, Mr. Lucas married Katie M. Littster, who was born in the town of Indiana Feb. 4, 1879, daughter of Alexander and Emma (Snyder) Littster, and three daughters have been born to this union: Gladys Roselda, Garnet Eldora and Sarah Margaret.

William Littster, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Lucas, came with his family to In-

diana county, Pa., from Scotland, and settled on a farm near the town of Indiana, being engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life.

Alexander Littster, son of William Littster, was born in Scotland, and as a lad learned the trade of blacksmith. For some years he followed his trade in the vicinity of Indiana, but eventually turned his attention to farming, purchasing the property on which Mr. and Mrs. Lucas now live, where he carried on operations until his death in 1906. He and his wife had only one child, Katie M.

George Snyder, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Lucas, was one of the early settlers of Indiana county, and for a number of years conducted the "West End Hotel" in the town of Indiana, subsequently turning his attention to the meat business and eventually living in retirement until his death, which occurred in the town of Indiana. His daughter Emma, the mother of Mrs. Lucas, died Sept. 4, 1883.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucas are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and are known for their liberality and their willingness to support all movements of a worthy nature. Both have many friends in Indiana county, drawn about them by their admirable traits of character. As a citizen whose intelligence and public spirit lead him to take part in those activities which commend themselves to his good judgment, Mr. Lucas is a recognized leader in everything that promises to be of benefit to his community, and as such is entitled to place among Indiana county's representative men.

PHILANDER CHURCHILL, a leading citizen of Hillsdale and all that part of Indiana county, proprietor of the principal store and postmaster, has been in the general mercantile business there continuously since 1865. He is one of the most successful men of his section, and one of the most highly respected. Mr. Churchill was born March 22, 1832, in Montgomery township, Indiana county, and was an adopted son of John L. and Maria (Hazlett) Churchill, the former of whom was from New York, the latter a native of Bellefonte, Pa. John L. Churchill was a shoemaker and farmer. He came to Indiana county in 1831, and later moved West, where he died in 1891. Mrs. Churchill died in 1880 in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

Philander Churchill was educated in the public schools. When a young man he was

engaged in the manufacture of shoes for eight years. In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army, serving with Company F, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, assisted in building Fort Brady, and later was sent up to Richmond, Va., where he was on guard duty, etc., for five months, being thus engaged until the close of his service. He was mustered out July 1, 1864. Having been located with his regiment in the City Hall at Richmond he had the opportunity of meeting many of the noted men of the day, including Lincoln, Grant, Lee and Stanton.

Returning to his home at Hillsdale, in Montgomery township, Indiana Co., Pa., he opened the general store in that town, in 1865, which he has ever since carried on, at present commanding a large patronage, drawn from a wide radius of territory around that center. In 1873 he became postmaster at Hillsdale, and with the exception of four years has held that office continuously since, his efficiency and generally satisfactory service making him a highly desirable incumbent of the position. He has served two terms as secretary of the Montgomery township school board.

Mr. Churchill was united in marriage June 19, 1856, with Elizabeth Rank, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann Rank, farming people, and they have had a large family, of whom Albert, Edward, Clara Ann (Mrs. Stevens), Jesse D. and Bertha are deceased. The six who survive are: (1) Mary Almeda married James Weaver, of Burnside, Pa., who died leaving five children, Olive, Della, Samuel, Lyle and Herbert. Mrs. Weaver remarried, being now the wife of Wesley Standish, of Brownsville, Oregon. (2) Sarah Frances is the wife of James D. Ake, a farmer at Hillsdale, this county. (3) William T., now engaged in farming in Montgomery township, married Elva Spieher, and they have had five children, of whom Ruth, Edward and Paul survive; John and Elkin are deceased. (4) George R., a dentist, of Indiana, this county, married Ollie Hazlett, who died leaving children, Winona, Donald and Martha. This second marriage took place in October, 1911. (5) Dr. M. E., a dentist, at Arcadia, Indiana county, married Pearl Wissell, of Indiana county. (6) John S. married Maud McElhinny, of Mahaffey, Pa., daughter of James P. and Lora M. McElhinny, and they have one child, Helen Ruth. John S. Churchill works in the store with his father and also conducts a barber business. Of the deceased, Bertha married D. Ford Rankin, who was

killed by a horse, and later became the wife of James A. Smith. Jesse D., who was a merchant at Cookport, Pa., married Alice Houk, and left two children, Valjean (who is a clerk in his grandfather Churchill's store) and Ivan (at home); he died March 10, 1903.

Mr. and Mrs. Philander Churchill have had a married life of over fifty-six years. They are members of the Wesleyan M. E. Church at Hillsdale, which Mr. Churchill formerly served as trustee.

ALLEN S. GRAHAM, a prominent farmer of Buffington township, Indiana county, is on the homestead originally settled by his great-grandfather. It has never been out of the family name since. Mr. Graham engages in general farming, truck gardening and stock raising, is an extensive dealer in live stock, and has taken an active part in the administration of public affairs in the township.

John Graham, the pioneer of the family in this region, was an early settler in what is now Buffington township, Indiana county, locating on a tract of 200 acres, upon which he made the first improvements, and which has since been occupied by his descendants. Here he married Ann Henry and they had children as follows: James; Samuel, who married Mary Marshall; John, who married Rebecca Stephens; Jane (Jennie), who married William Duncan; Ann, who married John Duncan; Mary, who married Maj. James Stewart; Margaret, who married John Lemon; William; and Sarah, who married Joseph or Samuel Duncan.

William Graham, son of John and Ann (Henry) Graham, was born July 22, 1805, in what is now Buffington township, and here followed agricultural pursuits, in which he prospered, acquiring the ownership of five farms, with a total area of over seven hundred acres. He raised a large amount of stock. His home was always on the place settled by his father, now occupied by his grandson Allen S. Graham. He was one of the influential citizens of the township in his day. His wife, Mary (McFeaters), born Nov. 27, 1808, died Feb. 23, 1871, surviving him a number of years, his death having occurred June 8, 1853. They were buried in the McCartney cemetery in Buffington township. We have the following record of the ten children born to them: John, born July 18, 1829, died Nov. 13, 1829. William, born Aug. 21, 1830, married Jane Duncan; during the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and

served about fifteen months when he was killed, May 20, 1864, in the battle of the Wilderness. James, born Jan. 30, 1833, made his home in Worth county, Mo., and died in 1906; during the Civil war he served nearly three years in Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was captured, being held prisoner at Belle Isle for eight weeks; he married Zilla Lydic, and they had children, William S., John W., Harry S. and Robert. John (2) is mentioned below. Andrew, born Nov. 27, 1837, died Feb. 1, 1838. Samuel, born Feb. 4, 1839, married Sarah Ann Blade (or Blades), and died July 7, 1908. Nancy Jane, born Dec. 20, 1841, married William H. Robertson, and died in 1872. A daughter died in infancy in June, 1847. Robert S., born June 28, 1847, served during the Civil war in the 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania six months' volunteers; he now resides in Worth county, Mo.; he married Jemima Empfield, and they have children, Chalmers D., Edward and Minnie; a son born in 1868 died the same year.

John Graham was born Oct. 12, 1835, on the farm in what is now Buffington (then Pine) township where he passed all his life. He attended subscription school, but began work at an early age, and as his father died when he was a youth the management of the home place fell to him when he was only a young man. On this place—the tract of 121½ acres which has always been called the Graham homestead—he lived and worked with the exception of the time he was in the army during the Civil war, following general farming, lumbering and stock raising. He served three terms as township assessor, held other public offices, and was prominent in all local affairs. In politics he was a Republican, in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church at Strongstown, in Pine township. He died on the farm Aug. 3, 1903. In the fall of 1861, Mr. Graham enlisted in Company K, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

On Jan. 7, 1868, Mr. Graham married Mrs. Annie (Davis) Hanna, who was born March 15, 1838, daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Rainey) Davis, and widow of Thomas Hanna, who died in Andersonville prison. Mrs. Graham died Sept. 11, 1911. She had two children by her first marriage, viz.: Emma V., born March 8, 1859, who married Tobias How and resides in Ohio; William E., born in September, 1860, who died May 29, 1895. Six children were born to her union with Mr. Graham: Harry White, born Oct.

19, 1868, was a dentist at Johnstown, Pa., and died July 24, 189—. Thomas Davis, born Feb. 10, 1871, died Dec. 19, 1901; he married Gertrude Engler, and they had a son John Harold. Allen S. is mentioned below. Elbert Stewart, born June 22, 1875, died Oct. 14, 1899. Mabel Pearl, born Dec. 7, 1876, married George Duncan, and died Sept. 29, 1901; they had one son, Russell. Anna Bertha, born June 1, 1880, died July 30, 1898.

Allen S. Graham was born Feb. 1, 1873, in Buffington township, and there attended the Duncan school. He followed farming as his father's assistant, and also engaged in lumbering and sawmill work, and for one year, 1899 to 1900, was a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad. Returning home he settled down to farming on the old place where the family has been settled since the time of his great-grandfather—the 121½-acre tract—now owning and operating 350 acres. Along with general farming and stock raising he has established an extensive trade as a dealer in live stock. The original homestead has been well taken care of under his management and he has a comfortable home there. His parents resided with him until they died. With all his private affairs he has also taken an interest in matters of importance to the community generally, and has given efficient service as supervisor of roads, holding that office at present. In political association he is a Republican.

Mr. Graham married Cora Bennett, daughter of Abraham and Margaret (McAdams) Bennett. She was born May 24, 1876, and died April 22, 1897, leaving one child, Harry Clement, born April 9, 1897. Mrs. Graham was interred in Strongstown cemetery.

**MATTHEW B. WYNKOOP**, a well and favorably known resident of Rayne township, Indiana county, where he has served sixteen years as school director, was born Feb. 14, 1841, son of Matthew B. and Mary (Vanlier) Wynkoop. His paternal grandparents were of Holland Dutch and Scotch descent, respectively. They had a family of eight children.

Matthew B. Wynkoop, Sr., was born Jan. 13, 1795, in Indiana county, and followed farming all his life, meeting with substantial success in his chosen calling. He became the owner of the farms now owned and operated by his sons Matthew B. and James S., which he bought from Thomas White, the father of Judge White. He died in 1878, in his eighty-fourth year. By his first wife, Elizabeth (Work), Mr. Wynkoop had four children,

namely: Agnes, John W., Jane F. and Elizabeth J. His second marriage was to Mary Vanlier, by whom he had eight children: Robert C., Lucinda V., Matthew B., William M., James S., George S., Emily and Gerardus.

Matthew B. Wynkoop, son of Matthew B. and Mary (Vanlier) Wynkoop, served in the Civil war under two enlistments, the first time June 26, 1863, for six months, in the 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was in Company A, under Capt. Thomas More, and saw no field service, being engaged in guarding the railroad in western Virginia, from Baltimore to Cumberland City. He was discharged Jan. 21, 1864, at Pittsburg, by reason of expiration of his term. On March 9, 1865, he again enlisted, for one year, becoming a private in Company B (under Capt. Samuel McHenry), 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, but was never sent to the front, the fighting ending about that time. He was discharged July 14, 1865, at Halls Hill, Va., by order of the war department dated July 7, 1865.

Mr. Wynkoop has long been engaged in farming in Rayne township, and is one of the most respected citizens of his locality, where he has taken a useful part in public affairs. He was a member of the agricultural board for sixteen years, and has been school director for sixteen years. In political association he is a Republican, and he has served as judge of the election board. He attends the Presbyterian Church at Marion Center.

On March 10, 1864, Mr. Wynkoop married Ellen Lydick, a native of Green township, this county, daughter of Samuel Lydick by his first wife, who was the mother of two children. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wynkoop: Amanda A. died in infancy; Ida M. married Harvey Lightcap, a farmer in East Mahoning township, this county, and has five children, Bertha, Clark, Bud, Esther and Sloan; Edgar C., a farmer of Clearfield county, Pa., married Ada Griffith and has two children, Lucy and Alta May; Harry C., now an undertaker in New York City, married Anna Grieves, of Marion Center, this county. Mrs. Wynkoop died Sept. 4, 1906.

**MOSES KANARR**, of the borough of Indiana, Indiana county, retired farmer and surveyor, belongs to a family of Holland Dutch descent which was founded in this section many years ago by his grandfather, Andrew or Andreas Kanarr, who moved from

Lehigh county, Pa., to Westmoreland county. His wife was Salome Musick.

John Kanarr, only son of Andrew, was born Sept. 4, 1807, at Grapeville, Westmoreland county, and there grew to manhood. He went to school very little, obtaining his education mostly through his own efforts, and learned the trade of cabinetmaker. In November, 1838, he married Anna Magdalene Bruder, who was born Dec. 6, 1811, and to them was born a family of seven children: George A., born Aug. 14, 1839, who served one year during the Civil war as a member of Company G, 206th P. V. I.; Moses, born Dec. 14, 1840; Jacob; Aaron, born June 21, 1845, who served one year during the Civil war, in Company F, 206th P. V. I.; John, Jr., born Feb. 12, 1847; Henry, born Aug. 9, 1849; and Elizabeth L., born May 10, 1854. The father of this family died July 1, 1879, in Grant township, Indiana Co., Pa., and the mother died Dec. 5, 1880. They are buried in Shiloh's cemetery at Deckers Point, Indiana county.

Moses Kanarr, son of John Kanarr, was twelve years old when brought to Indiana county, and he grew to manhood in what is now Grant township. He attended public school in both counties, and was a pupil at the Purchase Line Academy in Westmoreland county. He studied surveying near Greensburg at a school conducted by A. L. Allman, who was subsequently made surveyor of Westmoreland county, and after completing his course was engaged in teaching school for three terms, in Indiana. In time he began to farm in Grant township, thence moving to White township, where he carried on farming for over twenty years, cultivating the tract of 140 acres which he owned. Upon his retirement Mr. Kanarr sold the surface of this farm, but he still holds the coal rights. From March, 1873, he followed his profession of surveyor in addition to looking after his farm work, and he has become widely known over this region in that connection. He moved to the borough of Indiana in 1906.

During the Civil war Mr. Kanarr enlisted at Indiana, Aug. 10, 1864, becoming a private in Company F, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. John A. Kinter and Col. H. J. Brady, his command serving with the Army of the James.

On Feb. 27, 1868, Mr. Kanarr married, in Grant township, Martha J. Hamilton, of that township, daughter of John and Mary A. (King) Hamilton. Mrs. Kanarr passed away June 18, 1909. She was an active member of

the M. E. Church, to which Mr. Kanarr also belongs, and he is counted among the useful members of the congregation. In politics he is independent, voting for the candidates and measures which please him most regardless of party.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kanarr: Mary Anna, born in 1869, married Frank Stormer, and died in Indiana April 22, 1897; Clara May, born Feb. 2, 1871, married Charles A. Nichol and lives in Indiana county; Harry M., born Aug. 31, 1876, now chief engineer of the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company and three allied concerns, was married May 17, 1905, to Mary Elinor Reed, and they live in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

AARON W. LANG, pension attorney at Marion Center, Pa., and veteran of the Civil war, has resided in Indiana county for many years. He was born Aug. 15, 1845, at Shavers Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa., a son of John and Mary (Work) Lang.

John Lang was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., of Scotch ancestry, and learned the woolen trade in his youth, subsequently becoming a manufacturer of woolen goods of all kinds. Later he sold his property in Huntingdon county and purchased the John Robinson tract of over 600 acres in Beaver township, Jefferson county, on which he built a woolen mill as well as a gristmill, and in addition to conducting these, also engaged in farming and timbering. He was a staunch Republican, and died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church in 1880, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mr. Lang married Mary Moore, of Huntingdon county, and they became the parents of children as follows: Mary, who married William Steward; Jane, who married John Barry; Charles M., who married Belle Brown; William, who married Eliza Boyington; John, who married Caroline Barclay; Kate, Mrs. Simpson; Lizzie, Mrs. Green; Ann, who married S. T. Gourley; Jerusha, who became Mrs. William Trout; and James, twin of Jerusha, who married Edna Marsh.

Mr. Lang's second marriage was to Mary Work, daughter of Aaron Work, of Huntingdon county, and they had three children: Aaron W.; Hannah Rebecca, who married Alvin Davis; and Juniata, who married David Brosius.

Aaron W. Lang, son of John Lang, was reared in Jefferson county, and from the age of six years divided his time between attend-

ance at the district schools and work in his father's mills. The outbreak of the Civil war aroused his boyish patriotism and several times he ran away from home to enlist, having failed to obtain his parents' consent to become a soldier. He finally succeeded in enlisting in Company B, 103d Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry (Capts. G. W. Gillespie and Joseph Rogers, Col. T. F. Lehman), which was attached to Kenn's Brigade, Casey's Division, Keyes' (5th) Corps, Army of the Potomac. Mr. Lang's army experiences were severe and arduous. He shared the fortunes and misfortunes of his regiment in numerous engagements, including Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Walnut Hill, Kingston, Little Washington and Plymouth, and at the last-named place, on April 17, 1864, he was desperately wounded in the left hip and captured by the Confederates. He was first sent to Charleston and then to Andersonville, and later to the prison at Florence, being confined until Feb. 26, 1865. At that time he was exchanged, and he eventually received his honorable discharge at Pittsburg, Pa., July 5, 1865, having spent some time in the hospitals at Annapolis, Baltimore and Pittsburg. When he had left home he was a sturdy lad of 190 pounds; his awful experiences in the army and in the Southern prison holes left him a mass of skin and bones that weighed but seventy-nine pounds. While he was at Andersonville a fellow prisoner who had been wounded in the feet begged him to amputate them and thus relieve his suffering, gangrene having set in. Finally Mr. Lang succeeded in sharpening an old jackknife to a point where this prisoner, J. W. January, was able to cut off his own feet. This was only an incident in Mr. Lang's military life, but it serves to show why the veterans of the Civil war are still held in such reverence even after the passing of a half century of time.

When he was again able, Mr. Lang took up work in the woolen mills of his brother Charles M. Lang at Marion Center, where he also worked in a foundry business. In 1870 he went to Jefferson county, where he was engaged in selling sewing machines. Later he served as deputy sheriff of Clarion county, but in 1878 returned to Marion Center, which has since been his home. Since 1903 he has served as a pension attorney, and he has also been constable and tax collector at different times. Until 1912 he gave his support to the policies and candidates of the Republican party, but in that year cast his

fortunes with the new Progressive party and voted for Colonel Roosevelt. His fraternal connection is with I. O. F. Lodge No. 105, of Marion Center, of which he is a past grand, and he also holds membership in John Pollock Post, No. 219, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he has been commander for ten years. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian Church.

On Jan. 30, 1866, Mr. Lang was married, at Marion Center, Pa., to Matilda Jane Park, who was born at Marion Center April 6, 1843, daughter of Robert and Margarett (Thompson) Park, and granddaughter of John Park, who built the first house in Marion Center. Mrs. Lang was given excellent educational advantages, attending the Marion Center public schools and Professor Wolf's summer school, and at the age of eighteen years entered upon the profession of teacher, spending four years in the schoolrooms in Indiana county, and one year in Somerset county. Mr. and Mrs. Lang have had a family of ten children, namely: Margarett, who died in infancy; Mary, who also died in infancy; Robert Park, of Arkansas, who married Margaret Lowmaster; Martha Eaton, who married Harry C. Emmett, of Leadville, Colo.; Bessie, deceased, who was the first wife of Mr. Emmett; Jennie Myrtle, who married Andrew Baker, of Pittsburg, who died Dec. 9, 1912 (she resides in Marion Center); Lucretia, who married Perry H. Craig, of Philadelphia; John, a student in the Western Theological Seminary, at Pittsburg; Elizabeth A., at home; and Aaron Linton, of McKeesport, who married Mona Kirk. The members of this old and honored family are all well known in Marion Center, where they have associated themselves with educational and religious movements. As a soldier Mr. Lang was brave, cheerful and faithful in the performance of duty; as a citizen he has made as honorable a record.

Mrs. Lang is a prominent local worker in the W. C. T. U., having served as president of the Marion Center organization for seven years, and she is now serving as legislative superintendent and press superintendent. She is a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps of Marion Center.

JAMES H. DONAHEY, of Green township, Indiana county, is one of the well-known residents of his section, having served in various local offices, the duties of which he has discharged efficiently. He is a farmer by occupation.



James Donahey, grandfather of James H. Donahey, was a native of Blacklick township, Indiana county, and in his early life became a farmer, cultivating land which he owned and upon which he lived until his death, as did also his wife. She was of the same family as Richard B. Clawson, mentioned elsewhere.

William J. Donahey, son of James, was born Sept. 23, 1825, in Blacklick township, where he remained until 1865. He then removed with his family to Green township, and in 1868 settled on the farm there where his son James now lives. There he died Sept. 22, 1889. He married Margaret Davis, who was born in Blacklick township Feb. 22, 1829, and died July 31, 1900. Her father, David Davis, was a native of Indiana county, lived at Blacklick township, where he engaged in farming, and died Jan. 31, 1855, on the old farm. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Donahey: Benjamin F., born Feb. 9, 1849, lives in Green township; Martha Jane, born March 3, 1851, is deceased; Sarah Ellen, born April 2, 1853, is the wife of William Beck Rice, of Green township; James H. is mentioned below; Edmund, born Nov. 25, 1857, lives in Grant township, this county; Frank D., born June 26, 1860, is a resident of Starford, Indiana county; Anna Mary, born May 30, 1862, died Feb. 26, 1865; Rachel Emma, born Dec. 6, 1864, is the wife of Wilbert Kidd, of Indiana county; William A., born March 4, 1867, lives at Wilkinsburg; Richard M., born Oct. 7, 1869, is a carrier in the rural free delivery service and lives at Lovejoy.

James H. Donahey was born Aug. 26, 1855, near Hopewell Church, in Blacklick township. He came with his parents to the farm in Green township where he now lives, and helped his father to clear the land. When a youth of eighteen he began to learn the trade of mason and plasterer, which he continued to follow for sixteen years. For three years he lived near Taylorsville, this county, returning in 1897 to the home farm, where he has since lived. He has been a successful farmer, and is considered one of the most substantial and reliable residents of his locality, being well and favorably known to his neighbors and fellow citizens generally, where he has served as supervisor and in other public positions.

On Jan. 1, 1889, Mr. Donahey married Lizzie Jane Myers, who was born in Green township, April 11, 1857, daughter of John and Sarua (Pifer) Myers, the former a native of Rayne township, Indiana county, the latter

born in Ohio. Mr. Myers was a farmer all his life, and resided for some time in Green township, where he and his wife died. Mr. and Mrs. Donahey are members of the Brethren Church. They reared one child, Mollie McAlester, who lived with them from girlhood and is now the wife of Harvey Mumau; she has four children, Vera J., Helen, Carl and Donald. Another girl, Elsie Reed, lived with them from the age of ten until seventeen and a half years old.

MAX CRAWFORD, postmaster at Cookport, Indiana county, where he also carries on the blacksmithing business, was born in that vicinity, in Green township, Feb. 20, 1867, son of Abraham and Clarissa (Bash) Crawford.

Abraham Crawford, the father, was a native of Armstrong county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in his early life, buying land in Green township which he cultivated. Later he also operated a sawmill for several years, and subsequently bought a farm in Cambria county, Pa., upon which he settled, remaining there until his death, which occurred in October, 1902. He married Clarissa Bash, who was born in Indiana county, and survives him, being now (1912) seventy-nine years old. She lives at the home of her two sons in Cambria county. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Crawford, namely: Walter, who lives in Cambria county; Viola, the wife of Porter Laney, of Cambria county; Cordelia, wife of Joseph Grumbling, of Somerset county, Pa.; Thomas, a resident of Cambria county; Sarah, wife of William Wentsel, of Westmoreland county; Matilda, wife of Gilbert Davidson, of Montana; Max; William, a resident of Cambria county; three who died in infancy; and Harvey, the youngest, a resident of Cambria county.

Max Crawford obtained his education in the public schools of Green township. During his boyhood he began to work on the farm, where he remained until he was past thirty years of age, working with his father until twenty-three years old. Later he went to Ebensburg to learn the trade of blacksmith, at which he continued to work in Cambria county after completing his apprenticeship, conducting a shop there for some time. Returning to Indiana county in 1910, he settled at Cookport, opening a shop there which he still carries on, having built up a good business even in that short period. In 1910 he was appointed postmaster at that

place, his wife and daughter assisting him with the work in the office, which is in the fourth class. He is a trustworthy and respected citizen, and is ranked among the substantial residents of his section.

In 1889 Mr. Crawford married Lillian Cook, who was born in Green township, daughter of Andrew J. and Belle (Repine) Cook, both also natives of that township; Mr. Cook died in Green township, his wife, who still survives, living at Cookport. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford have become the parents of fifteen children, twelve of whom are living, namely: Grace; Guy; Esther, wife of Ford Gregg, of Cookport; Edna; Benjamin; Belle; Rose; Ruth; Minerva; Nellie; Olive, deceased; Ora and Dorothy; and twins who died in infancy.

THOMAS HARVEY AUL, who lives in Rayne township, Indiana county, owns his home place of 110 acres there and another farm in South Mahoning township. He is a native of West Mahoning township, this county, born July 14, 1855, son of Henry and Margaret (Riddle) Aul.

Henry Aul, the father, was born in Indiana county July 13, 1826. His father was a native of Pennsylvania, of German extraction. In August, 1861, Henry Aul entered the Union service, becoming a member of Company A, 105th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as a private. At the close of the war he settled at Georgeville, Indiana Co., Pa., where he engaged in farming and stock buying, and he became quite a prominent man in that section, serving as justice of the peace there for some years. From Georgeville he removed to Plumville, this county, where he built the hotel, conducting same successfully. He died at the age of seventy-six years. Mr. Aul married Margaret Riddle, who was born Jan. 24, 1832, and died at the age of seventy-two.

Thomas Harvey Aul was associated in business with his father for a number of years, and was subsequently interested in the stock business with his uncle Peter Riddle. As he went into business on his own account he continued farming and stock buying, and in 1901 he removed to the farm of 110 acres in Rayne township which he owns and upon which he has since resided. He has done so well in his business operations that he has been able to acquire another tract, in South Mahoning township, this county. He is one of the respected citizens of his township, and has been elected to the office of road supervisor, which he filled efficiently.

On Jan. 26, 1881, Mr. Aul married Armenta Bell, of East Mahoning township, this county, daughter of Thomas J. and Jemina (Sunderland) Bell. Mr. Bell was a native of Mifflin county, Pa., of Irish descent, was a weaver by trade and in his later years followed farming. He died at the age of seventy-five years, his wife at the age of seventy-eight. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Aul: Anna Margaret, Mrs. J. K. Repine, of South Mahoning township, who has three children, G. M., Thomas N. and Anna May; Essie A., now wife of G. R. Wetzel, of East Mahoning township, where he is engaged in farming; Clark E., of Indiana borough, a log scaler; Thomas C., who lives at home, assisting his father with the work on the farm; Rosa Myrtle, Edward J. and May Jemima, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Aul are members of the Rayne Presbyterian Church.

JOHN S. BOWERS, formerly for over thirty years a farmer of Pine township, Indiana county, now living retired in the borough of Indiana, was born Jan. 3, 1842, in Cherryhill township, on the home farm of his father, John Bowers.

John Bowers was born at Morrisons Cove, Blair Co., Pa., and was twenty years old when he came to Indiana county, where he engaged in farming the rest of his life, settling in Cherryhill township, and later moving to Pine township. He was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Hempfield, and there were ten children by each union. Those by his second marriage, to Mary Fisher, were as follows: Harrison, who lives in Indiana county; Mary, Mrs. Benjamin Gifford, of Arkansas; Jacob, now of Johnstown, Pa.; John S.; Maria, Mrs. Alex. Dearmin, of Cambria county, Pa.; William, of Indiana county; Nancy, Mrs. Emanuel Dearmin, of Pine township, this county; Amos, of Johnstown, Pa.; Jemina, Mrs. Samuel Barr, of Altoona, Pa.; and Charles, of Johnstown, Pa. The parents both died in Pine township, the father when seventy-four years old, the mother when seventy-seven. He retired before his death and passed his declining years in that township.

John S. Bowers received his education in the country schools near his boyhood home in Cherryhill township, where he grew to manhood, and was seventeen years old when he moved with the family to Pine township. He became familiar with farm work assisting his father, and was thus engaged until he enlisted in the Union army, until he was

eighteen working at home, and afterward among other farmers. In 1863 he enlisted at Pittsburg, becoming a private in Company E, 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for six months' service, and did his duty faithfully while in the army. In 1864 he bought a small farm in Cherryhill township, which he occupied and cultivated for a few years, in 1869 buying and moving to the tract of 106 acres in Pine township on which he continued to live until his retirement. This farm is now the site whereon Heilwood is built, and Mr. Bowers sold his farm to the company which projected the town. It was a valuable and well cared for property, and he operated it successfully until he sold it; he moved to the borough of Indiana in 1901. His home is at No. 244 Church street.

In 1862 Mr. Bowers was married to Sarah Jane Dearmin, of Pine township, who was born Feb. 11, 1844, in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, and was but six weeks old when her parents, William and Margaret (Waltermeyer) Dearmin, moved to Pine township, where she lived until she removed with her husband to Indiana. They have had six children, two of whom, William and Clara E., are deceased. The survivors are: Edward, of Cambria county, Pa.; Frances, Mrs. David Mike, of Indiana county; Charles, who lives at home; and Rosie Diana, Mrs. William Holmes, of Charleroi, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers are members of the Zion's Lutheran Church, in which they have taken an active part. He is a Republican on political questions, but has not taken any active interest in such matters.

**HARRY R. BUTERBAUGH**, for several years a contractor in the town of Lovejoy, Indiana county, was born Oct. 21, 1872, in Green township, and is a son of Amariah N. and Sarah (Houck) Buterbaugh.

William Buterbaugh, great-grandfather of Harry R. Buterbaugh, was born in Maryland, from which State he moved to Pennsylvania and settled first in Huntingdon county, later moving to Indiana county. He was the father of eight children.

John Buterbaugh, son of William, and grandfather of Harry R. Buterbaugh, was born in Maryland in 1799 and lived to the age of ninety-six years. He accompanied his father to Pennsylvania and lived for several years in Huntingdon county, later settling in what is now known as Pleasant Valley, Green township, Indiana county, the family acquiring 300 acres of land. In October, 1831, John

Buterbaugh married Elizabeth Learn, a daughter of John Learn, and to them thirteen children were born, seven daughters and six sons, as follows: Mary, who was the wife of John Cook, both now deceased; Elizabeth, who married A. K. Reed, both now deceased; Henry L. and Levi, deceased; Simon, a resident of Indiana, Pa.; Sarah A., the widow of D. P. Reed; Susan, who married Franklin Nupp, a veteran of the Civil war, residing at Windber, Pa.; Isaac, living in Cherryhill township, Indiana county; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of N. W. Baker; Ella, deceased; Amariah N.; Andrew, a resident of Indiana; and one who died in infancy. After coming to Indiana the father of the above family engaged in the milling business, erecting a saw and grist mill. He was a shrewd and successful business man, but was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and no inducement could be brought to bear that would lead him to operate his mills on Sunday. He was fond of hunting and was a fine shot.

Amariah N. Buterbaugh, son of John, and father of Harry R. Buterbaugh, attended the schools of Green township and lived on the farm settled by his father until he was fifty years of age. In 1900 he moved to Windber and there embarked in the mercantile business, conducting a store for four years. In the fall of 1903 he came to the present site of Lovejoy, although, at that time, there was no town organization. Mr. Buterbaugh conducted a store here for several years and was appointed the first postmaster, an office which he has since held. On Nov. 2, 1871, he was married to Sarah Houck, who was born in Green township Oct. 13, 1851, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Myers) Houck. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh have had the following children: Harry R.; Elizabeth Ollie, who is the wife of T. H. Fleming, has two children, James Amariah and Beatrice, and lives at Windber; Agnes, who is the wife of S. A. Fridler, of Starford; John Henry, who married Mary Kimmel, of Bedford county, and has five children, Alta M., Chalmer L., Sarah M., Henry C. and Elmer E. (Mr. Buterbaugh is manager of the Dixon Run Lumber Company); and Louie Bertha, the youngest member of the family, who is now the wife of M. L. McKeown, of Josephine, Pa., and has three children, Robert Wallace, Louise Ulrica and Sarah Pauline.

Henry Houck, the maternal grandfather of Harry R. Buterbaugh, was born in Germany, and was seven years of age when he was brought by his parents to the United States.

They settled in Pennsylvania, securing land first in Rayne township, this county, and moving later to Green township, and there Henry Houck continued to follow farming and stock raising until the close of his life. He died about 1898, near Purchase Line, in Green township. He married Elizabeth Myers, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and they had the following children: David R., William H., George F., Joseph, Sarah, Hannah and Henry H.

Harry R. Buterbaugh was educated in the schools of Green township, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for several years, subsequently engaging in the flour and feed business and conducting a mill in Lovejoy, as a member of the firm known as the Buterbaugh & Krider Co. Later he sold his interest to S. A. Krider, and with his brother, John H., engaged in contracting and carpenter work, building up a successful business. He has come to be regarded as one of his community's progressive and enterprising citizens. He is now located at Starford.

On Jan. 21, 1897, Mr. Buterbaugh was married to Minerva Fleming, who was born in Green township, daughter of James and Sarah (Lutman) Fleming, natives of Green township, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter resides at Mitchells Mills. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh, Mary and Leona. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh attend the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is active in Masonry, belonging to the minor branches at Ehsenburg, to the Consistory at Williamsport and to the Mystic Shrine at Altoona.

**HARRY STEPHENS**, a farmer of Buffington township, was born in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., March 26, 1876, a son of William M. Stephens, and grandson of Alexander Stephens.

Alexander Stephens was born in America, although the exact locality is not definitely known. He was three times married, first to Jane Dunwiddie, by whom he had these children: James married Nancy Glassford; Mollie married Squire Griffith, of Pine township, this county; Lizzie married Abraham Coy; Jennie married James MacKintosh. After the death of his first wife Alexander Stephens married Jane Anderson, who bore him three children: William M., Shadrach and Margaret, the latter marrying Evan Griffith, of Indiana, Pa. After the death of the second

Mrs. Stephens he married Nancy Hempfield; there were no children by this marriage.

Alexander Stephens ran a gristmill and was an extensive agriculturist in Green township. His mill bore his name and was widely patronized, for in those days the farmers had to depend upon the local mills for all their meal and flour.

William M. Stephens, now a resident of Green township, operates a gristmill and conducts a large farm. He is a man of prominence in his township, has served as a school director for years, and for a period was his township's representative on the county board of supervisors. In 1871 William M. Stephens married Rachel Griffith, daughter of John and Margaret (Gibson) Griffith, of Pine township, and children as follows were born of this marriage: Margaret, who attended the Indiana normal school and Winona College in the State of Indiana, and now teaching her twenty-second year of school (she has taught at Piteairn, Pa., where she was stationed for thirteen years, and for the remaining period has been at her present school, at Braddock, Pa.); Mattie, who married Martin Davis, and resides at Norfolk, Va., where he is in the employ of the United States mail service; Harry; and Elise, who married Sherd Lockard and resides in Green township.

William M. Stephens is one of the representative men of his community, where his name stands for all that is synonymous with what is most upright and honorable. He has developed a fine business both as a miller and a farmer, and has reared a family of whom any father might well be proud. He has done his full duty in all the relations of life, and is an excellent example of a substantial business man of Indiana county.

Harry Stephens received his educational training in the common schools of his neighborhood. While attending school he aided his father in the farm work, and thereby laid a firm foundation for substantial achievement when he had reached maturity. In 1902 he left his father and bought a farm from J. I. Dunwiddie, in Green township, adjacent to his father's property. On it he built a large barn and made other excellent improvements, and began operating his land, devoting it to general farming and stock raising. Here he remained until February, 1911, when he bought the old Dill farm from his mother-in-law, comprising 125 acres, one of the best kept and finest properties in Buffington township. There is an excellent house upon the place, while the barn is commodious and convenient.

Mr. Stephens is a progressive agriculturist, demonstrating in his daily work the truth of the statement that the farmer is one of the most independent men in the world, as well as one to whom the whole of humanity must look for food supplies.

On Oct. 31, 1901, Mr. Stephens was married to Edith Dill, daughter of Bluson and Matilda (Tolb) Dill, and she is a woman of intelligence and worth and has greatly aided her husband in his work, with which she is in thorough sympathy. It is her aim to rear her children to be useful and capable. The children are: William Anson, Harry Benson, Alton Wade, George Samuel and Naida Fay, the last named born March 17, 1912.

Mr. Stephens is a Democrat, but has never come before the people for public office, as he does not aspire to such honors. His duty as a citizen is discharged in other ways. First he gives his support to the candidates of his party, as he believes that the platforms of that organization more nearly provide for the betterment of the masses than those of any other; and then he gives personal attention to the securing of improvements and the general uplift of morality in his community. As a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church he contributes liberally toward its support, and his wife is active in its work.

The magnificent farm of Mr. Stephens is one of the show places of Indiana county. The exponent of advanced agriculture himself, he bought a property that had been in competent hands for many years, so that he but adds one improvement to another. The residence is supplied with a modern equipment that would put to shame many a city home, while every farm operation is carried on with regard to a saving of time and labor. Mr. Stephens has experimented with various appliances and machinery and believes he has now the best on the market in every respect. The produce of his farm meets a ready sale in any market where it can be secured, on account of its superior quality, and his ideas with regard to agriculture meet with respectful attention, for his neighbors know that he speaks with the authority of one who has proved the truth of his statements through individual experiment and everyday use.

MRS. CATHERINE ROWE, of Creekside, in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born June 13, 1836, daughter of Baltzer and Barbara (Kunkle) Walter.

Philip Walter, grandfather of Mrs. Rowe, moved from Northampton county, Pa., to

Westmoreland county, same State, and there died aged sixty-five years. He carried on general farming and stock raising, and owned two farms containing 300 acres, one at Beaver Run, and the other about one mile away. His educational training was obtained in the private schools of his period. During his boyhood the family suffered from the Indians, and his father, who was an Indian fighter as well as a Revolutionary soldier, ended his life in Westmoreland county. At one time the Walters had to flee to Hannastown for protection. Philip Walter married Catherine Trout, of Virginia, and spent all of his married life in Westmoreland county, where his death was occasioned by a falling tree.

Baltzer Walter was born in 1811, and grew up in Westmoreland county. He married Barbara Kunkle, a daughter of Michael Kunkle, of Westmoreland county, Pa., and granddaughter of Philip Kunkle. The latter had 610 acres of land which he divided between three of his children, Michael receiving 260 acres, Jacob 190 acres, and Barbara 160 acres. Baltzer Walter owned 160 acres of land and carried on farming all his life. He was a Democrat, but would not hold office. Brought up in the Lutheran faith, he later became a member of the Center Presbyterian Church in Washington township, and helped to erect the church edifice. Still later he left the Presbyterian Church and joined the Lutheran Church at Plum Creek. His death occurred April 24, 1894, when he was eighty-three years old, his widow surviving until May 19, 1907, when she died at the age of ninety-four years. Children as follows were born to Baltzer Walter and his wife: Catherine; Michael, who married Belle McHenry, of Creekside, a sister of Dr. McHenry; Barbara Anne, who married Samuel Gibson, of Creekside; Philip A., who married Mary Unkifer, of Washington township, and (second) Miss Miller, of McKean county; Zacharias, who married Levina Fuley, of Butler county; Eliza, who married Alexander Johnston, of Washington township; and Loretta, who married James Lucas, and resides near Nolo in Pine township.

Catherine Walter was married (first) Feb. 7, 1854, at Newville, now Creekside, to Lert Adams. Mr. Adams was born Dec. 19, 1833, and was killed during the Civil war, in September, 1863, near Petersburg, just prior to the battle. He was a farmer during the summer, and in the winter made shoes. His farm in Rayne township contained eighty-seven acres, which he purchased before going into

the army. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams: Walter, who is married, and lives in Maple Hill, Wabash Co., Kans.; Carrie, deceased; Edward Sylvanus, deceased; Watson Alexander, deceased; Geo. B. McClellan, who married Eliza Stahl, of Washington township; and A. M., who married Minnie McRee, of Washington township. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Adams married (second) Daniel Rowe, who died in 1906, aged sixty years.

DANIEL ROWE was also a soldier during the Civil war, but only served three months when he received his honorable discharge on account of sickness. Coming back home he engaged in farming, and was thus engaged until the time of his death. Politically he was a Republican, but never cared to go into public life. For many years he was a consistent member of the Disciples Church in Rayne township. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe had the following children: Tillie J., Mrs. Rhodes, of Princess Anne, Md.; Lois B., Mrs. Hancock, of Indiana county; Frank C., of Toms station; Harry C., of Creekside; and Mary W., Mrs. Smith, of Leetsdale, Allegheny county.

Mrs. Rowe owns eighty-seven acres of land in Washington township, near Toms station, all of which is cleared, and her son Frank Rowe is operating it. Mrs. Rowe belongs to Salem Methodist Church, and taught in the Sunday school for many years, being one of the most popular and effective instructors of that body. She is widely known and universally respected.

JOHN S. ORTNER, a farmer of White township, was born Nov. 7, 1868, in Rayne township, this county, son of John A. and Barbara (Hoffman) Ortner.

John A. Ortner was born in Germany, and came to the United States when twenty-seven years old. At first he located at Johnstown, Pa., but after a short stay in that city, came on to Indiana county, where he bought a farm in Rayne township. This land being in a wild state, he cleared it and developed a comfortable home, on which he carried on general farming until his death, Dec. 9, 1897. His wife was a daughter of William Hoffman, who came from Germany to the United States in 1842, settling in Rayne township, where he farmed for many years, but later on in life retired to Indiana, where he died. Mrs. Ortner died March 17, 1908. She was one of a family of six children, and two of her five brothers survive, John and Michael Hoffman, of Indiana county. None of the Ortner fam-

ily came to the United States except John A. Ortner, and all are deceased. John A. Ortner and his wife had eleven children: Clara S., deceased, married William Betz, of California; Barbara is the widow of William Seubert, of Latrobe, Pa.; Mary married a Mr. Clark, of Woodstock, Cal.; Matilda married Henry Coolney, of California; William resides at Maxwell, Cal.; Anna resides at Latrobe, Pa.; John S. is mentioned below; Rosanna married William Graff, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Amelia married a Mr. Cost, of Indiana, Pa.; Elizabeth married L. J. Beaver, of Montana; Frank resides at Avonmore, in Armstrong county.

John S. Ortner attended the local schools of Rayne township, and grew up on the farm, remaining at home until his marriage. Following that event he began farming for himself in White township. At first he bought sixty acres of land, but after operating it for two years sold and purchased his present property, of 140 acres, which he now devotes to general farming and stock raising, having been successful in both lines.

On Jan. 21, 1898, Mr. Ortner was married to Clara Belle Osborne, who was born in Rayne township, daughter of Joseph T. and Mary Ann (Jones) Osborne, the former born in White township, this county, and the latter in Clearfield county. Joseph Osborne, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Ortner, was born in Scotland, and married Sarah Kinter, a native of Germany. They became early settlers of Indiana county. The parents of Mrs. Mary Ann (Jones) Osborne were natives of Scotland. Mrs. Ortner was one of eleven children born to her parents, of whom Barbara A. married Michael Nibert, of Indiana; Sarah married James Cessna, of Cambria county; Elmira married Robert Wynkoop, of Gabelton, Pa.; Mary married William Lingenfelter, of Gabelton, Pa.; Rose married Ignatius Undersack, of Wyoming; Clara Belle became Mrs. Ortner. Mr. Osborne died in Rayne township Feb. 10, 1912, his wife passing away in 1889. She was a widow at the time of her marriage to Mr. Osborne, and the only living child of her first marriage is Margaret, now Mrs. Dolvey, of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Ortner became the parents of seven children: A child who died in infancy unnamed; Frances G.; Margaret E., who is deceased; Agnes Mae; Elizabeth N.; Ruth Virginia, and Mildred M. Mr. and Mrs. Ortner are consistent members of the Roman

Catholic Church, belonging to St. Bernard's parish of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

**JOSEPH CHARLES NIPPES**, of Blacklick township, is one of the younger farmers of his section of Indiana county who have been notably successful. He is extensively interested in truck gardening, in which line he was a pioneer in his township, and at present commands the largest business of the kind in Indiana county.

The Nippes family is of German extraction, William Nippes, its founder in America, having been born in Germany, whence he came to this country in a sailing vessel. He was a sea captain, following the water all his life. He settled in Philadelphia, where he married Catherine Heinckles, also a native of Germany, and engaged in the grocery business. Their children were all born in Philadelphia, viz.: John Charles; William, who engaged in the bakery business; Abraham, who was a cabinetmaker; Samuel, also a cabinetmaker (married); Henry, a merchant (married); Mortimer, a grocer; Christianna, wife of Louis Thorn, a baker; Mary Ann, wife of Thomas Heinckles, a cabinetmaker; and Louisa, who also married. All of this family lived in Philadelphia.

John Charles Nippes, son of William and Catherine (Heinckles) Nippes, was born in 1830 in Philadelphia, where he attended common school, afterward learning the trade of cabinetmaker. In 1861 he enlisted for service in the Union army, joining Company A, 26th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Moffatt and Colonel Small, being in Hooker's command in the Army of the Potomac. He was wounded at Gettysburg and died there one month later, in 1863, and was laid to rest in Monument cemetery in Philadelphia, with military honors. Mr. Nippes had married Esther L. Wright, who was born Feb. 28, 1831, in Philadelphia, daughter of William and Rachel (Lukens) Wright, of Philadelphia, and to them were born four children, three of whom died in infancy, Jennie E., Ira and Willimina; the only survivor, Chester Walker Chipman, was born Jan. 2, 1852. The mother proved herself to be a woman of remarkable strength of character and purpose. She had received her early education in the public schools of Philadelphia, and after her husband's death took up the study of medicine, taking the course in the Woman's Medical College in that city, from which she was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1870. She was actively en-

gaged in practice for over thirty-nine years, settling in Johnstown, where she is now living retired, in her eighty-second year. She remarried, becoming the wife of Dr. H. W. Marbrough, with whom she was associated in practice, and who lost his life May 31, 1889, in the Johnstown flood. Mrs. Marbrough escaped with a horse and buggy, and she, too, would have been lost had not the horse been a strong swimmer; she gives the animal the credit for saving her life. Beloved and esteemed by all who have known her, she is spending her days quietly in the place where so many years of her active and useful career as a physician were passed. She is a member of the First M. E. Church of Johnstown.

**CHESTER WALKER CHIPMAN NIPPES**, son of John Charles and Esther L. (Wright) Nippes, was born Jan. 2, 1852, in Philadelphia, and there received his education in the public schools. In 1894 he settled in East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., where his father-in-law bought a farm which Mr. Nippes worked, making a home for his mother-in-law, after which he took charge of the place for himself, engaging in market gardening, which he was one of the first in that section to undertake. In 1905 he moved with his family to Blacklick township, where he has since lived and worked, he and his son having purchased the property there, and now working in partnership as C. W. C. Nippes & Son. They have been highly successful, being the recognized leaders in their line in Indiana county, a distinction which they have won by the most untiring efforts and intelligent devotion to their work. Mr. Nippes has been prominent in public affairs and church work, having served as school director two terms and election inspector in East Wheatfield township, and as register and assessor in Blacklick township, still holding the latter position, which he has been filling two years. In political connection he is a Republican. He is a prominent member of the M. E. Church of Blacklick, which he has served faithfully in various capacities, having been steward, trustee (president of the board) and Sunday school teacher. On Dec. 26, 1877, he married Jennie Elizabeth Kissinger, who was born in 1857 in East Wheatfield township, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Shott) Kissinger, the latter, now (1912) eighty-nine years of age, residing with Mr. and Mrs. Nippes in Blacklick township. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nippes: Joseph Charles; Ira Stamford, born July 26, 1886, in Johnstown, Pa., who is

studying electrical engineering at Pennsylvania State College, class of 1913; William, born July 12, 1889, in Johnstown, who married Martha Ellen Eppley, of that place, and lives with his parents in Blacklick township; Arthur, born Nov. 24, 1891, who lives with his parents; Elizabeth, living at home; and Loretta, who died when two years old.

Joseph Charles Nippes was born Dec. 2, 1880, in Johnstown, Pa., where he attended public school; he attended a private school for two terms during the summer. At the age of fourteen, in 1894, he moved with his parents to East Wheatfield township, this county, where his father bought the farm of 160 acres from the Kissinger heirs, and commenced market gardening, Mr. Nippes working for his father for the next five years. In 1899 he went west to Pueblo, Colo., where he engaged in railroad work, working as fireman on the Denver & Rio Grande road for three years. Returning home he married shortly afterward, Dec. 10, 1903, in Indiana, Pa., Jessie M. Milliken, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Gamble) Milliken of New Florence, Westmoreland Co., Pa. In 1905 Mr. Nippes and his father moved to Blacklick township, purchasing in partnership the Stoneback farm of 106 acres which they have since operated, both families living there, having built two large dwelling houses on the place, besides barns and other buildings. They carry on general farming and stock raising, but make a specialty of garden truck, raising on an average from 125,000 to 150,000 plants of celery each season, and large quantities of other vegetables. They ship as far east as Altoona and west to New Kensington, and find a ready sale for all they send to market, their products being well known to dealers. Joseph C. Nippes now looks after the entire management of the business, the steady growth of which shows him to be thoroughly capable, and familiar with the commercial side, the demands of the market, etc., as well as with the practical work of raising vegetables.

Mr. Nippes was at one time a member of the Locomotive Firemen's Society. He is a Republican in politics, has been a member of the school board of Blacklick township for five years, and is thoroughly interested in all that concerns the general welfare. He belongs to the Burrell Presbyterian Church, and has been trustee of same.

Mr. and Mrs. Nippes have had two children: Virginia Maud, born Feb. 20, 1905, in

New Florence, Pa.; and Charles Kenneth, born Jan. 19, 1909, in Blacklick township.

WILLIAM H. MUNSHOWER, veteran of the Civil war, now a justice of the peace at Lovejoy, Pa., was born in Center township, Indiana county, Aug. 3, 1836, and is a son of William and Hannah (Kunkel) Munshower.

John Munshower, grandfather of William H. Munshower, was one of the early settlers of Indiana county, owning a farm in Center township, upon which he carried on operations up to the time of his death.

William Munshower, son of John, and father of William H. Munshower, was born in Maryland, and accompanied his parents to Indiana county, the rest of his life being spent in agricultural pursuits, and his death occurring on the old homestead in Center township. He married Hannah Kunkel, who was born in Pennsylvania, whither her parents had come from Germany, and they had a family of six children: John, who is deceased; Samuel, a resident of the town of Indiana; William H.; Houston, a resident of Homer City, Pa.; Harrison, living at Blairsville; and Mary J., the wife of Chambers Yengling, of St. Marys, Ohio. All the sons served in the Union army during the Civil war.

William H. Munshower attended public school in Center township, and in his youth was engaged in farming, but subsequently turned his attention to teaching, and for six years had schools in Center and Green townships. On July 13, 1863, Mr. Munshower enlisted in Company M, 102d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. A. D. Hastings, 2d Division, 6th Army Corps, with which he served until securing his honorable discharge, June 28, 1865. During his long and arduous service Mr. Munshower took part in numerous engagements, participating in Grant's campaign and in many hard-fought battles, such as the Wilderness. After brave and meritorious service he returned to Indiana county and engaged in farming. In 1876 he removed to Cookport, whence he came to Lovejoy. He has served as supervisor and auditor of Green township, and during the last sixteen years has been the incumbent of the office of justice of the peace. He has interested himself in Grand Army affairs, and at this time is quartermaster of Cookport Post, No. 537. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

On April 19, 1866, Mr. Munshower was married to Margaret Fleming, who was born



in Indiana county July 18, 1841, daughter of Francis J. and Christina (Haley) Fleming, early settlers of Green township, where Mr. Fleming was engaged in farming. He was of Scotch ancestry, while his wife was born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Munshower had one child, Clara. Mrs. Munshower passed away Jan. 11, 1908.

**BRENTWOOD HARLAND DEVERE HOTHAM, M. D.**, was engaged in the practice of medicine at Homer City, Indiana county, for two years, recently removing to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he is now located, as resident physician at a local sanitarium. He is a native of western Pennsylvania, having been born in Mahoning township, Armstrong county, Oct. 14, 1879.

The Hotham family is of English extraction, and the ancestors in England were connected with the nobility. Richard Hotham, who founded the branch of the family in this country to which Dr. Hotham belongs, was a nobleman but married beneath his station, and as a consequence was cut off from the family and disinherited. He came over the ocean to Pennsylvania with his son William, locating in Westmoreland county, near what is now New Florence. He was a man of superior education. His religious connection was with the Church of England.

William Hotham, son of Richard, came to this country with his father in 1824 and settled with him in Derry township, Westmoreland county. He was a man of education and marked intelligence and became a successful farmer, remaining on the homestead until his death. In politics he was a Republican, in religious connection a member of the Episcopal Church. His first wife, Hannah (Livingood), died on the home farm. She was the mother of three children, Clark (who served in the Civil war, died on the homestead), William H. and a daughter that died in infancy. By his second wife, whose maiden name was McDonald, he had two children: John, of Pittsburg, Pa.; and Richard, who died young. For his third wife he married Elizabeth Johnston, and their children were: Charles, of Johnstown, Pa.; and Martin, a railroad engineer, who was killed in the service.

William H. Hotham was born in 1846 on the homestead in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and obtained his education in the local schools. He remained on the farm until his enlistment, when he was eighteen years old, for service in the Civil war, in Company F, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteers,

under Col. Richard Coulter. He was wounded in the shoulder at Gravelly Run, near Petersburg, and after receiving an honorable discharge from the service returned home. For a short period thereafter he again attended school and then learned telegraphy, at which he was engaged for some years. He was in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Oil City, Pa., from there removing to Red Bank, Pa., where he was stationed for some time, and thence transferring to Mahoning, Armstrong Co., Pa. After he had been located at that place awhile he began the mining of iron ore. Moving later to Pittsburg, he worked as telegraph operator for the Junction Railroad Company six years, until he entered the employ of the Pittsburg & Western Railroad Company as clerk and bookkeeper, at Lawrenceville, Pa. He is now retired and living in Pittsburg. Mr. Hotham belongs to G. A. R. Post No. 3 of that city, and in politics he has been actively associated with the Republican party. On Sept. 15, 1870, he married Rose Johnston, who was born May 18, 1852, daughter of Martin C. and Mary Jane Reysner (Durboraw) Johnston, and they have had a family of five children: Olla Bell, who is the wife of R. L. Martin, of Mantua, Ohio; Madge; Daisy May, living at home; Brentwood Harland De Vere, mentioned below; and Rose Virginia.

Brentwood Harland De Vere Hotham spent his boyhood days at Mahoning, Armstrong Co., Pa., until he was six years old, when the family moved to Pittsburg, and there he had excellent public school advantages, graduating from high school. Later he became a student at the Western University of Pennsylvania (now the University of Pittsburg), from which institution he was graduated in 1902, with the degree of M. D. He at once began practice at Lincoln Place, near Pittsburg, where he spent one and a half years, after which he was in Pittsburg for several years. In 1910 he removed to Homer City, in Indiana county, Pa., practicing there for two years and in 1912 taking his present position at Wilkes-Barre. While in Homer City he acted as medical examiner for the New York Life Insurance Company of New York. He has attained high standing in his profession, and his personal tastes and culture make him an agreeable and desirable social companion. He is a member of the State Medical Society. In political sentiment he is a Republican, in religious connection a Presbyterian.

On Dec. 29, 1904, Dr. Hotham married, at Lincoln Place, Allegheny Co., Pa., Stella May

Poorbaugh, daughter of J. M. Poorbaugh, of Lincoln Place, and they had two children: Harland DeVere, born Jan. 12, 1906; and Stella May, born Dec. 22, 1907. Mrs. Hotham died June 27, 1909, and is buried in Richmond cemetery, Pittsburg. On Nov. 20, 1912, Dr. Hotham married (second) Margaret Schall, daughter of G. W. and Mary E. (Markell) Schall, of Homer City.

FRANK MOORHEAD, proprietor of livery, feed and sales stables at Indiana, Pa., with place of business located in the rear of the "Central Hotel," was born Oct. 28, 1855, on the old family homestead in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, son of William M. and Louisa (Matthews) Moorhead. His grandfather spent the greater part of his life in Cherryhill township, where he was a farmer, and had the following children: William M., James, John, Samuel and Margaret (Mrs. Evans).

William M. Moorhead, father of Frank Moorhead, was born in Cherryhill township, and there died in 1892, at the age of seventy-two years, his wife passing away during the same year. He was a staunch Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Frank Moorhead was educated in the district schools and reared to agricultural pursuits, working for his father until he was twenty years of age. At that time he commenced working out among the farmers of Indiana county, but after his marriage settled on a farm of 110 acres in Cherryhill township, which he operated until 1897. In that year Mr. Moorhead went to Penn Run, Pa., being there engaged in the livery business for seven years. Since 1904 he has been the proprietor of his present business at Indiana, where he has large stables, fully equipped, and enjoys an extensive patronage.

In March, 1877, Mr. Moorhead was married to Emma A. Stephens, daughter of John Stephens, and to this union there have been born five children: Lulu, unmarried, who is a trained nurse in the Indiana hospital; Thomas J.; Blair, attending the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor; and Lisle and Elva, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in political matters he is an independent Republican.

Thomas J. Moorhead, son of Frank and Emma A. (Stephens) Moorhead, was born on his father's farm in Cherryhill township July

20, 1883, and was educated in the public schools, following which he taught school for five years. When his father removed to Indiana, Pa., the son accompanied him, and has since been associated with him in the livery business. On Jan. 27, 1903, Thomas J. Moorhead was married at Penn Run, Pa., to Margaret Viola Frantz, daughter of George E. and Margaret Frantz, and to this union there have been born four children: Kenneth, Quentin, D. Wright Frantz and Robert Blair. Like his father Mr. Moorhead is a Republican in his political views, and he and Mrs. Moorhead are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN H. BUTERBAUGH, manager of the Dixon Run Lumber Company, at Lovejoy, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Green township, this county, Oct. 29, 1877, son of Amariah N. and Sarah (Houck) Buterbaugh. William Buterbaugh, his great-grandfather, was born in Maryland, from which State he moved to Pennsylvania, settling first in Huntingdon county and later in Indiana county. He was the father of eight children.

John Buterbaugh, son of William and grandfather of John H. Buterbaugh, was born in Maryland in 1799, and lived to the age of ninety-six years. He accompanied his father to Pennsylvania and after living in Huntingdon county several years settled in what is now known as Pleasant Valley, in Green township, Indiana county, the family acquiring 300 acres of land. In October, 1831, John Buterbaugh married Elizabeth Learn, a daughter of John Learn, and to them thirteen children were born, seven daughters and six sons: The eldest born, Mary, was the wife of John Cook, and both are deceased. Elizabeth married A. K. Reed, and both are deceased. Henry L. and Levi are deceased. Simon is a resident of Indiana. Sarah A. is the widow of D. P. Reed. Susan married Franklin Nupp, who served in the Civil war, and they live at Windber. Isaac lives in Cherryhill township, Indiana county. Catherine, who is deceased, was the wife of H. W. Baker. Ella is deceased. Amariah N. was the third youngest in order of birth. Andrew is a resident of Indiana, and the youngest died in infancy. After coming to Indiana county the father of the above family engaged in the milling business, erecting a saw and grist mill. He was a shrewd and successful business man, but was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and no inducement could be brought to bear that would lead him to

operate his mills on Sunday. He was fond of hunting and was a fine shot.

Amariah N. Buterbaugh, son of John and father of John H. Buterbaugh, attended the schools of Green township and lived on the farm settled by his father until he was fifty years of age. In 1900 he moved to Windber and there embarked in the mercantile business, conducting a store for four years. In the fall of 1903 he came to the present site of Lovejoy, although at that time there was no town organization. However, there was promise of rapid settlement, which has been fulfilled. Mr. Buterbaugh conducted a store here for several years and was appointed the first postmaster, an office he has since held. On Nov. 2, 1871, he was married to Sarah Houck, who was born in Green township Oct. 13, 1851, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Myers) Houck. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh have had the following children: Harry R., who lives at Starford, married Minerva Fleming, of Green township, and they have two daughters, Mary and Leona; Elizabeth Ollie, who is the wife of T. H. Fleming, has two children James Amariah and Beatrice, and lives at Windber; Agnes is the wife of S. A. Fridler, of Starford; John Henry, who is manager of the Dixon Run Lumber Company of Lovejoy, married Mary Kimmel, of Bedford county; Bertha, the youngest member of the family, is the wife of M. L. McKeown, of Josephine, Pa., and they have three children, Robert Wallace, Louise Ulrica and Sarah Pauline.

Henry Houck, the maternal grandfather of John H. Buterbaugh, was born in Germany, and was seven years old when his parents brought him to the United States. They settled in Pennsylvania, securing land first in Rayne township, Indiana county, and moving later to Green township, and there Henry Houck continued to follow farming and stock raising until the end of his life. He died about 1898, near Purchase Line, in Green township. He married Elizabeth Myers, who was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and they had the following children: David R., William H., George F., Joseph, Sarah, Hannah and Henry H.

John H. Buterbaugh was educated in the schools of Green township, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for several years. Later he engaged in the bottling business at Starford, where he conducted an establishment for some time, and subsequently engaged in contracting with his brother, Harry R. In 1911

he accepted the position of manager for the Dixon Run Lumber Company, of Lovejoy, an office which he has continued to hold to the present time.

On Dec. 25, 1901, Mr. Buterbaugh was married to Mary Kimmel, of Bedford county, Pa., daughter of John and Catherine (Corle) Kimmel, natives of Bedford county, where they now reside. Five children have been born to this union: Alta, L. Chalmer, Sarah M., Henry C. and Elmer E. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CLARENCE B. RHEA, who is carrying on agricultural operations in Young township, and is also the proprietor of a livery business near Jacksonville, Indiana Co., Pa., was born Sept. 12, 1879, in Center township, Indiana county, and is a son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Stutzel) Rhea.

William Rhea, the paternal grandfather of Clarence B. Rhea, was born May 10, 1805, in Center township, Indiana county, and there spent his entire life on a well-cultivated farm, on which he made numerous improvements, including a brick residence, barn and other buildings. During his declining years he was tenderly cared for by his daughter-in-law, the wife of his son Alexander Rhea, and to her he willed the farm in appreciation of her loving devotion. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which he died, and he was buried at Jacksonville cemetery. In political matters he was a Republican, although he was never an office seeker, and took only a good citizen's interest in matters of a public nature. On Dec. 21, 1826, he was married to Ann McFarlin, who was born Sept. 3, 1803, and died Sept. 20, 1857, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church; she was buried in Jacksonville cemetery.

Alexander Rhea, son of William Rhea, and father of Clarence B. Rhea, was born Dec. 5, 1831, in Center township, Indiana county, and there received his education in the district schools and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He always remained on the homestead place, where he became extensively engaged in raising cattle and dealing in cattle and horses, in this line being known all over the county. His reputation was that of an upright, honest citizen, with the highest business principles, and while he met with reverses in his ventures he never lost the confidence of those who were associated with him in any of his enterprises. Progress-

ive in his ideas, and possessed of great public spirit, he was instrumental in advancing the interests of his community in a material manner, and throughout Indiana county he could boast of a host of friends and well-wishers. Politically he was a Republican. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and was laid to rest in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana.

Alexander Rhea was united in marriage with Elizabeth Stutchel, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Kunkle) Stutchel, and she still survives, living at Jacksonville, where she is an active member of the United Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: Anna, born Sept. 20, 1864, married Dudley C. Lyons, of Derry township, Westmoreland county; Laura J., born Jan. 10, 1866, married Stewart Graham Sept. 1, 1887; William B. T., born Aug. 1, 1867, married Mary Barkley, and is a resident of Youngwood, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Henry H., born Jan. 13, 1870, is residing in Young township; Albert T., born Sept. 11, 1871, is deceased; George W., born Sept. 21, 1873, was married March 13, 1902, to Mary Kunkle; Calvin A., born Jan. 23, 1877, was married Feb. 22, 1904, to Minnie Gillen, and resides in Illinois; Clarence B. is mentioned below; Charles W., born Dec. 15, 1881, died Jan. 9, 1882; Lillis M., born May 9, 1884, died Sept. 18, 1884; Leslie H., born Sept. 20, 1886, married Margaret Cooper, and is engaged in farming in Illinois.

Clarence B. Rhea, son of Alexander Rhea, received his education in the public schools of Center township, and worked at home with his father until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he accepted a position in the lumber and saw mill of J. E. Frick, of Indiana, there becoming thoroughly conversant with all the details of the business. In 1900 he embarked in the manufacture of lumber, with a portable sawmill, and during the next ten years conducted a successful business, cutting and sawing lumber in Young, Cone-maugh, Blacklick and Center townships, principally under contract to railroad companies, furnishing ties and other building material to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the B. R. & P. Railroad Company. In the meantime, in 1907, Mr. Rhea began agricultural operations, on the T. S. Neal farm near Jacksonville, a tract of 118 acres which he has been cultivating ever since. Here he erected a fine dwelling house and remodeled the barn and other buildings, made modern improvements of all kinds, and now has one of the

finest tracts of its size in Indiana county. In connection with his farm he has established a livery stable, where he keeps horses and buggies for hire, and during the past three years has also operated a steam power threshing outfit during the season, in Young and adjoining townships. He has met with gratifying success in all of his ventures, and the position he has gained is all the more satisfactory in that it has been attained entirely through the medium of his own efforts. In political matters Mr. Rhea is a Republican, but he is no office seeker, although in 1911 he was appointed supervisor of roads, and in 1912 was elected to that office for a term of four years.

In 1900 Mr. Rhea was married to Martha Olive Lyons, daughter of Alexander Lyons, and they have had seven children: Oliver Boyd, Clarence P., Olive Lyons, Glenn, two who died in infancy, and William Howard.

On the maternal side, Mr. Rhea is descended from an old and honored family of Indiana county, which was founded here by John Stutchel, his great-great-grandfather, who came to White township in 1785, and whose children were: Abraham, who married Barbara Lydiek; Christopher; Jacob, who married Margaret Fairman; Mary, who married John McHenry; and a daughter who married a Mr. Caldwell.

Christopher Stutchel, son of John Stutchel, was a farmer of White township, and served as a soldier during the war of 1812. His wife's name was Elizabeth, and they had several children.

Thomas Stutchel, son of Christopher, and grandfather of Clarence B. Rhea, was born March 31, 1810, and spent his life in White township, Indiana county, where he was married May 20, 1841, to Margaret Kunkle, who was born March 1, 1826, and they had several children.

Elizabeth Stutchel, daughter of Thomas Stutchel, was born Oct. 15, 1843, married Alexander Rhea, a farmer of Center township, and still survives, making her home in Jacksonville.

SAMUEL W. SHEARER, general farmer and stock raiser of White township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born on the farm which he now occupies April 10, 1866, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hobaugh) Shearer.

Samuel Shearer, the father, was born in Ireland, and as a young man emigrated to the United States, first settling in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, where he was married,

his wife being a native of that section. In April, 1866, he came to Indiana county and settled on the farm now occupied by his son Samuel W. Shearer, and there he was engaged in farming until his death, which occurred March 8, 1883. His wife survived him a few years, and died in September, 1887. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Robert, a resident of Vintondale, Pa.; Sarah, who is the wife of A. C. Ferrier, of Indiana, Pa.; Anna, who married William Oberlin, of Mechanicsburg; George, who is deceased; Samuel W.; Ida, the wife of Harry Brincks, of Brushvalley township, Indiana county; and Thomas, who resides in White township.

Samuel W. Shearer, son of Samuel, was educated in the schools of White township, and from boyhood has been engaged in agricultural pursuits on the old homestead, of which he has been the owner since the death of his father. In addition to general farming he carries on stock raising, and his intelligent and well-directed efforts have brought him deserved success. Possessed of modern ideas, he uses up-to-date methods in his work, and the result has been the development of one of the finest properties of its size in his part of the county. Mr. Shearer stands for advancement along all lines, supports movements which promise beneficial results, and has acceptably served as supervisor and school director of his township.

Mr. Shearer was married to Laura Klingenberg, of Indiana, Pa., who died leaving five children: Sherman, Arthur, Harry, Clyde and Mabel. On Dec. 21, 1909, Mr. Shearer married (second) Elizabeth Carnahan, who was born in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Israel and Nancy (Anthony) Carnahan, farming people who still live in Armstrong township. One child has been born to this union, Mildred. With his wife and children Mr. Shearer attends the Lutheran Church at Indiana, Pa. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World.

GEORGE W. McCULLOUGH, who during the last thirty-five years has been cultivating a valuable farm in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Montgomery township, that county, March 24, 1848, a son of David and Rachel (Lovelace) McCullough.

John McCullough, the paternal grandfather of George W. McCullough, spent his early life in Shelocta, Indiana county, but later moved to Burnside township, Clearfield Co., Pa., where he cleared a farm and en-

gaged in farming, passing the rest of his life in that locality.

David McCullough, son of John and father of George W. McCullough, was born in Shelocta, Indiana Co., Pa., and was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed in Montgomery township for many years. In 1870 he moved to Cookport, and there his death occurred March 27, 1888. He married Rachel Lovelace, who was born in York county, Pa., and came to Indiana county with her sister when both were young women, the other members of her family following some time later. Her death occurred Dec. 25, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough had six children, of whom two died young, the others being: George W.; Bruce, who lives on the old homestead in Montgomery township; Dr. Harmon L., a physician and surgeon of Cookport; and Samuel I., a merchant of Cookport.

William Lovelace, the maternal grandfather of George W. McCullough, was a native of York county, Pa., and there his entire life was passed, his energies being devoted to agricultural pursuits.

George W. McCullough attended the district schools of Montgomery township, but the greater part of his life has been spent in Green township, and since 1878 he has carried on farming on his present property, which is on the Lovejoy R. F. D. route.

On July 5, 1877, Mr. McCullough was married to Lucy C. Baker, who was born in Green township, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Cook) Baker, early settlers of Green township, where Mr. Baker followed farming throughout his life. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McCullough: David, now deceased; and Rachel, who married Howard R. Spicher, of Green township, and has two children, Helen and George.

GEORGE W. KELLY, retired business man of Dixonville, Indiana county, has long been a resident of that place, and conducted a tannery there for a period of twenty-five years. He was born near Mechanicsburg, this county, in Brushvalley township, Jan. 26, 1847, son of James T. Kelly. John Kelly, his grandfather, was of Irish extraction and was born at Saltsburg, Indiana county.

James T. Kelly was born at Saltsburg and became a farmer in his early life, later engaging in tanning. He conducted a tannery in Brushvalley township before the war, remaining there until his death, which occurred in 1865. He was in the Union army through part of the Civil war, serving from Indiana

county in the 12th Pennsylvania Reserves, in which he held the rank of first lieutenant. He married Eliza Overdoff, a native of York county, Pa., daughter of John Overdoff, who came thence to Indiana county and settled in Brushvalley township, passing the remainder of his life in this county and dying in 1870. Mr. Overdoff was a farmer and carpenter. Mrs. Eliza (Overdoff) Kelly died in 1898, the mother of five children: Mary, who is the wife of W. W. Altemus, of Brushvalley township; John, deceased; George W.; Taylor, a resident of Homer City, this county; and Robert, deceased.

George W. Kelly grew up in Brushvalley township and received his education in the schools there. During the Civil war he enlisted, in 1863, in Company G, 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for six months, was discharged at Pittsburg, and re-enlisted in the 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He received his second discharge at Richmond, Va. Mr. Kelly saw considerable active service, taking part in many skirmishes. Returning to Brushvalley township at the end of his service he worked on the farm for a time and then learned tanning, going to Homer City, this county, where he was engaged at his trade. Afterward he embarked in business at Mechanicsburg, this county, where he was located for one year, and then engaged in business at Nolo, this county, where he remained three years. At the end of that time, in 1876, he came to Dixonville, where he has since lived and where he continued to follow tanning until his retirement, doing business here for twenty-five years. He established an excellent reputation for high-class work and honorable dealing, and stood well among local business men and all with whom he came in contact.

In 1876 Mr. Kelly married Julia A. Ehart, a native of Indiana county, born Jan. 8, 1856, at Saltsburg, daughter of Philip and Jane (Longwell) Ehart, the former of whom was born near Saltsburg, the latter in Westmoreland county. Mr. and Mrs. Ehart are both deceased. They had a family of seven children, one son and six daughters: Sarah E., who is the wife of William B. Thompson, of Johnstown, Pa.; Julia A., Mrs. Kelly; Cordelia A., wife of Robert Adams, of Pine township, this county; Parmela J., wife of W. W. Moorhead, of Green township, this county; Mary E., deceased; Thomas, deceased; and May, wife of Charles Lynn, of Cokeville, Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have had two daughters: Bertha is the wife of J. H. Burkett, of Dixonville, and has four children, Julia C., Mabel L., George and Irene; Portia P. is the wife of Thomas A. Walker, of Verona, Allegheny county, Pa., and has two sons, Clair and George. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the G. A. R., is a Republican in politics, and has served as school director of Green township.

THOMAS LUCAS, one of the venerable citizens of White township, Indiana county, where for many years he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born in Armstrong township, this county, Sept. 16, 1827, and is a son of William and Naney (Lowman) Lucas.

Samuel Lucas, the paternal grandfather of Thomas Lucas, was born in Ireland, and came to the United States as a young man, taking up land west of the town of Indiana, in Indiana county, Pa., where he acquired 400 acres. There he spent the remainder of his life.

William Lucas, son of Samuel Lucas, was born in Indiana county, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed all of his life in White township. He died at an advanced age, his widow surviving several years, and both are buried in White township. They had a family of children as follows: Eliza, Dean and John, all deceased; William, a resident of Homer, Pa.; Thomas; David and Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Thomas Simpson, of Homer; and Martha, deceased.

Abram Lowman, the maternal grandfather of Thomas Lucas, was of Dutch descent, and one of Indiana county's earliest settlers. He was a farmer in this county all of his life, and attained advanced years.

Thomas Lucas, son of William Lucas, received his early education in a primitive log schoolhouse in Armstrong township, where he was instructed in the "three R's" and given such training and discipline as the institutions of his day afforded. During the summer months he worked untiringly as a farm hand, carefully saving his earnings and investing them. He continued to remain in Armstrong township until 1872, in which year he came to White township, of which he has been a resident for more than forty years. His success has been commensurate with his industrious and continued labor; each year has seen him adding to his acreage or the improvements on his broad lands, and he is justly considered one of the most substantial

men of his township. He has been overseer of the poor for three years, and for thirty years served in the capacity of supervisor of White township, in which offices he demonstrated his general worth and executive ability.

In 1861 Mr. Lucas was married to Julia Ann McNeal, who was born in White township, daughter of John and Jane McNeal, early settlers of Indiana county. Mrs. Lucas died in 1895, the mother of the following children: William, who is deceased; Clara, who married Harry Eiseman, of Indiana, and has one daughter, Martha; Margaret, who is deceased; John, a resident of Homer City, Pa., who has six children, Howard, Harry, Murray, Thomas, Pearl and Anna; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Robert Young, and had two children, James (deceased) and Phyllis; Thomas, living with his father, who married Olive Lydic and has had five children, Edwin, Julia, Frank, Gladys and one who died in infancy; Addison, a resident of Butler, Pa., and Nancy, deceased. Mr. Lucas has several great-grandchildren. He is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and a staunch supporter of all movements intended to promote morality, education and good citizenship.

JOHN JACOB ANTHONY, of Armstrong township, Indiana county, has been successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in connection with threshing and sawmilling all his active life. He is an enterprising citizen of his neighborhood, and has made a substantial place for himself among its most valuable residents. Mr. Anthony was born in Armstrong township April 28, 1864, son of David W. Anthony and grandson of William Anthony.

William Anthony owned a tract of 175 acres in Armstrong township, which was a wilderness when he settled upon it, coming hither from York county, Pa. He was one of the pioneer residents of that region, and Anthony's run, which passes in front of the farm of his grandson, John Jacob Anthony, was named for him. He built a log house, and was engaged the rest of his active life in clearing and cultivating his land.

David W. Anthony, son of William, was a farmer all his life. He lived for a time on his father's tract of 175 acres, but eventually sold it and went west to Kansas, settling at Olathe, where he farmed for a year. Returning to Indiana county, Pa., he bought the Allison farm of 112 acres in Armstrong town-

ship, upon which he was engaged the remainder of his life in farming. He was an active citizen of his community, serving his township as supervisor and school director. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church at Curry Run, and served on the building committee. He is buried in the cemetery of that church. Politically Mr. Anthony was a Republican.

Mr. Anthony married Margaret Miller, who was born in Armstrong township, daughter of Hugh and Sarah (McCurdy) Miller, of New Alexandria, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and they had children as follows: Nancy, married Israel Carnahan (mentioned elsewhere in this work); Elizabeth married James Campbell; Minnie married R. W. Fulton and (second) Sansom Pershing; William married Edith Bothell, and both are deceased; Harry died in infancy; John Jacob is mentioned below.

The Miller family has been settled in this part of Pennsylvania for many years. Samuel Miller, Mrs. Anthony's grandfather, came to Indiana county from Westmoreland county, where he was a farmer. He settled near Jacksonville. He was married twice, his first wife, Margaret, the mother of his children, dying in Westmoreland county. His second marriage, which took place in Indiana county, was to Miss E. Bell. His children were: Ellen married John Taylor; James married Margaret Miller; Sarah; Hugh married Sarah McCurdy; Samuel G. married Mary Keener; John married Mary Irwin and Mary McPhileney; Ann married Peter Keener; Martin married Hannah Simpson; Alexander married Mary Elder; William married Elizabeth Coleman; Richard married Sarah Dillinger; Jane married James Blakely; Eliza married Samuel Davis; Margaret married Samuel McCurdy.

John Jacob Anthony had limited educational advantages, but he had more than the average amount of practical experience in his younger days. He worked on the farm with his father until the latter's death, and he now owns a 138-acre farm in Armstrong township, where he lives and carries on general agricultural pursuits. At one time he ran a sawmill, and he now owns a half interest in one. He also owns a threshing outfit, and is engaged in threshing during the season, combining these various lines very profitably with farming. Mr. Anthony has long been a chicken fancier and has made a specialty of poultry and eggs for his market products. He has over six hundred chickens at present, principally White Leghorns.

On April 28, 1887, Mr. Anthony married Mary Ann Swasy, of Center township, member of a family, which has long been settled in New York State, many of the name being found on Long Island, in central and northern New York, as well as in New Jersey and elsewhere. It has been spelled in various ways. John Swasy, Mrs. Anthony's grandfather, the founder of the branch in Indiana county, Pa., was a native of New York State, and crossed the Allegheny mountains when a young man, looking for a location where he could make a home. He settled not far from what is now Homer City, in Center township, this county, where he engaged in farming and passed the remainder of his life, dying on his farm. He owned a tract of 112 acres. His wife, whose maiden name was Bonner, also died on the homestead. They were members of the M. E. Church. Three children were born to this pioneer couple: Rebecca, who died unmarried; John; and Jane, who died unmarried.

John Swasy, son of John, was born May 21, 1824, on the farm in Center township, and attended subscription school in the neighborhood. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life on the homestead, was a hard worker, and became a much respected citizen of his locality. He died on the farm July 18, 1895, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. Mr. Swasy was a member of the M. E. Church at Homer City. In political association he was a Democrat, but he never took any part in public matters. On Nov. 17, 1846, he was married, in White township, this county, to Sarah B. Allison, who survived him, residing on the home farm until her death, Aug. 17, 1912. She became the mother of five children: Martha married Houston Monshower and resides in Worcester, Mass.; John Harrison married Matilda Lyons and lives in Blacklick township; Hannah, wife of Lemuel Kunkle, resides on the homestead in Center township; Mary Ann married John Jacob Anthony, of Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa.; Robert Allison makes his home at Erie, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Anthony is a Republican in political matters, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have had two children: Iva, who is at home; and Arthur, who died when six years old.

JOHN B. SIVERD, who is the owner of a valuable farm in Green township, Indiana county, and also engaged in mercantile pur-

suits near Lovejoy, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Oct. 1, 1854, son of John and Susan (Boly) Siverd.

Jacob Siverd, the paternal grandfather, was born in Germany, and on coming to the United States settled in Lancaster county, Pa., there spending the rest of his life in tilling the soil.

John Siverd, son of Jacob Siverd, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., in April, 1829, and at the age of twenty-nine years came to Indiana county, settling first at Blairsville, where he remained two years. He then went to Brushvalley township and embarked in the woolen manufacturing business, later removing to Mechanicsburg, and from the latter city went to Marion Center, but about four years later located in Huntingdon county and started a mill. Subsequently he went to Allegheny county, where he remained for a short period, then returning to Marion Center, and again opening a mill. He later left the latter city and went to West Lebanon, then spent some time in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, and after a short stay in the town of New Florence, Westmoreland county, finally settled in Waco, Texas, where his death occurred in 1894. His wife died in Indiana county May 28, 1891, the mother of eleven children, as follows: John B.; Jacob, now a resident of Des Moines, Iowa; George, who lives in Montreal, Canada; Frank, a resident of Springdale, Allegheny Co., Pa.; Grant, who lives in Pittsburg; Melissa, wife of James Davis, of McKeesport, Pa.; Ellsworth; Hersey, who is deceased; Meduca, wife of Samuel Davis, of Pittsburg; Tillie, the widow of Lee Hurt, residing in Waco, Texas; and Robert, who lives in Wheeling, West Virginia.

John B. Siverd attended school in Brushvalley and Green townships, Indiana county, and as a young man learned woolen manufacturing with his father, being associated with him in business for some time. The close confinement, however, impaired his health, and he turned his attention to farming in Rayne township. Later he came to Green township and purchased the farm which he is now operating, and for a time was employed in the lumber and mill business. For some time he has engaged in mercantile pursuits in connection with farming. His ventures have proved uniformly successful and he is considered one of the substantial men of his locality.

Mr. Siverd was married March 29, 1877, to Mary Catherine Lydick, who was born March 8, 1853, in Indiana county, daughter of Rob-



ert A. and Nancy A. Lydick, and eight children have been born to this union, namely: R. Lindon, a resident of Green township, who married Alice Hadden and has had three children, Dean, Florence (deceased) and Grant; Burdette, who married Zoe Gibson, a native of Indiana county, and has three children, Edith, Edna and Olive; Pearl, residing at home; Sadie Lula (deceased), wife of Norman Boucher, of Green township, who had two children, Grace and Ruth; Meda M. and John B., Jr., at home; Elsie, the wife of Robert Sinclair, of Clymer, Pa.; and Claire, who lives with his parents.

In political matters Mr. Siverd is a Republican, and has been chosen to fill a number of township offices, acting in the capacity of township collector, road commissioner and constable of Green township, in all of which positions he has shown his worth and efficiency. He and Mrs. Siverd are well-known members of the Presbyterian Church.

LEWIS M. THOMAS was engaged in farming in Armstrong township, Indiana county, before his removal to the borough of Indiana, where he is now living retired. His paternal ancestors were Welsh, and his grandfather, Jesse Thomas, was born in Luzerne county, Pa., where he lived for years, coming thence to Indiana county, where he died. He followed farming. By his second wife, whose maiden name was Hunter, he had six children, namely: Dubre, Amos, Lewis, Margaret, Naomi and Anna.

Dubre Thomas, father of Lewis M. Thomas, was born and reared in Luzerne county, Pa. He became a farmer and stock dealer, following those lines in his native county until he removed to Indiana county, Pa., where he first settled in Washington township. There he engaged in general farming and stock raising, and for over twenty-two years drove cattle to the eastern cities. He had a farm of 100 acres there. In 1853 he removed to Armstrong township and bought the Shoemaker tract of 110 acres, to which he added from time to time until he had 340 acres, which was divided between his sons Jesse and Lewis. He was a trusted as well as successful man, in addition to looking after his private affairs settling many estates, crying sales, etc. He married in Indiana county Mary Heflefinger, of Armstrong township, daughter of James Heflefinger, and they moved to Indiana, where they died, he at the age of seventy-two, Mrs. Thomas reaching the advanced age of ninety-two. They are

buried in Oakland cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was deacon and trustee for a long period, and he was a Republican in his political views. He served as constable for years, and also held the office of overseer of the poor in Indiana township. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had four children: Peter, an orchardist, who died in Kansas, married Fannie Williams, whose father was a minister; Margaret married R. M. Fleming, a carpenter; Jesse, who is still on the old home farm in Armstrong township, married Julia Robinson; and Lewis M. is mentioned below.

Lewis M. Thomas was born November 3, 1842, in Washington township, and grew to manhood in Armstrong township. He went to school until he was eighteen years old. During the Civil war he enlisted for nine months' service, in Company A, 135th P. V. I., which was attached to the Army of the Cumberland. Six months after entering the service he was taken ill with typhoid fever in Washington city, and he spent ten weeks in the Catholic Sisters' hospital there. By that time his father had hunted him up, and he came home to get better, after which he started out to rejoin his command. He was not allowed to go back to the field, however, on account of the state of his health, and remained at Little York, Pa., where he was discharged at the expiration of his term. When able he resumed work on the home farm, and when his father removed to the borough of Indiana he and his brother Jesse took charge of its cultivation, in time dividing the land. Mr. Thomas continued to engage in farming until 1886, since which time he has made his home in Indiana. His home is at No. 950 Church street. He was a progressive and enterprising agriculturist, and made a thorough success of his undertakings.

In Armstrong township Mr. Thomas married Mary Atkinson, of that township, daughter of George and Lizzie (Kerr) Atkinson, and four children were born to them, namely: Ida, who died young; Dubre, who died in Denver, Colo. (he was in the lumber business); Bessie, living at home; and Edward, a newspaper man of the State of Indiana. The mother of this family died, aged forty-one years. Mr. Thomas's second marriage was to Mary Fleming, of Armstrong township, daughter of John and Evelyn (Thomas) Fleming, and three children have been born to this union: Edna, who is at home; Harry Ira; and Robert Emerson.

Socially Mr. Thomas belongs to the Knights

of Honor and to the G. A. R. (Post No. 28), and his religious connection is with the M. E. Church. He is a Republican on political issues.

**WAGNER.** The establishment of the Wagner family in the United States dates back several generations, and the founder was a German by birth.

Michael Wagner, great-grandfather of John W. Wagner and great-great-grandfather of Joseph S. Wagner, of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, was born in Germany, and came to the United States, settling in York county, Pennsylvania.

Michael Wagner, Jr., son of Michael Wagner mentioned above, was born in York county, and died in West Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa. He married Ann Sides, daughter of Adam and Ann (Stevely) Sides, who was also a native of York county, and they both are buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery in West Wheatfield township. Their children were: Jacob is mentioned fully below; John, who married Rebecca St. Clair Campbell, resided in Brushvalley; Michael, who married Sarah Duncan, resided in Brushvalley; Sarah married James Mack; Ann died young; Lydia married Levi Walbeck. In 1820 the father of this family came from York county to West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, being then in young manhood. Ambitious, he settled on what is now the St. Clair farm of 200 acres, and developed it until he was one of the substantial agriculturalists of his day. He and his family belonged to the German Lutheran Church in his neighborhood, of which he was a founder, and he served on the building committee that put up a new place of worship. Politically he was a Democrat.

Jacob Wagner, born Jan. 20, 1821, in West Wheatfield township, died May 4, 1901. He married Sarah Walbeck, who was born in York county, came to Indiana county when seven years old, and died Dec. 30, 1886, aged seventy-four years, one month, twenty-four days. She was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Sides) Walbeck, of West Wheatfield township. The children born to Jacob and Sarah Wagner were: Lydia married John Huston and had children, Harry and Edna; Annie died young; John W., of West Wheatfield township, is mentioned at length below; Joseph W. married Naomi Specht (children, Fern Dare and Elizabeth), and resides in Somerset county, Pa.; Michael

Walbeck married Susan Mock, and they had fourteen children, Jacob O., William B., John M., Mary, Carl, Ord, Chester, Ray, Laura, Dewey, Pearl, Odessa, Ann and Emma (they reside at Heshbon, West Wheatfield township); Sarah Emma is unmarried and resides in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Wagner attended the common schools of West Wheatfield township, and learned the rudiments of farming with his father. When he was twenty-two years old he bought the Creig farm of fifty acres, to which he later added 200 acres, erecting on his property a large dwelling house and barn, and becoming one of the prosperous farmers and stockmen of his township. During the Civil war, when his country had need of his services, he proved his patriotism by enlisting in Company H, 206th Pennsylvania Infantry, serving one year under Col. Hugh J. Brady. He was placed on guard at the Lee homestead, and was one of the first to march on to Richmond. At the close of the war he resumed farming, and continued actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. Experience taught him the wisdom of operating his farm intelligently, and of adopting new methods, and his property showed the result of his efforts. In him the German Lutheran Church had a faithful member and representative elder, he giving his support to the congregation in West Wheatfield township. Although he had many interests, he found his truest pleasure with his family, and welcomed his friends to his home, where he dispensed a delightful old-time hospitality that is still gratefully remembered.

**JOHN WALBECK WAGNER** was born Nov. 12, 1845, in West Wheatfield township, and married March 26, 1868, Ermina J. Carnahan, daughter of William and Elizabeth McClellan (Steel) Carnahan, of West Wheatfield township. Children as follows have been born to this marriage: J. Ord, born Sept. 3, 1869, died Oct. 24, 1889; he was for six years a public school teacher in Indiana county. William Erwin, born Nov. 16, 1870, married Lois Dancer, and is a farmer and stockman on 640 acres of land in Alberta, Canada. Perie Emma was born April 15, 1872, married M. L. Luther, who is farming in West Wheatfield township. Charles Luther, born Jan. 6, 1878, now an employee of the Cambria Steel Company, of Johnstown, Pa., married Annie Skiles, and has two children, Charles Kenneth and Maurice A. Joseph Sides is mentioned at length below. John Earl, born Dec. 20, 1882, married Mary

B. Sowers, of Homer City, Indiana Co., Pa., and has children, J. Earl, Jr., and Mary C. Loyal LeRoy, born Feb. 4, 1884, married Pearl M. Kern, and resides at Indiana Harbor, Ind., and they have one child, Richard K. Marlin A., born April 4, 1888, is spoken of below; and four children died in infancy.

Of the above mentioned children, several deserve special mention. John Earl Wagner served in Company I, 5th Pennsylvania Guards, of Johnstown. He was educated in the common schools of Armagh, where he was under the instruction of Professors Stewart and Campbell, and at the Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, and at present lives at Cleveland, being a civil engineer and draughtsman. Another son, Marlin A. Wagner, also served in the militia. He attended the university at Ada, Ohio, where he studied civil engineering in all its branches, and while there was captain of the militia of Ada, Ohio. When he left school his classmates presented him a handsome gold mounted sword. At present he is following his profession with the Cambria Steel Company of Johnstown.

John Walbeck Wagner, father of the above mentioned children, was given a more careful educational training than fell to the lot of many of his period and locality, for after he had attended the common schools of his township he was sent to a select school. Until 1865 he worked with his father, and then bought from the latter a farm of 100 acres, on which he put up a good residence and two barns. Since then he has made farming his life work, and has achieved more than ordinary success. He has set out about two thousand fruit trees, having now a magnificent orchard, of peaches, apples, plums and cherries. Since these trees have begun bearing Mr. Wagner has specialized on fruit growing. He also carries on general farming, stock raising and dairying, all of his produce finding a ready market on account of its superior quality. A man of accurate habits, he enters into nothing heedlessly, but works with a definite aim ahead, and in consequence reaps greater profits than many who operate without a full realization of the necessities of the situation. He ships his fruit to Johnstown.

Like his father, during the Civil war Mr. Wagner bore a gun and wore the uniform of his country, as a private in Company K, 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Daniel Killin and Col. Hugh J. Brady, serving from October, 1862, to Aug.

8, 1863, in the South. He was on reserve and picket duty. Returning home, he resumed the peaceful agricultural duties his military service had interrupted. Although his career as a soldier ended many years ago, Mr. Wagner has never ceased to fight the battles of humanity against wrong-doing, and as a Progressive Republican is upholding sound principles to this day. He has been township treasurer, holding that office for fourteen years, and for twenty-three years has been a school director. For the last twenty years he has been a trustee of the German Lutheran Church of West Wheatfield township, to which he has belonged for a long period. Mrs. Wagner is one of the most esteemed residents of the township, and her children lay their success in life to the effect of her influence upon them. Mr. Wagner is one of the best farmers and orchardists in Indiana county, and is a recognized authority upon matters pertaining to fruit culture.

JOSEPH SIDES WAGNER was born in West Wheatfield township Dec. 31, 1874. On Aug. 31, 1896, he married Addie Cunningham, daughter of David and Catherine (Campbell) Cunningham, of Brushvalley township, and they have become the parents of the following children: Robert, born Nov. 10, 1897, in Brushvalley township; Madie, born April 4, 1899, in Somerset county, Pa.; John Harold, born Feb. 15, 1902, in New Florence, Pa.; and Exie, born Aug. 4, 1905, in New Florence.

After attending the common schools of West Wheatfield township Mr. Wagner went to the select school kept by Professor Campbell, receiving the benefit of that learned instructor's training. While thus engaged he worked with his father, and continued with him until he attained his majority. At that time he was in the lumber business in Somerset county, Pa., and conducted it for a year. After several changes, during which time he rented land, Mr. Wagner bought the McNealy farm of 180 acres in 1906. This property is in West Wheatfield township, which locality has been the scene of so much valuable agricultural work on the part of his forebears that it was but natural that he should settle there too. His farm is conveniently located on the clay pike, one mile from Clyde. As soon as he bought his property Mr. Wagner began making improvements upon it, and in 1909 put up his handsome \$4,000 barn, which is one of the best in the county. It was constructed according to the latest models of sanitary building, and the plans have received universal ap-

proval from other agriculturists. Like his father, Mr. Wagner believes in fruit culture, and has already set out over five hundred fruit trees, purposing to devote considerable attention to his orchard culture in the future. Realizing the worth of advanced agriculture and intensive farming, Mr. Wagner has supplied his farm with modern machinery and is trying to make his land produce to its fullest extent. His excellent location gives him a good market, and his produce is sought by those who appreciate first-class articles.

Although he has never felt he had the time to devote himself conscientiously to the duties of public office, Mr. Wagner has done his duty as a citizen in endeavoring to secure good government and the improvement of existing conditions, and as a Republican has yielded his party loyal service. Like his father's family, he and his family are members of the German Lutheran Church. Although he no longer lives in his childhood home, his parents are very dear to him, and he visits them regularly and frequently, in every way possible making pleasant their declining years. As a son, husband, father and citizen, Mr. Wagner has always done his duty as he saw it, and is justly numbered among the substantial men and successful agriculturists of his section of Indiana county.

**STUART J. SIDES**, a well-known farmer and lumberman of Burrell township, Indiana county, was born in the county, in West Wheatfield township, Aug. 14, 1866. The family has been settled there for over a century, his great-grandfather, Adam Sides, having come to this section from York county, Pa., and settled in what is known now as Germany, in West Wheatfield township. This was about the year 1800. He married Ann Stevely.

Joseph Sides, son of Adam and Ann (Stevely) Sides, lived in East Wheatfield township. He married Eve Walbeck, and their children were: Adam; Catherine, who married Joseph Duncan; Annie, who married Thomas Wakefield; Samuel, who married Margaret Brentlinger; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Hendricks; Jacob; Lydia, who married Daniel Winebrenner; Sarah Jane, who married John Huston; Charles; and Joseph.

Adam Sides, son of Joseph and Eve (Walbeck) Sides, was born in 1829. He remained on the homestead until the year 1874, when he bought a farm in Burrell township, near Blairsville and located thereon. This place

was known as the Allison Loughry farm and consisted of 156 acres, of which only part was cleared. Here he erected a house and barn and made other improvements, being an active, wide-awake farmer. He died May 18, 1911, at the age of eighty-two years, and was buried in the Blairsville cemetery. A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he was a class leader and active in all church work. He was a Republican in politics.

Mr. Sides married Nancy Daugherty, daughter of Peter Daugherty, of Centerville, Pa., and she preceded him to the grave, dying May 28, 1910; she was buried in the Blairsville cemetery. Nine children were born to this marriage: Sophia, who married Jacob Gerhard; Joseph M., of Lincoln, Nebr., a retired stockman and farmer; Ella, married to Joseph Mack, of Derry, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased; Eva, deceased; John F., of Dakota City, Nebr.; Charles M., who lives on the homestead; Flora V., married to William Dixon, of Cokeville, Pa., and Stuart J.

Stuart J. Sides, the youngest of the family, remained at home with his parents until his marriage, except for thirteen months spent in the West, going there in 1883. His education was obtained in the local public schools. After his marriage he continued to farm the home place until 1906, in which year he bought a farm near Blacklick to which he removed, and which has since been his place of residence. In 1895 fire destroyed all the buildings on the place, and he immediately began the erection of a modern house, barn and all other necessary buildings, the improvements of this kind on his property being substantial and in creditable condition. He carries on general farming, has been extensively engaged in the lumber business since 1884, and is local agent for the Atlantic Fertilizer Company, of Baltimore, and the Johnston Harvester Company. His agricultural operations are extensive, he having had 195 acres in fall grain in 1912, over three thousand bushels. With all his various private interests he has found time to take part in public affairs, having served nine years on the Burrell township school board (three years of which time he was president), and ten years as clerk of the township. In political association he is a Republican. He is a member of the W. O. W. and helped to organize the camp at Blacklick, and is at present a manager. He is one of the directors of the Blacklick National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers and original directors.



*S. J. Sides*



On Aug. 4, 1890, Mr. Sides was married to Sarah M. Jamison, daughter of James and Lydia C. (Mack) Jamison, of Brushvalley township. They have had five children: Blanch E., now the wife of Evans Wiley, of Corbett, Md.; O. Ruth, a student of Blairsville College for Ladies; Adam, deceased; Flora V., a student at the Indiana State normal school, and Jamison Stuart.

HENRY H. LONG, a constable of White township, Indiana county, was born in Cherryhill township June 25, 1840, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Gordon) Long, and grandson of Christopher Long.

Christopher Long settled in Bedford county, Pa., but later came to Indiana county, and continued to follow farming. He lived in Cherryhill township, where he died.

Jacob Long, a son of Christopher Long, was born in Bedford county, Pa., but came to Cherryhill township, Indiana county, with his father, and developed into a successful farmer of that locality. Later on he went to Armstrong township, and still later to White township, all the while being engaged in farming, and becoming one of the substantial agriculturists of his day. His death occurred in White township. He and his wife were married in Cherryhill township, and became the parents of eight children: Henry H.; Robert, who is deceased; Jane, who married Henry Miller (both now deceased); David, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Charlotte, deceased; Silas, deceased; and William E., who enlisted from Indiana county in the 136th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry for three months' service in the Civil war, reenlisted, and served until the expiration of his second period, becoming a sergeant. The mother of these children, who is also deceased, was a most excellent woman, and her memory is cherished in the hearts of her family.

Henry H. Long was three years old when his parents moved to Armstrong township, and he grew up amid healthful surroundings, learning how to conduct a farm, while at the same time he attended the schools of his district. After leaving school he went to Indiana and entered the paper mill conducted by John Shryshock, severing this connection to enlist, in August, 1862, in Capt. S. Nicholson's company of the 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after the expiration of his period of service reenlisted, in May, 1863, at Harrisburg, in the same company and regiment. Mr. Long saw some hard service, being in the battles of Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg,

and proved himself a brave and loyal soldier.

Returning home, he resumed his work at the paper mill, thus continuing for eighteen years, when he became an engineer at the foundry conducted by Major McFarland, remaining as such for thirteen years. At the expiration of that period Mr. Long was elected constable of White township, and still continues to discharge the duties of that office. He has been tax collector, working in every township in the county, and proving himself an efficient and honorable official. For years he has been a member of the Indiana Post of the G. A. R., and has held various offices in that body, being extremely popular with his comrades. He also enjoys meeting them at different reunions, and is accounted one of the most honored veterans of the Civil war still residing in White township.

In 1864 Mr. Long was married to Jennie Boucher, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Dodson) Boucher, and six children were born to them: Henry W. is deceased; Luna is the wife of Sherman Deviney, of Blairsville, Pa.; Uressa is the wife of T. D. Cort, of Indiana, Pa.; Blanche is the wife of John McPherson, of Ernest, Pa.; William E. is a resident of New Kensington; Herbert C., of Indiana, married Margaret Harris, of Indiana, daughter of Samuel Harris. The grandchildren of the family are: Harry Deviney, who is in the United States navy; and Harry C. Long, son of Herbert C. Long. Mr. and Mrs. Deviney had four other children, John, Mabel, Walter and Paul. Mrs. Henry H. Long died in November, 1876, and Mr. and Mrs. Cort make their home with Mr. Long. On November 6, 1878, he married (second) Elizabeth Wilhelm, a native of Armstrong township, daughter of Moses and Catherine (Keener) Wilhelm, farming people of that township, who were among the early settlers of this section. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Long had one son, Herbert C. The mother died April 19, 1910.

Mr. Long is a member of the Methodist Church, and is one of its liberal supporters. Continuing loyal to his country, he is a member of the Sons of America, and also belongs to the American Mechanics.

GORDON. Robert Gordon was a soldier in the American Revolution, and later on in life came to Cherryhill township, where he resided until death claimed him.

Robert Gordon (2), son of Robert Gordon, above, was a farmer of Cherryhill township, and one of the successful men of his day.

Elizabeth Gordon, daughter of Robert Gordon (2), married Jacob Long, and became the mother of Henry H. Long.

The Long and Gordon families have been long established in Pennsylvania, the former of Dutch and the latter of Irish stock. The descendants of these families are to be found in many localities, and they are always numbered among the representative people, upholding law and order and doing all within their power to advance the welfare of the community generally.

GEORGE RODGERS STEWART, a farmer of Brushvalley township, is a member of a Scotch-Irish family, the founder of this branch of the family in Indiana county being Joseph Stewart, who was a native of Maryland, born in 1802; he was a son of William Stewart.

Joseph Stewart came to Indiana county, Pa., in the early part of the nineteenth century, and located in Brushvalley township three miles north of Mechanicsburg, where he owned a tract of 300 acres. Here he continued until after the Civil war, when he removed to East Mahoning township, and became engaged in general farming, thus continuing until his death, in 1877. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and quite active in its work.

Mr. Stewart married Mary Findley, a native of York county, Pa., born in 1800, daughter of Archibald and Mary (Poe) Findley, who moved in 1800 to Westmoreland county, and in 1806 to West Lebanon, Indiana county. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart: Archibald; William, who married Sarah A. Goodrich; Abel; Martha J., who married Simon Lewis; Elizabeth; Samuel, who married Jane Hart; Joseph, born in 1832, died in 1865 at Jacksonville, who was a well-known physician, and married Christina J. Graham; Mary, who married (first) Reuben Reeger and (second) Thomas Taylor; Hannah, who married H. H. Hamilton, and died in 1876; George, who married Jane Findley; David, who married Anne Askin; and Sarah A. P., who married Shadrach Askin.

Abel Stewart, son of Joseph and Mary (Findley) Stewart, was born in 1826 in Brushvalley, where he grew to manhood. In 1847 he located in Indiana, where he learned the trade of hatter, which he followed the remainder of his life. He died in 1894, and was buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana.

During the Civil war Mr. Stewart answered the call of his country and enlisted in Company I, 211th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, where he served with credit to himself. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics was a Republican.

Mr. Stewart married (first) Margaret Stewart, who was a native of Pittsburg, and died at her home in Indiana in 1871; she was buried in Oakland cemetery. She was the mother of five children, viz.: Alice, who married W. R. Mahan, of White township; Joseph, who died in 1877; George Rodgers; Mary, who married Silas Williamson, of Mahoning township; and William W., who is an ink manufacturer of Pittsburg. Mr. Stewart's second marriage was to Eliza Riddle, a widow; there were no children by this union.

George Rodgers Stewart was born in Indiana Feb. 4, 1857, son of Abel and Margaret (Stewart) Stewart. He attended school at Indiana until the age of thirteen, when he started out to make his own living. Going to Pittsburg, he found employment as a waiter in a restaurant on Market street, receiving three dollars and his board per week. Here he spent a year and a half, after which he learned the molder's trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years. Soon after this he took up farming with his brother-in-law, and continued with him three years, at the end of which time he rented a farm of 125 acres in Brushvalley township, where he was located for two years. He then went to New Florence and worked at the molder's trade five years, going from there to Johnstown, to work for the Cambria Iron Company, with whom he remained three years. At the expiration of this time he returned to Brushvalley and bought the Fred Hurlinger farm of thirty acres, where he now resides. Mr. Stewart is an intelligent, thrifty and up-to-date farmer, enterprising and progressive. A staunch Prohibitionist, he has always supported that ticket. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and in religious connection is an elder in the Homer City Lutheran Church.

On Dec. 21, 1881, Mr. Stewart married Elizabeth George, who was born Oct. 19, 1860, daughter of Adam and Mary Anne (King) George, and to this union were born three children, as follows: (1) Murray Clair, born in New Florence, April 17, 1886, was educated in the public schools and is now engaged with the Vancouver (B. C.) Electric Light & Power Company as an electrician. He is an Odd Fellow and a member of the Harris Club



and the Y. M. C. A. In 1912 he married Florence Davis, of Brushvalley township. (2) Clarence Russell, born Sept. 10, 1889, at New Florence, was educated in the public schools and the Indiana State normal school, and took a five years' course at the Pennsylvania State College, where he was graduated in 1911 with first honors. He is an electrical engineer and is now engaged with the General Electric Company, of Schenectady, N. Y. (3) Edwin Luther, born Oct. 30, 1893, at Johnstown, Pa., attended the Brushvalley public schools and summer normal at Mechanicsburg, under Professor Campbell, and is now a student of the Indiana State normal school.

The George family, of which Mrs. Stewart is a member, is of German origin, but the home of the family has been in Pennsylvania for a number of years.

John George, grandfather of Mrs. Stewart, was born in Franklin county, near Chambersburg, Pa., son of Jacob and Margaret (Cook) George. In 1812 the family came West and located in Armstrong county, near South Bend, where John engaged in general blacksmithing, following this occupation here until his death. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in his political views was a Democrat. His wife was Saloma Smith, and they were the parents of nine children, of whom Adam was the third son.

Adam George was born Oct. 15, 1826, and was reared to farming. In 1861 he went to Indiana, where he worked for a short time, and later removed to Blacklick township, where he bought a farm of 105 acres, carrying on general farming there for fifteen years. At the end of this period he located in Brushvalley township, and engaged in lumbering and farming until 1903, when he bought a feed mill in Homer City and removed thither, ever afterward carrying on this business with his son Thomas K., under the firm name of A. George & Son. He died July 13, 1912, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Indiana. Mr. George was a member of the Lutheran Church, which he joined in 1853. In politics he was a Republican.

Mr. George married Mary Anne King, of South Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of Thomas King, and ten children were born to them, as follows: William, who resides in Pittsburg; Samuel, who died young; John, who resides in Mississippi; Thomas K.; Nancy Jane, who died young; Margaretta; Matilda, deceased; Catharine, deceased; Elizabeth, who married George R. Stewart; and Martha, who married Ralph Miller. The mother of

these children died in February, 1908, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana.

JACOB ANTHONY GALLAGHER, a farmer of Young township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Armstrong county, this State, Jan. 19, 1862, son of Anthony Gallagher.

The founder of the Gallagher family in America was Anthony Gallagher, grandfather of Jacob Anthony Gallagher. A native of County Down, Ireland, he came to America with his wife and children at an early day, settling in Armstrong county, Pa., where he took up land and carried on farming the remainder of his life. All the members of his family, including himself and wife, were members of the Church of England, and associated themselves with the Episcopal Church after coming to this country.

Anthony Gallagher, son of the immigrant ancestor, and father of Jacob Anthony Gallagher, was also born in County Down, Ireland, and came to America with his parents when but eight years old. His boyhood was spent in Armstrong county, where he grew to manhood and entered upon agricultural life. Securing 100 acres near Barnard, that county, he was cultivating his land when the Civil war broke out, and he felt called upon to enlist for service, joining a regiment of Pennsylvania volunteer infantry. During his service he contracted chronic diarrhoea and was sent home on a furlough, and died from its effects in 1864; his remains were interred in the cemetery of the Baptist Church in Mahoning. Like his father he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and faithful to its teachings. Until the war issues changed his opinions he was a Democrat, but he then espoused the Republican cause and voted the ticket of that party. He left a wife and three children.

Anthony Gallagher was married to Mary Ann DeLancey, daughter of Jacob F. and Susan (Knepper) DeLancey, a complete sketch of whose family is to be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher had four children: Hannah Edith, who married Oliver P. Steffey, of Elderton, Pa.; Philip, who died in infancy; Jacob Anthony; and Daniel, who died in young manhood. After the death of her husband Mrs. Gallagher went to Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., where she lived until her death, which occurred in 1902, when she was seventy-four years old. She is buried in the Baptist Church cemetery of Elderton, having been a consistent member of the denomination.

Jacob Anthony Gallagher had the misfortune to lose his father when only two years old, but his mother brought him up carefully, and sent him to the schools of Elderton. Until he was sixteen years old he remained with her, and then began supporting himself, securing employment in a brickyard at fifteen dollars a month, which was exclusive of board, which he had to furnish himself. After a short period Mr. Gallagher found that it would pay him better to engage with a farmer, and he entered the employ of Jacob Kinnell, of Armstrong county, receiving ten dollars a month and board for his services. Until he attained his majority he continued to work on farms, but at that time went to Eldersridge. Later he secured employment with William McComb, of Young township, Indiana Co., Pa., with whom he remained a year, leaving him to go to the farm of S. J. Craighead. After four years of work for farmers of Young township Mr. Gallagher went to South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he continued his labors on farms for three years. Once more he engaged with Mr. Craighead, this time for one dollar a day, and so continued for six years. During this time he had acquired a wife and family, so that it took hard work and much contriving to save anything from such small wages, but Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher were not only industrious but frugal, and finally were able to buy a home near Eldersridge. At the same time, Mr. Gallagher continued to work for others, keeping this up for five years more. During this latter period his wages were never higher than one dollar per day, and often as low as seventy-five cents per day. Better times dawned for the family, however, when he secured employment with the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company at their Iselin plant, and he remained with that concern until 1904. In that year he was able to buy the Rankin Taylor farm of 104 acres in Young township, having in the meanwhile sold his property near Eldersridge, the proceeds from which were applied upon the purchase of the farm. During the eight years the Gallagher family have owned this farm many much needed improvements have been inaugurated and carried out, including the enlargement of the residence. With the help of his sons he carries on general farming and stock raising, and has developed into one of the prosperous agriculturists of his township.

A Republican in his political views, Mr. Gallagher has served as supervisor of Young township for three years. For ten years he has been a member of the Young township

Republican central committee, and is often called upon to act as inspector of election. He is a charter member of Clarksburg Lodge, No. 35, Woodmen of the World, and is now acting as one of its managers.

On Feb. 14, 1883, Mr. Gallagher was married to Nancy Elizabeth Reeves, who was born at Eldersridge, Pa., daughter of Leslie and Rachel Ann (Jelleson) Reeves, well-known people of Eldersridge. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gallagher: Annie Mary, who was educated in the public schools of Eldersridge and the academy at that place, is at home; Daniel M. is a farmer of South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Pa.; John St. Clair is a farmer of Young township; Martha Maria, who is at home, takes an active interest in church work and that of the Christian Endeavor society; George Craighead, Samuel V., Hannah Edith and Charles Addison are at home. All the members of the family belong to the Presbyterian Church at Clarksburg, and take an active part in its good work.

FRY ROSER, an old-time resident of Pine township, Indiana county, was born in the county, in Brushvalley township, Feb. 14, 1840. The family is of German extraction, and his grandfather, George Roser, was born in Germany. He settled in Brushvalley township, Indiana Co., Pa., over one hundred years ago, buying land near Mechanicsburg. It was then in its wild state, and he had to clear it before he could begin farming, which he followed the remainder of his life, dying on the homestead. He married Elizabeth Fry.

George Roser, son of George and Elizabeth (Fry) Roser, was born in York county, Pa., and moved with his parents to Indiana county, settling in Pine township, where he lived until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-four years old. He married Christina Fetterman, who was born in Indiana county, where her father, Philip Fetterman, located in pioneer times, and died at the age of seventy years. Children as follows were born to George and Christina (Fetterman) Roser: Samuel, who died in infancy; Peter, deceased; Lawrence, deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. Thompson, deceased; Fry, mentioned below; George, deceased; Martin, who lives in Lycoming county, Pa.; Dennis, living on the old family homestead in Pine township; Lydia, Mrs. Waltmire, residing in Indiana; and Sarah, deceased.

Fry Roser began his education in the schools of his native township, and continued to attend school after the family moved to Pine

township. He has always followed agricultural pursuits. In 1863 he entered his country's service, enlisting from Indiana county in Company E, 102d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and he was mustered out June 5, 1865, at Pittsburgh. He served in many battles, was wounded in the engagement at Cold Harbor, and became corporal of his company. Returning to his home in Indiana after his discharge from the service he has since engaged in farming, making his home in Pine township, where he has three farms, containing 284 acres.

On Oct. 10, 1861, Mr. Roser married Salome Coy, who was born in Indiana county Dec. 24, 1839, daughter of Louis and Margaret (Sleppy) Coy, who were among the pioneers of Indiana county. Mr. Coy died in 1895, his wife in 1892. Their family consisted of these children: Anna E., Mrs. Williams, who lived in New York State; twin sons, of whom John lives in Michigan; Salome, Mrs. Roser; Abraham, deceased; Nancy; Mary J., deceased; Carrie, wife of John Maxwell, of Indiana county; Isabelle, wife of John Steffey, now living in Michigan; Margaret, Mrs. Trout, of Indiana county; and Thomas, living in the West.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Roser: Margaret E., who is the wife of Scott Schultz, of Indiana county; Anderson, deceased; Keziah, wife of George Fetterman, of Pine township; William E., deceased; Edith, wife of Furman Edmiston, of Pine township; Ira, living in Pine township; and Lucinda, wife of Nelson Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Roser are members of the Lutheran Church, which he has served as deacon. Politically he is a Republican, and he has held the office of overseer of the poor.

HERMAN KLEINSTUB, proprietor of a general store at Creekside, Pa., was born in Warsaw, Russia, Jan. 5, 1863. His parents are both natives of Russia, where they still reside, and the father was a farmer during his active years.

Growing up in his native land, Mr. Kleinstub attended school, and learned the principles of farming from his father. When he began working for himself, however, he engaged in merchandising, but realizing that better opportunities for advancement were to be found in America he left for this country in 1891, landing at Philadelphia, whence he went to Cleveland, Ohio, for a time there clerking in a store. From that city he went to Altoona, Pa., and embarking in business re-

mained there twelve years. In 1903 he moved to Creekside, Pa., engaging in the general mercantile business which he has developed until it is one of the largest establishments of its kind in Indiana county. At the same time he has taken no inconsiderable part in civic matters, assisting in the organization of the borough of Creekside, and now serving as a member of the council. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, at Altoona, and the Eagles, Indiana Council.

In 1888 Mr. Kleinstub was married to Bessie Isenstein, a native of Russia, and they have had six children, the first two born in Russia, and the other four in America: Nellie, Philip, Amiel, Louis, Abraham and Eva. In all his undertakings Mr. Kleinstub has shown commendable enterprise, and his success in life is well merited.

HARRY THOMAS ROSS, of Mechanicsburg, Indiana county, has been in the mercantile business there for three years and has a well-established trade serving the residents of that section. He was born near Marion Center, this county, Aug. 25, 1877.

Robert Ross, grandfather of Harry T. Ross, was among the pioneers of that part of the county, where he owned and cleared 125 acres of land upon which he spent his life and died. In Clearfield county, Pa., he married Polly McCright, who was a native of that county. She was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Thomas Ross, born in 1855, eldest son of Robert, grew up on the home farm. When a young man he went to Kansas, where he spent four years, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Returning to the homestead he has continued farming ever since, now owning and operating a tract near Taylorsville, Indiana county. He is a Republican and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ross married Mary Steffy, daughter of David Steffy, and eight children have been born to them: Harry Thomas; Clara, who is deceased; Effie Viola, who married Luther Williams; Mabel Irene, Mrs. Lower; J. Logan, a merchant at Hamill, Pa.; Earl, a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, of Altoona; Annie Ethel, wife of Boyd Sheffler, of West Lebanon; and Robert Clay, at home.

Harry Thomas Ross obtained his education in the local public schools and remained under the care of his father until twenty-one years old. Meantime he followed farming on the homestead, and after leaving home went to DuBois, Pa., to work as lumberman. Then he

became clerk with the Grand Union Tea Company at their store at DuBois, where he remained some time, returning home for one year, after which he became a weighmaster for the Clearfield Coal Company for one year. He was next engaged as traveling salesman for G. T. Buchanan, wholesale grocer of Indiana, Pa., with whom he continued until 1909, when he came to Mechanicsburg and became a general merchant on his own account. His previous experience no doubt aided in his success, which has been marked. He is a good manager and has built up a profitable business by catering to the demands of his customers and anticipating them, his stock being very satisfactory.

In June, 1899, Mr. Ross married Mary Davison, daughter of William and Rebecca Ann Davison, of Taylorsville, Pa., and they have one child, Walter Dale. Mr. Ross and his family attend the Baptist Church of Brushvalley township. He is a Republican, but takes no active part in politics.

GEORGE J. SNYDER, retired farmer and veteran of the Civil war, now living in Indiana, Pa., was born May 7, 1838, on his father's farm, situated two miles from the borough of Indiana, in Rayne township, Indiana county, and is a son of Lewis and Hannah Elizabeth Snyder.

Lewis Snyder and his wife were both born in Germany and came to the United States about the year 1835, settling in Indiana county, Pa., where Mr. Snyder carried on farming throughout his life. They had children as follows: Susanna, who died unmarried; George J.; Margaret, widow of John Carlin; Daniel, deceased, who served during the Civil war; Adam, of Indiana, also a Civil war veteran; and Sophia, who married John Joseph Klingenburg, of Indiana.

George J. Snyder received his education in the little log country schoolhouse of his vicinity, and as was the custom of farmers' lads in his day worked on the farm in the summer months, the acquiring of an education being limited to the winter terms. He remained with his father until his enlistment in Company K, 105th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and served with that organization in all its engagements up to the battle of Fair Oaks, when he was dangerously wounded in the left shoulder. Blood poisoning set in, and for five months he was confined to the hospital at New Haven, Conn., eventually receiving his honorable discharge on account of disability and returning

to his home. When he had recovered sufficiently he resumed farming, and after his marriage purchased a small farm in Rayne township, on which he continued to carry on operations until his retirement, in 1897, since which time he has lived in his own home at No. 1278 Church street, Indiana, erected by him. He is a valued member of the Union Veteran Legion and the Legion of Honor, and is a Republican in his political views.

Mr. Snyder married Isabella Boucher, daughter of David and Catherine Boucher, and they have had the following children: Annie, who married William Heil, of Vandergrift; Tabitha, who married Charles Freck, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Nettie, the wife of I. C. Roland, of Pittsburg; John, of Rayne township, who married Carrie Freck; Harvey, a merchant of Indiana, who married Blanche Waterson; and Dollie, who married Thomas C. Beatty, of Indiana.

WESLEY W. NICHOL, of Green township, Indiana county, present secretary of the school board and a prosperous farmer of that section, was born there Sept. 3, 1865, son of John McFarland and Margaret (Buterbaugh) Nichol. William Nichol, his grandfather, came from Ireland, and bought a farm near Taylorsville, in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., upon which he settled and lived until his death.

John McFarland Nichol was born in 1841 in Indiana county, was reared to farming, and followed that occupation all his life. He also engaged in stock raising. He bought a part of the farm where his son Wesley now lives, and a farm adjoining the one owned by his son Wesley, living there for thirty-five years, until he removed west to Colorado in 1906. He improved the property greatly during his residence thereon. In Colorado he bought land upon which he remained until his death, which occurred March 19, 1910. His remains were brought east and buried in the Taylorsville cemetery. In 1862 he married Margaret Buterbaugh, also a native of Indiana county, daughter of Henry and Mary (Langham) Buterbaugh, of Green township, and she died, the mother of seven children, namely: Mary Ann, who is the widow of Peter Sickenberger and lives in Indiana county; Wesley W.; Sadie, wife of Frank Jeffries, of Richmond, Pa.; Jane, who died young; James, who lives in Green township; Eliza, wife of Abner Lloyd, of Colorado; and Margaret, a resident of Colorado. The father married for his second wife Sarah Houston, by whom he had

eight children: Zola, the wife of Charles Long, living in Colorado; Archie, in Colorado; Calvin, in Colorado; Donald, who is in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa.; Parle, twin of Donald, deceased; Hope, living in Green township; John, of Green township; and William, of Green township. Mrs. Nichol and her children live on the old homestead.

Wesley W. Nichol was reared and educated in Green township. When a young man he began farming on his own account, in 1903 buying his present place (known as the Joseph Nichol farm) in that township, where he carries on general farming and stock raising. Though he attends thoroughly to his own affairs he is a citizen who believes in his responsibility to his fellow men, and in every man's duty to his community, and he has given acceptable service on the school board, of which he is now secretary.

On Dec. 12, 1895, Mr. Nichol married Mary Keturah Moore, who was born Sept. 10, 1875, in Clearfield county, Pa., daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Shreengost) Moore, farming people, both of whom were born in Clearfield county. Mr. Moore was killed in a runaway accident; his widow is now living in Cherrytree, Indiana county. They had a family of five children: Parry, who is in the West; Mary K., Mrs. Nichol; Norman, a resident of Cherrytree; Nannie, wife of Duff Sawyer, of Glen Campbell, Indiana county; and Bernice, widow of Edward Woods, living at Cherrytree.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nichol, namely: Fleda E., Carl, Hazel E., Wesley Clifton and Harold D.

JOHN J. BIER, manager of the Ridge Supply Company's stores at Iselin, Reed and Eldersridge, in Indiana county, has had considerable experience in the mercantile business and has been with his present employers for five years.

The Bier family is of German extraction, and this branch was founded in America by Jacob Bier, who came to this country from Germany with two brothers, settling at Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa. Jacob Bier, son of Jacob, was the grandfather of John J. Bier. He was born in Lancaster county, where he was reared, and when a young man proceeded westward, locating in Virginia, where he became interested in the manufacture of lumber. Later in life he was a lumber inspector, and he was quite successful in his chosen calling. He spent the rest of his days in what is now West Virginia, where he died. He mar-

ried Mary Welsh, of Pittsburg. They were members of the M. E. Church.

Philip A. Bier, son of Jacob and Mary (Welsh) Bier, was born in Ohio county, Va. (now West Virginia), where he grew to manhood. From early boyhood he was engaged with his father in the lumber business, but nevertheless he was given good educational advantages. When a young man he located in Allegany county, Md., near Cumberland, where he owned a farm and later conducted a mercantile business at what is now the town of Bier. Here a postoffice was established and he became the first postmaster, the office being named in his honor. Part of his farm was within the limits of the town. He was quite active in the affairs of his section, both as a business man and public official, serving four years as judge of the Orphans' court of Allegany county and in other positions of trust. He was at one time census enumerator of Allegany county. In politics he was a staunch Republican. During the Civil war he enlisted in West Virginia, becoming a member of Company C, 1st West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and rose to the rank of lieutenant, being mustered out as such. He took part in the battle of Winchester, and received a wound in the breast which necessitated his going to hospital. During the last four years of his life he was a resident of Washington, D. C., where he was employed as a clerk in the census bureau, and he died in that city in January, 1905. He was buried at Bier, Md. Mr. Bier was a member of the M. E. Church, and in fraternal connection an Odd Fellow. In Allegany county, Md., he married on March 10, 1865, Mary Welch, a native of that county, daughter of John Welch, and she survives him, living near Cumberland, Md. She is a member of the M. E. Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip A. Bier: Nora, who died when five years old; John J.; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of J. Blake Coffman; Mary (Molly), who married Charles Harness, and resides at Keyser, W. Va.; James, who lives at Keyser, W. Va.; and Ada, who married Ralph Smith, of Cumberland, Maryland.

John J. Bier was born Nov. 7, 1867, at Bier, near Cumberland, Allegany Co., Md. He attended public school at his native place and high school at Cumberland, and later was a student at Duff's commercial college, in Pittsburg, Pa., graduating in 1889. He worked with his father in the mercantile business, and after his father went to Washington, D. C., continued to conduct the business by himself for four years, during that time also acting as

postmaster at Bier. Thence he moved to Cumberland, Md., where he had a hotel and restaurant for four years, in 1907 coming to Iselin, Indiana Co., Pa., where he took the position of clerk and assistant manager of the Ridge Supply Company's store, under Luther M. Witzell. He was thus employed until 1911, when he was appointed manager of the store at Iselin, with the stores at Eldersridge and Reed under his supervision. There are eighteen employees in his charge, and he has a responsible position, requiring enterprise, good judgment and executive ability. His substantial qualities and high character have won him universal respect in the community, and he is well liked personally.

On Aug. 2, 1906, Mr. Bier was married at Cumberland, Md., to Lillia Duer, a native of Pittsburg, Pa., daughter of A. Duer, of that city. They have had two children, John Philip and Carl. Mr. Bier is a Progressive in his political views, a staunch adherent of Colonel Roosevelt and the principles he advocates. While at Bier he was appointed justice of the peace for his town by Governor Lowndes, and served four years. He was also postmaster, for eight years in all, under McKinley and Roosevelt. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the blue lodge at Cumberland and to Mount Vernon Chapter, at Washington, D. C.

EVAN EDMUNDS, general farmer of West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., who has the distinction of being a survivor of the great Johnstown flood, was born Feb. 10, 1861, at Newport, South Wales, son of Edward Richard and Margaret (Stone) Edmunds.

Edward Richard Edmunds, father of Evan Edmunds, was born May 23, 1836, in Aberdare, South Wales, and when a young man became a mechanic. He became foreman and master mechanic in Conway's tin works, near Newport, Monmouthshire, South Wales, continuing with that firm for many years, or until it went out of business. In 1892 Mr. Edmunds came to the United States, locating at Pittsburg, Pa., where he established himself in business as the proprietor of a confectionery store on Carson street. In 1900 he came to West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., and located on the farm now owned by his son, where his death occurred May 10, 1912. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, as was also his wife. She was born in 1842, at Kidwelly, South Wales, and died in 1891, the mother of a large family, those besides Evan being: Thomas, master mechanic of the United Verd Mines, at

Jerome, Ariz.; David, master mechanic at the Jones & Laughlin plant, Pittsburg, Pa.; John, a machinist who lives in the West; William and Edward, of Pittsburg, Pa., machinists in the employ of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company; Mary, of Pittsburg, Pa., wife of William H. Williams, foreman millwright for the plant of Jones & Laughlin; Gladys, wife of James H. Elkin, of West Mahoning township; Albert, who is engaged in farming with his brother Evan; Fred, a bookkeeper, whose death occurred in September, 1908; and Augustus, a bookkeeper at Jerome, Arizona.

Evan Edmunds, son of Edward Richard Edmunds, received his education in the public schools of his native country, and came to the United States in 1878, here following the trade of machinist, having inherited a natural inclination for that vocation from his father, who was an expert in his line. First locating in Pittsburg, Pa., he entered the employ of Jones & Laughlin, continuing in their employ for twelve years, at the end of which he went to Johnstown, where he was living at the time of the disastrous flood which destroyed so much property and in which so many lives were sacrificed. Mr. Edmunds passed through this thrilling experience safely, and in 1902 returned to Pittsburg, where he went to work for the Park Steele Company, as a foreman millwright, continuing as such for seven years. In 1908 he came to West Mahoning township, which has been his home to the present time.

In January, 1905, Mr. Edmunds was married to Martha Elkin, of West Mahoning township, daughter of William and Mary Elkin, and a member of an old and honored Indiana county family. Mr. and Mrs. Edmunds have one child, Edna May.

Mr. Edmunds is a member of Blue Lodge, No. 538, F. & A. M., of Johnstown, Pa., and Foresters of America Lodge No. 5, at Pittsburg. His religious connection is with the Episcopal Church, and in political matters he is a Republican. He purchased his present property in West Mahoning township in 1901, since which time he has made many improvements, including the erection of handsome, modern buildings, and the entire place gives evidence of the presence of able management. During his residence here Mr. Edmunds has acquired a wide acquaintance, and everywhere he is known as a man of integrity, industry and upright principles. He has served as school director of his township.

JOHN BISHOP, farmer and coal operator in Canoe township, near Rossiter, Pa., was born in Hesse, Germany, not far from Frankfurt, Jan. 14, 1842, a son of John Bishop.

John Bishop, the father, was born in Hesse, Germany, in 1808, and died in Indiana county, Pa., in 1870, aged sixty-two years. He was a farmer and a distiller, and coming to America in 1854 with his family settled in Indiana county, Pa., on a farm that lies partly in Canoe township and partly in North Mahoning township. He "cropped" this land, as the local term goes. He never became a naturalized American citizen, but was always a respected and law abiding member of his community. For many years he was a member of the Pine Evangelical Church, in which he was a class leader and an exhorter. He was twice married, but the maiden name of neither wife has been preserved. To his first union were born: Andrew, who married a Miss Smith, now deceased; Elizabeth, who is the widow of John Beam, of North Mahoning township; Maggie, deceased, who was the wife of Thomas Sheppard; and John. Four children were also born to his second marriage, namely: Lena, who is deceased, was the wife of Jacob Bartholamew; Henry lives in Indiana county; Mary is deceased; Eva is the wife of William Stuehell, of North Mahoning township.

John Bishop (2) attended the public schools in Canoe township when young. Although he never learned a trade he has natural skill that enables him to turn his hand to almost any line of work in the building trades, and can compete with anyone in laying stone, often working as a stonemason. He remained at home and helped his father until he was twenty-one years old, after which he assisted farmers in the neighborhood for five years, at the end of which time he bought the farm of sixty-two acres which he now has under cultivation. His land is heavily underlaid with coal, part of which he sold to the New York Central Railroad Company, and he is operating the unsold portion himself, this undertaking proving profitable.

In 1868 Mr. Bishop was married to Margaret Mackel, a daughter of Charles and Helen (Pifer) Mackel, and they have had the following children: Elizabeth Ann, wife of Linus Newcomb, residing at Punxsutawney; Anna Mary, deceased; David Henry, residing at North Rossiter, who married Minnie Stahl; Charles M. W., living in Jefferson county, who married Margaret Hurl; Martha Matilda, wife of Fred Wolcott, living at

Corning, N. Y.; John Oliver, living in Jefferson county, who married Emma Hetrick; George C., residing at Corning, N. Y., who married M. Beewalter; Adam A., residing in Jefferson county, married to Ellen Davidson; and Albert Urias, who lives at home, and who married Ivy Stahl. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop are also rearing a grandson, William Dohmer Bishop.

Charles Mackel, father of Mrs. John Bishop, was married to Helen Pifer in Germany and came to America many years before the Bishop family came to this country. He settled first in Butler county, Pa., where he followed his trade of cabinetmaker until his children were old enough to give him assistance, when he bought and moved to a farm in Canoe township, Indiana county. There he died at the age of eighty-two years, his wife living to be seventy-two years of age. They were buried in the cemetery attached to the Pine Church. They had the following children: Louisa is the widow of Daniel Stiver, of Canoe township; Mary, who is deceased, was the wife of Augustus Urias; Margaret is the wife of John Bishop; Julia and Sarah are twins, the former of whom is the widow of Philip Suttor, and the latter married Jacob Filhart, of Jefferson county; Catherine is the widow of Louis Heitzenriter; Charles, who lives at Locust Lane, married Mary Eiler; Lena is the wife of George Stiver, of North Mahoning. The father of Mrs. Bishop was a Republican in politics, but never accepted any public office. He was a member of the Evangelical Association.

Mr. Bishop for a number of years was identified politically with the Republican party, but he is a pronounced temperance man and now votes with the Prohibitionists. He is active in the Evangelical Association and has served the church as class leader, exhorter, steward and trustee.

JOHN STEWART, farmer and stock raiser of Burrell township, and proprietor of Tamarack farm, was born in White township, Indiana Co., Pa., Nov. 2, 1861, son of Levi and Sarah (Miller) Stewart. John Stewart, his grandfather, was a farmer of Center township, this county.

Levi Stewart, son of John, was born March 18, 1823, in Center township, and there grew to manhood, making farming his life occupation. He lived for a period in White township and later on a farm north of Homer City, Pa., in Center township, near the Ridge, but subsequently purchased the John Howard

farm of 150 acres, in Center township, now the home of his son Samuel. On that property Mr. Stewart spent the remainder of his life, and died Nov. 18, 1900. He was buried in Greenwood cemetery, Indiana. He was a Democrat in his political views, and his religious belief was that of the Presbyterian Church, which he attended at Homer City. On Oct. 27, 1846, Mr. Stewart was married to Sarah Miller, who was born Nov. 8, 1828, daughter of Herman Miller, and she died July 18, 1909, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery. They had the following children: James H., born Sept. 26, 1847, resides at Clarksburg, Pa.; Jane E., born March 2, 1854, died Sept. 7, 1860; Margaret P., born Feb. 24, 1857, married William Snyder and resides in Center township, near Brushvalley township; Samuel, born Aug. 17, 1859, married Minerva Carsatt, of Buffington township, and resides on the homestead; John was born Nov. 2, 1861.

John Stewart, son of Levi Stewart, attended the local township schools, and from earliest boyhood was engaged in agricultural work. He continued to assist his father until he attained his majority, at which time he embarked in agricultural work for himself in Burrell township, first cultivating the Jacob F. Garhardt farm for one year and then locating in Brushvalley township. For two years he was engaged in working the Anderson McFeeters farm, after which he returned to Burrell township and for fourteen years was engaged in farming a tract of 204 acres, known as the Dalzell farm. In 1903 Mr. Stewart bought the Rev. Dr. Hill farm on the Philadelphia and Pittsburg turnpike, two miles from Blairsville, in Burrell township, where he settled down to farming for himself. This is a tract of 143 acres. He has continued to follow general farming, stock raising and dairying here, and through industrious labor and intelligent efforts has succeeded in making this one of the valuable properties of that part of the county. He has made numerous improvements, including the erection of new buildings, and the fine barn which was destroyed by fire in 1910 has been replaced with a still larger one. Politically a Democrat, he has served Burrell township as school director for seven years, and has lent his aid and influence to all movements calculated to benefit his adopted community or its people. A consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, originally belonging at Blairsville, he has acted in the capacity of elder for some years in the Blacklick Presbyterian Church.

In 1883 Mr. Stewart was married to Arminia Murry, and they have had nine children: Ralph L., living at Vandergrift, Pa.; Jacob Paul, of East Pittsburg; Ethel Frances, who married Robert Latimore of Blairsville; Elder, at home; George H.; Elizabeth; Floyd; Clyde, and Wilfred.

JOHN LEWIS, farmer and stock raiser of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born on the paternal homestead in that township Nov. 20, 1840, son of Joshua Lewis and grandson of David Lewis, who had the following children: Joseph, Evan, Robert, John D., Sarah, Joshua, Nancy, Elizabeth, Samuel, David, George and Margaret.

Joshua Lewis, the father, was born in Sinking Valley, Blair Co., Pa., and at an early day settled in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, near the line of West Mahoning township, on a tract of 204 acres which was then in the wilderness. He built a log house and barn and made other improvements, and here spent the remainder of his life engaged in general farming, dying at the age of fifty-two years. He and his wife, Eleanor (Roush), who died at Smicksburg, are buried in the Mahoning Church cemetery. They were members of the Baptist Church. In political conviction he was a Whig and Republican. They had children as follows: David married Susan Smiley; Gilbert married Margaret Keasey; Mary A. married Henry Knauff; Henry married Eleanor Stear; Eliza married Isaac Good; Catherine married Michael Knauff; Sarah Ellen married John Weir, (second) Simeon McMillen, and (third) a Mr. Schreengost; John is mentioned below; Joshua married Elizabeth Luckhart; George married Maria Stiteler; Maria married Joseph Buterbaugh; Miles married Olive Calhoun; Rebecca married William Sink.

John Lewis received his education in the public schools. He was seventeen years old when his father died, after which he worked at home on the farm with his brother David until his enlistment, in August, 1862, in Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Cummins and Colonel Sirwell. His brother Joshua was in the same company and regiment, serving until the close of the war. The regiment was sent to Louisville, Ky., and participated in the battles of Nashville, Lavergne (Oct. 2, 1862), Stone River (Dec. 31, 1862, and Jan. 1, 1863), Hoover's Gap (June 24, 1863), Tullahoma (July 1, 1863), Dug Alpine (Sept. 11, 1863),



Chickamauga (Sept. 19, 1863), Chattanooga (Nov. 23, 1863), Lookout Mountain (Nov. 24, 1863), Missionary Ridge (Nov. 25, 1863), Rocky Face Ridge (including Tunnel Hill, Mill Creek, Buzzard's Roost and Snake Creek Gap), Dalton (May 5 to 9, 1864), Resaca (May 13-16, 1864), Adamsville (May 17, 1864), Dallas (also called New Hope Church), Burnt Hickory, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Allatoona Hills (May 24 to June 24, 1864), Kenesaw Mountain (June 9-30, 1864), Peach Tree Creek (July 20, 1864), Atlanta (July 22, 1864), Pulaski (Sept. 27, 1864). John Lewis was discharged in August, 1865.

Returning home after his discharge from the army Mr. Lewis resumed farming, and in 1866 settled down to work for himself on a part of the homestead, having a tract of eighty-eight acres where he has since continuously resided—a period of forty-six years. He built the house and barn on this place and has made all the other improvements, which show him to be an industrious and enterprising worker. He has carried on general farming and stock raising, and keeps up to date in his methods. The public affairs of the township have always interested him, and he has held a number of the local offices, having served efficiently as supervisor, assessor and inspector of elections. In political connection he has been a Republican ever since he commenced to vote. Mr. Lewis has long been an earnest member of the Baptist Church and Sunday school, particularly active in the latter, in which he has long been a teacher, and he served a number of years as superintendent.

On Dec. 22, 1866, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage with Sadie E. Davis, who was born in March, 1844, in West Mahoning township, daughter of James and Sarah (Jones) Davis. She is also a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have had the following children: Bert C., who is engaged in farming in West Mahoning township, married Sadie Lowry; Lottie is married to Edward Richie, of West Mahoning township; Homer E., a minister of the M. E. Church, married Lizzie N. Haskell; Walter D., a teacher, now a professor in the seminary at Meadville, Pa., married Florence Wood; Merel died when eleven years of age.

**JOHN EBENEZER GILL**, a farmer of Conemaugh township and a veteran of the Civil war, was born March 11, 1842, in Patton township, Allegheny Co., Pa., son of John Gill and a grandson of Ebenezer Gill.

Ebenezer Gill lived in Patten township, Allegheny Co., Pa., all his life, owning a large farm there. He was one of the successful agriculturists of his locality, and a citizen of prominence. He married a Miss Fulterton, and they had the following family: William, a carpenter and machinist, who resided at Manchester, Allegheny Co., Pa.; Matthew, a cabinetmaker, who resided in Patton township; Samuel, who married Rachel Aken, and lived in Patton township until his death; John; one whose name is not given; and Jane, who married John Wilson and was the mother of James T., a United Presbyterian minister of Westmoreland county.

Ebenezer Gill and his wife are buried in the cemetery connected with the United Presbyterian Stone Church in Morrellville, Pa. They were a most excellent couple, lived upright, moral lives, and reared their children to be honorable men and women.

John Gill, son of Ebenezer Gill and father of John Ebenezer Gill, was born in 1797 and died in 1880. His birthplace was Patton township, Allegheny county, and there he attended school. Later he became a school teacher and taught for a number of terms. He also assisted his parents with the farm work, and when he married he bought a tract of 150 acres in Patton township, on which he engaged in general farming. Later he went to Trafford City, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he bought another farm, operating it until 1869, when he came to Conemaugh township and purchased the Andrew Getty place of 200 acres, which is now owned by his son, John Ebenezer Gill, and daughters. This last farm continued to be his home until his demise.

John Gill married Jane Bell, who died aged eighty-seven years, and they are buried in Edgewood cemetery, at Saltsburg, Pa. The following children were born to this couple: Margaret lives with her brother; Theophilus died unmarried; David died at the age of thirty-one years; Nancy died unmarried aged sixty-six years; Mary died in childhood; John Ebenezer is mentioned below; Margie married Ebenezer Ewner, and lives in Wilkesburg, Pa., where Mr. Ewner is a merchant; Rachel died at the age of sixteen years. Nancy and Rachel are buried in the Saltsburg cemetery.

John Ebenezer Gill was educated in his native township and taught farming by his father. He remained at home until he enlisted, at Pittsburg, in Company F, 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, in 1864, and fought

until the close of the Civil war. He was under Capt. W. Obie and Colonel Barnes, and being assigned to reserve duty saw no active service. Mr. Gill has also served as first lieutenant in Company B, 10th Pennsylvania National Guard. After the close of the war he returned home and resumed his farming duties, moving with his parents in 1869 to his present 200-acre farm in Cone-maugh township. Remaining with his father until the death of the latter, he has conducted it very successfully ever since. It is a valuable place, and he takes a pride in keeping it in the best of condition.

While not an office seeker Mr. Gill gave his services to his district as school director for a number of years, and has been an enthusiastic Democrat and active in local matters. A member and trustee of the Tunnelton Presbyterian Church, he has been one of its elders for the last quarter of a century, and is a most excellent man in every respect.

On Feb. 12, 1867, Mr. Gill was married to Mary Ann Kennedy, daughter of Samuel and Lillie (Hamilton) Kennedy, of Penn township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and they had two children: Andrew Hamilton, who married Bell Orris and (second) Minnie Barbour, is an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, running from Pittsburg to Titusville, Pa.; Harry, who married Bell Clawson and (second) Anna Flemming, resides in Blairsville, Pa., and is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Gill was married the second time to Josephine Ludwick, daughter of Harlan and Sinah Ludwick, of Downingtown, Chester Co., Pa. They have had no children.

PETER SAWYER, of Montgomery township, Indiana county, owns considerable land there and has extensive agricultural interests. Formerly he was also engaged in lumbering. Mr. Sawyer was born Oct. 7, 1833, in Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., son of Peter and Mary Sawyer, natives of Germany, who settled in Cambria county, Pa. The father followed his trade of carpenter and also farmed.

In 1859 Peter Sawyer came to Indiana county, where he began lumbering. He bought the farm where he now makes his home, a tract of 240 acres in Montgomery township, and at one time owned a thousand acres in all, but he has sold off most of his holdings, at present retaining only his homestead and another piece of 124 acres. For twenty-five years he followed lumbering, putting logs into the Susquehanna river, but

farming has been his principal vocation, and he has prospered by dint of hard work and good management. He is a much respected citizen of his township, where he has been elected supervisor and overseer of the poor, and he has also served on the board of election commissioners. In political connection he is a Democrat. During his residence of over half a century in Montgomery township he has won high standing in the regard of his fellow citizens.

In 1862 Mr. Sawyer married Clara Darr, of Burnside township, Clearfield Co., Pa., who died in 1864. There were two children by this marriage, both of whom died in infancy. In 1866 he married (second) Jane Irwin, of Montgomery township, Indiana county, daughter of Samuel and Mary Irwin, farming people, and of the seven children born to this union two are deceased, one dying very young and Flora Bell when twenty years old. The five who survive are: Samuel Irwin, of Glen Campbell, this county, farmer and coal dealer, who married Grace Ake, of Hillsdale, this county; Duff, a farmer, carpenter and coal dealer, also of Glen Campbell, who married Nannie Moore, of Cherry-tree; Clara J., now the wife of Dr. J. W. Clark, of Winburne, Pa.; Mary Viola, wife of Charles M. Ake, a merchant of Hillsdale, Pa.; and Bertia O., who graduated from the State normal school at Indiana, and is now engaged in school teaching. The mother of these died in June, 1899.

JACOB DORMIRE, who is living retired after many years spent in agricultural pursuits in Indiana county, was born Feb. 21, 1834, in Pine township, Armstrong Co., Pa., son of David and Sarah (Hofflefinger) Dormire.

Anthony Dormire, the paternal grandfather of Jacob Dormire, was born in Northumberland county, and removed to Armstrong county at an early date, settling near Elderton, where he secured land and spent the rest of his life in farming. He and his wife had a family of ten children.

David Dormire, son of Anthony, and father of Jacob Dormire, was born near Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa. He had but meager opportunities to secure an education, but he was ambitious and industrious and made the best of his chances, eventually becoming a well-informed man. When a young man he removed to Pine township, Armstrong county, and there acquired the ownership of a farm, which he cleared and cultivated, and on

which he spent the rest of his life, dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church, of which his wife was also a faithful member. Mr. Dormire married Sarah Hofflefinger, of Shelecta, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: William, deceased, who lived in Armstrong county; Anthony, deceased, who spent the last years of his life in Michigan; Alexander, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Jacob; Susanna, who married John Brosius, and lives on the old home place; and Lavina, deceased, who married G. S. Reedy.

Jacob Dormire, son of David Dormire, received a common school education, and remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age. At that time he removed to Wayne township, Armstrong county, and in 1871 came to North Mahoning township and purchased 100 acres of land, on which had been made a small clearing, a shanty and log stable standing there. Mr. Dormire had but little cash capital, but was possessed of ambition, thrift and industry, and set about making it a valuable property. In 1875 he erected a substantial barn, and this was followed the next year by the erection of a comfortable frame residence, and by the time of his retirement, in 1909, he had cleared and put under cultivation about ninety acres of his land. He is now living quietly, enjoying the fruits of his years of early toil, and his son, Isaac Curtis Dormire, is engaged in conducting the home place. Mr. Dormire's long and useful career has demonstrated the value of sobriety, probity and integrity, when coupled with well-directed effort, and his life is one worthy of emulation by the youth of the present generation.

Mr. Dormire was first married to Sarah Houser, of Armstrong county, and to this union were born five children, as follows: Joseph C., a farmer of Guthrie, Okla.; Emma, who is deceased; Nancy Jane, who married John Sheesley, of Jefferson county, Pa., and John and David, twins, of whom John is living in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and David in Brown county, Illinois.

On May 4, 1865, Mr. Dormire was married (second) to Lizzie Rumbough, of Dayton, Pa., who was born Dec. 3, 1841, daughter of Isaac and Mary C. (Knight) Rumbough, the former of Butler county and the latter of Clarion county. Mr. Rumbough went to Armstrong county in young manhood and settled near Dayton, where he secured 600 acres of land, the greater part of which he put under cultivation. In addition to growing stock and

farming he found time to serve his township in numerous offices, and was known as one of the active Democrats of his section. He and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church, in the faith of which both passed away on the old home place. They were the parents of the following children: David, a carpenter by trade, who is deceased; Simon, a farmer and office holder, also deceased; Mary, who married William Wadding, both now deceased; Lucy Ann, widow of Jacob Thomas, living on the old homestead; Catherine, widow of Henry Rupp, living in Dayton, Pa.; Christina, deceased, who was the wife of Christopher Riesman; Caroline, who died at the age of twenty years; and Mrs. Dormire.

Mr. and Mrs. Dormire have had six children: Mary, deceased, who was the wife of J. Gould, and had one child, Mary; Ida, the wife of Wilson Fetterhoff, of North Mahoning township, who has three children, Albert, Lincoln and Claire; Maggie, who married Ed. Kerr, of Punxsutawney, Pa., and has two children, Walter and Frederick; William G., a farmer of North Mahoning township, who married Bessie Hosick, and has one son, Floyd; Isaac C., farming for his father in North Mahoning township, who married Olive Crossman, and has three children, Elizabeth, Margaret and Mary; and Harvey J., the proprietor of a furniture store at Dubois, Pa., who married Zillie Chambers, and has two children, Max and Martha.

Mr. Dormire is a Republican in his political views, and has served as school director for three terms, and as a member of the board of supervisors. With his wife he attends the Lutheran Church. In all the relations of life he has shown himself to be a straightforward, public-spirited citizen, well worthy the respect and esteem which are his.

WILSON C. THOMAS, who owns and operates a large farm in Rayne township, Indiana county, and is also very well known in that section as a successful veterinary surgeon, was born Oct. 26, 1852, on the farm where he resides, and where his father lived before him.

Hiram Thomas, his father, died in 1861, at the age of sixty-one years. He married Anna Shield, who lived to the age of seventy-four, dying in 1887. They had a large family, namely: George W., who died at the age of seventy years; Hiram, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Robert, deceased; Hugh, deceased; William, deceased; Jessie, deceased;

Mary, who married Silas Miller, and has one son (they live in Pittsburg); John P., deceased; Eveline, who married Robert Park and lives in Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa.; Archy, deceased; Amos, a dentist, located in Nebraska; and Wilson C. Seven of the sons and three sons-in-law served in the Union army during the Civil war.

Wilson C. Thomas grew to manhood in Rayne township, and has followed farming there throughout his active years, becoming very successful. He owns a tract of 250 acres, and is regarded as one of the prosperous agriculturists of his section, where he is highly respected for his substantial worth. He attends the Presbyterian Church at Marion Center.

On Feb. 16, 1870, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Mary A. Donahy, daughter of William and Harriet (Wimer) Donahy. Her father was a member of Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and lost his life at the battle of Fair Oaks. The mother died when sixty-two years old, in 1888, at Rossmoyne, Pa. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas: Florence, who lives at Dixonville, Indiana county; Charles S., who is engaged in farming in Rayne township; Jessie E., also a resident of Rayne township; Harry White, who is in business as an undertaker at Glen Campbell, this county; William M., a farmer of Rayne township; Park J., a mail carrier, who lives in Marion Center, Pa.; Benjamin W., a mail carrier, of Marion Center, Pa.; Sylvester C., a barber, of Marion Center; Norman L., who died when eighteen years old; Eva Thomas; and one deceased in infancy.

ANDREW WEAMER, a venerable citizen of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, resides at West Plumville, which village stands on the southern part of his home farm, land owned by the Weamer family for the last century.

Andrew Weamer, his grandfather, was born at Flatlands, in Bucks county, Pa., and learned blacksmithing, which trade he found very useful in his pioneer life in western Pennsylvania. Coming to South Mahoning township, Indiana county, he became the owner of four hundred acres of land, upon which, in 1814, he built a stone house which is still standing, owned by Dr. McEwen. In the early days he kept a hotel or tavern, supplying refreshment to travelers who rode through on horseback. In those days there were no roads. He also dealt in stock, ship-

ping horses, cattle and sheep to the eastern markets. His death occurred in 1839, when he was sixty-two years old, and he was buried in the cemetery of St. John's Lutheran Church, of which church he was one of the founders. His wife's name was Elizabeth.

Jacob Weamer, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Weamer, was born in 1806 on the old farm, and obtained such education as the local subscription schools afforded. He made good use of his advantages, could speak English and German, and taught school in Washington township (this county) for one term. He assisted his father in the work of clearing the home place, and was given 140 acres of same, the western part, later buying another tract of 127 acres and operating 267 acres altogether. He built a frame house and barn and made other valuable improvements on his property, and was not only a successful general farmer but was quite extensively interested in buying and selling cattle, sheep and horses, shipping to the Philadelphia markets. He made his trips with his horses overland on horseback at that time. His affairs prospered because of his hard work and intelligent management, and he was also deeply interested in the advancement of the public welfare, being particularly active in the promotion of the public school system. He served as school director, and in other township offices, and was public-spirited in every way, giving three of his sons for service in the Union army during the Civil war. He was a Republican in politics and an active member of St. John's Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon and elder. He died on Dec. 28, 1881, at the age of seventy-five, and is buried in St. John's cemetery. Mr. Weamer married Margaret Roof, a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., born July 15, 1811, near Greensburg, daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Weaver) Roof, and she died in 1894, at the age of eighty-four, and was buried in the cemetery of St. John's Lutheran Church, of which church she was a member. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Weamer: Andrew; Mary, who married Jacob Clowes; William H., now a resident of Homer City, this county, who served during the Civil war; George W., also a resident of Homer City, who served in the Civil war; Joseph C., farmer of South Mahoning township, who served in the Civil war; Margaret, wife of J. C. Craig, living in Chicago, Ill.; and Gettys Franklin, who died when eight years old.

Andrew Weamer, son of Jacob and Mar-

garet (Roof) Weamer, was born March 22, 1833, on the Weamer homestead at what is now West Plumville, and was educated at the local public schools. He always worked at home with his parents, continuing to reside on the homestead and care for them in their declining years, and eventually became the owner of the 140 acres of the old Weamer tract which his father owned. Mr. Weamer has been a successful farmer and stock dealer, and has been making improvements on his property steadily, being one of the most enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his locality. The village of West Plumville, containing some forty houses, school and several stores, is now situated on the southern part of his property. Mr. Weamer is a valuable citizen of his township, which he has served in various public capacities, two terms as assessor, two terms as school director and two terms as supervisor. Like his father he is a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion, belonging to St. John's Church, which he has served as deacon and in other capacities. There is no more respected citizen in the district.

On April 14, 1859, Mr. Weamer married Rebecca Stuchel, daughter of Christopher Stuchel, and they celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding with appropriate festivities. Mrs. Weamer is a descendant of an old Indiana county family. Like her husband she holds membership in the Lutheran Church. Ten children were born to them: Louise Ann, who died when three years old; Margaret Jane, wife of C. C. Shields, of Indiana borough; Ellen, married to Albert Bower, of Rural Valley, Armstrong county; Mary, wife of D. L. Smiley, blacksmith, of West Plumville; Frank, now deceased, who graduated from the State normal school at Indiana and was engaged in teaching; Harry L., a merchant of Saltsburg, married to Adda Small; Charles, now deceased, who became a physician and practiced at Plumville two years; John, who lives in Somerset county, Pa., married to Effie Lohr; Cora, who married Ellis Good, of West Plumville; and Wilbur A., who owns a part of the old homestead, married to Emma Neff.

SAMUEL SPICHER, one of the old residents of Montgomery township, Indiana county, was born there April 26, 1842, and has occupied his present farm for the long period of forty-seven years. His father and grandfather were natives of Somerset county, Pa., where his mother's family were also set-

tled. Samuel and Margaret (Barkey) Spicher, parents of Samuel Spicher, came to Indiana county in 1842 and bought a farm of 160 acres, which he cleared. He followed lumbering until his land was in condition to be cultivated, after which he devoted himself to farming until his retirement. He died at the age of eighty-two years, his wife at the age of seventy-eight. Their children were: Magdelina, wife of George Rareigh; Peter, who married Barbary Decker; John, who married Sarah Gardner; Daniel, who married Jimiah Gardner and (second) Rebecca O'Haro; Elizabeth, wife of William Gardner; George B., who married Elizabeth Brink; Caroline, wife of James Dunlap; Samuel, mentioned below; and Levi, who married Amanda Brillhart.

Samuel Spicher received his education in the log schoolhouse near Gettysburg, Indiana county. After he was twenty-one he followed lumbering and made timber, square timber, spars, booms, etc., and he rafted on the Susquehanna river from Cherrytree to Marietta, continuing in this line for forty years. Meantime he had also acquired agricultural interests, having bought the farm of 115 acres where he now lives forty-seven years ago. He cleared this place, and has converted it into a productive farm, being one of the successful farmers of his part of the township. Mr. Spicher has always taken a great interest in local political affairs. He has never missed a presidential election since he was entitled to vote, and only two county elections, and he is an old-school Republican and ardently concerned for the welfare of the party. He has served as judge of elections and county committeeman.

On Feb. 8, 1863, Mr. Spicher married Lucy A. Wier, of Montgomery township, daughter of John and Mary (Connor) Wier, the former a miller and farmer, who came to this county in the early fifties. Mr. and Mrs. Spicher have ten children: Jacob R., who owns a hotel in Cambria county, Pa.; William T., a miner, of Arcadia, Indiana county; Amanda, wife of Wilson Gromley, a miner, of Montgomery township; Harry E., a farmer of Montgomery township; Celia, wife of Samuel Getty, a farmer; Maud, deceased, who married Ed. Sebring, a painter, of Montgomery township; Howard, a miner, of Arcadia, Pa.; Joseph, of Somerset county, Pa., who is connected with a hotel; Benjamin Franklin, a farmer, living at home; and Ellen, married to Howard Powell, a blacksmith of Montgomery township. Mr. and Mrs. Spicher have had

forty grandchildren, viz.: Blanche, Maria, Edgar, Jacob, Ruth, Earl, Doyle, Ruth and Barney Spicher; Ollie, Samuel, Raul, Quay, Everett, Blaine, Charlie, Fredia, Winnie and Lydia Gromley; Grover, Aleth and Leo Spicher; four who died in infancy unnamed (Spichers); Vivian and Vernon Spicher; Cortney and Ralph Getty; Oeta, John, Alice, Huldah and Trudell Sebring; Marie, Raymond, Edna and Carl Powell; and Oliver Spicher. There are four great-grandchildren, Alien, Evelyn and Lucille Abrams, and Alden Spicher.

Mr. Spicher's religious connection is with the Church of the Brethren; his wife belongs to the United Evangelical Association.

**JACKSON ANDREW COMPTON**, a farmer of Conemaugh township, was born in 1870, at Jacksonville, Indiana county, near the Blacklick township line, and was brought by his parents to Conemaugh township when still very young. Here he attended common school at Clarksburg, and worked on the farm with his parents until the death of his father, who willed to him a tract of 140 acres. This he is now conducting, carrying on farming and stock raising, making a specialty of fine horses, raising some for the market each year. He has a comfortable residence, good barn and outbuildings, and takes a pride in keeping his premises up-to-date in every respect. In addition to his agricultural interests, he is a stockholder in the Farmers' Telephone Company. He and his family all belong to the Presbyterian Church at Clarksburg, which he serves as trustee. Politically he is an independent Democrat, and has been a school director for the last four years.

On Oct. 12, 1904, Mr. Compton was married to Nannie Bell Mabon, a daughter of James and Thurza Jane (Smith) Mabon, residents of Blacklick township. Mr. and Mrs. Compton have had four children, Blaine Loraine, Carol Mabon, Nola May and Wilber Ward.

**MABON**. John Mabon, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Compton, came from Clyde, Scotland, to Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

Francis B. Mabon, son of John Mabon, was born at Georgeville, Pa., and later moved to Marion Center, where he was a farmer. Still later he went to Blacklick township, and in 1861 bought the John Laughry farm of 145 acres, on which he carried on farming the remainder of his useful life. His remains were buried at Blairsville, Pa. At one time he was a county commissioner. Francis B.

Mabon married Catherine Ansley, a daughter of an aunt of Dr. W. B. Ansley, and they had eleven children: Angeline, who married William J. Smith; Robert L.; James; Elizabeth, who married Charles L. Graff; Clara, who married Isaac F. Laughlin; William; Nettie, who married W. B. Long; Emma, Mrs. McFeeters; Louisa, who married J. M. Johnston; Frank B.; and Charles.

Squire James Mabon was a farmer and justice of the peace in Blacklick township. He was born at Marion Center Feb. 18, 1856, came to Blacklick township when young, and has been prominent in township affairs; he has been a justice of the peace for the last twenty years.

On Jan. 13, 1881, Mr. Mabon married Thurza Jane Smith, a daughter of William and Ann C. (Bricker) Smith, and children as follows were born of this marriage: William F., who was born Dec. 21, 1881, and married Louise Rager; Maude L.; Nannie B., born March 18, 1887, who married J. A. Compton; George S., born Jan. 25, 1891; Jean C., born Nov. 7, 1894; and Corwin John, born May 8, 1903.

**VERNA CLAY THOMAS** is engaged in farming in Armstrong township, Indiana county, on a tract of land which was in his father's possession for a period of over thirty years. He was born Dec. 25, 1872, at the old Thomas homestead in the same township, which has been owned in the family seventy years or more, son of John L. Thomas and grandson of John Thomas, the latter also a native of Armstrong township, where he lived and died. He is buried in the cemetery of Curry's Run Church. He owned a farm of about three hundred acres, the place now owned and occupied by his son Amos. He married Anna Walker, and they had children as follows: Israel; William, who lives in Venango county, Pa.; Amos; John L.; Margaret, wife of James Peelor; Sarah, wife of Harrison Anthony; Mary A., wife of Preble Kelly; Eveline, wife of John Fleming; Martha, wife of Richard Fleming; and Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Detter.

John L. Thomas was born May 22, 1844, at the homestead in Armstrong township, was reared on that place, and became familiar with farm work from an early age. He also learned the trades of carpenter and painter, which he followed for some years. He then bought a farm from Joseph Peelor, the place in Armstrong township where his son Verna now lives, and made his home on that prop-

erty until his death—for thirty-two years. He passed away April 1, 1911.

On Dec. 25, 1871, Mr. Thomas was united in marriage with Caroline McGary, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Swan) McGary, and they became the parents of four children: Verna Clay; Olive M., who is the wife of Charles Lewis, of White township, this county; Samuel Wilbur, a railroad man; and Charlotte S., who is married to Blair Lewis, of Indiana, Pa. The mother now lives at Indiana.

Verna Clay Thomas was given a good common school education. He always remained at home on the farm as his father's assistant, and from the time of his marriage has been engaged in farming on his own account. He now owns his father's place, having a fine tract in Armstrong township, of 180 acres, about four and a half miles from the borough of Indiana. He gives all his time and energy to the management and operation of this property, which is in most creditable condition and bears every evidence of intelligent care.

In 1899 Mr. Thomas married Mary Wiggins, of Shelocta, daughter of Alexander and Nancy Wiggins, and they have had eight children, namely: Helen, Lysle, Carolyne, Leroy, John, Arthur, Anna Bell, and Flora Frances (who died when five weeks old). Mr. Thomas is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Curry's Run.

**JAMES AUSTIN CONDRON**, a farmer of Rayne township, was born in West Mahoning township, this county, May 9, 1857, one and a half miles south of Smicksburg, son of David and Lydia Ann (Davis) Condron.

Jacob Condron, his grandfather, came from the eastern part of Pennsylvania to West Mahoning township, settling on a tract of land where he followed farming, becoming the owner of 200 acres. He also engaged in lumbering and continued his activities up to the time of his death. He married a Miss Lockhard, and they had a large family, viz.: William, who died in Iowa; an unnamed daughter; Elizabeth and Mary, both of whom married Cornelius Lowe, of Smicksburg; James, who died in Hollidaysburg (he owned a blast furnace and iron business); George; Jane, who married Thomas Weston; John; Steve and Griffith, who died in the West; David; Marion; Eliza, who married Isaac Yengling; and Jacob, who died in Bedford county.

David Condron was born in Blair county, Pa., but was brought to Indiana county in boyhood by his parents, and was reared to agricultural life. After his marriage to the daughter of James Davis he located on what was known as the Lowe farm of 150 acres, in West Mahoning township, and in 1868 moved to Smicksburg, where he remained until 1872. In 1878 he went to Rayne township and bought the William Carl farm, of 103 acres, but later sold it at a profit, and lived retired for some years at Kelleysburg, now Home. In addition to his farming activities he was a carpenter, and his services as such were in demand during the working period of his life. Mr. Condron was prominent in township matters, serving as school director and supervisor of Rayne township. His fraternal associations were with the Odd Fellows, while his religious connection was with the Lutheran Church, which he served as a deacon and elder. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery surrounding Grove Chapel Church; his wife was buried in the Baptist Church cemetery in West Mahoning township.

David Condron was twice married, and by his first wife, Lydia Ann, had children as follows: James A.; Albert Alvin, who was killed in the silver mines in Colorado; and Ira E., who is an oil merchant of Los Angeles, Cal. After the death of his first wife Mr. Condron married Caroline Wells, and they had these children: Harry D., who is an educator engaged in the public schools of Blairsville, Pa.; Mary, who married S. Stear, a farmer of Rayne township; Nettie, who married a Mr. Neff and resides at Knox, Pa.; Blanch, who married Clair Snyder and (second) Benjamin Stephens; Edward, who resides in Iowa; Mabel, who married a Mr. Mikesell; William, of Iowa; Laura, who married William Fleming, and resides at Vandergrift; and Effie, of California.

James Austin Condron, son of David Condron, was brought up on his father's farm, and educated in the schools of the neighborhood, remaining at home until he was twenty years old. At the same time that he was acquiring a knowledge of farming he was learning the carpenter's trade, and has found both useful in his life work. While attending school he had Curtis Lowe as a teacher in West Mahoning township, and remembers him with affectionate gratitude. Mr. Condron also learned the millwright's trade, working with David Blendenger, of West Wheatfield township. For the three years

following, he found employment as a carpenter and millwright in Indiana and surrounding counties, and the in the spring of 1881 he went to Leadville, Colo., working in the gold and silver mines until 1884, as timber and millwright man, under John Barney as foreman. In 1884 he returned to Rayne township and worked as a carpenter and millwright in Indiana county, after which he spent a year at Indiana, in 1886 moving back to Rayne township and following his trade until 1900. Having bought the Lightcap farm of 126 acres, he has since carried on general farming there, specializing in the raising of fine horses and cattle. In 1896 Mr. Condron built a handsome residence opposite the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad station, on two acres of land, but later added ten and a half acres to the site, on which he built a commodious barn, the latter in 1909. This property is about three quarters of a mile from his farm, at what is known as Home station. Both this and the farm are kept in fine condition, for Mr. Condron is not only an agriculturist but a carpenter as well, and takes a pride in keeping his premises as they ought to be.

On July 3, 1884, Mr. Condron was united in marriage with Melissa C. Rhodes, a daughter of Lewis and Matilda (Brenizer) Rhodes, of Rayne township. Mr. Rhodes was reared in Westmoreland county, while his wife was brought up at Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Condron have become the parents of five children: Ernest Alvin, who married Gertrude Fillhart, is an engineer at Ernest, Pa.; Hazel Jennie is a graduate of the Indiana normal school and now a book-keeper for the Indiana Hardware Company; Mora Bell, Clarence Merle and John Homer are at home.

Mr. Condron has taken an intelligent man's interest in public matters, working with the Republican party, and has been honored by that organization with nomination as assessor of Rayne township upon numerous occasions; he was elected by a large majority. He is the incumbent of the office at present, and has held it for seven consecutive years. For ten years he was a justice of the peace, and for two years has been constable, carrying out in all these offices the same principles which actuated him in private life. In 1875, he became a member of the Lutheran Church, in which he is now an elder, and his family all belong to the same organization.

JESSE L. WAY, general merchant at Home, Pa., was born in Rayne township, Indiana county, March 31, 1873, son of Allen and Mary (Harmon) Way.

Caleb Way, grandfather of Jesse L. Way, was born Feb. 17, 1805, in Clearfield county, Pa. He married in Pennsylvania Lydia Allen, on June 17, 1830.

Allen Way was born in Clearfield county, Pa., June 3, 1832, on the old Way homestead, where he was reared. In early manhood he came to Indiana county, being one of the pioneers of his district, buying a farm in Rayne township comprising 125 acres, where he continued agricultural life until his removal to Home in 1903. Mr. Way was living retired at the residence of his son, Jesse L. Way, at the time of his death, Aug. 8, 1910. He was the only son of his parents, their only child, and naturally inherited their property. His wife was born in Rayne township, a daughter of Jacob Harmon, a native of Indiana county, and one of the early settlers of Rayne township, where he spent his life as a farmer. Mr. Harmon had six children, of whom the following are living: Jane, who is the wife of William Buchanan, of Indiana; Andrew, who lives in Missouri; Weamer, of Indiana; and Bailey, who resides in Rayne township. Mrs. Way died Feb. 17, 1902. She and her husband had three children, of whom Jesse L. is the youngest, the others being: Caleb, who resides at Pittsburg; and Harmon, who is a poultry raiser in Rayne township.

Jesse L. Way spent his boyhood on his father's farm, alternating agricultural work with attendance at the district schools. He remained upon the farm until 1903, when in conjunction with his brothers he purchased the general mercantile business of Sloan & Company, conducting it under the name of Way Brothers, until June, 1912, when Jesse L. Way bought out his associates' interests, and is now alone, operating the business as the J. L. Way General Store. He has also directed his energies toward chicken raising, his poultry yielding him a good profit.

On Dec. 16, 1896, Mr. Way was married to Effie M. Boucher, who was born in Rayne township, a daughter of James and Mary M. (Shields) Boucher, both natives of that township. Mr. Boucher was a son of Andrew Boucher, one of the pioneers of Indiana county, who engaged in farming upon a large scale, as did the father of Mrs. Way. The mother of Mrs. Way was a daughter of William Shields, also an early settler of Rayne



township. Mr. and Mrs. Boucher survive and live on their homestead. They had seven children, of whom Mrs. Way is the eldest, the others being: John I., who is the manager of the Greenwich Supply Company of Lovejoy; Myrtle, who is the wife of Thomas E. Williams, of Punxsutawney; Della, who is the wife of Louis Hoer, of Rayne township; Beulah, who is the wife of Luther Hughes, of Spangler, Pa.; Charles, living on the old homestead; and William C., deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Way became the parents of the following children: Howard D., J. Bernard and Charles L. Both Mr. and Mrs. Way are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, to which their two older sons also belong.

Not only is Mr. Way a good business man, for his undertakings have prospered, but he is one who does not neglect the spiritual side for the more material one, devoting considerable time to his church duties, serving his denomination as deacon. He is fully alive to the responsibilities of that office. Such men as he exert a strong influence for good in their communities, and deserve the confidence they inspire.

REV. EMILIO FARRI, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, at Ernest, a man of scholarship, executive ability and Christian zeal, has been a resident of the United States since 1906, and has had full charge of his present church since 1911. Father Farri is yet on the sunny side of life, born Aug. 15, 1881, in Italy, one of the two sons of Louis and Theresa Farri. The parents died when their sons, Emilio and Angelo, were young, and both now live in Pennsylvania, the older son being a resident of Punxsutawney.

In his native land Father Farri was dedicated to the priesthood when young, and his education was carried on with that end in view. In early manhood he entered a seminary at Naples, and was ordained to the priesthood after completing his theological course. In 1906 he came to America, and for one year engaged in missionary work, with headquarters at Pittsburg, Pa. In 1907 he came to Indiana, and for four years was assistant to Rev. Father McNelis, his duties including ministerial work at both Indiana and Ernest. The Church of the Assumption at Ernest was built in 1905, under the direction of Rev. Father McNelis, who felt a deep interest in its welfare, one that Father Farri also developed as he came to know the people of this parish and to realize their spiritual

needs. He is much beloved by his people, and is also held in universal esteem by those outside his own congregation.

JESSE THOMAS, who is now living retired on his farm in Armstrong township, was born June 27, 1836, in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., and is a son of Dubre and Mary (Heffelfinger) Thomas.

Jesse Thomas, grandfather of Jesse Thomas, was born in Wales. He married a Miss Knights, and they became the parents of the following children: Hiram, who married Ann Kinter; Lewis; Amos, who married a Hunter; Dubre; Ann, who married a Henderson and (second) a Jamison; Letitia, who married a McKee; and Naomi, who married a Campbell, and (second) a McElfresh.

Dubre Thomas, son of Jesse Thomas, above, was born in Luzerne county, Pa., and when ten years old removed to Washington township, Indiana county, where for more than twenty-two years he was engaged in general farming and in driving cattle to eastern markets. During the latter part of his life he lived retired in Indiana. He had a farm of 100 acres in Washington township, but in 1853 moved to Armstrong township and bought the Shoemaker tract of 110 acres, to which he added from time to time until he had 340 acres, this being divided between Jesse and a brother. He also worked on the construction of the Pennsylvania canal in the Allegheny valley. He was a Republican in politics, was constable for years and overseer of the poor, while his religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church, of which he was deacon and trustee for a long period. He died at the age of seventy-two years and his wife when ninety-two, and both were buried in Oakland cemetery, Indiana. Their children were as follows: Peter, an orchardist, who died in Kansas; Margaret, who married R. M. Fleming, a carpenter; Jesse; and Lewis M.

Jesse Thomas, son of Dubre Thomas, grew to manhood in Washington township, securing his education in the district schools. He followed farming with his father until 1860, after which he was engaged in buying and selling stock, in this capacity traveling all over the country from 1864 to 1910. In 1880, at the time of his father's death, the home farm was divided, and Jesse received as his share 170 acres, to which he subsequently added forty-eight acres. He now lives retired on the homestead place, on which he

has erected a beautiful home with all modern improvements and conveniences, a substantial barn, and suitable outbuildings. For years he was engaged in farming and stock raising, and is still interested in the latter line, disposing of his stock in Philadelphia and Jersey City. In politics a Republican, during his active years he was known as one of the party leaders in the township. With his family he attends the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee for years.

Mr. Thomas married Julia Robinson, daughter of Robert T. Robinson, and they have had five children, namely: John L., manager of the Sloan Investment Company, of Bellingham, Wash., married Cynthia Brenizer, and they have five children, Muriel, Arthur H., Jesse B., Eleanora B. and Theodore W.; Mary married Calvin Walker, an undertaker, of Armstrong township; William, who conducts the home farm and is a large dealer in live stock, married Blanche Wisinger, and has one child, Mildred Louise, born July 1, 1912; Ida A. married W. A. Wiggins, paymaster for the United States Steel Company at Vandergrift, Pa.; Dubre died when one and a half years old.

SAMUEL MILTON WAINWRIGHT is a representative member of a family which has been associated with various interests in Blacklick township, Indiana county, for about a century. He is a farmer, like his immediate ancestors, occupying the farm bought by his grandfather in the early part of the last century, has served his township faithfully in several official capacities, and is a member of the Hopewell M. E. Church, which has numbered members of the Wainwright family among its supporters for several generations.

Samuel Wainwright, his grandfather, was born Jan. 25, 1780, in West Derby, Lancashire, England, where he was married May 20, 1801, to Sarah Cardin McCartney, born March 10, 1782. Her mother, Mrs. Mardecia (Cardin) McCartney, was born Nov. 17, 1753, in West Derby, England. Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright came to America shortly after their marriage, and proceeding west of the Allegheny mountains located first in Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa., where he found employment at the salt works and also at mining. By hard work and economy he saved enough to buy a farm of 175 acres in Blacklick township, to which he moved, and there he brought up his large family. He succeeded in clearing most of this land during

his busy lifetime, and became one of the leading farmers in that part of Indiana county, making a remarkable success of his agricultural operations. He was a great lover of good horses, and raised many prize winners. He took great pride and interest in the development and welfare of his home township, but never sought office or took an active part in public affairs. Among the first to start the movement which resulted in the establishing of Hopewell M. E. Church, he always contributed liberally to its support, and he and his wife were among its most zealous members and ardently interested in everything affecting its prosperity. They are buried in the cemetery of the place of worship they loved so well. Mr. Wainwright died Aug. 6, 1853. They had children as follows: Tirzah, born April 20, 1802, resided in Blacklick township; she married James Smith and had children, William, George, Lizzie, Sarah and Loretta. Mary, born March 11, 1804, is deceased. Isaac, born July 9, 1805, married Rachel Devinie, and lived near Davenport, in Rock Island county, Ill.; they had children, Isaac, George, Alfred and John. Elizabeth, born Dec. 30, 1809, is deceased. Ede, born Nov. 8, 1810, married Andy Devianey and had Samuel and John. Hannah, born March 12, 1813, is deceased. Samuel, born June 6, 1815, married Ann Baker and had children, Charles, John, Samuel and Rachel; they lived in the State of Illinois. Eleanor, born Nov. 6, 1818, made her home with her nephew Samuel Milton Wainwright, and died at the age of eighty-three years; she is buried in the Hopewell Church cemetery, in Blacklick township. George is fully mentioned below. Mary, born Sept. 30, 1822, died April 1, 1853; she was the wife of John Nesbitt Anderson, of Indiana, Pa. John was born Sept. 18, 1824. Betsy married John Archibald and had children, John, Samuel and Isaac.

George Wainwright, son of Samuel and Sarah Cardin (McCartney) Wainwright, was born Nov. 17, 1820, at Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa. He was quite young when the family moved to Blacklick township, and attended the log schoolhouse near his home there. As long as his father lived he worked with him, farming and stock raising, and after the death of his father continued to run the farm, upon which he made many improvements, building a barn and house, and otherwise adding materially to the value of the property. He had the whole 175 acres owned by his father. Like him he was very

successful in breeding horses, raising a number of blue ribbon animals, and also had other stock. He died in 1876.

Mr. Wainwright married Jane McGee, who was born Dec. 1, 1828, daughter of James and Polly (Lyons) McGee, of Blacklick township. Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright were members of the Hopewell M. E. Church and among the generous supporters of that organization, and they are interred in the Hopewell cemetery. He was originally a Whig in politics, later becoming a Republican. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright: (1) Mary, born Aug. 30, 1855, died in 1884. She married Harvey Ferguson, and had two children, Clark and Mabel. (2) Samuel Milton is mentioned below. (3) Sarah Elizabeth, born Feb. 21, 1860, died March 28, 1864. (4) Emma, born March 8, 1862, became the second wife of Harvey Ferguson (who first married her sister Mary), and they had a family of eight children, born as follows: Daisy C., July 31, 1887 (married Frank J. Bernbrok and had Emma B., Gertrude Ellen, Frank Harvey, Daisy F. and Helen J.); Ida Jane, deceased; George William, Feb. 10, 1893 (living in South Carolina); Charlotta Amanda, Oct. 30, 1896; Maggie M., Oct. 16, 1898; Charles W., Dec. 18, 1901; Frank H. and Reuben, Dec. 29, 1905. (5) George Smith, born Feb. 15, 1865, is a farmer and lives in Blacklick township. He married Nettie White. (6) Charles Stiffy, born Oct. 12, 1869, married Alice Repine, and resides in Blairsville, Pa. (7) Maggie C., born Feb. 8, 1873, married Harry Brown and resides in Blacklick township, where he is engaged in farming.

Samuel Milton Wainwright was born Dec. 28, 1857, in Blacklick township, where he first attended the Ehart school, later the Archibald school. He always remained at home assisting his father, and though only in his nineteenth year when the latter died took charge of the farm, being the eldest son. He did his duty faithfully, keeping up the property and helping to rear his younger brothers and sisters, and by hard work he has become one of the most substantial citizens of his vicinity, esteemed by all who know him for his strength of character and high moral standards. Besides looking after his own place, which now consists of 123 acres, nearly all under cultivation, he has done threshing in his own neighborhood and the surrounding country, and by thrifty management has accumulated a competency. His home is one of the best kept places in Blacklick township. In 1889

he built the substantial, commodious barn, and all the improvements he has made are of the same character. Mr. Wainwright is a self-made man and deserves all the success which has come to him, and he is thoroughly trusted by his fellow citizens, who have chosen him to several public positions, he having served as treasurer, supervisor of roads, and in other township offices. He is interested in the Farmers' Telephone Company of Blacklick township, of which he is treasurer. Mr. Wainwright is a Republican in political sentiment. In religious connection he is a member of the Hopewell M. E. Church, with which his parents and grandparents also united. He has never married.

WILLIAM BRINKMAN, drayman, of the city of Indiana, Pa., was born May 14, 1851, in Indiana county, near Homer City, a son of Henry Brinkman.

Henry Brinkman was born in Germany, and coming to the United States with his wife and four children landed at Baltimore, Md. With the little party were a brother-in-law of Mr. Brinkman, William Brodimyre, and his family. From Baltimore they made what was then a tiresome journey to Johnstown, Pa., traveling principally by the Erie canal. Mr. Brinkman and his family moved still further, settling at what is now Homer City, Indiana Co., Pa., where he bought fifteen acres of land, on which he put up a log house and began to develop his property. As evidence of the thoroughness with which these pioneers did everything, that primitive log house still stands, although since then it has been weatherboarded. It originally stood on the road between Luzerne and Homer City. With an eye to the future, Mr. Brinkman divided his fifteen acres into town lots. Associated with him in the early development of this section were Henry Kettler, George Mock, John Coy, a Mr. Wilson (father of Edward Wilson, who was cashier of the Deposit Bank of Indiana), Joseph Dickie and William Johnston, who all bore a hand in the erection of that historic log cabin. Mr. Brinkman remained in that locality for nine or ten years, at the end of which period he went to Johnstown and became connected with the Wood-Morrell Company, now the Cambria Steel Company, and built the stone foundations of the buildings in which they were located. This association continued until his death, which occurred in 1864, when he was about sixty-five years old. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and he was a most

excellent, conscientious man. In political affiliations he was a Democrat, but showed no disposition to accept public office.

Henry Brinkman married Henrietta Bravis, who was born in Bremen, Germany, and died in Indiana county, surviving her husband for some years. After his demise she returned with her son William to Indiana county. The children born to this couple were: Charlotte, who married Joseph Westinghouse, located near Grass Lake, Mich., but after the death of her husband went to Salem, Oregon, where she died; Rosie married Simon Kagelmeyer and located in Indiana, after his death she and her six children moving to Salem, Oregon, where they now reside; Mary, who married Charles Seyfried, located in Blairsville, Indiana Co., Pa.; Dora, who married John Rouch, located at Red Bank, Pa., where both she and her husband died; Henry enlisted at Johnstown, Pa., during the Civil war, in 1861, served until 1865, and was wounded in battle, and after the war returned to Johnstown, where he engaged with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a bookkeeper, and then went to Wolf Island, Mo., near Cairo, Ill., where he died; William is mentioned below.

William Brinkman attended the excellent public schools of Johnstown, Pa., and a German and English school taught by Rev. Dr. Tobler. After leaving school his first employment was as water boy for the Wood-Morrell Company. This was when he was sixteen years old. Later he worked in the mill and was a metal driver, then a carter at the rolls, and probably would have been further advanced, but his father dying he went back to Indiana county with his mother, who did not like Johnstown. As soon as he returned to Indiana Mr. Brinkman secured employment in the paper mill of Sutton & McCartney, driving a team, thus continuing for several years. He also drove a team for William Heffelfinger until his death, when he bought Mrs. Heffelfinger's interest in the draying business, and is still conducting it, having enlarged the equipment and still further bettered the service.

Mr. Brinkman married Catherine Shots, a daughter of Michael and Jane (Chambers) Shots, the former a canalboat man. Mrs. Brinkman died in December, 1912, a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, and a most excellent wife and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman had these children: Hattie, who married Kim Johnson, of Ligonier, Pa.; John H., who married Bertha Davidson, and died

Aug. 31, 1909; Frank, who is unmarried, and living at Pittsburgh; and Maggie, who married Thomas Gilkey, of Indiana. Mr. Brinkman was brought up in the Lutheran faith, his mother, as well as his father, being a consistent member of that denomination, and early connected himself with it. Politically he is an independent Democrat.

JOHN M. McFEATERS, of Creekside, Pa., now serving as justice of the peace, was born in the southern part of Indiana county, Pa., Jan. 3, 1851, son of Andrew McFeaters.

Andrew McFeaters was an early settler of Indiana county, living in the southern portion, where he spent the rest of his life in farming, his death occurring in 1882. His wife, Rebecca (Mahan), passed away in 1851, the same year that John M. McFeaters was born. She was a native of the Irish coast. Her other children were: W. L., who is living in Armagh, Indiana county; Rachel and Nancy, who are deceased; and Hannah, the widow of Rev. Mr. Sweeney.

John M. McFeaters was reared in the home of his maternal grandparents, working on the farm in the summer months and attending the old St. Clair school in White township during the winter season. His school days over, he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for several years, and came to Creekside before the town was incorporated as a borough. In 1911 he was elected justice of the peace, a position which he still ably fills, in addition to which he has served as mayor of the borough (one term) and as a member of the council. He assisted in the organization of the borough, and is looked upon as one of his community's most representative men.

On July 3, 1873, Mr. McFeaters was married to Catherine Colteborgh, a native of Indiana county, whose parents, both now deceased, were early settlers of the county. Mr. and Mrs. McFeaters have had five children: Charles L., living at Steubenville, Ohio; Robert, who is deceased; Dollie, wife of Charles Kunkle, of Creekside; Grace, wife of R. B. Fitzsimmons, of Vandergrift, Pa.; and Maud, wife of E. H. Turney, of Vandergrift.

Mr. and Mrs. McFeaters are members of the Presbyterian Church, while fraternally he is connected with Creekside Council, Royal Arcanum, and the Heptasophs at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

JONAS B. BAUGHMAN, head of the firm of J. B. Baughman & Sons, of Blairsville, In-

diana county, has been engaged in business there as a manufacturer and dealer in vehicles for the last forty years. He is the leading man in his line in the borough. Mr. Baughman is a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., born at Youngstown, but was brought to Blairsville when three years old and has lived there ever since.

Peter Baughman, the grandfather of Jonas B. Baughman, was a native of Holland. His son, Seth Baughman, was born in Westmoreland county, and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1849. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker, at which he was successfully engaged in Youngstown for many years, manufacturing a large quantity of chairs, which sold readily, and for which he was especially noted. His wife, Christina (Smith), was of German lineage, and was born in Westmoreland county in 1814, daughter of Joseph Smith. She survived her husband five years, dying in 1854. They were members of the Reformed Church. Their family consisted of six children, of whom three are living: Kate, wife of John Decker, of Irwin, Pa.; Sarah; and Jonas B. Joseph, Lucetta and John are deceased.

Jonas B. Baughman was born March 14, 1848. Being very young when his parents died, he had to make his way among strangers, and had no advantages of education or influence to aid him in getting a start in life. He obtained his education in the public schools, such as they were in his youth, and he could attend only three months in the winter season. After serving several years' apprenticeship in a carriage factory he became engaged as a journeyman with a carriage firm, by whom he was employed until he commenced business on his own account, in 1873. He established a factory on Campbell street, in Blairsville, and besides manufacturing fine carriages and buggies has turned out neat and serviceable vehicles of all kinds, also conducting a complete repair shop. Mr. Baughman's thorough familiarity with all the details of manufacturing, and his long experience, enable him to exercise proper supervision over all the work done in the shop and factory and to give the best possible service to all patrons. The business is conducted in a commodious building, 25 by 200 feet in dimensions, with work rooms for the various branches completely fitted up and ample storage capacity. Mr. Baughman has prospered through industry and intelligent management of his affairs, and has acquired the ownership of several pieces of

property in Blairsville besides his factory. His fellow citizens have chosen him to various public positions of trust, and he has served them acceptably as a member of the town council (three terms), school director, overseer of the poor, and in other offices. In politics he has been associated with the Republican party. He has been a member of the M. E. Church for the last twenty-five years, and an Odd Fellow for over forty years, since 1872, and was a representative to the grand lodge of that fraternity in 1902; he is a charter member of the local lodges of the B. P. O. Elks and Woodmen of the World.

In 1872 Mr. Baughman was married to Salome Wonder, who was a daughter of Stephen and Susan (Gahn) Wonder, natives of Bedford county, Pa. Mrs. Baughman died in 1900, in her fifty-sixth year, the mother of eight children, two sons and six daughters, namely: Clara B., wife of Scott Miller, of Hazelwood, Pa.; Ida B., wife of C. F. A. Meyer, of Derry, Pa.; Mary K., wife of Philas Staub, of Portland, Oregon; Sarah J., wife of Dr. Albert Mason, of Roaring Springs, Pa.; Maggie M., wife of J. M. McGahey, of Monessen, Pa.; Jesse C. and William E., both of Blairsville, now in partnership with their father as members of the firm of J. B. Baughman & Sons; and Alice I., wife of Frank Mobrey, of Hillside, Pa. For his second wife Mr. Baughman married, in December, 1901, Mary E. Wonder, sister of his first wife, and they have two children, Nora Edith and J. B., Jr.

Mr. Baughman, though he has led a busy life, has found time for recreation and travel, and in 1911 journeyed eleven thousand miles, visiting British Columbia, Portland, San Francisco and other far western points, as well as old Mexico.

Stephen and Susan (Gahn) Wonder, parents of Mrs. Baughman, had a family of eleven children, five of whom are yet living: Katherine, wife of Henry M. Pringle, of Irwin, Pa.; Mary E., Mrs. Baughman; Nora, wife of R. G. Algeo, of McKees Rocks, Pa.; Henry, of Muncie, Ind.; and Martin S., of Pitcairn, Pa. The following are deceased: Elizabeth, Jacob, Margaret, Salome (first wife of Jonas B. Baughman), Louisa and Daniel.

ROSS S. FLEMING, a resident of Armstrong township, Indiana county, belongs to an old settled family of this part of Pennsylvania. His great-grandfather, Thomas

Fleming, was born in Huntingdon county, this State, and his wife, Bettie (Martin), was a native of Ireland, coming to the United States with her parents when a little girl. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fleming were both of Scotch-Irish parentage. In 1818 he settled in Indiana county. He was a farmer by occupation.

James Fleming, son of Thomas, lived in Indiana county among the early settlers. He was a machinist by trade, engaged in farming to some extent, and also in the flour milling business, being a part owner of the first flour mill in Armstrong county. During the sixties, at the time of the Morgan raid, he was a member of the Pennsylvania militia. His children were: Elizabeth A., wife of David Hill; John; Thomas; James G.; William; May A., wife of Israel Thomas; and Charlotte, wife of George Cline. The father of this family died in 1891, the mother surviving until 1902; she was ninety-two years old. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

William Fleming, father of Ross S. Fleming, was born Jan. 6, 1839, at Woodward's Mill, in Armstrong county, and attended the common school in the vicinity. Then he went to Huntingdon county, Pa., and engaged in farming at the foot of the planes. Moving to Armstrong township, Indiana county, he bought the W. D. Anthony farm in 1866, a piece of property containing 160 acres located on Anthony's run, and followed farming on that place for about fifteen years. In 1881 he purchased the R. H. Armstrong farm and home, where he resided from that time until his death. The house was a substantial dwelling, erected in 1861, and Mr. Fleming made extensive improvements on the farm of 150 acres during his ownership, keeping the property in fine condition. He engaged in general agriculture and was extensively interested in the raising of cattle. He was an energetic man, alive to the needs of the community as well as enterprising in the care of his own interests, and held various local offices, serving as overseer of the poor, supervisor and member of the election board. In political connection he was a Democrat, but he was an ardent Union sympathizer during the Civil war, in which he served under three enlistments—Aug. 7, 1862, in Company I, 135th Pennsylvania Regiment, Capt. John A. Kinters (discharged May 24, 1863); July 1, 1863, in Company C, 57th Pennsylvania Regiment; and Aug. 22, 1863, in Company H, 206th Pennsylvania Regi-

ment, Capt. Joseph C. Greer (discharged June 1, 1865). He was present at Richmond when Lee surrendered, and afterward went to Venango county, Pa., spending about one year in the oil fields, and then returning to Armstrong township, Indiana county.

On Oct. 4, 1866, Mr. Fleming married Sarah E. Anthony, daughter of John and Elizabeth (McKnight) Anthony, of Armstrong township (she is a cousin of Dr. W. J. McKnight, author of the "Pioneer Outline History of Northwestern Pennsylvania"). Mrs. Fleming continues to reside on the homestead place. Mr. Fleming died Dec. 10, 1900, at the "Henry Hotel," Pittsburg, Pa., while on a business trip, and is buried in Oakland cemetery in Indiana, where a fine monument has been erected to his memory. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming, Frank, Ross S. and Paul M. Frank married Lizzie Calhoun, daughter of James and Mary (Blakley) Calhoun, and now resides at Denver, Colo., where he is engaged in business as a contractor and builder. Paul M., born Aug. 31, 1866, is living at Kiefer, Okla., and is engaged in the oil fields.

Ross S. Fleming was born June 2, 1883, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and there began his education in public school, later attending a select school at Shelocta, this county. He was brought up like the average farmer's boy, and although not actively engaged in agricultural lines now has found his work in a similar field, in which his practical knowledge of farming and farmers' needs has proved highly useful. He is traveling salesman for the James Manufacturing Company, of Fort Atkinson, Wis., manufacturers of sanitary dairy fixtures, etc. His territory is in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and southern New York.

On June 20, 1907, Mr. Fleming married Abbie Jane Miller, daughter of Moses B. and Rachel (Mangus) Miller, of Armstrong township, and his mother resides with them, Mr. Fleming having one of the finest homes in Armstrong township, the old home place of his parents. He owns a tract of 150 acres, his father's old farm, which he rents, giving all his time to business matters.

ALTEMUS. The Altemus family of Brushvalley township is one of the oldest and most respected in that portion of Indiana county, and two of the surviving sons of Nicholas Altemus, William Wolf and Mathias S. Altemus, still reside there, honored as

typical representatives of a name which has long been associated with good citizenship and high character.

The first of this name in Brushvalley township was Adam Altemus, who was of German extraction and a native of Northampton county, Pa. Coming to Indiana county about 1798 he located in Center township, near the line of what is now Brushvalley township, on what is now known as the Robert McPhetris farm, and here he settled down to farming, having a tract of 200 acres, on which he made considerable improvement. He built a fine brick dwelling house on the farm, the first of its kind in that section, the brick being made on his place. He spent his active life on the property, and when he retired from arduous labor moved to Mechanicsburg, where he owned a home and spent the remainder of his days, dying there in September, 1863; he was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery. He was blind some years before his death. Mr. Altemus was a member of the Lutheran Church, was a Whig and Republican in politics, and was known to all as a man who did his duty faithfully in his walk of life. He married Evaline (Eve) Shaffer, a native also of Northampton county, and she is buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery near Graceton, in Center township. Children as follows were born to this pioneer couple: Nicholas; Margaret, who married Peter Steffy; Daniel, who married Elizabeth Henderickson; John, who married Mary A. Drennen; Thomas, who was killed, with a horse he was riding, by a falling tree, while returning from Wakefields mill; William, who married Prudence Peddicord; Susanna, who married Dyarman Wolf; and David, who married Sarah Peddicord.

Nicholas Altemus, eldest son of Adam Altemus, was born in 1800 in Center township and there grew to manhood. What education he received was obtained in the subscription schools of the day. He worked at home with his father until of age, when in 1823 he settled in Brushcreek run, in Brushvalley township, and with his father's help built the first grist and saw mill in Brushvalley (then a part of Wheatfield) township, which he operated. In 1853 the old mill was replaced by the present structure, and operations have been carried on there ever since. In 1848 he built the frame dwelling house which is now the home of his son William Wolf Altemus. Besides attending to the mill work he farmed a tract of 128 acres near the mill, and was a successful busi-

ness man, acquiring the ownership of over eight hundred acres before his death; most of it is still in the possession of his sons and grandchildren. On Feb. 23, 1872, while leaving his home to attend a sale, the horse he was riding slipped on the ice and fell, and Mr. Altemus fell off, his head striking the hard ground. He died from the effects of his injuries in a few hours, and was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery in Brushvalley township. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and active in its work. In politics he was a staunch Whig and Republican. He was prominent in local affairs, serving as assessor, tax collector and school director of the township as well as in other public offices.

In 1821 Nicholas Altemus married Mary Wolf, who was born in Brushvalley township in 1802, daughter of John Wolf, and died in that township at the age of seventy-six years. She is buried in the cemetery of the Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. Fourteen children were born to this marriage: Martha H. married Alexander Noble, and both are deceased; Margaret married Frank Hurlinger, and both are deceased; Adam married Catherine Conrad; Elizabeth married C. R. Weaver, and died in Brushvalley; Susanna died in young womanhood; David, born April 19, 1831, married Susan Dick, and died in Buffington township, this county; James, born Dec. 27, 1832, married Mary E. Darney, and died in Buffington township; Evaline married Robert Pringle; Sarah married Amos Knabb, and resides in Colorado; Mary married George Paul; Charlotte married John Shaffer; William Wolf and Mathias S. are mentioned below; John A. died when two and a half years old.

WILLIAM WOLF ALTEMUS, son of Nicholas, was born on the farm at Altemus Mills, in Brushvalley township, March 8, 1842. In his boyhood he attended the local school at Mechanicsburg taught by Mrs. Potter. Even during his school days he had begun to assist his father on the farm, and he continued to work with him until the call came for volunteers in the Civil war. On July 24, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 12th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Capt. A. J. Bolz and Colonel Taggart, and signed for a period of eighteen months. His was the first company recruited in the county for three years' service. The regiment remained at Camp Curtin until Aug. 10th, when it was mustered into the United States service and sent to Tennyaltown, near Washington, where

it was assigned to the 3d brigade of the reserves. In October the regiment was moved to the Virginia side of the Potomac and went into winter quarters at Camp Pierpont. Mr. Altemus took part with his company and regiment in the battles of Drainesville, Mechanicsville, Gaines' Mills, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Bull Run and South Mountain, where he was wounded in the left shoulder Sept. 14, 1862. He was taken to hospital and was discharged on account of disability Jan. 20, 1863. Later in that year he again enlisted, at the call of Governor Curtin, helping to recruit Company E, 2d Battalion, under Lieut. Col. Linsinger, and Capt. William P. Altemus, becoming first lieutenant of this company, which was elected to serve for six months. It was mustered into the United States service in June, 1863, and did guard duty in West Virginia on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, spending seven months in the service. Mr. Altemus was discharged at Pittsburg in January, 1864, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Turning his attention once more to farming, Mr. Altemus settled on a tract of 260 acres which was a part of the 800-acre property owned by his father, and the greater part of which is now operated by his son James K. Altemus. He continued to live on the farm, engaged in general farming and stock raising, until 1900, when he became the owner of the Altemus Mill, which his father had built and operated. There for the last twelve years he has been engaged in general milling, and he also cultivates a tract of 126 acres known as the homestead farm. Mr. Altemus is a man of enterprise and progressive ideas, and his ability is recognized by his fellow citizens, who have retained him in the office of township supervisor for ten years. He is a staunch Republican in his political views. He was one of the organizers of the G. A. R. post at Mechanicsburg and has served as officer of the day.

On July 5, 1864, Mr. Altemus married Mary E. Kelly, daughter of James T. Kelly, a farmer of Brushvalley township, who died in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Altemus have had a happy married life of forty-eight years. They have had a family of eleven children, five of whom died young, the others being: James Kelly, who farms his father's homestead; Taylor, a farmer in Brushvalley township; Edgar, who resides at Johnstown, Pa.; Marlin Vincent, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Cora, married

to Hugh F. Robinson, of Johnstown; and Anne Gertrude, who died when eleven years old.

MATHIAS S. ALTEMUS, son of Nicholas and brother of William Wolf Altemus, was born on the Altemus farm Feb. 12, 1844. He was educated in the public schools of the township and continued on the homestead with his parents, assisting with the farm and mill work. When he started for himself he became engaged in general farming and stock raising on a tract of 135 acres which was a part of his father's 800-acre tract, being thus occupied until the electric car system was established in Johnstown, when he became a motorman on the first cars operated. After five years of this work he returned to the farm, and followed general agriculture for another six years, at the end of which time he turned that place over to his son Ralph. He then bought Rev. A. B. Runyan's farm, near Slabtown, a tract of 113 acres, in 1903, and has since cultivated that property, engaging in general farming and stock raising. He also owns some orange lands in Florida.

On March 10, 1865, Mr. Altemus enlisted in Company F, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Richard White and Lieut. Curtis McCornish, and served until after the close of the war, being discharged at Petersburg, Va., Aug. 30, 1865. In the latter part of March, 1865, the regiment crossed the James river and marched to Hatcher's Run, Va., and was in the skirmish line in the general advance of March 31st, where twenty men were killed or wounded. The next engagement the regiment participated in was the charge on Fort Baldwin, the 55th being the first regiment to occupy it, suffering only slight loss. The regiment at that time had no more than 200 effective men. Mr. Altemus did his duty as a soldier, and he has always been a public-spirited citizen, a hard-working, honest and honorable man, who commands the esteem of all who know him. He has been a staunch Republican, but independent in supporting what seems right to him, and he is a staunch admirer of Roosevelt and his principles. Though never seeking public honors he has served as road boss of the township one year, school director, and member of the election board as judge and inspector. He is a leading member of the M. E. Church of Mechanicsburg, which he has served as class leader and trustee for twenty years, steward, and Sunday school



teacher and superintendent, taking part in all the branches of church work.

On March 8, 1865, Mr. Altemus married Lucinda Sproul, who was born in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of James and Nancy Sproul, and they have had eleven children: Mary E. (Molly), who married William Miller and resides in Johnstown; Harry White, who is with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, assistant on the Conemaugh branch in Cambria county; Ralph N., farming on the homestead; John, who resides near his father; Mabel, married to Blair Horner, of Ambridge, Beaver county; Nannie, married to Harry Rheam, of Cambria county; M. Brook, residing at Johnstown; and four who died young, George Washington, Floyd T., Stanley and one unnamed.

ALEXANDER MATHIAS ADAMS, one of Homer City's well-known business men, a dealer in real estate, was born on a farm in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, Pa., Sept. 22, 1861, and is a son of Silas and Rebecca (McCormack) Adams, and a grandson of Stephen Adams.

Stephen Adams was one of the pioneer settlers of Brushvalley and he lived and died on his own farm there; he was buried at Mechanicsburg, Pa. He married a Miss Wilson, and they had the following children: Wilson, who resided at Brookville, Pa.; Silas; Levi, who lived at Plumville; and Matilda, who married Alexander Adams (and they moved to the West).

Silas Adams, son of Stephen, was born on the homestead in Brushvalley about 1825, and there grew to manhood and adopted farming as his occupation. Although he died while yet in the prime of life, in July, 1865, when aged forty years, he owned and was operating a farm of 100 acres. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church and a worthy man in every relation of life. Politically he was a Whig in early life and later a Republican. He married Rebecca McCormack, who was born in Brushvalley township, a daughter of James and Sarah (Wilson) McCormack, and five children were born to them, namely: Sarah Jane, who lives at Homer City; Augustus, who died young; Carlos Calvin, who is with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and lives at Blairsville (he married Jennie Thompson); Alexander M.; and Samuel Alpheus, who married Mary S. Boyer (they reside at Blairsville).

After the death of her husband Mrs. Adams sold the homestead and moved to Center

township, where she bought the Mathew Reniken farm of 180 acres, and for some time the family operated it and then sold to Andrew Kline and bought another tract, known as the Fergus Clason farm, of 160 acres, on which they continued to live until the death of the mother, July 4, 1898. She was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. She was a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church and an admirable woman in every way. Being left with business responsibilities and a family of young children, she bravely met every obstacle and overcame it, reared and educated her family, and was prudent in managing their patrimony.

Alexander M. Adams was quite young when the family came to Center township and from an early age assisted his mother to the extent of his capacity. When she gave up her interest in the management of the farm he bought the Fergus Clason place, and continued to operate it for twenty-two years, his activities including both farming and stock raising. As it proved a property richly underlaid with coal, Mr. Adams sold it to the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad Company in 1898. He has been interested mainly as a real estate dealer since retiring from the road after twelve years of commercial traveling for R. E. Young, of Indiana, in the marble and monument line. In addition to Indiana and Homer City real estate interests he has others at Johnstown. Politically he is a Republican, along progressive lines, and his public spirit and devotion to American ideals make him a representative citizen.

On June 4, 1901, Mr. Adams was married to Jennie Belle McCornish, who was born in Brushvalley township, a daughter of Curtis and Elizabeth (McCormack) McCornish. Mrs. Adams was educated in the Brushvalley schools and was also a student under Prof. J. T. Stewart, at the Indiana State normal school, and in 1898 was graduated from the normal school at Clarion, Pa. For about five years prior to her marriage she taught school very acceptably, in Brushvalley and Pine townships, this county, and in Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have had three children: Twins that died in infancy, and Alexander Victor, who was born July 21, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Homer City; of which he is a trustee.

VOGEL BROTHERS is a business name of over fifty years' standing at Indiana, Pa.,

two generations of the Vogel family having been represented in the members of the firm, though three generations have been in the business there.

In the year 1847 John Vogel, his wife Maria, and their six children, Paul, George, Wolfgang, Teresa, Clara and Edith, left their native land, Bavaria, Germany, for America, with Pittsburg, Pa., as their intended destination. John Vogel was a tailor, and his sons learned the business and taught it to their sons in turn. For reasons not given John Vogel and his eldest son, Paul, left Pittsburg with the object of looking up a new or different location, and with Johnstown, Pa., in mind, though they never reached that place. The journey from Pittsburg was made by canal, and having a "breakdown" when they arrived in Saltsburg, and no other means of conveyance available, they started across the country "foot in hand." They decided to first visit Indiana, which town from that time became their permanent place of residence. In that year, 1849 (they had been in Pittsburg two years), the sign Vogel Brothers was first displayed, and has never been taken down. The first copartnership was made up of the three sons of John Vogel, of which Wolfgang retired from the firm in 1884; they have been succeeded by the sons of Paul Vogel, who carry the business on to this day. John Vogel survived his wife, who had passed away in the year 1855. Their son George died Feb. 14, 1876, and Wolfgang, the youngest son, in 1909.

Paul Vogel was born in 1827 in Bavaria, and learned his father's trade in the Fatherland. He was engaged as a merchant tailor until about 1889, at that time transferring the firm title to his sons Edward G. and John W., who constitute the present firm of Vogel Brothers. The establishment is still at the old location, No. 11 North Sixth street, opposite the courthouse, and the high standards set at the beginning by Paul Vogel and his brothers have never been lowered.

On July 10, 1861, Paul Vogel married Helena Laurent, daughter of Joseph and Barbara Laurent, of Butler county, this State, and she died July 22, 1894. Mr. Vogel died May 11, 1906. They became the parents of nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity: Edward G., senior member of the present firm of Vogel Brothers; Celia M.; Theodore A., a tailor, of Carrolltown, Pa., who married Rose Schroth; Joseph A., who married Mary Hurst, of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and has two children,

Elizabeth and Joseph; John W., of the firm of Vogel Brothers; Laurence J., a tailor, of Indiana, Pa.; Frances B., wife of Frank Sweeney, an engineer, of Punxsutawney, Pa. (she is the mother of four children, Maud, Marie, Bernard and Charles); and Stella A.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Vogel were devout members of the Catholic Church, to the faith of which all the Vogels, without exception, adhere; and they are also a united family politically, being staunch Democrats.

EDWARD G. VOGEL was born Dec. 20, 1863, at Indiana, and has resided there all his life. He was educated in the public and parochial schools, and acquired a fundamental knowledge of his trade under his father. But the Vogels have always been progressive tradesmen, content with nothing less than up-to-date methods of executing their work, and he went to Pittsburg to broaden his familiarity with his chosen line, working with some of the best tailors in that city. Then he took a course at a celebrated cutting school at New York City, from which he graduated, and the result of his thorough preparation for business has more than justified the time and care he spent upon his training. Vogel Brothers cut and finish their garments with the utmost regard for individual requirements and popular demand, and their taste and skill have enabled them to acquire and retain the highest class of the local patronage.

On Oct. 16, 1888, Mr. Vogel married Katharine D. Doberneck, daughter of Frank and Mary Doberneck, of Indiana. They have had the following children: Paul J. (born July 14, 1889), Mary, Frank, Vincent (deceased), Margaret, Edward, Max and Raymond.

JOHN W. VOGEL was born at Indiana, Jan. 12, 1872, and was educated in the public schools. After learning tailoring at home he worked for some time in Pittsburg, and acquired his knowledge of cutting from A. Boulfrois, a celebrated French cutter. He has continued to follow tailoring throughout his business career.

On July 14, 1909, Mr. Vogel married Rose Schisler, of Latrobe, Pa, and they have two children, Marian and Regis.

EVAN G. DAVIS, who resides in Green township, is a well and favorably known citizen of that section of Indiana county, where he has been engaged in farming all his life. He was born in that township March 19, 1850, son of William E. Davis and grandson of David Davis, both of whom were natives

of North Wales, where the grandfather lived and died. He married Jane Davis, and they had a family of five children, four sons and one daughter, all now deceased, namely: David, Evan, William E., Jane and John T. Three of this family came to America.

William E. Davis, father of Evan G. Davis, was born May 8, 1813, and came to America in 1830, being twenty-one weeks on the voyage, which was made in an old sailing vessel. He lived in the eastern part of Pennsylvania for the next three years, at the end of which time he returned to his native land, remaining there two years. Coming back to America he settled in Indiana county, Pa., making his home at first in Pine township with a family named Turner. In 1848 he married and then settled on the farm in Green township now occupied by his son Evan, having a tract of 106 acres which he cultivated the rest of his active life. He died there Aug. 17, 1890. Mr. Davis married Agnes Gibson, who was born July 20, 1820, in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, daughter of Rev. James Gibson, and granddaughter of Charles Gibson, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, who came in an early day to Indiana county, where he bought land and settled down to farming, following that occupation here the rest of his life. Rev. James Gibson was born in Indiana county, became a Methodist preacher, and died Dec. 20, 1844; he is buried near Penn. Run. His wife's maiden name was Griffith. They had thirteen children, of whom Mrs. Myra Tibbetts, a resident of Indiana, is the only survivor.

Mrs. Agnes (Gibson) Davis died Jan. 9, 1903. She and her husband had a family of eight children, namely: Jane, born Dec. 14, 1848, died April 10, 1870; Evan G. is mentioned below; James G., born Oct. 29, 1851, died July 20, 1884; Mary, born June 10, 1853, married David R. Williams, now a resident of Johnstown, Pa., and died Oct. 16, 1876; Ellen, born April 2, 1855, is the wife of Thaddeus Douglas, who lives in Montgomery township, this county; John S., born May 27, 1857, was accidentally killed at Heilwood, this county, Aug. 9, 1906; William, born Aug. 23, 1859, died April 16, 1860; Emma C., born Feb. 25, 1862, is the wife of J. M. Glassford, a resident of Indiana borough.

Evan G. Davis obtained his education in the public schools of Green township, and spent his early days on the farm where he now resides. He has always followed farming and stock raising there, being now the owner of the property, which he keeps in ex-

cellent condition. He has served two terms as constable of Green township, and held that office for one term at Vintondale, Cambria county, where he resided about four years.

On Nov. 14, 1878, Mr. Davis married Ella M. Patterson, who was born July 12, 1861, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Dunkle) Patterson, of Green township, who are mentioned fully elsewhere. Eleven children have been born to this marriage: Blair J., now residing in Pittsburg, married Catherine Myers, and they have two children, Harold and Ethel; Perry, who lives at Butler, Pa., married Elizabeth Johns, and they have one child, Merideth; Clementine is the wife of W. A. Craft, of Heilwood, this county, and has one child, Dwight; Claire G. is married to Halver Halverson, of Heilwood, and has two children, Kenneth and Clarence; Hattie is deceased; Erasmus, who lives in Indiana county, is now studying for the ministry; Hazel, Jay C. and Mary A. are at home; Mont L. is deceased; Oakley M. is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Baptist Church at Pine Flats.

JOSEPH PORTER LINTNER, former merchant of Blairsville, a successful business man and farmer, now living retired, has passed all his life in that section of Indiana county, having been born at Smith station, near Blairsville, June 14, 1838.

Conrad Lintner, his grandfather, came with his wife and family to Indiana county about 1804, from Juniata county, Pa. They took out an original patent on land here, and he established a store and hotel at Smith station which he conducted until his death. He married Margaret Nicholl, and had sons John, William and David, all of whom became farmers.

David Lintner, son of Conrad, was a youth of fourteen when he came with the family to Indiana county. He made farming his business throughout life and was a thoroughly successful man, one who had the esteem of all his neighbors. He lived at Smith station. He was married three times, and two of his children survive: Joseph Porter and Matilda Jane (Mrs. John C. Moorhead, of Indiana borough).

Joseph Porter Lintner was brought up as a farmer and has been interested in agricultural pursuits all his life. In 1890 he entered the clothing business in Blairsville, becoming a member of the firm of J. P. & J. E. Lintner, and retired from same four years ago, his son J. B. succeeding him in business.

During the Civil war Mr. Lintner enlisted in Company B, 56th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the second battle of Bull Run, in which engagement he was wounded through both thighs and captured. He lay upon the battlefield for eleven days, a prisoner, and during all that time had nothing to eat but two onions and two crackers. He was then paroled. He is a member of the Union Veteran Legion. In religion he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

On Nov. 24, 1864, Mr. Lintner married Violet L. Turner, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they have had three children, two of whom are living: Mary Ellen, who is now the wife of Dr. George H. Hunter, of Blairsville; and Jesse Bard, senior member of the firm of J. B. Lintner & Co., dealers in clothing and men's furnishings, of Blairsville. James Edgar Lintner, the deceased son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lintner, was a merchant at Blairsville, having been associated with his father; he married Ella Dmucan Snyder, of Blairsville, and they had six children, Curtis, Edgar, George, Louisa, Fredrick Porter (who died when six years old) and Robert.

John McCrey, maternal grandfather of Joseph P. Lintner, was born in 1776 in Indiana county, where his father had settled at a very early day; during the French and Indian war he sent his family back to their former home east of the mountains, he himself remaining at Fort Wallace, at which he died. John McCrey returned to this region with his mother, and resided on a farm two miles from Blairsville, where he passed the remainder of his days. He lived to be over eighty-five, dying in 1861. He married Elizabeth Reed, and all of their large family, five sons and five daughters, are now deceased, Thompson McCrey, of Blacklick township, Indiana county, and Robert McCrey, of Ohio, a minister, being the only living descendants of the name. Of the five daughters, Jane was the mother of Joseph P. Lintner.

SAMUEL M. PALMER, now living retired in the town of Josephine, Indiana county, was one of the most respected officials of Burrell township for many years, his services as justice of the peace and in other public positions of trust winning him a high place in the confidence of his fellow citizens. He was born in Burrell township March 23, 1839, and belongs to a family which has been associated with this region from its early days.

The Palmer family is of German extrac-

tion, Henry Palmer, the first of the line to settle here, having been a native of Germany. Coming to America when a young man, he proceeded to western Pennsylvania after landing in the New World, and located near the present town of Blacklick, which was included in what was then Westmoreland county. He was a cooper, and followed his trade for many years besides engaging in farming. His declining years were spent with his son Charles, at whose home he died, and he was buried in the Patsch cemetery in Burrell township. He attended the Presbyterian Church in his neighborhood. After coming to Pennsylvania he married Susanna Dunkleberger, and she, too, was buried in the Patsch cemetery. Nine children were born to this marriage, namely: Peter lived in Wheatfield township, Indiana county; John died in Jefferson county, Pa.; Henry is mentioned elsewhere; Charles lives in Burrell township; David is mentioned below; Elizabeth (Betsy) married Peter Kimmell; Mary (Polly) married David Reed; Esther married Peter Kelly; Nancy married David Greenhill, of Indiana county.

David Palmer, son of Henry, was born in 1793 in Blacklick (now part of Burrell) township, and his educational opportunities were limited to what the subscription schools of the time and locality afforded. He passed his early life on the homestead, and in time began farming for himself, becoming owner of a tract of 142 acres which when it came into his possession was a wilderness. His first house on that place was a cabin of round logs, with tadpole roof, which later gave way to a hewed log house, and the last dwelling erected on the property was a substantial frame structure. Mr. Palmer continued to farm throughout his active years, working hard to clear his land and improve it. In his declining years he was tenderly cared for by his son Samuel, at whose home he died in 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-six. He is buried in the family lot in the Barr cemetery. He was a Democrat, but not active in politics, and never sought public office. A man of high moral character, he was respected for his integrity and good principles. He was never known to take a drink over a bar, though he was not a total abstainer.

For his first wife David Palmer married Jane Bell, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Montgomery) Bell, who were natives of England. Mrs. Palmer died on the homestead at the age of sixty-eight years. She

was the mother of twelve children: Johnston; Thomas, who died in the West; David, who died in Wheatfield township, Indiana county; Alexander, who died in Indiana county; Levi, who was a soldier in the Civil war and was killed in front of Petersburg; Matthias, who was a soldier in the Mexican war and died in the service; William, who lives at Heshbon, Indiana county; Samuel M.; Susanna, who married Christopher Campbell, and died in West Wheatfield township; Mary (Polly), who married Rufus Shoup, of West Wheatfield township; Nancy Jane, who married David Campbell, and died in Brushvalley township; and Sarah Jane, who died at the age of seven years. Mr. Palmer's second marriage was to Mary (Polly) Bolar, widow of Hugh Bell; no children were born to this union.

Samuel M. Palmer, son of David and Jane (Bell) Palmer, attended the schools of the home locality. By reading and observation he has continued to inform himself on matters of general importance and interest, and his intelligent and broad-minded views on general subjects have won him a reputation for sound judgment which he well deserves. After working with his father until he reached manhood, he began farming for himself, buying a tract of 101 acres in West Wheatfield township on which he paid five hundred dollars down, for the balance giving a mortgage which was to be taken up in three years. By hard work and economy, however, he managed to pay it off in one year, and continued to prosper, engaging in farming and stock raising and making many improvements on his property. At last, when his father needed his care, he sold the place and returned to the home of his boyhood, continuing to operate the homestead farm and giving his father and stepmother the loving care which only a dutiful son could bestow. There he remained, following general agricultural pursuits, until 1891, when he sold out and moved to the town of Blacklick to engage in the mercantile business. After two years in that line, however, he had to give it up on account of his health, and he removed to what is now the town of Josephine, where he bought the little farm upon which he has since made his home.

Though he has given his business affairs the necessary time and attention he has also taken part in public life, and served a number of years as supervisor and assessor of his native township. He was also a member of the election board. In 1897 he was elected

justice of the peace of Burrell township and held that office for five years, during which time there was not a single appeal from one of his decisions. He has always been a Democrat and a staunch supporter of the principles of his party, though he supported the Union during the Civil war, showing his sympathies by his service. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, 211th Pa. V. I., under Capt. V. B. Harding and Colonel Dodds. He continued in active service until the close of the war and participated in the grand review in Washington. Mr. Palmer became a member of the G. A. R., joining Thomas Jenkins Post, Blacklick, in which he has filled all the offices, including that of commander. In religion he has been associated with the Presbyterian Church.

In 1860 Mr. Palmer married Jane Campbell, who was a native of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, daughter of Robert Campbell and sister of the late Dr. J. G. Campbell of Homer City. Mrs. Palmer died in 1872, and was laid to rest in the Barr cemetery. To this marriage were born five children: Lestie H., who is now a resident of Alberta, Northwest Territory, Canada; Clement, of Nevada Mountains, Cal. (he is engaged in prospecting); Andrew Milton, who is a resident of Johnstown, Pa.; Erastus Albert, of Blairsville, Pa.; and Effie, wife of W. J. Kunkle, of Homer City, Pa. Mr. Palmer's second marriage was to Maria Campbell, daughter of James Campbell, and by this union there is one child, Melvin Mack, who has graduated from the Pittsburg University, and is now practicing the medical profession at Bakerstown, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

CHARLES M. RANKIN, a young farmer of Center township, Indiana county, who is working successfully on the Rankin homestead where all his life has been spent, was born there Oct. 23, 1885, son of James and Euphemia (Kunkle) Rankin. His grandfather, who was a native of Ireland, came to America and settled in Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pa., among the pioneers in that region. At that time the county was a wilderness, which his work helped to develop. Here he spent the remainder of his life, dying upon his farm. He married and brought up his family in this section.

James Rankin, father of Charles M. Rankin, was born in Blacklick township, and passed his life on the farm near Coral, on Twolick creek, which he bought after his marriage, and on which he died Nov. 2, 1903. His re-

mains were interred in Greenwood cemetery, in this county. He married Euphemia Kunkle, daughter of Henry Kunkle, of Blacklick township, and she is still living, making his home with her son William, in Blacklick township. They had children as follows: David A., Charles M. and William C.

Charles M. Rankin remained at home, assisting his father, and obtained his education in the schools of the home district. He owns a valuable tract of 120 acres, of which seventy-five acres are cleared and under cultivation, and he follows the most progressive methods in whatever he undertakes. He is a steady and industrious worker, and has the respect of all who know him.

Mr. Rankin was united in marriage, May 29, 1907, with Catherine Huston, who was born and raised near Gray station, in Westmoreland county, and is a daughter of William and Margaret (Metz) Huston, of Blacklick township. Mr. Metz died in January, 1908. They have had three children: Alfred C., born March 14, 1908; Wilda Lucille, born July 17, 1909; and Lura Edna, born Aug. 19, 1911. Mrs. Rankin is a member of the Methodist Church. In political matters Mr. Rankin is independent, supporting the candidates and measures he approves, without regard to party.

**SAMUEL BARNETT**, an old resident of Indiana and a veteran of the Civil war, was born on the Stephens farm in Cherryhill township, this county, July 4, 1843, son of David Barnett.

Luke Barnett, his grandfather, born Oct. 22, 1767, in Bedford county, Pa., came to Indiana county with his son, David Barnett, and died at the latter's home in Cherryhill township at an advanced age. He and his wife Catherine were married May 3, 1796, and their children were: Robert, Jacob, David, Sarah, Catherine and Amelia.

David Barnett was born in Bedford county, Pa., about 1815, and there grew to manhood's estate. He married Eliza Croft, and soon thereafter moved to a farm of 200 acres in Cherryhill township, this county. Immediately upon taking possession of it Mr. Barnett began improving the property, and there died in 1852. A well-educated man, he taught school in addition to farming for several years. Politically he was a Republican. In religious faith he was a Lutheran. Mrs. Barnett belonged to a well-known Bedford county family.

Samuel Barnett spent the greater portion of his boyhood in Cherryhill township, and

received his educational training in the public schools there. In February, 1861, he left his farming to enlist in Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, the first regiment to leave this part of the State. Mr. Barnett's first colonel was Oliver H. Rippey, of Pottsville, who was killed at Fair Oaks. Mr. Barnett served under Capt. Jac. Creps and Col. Robert L. Orr until the close of the war, when he was discharged at Washington, D. C., June 29, 1865, reaching home July 4, 1865. During his service he was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, a ball entering the right side of his nose, passing through the roof of his mouth, and lodging in his throat. He lost the index finger of his left hand in front of Petersburg. After his first wound he was detailed as cook in the hospital, but returned to active service Oct. 19, 1864. On the night of May 11, 1864, his command encountered the Rebel picket in front of Spottsylvania court-house, and Mr. Barnett seized the lieutenant colonel, took his sword from his hand, and took him to the rear of the line.

Returning home, Mr. Barnett assisted his father in the farm work until his marriage, when he bought one half of the homestead and operated it for thirty-two years, and then in 1901 entered upon his well-earned retirement, coming to Indiana, where he bought his present home in the Second ward.

On Sept. 6, 1866, Mr. Barnett married Elizabeth Stumpf, born in what is now Rayne township June 15, 1844, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rowe) Stumpf. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have had children as follows: John W., who is a Congregational minister of Barre, Vt., married Gertrude Greer; Cicero, who resides at Indiana, married Myra J. Metz; Laura B. is at home; Clara died aged twenty-six years; Howard died when nineteen months old. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett belong to the Christian Church, and take a deep interest in the good work of their denomination.

**ROBERT N. MILLER** has a fine farm of 160 acres in Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he follows general farming and stock raising. He was born in that township Feb. 26, 1847, son of Nathaniel Miller and grandson of Robert Miller, who was born and reared at West Lebanon, in Young township, Indiana county. He was engaged in general farming there all his life. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Patterson, are buried in the West Union cemetery in Armstrong township. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Nathaniel Miller, son of Robert, was born in Young township, this county, and in his earlier years was engaged in farming there for some time. Then he moved to Armstrong township and bought the Martin place of 160 acres, which he cultivated during the rest of his life, dying when eighty-one years old. He married Jennie McAdoo, who was born in Young township, and died when sixty-six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are buried in the West Union cemetery in Armstrong township. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Children as follows were born to them: Julia Ann, who married William Beatty; John, who died in Texas; Rachel, who died in infancy; Sarah, widow of William Craig; Martha, deceased; Maria, deceased; Robert N.; James, deceased; and Polino.

Robert N. Miller attended common school in his native township, and subsequently worked at farming with his father until the latter died. He then took charge of the home place, which he now owns, and where he is interested in general farming and stock raising. His beautiful home and large barn, and in fact all his surroundings, tell of the pride the owner has in his property, and of his effective and business-like methods of performing his work. Mr. Miller is a man who takes a thorough interest in anything which enlists his attention, and thus he has borne an active part in the public affairs of his locality and in local politics, associated with the Republican and Prohibition parties. He has been election inspector, and has served his township as school director. He is a leading member of the United Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a ruling elder for the last thirty-five years, clerk of the session thirty-one years, and superintendent of the Sunday school. He has belonged to that church since 1867, and his wife and family are also members of the congregation.

Mr. Miller was married to Ann Margaret Craig, who was born in June, 1844, daughter of Hugh and Barbara (Ramsey) Craig, and they have had three children: John B., who is a merchant at Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa., married Laura McCreight (he is an elder in the United Presbyterian Church); Jennie married R. Carnahan; Ford B., who lives at home, was a student at the Indiana State normal school.

GEORGE E. SANDBERG, a young business man of Cherrytree, in Montgomery township, Indiana county, at present serving as a member of the town council, has resided there

since 1908. He was born at Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa., March 3, 1885, son of Andrew O. and Engborg (Earlandson) Sandberg, natives of Sweden and Norway, respectively. They had a family of four children when they came to America, in 1882, and they settled at Houtzdale, Pa., which was the family home for many years. Mrs. Sandberg died Feb. 26, 1904, aged sixty years, three months, twenty-one days, and Mr. Sandberg now resides among his children. He still owns property at Patton, Pa. He and his wife had six children in all, namely: Alma, who is the wife of Gus Gabrielson, of Patton, Pa.; Sophia, wife of L. B. Callahan, of Pennsylvania; Elva, wife of Edward Little, of Patton, Pa.; Agnes, who is a professional nurse; Axel, a resident of Emeigh Run, Pa., who conducts a general store; and George E.

George E. Sandberg attended school at Houtzdale, where he lived until fifteen years old. He then removed to Patton, Pa., where he remained until coming to Cherrytree, in May, 1908. Here he purchased the store and business of J. A. Rank, to the conduct of which he has since given most of his time and attention. He is doing well, and is gaining a worthy place among the useful citizens of the borough, having proved his interest in the welfare of his adopted town in various ways. He is now serving as a member of the town council, to which position he was elected in 1909, as a member of the Republican party.

In 1909 Mr. Sandberg was married, in Clearfield, Pa., to Clara Carlson, who was born at Williamsport, Pa., daughter of Andrew Carlson, a native of Sweden. They have had two children, Robert and Helen. Mr. and Mrs. Sandberg are members of the Presbyterian Church.

J. MILTON STEWART, farmer and present tax collector of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, has lived at Penn Run, in that township, all his life, and is well known in the vicinity, having been in the mercantile business for some years before he settled down to farming. He was born at Penn Run May 12, 1876, son of Frank and Augusta (Kirk) Stewart, and grandson of Archie Stewart.

The Stewarts are of Scotch-Irish descent, and Archie Stewart was a native of Scotland. He settled in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., in a very early day, and there followed farming until his death, his farm and home place being now occupied by Archie Stewart, a cousin of J. Milton Stewart. He had two sons, both now deceased.

Frank Stewart, son of Archie, was born in Cherryhill township, and learned the trade of harnessmaker at Indiana, the county seat. He engaged in business as a harnessmaker at Penn Run, and with the exception of three years spent in the West, made his home there until his death, which occurred in February, 1901. He married Augusta Kirk, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and whose parents were also of Scotch-Irish origin. Mrs. Stewart survives her husband, living with a daughter in Ohio. They had a family of six children: E. Blanche, wife of J. W. Robinson, of Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Pa.; Augusta, wife of George E. Lose, of Ashtabula, Ohio; J. Milton; and Frank, Ella and Elsie, all three deceased.

J. Milton Stewart received his education at Penn Run. After commencing life for himself he engaged in the drug business there, carrying it on for three years, and then engaged in the general merchandise business, which he conducted for seven years. Since then he has been interested in farming, having purchased a tract of sixty-five acres, in the cultivation of which he is actively engaged. He has made a success of his agricultural work, as he did of his commercial ventures, and is considered one of the intelligent and progressive men of his section. He has built a beautiful brick residence on his property, which gives every evidence of the thrift and hard work of the owner. He is holding the office of tax collector of the township.

On March 29, 1899, Mr. Stewart was married to Dora N. Lydick, who was born in 1879 in Cherryhill township; daughter of William and Amanda (Lockard) Lydick, who settled early in Indiana county and were always farming people; Mr. Lydick is now living retired. He is a veteran of the Civil war. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart: H. Guy, Mildred and J. Wendall. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are members of the Presbyterian Church. He holds membership in Pine Flats Lodge, I. O. O. F.

**LLOYD SUTTON SHAFFER**, carpenter and builder of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, is a native of Frankstown, Blair county, born June 6, 1854, son of John and Mary (Hileman) Shaffer.

Adam Shaffer, grandfather of Lloyd S. Shaffer, was German descent, and settled in Indiana county late in life.

John Shaffer, son of Adam, and father of Lloyd S. Shaffer, was born at Yellow Springs, Blair county, and grew to manhood in that county, learning the trade of carpenter, which

he followed for some years. In 1856 he came to Indiana county and settled on the 136-acre farm of his father-in-law, George Hileman, there making many improvements, including the erection of a fine new barn, and spent the remainder of his life on that property, passing away in 1899. He was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery at Brushvalley, Pa., having been elder of that church and active in its work. Politically he was a Republican. Mr. Shaffer married Mary Hileman, daughter of George Hileman, a complete sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume, and she died in Indiana, in 1906, and was buried beside her husband. They had eleven children: George, who died in the army during the Civil war; Hannah, who passed away in young womanhood; Samuel, who resides at Lima, Ohio; Blair, who lives at Vintondale, Pa.; Lloyd Sutton; Charles, who is engaged in farming in Michigan; Sarah, deceased; Mary, who married J. I. Paul, of Brushvalley township; Alice, who is unmarried; Annie, wife of John Allison; and Nettie, who died young.

Lloyd Sutton Shaffer was educated in the public schools of Brushvalley township, and remained on the homestead until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he went to Altoona, Pa., there learning the carpenter's trade. After spending three years there he returned to the homestead and carried on farming for four years, at the end of that time forming a partnership with his brother Blair. They engaged in the planing mill business at Strongstown, under the firm style of Shaffer Brothers, but four years later Lloyd S. Shaffer returned to the homestead and again engaged in farming. In 1890 he removed to Clyde, in West Wheatfield township, where he has made his home ever since, being engaged at his trade and in contracting and building. He has done much building at New Florence, where numerous examples of his skill and reliable workmanship can be found, and he has also built a number of schoolhouses and churches throughout this section of the State. For some time he carried on building pursuits with W. H. Lower, in Brushvalley township. In his political views Mr. Shaffer is a Republican, but has never cared for office. In religion he is a member of the Lutheran Church, and was formerly an elder.

On Jan. 27, 1876, Mr. Shaffer was married to Rachel S. Coy, who was born in Cherryhill township, daughter of John Coy, and three children have been born to this union: Mary Armenta, who married T. C. Mack, of East



Wheatfield township; and John W. and Cora Helen, residing at home.

JOSEPH H. LOUGHRY, deceased, former farmer of Indiana county, and for twenty years superintendent of Oakland cemetery, at Indiana, Pa., was born in White township, Indiana county, Aug. 17, 1826, son of James and Ann (Wilson) Loughry.

The paternal grandfather of Joseph H. Loughry, a native of Ireland, came to the United States in young manhood and settled in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., there spending the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits.

James Loughry, father of Joseph H., was born in Center township, but subsequently moved to White township, where he died in October, 1850. He was twice married, and had eleven children by each wife.

Joseph H. Loughry was reared on the home farm, and pursued his studies in the old Stone academy which stood on the present site of the home of Wood Clark, of Indiana, the principal being Rev. John Reed, a Presbyterian preacher. On Dec. 20, 1849, Mr. Loughry was married to Martha Bryan Allison, who was born in White township, three miles from Indiana, Feb. 16, 1829, daughter of Robert F. and Hannah (Bryan) Allison. After his marriage Mr. Loughry engaged in farming in White and East Mahoning townships, and in February, 1877, took charge of Oakland cemetery, being superintendent thereof for the next twenty years. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church and a Republican in his political views.

Mr. and Mrs. Loughry had the following children: Anna Jane, who married Johnson Butler, of Armstrong county; Martha and Mary, who died when young; Sarah Margaret, who married John R. Hazlet, of Clarion county; David M., who died when a lad; and Robert Allison, who is engaged in the coal business in Center township (he married Margaret Lomison).

Mrs. Loughry, although eighty-four years of age, is remarkably well preserved. She never wears eyeglasses, her hearing is perfect, and her memory wonderful, recalling names and dates from the past with the utmost ease. Reared to the life of a farmer's daughter, she did everything on the farm in her younger years except plow, and also busied herself at the reel, her mother being a weaver. When a young woman Mrs. Loughry pulled flax in the field, threshed out the seed, took it from the brake, scutched it and wove it into sheets,

shirts, blankets and clothing. With a wide fund of information, and well posted on events of the past, her conversation is interesting and instructive, and her many admirable personal traits of character have made her highly esteemed among the people of her community.

MICHAEL E. BROWN, senior member of the firm of M. E. Brown & Bro., of Blairsville, Indiana county, has been a lifelong resident of that place, and is not only a prominent business man but also one of the most popular Democrats in this section of Pennsylvania. He was born in Blairsville April 5, 1853, son of John W. and Hannah (Crate) Brown, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. John W. Brown was at one time a contractor, and he built the addition to heighten the original East Fork dam at Johnstown, which afterward broke with such disastrous results.

Michael E. Brown received a public school education at Blairsville. When a boy of twelve he began to assist his father in the butcher business, in which he has been interested ever since, he and his brother Thomas C. Brown forming a partnership in the early seventies which has continued uninterruptedly since. They began as retailers, but gradually the business became wholesale in character and has been conducted as such since 1890. Their plant is now modernly equipped in every detail. They have a two-story building 150x150 feet in dimensions, and their ice plant forms an important branch of the business, supplying the city. They buy all their live stock at the best markets, Chicago and Kansas City, and the killing capacity is now four hundred hogs and two carloads of cattle, besides sheep and calves, weekly. Though they are best known as meat packers, the Brown brothers have formed other important associations. They were the original promoters of the Westmoreland Street Railway Company, which they organized in 1902, securing the franchises and right of way through the borough and getting the road into operation, after which they sold out.

Michael E. Brown has always taken a great interest in the success of the Democratic party, and is one of its leading workers in his part of the State. He has been delegate to two national conventions, at Kansas City and Baltimore (1912). In 1897 he was the Democratic candidate for State treasurer. He has done good work as a public official of his home city, at present filling his third term as burgess of Blairsville.

In September, 1874, Mr. Brown married Isadora Jelley, of Blairsville. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the Catholic Church.

THOMAS C. BROWN, member of the firm of M. E. Brown & Bro., meat packers, of Blairsville, Indiana county, was born in that borough March 5, 1855, son of John W. and Hannah (Crate) Brown. He attended public school, and began work as his father's assistant in the butcher business at Blairsville. He continued thus until January, 1873, when he and his brother Michael E. Brown began business together under the firm name they have ever since retained. They have had many interests in common, having been associated in the promotion and establishment of the Westmoreland Street Railway Company, which was organized in 1902, and which they subsequently sold. Mr. Brown is considered one of the most trustworthy business men in Blairsville and holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He is an honorary member of the volunteer fire department.

In 1876 Mr. Brown married Mary Mullen, at that time of Philadelphia, originally from Canada. They have one daughter, Anna Christine.

PETER E. DECKER, of Green township, owns one of the most beautiful farms in Indiana county, and the work of development he has prosecuted on his property is not only a credit to his ambition and ability but also a practical illustration of the possibilities of this region. He is a son of Christopher Decker and grandson of John and Catherine (Weil) Decker, natives of Fulton county, Pennsylvania.

Christopher Decker was born in Fulton county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in 1857. He settled in the vicinity of Garmans Mills, and engaged in lumbering, continuing in that occupation during the remainder of his life—which was brief, his death occurring in 1860. Mr. Decker married Sarah Stahl, who was born April 10, 1836, in Indiana county, where her father, Peter Stahl, settled in pioneer days. Mrs. Decker married again, becoming the wife of William Pittman, and she now lives with her son William Pittman, at Clymer, Indiana county. He was the only child of her second marriage, and by her first union she also had one son, Peter E.

Peter E. Decker was born May 6, 1860, in Green township, and was educated at the schools of Indiana county, principally in Green

township. In his earlier life he was occupied chiefly in lumbering, going into the woods when only a boy, and though he had no capital to begin with, prospered in that line. Later he took up farming, to which he now devotes all his energies, and in which he has been remarkably successful. He has the qualities of perseverance and intelligent application which help a man to make good in any field of labor, and his fine farm bears every evidence of the practical workings of modern ideas in agriculture. There are few places in Indiana county which show as progressive management. Mr. Decker is an up-to-date business farmer, and his work and worth are thoroughly appreciated by all who come in contact with him.

In 1886 Mr. Decker was married in Green township to Maggie Langham, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of Josiah and Susan (Conrath) Langham, farming people of Green township, both of whom are now deceased. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Decker: Vernie; Zella, who is now the wife of Calvin McCoy, of Green township, who has three children, Weldon, Dennis and Queen; Ford, who married Tirzah King, of Green township, where they reside (they have two children, Emabel and Theodore); Tweet, the wife of Clair Knupp, of Green township (they have one child, a daughter); and Bessie, Dee, Ruth and Blair, at home.

WILLIAM H. DAVIS, justice of the peace and general blacksmith of Mechanicsburg, Brushvalley township, is one of the best and most widely known men in that section of Indiana county. He is a native of East Wheatfield township, born Aug. 12, 1847.

The Davis family is Welsh, and the founder of this branch in America was Llewellyn Davis, who was a native of Wales, and came to America when a young man, locating at Antietam, Md. There he followed the trade of millwright and continued to make his home the rest of his life, dying at that place. He married Margaret Jones, who was of English descent, and she also died at Antietam, Md., where she was buried. Their children were: Thomas, who lived in Philadelphia; John, who was a farmer in Franklin county; Llewellyn, who was a contractor and builder of Altoona, Pa.; Hanson, who resided at Sligo Furnace; Jane, and Benjamin C.

Benjamin C. Davis, son of Llewellyn, was born at Antietam, Md., where he grew to manhood, and learned the trade of wagonmaker. This he followed for several years, also doing some farming. He came at an early period

to Indiana county, locating in East Wheatfield township, where he settled on a farm and became engaged in general farming. Some time later he sold out and moved to White township, locating on a farm on Yellow creek, where the remainder of his life was spent, and where he died in January, 1897. He was buried in the graveyard at Armagh. He was a member of the M. E. Church and was quite active in its work, and in his habits was temperate. He was a staunch Whig and then a Republican in politics, being an admirer of Abraham Lincoln and James G. Blaine.

Benjamin C. Davis married Eleanor Chaney, who was a native of Bedford county, of French Huguenot extraction. She died in 1867, and was buried in the Armagh cemetery. Like her husband she was a member of the M. E. Church. Their children were: (1) Rebecca married John McElhaney, and is now deceased. (2) Amos C., who was an employee of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, at Altoona, died in 1912. (3) Elizabeth married J. M. Spencer, and resides at Wichita, Kans. (4) William H. is mentioned below. (5) Thomas R. resides in Baltimore. (6) James and (7) Robert are deceased. (8) Alice resides in Tionesta, Pa. (10) Eleanor married William Schum, of Altoona. (10) Llewellyn, (11) Benjamin J. and (12) John all died in infancy.

William H. Davis, son of Benjamin C. and Eleanor (Chaney) Davis, attended the local schools of his native township, East Wheatfield. At the early age of thirteen years he was apprenticed to Abraham Wilson, of Diltown, where he learned blacksmithing. After having learned this trade he worked for three years as a machinist in Altoona, and then followed it as a journeyman in many parts of the county, doing that kind of work for about twenty-two years. In the year 1877 he came to Mechanicsburg, Brushvalley township, where he bought the blacksmith shop of Daniel Grumbling, and here for the last thirty-five years he has been engaged in general blacksmithing, being one of the best-known iron workers in this section. He is still active and attends to his business each day, and success has rewarded his untiring efforts and hard work.

In 1894 Mr. Davis was elected justice of the peace, and he has filled that office ever since, administering the affairs of that office with an even, efficient hand, and his judgment has always been sustained in every case which has been appealed from his office. He has proved himself invaluable in this position, and he

holds the confidence of all who have had dealings with him, and of all who know him. He has always been a staunch Republican in politics, and has served as school director, as Burgess of Mechanicsburg, and also as member of the council of the borough. He is a broad-minded, intelligent man, well-read and well-informed on all current matters, and his community has reaped the benefit of his ability. He is quite active in church work, being a member of the M. E. Church, in which he is class leader and also a teacher in the Sunday school.

On April 17, 1871, Mr. Davis married Mary Agnes Marks, daughter of John Marks, of Mechanicsburg. In 1903 Mrs. Davis was appointed postmistress at Mechanicsburg, during the Roosevelt administration, and she has filled that office for the last ten years. She was the first woman to get a postoffice commission in Mechanicsburg, and she has been a careful official, discharging her duties with general satisfaction. She is a member of the M. E. Church and is a devoted wife and mother. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have had children as follows: (1) Annie married C. M. Stewart, brother of Prof. J. T. Stewart, and they reside in Brushvalley township. (2) Amos C., foreman of the eastern division, Pennsylvania Railroad, resides in Altoona. (3) Margaret married Collins Overdorff, of Juniata, Blair Co., Pa. (4) Pearl, (5) Olive and (6) Eleanore died in infancy. (7) Florence is a school teacher, having taught for the past ten years. (8) Donald is a machinist with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Altoona. (9) Oscar resides at Altoona. (10) Grace and (11) Raymond are at home.

EBBY W. SMITH, who is engaged in farming in Pine township, Indiana county, was born in Green township, this county, Feb. 19, 1867, and is a son of Benjamin C. and Sarah Jane (Hill) Smith.

Ebby Smith, the grandfather of Ebby W. Smith, was born in Virginia, and came to Indiana county, Pa., at an early date, settling in Green township, where he purchased land and was engaged in farming throughout his life.

Benjamin C. Smith, son of Ebby Smith, and father of Ebby W. Smith, was born July 2, 1834, in Green township, and as a young man moved to Cherryhill township, where he bought a tract near the village of Kenwood. There he spent his life in agricultural pursuits, and died, honored and respected by his neighbors and associates, in July, 1912. Mr.

Smith married Sarah Jane Hill, who was born in September, 1839, in Montgomery township, Indiana county, daughter of Daniel Hill, one of the old-time farmers and millers of Montgomery township. Mrs. Smith passed away April 22, 1908, at the age of sixty-eight years. Seven children were born to Benjamin C. and Sarah Jane Smith, namely: Lovina, who is the wife of Milton Grumbling, of Indiana county; Jessie, who is deceased; John, living on the old home place in Cherryhill township; Ebby W.; Elizabeth M., who is deceased; Howard, a justice of the peace, at Clymer, Pa.; and Frank, a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, who lives at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Ebby W. Smith, son of Benjamin C. Smith, received his education in the public schools of Cherryhill township, and when a lad worked on his father's farm. He received a good training in the science of modern farming and also spent some time in lumbering, remaining under the parental roof until 1900, in which year he purchased his present farm in Pine township, a tract of 178 acres, on which he has made numerous improvements. He is known as one of the practical agriculturists and good, public-spirited citizens of his part of the township, and through straightforward dealing has gained and held many friends.

On Dec. 23, 1890, Mr. Smith was married to Ida Griffith, who was born in Pine township, daughter of Stephen and Catherine Griffith, the former of whom was born on the farm on which Mr. and Mrs. Smith now live. Mrs. Smith died May 20, 1906, the mother of six children, namely: Frank and Charles, who are deceased; and Teddy, Catherine, Jennie and Stephen, residing at home.

ALEXANDER PATTISON WATSON, a retired citizen of Indiana, veteran of the Civil war, was born at Watson's Ridge, this county, April 25, 1841, son of James and Mary (Pattison) Watson and grandson of Matthew Watson.

Matthew Watson was born in 1763 in County Tyrone, Ireland, and married Mary Clark, of the same county. Coming to the United States about 1793 he settled in what is now the northern part of Westmoreland county, at Harrison City, and engaged in farming. In 1800 he located on the farm in Young township, Indiana county, later owned by Dr. Thomas Murry, and the ridge upon which this property is located was named "Watson's ridge" in his honor. He lived to his ninety-third year, and his death in 1855 was caused by an accident; though active for one of his

advanced age he had the misfortune to dislocate his hip, and did not rally from the shock. His first wife died in 1803 at Eldersridge, Indiana county, and he subsequently married (second) Margaret McClelland, of Westmoreland county, who was of Scotch-Irish descent. Her father, James McClelland, came to this country from Scotland with his young wife in 1783, settling in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, where his children were born. In the early days they were frequently obliged to flee to a neighboring blockhouse to seek safety from the Indians. Four children were born to Mr. Watson's first marriage: John, Thomas (who married Rebecca P. Wilson), Matthew and Mary (who died unmarried); and eight to the second: Jane, Isabella J., Robert, Alexander, William, James, Ann and Margaret. Mrs. Margaret Watson died in 1866.

James Watson, father of Alexander Pattison, Watson, was born Nov. 16, 1816, at Eldersridge, Indiana Co., Pa., and was reared there. He obtained his education in the country schools at that place, and was trained to farming from boyhood, settling on the home tract after his marriage. It consisted of 276 acres, and the town of Iselin is now located thereon. He was an extensive farmer and active business man, running a dairy, dealing in stock and operating the Ridge flouring mill, which was one of the first steam flouring mills in the southern part of Indiana county. In 1863, when Morgan and his raiders threatened to invade the western part of Pennsylvania, he enlisted in Company H, 54th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, was promoted to commissary sergeant, and was present at Morgan's capture.

Selling the home property in 1876, Mr. Watson moved to West Lebanon, Indiana county, where he was engaged as a teamster. In 1880 he moved to the borough of Indiana, where he died Jan. 10, 1886, in his seventieth year. He is buried in Oakland cemetery. In 1839 he married Mary Pattison, who was born in 1815, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, daughter of Gen. Alexander Pattison, of the Pennsylvania militia, who was born in this county and married Martha Scott, a native of Scotland; he was a son of John Pattison, who emigrated from the North of Ireland and settled in this county soon after the close of the Revolution. Mrs. Watson died at New Wilmington, Lawrence Co., Pa., Feb. 9, 1886, aged seventy-one years. She and her husband were members of the United Presbyterian Church. In political opinion he was a Re-

publican. They had three children: Alexander Pattison; Belle J., wife of Rev. Hugh S. Boyd, of New Castle, Pa., and Matthew Clark, an attorney of Indiana.

Alexander Pattison Watson passed his boyhood at Eldersridge, meantime attending the country schools and Eldersridge Academy. On Aug. 22, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Robert T. Cornwell and Col. John F. Staunton (Maj. Harry White), the command being attached to the 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 6th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. Mr. Watson took part in battles in which his command was engaged from the second engagement at Bull Run to Appomattox, except for three and a half months which he spent in Libby and Belle Isle prisons. He escaped three times after his capture, first at Berryville, second out of the courthouse at Winchester, and third near Culpeper, but was recaptured each time. During his incarceration at Belle Isle he made an attempt to escape the second day of his confinement. The prisoners were in squads of one hundred, and Mr. Watson was in the nineteenth hundred. He managed to be assigned to the second squad and in this way released with the first of those exchanged; the nineteenth squad never got out—it was sent to Andersonville, and Mr. Watson never heard any more about it. He was sent to hospital at Annapolis, remaining there until transferred to hospital in Philadelphia, where he passed a month from October to November, 1863, at the end of which time he was sent home. He had been reduced to a mere "skeleton," and when he had recovered somewhat he returned to his regiment, rejoining it at Cedar Creek. He was in active service until the action at Appomattox, and was discharged June 28, 1865, at the close of the war.

Returning to his old home Mr. Watson lived there until 1877, when he went to the oil field in Clarion county, remaining in that region until 1881. He then went to Bedford, Lawrence county, and for seven years was at Wilmington, Lawrence county, in order to obtain desired educational advantages for his children. In 1892 he came back to Indiana borough, where he has since lived.

In 1867 Mr. Watson was married at Eldersridge to Marinda J. Waddle, daughter of Frank and Margaret M. Waddle, of Westmoreland county, and they have had a family of nine children, namely: Eva M. is the wife of Capt. Mead Mahan, a well-known attorney at law of Indiana; Margaret R. is

the wife of Prof. Wilson Barnet Elder, of Indiana; Robert J. died at the age of thirty-three years; Harry White is now a resident of Johnstown, Pa. (he is a veteran of the Spanish-American war; served as first sergeant); John Clark is engaged in the printing business in Indiana, Pa.; Anna Bell is the wife of Prof. Albert T. Church; James Boyd is a general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., now located at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mary Ethel and Alexander P., Jr., are at home. The five sons have all been prominent members of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Robert J., Harry W. and A. P., Jr., being sergeants, and John Clark, a bugler.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He is a Republican in his political views. Socially he holds membership in the G. A. R. (Post No. 28) and the Union Veterans' Legion.

REV. NOBLE G. MILLER, a retired clergyman of the Methodist Church, residing at Blairsville, Indiana county, was born in that city April 1, 1837, son of Dr. Martin L. and Hannah (Simpson) Miller, natives of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Miller, the first of the name of whom there is any record, was a native of Ireland.

Samuel Miller, son of Samuel, above, was born in Ireland, but came to Pennsylvania in 1798, and spent the remainder of his life in Westmoreland and Indiana counties. He made the passage on a sailing vessel and was three months on the water. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Garvin, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1792, and died in 1830, Mr. Miller surviving until 1858. They had fifteen children, of whom Dr. Martin L. Miller was the tenth in order of birth.

Dr. Martin L. Miller was born in Chambersburg, Pa., in 1810, the same year as his wife, and was brought from Chambersburg to Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1812. In 1832 he came to Blairsville. Dr. Miller had a varied career, for beginning as a carpet and coverlet weaver he developed into a merchant and operated a draying business, and in his spare moments taught school. Being very ambitious, he began reading medicine and was graduated from Franklin Medical College, and practiced the profession for the remainder of his life, dying at Blairsville Jan. 3, 1895, in his eighty-fifth year. His wife survived him until 1902, passing away aged ninety-one years.

The Simpson family came originally from Scotland. Mrs. Hannah (Simpson) Miller, the mother of the Rev. N. G. Miller, was the daughter of Andrew and Jane (Rankin) Simpson, the former born in 1780; he died in 1862. Mrs. Simpson was born in Armstrong county, Pa., and died in 1858. James Rankin, maternal great-grandfather of Rev. Mr. Miller, was also a native of Ireland, and sailed from Belfast for New York City. Andrew Simpson was a son of James Simpson, who had migrated to Indiana county with a sister and brother from Carlisle, Pa., and had formerly come from Baltimore, Md. The journey overland was made with horses and wagons. Relatives of the family were Wallaces of Richard Wallace Fort, where Thomas Wallace was killed by the Indians. The Simpsons were farming people. James Simpson, father of Andrew Simpson, married Hannah White, whose brothers owned a large tract of land near West Newton and Mount Pleasant, Pa. He used to take his children to Squire Dickson's and fight back the Indians who infested the county in those days. A Royal Arch Mason, he had fine regalia, and his daughters later used the silver on it for spoons which they had made.

Rev. Noble G. Miller received his early educational training in the school at Eldersridge, later entering Allegheny College, from which he was graduated in 1861. He was ordained a clergyman and recommended and received into the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and began preaching in the Mechanicsburg circuit, for forty-one years acting as a faithful expounder of Methodist doctrines, filling with dignified capacity charges in Indiana, Allegheny, Armstrong and Westmoreland counties. In 1903 he voluntarily ceased his labors. He was presiding elder of the McKeesport district of Pittsburg Conference for six years, and for many years has been a trustee of Allegheny College, his Alma Mater. A man of strong personality and strength of character, he advanced his church both materially and spiritually, and held the affectionate regard and deepest reverence of every congregation over which he was placed. He was a member of the general conference in 1888, and held other distinguished positions. Since his retirement he has made his home at Blairsville, where he has one of the most modern and substantial residences in Indiana county.

On March 29, 1864, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Sarah Jane Johnston, daughter of Robert and Ann Maria (Rahn)

Johnston. The following children were born of this marriage: Maria Louisa, who is of Blairsville; James Francis, who is of Wilkesburg, Pa.; and Robert Johnston, who died in 1893, aged nineteen years.

Robert Johnston, Mrs. Miller's father, a native of Indiana county, was born here in 1809, and died at the age of seventy-nine years. His father, William Johnston, was a contractor on the old canal, and assisted in laying out the turnpike from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. Robert Johnston was engaged in a coal and mercantile business at Greenville when the old canal was in active use. Later he came to Blairsville, where he bought a farm south of the borough, on a portion of which is the home of Rev. Mr. Miller and his wife.

It would be impossible to convey any adequate idea of the work of Mr. Miller. Eloquent to a marked degree, he bent all the strength of his powerful mind to winning men to his church, and was considered one of the best preachers of his day. He was a good organizer as well, and his churches prospered under his fostering care. In the evening of his life, it must be a source of great pleasure to him to reflect upon the good he has accomplished, and to realize how many owe the salvation of their souls to him.

MILTON HOFFMAN, now living retired after a long period spent in farming in Buffington township, was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 9, 1843, a son of Leo and Margaret (Offenheater) Hoffman.

Leo Hoffman was born in Bavaria, Germany, and there followed farming and lumbering throughout his life, dying in middle age and being buried in Bavaria. He and his wife had a family of six children: Barbara, who died young in Germany; Adam, a farmer of Buffington township, and a veteran of the Civil war, who married Ellen Marks; Milton; Lawrence, who died in Germany; Sabina, who married George Ray, and resides in Chicago, Ill.; and Frank, who married Annie Myrtle, and lives in Johnstown, Pa. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Hoffman married Joseph Overman, and they had two children: Mary, who married Solomon Paul; and Peter, who married a Miss Milen. Mrs. Overman came to this country and died in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa., and was buried in the Irish Bottom cemetery there.

Milton Hoffman, son of Leo Hoffman, left Germany with his mother, brothers and sis-

ter, May 1, 1854, on a sailing vessel, and landed at Baltimore, Md., June 28th of that year, after a long and stormy voyage. Going to Pittsburg, the family remained in that city for a short time, but subsequently removed to Westmoreland county, where they settled near Hillsvew furnace. During the winter of 1854 Mr. Hoffman went to work on a farm in Somerset county for Joseph Zimmerman, in whose employ he continued until 1857, and then went to Cambria county, where he secured employment in what was known as the Penciola sawmill, the first steam mill in this section of the State. He also spent some time with Joseph Willman and Henry Eckhold, farming and barrel making, known then as shookmaking, but finally came to Buffington township when his mother died. At that time he was but sixteen years of age. He started to work for John W. Duncan, at his sawmill. On Feb. 18, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, 54th Regiment P. V. I., and subsequently saw some hard service. At the battle of Piedmont he was wounded, a bullet passing entirely through his left leg and lodging in the right, where it still remains, having partially crippled Mr. Hoffman. He was captured by Confederate soldiers on Sunday, June 7, 1864, and for some time was confined in the horrible Libby prison. On July 22, 1865, after a long, valiant and honorable service, Mr. Hoffman was mustered out, and returned to the vocations of peace, again entering the employ of Mr. Duncan. He continued with him at the red mill as sawyer until 1890, when he purchased the David Altimus farm, a tract of 115 acres in Buffington township, upon which he erected a large farmhouse and barn and took up general farming and stock raising. He was successful in his operations, and retired in the fall of 1912 to enjoy the fruits of his labors, content in the knowledge that his has been a useful and well-spent life, and that he has fairly won the universal respect and esteem in which he is held. Mr. Hoffman is a Republican in his political views, and for six years acted in the capacity of school director while a resident of Blacklick township, Cambria county.

On Dec. 29, 1864, Mr. Hoffman was married in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa., to Lucinda Hill, daughter of William and Susan (Walters) Hill, of Pine township, and by this union there have been children as follows: Amanda, born Dec. 21, 1866, married John Jackson, of Johnstown, and died Oct. 28, 1899; John W., born June 8, 1868, who

married Etta Cunningham, is a farmer in Buffington township; Thomas H., born March 29, 1871, a farmer in Buffington township, married Lizzie Moore; Sarah Ellen, born Aug. 7, 1874, married A. J. Hawes, of Johnstown, Pa., and died March 20, 1898; Charles Freeman, born April 8, 1876, married Minnie Reese, and is a farmer in Buffington township, Indiana county; Benjamin Franklin died May 15, 1890; Annie Mary, born Nov. 12, 1878, married Walter R. Treaster, and is deceased; Rose Etta, born Sept. 12, 1880, died May 13, 1890; Lucinda Pearl, born Feb. 6, 1884, died May 3, 1890; Milton Reed, born July 20, 1886, married Tobantha Henry, of Cherryhill township, and resides with his parents; Clarence Loyd, born Dec. 25, 1891, a farmer of Buffington township, married Grace Syster, of that township.

WILLIAM N. SICKENBERGER, general farmer of Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he has spent all of his life, was born in that township Sept. 10, 1870, son of Peter S. and Maria A. (Piper) Sickenberger.

Henry Sickenberger, his paternal grandfather, was born in Germany, and came to the United States when a young man, becoming one of the pioneers of Indiana county, Pa., where he cleared a farm in Cherryhill township, continuing to spend the rest of his life on that property.

Peter S. Sickenberger, son of Henry, and father of William N. Sickenberger, was born in Cherryhill township, and after the retirement of his father purchased the old home place, where he was engaged in farming until his death in 1905. His wife, a native of Blair county, Pa., died in 1898, the mother of the following children: Jennie and Anna, who are deceased; Peter M., living in Green township; Maggie, the wife of Edward Putt, of Cherryhill township; Elsie, the wife of Luther Bence, of Rayne township; Vernie B., the wife of Frank Barber, of Green township; Walter, of Green township; Speer, who is deceased; and James, who died in infancy.

William N. Sickenberger attended the schools of Green township and as a youth worked on the home farm. In young manhood he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was employed until 1907, when he again turned his attention to farming and purchased the old home place, which he has continued to cultivate to the present time.

On March 20, 1896, Mr. Sickenberger was married, in the town of Indiana, to Emma Fleming, of Green township, daughter of

James and Sarah Fleming, the former of whom is deceased, while the latter lives in Cherryhill township. Mrs. Sickenberger died in 1900, the mother of one child, Blanche. In 1905 Mr. Sickenberger was married (second) to Mrs. Elizabeth (Hines) Lydiek, who was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, daughter of Joseph Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Sickenberger are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His political belief is that of the Republican party.

HENRY S. GRIFFITH, of Pine township, Indiana county, was born in that township Oct. 15, 1873, a son of Joseph Griffith, Jr., a former resident of Center township, Indiana county. His grandfather, Joseph Griffith, Sr., was a farmer of Center township. He married Liddie Rou, of that township, whose family record can be traced back to the early settlers of Indiana county.

Joseph Griffith, father of Henry S. Griffith, was born in Center township, this county, Nov. 29, 1840, his early life being spent on his father's farm in that township. At the beginning of the Civil war he was among the men who volunteered to defend the country, enlisting in Company C, 19th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and serving three years. He was in eight pitched battles, besides a number of skirmishes, some of his most important battles being Pittsburg Landing, Bull Run, Corinth, Lookout Mountain, and Stone River, where he was wounded Dec. 31, 1862, the ball entering close to his spine and passing through his body to his right side, taking with it a portion of a rib. It stopped in the muscle of his right arm above the elbow. He was removed to a hospital, where the ball was extracted while warm with his blood, and he secured it, the bullet being one of the precious possessions of his son Henry S. Griffith. After the expiration of his time in the army Mr. Griffith returned to a farm, in Barr township, Cambria Co., Pa., residing there for two years, and there he was married to Jennie Conner, a daughter of Robert and Nancy Conner, who came to this country from Ireland. Joseph Griffith and his wife had the following children: Lottie, Grant, Henry S., William, Maggie, Annie and Bertha. After his marriage Mr. Griffith returned to Pine township, where he passed the remainder of his lifetime. In politics he was a Republican. He belonged to the Mount Union Methodist Church.

Henry S. Griffith after attending the local schools, at the age of sixteen years, started

to work at sawmills and in the lumber woods. When twenty-two years old he was married to Adda Kinter, daughter of John and Lillie Kinter, and they have children as follows: Mary, Elsie, William, Stella, Henry, Edwin, Kermit, Boyd and Frank.

In politics Mr. Griffith is a Progressive, having been one of the first Progressives in Pine township. He is a coal merchant, operating or mining coal for the local trade, which vocation he has followed for the last ten years. He is well known throughout Indiana county, and highly esteemed by all who come in contact with him.

CLIFFORD J. OAKES, of Dixonville, manager and bookkeeper for the Dixon Run Lumber Company, is proving himself equal to the demands of that position and worthy of the responsibilities intrusted to him. He was born Nov. 12, 1890, at Conemaugh, Pa., son of William E. Oakes and grandson of John G. Oakes.

Edward Oakes, his great-grandfather, was from Ireland, as was also his wife. They came to Pennsylvania in 1794, first settling near Armagh, Indiana county, and later moving to Burrell township, same county, near Blairsville. Edward Oakes was a soldier in the war of 1812 and also in the Mexican war. After the war he moved to the West, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in October, 1867, near Iola, Kansas.

John G. Oakes was born in 1832 in Blairsville. He was a farmer in his early days. In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Battery K, 2d Pennsylvania Regiment, and serving until mustered out, in January, 1866. At the battle of the Wilderness he was wounded and captured, being taken to Libby prison, where he was held for nine months. After his discharge he returned to Blairsville. Mr. Oakes married Sarah Kauffman, who was born in 1839 in Johnstown, Pa. Four children were born to this marriage: F. J., the eldest, resides in Fall River, Kans.; Jennie is the wife of J. E. Williams, of Johnstown; William E. is mentioned below; Matthew is deceased.

William E. Oakes attended public school near Blairsville. His first work was on a farm in Kansas, after which he did farm work in Oklahoma. He learned the carpenter's trade in Johnstown, Pa., and followed it there for fifteen years. In 1904 he came to Lovejoy, Indiana county, and thence shortly afterward to Clymer, when the town



had just made a start as such. He has been engaged in the lumber trade ever since he settled there, and has built up a lucrative business, being regarded as one of the active and progressive residents of the place. He is very well known in fraternal connections, being a member of Indiana Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, and a high Mason, belonging to Cambria Lodge, F. & A. M., of Johnstown (of which he is a past master), to the Consistory at Williamsport, and to the Shrine at Altoona.

On Jan. 28, 1890, Mr. Oakes was married, at Johnstown, Pa., to Emma R. Devlin, a native of Johnstown, where her parents were also born. Mrs. Oakes died the mother of ten children, namely: Clifford J., Theodore, Earl, Ruth, Carrie, Carroll, Frank, Bessie, Agnes and Olive.

Clifford J. Oakes obtained his early education at Conemaugh, attending high school there, and later went to the normal school at Indiana, after which he studied bookkeeping. He has since been connected with the Dixon Run Lumber Company, whose employ he entered in 1908 as bookkeeper, and in August, 1911, was also made manager. His work has been creditable and he deserves the appreciation it has received.

On May 13, 1909, Mr. Oakes married Ellen Clawson, who was born at Dixonville, daughter of Andrew B. and Jennie (Bolvin) Clawson, natives of Indiana county, who live at Dixonville. Mr. Clawson is a contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Oakes are members of the Wesleyan Church. They have two children, Clifford C. and Harold Ney.

**WILLIAM DUNCAN**, a retired farmer and veteran of the Civil war, residing at No. 1335 Philadelphia street, Indiana, Pa., was born Nov. 19, 1840, on a farm near Cherrytree, in Green township, this county, son of David and Margaret (Pierce) Duncan. His paternal grandfather was a farmer and a native of Virginia, from which State he moved with his wife and children to Indiana county, Pa., and here spent the remainder of his life. His children were: William, Joseph, James, John, David, Moses and Betsey, the last-named the wife of Thomas McKisick.

David Duncan, father of William Duncan, was born either in Indiana county or in Virginia, and was a man of fair education. He owned a property of 106 acres in Green township, having settled in the woods and cleared his land from the heavy timber, and died on his farm in 1854, at the age of forty-nine

years. His wife survived him some years, passing away in 1878, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Duncan was a Whig. He and his wife had children as follows: Sophia, who married Peter Stiffler, and is deceased; William; Elizabeth, who married William Bracken, of Johnstown, Pa.; Ellen, who married John Fee, of Indiana; Sarah Jane, who married Reuben Boring, deceased; Maria, deceased, who married Larry Perry; Harrison, who died in Kentucky, while a member of Company D, 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war; and Elias, who is deceased.

William Duncan was reared in Green township, and had only meager educational advantages, being thrown on his own resources when he was fourteen years of age through the death of his father. At that time he began supporting his mother, brothers and sisters, and was the main support of the family at the time of his enlistment, Sept. 10, 1861, at Kittanning, Pa., in Company D, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Forbes and Col. William Sirwell, for service during the Civil war. The regiment embarked on transports at Pittsburg for Louisville, Ky., and went thence to camp at Green River, Ky., where they remained three months, being then attached to the 3d Brigade, 2d Division, 14th Corps, Army of the Cumberland. This regiment, which won fame as one of the hardest-fighting organizations in the great struggle between the States, participated in some of the bloodiest and most fiercely-contested battles of the war, including Pulaski, Laverge (where Mr. Duncan was captured, made his escape, was recaptured and again managed to elude his captors), Neely's Bend, Mule Creek, Charlottesville, Franklin Pike, Stone River (where the gallant 78th turned almost certain defeat into victory for the Union forces), Tullahoma, Elk River, Dutch Gap, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Tunnel Hill, Buzzard's Roost, Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain and the second engagement at Pulaski. Even as a young man Mr. Duncan possessed prodigious strength, weighing in the neighborhood of two hundred pounds and being remarkably well built, and he was invariably chosen to take his place among those who were building heavy pontoon bridges. He received his honorable discharge at Kittanning, Nov. 4, 1864, after brave and faithful service that won the admiration of his comrades and the

respect of his officers, and no veteran has a better war record than he.

Returning to Green township, the young soldier took up the peaceful pursuits of farming, and March 22, 1867, was married to Sarah Douglas, of Green township, daughter of Barnabas and Elizabeth (Oaks) Douglas. After his marriage Mr. Duncan purchased a small farm of fifty-five acres in Montgomery township, but in 1879 sold this land and moved to the farm of his mother-in-law, in Green township, which he rented until the death of his wife, in August, 1879. He then broke up housekeeping and went to West Virginia, and after traveling about for a time returned to Green township and purchased 172 acres of land. On Jan. 29, 1891, he was married (second) to Elmira Lydick, who was born in White township, Indiana Co., Pa., Aug. 23, 1866, daughter of George W. and Susan (Shank) Lydick. In 1891 Mr. Duncan sold the surface and retained one-half of the coal rights of his land, and retired to Indiana, where he has since made his home. He is a Republican in his political views, and was formerly a member of G. A. R. Post No. 40, at Cherrytree.

Mr. Duncan had five children by his first marriage: Lucy, who married Henry C. Connor, of Bartow, Fla.; Ellen, who married George McNulty, of Barnesboro, Cambria county; George, who died in infancy; Rosie, who died in childhood; and Benjamin Franklin, of Indiana borough, who married Ada Douglas. Two children have been born to Mr. Duncan and his second wife: Inis Elva and Norman Lynn.

**HEZEKIAH W. BAKER**, a resident of Green township, Indiana county, where he is engaged in farming, was born there Jan. 8, 1845, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Cook) Baker. The parents were also natives of Indiana county.

George Baker settled near Cookport, in Green township, buying a farm upon which he remained until his death, which occurred in February, 1882. His wife died in March, 1893, and they are buried in East Mahoning. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Levi, who lives in Indiana county; Hezekiah W.; Mary, wife of Simon Buterbaugh, of Indiana county; Jane, wife of Jonathan Learn, of Indiana borough; George, living on the home place in Green township; Furman, living in Green township, near Purchase Line; Philip, deceased; Ann, deceased; Lucy, wife of George W. McCullough, of

Cookport; and Henderson, whose home is in Seattle, Washington.

Hezekiah W. Baker remained on the home place until his marriage. He obtained a good education in the local schools, and from his earliest years became accustomed to farm work, which he has always followed. Though he prefers to attend strictly to his own affairs he is public-spirited in the interest of the community, and has served as township supervisor. He is a member of the Twolick Baptist Church.

On Oct. 3, 1867, Mr. Baker married Catherine Buterbaugh, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Learn) Buterbaugh, who are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Baker died June 3, 1907, the mother of seven children, namely: Jettie, the wife of Harry S. Boucher, living in Beaverdale, Cambria Co., Pa., has two children, Ford and Blanche; Jennie is the wife of Clark Decker; Enos, a resident of Rayne township, this county, married Clara Eggie, of Indiana county, and they have three children, Royden, Mildred and Clyde; Eldis R., of Beaverdale, married Edith Griffith, of Bedford county, Pa., and they have three children, Hazel, Don and Katherine; Minerva is the wife of Kenny Stephens, of Irwin, Pa., and has two children, May E. and Ruth; Alice is married to Alonzo Lewis, of Indiana, Pa., and they have had two children, Helen (deceased) and William; Edna is the youngest of the family.

In February, 1910, Mr. Baker married (second) Mary Ferguson, who was born in Green township Feb. 19, 1854, daughter of James and Rebecca (Kilgore) Ferguson, both of whom were born in Blacklick township, Indiana county, and later moved to Green township, where Mr. Ferguson farmed until his death, in 1882; his wife died in 1866. They had a family of seven children: Lettie, who is the wife of Philip Rice, of Deckers Point, Indiana county; David, deceased; Theodore, a resident of Ohio; Hans, who lives in Jefferson county; Margaret, deceased; Mary, Mrs. Baker; and Jennie, who lives in Blacklick township.

**J. NELSON LIGGETT**, now engaged in farming and stock raising in Brushvalley township, where he has resided since 1904, is a native son of Indiana county, born in West Wheatfield township July 29, 1857.

The Liggett family is of Scotch origin, and the first of the name in Indiana county was Robert Liggett, who was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, where he grew to manhood. There

he married a Miss Carr, and they came to America. They settled in Pennsylvania, in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, where Mr. Liggett became a farmer, owning a tract of 200 acres. He was among the first settlers of that section of the county, and was one of the most respected men of his day. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. Their children were: John; William; Margaret, who married John Mabon; and Jane, who married Hugh Best.

William Liggett, son of Robert, was born Jan. 24, 1818, in what is now West Wheatfield township, and there grew to manhood. He followed farming all his life, owning a tract of 125 acres near Centerville, upon which he built a brick home and made other improvements. He spent the remainder of his life there, dying on the farm Jan. 24, 1878, and is buried in the Bethel Church cemetery. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in politics a Whig and Republican in turn, and took sufficient interest in the welfare of his township to fill the position of school director. On Oct. 20, 1820, Mr. Liggett married Mary Wallace, who was born in Wheatfield township, daughter of Samuel Wallace, and died Nov. 7, 1882, aged seventy-four years, seven months. She, too, is buried in Bethel Church cemetery. Fourteen children were born to this couple: Agnes, who died in June, 1871; Juliann, who died Dec. 9, 1865; Samuel, who died June 2, 1860; Mary, who died Oct. 22, 1880; Josephine, who died Feb. 28, 1879; Emma, who married Aiken Stibender, and died at Leesburg, Fla., May 28, 1891; Elizabeth, wife of Seymore Hollingsworth; Sarah Ellen, who died young; Robert Carr, who resided at Centerville, in West Wheatfield township; Margaret, married to William Alexander, of West Wheatfield township; Lucinda, who married Lawson McKelvey, and resides in Youngstown, Ohio; William, a farmer of East Wheatfield township; John, who resides on the homestead; and J. Nelson.

J. Nelson Liggett attended public school in his home township and worked with his father until the latter's death. Subsequently he worked the homestead in partnership with his brother John, continuing there for several years, but on account of his health he sold out his interests and moved to Florida, where he spent three winter seasons. After that he settled in Homer City and followed farming for several years. In 1904 he bought his present farm, a tract of 109 acres in Brush-

valley township, from David Snyder, of Homer City. In this property he has since been engaged in general farming and stock-raising, and by his well-directed labors is winning success. He is hard-working and thrifty, unassuming, and has a character of solid worth which has gained him a high place in the esteem of all who know him.

On March 22, 1893, Mr. Liggett was married to Anne Lucas, daughter of William Lucas, of Homer City, and they have had six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Ralph, who is at home; Martha; Paul; Herbert; and Esther, who died young. Mr. Liggett is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Homer City. He is a Republican, but though he takes a good citizen's interest in public affairs is not active in party matters.

CHARLES GRIFFITH, who lives on the old homestead in Pine township, Indiana county, where he was born Nov. 24, 1846, is a son of John and Margaret (Gibson) Griffith and grandson of Isaac Griffith, who came to Indiana county in the very early days of its development.

The Griffith family is of Welsh origin, the founder of the branch in which we are interested coming from Wales to America in 1745 and first settling in Maryland, where the family was established for some time before coming west to Indiana county, Pa. Isaac Griffith settled in Brushvalley township, where he bought land and farmed the remainder of his life. By trade he was a miller, and he had a mill on Yellow creek, in Brushvalley township. His later years were devoted entirely to farming. His family consisted of three sons and three daughters.

John Griffith, father of William Griffith, was born in Brushvalley township and there grew to manhood. He learned the trade of mason, and also engaged in farming. In 1841 he came to Green (now Pine) township, where he bought the farm upon which he remained until his death, which occurred June 15, 1887, when he was aged eighty years, two months. He married Margaret Gibson, who was born in the western part of Indiana county, and was of Scotch-Irish lineage, her father being Charles Gibson, an early settler of the county, who located in what was known as the Manor settlement, remaining there until his death; he was a millwright by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith had children: William, Isaac, a daughter that died in infancy, Rachel (Mrs. William Stephens), and Charles. Wil-

liam Griffith, the eldest, is now living retired in Pine township. He was a justice of the peace for thirty-five years.

Charles Griffith, son of John and Margaret Griffith, spent his boyhood and youth on the home place, which was at that time included within the boundaries of Green township, and is still living on that property. He obtained his education in the local public schools. Throughout his active years he has been engaged in farming and stock raising, in which he has been successful, and he has given all his time to his private affairs, taking no part in public matters except during his service as constable of the township, in 1879. He is a man of upright character and sterling qualities, and has the respect of all who know him.

On Dec. 12, 1888, Mr. Griffith was married to Adda Ray, a native of Green township, this county, daughter of William J. and Mary (Askins) Ray, both of whom were born in Indiana county, the father in Rayne township, the mother in Cherryhill township. Her father, Thomas Askins, was an early settler in Indiana county. William J. Ray was a prominent resident of this section in his day. He died in April, 1896, long surviving his wife, who passed away in February, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Ray had a family of seven children: Martha, Mrs. Johns, now deceased; John, deceased; Thomas, a resident of Vintondale, Pa.; Sarah, Mrs. Hodson, living in Allegheny county, Pa.; Ella, wife of Richard Campbell, living in Allegheny county, Pa.; Adda, Mrs. Griffith; and Clara, wife of Albert Jacoby, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Griffith: Lula, wife of Charles Morris, of Cambria county, Pa.; Mary, who died in 1908; Zaida, at home; Gertrude; Charles; Leda; Ruby; Helen; Elizabeth, and Sutton Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith and their family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

GEORGE TRIMBLE, late of White township, Indiana county, was a well-to-do farmer there until his death, which occurred when he was in his prime. His father, Thomas Trimble, a native of Indiana county, lived and died here. He married Mary Anderson, sister of the old Dr. Anderson.

George Trimble was born in White township June 18, 1854, on the old Trimble farm now owned by George Rowe, and there grew to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools. The day of his marriage he and his wife settled on the tract of 107 acres

where all their married life was spent, and where Mrs. Trimble continues to reside. Mr. Trimble labored diligently to improve that property, bringing it into up-to-date condition, built a new house and proved himself an effective worker and competent manager. In addition to this place he also acquired the ownership of a sixty-acre tract near by. He was respected and popular and made friends wherever he went, and his death was regarded as the loss of a progressive and valuable citizen. On June 26, 1907, Mr. Trimble fell twenty-four feet at a barn raising on the Cameron Davis place, in Cherryhill township, and was instantly killed. He is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. He was not a member of any church. In political opinion he was a Republican.

On Sept. 22, 1885, Mr. Trimble married Drusilla Howe, who was born May 21, 1862, in Cherryhill township, daughter of William and Mary A. (Lewis) Howe, and obtained her education in the common schools. Since her husband's death the management of the property has devolved upon her, and she gives evidence of marked business ability in its care. Among the improvements she has made are a new cement spring-house and a wagon shed, and she has purchased a number of new farm implements.

Mr. and Mrs. Trimble had five children, viz.: Thomas H., born March 20, 1887; Delos, born Jan. 23, 1890, who died when fifteen years old; LeRoy, born May 27, 1892; Ada, born Sept. 1, 1895; and Edward Howe, born Feb. 10, 1903.

IRVING W. GIBSON has been doing business in the borough of Indiana as agent for and dealer in farm implements since 1903. Previous to that time he had devoted himself principally to farming, his practical knowledge of which industry has aided him materially in his present line. Mr. Gibson was born Oct. 17, 1852, in Cherryhill township, on the home farm of his parents, which he now owns.

Hiram Gibson, father of Irving W. Gibson, was born in Cherryhill township, where he died Feb. 18, 1913, and he is buried there. He was one of the oldest residents of that section, having reached the age of ninety-four years. He married Catherine Wike, who was born in Somerset county, Pa., and died in 1897. They were the parents of eight children, viz.: Elizabeth, who died young; Mary, widow of Samuel Moorhead; Luzetta, who died unmarried, at the age of forty;

Thomas, who lives in Green township, Indiana county; Irving W.; Savilla, Mrs. John Shank, of Cherryhill township; Serena Jane, Mrs. Prince Willet, of New York; and Adella, Mrs. Harry Umburn, deceased.

Irving W. Gibson grew up at the home place in Cherryhill township, and went to the country schools in the neighborhood. He taught school for three terms in Indiana county during his young manhood, but for the most part he was engaged in farming, to which calling he had been accustomed from youth. For three years he worked during the season in the lumber regions of Michigan, as foreman. Returning home, he resumed farming, which he continued to follow until the spring of 1903, when he moved into the borough of Indiana and engaged in his present business. He handles various kinds of farm implements and similar wares, being agent for the Osborne Harvesting machinery and other well-known makes. His establishment is in South Twelfth street, Indiana. Mr. Gibson has shown himself to be a man of honor in all his transactions, and his good business methods have enabled him to build up a substantial patronage. He has devoted most of his energies to business, but he has found time to take part in other things which interest him and which he feels need the support of good citizens, and served one term as school director before he moved to Indiana borough. He is an earnest member of the Wesley Methodist Church, and was formerly one of the trustees of the congregation at Indiana, Pa. He is not identified with any political party, voting independently.

In 1881 Mr. Gibson married Mrs. Mary (McCune) Diffenderfer, daughter of the late Leonard McCune, who was a farmer in Grant township, this county. They have had two children: Margaret Pearl, now Mrs. Lawrence Layton, of Indiana; and Olie May, at home.

**JOHN GILSON LEMON**, farmer and dairyman of Burrell township, Indiana county, has lived at his present home there since 1905. It was formerly the farm of Rev. Noble G. Miller.

Mr. Lemon is a native of Westmoreland county, where his grandfather, William Lemon, settled at an early day. He was a native of Scotland, of Scotch-Irish extraction, and came to America when a young man. He died in Westmoreland county, Pa., at the age of eighty-four, and was buried at Saltsburg, Pa. He lived one mile from that place,

in Westmoreland county, where he had a farm of 160 acres, following agricultural pursuits and his trade of cooper. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious connection a Presbyterian. His first wife, whose maiden name was McCauley, was the mother of all his children, viz.: Alexander, who died in Illinois; Margaret, Mrs. William Henderson, who died in the spring of 1912, in Indiana county, and William. His second marriage was to Jane Marshall, of Clarksburg, Pennsylvania.

William Lemon, father of John Gilson Lemon, was born in 1842 in Westmoreland county, near Saltsburg, and learned the trade of tanner, though he did not follow it afterward. He was a successful farmer, having a tract of nearly two hundred acres, his father's homestead in Westmoreland county, and besides engaging in general agricultural pursuits made a specialty of raising fine horses and cattle. He took an interest in the affairs of his locality, serving as school director, and was a Democrat in political association. His religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church at Saltsburg. His wife, Nancy Jane (Long), was a daughter of John and Nancy (Mason) Long, of Livermore, and died Jan. 12, 1902. Mr. Lemon passed away in July, 1907. They are buried at Saltsburg, Pa. Five children were born to them: Ida, who married Samuel Johnson, a farmer of Saltsburg, and has children, Wilmer, Nancy, Raymond and Mabel; John Gilson; May, who married Edward Shupe, a farmer, living near Saltsburg; James; and Bell, who married Ira Aleorn, a farmer, living near Saltsburg.

John Gilson Lemon was born July 8, 1867, on the old homestead in Westmoreland county, Pa., one mile from Saltsburg. He was given the advantages of the common schools, and remained at home helping his parents on the farm until 1892, when he moved to New Alexandria. For the next three years he "cropped" the Doty Guthrie farm, in 1895 moving to Greensburg, where he "cropped" the Jacob Kepple farm for a year. He was on the farm of Col. George F. Hoff for two years, and then took charge of his park for several years. Moving back to New Alexandria, he continued farming there for a few years, in 1905 purchasing and moving to the farm of Rev. Noble G. Miller, in Burrell township, Indiana county. It contains one hundred acres, all under cultivation, devoted to general farming and dairying. Mr. Lemon is an enterprising and intelligent worker, up-to-date in his methods, and his property

shows the result of his efforts to make the most of its resources. He has not been active in public affairs since settling at his present home, but while a resident of New Alexandria served as school director. He is a Republican in politics. In religion he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the church at Blairsville.

On June 17, 1896, Mr. Lemon married Mary Frances Williams, daughter of William and Mary (Rhodes) Williams, and they have two children: William Gilson, born Nov. 9, 1898; and James Ray, born July 29, 1902.

ALEXANDER FALON, a retired farmer and old soldier of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, was born in that township, on a portion of the old Faloon homestead, July 7, 1838, son of James Faloon.

Daniel Faloon, the grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and coming to Indiana county, Pa., at an early day, settled in what is now East Wheatfield township. It was then a wilderness. Taking up a tract of land, he erected a log house and stable and began developing his property. The house he put up was built of round logs, with a door at each end, and an old-fashioned stone chimney surrounded a fireplace so large that a horse was required to drag in the logs for fuel. The horse would come in one door, and when his load was released go out the other. Later, Daniel Faloon replaced his original dwelling with a more pretentious one of hewed logs, and made other substantial improvements upon the farm, which then comprised over 400 acres. It took unremitting labor to clear off the land, and Mr. Faloon spent the remainder of his life in accomplishing this. When he passed away his remains were laid to rest in the family lot on the farm. He was one of the earliest pioneers of this section. His brother William, who made his home with him, remained on the farm after the death of Daniel, and gave the family much needed assistance. Daniel Faloon was a Seceder in religious faith. He married Elizabeth Luther, and their children were: John; David; William; James; Robert; Margaret, who married Jonathan Luther; Jennie, who married William Jordan; Ann, who married Thomas Elder; Sarah (Sally), who died unmarried; Elizabeth (Betsy), who died unmarried; and Polly and Mattie, who died young.

James Faloon, son of Daniel Faloon and father of Alexander Faloon, was born on the homestead in East Wheatfield township. Owing to the few schools in his neighborhood he

had but limited educational opportunities, but he made the most of what were given him and all during his life was quick to learn from observation. When his father died James Faloon obtained a portion of the homestead, which he operated in partnership with his brother Robert. They erected a good log house, which is still standing, and James Faloon also built a barn, and made other improvements upon the farm. He cleared off the remaining timber and followed general farming the rest of his life, dying upon his property in 1875. His remains were buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery in Armagh. Politically he was first a Whig, later a Republican. The Presbyterian Church held his membership, and had from him faithful allegiance.

James Faloon married Ann Dill, who was born in Buffington township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Matthew Dill and granddaughter of Col. Matthew Dill, a Revolutionary soldier. A complete history of the distinguished Dill family is given elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Faloon died on the farm and is buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery at Armagh, she having been a member of that denomination. Mr. and Mrs. Faloon had seven children: Mary, who married William Downing, was lost in the Johnstown flood in 1889; William, who was a Civil war soldier, died at Red Bank, Pa.; Joseph is living retired at Indiana; Samuel, who was a Civil war soldier, died in 1912; David, deceased, was a Civil war soldier; Anne Eliza, who was lost in the Johnstown flood in 1889, was unmarried; Alexander is a resident of East Wheatfield township.

Alexander Faloon grew up in his native township, and was given the usual educational advantages of his time and place. Remaining with his parents, he worked for them until he was twenty-two years old, and then settled on his father's portion of 115 acres of the original Faloon homestead, continuing to care tenderly for his aunt Elizabeth, affectionately known as Betsy, until her death. From the time he took charge of this property until he retired Mr. Faloon was engaged in making well-judged improvements, including the erection of a handsome modern residence and the rebuilding of the barn. He took a pride in keeping his premises in excellent condition, believing that the owner's prosperity is reflected in the condition of his farm. Mr. Faloon carried on general farming and stock raising, with gratifying results, until his retirement in 1910.

Like all good citizens of his time, when the Civil war broke out Mr. Faloon was deeply interested in the issues, and proved his patriotism by enlisting on Aug. 7, 1862, in Company I, 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. John A. Kinter and Col. James Porter. He entered the service at Indiana, and was honorably mustered out at Harrisburg on May 28, 1863, after a service of nine months. Mr. Faloon then reenlisted, in Company H, 83d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Colonel Rogers commanding, and served until Feb. 13, 1865. Once more he enlisted, for the remainder of the war, and had the pleasure of participating in the grand review at Washington, following which he was mustered out at Pittsburg. Mr. Faloon is a member of the G. A. R. post at New Florence, Pa., and enjoys meeting his old comrades. Not only was he a brave soldier, but he had four brothers in the service during the Civil war, so the family was well represented during that terrible struggle.

Since returning to the paths of peaceful endeavor Mr. Faloon has been active in the public affairs of his community, having served as assessor, tax collector and election inspector, to which offices he was elected on the Republican ticket. The Presbyterian Church at Armagh holds his membership, and he gives it the same loyal and generous support as did his parents, the Faloon family having always been ready to encourage and aid the cause of religion.

On Dec. 24, 1867, Mr. Faloon was married at Seward, Westmoreland Co., Pa., to Asenath Wagoner, a native of Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., daughter of John W. Wagoner. Mr. and Mrs. Faloon became the parents of five children: Maude married George L. Snodgest, of New Florence; John W., who is a railroad operator, resides at home; Ralph K. is with the Cambria Iron and Steel Company and lives at Johnstown; Madge Beatrice, who was graduated from the Grove City normal school, is an efficient school teacher; Elsie Cornelia, who was graduated from the Grove City normal school, and the Johnstown College of Music, is a successful music teacher, and resides at home.

The substantial position of the Faloon family in this locality has been attained through the public-spirited efforts and useful lives of its members, and the respect and confidence they enjoy have come as the just reward of honorable deeds.

GEORGE M. BUTERBAUGH, general farmer of Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in that township May 23, 1830, and is a son of William and Mary Ann (Moyer) Buterbaugh.

William Buterbaugh, father of George M., was of German descent. He came from Center county, Pa., to Indiana county at an early date, and settled in Green township, where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. He and his wife, also a native of Center county, had a family of five sons and four daughters, as follows: Elizabeth, who is deceased; Kate, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Ruffner; George M.; Susau, the widow of Daniel Ruffner, of Indiana county; Solomon, residing in Green township; James, a resident of Johnstown; Mary Ann, wife of Andrew Ruffner, of Purchase Line; Louis, who is deceased; and one who died in infancy.

George M. Buterbaugh was educated in the district schools of Green township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, having followed the occupation of farming ever since boyhood. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, becoming a member of Company F, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war. He is now the owner of a well-cultivated property in Green township, his residence being included in Lovejoy R. F. D. route No. 1.

Mr. Buterbaugh was married (first) to Mary Ziegler, a native of Indiana county, and they had eleven children, as follows: Rebecca, the wife of Albert Pitman, of Green township; Milligan, who is engaged in farming in that township; Malinda, wife of Alex Berringer; Jessie, living in Clearfield county; Alex, who lives in West Virginia; Grant, a resident of Winber; Daniel, who is engaged in the hardware business in Winber; Ada, who is deceased; Ida, wife of Orlando Hall, a resident of Pineflats; and two who died in infancy. Mr. Buterbaugh's second marriage occurred in May, 1898, when he was united with Mrs. Caroline (Ryan) Scott, who was born in Lycoming county, Pa., Jan. 26, 1842, daughter of John and Sarah (English) Ryan, natives of Lycoming county, who removed to Clearfield county at an early time. Mrs. Buterbaugh's father died at Burnside, Clearfield county, and her mother at the home of Mrs. Buterbaugh in Lovejoy. Mrs. Buterbaugh was the widow of James F. Scott, a carpenter by occupation, who was born and reared in Ohio, and died in Clearfield county. Mr. and Mrs. Scott had nine children: John

W., who is deceased; Elmer E., a resident of East Liberty, Pa.; Lucy A., wife of Aaron Fulton, a resident of Clearfield county; Willard A., who is deceased; Mary O., the wife of Orlando Blackburn, of Altoona, Pa.; Irvin S., a resident of Kentucky; Sarah M., the wife of Harry Miller, of East Liberty, Pa.; James R., who lives in Clearfield county; and Frank H., a resident of Lovejoy.

While Mr. Buterbaugh is not a member of any particular religious denomination, he is always ready to support worthy movements of a charitable nature. His wife belongs to the United Brethren Church.

FRANK WILSON, who is engaged in farming in West Wheatfield township, on the Wilson homestead, belongs to an old family of Indiana county.

Joseph Wilson, his great-grandfather, was born in Ireland, and on coming to the United States, in young manhood, settled in Brushvalley, Pa. There he married Martha Patent, and both died in that section and were buried there. They had the following children: Valley; Samuel, who married a Miss Wilkins and lived in Center township, Indiana county; Hannah, who married a Mr. Bonner and lived in Brushvalley; Matthew; David; Joseph, who married Sarah Wilkins; and Mary, Mrs. McCune.

Matthew Wilson, son of Joseph, and grandfather of Frank Wilson, was born Oct. 31, 1802, in Brushvalley, Pa., and was there married to Rachel Johnston, daughter of Samuel and Rosanna (Clark) Johnston, pioneers of Westmoreland county. Their children were: Martha, who married John Hines, of Cadiz, Ohio, and now resides at New Florence, Pa.; Rosanna, who married Adam Gochmour, and had a son, Samuel, who lives in Centerville, Pa.; and Samuel Johnston. Matthew Wilson was reared in Brushvalley, and in that vicinity spent his life in agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the most prominent men of his day and locality, and serving as overseer of the poor, supervisor of roads and constable for many years.

Samuel Johnston Wilson, son of Matthew, was born Aug. 8, 1841, and died Nov. 6, 1896. He was married Jan. 19, 1875, to Anna Eliza Killen, daughter of Frank and Annie (Hice) Killen, who survives him, and they had the following children: Carrie, who married William Prisk, lives in New Florence, where her husband is an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and has two children, Clarence and Francis; Sarah, who is

the widow of Joseph Hines, has two children, John and Francis; Martha married Louis W. Lemke, of East Wheatfield township; Frank is mentioned below; Bessie, who was for two years a school teacher in West Wheatfield township, is now the wife of J. T. Patterson, an employee at the Carnegie Steel Works, Pittsburg, and they have one child, Dorothy. Samuel J. Wilson was educated in the schools of Brushvalley township, and worked on the home farm until he was drafted for service in the Union army during the Civil war. On his return to civil life he purchased the Clark farm of 108 acres in West Wheatfield township, where he carried on farming and stock raising up to the time of his death. He died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and was laid to rest in the Armagh cemetery. In political matters he was a Republican.

Frank Wilson, son of Samuel Johnston Wilson, received his education in the schools of his native county, and has always been engaged in work of an agricultural nature. He has continued to remain on the home farm, where he is tenderly caring for his mother in her declining years. Realizing the benefits to be derived from progressive methods, he applies modern ideas to his farm work, and as a consequence has made his farm one of the most productive in this section. Mr. Wilson is a man of public spirit and one who can always be depended upon to support movements calculated to be of benefit to his community. He is a Republican, and has served as election clerk.

JOHN WATERSON has been living retired in the borough of Indiana for the last ten years. He is a jeweler by trade and for many years was engaged in business as such at Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., subsequently following farming for some years before his retirement. He is a native of Ireland, born Dec. 5, 1834, son of John and Margaret (McFadden) Waterson. The parents were born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and the father was a yeoman there. By trade he was a weaver. Bringing his family to the United States, they landed at New York in May, 1841, after a voyage of four weeks in a sailing vessel, and thence proceeded to western Pennsylvania, settling on a farm near Kittanning, Armstrong county. Mr. Waterson farmed there until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-eight years old. His wife died there at the age of eighty-five. They were members of the M. E. Church. Their children, all born in Ireland, were as fol-



lows: (1) James, a farmer, who died in Armstrong county, served during the Civil war in the 54th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. (2) William, who died in Indiana, was a farmer until he moved to that borough at the time of his retirement. He served in the State militia in 1863. (3) Gabriel, a farmer, died in Armstrong county. (4) Noble, a farmer, who died in Armstrong county, also served in the Civil war. He married a Miss Lafferty. (5) David died in Armstrong county, unmarried. (6) John completes the family.

John Waterson was in his seventh year when the family came from Ireland, where he had begun to attend school. He continued his studies in an old log school in Armstrong county, completing the course there, and worked on the farm with his father from the time he was able to help, assisting in clearing the home place. In his young manhood he was fond of hunting and very skillful, deer and other game being still found in this region. He remained at the home place until 1859. Then he learned the trade of silversmith, at Callensburg, Clarion Co., Pa., paying twelve dollars a month for the instruction he received, and soon afterward started in the jewelry business on his own account at Elderton, Armstrong county, where he was established for twenty-seven years. In the spring of 1889 he moved to Cookport, Indiana county, where he owned 305 acres of coal and timber land, continuing to reside upon that property until his removal to Indiana, in 1902. Mr. Waterson was an able business man and an honorable dealer in every transaction, and he had the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens at every place in which he resided. He was married in Elderton, in the year 1866, to Sarah Jane Elgin, who was born Feb. 15, 1840, near Elderton, daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (St. Clair) (Martin) Elgin. Mrs. Waterson died May 23, 1912. She was a devout member of the M. E. Church, to which Mr. Waterson also belongs. In politics he is a Democrat. During the Civil war he supported the Union, going out with the State militia in 1863; he was at Camp Brooks, Williamsburg, Pennsylvania.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Waterson: (1) David Crawford, born Oct. 5, 1866, at Elderton, attended the common and high schools and Elderton Academy, and learned watch making with his father. He clerked in his father's jewelry and general store, and is now at home with his father.

He is a Republican in politics, and socially belongs to the Order of Moose. He is unmarried. (2) Margaret Eleanor, born Sept. 4, 1868, is the wife of Byron McCullough, of Clyde, this county. (3) Isabelle, born Aug. 31, 1870, is the wife of Sidney Gorman, of Cherrytree, Indiana county. (4) William Alexander, born Oct. 21, 1872, lives in Charleroi, Pa., and is an awning and tent maker by occupation. He married Catherine Johns. (5) Mary Jane, born Nov. 16, 1874, married Warren Lockard and lives in Indiana. (6) Sarah Catherine, born Oct. 1, 1877, married George Conrath. (7) Martha Ann, born Oct. 20, 1880, died in infancy. (8) John J., born July 31, 1882, married Guy Lloyd and lives in Cookport, Indiana county. (9) Edith Blanch, born April 16, 1885, married Harvey Snyder and lives in Indiana.

GEORGE L. ROWE, now engaged in general farming in White township, has passed all his life in that part of Indiana county, having been born March 30, 1868, in Rayne township, where he was reared.

William Patterson Rowe, his father, was born in 1834, in Rayne township, and spent all his life there, following farming. He served in the Civil war from 1861 to the close of the conflict, under two enlistments. A prominent man in his community, he filled various local offices with credit to himself and thorough satisfaction to his fellow citizens, who held him in high esteem for his usefulness and many sterling qualities of character, his kind and benevolent disposition winning him affection as well as respect. He was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in religion. His wife was Mary Jane McNulty, and they were the parents of three children: John L., of McKee's Rocks, Pa., who married Anna Evans; Daniel H., now a resident of Youngstown, Ohio; and George L. The mother died May 21, 1906, aged sixty-one years, the father surviving until May 23, 1911. They are buried at the Bethel Lutheran Church in Rayne township.

George L. Rowe was born on his father's farm in Rayne township and obtained his education in the common schools of that locality. He continued to work on the home place until he attained his majority, after which he learned the carpenter's trade with S. H. Kuntz, of Rayne township. He followed that line of work until the spring of 1907, when he met with an accident which made it necessary for him to find other employment, so for two years he carried on a

grocery business in the borough of Indiana. Disposing of same, he bought his present farm in White township, to which he moved at once, and there he has since done general farming. He has a tract of 116 acres, in excellent condition, which yields a comfortable living under his thrifty management. Mr. Rowe does not take any part in public affairs, but he is a Republican in political opinion and supports his party faithfully. Socially he is a member of the Odd Fellows. He has no church connection.

In 1895 Mr. Rowe was married, in Rayne township, to Tillie Fleming, daughter of Morton J. and Matilda (McGuire) Fleming, and they have had six children: Earl, who died March 9, 1911; Lloyd; Hazel; Mildred; Grace, and Esther.

Morton J. Fleming, Mrs. Rowe's father, was born Jan. 8, 1824, in Washington township, Indiana county, and in 1858 married Matilda McGuire, who was born in Green township, this county, July 17, 1832, and they had a family of eight children: Eliza, David, Blair, Mary, Frank, Tillie, William and Laura. The father died Oct. 16, 1890, the mother May 27, 1903. They were Lutherans, members of the Bethel Church in Rayne township. In politics he was a Republican, and he served faithfully as a Union soldier during the Civil war, receiving an honorable discharge. After his marriage he bought the farm in Rayne township, which he cultivated the remainder of his life.

JOSEPH THOMAS WILLIAMS, of Burrell township, Indiana county, belongs to a family which has lived in this section of Pennsylvania for about a century, in Westmoreland county. The Williamses are of Welsh extraction.

William Williams, grandfather of Joseph Thomas Williams and the founder of the family in this country, was born in Wales, and came to America when a young man. He settled in Cambria county, Pa., on the mountain, five miles northeast of Johnstown, where he had a tract of 100 acres, mostly wooded when he came to it. He built a home and cleared his land, following farming and stock raising, and being a Baptist minister went to Pittsburg each week to preach, making the journey on horseback. His children were: Margaret; Iola; Thomas, who settled in Oregon; Benjamin, who married Sarah Rhodes; Elias; Mary, who married Thomas John Jones and resided at Ebensburg, Pa.; and William.

William Williams, son of William, was born in 1808, and died July 15, 1891, near New Alexandria, Westmoreland Co., Pa. In his earlier years he worked on the home farm, helping his parents, and later went to New Alexandria to learn wagonmaking, which he followed all the rest of his life, also engaging in blacksmithing and farming. He bought the Kelly farm of ninety-four acres in Salem township, and cultivated it successfully. It was underlaid with two rich veins of coal, which added materially to its value. Though he reached the advanced age of eighty-three years he was active until the last. He married Mary Rhodes, who was born Nov. 1, 1809, and died Oct. 2, 1912, at the great age of ninety-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were laid to rest in the family plot in the New Alexandria cemetery. They were members of the Loyalhanna Baptist Church, and active in all its work. In politics Mr. Williams was originally a Whig, later a Republican. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams: (1) Anna married Albert Schupe, and resides in Loyalhanna township, Westmoreland county. Their children are Frank, James, Stewart, Elmer, Thomas, Preston, Benton and Laura. (2) Elias died when twenty-three years old, in Story county, Iowa. (3) Washington married Gertrude Snodgrass and resides at New Alexandria, Pa. (4) Joseph Thomas is mentioned below. (5) Mary Frances married John Lemon, mentioned elsewhere.

Joseph Thomas Williams was born Jan. 24, 1857, at New Alexandria, Westmoreland Co., Pa. He attended the Shields school at New Alexandria, and spent all his time on the home place until his father's death. Until he was twenty-five years old he worked as his father's helper, afterward working the place for him on shares, always having heavy farm duties. In 1901 he moved to Burrell township, Indiana county, and bought the old Hill farm from Gilmore & Bennett, where he has ever since carried on farming and dairying. This place comprises 165 acres, all of which is in excellent condition under Mr. Williams' enterprising management. He also sold coal while there, having developed the deposits on the farm. He mined the upper layer of coal himself, and in one winter sold as much as twenty-five thousand bushels, receiving four cents a bushel. Until October, 1912, when he sold out, he conducted a retail milk route, in Blairsville, and he has also gone extensively into stock raising, besides which he does teaming. The success of his

various undertakings has shown him to be an all-around business man. He was unfortunate enough to have his home destroyed by fire in 1909, and he has since rebuilt according to his own plans, having a convenient, modern residence.

On March 1, 1882, Mr. Williams married Elizabeth Heffelfinger, daughter of Sylvester and Catherine (Dick) Heffelfinger, of Blairsville, Pa., and they have had four children, all born in New Alexandria, Pa., namely: William, born Dec. 21, 1882, who married Lizzie Mikesell and resides at Vandergrift, Pa.; Edward, born March 2, 1885, living at home; Thomas, born Feb. 27, 1895, at home; and Harry, born Oct. 28, 1900. Mr. Williams is a member of the M. E. Church of Blairsville, which he served for a number of years as trustee and treasurer.

**CHARLES ANDERSON McFEATERS** is engaged in farming in East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, where all his life has been spent. He was born there Dec. 11, 1861, son of Andrew McFeaters and grandson of John McFeaters.

In 1816 John McFeaters came to Indiana county from the Tuscarora Valley, in Mifflin county, Pa., and settled in Brushvalley township, where he became engaged in farming. Later he moved to Cherryhill township, where he was a land owner and farmer, spending the remainder of his life there. He is buried in Harmony Church cemetery, near Greenville.

Andrew McFeaters was born Dec. 7, 1811, in Mifflin county, Pa., and was five years old when brought by his parents to Brushvalley township, where he attended public school. He began farming as soon as able to be of any assistance. In time he came to East Wheatfield township, where he settled on a farm of 100 acres south of the Philadelphia and Pittsburg pike, following farming and stock raising there to the end of his life. He died on his farm July 19, 1882, and is buried in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church at Armagh. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and served as elder and in other official capacities. In politics he was a Republican, and he served his township as overseer of the poor. His first wife, Rebecca (Mahon), born May 7, 1819, died in January, 1851, the mother of children as follows: Rachel, born Sept. 19, 1843, married Elijah N. Robinson, and died Dec. 29, 1908, in West Virginia, Mr. Robinson dying Jan. 1, 1909; William Laughlin, born May 27, 1845, mar-

ried Oct. 14, 1869, Annie Duncan, and settled in East Wheatfield township (he was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company I, 206th P. V. I.); Nancy, born Dec. 27, 1846, died Dec. 22, 1862; Hannah, born Oct. 28, 1848, married Rev. Milton N. Sweeney, a minister of the M. E. Church, and resides in Belleville, Pa.; John M., born Jan. 3, 1851, married Catherine Coltonbough and resides at Creekside, Indiana county. On June 22, 1852, Mr. McFeaters married (second) Elizabeth Underwood, a native of Brushvalley township, daughter of William and Mary (Dias) Underwood, and by this marriage had five children: Mary Catherine, born May 16, 1853, died Jan. 16, 1863; Samuel Swan, born May 6, 1855, died Dec. 17, 1862; Benjamin Franklin, born Oct. 10, 1857, died Jan. 24, 1862; Charles Anderson is mentioned below; Emma Elizabeth, born Jan. 18, 1864, married Feb. 27, 1890, D. F. Fox, of Seward, Pennsylvania.

Charles Anderson McFeaters attended the local public schools and grew up on the farm, working with his father, and has been farming all his life in his native township. He now operates the south part of the homestead farm, having a tract of fifty-seven acres, devoted to general crops, though he makes a specialty of fruit culture. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of his locality and has taken considerable interest in public affairs, having served his township as register of voters, assessor, school director and enumerator of school district No. 1. In political association he is a Republican.

On July 20, 1898, Mr. McFeaters was married, at Girard, Ill., to Ida Wormwood, daughter of John M. and Sena (Rusher) Wormwood, and they have had one child, Pearl May, born Aug. 23, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. McFeaters are members of the Presbyterian Church at Armagh, and both have been active in the work of that church, Mr. McFeaters serving as trustee. From early womanhood Mrs. McFeaters has given much of her time to evangelical work, and for eight years was a member of the Pentecost Band, religious workers, who had headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind. They did missionary work in many parts of the country, including Pennsylvania, where she met Mr. McFeaters. Mrs. McFeaters is a teacher in the Sunday school of the Armagh Presbyterian Church and a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, and does everything within her power to advance the work of the church in every line. In fact, she is a friend of all good movements, being a

woman of broad intelligence, interested in the welfare of her fellow beings everywhere. She and her husband have cooperated faithfully in all their interests. Mr. McFeaters is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and was formerly associated with the council at Armagh.

J. WILSON PEDDICORD, a farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born Sept. 21, 1856, in Center township, this county, a son of Dorsey and Amelia (Clawson) Peddicord, both of whom are deceased. His father's second marriage was to Catherine Hunter.

Mr. Peddicord attended various schools, the Brush Hollow school, then at Mechanicsburg and Homer City, and the Myers school, having Peter Fair for his first teacher and Eveline McMullen as his last one.

Mr. Peddicord has followed farming all his life and now owns seventy-eight acres of good land in Armstrong township, which he operates successfully. On political questions he is independent, believing in supporting the man rather than the party. He is a most excellent citizen, and has many warm personal friends throughout his neighborhood. Mr. Peddicord is unmarried.

MARSELLEN CODY WILSON, an expert mechanic, of Indiana, Pa., residing at No. 1018 School street, is a glass finisher by trade, and employed by the Dugan Glass Company. He was born July 10, 1878, two miles from Allegheny City, Pa., a son of James and Mary Elizabeth (Wilson) Wilson.

James Wilson was born in Allegheny City, Pa., Jan. 12, 1853. A blacksmith by trade, he owned a shop at McKeesport for eighteen years, but in 1907 went to Fresno, Cal., where he still resides. By training and conviction he was developed into a Republican, while his religious views make him a Baptist. The following children have been born to him: Blanch Luella, who married Charles Simon and lives at Fresno, Cal.; Marsellen C.; William, who died at the age of fifteen years; Melvin, who married Miss Carling, and is a molder, residing in California; Howard, who died when four years old; and Henry, now seventeen years old, who resides in California.

Marsellen Cody Wilson was educated in the common schools of McKeesport, Pa., and from boyhood displayed considerable mechanical genius. Leaving school when fourteen years old, he became an office boy in the Pittsburg

& Lake Erie Railroad Company's office, later holding the same position with the Standard Sewing Machine Company. Mr. Wilson also worked upon various farms at intervals, although his inclinations always pointed toward mechanical employment, and he eventually began working at his present trade at Glassport, Pa., becoming an adept at it. Before he left Glassport he had been advanced to be head finisher, and held that position for seven years. In 1899 he came to Indiana, and associated himself with the Dugan Glass Company, with which he has since remained, to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1908, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Mrs. Caroline Olive (Livingston) Fleming, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Jane (Bence) Livingston, and widow of Harry Austin Fleming. The latter was a son of W. H. and H. Fleming, of Indiana. Mrs. Wilson is a woman of intelligence and worth and looks after her home with housewifely skill. By her first marriage she had two children: Dwight Austin, born in 1901; and Winnett Livingston, born in 1903. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of a daughter, Olive Winona, who was born March 24, 1912.

SAMUEL L. FYOCK, who owns and lives upon the property known as Chestnut Ridge Farm, in Green township, Indiana county, was born at that place June 23, 1860. He is a member of the fourth generation of his family to live in this county, his great-grandfather, David Fyock, and grandfather, John Fyock, having moved into this region at an early day, from Somerset county, Pa. David Fyock, his son John, and the latter's son Jacob, father of Samuel L. Fyock, are all buried in the cemetery at Taylorsville, in Green township, Indiana county. They were blacksmiths as well as farmers, and followed that trade in connection with agricultural work.

Jacob Fyock was born in Somerset county and came to Indiana county with his father at the age of fifteen years. In 1859 he moved to the farm in Green township now occupied by his son Samuel L., and for a number of years lived in the old log house where the latter was born. He made a permanent home on this place, dying here in 1901. Jacob Fyock married Elizabeth Wise, who was born in Blair county, Pa., daughter of Solomon Wise, an early settler in this part of Indiana county, and died in October, 1899. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fyock,

two dying in infancy; the following reached maturity: Solomon, who lives in Cambria county, Pa.; Catherine, widow of William G. Walker, of Green township; Elizabeth, wife of D. H. Swartz and living on part of her father's old farm in Green township; Joseph A., deceased; Samuel L.; Amanda B., wife of Arthur Lydick, of Dubois, Pa.; Maggie, wife of A. C. Ober, of Cherryhill township; Sadie, wife of Samuel R. Mumau, of Green township; and George H., who lives in Cambria county.

Samuel L. Fyock attended school in Green township for several years during his boyhood, and took a commercial course at Erie, Pa., in Clark's Business College, graduating Aug. 1, 1889. For eleven years during his young manhood he was employed as clerk by the Glenwood Coal Company, in the office at Glen Campbell, this county, but he returned to the farm in March, 1903, and has since lived there, devoting himself to agricultural pursuits; he does some trucking and engages in the poultry business. He is an enterprising worker, up-to-date in his methods, and keeps his farm and house in excellent condition.

On May 18, 1893, Mr. Fyock was united in marriage with Lydia A. Spicher, a native of Grant township, this county, daughter of John W. and Catherine (King) Spicher, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Spicher settled in Grant township many years ago and was engaged in farming there. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fyock the eldest died in infancy, unnamed; the others are: Jacob I.; Catherine E.; John S., and Ida P. The parents are members of the Brethren (Dunkard) Church, belonging to the Manor congregation near Purchase Line, and Mr. Fyock is serving as deacon and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a Prohibitionist in politics.

**NELSON WIDDOWSON**, general farmer and stock raiser of Indiana county, residing on the old family homestead in Cherryhill township, was born in that township Sept. 21, 1851, son of Thomas and Jane (Lydick) Widdowson.

Joseph Widdowson, the grandfather of Nelson Widdowson, was a native of England, and on first coming to the United States settled in New York City. Subsequently he removed to Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he purchased 600 acres of land at twenty-five cents per acre. In addition to cultivating this land he followed the trade of

carpenter, and built the canal at Johnstown, walking between that city and his home every two weeks.

Thomas Widdowson, son of Joseph, and father of Nelson Widdowson, was born in New York City, and was brought up to agricultural pursuits. He first followed farming on the old home in Green township, where his father died, subsequently cleared the land in Cherryhill township on which his son Nelson now lives, and finally moved to Rayne township, where his death occurred. He and his wife had five sons, of whom four are now living: Thomas, deceased; Nelson; Edward; Alexander, who resides in Idaho; and Frank, a resident of Maryland.

Jacob Lydick, the maternal grandfather of Nelson Widdowson, was one of the very early settlers of Indiana county, and was identified with farming interests in his section all of his life.

The early boyhood of Nelson Widdowson was spent on the farm on which he now lives, and his education was obtained in the district schools of this vicinity. When he was ten years of age, he was taken by his parents to a near-by farm, eventually moving back to this locality, however, and purchasing the land on which his boyhood was spent, and where he has engaged in farming to the present time.

In 1876 Mr. Widdowson was married to Lizzie Meekins, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of Thomas Meekins, a soldier in the Civil war who met his death in battle at Petersburg. The Meekins family settled in Indiana county at an early day, and its members are well and favorably known here. To Mr. and Mrs. Widdowson have been born five children: Vance; Royden, who married Hattie McDowell and has one child, Albertus; Otis, who is deceased; and Velma and Leora, who are at home with their parents.

**SOLOMON EVANS PLOWMAN**, farmer of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, has lived at his present home there for thirty-five years and is one of the substantial citizens of his locality. He is a veteran of the Civil war. Mr. Plowman was born Jan. 30, 1849, at Pattonville, Bedford Co., Pa., son of Rev. John Andrew Plowman.

Rev. John Andrew Plowman was born Aug. 30, 1819, in York county, Pa., son of William Plowman, and grew to manhood at his native place, receiving his education in the locality. At the age of nineteen, on Dec. 20, 1838, he

was married by Rev. William Miller to Susanna Evans, who was born April 15, 1820, daughter of Jacob Evans, who served in the war of 1812. On April 3, 1839, Mr. Plowman was converted by Rev. Mr. Miller and united with the church, and he became an earnest preacher of the gospel of the Church of God as early as 1850, being thus engaged in Westmoreland county, this State, in Ohio, in Somerset and Indiana counties, Pa., and for several years was also located in Pittsburg. He was in East Wheatfield, Greenville, Cherryhill and other parts of Indiana county, and did effective work in the ministry, making many converts to his doctrines. He died May 10, 1888, at Clearville, Bedford Co., Pa., aged sixty-eight years, eight months, ten days, and was buried at that place. His high Christian character and zealous labors along religious lines made him beloved and popular. His wife died March 7, 1906, aged eighty-five years, ten months, twenty days, at the home of her son Solomon, who cared for her in her old age. She, too, was a faithful member of the Church of God. They had a family of seven children, viz.: Zacharias, born Sept. 20, 1839, died May 13, 1859; Levina, born April 2, 1841, married April 11, 1859, William Albert, and resides in Champaign county, Ill.; Malinda, born Jan. 18, 1843, married Thomas Miller April 12, 1862, and resides in Champaign county, Ill.; Elizabeth, born May 14, 1845, married Nov. 14, 1865, Henry Lynn, and (second) Henry Strickland, and is now a widow, residing in Danville, Ill.; Eliza Jane, born April 9, 1847, married April 17, 1866, Robert William Mack, who is in the employ of the Cambria Iron & Steel Company at Johnstown, Pa.; Solomon Evans was born Jan. 30, 1849; Joseph Francis, born May 10, 1851, died Sept. 6, 1887.

Solomon Evans Plowman was an infant when the family moved from York county to the Cumberland valley, where he attended school. He also went to school at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, and at Pittsburg, and in East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, where his father was engaged in preaching. On June 1, 1863, at the age of fourteen years, five months, he enlisted in Battery L, 3d Heavy Artillery, under Captain Bisson and Colonel Roberts. He was then five feet, two and a half inches in height, and the youngest soldier from Indiana county. For eleven months he was stationed at Fortress Monroe, and in the spring of 1864 was transferred from the 3d Heavy Artillery to take part in

the expedition under Maj. Gen. B. F. Butler up the James river, as a member of Company K, 188th Pennsylvania Regiment, under Capt. Henry Fox and Colonel Given. With this command he took part in the following battles and actions: Swift Creek, May 11, 1864; Proctor's Creek, May 13, 1864; Drury's Bluff, May 16; Port Whitehead, May 22; Cold Harbor, June 1-12; in front of Petersburg, June 16-18; mine explosion, July 30; eighty-one days' siege of Petersburg; Chapin's Farm, Sept. 29-30; capture of Richmond, April 3, 1865; tobacco raid at Fredericksburg. After Lee's surrender he was engaged in guard and provost duty until the regiment was mustered out of the service, at City Point, Va., Dec. 14, 1865, under general orders. After the Fort Harrison fight and the battle of Chapin's Farm he was promoted to sergeant, being the youngest sergeant in the regiment. After returning home he helped with the farm work on his father's place in East Wheatfield township, a tract of sixty acres upon which he continued until 1877. Meantime, in 1871, he had commenced farming on his own account, with the aid of his brother Joseph operating the home farm for six years. Then he bought the farm he now owns, which comprises eighty-six acres upon which he has built a house and barn and made other improvements. He carries on general farming and stock raising. Mr. Plowman has also been active in local public matters, having served as school director (three terms), assessor (one term) and overseer of the poor. He was a Republican up to 1880, when he joined the ranks of the Prohibition party, being a strong advocate of temperance.

On Dec. 24, 1872, Mr. Plowman married Sarah Ellen Mack, who was born Oct. 12, 1848, daughter of George Mack, and sister of Robert G. Mack, a well-known citizen of East Wheatfield township, a full sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. She died June 15, 1892, and was buried in the cemetery of the Armagh Presbyterian Church. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Albert Wesley, born Oct. 14, 1873, is a railroad engineer and resides at Derry, Pa. (he married Fannie Ling); Harry Evans, born Oct. 29, 1875, lives at home; Martha Adele, born Nov. 5, 1877, is married to Edward Ling, of East Wheatfield township; Susanna E., born July 17, 1880, died Jan. 18, 1882; Malissa Patience, born May 21, 1882, married Jesse Mack, of Buffington township; Lucy Parker, born Oct. 11, 1884,

married Harry Tinkham, of Armagh; George Mack, born July 25, 1887, is employed by the Cambria Iron & Steel Company at Johnstown; Jesse Joseph, born April 18, 1890, is farming in East Wheatfield township; a son, born June 3, 1892, died Aug. 11, 1892. On April 27, 1906, Mr. Plowman was married (second) at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., to Mrs. Ella M. Spires, who was born in Pine township, Indiana county, near Strongstown, daughter of Wesley and Jennie (Grow) Stophel, and widow of Washington Spires, who died in 1888. No children have been born to this marriage. Mrs. Plowman had two children by her first union: Lulu, who married R. H. Faloon, of East Wheatfield township; and William H. B., a machinist in the employ of the Cambria Iron & Steel Company at Johnstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Plowman are members of the M. E. Church at Armagh, which he has served in the capacity of steward for a period of twenty-five years.

WILLIAM H. BUTERBAUGH, of Green township, has become well known in his part of Indiana county as farmer, business man and public official, and he has proved himself able and efficient in every position in which he has been placed. The family has been settled in Green township for about a century.

William Buterbaugh, great-grandfather of William H. Buterbaugh, came from the East and settled in Green township, Indiana county, buying land which came by inheritance to Jonathan Buterbaugh, father of William H. Buterbaugh. Jonathan Buterbaugh was born July 5, 1840, in Green township, son of William, and remained on the home place, engaged in farming, until his death, which occurred Oct. 8, 1902. He enlisted for service in the Civil war in March, 1865, being a member of Company F, 74th Regiment, and was mustered out in September, 1865. He married Lucinda Shankle, who was born June 13, 1840, in Cherryhill township, daughter of David Shankle, a farmer, who settled in Indiana county in pioneer days. Mrs. Buterbaugh died Oct. 21, 1906. She was the mother of thirteen children, namely: Andrew, who died Oct. 30, 1910; Mary, wife of John Rolley, of Hillsdale, Pa.; Maggie, wife of George Baker, of Cambria county, Pa.; William H.; David, a resident of Grant township, Indiana county; Susan, who died when thirteen years old; George W., a resident of Green township; John H., who lives in Grant township; Samuel, who died in infancy;

Emanuel, who died in infancy; James H., an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, living at Altoona, Pa.; Laura, wife of Walter Loring, of Rayne township, Indiana county; and J. Edward, a resident of Green township.

William H. Buterbaugh was born Sept. 23, 1866, in Green township, and there received his education in the public schools. He has been engaged in farming all his life, has carried on lumbering in connection therewith and also buys and sells stock. He has built up a good business in these various lines. He has owned the place where he lives, part of the old homestead, for the last fifteen years, and also owns the old homestead itself, cultivating both places. He is a general farmer, and has been very successful in his agricultural operations. Though busy with his own numerous affairs Mr. Buterbaugh has found time for public service, filling the offices of school director and supervisor in his township. He is particularly interested in the cause of education, and is at present serving as trustee of the Purchase Line Academy. He is a wide-awake, intelligent man, alive to the needs of the community, and exercises considerable influence in his home township.

Mr. Buterbaugh was married May 7, 1891, to India Mae Hankinson, a native of Rayne township, this county, daughter of Solomon and Caroline (Wynkoop) Hankinson, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Hankinson was a blacksmith by occupation. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh, namely: Jonathan Theodore, Lewis Banks, and William Dean, all at home; and Viola and Elmer, deceased. The parents are Baptists in religious connection, holding membership in the church at East Mahoning.

HIRAM ST. CLAIR, who passed his closing years in retirement in the borough of Indiana, was a farmer during his active years in Indiana county, in White and Blacklick townships. He belonged to one of the most respected families of this part of the State, and was a worthy representative of the honored name he bore. Mr. St. Clair was born April 19, 1827, in Indiana county, youngest of the family of James and Jennie (Slemmons) St. Clair, farming people.

The St. Clair family is of Scotch-Irish origin, a branch of the St. Clair family of Scotland, which was founded in the middle ages by Sir Walderne de St. Clair, a Norman Knight, who married Margaret, daughter of Richard, Duke of Normandy. Their second

son, William, settled in Scotland, and one of his descendants, William St. Clair, became prince of the Orkney Islands under the king of Norway, and high chancellor of Scotland under the royal house of Bruce. In 1741 the St. Clairs exchanged their lofty title and island domains for the earldom of Caithness, which they still hold. The name has since become Anglicized to Sinclair. Two of the descendants of one of these earls, through a younger son, were Gen. Arthur St. Clair and his cousin James St. Clair, Sr., the former of whom was president of the Continental Congress in 1787 and commander in chief of the armies of the United States in 1791.

James St. Clair, Sr., was the grandfather of Hiram St. Clair. His parents were natives of the North of Ireland, and he was born in 1741 in eastern Pennsylvania. He lived nine miles from York, Pa., where he owned a valuable farm and mill, and he was not only a prosperous citizen of his time but an earnest sympathizer with the Colonial cause, serving throughout the Revolutionary war. His wife's maiden name was Miller. James St. Clair, Sr., died in York county in 1806, at the age of sixty-five years.

James St. Clair, one of the sons of James St. Clair, Sr., was born in York (now Adams) county, Pa., in May, 1774, and passed the greater part of his mature life in Indiana county, Pa. In 1809 he came to Brushvalley township, in 1816 removing to what is now the northern part of White township, where he took up a quarter section of government land and followed farming for many years. He died in Center township, this county, April 8, 1855, at the advanced age of eighty-one. He was an old-time Whig in politics. He married Jennie Slemmons, who was born in Lancaster, Pa., of Irish descent, and was reared in Washington county, Pa., her father, William Slemmons, removing from Lancaster to Washington county in 1790 and there following farming until his death, which occurred in 1820, in his sixtieth year. Mr. Slemmons was justice of the peace, by governor's appointment, for a period of thirty years, and he was a man of highest character and of honorable standing. His wife's maiden name was Boggs, and they had several children. Mrs. Jennie (Slemmons) St. Clair died Oct. 15, 1855, aged seventy-one years, a member of the Presbyterian Church. She and her husband had a family of ten children, namely: Margaret, William S., Mary W., James, Samuel, Isaac, John, Robert, Thomas and Hiram.

Hiram St. Clair passed his early life in Indiana county, Pa., and there received his education in the public schools. Farming was his life work, and he lived for several years in White township, having a 107-acre farm there, near Indiana. After his last marriage, which occurred in 1882, he moved to the farm in Blacklick township where he lived and worked the remainder of his active years, in 1900 taking up his home in the borough of Indiana. There he spent the rest of his days in retirement, dying June 30, 1909, in the home at No. 287 South Seventh street now owned and occupied by his widow. Mr. St. Clair was a Republican in his political views, and his religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church, in whose work he was active.

Mr. St. Clair married (first) Margaret Johnston, of Center township, this county, who died in Indiana county, May 22, 1868, aged 36 years, five months, fifteen days, and four children were born to them: Robert J., who is a resident of St. Joseph, Mo.; Thomas, a resident of Indiana, Pa.; Frank, who died in boyhood; and Nannie J., who married Robert Shearer and died Oct. 21, 1884, aged twenty-three years, eight months, four days. Mr. St. Clair's second marriage was to Amanda Loomis, who became the mother of three children: Amanda K., who is teaching in a boys' school in Egypt; Walter Hall, who is in the West; and Hiram C., now of Woodlawn, Pa. On May 11, 1882, Mr. St. Clair married (third) Mary Elizabeth Sweeney, of Markle, Westmoreland Co., Pa., daughter of William and Margaret (Johnston) Sweeney. She survives him, making her home on Seventh street, Indiana. Mrs. St. Clair is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN M. NUPP, a prosperous farmer of Green township, Indiana county, lives on the farm his father purchased and settled upon the year before his birth. Daniel Nupp, his grandfather, was a native of Somerset county, Pa., and coming thence to Indiana county, settled in Green township, buying land upon which he lived and farmed for many years. After selling the place he made his home with his son Alexander, until his death, which occurred in 1883. He was the father of nine children, three of whom are still living: Cyrus, of Green township; Franklin, of Somerset county, Pa.; and Maria, wife of Elias Ruffner, now in Oregon.



Alexander Nupp, father of John M. Nupp, was born in Somerset county, Pa., and was the eldest son of Daniel Nupp. In 1853 he bought the land where his son John now lives and thereafter made his home on that place, dying in 1902. His wife, Catherine (Muman), a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., died in May, 1893. They had five children: George, who lives in Grant township, this county; John M.; Mary, wife of H. H. Houck, of Green township; Anson, a resident of Dubois, Pa.; and Frank, also of Dubois.

John M. Nupp was born Sept. 9, 1854, on the farm where he now lives in Green township, and was educated in the public schools there. When a boy he began to help on the farm, and he has been engaged in agricultural work all his life. He is progressive and thrifty, and his property shows the effect of years of skillful and careful management. As a citizen he is a worthy representative of a family which has always been held in the greatest respect in the neighborhood. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

On Jan. 8, 1876, Mr. Nupp was married to Harriet Buterbaugh, a native of Grant township, this county, daughter of Frederick and Margaret (Langham) Buterbaugh, the former a pioneer settler in Indiana county, where he followed farming from early life. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh are both deceased. Of their fifteen children twelve still survive. Twelve children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nupp: (1) Ollie taught school in Indiana county for five terms before her marriage to Joseph F. Nichol; they have two children, Elkin and Gaynell. (2) Nona is the wife of James B. Wassam, of Green township, and has one child, Mildred. She taught school for fourteen terms, in Indiana, Cambria and Allegheny counties. (3) Maud is deceased. (4) Ralph, who formerly taught school in Green township, now lives at Clymer, Pa. He married Pearl Burkett, and they have one child, Elaine. (5) Clair taught in Grant township, Indiana county, and now lives at Arona, Westmoreland Co., Pa. He married Tweet Decker, daughter of Peter Decker, of Green township, and they have one child, Wahmita. (6) Emma, who has also taught school in Indiana county, now makes her home with her parents. (7) Walter married Nell Langham, of Indiana county, (8) Murray, who lives at home, is engaged in teaching in Green township. (9) Bessie is teaching in Green township and lives at home. (10) Hale and (11) Edna are at home. (12) Verona is deceased.

JOHN MCKENDRICK, who died at Indiana in 1905, was a well-to-do farmer of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, in his active years. He was a native of Philadelphia, born Oct. 31, 1828, son of Samuel and Jane (Macbeth) McKendrick, both of whom were born in Ireland.

Samuel McKendrick was very young when he came to the United States, and for a number of years lived in the city of Philadelphia, where he married. In the early thirties he came out to western Pennsylvania with his wife and young family, then consisting of two sons, John and James. They settled in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, where Mr. McKendrick acquired the ownership of 300 acres of land, to the improvement of which he devoted the balance of his life. He died there when just past forty, and the mother subsequently returned to Philadelphia with her little family. She remained there until her son John reached the age of seventeen, when he brought her back to the farm the father had settled, and there she spent the rest of her days, dying at his home. She and her husband were members of the Episcopal Church. They had the following children: John, mentioned below; James, now living retired at Indiana; Martha, who married Allison Gibson and died in Cherryhill township; Mary, who married James Nichols and died in Rayne township; and Esther, deceased in childhood.

John McKendrick was five years old when the family settled in Indiana county, and there he lived on the farm in Cherryhill township until he returned to Philadelphia with his widowed mother. He commenced his education in the local public schools, and continued it in the local public schools of the city. When they came back to Indiana he and his brother John took charge of the farm, which was eventually divided between them. John McKendrick was a practical, intelligent worker, and he prospered to such an extent that he was able to add two farms to his original holdings, owning 300 acres in all. During the later years of his life he lived retired in the borough of Indiana, whither he moved in 1903. He was a Presbyterian in religious connection, a Democrat in politics.

By his first marriage, to Amanda Gibson, daughter of Samuel Gibson, Mr. McKendrick had nine children, namely: Eliza Jane, James, Mary Ann, Margaret, William, Robert, Rosanna, Durilla and Amanda. Mr. McKendrick married (second) Anna Douthett,

and they had one child, Joseph D., who was born thirty-seven years ago on the farm in Cherryhill township, where he now lives; he married Nora Dick, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Mock) Dick, and (second) Alice Short, daughter of Hewitt Short, of Rayne township, and has three children, John (born to the first marriage Feb. 4, 1904), Annie Grace and Hazel Viola.

On July 30, 1877, Mr. McKendrick married (third) Margaret Emma Short, a native of Huntingdon county, Pa., born Sept. 7, 1838, daughter of James Short. She was five years old when her parents came thence to Indiana county, settling in Rayne township. He worked on his land in the daytime, spending his evenings doing blacksmith work. A sober, industrious man, he accumulated a competency, and at the time of his death, which occurred in February, 1875, the community had no more highly esteemed citizen. Among his children was John, who entered the Union Army during the Civil war and was killed at Antietam fifteen minutes after the battle commenced. Another son, Dr. James Short, born in Rayne township, graduated from Jefferson Medical College and spent three years as a surgeon in the Civil war; subsequently he located in Indiana, and was there successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery until his death, which was caused by blood poisoning by infection while performing an operation; he married May J. McCunn.

Mrs. McKendrick is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church at Indiana.

**CHARLES LEMKE**, who for many years has been engaged in agricultural pursuits in East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, is a native of Germany, born in Brandenburg, Prussia, June 21, 1840, son of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Lucherand) Lemke.

Frederick Lemke, the father, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, and there was engaged in farming until 1869, in which year he left the Fatherland to join his son and daughter in America, settling in Penn township, Allegheny Co., Pa. There he made his home until his death, which occurred March 28, 1884, his wife having passed away Oct. 31, 1880, and both were buried in the Lutheran cemetery at East Liberty. They had a family of four children: Charles; Ernestine, who married Lewis Siple, of Allegheny county; and two children who died in Germany in childhood.

Charles Lemke, son of Frederick Lemke, received his education in the government schools of his native country, which he attended from his sixth to his fourteenth year, under the compulsory education law. He remained at home assisting his father until he reached the age of twenty years. At that time, like all youths of his native land, he entered the German army for three years of service, and in 1864, at the outbreak of the war between Prussia and Denmark, entered the Prussian army as corporal, serving from April, 1864, until peace was declared, and then returned home, where he was working on the farm when the war between Prussia and Austria was declared. Becoming a corporal in the foot guards, he served until the following year, and then returned for a short stay at home until embarking at Bremen, in 1867, on the American steamer "Atlantic." After a voyage of sixteen days Mr. Lemke landed at New York, \$100 in debt. He immediately proceeded to Pittsburg, Pa., where on May 27, 1867, he secured employment with Joseph Myers, who was a well-known drover and cattle dealer, and in whose employ Mr. Lemke spent five years, at a salary of forty dollars per month. During this time Mr. Lemke not only liquidated his indebtedness, but managed to save enough out of his salary to send for his parents, for whom he cared during the remaining years of their lives. After leaving the Myers stockyards Mr. Lemke took up farming in Penn township, Allegheny county, on a tract of 150 acres which he subsequently purchased, and there he followed farming for nineteen years, at the end of that time selling out and coming to Indiana county. Shortly after his arrival Mr. Lemke purchased the old Persion farm of 235 acres, in East Wheatfield township, near the Conemaugh river, a tract that had been in the possession of the Persion family for 125 years. Numerous improvements had been made on this property, including a brick house and other buildings, and here Mr. Lemke settled down to farming. With the assistance of his sons he has continued to cultivate this land to the present time, carrying on general farming, stock raising and dairy farming, and shipping his milk to Johnstown. Possessed of his countrymen's traits of industry, thrift and integrity, he has been successful in his ventures, and is known as one of East Wheatfield township's substantial men. He is a Prohibitionist and an active worker in the

cause of temperance, and his life has been one of constant probity in all matters. With his family Mr. Lemke attends the Lutheran Church, and is a liberal supporter of all religious movements.

In 1869, in Allegheny county, Mr. Lemke was married to Caroline Lindow, also a native of the Fatherland, who died Nov. 2, 1907, and was buried at Highwood cemetery, Pittsburg. Nine children were born to this union, as follows: Lewis W., born Feb. 5, 1870, is mentioned below; Rose, born April 8, 1871, married August Lemke, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Charles Frederick, born March 8, 1873, died in 1881; Annie, born July 29, 1874, married Irwin Campbell, and resides in Ohio; William, born June 28, 1876, died young; Bertha, born Aug. 22, 1878, died in infancy; Frederick, born Oct. 28, 1880, died young; Minnie, born Aug. 12, 1882, died at the age of seven years; Elizabeth Caroline, born Aug. 12, 1883, married Benton Case, a railroad telegraph operator at Hartford, New York.

LEWIS W. LEMKE, the eldest son of Charles Lemke, was born on the farm in Penn township, Allegheny Co., Pa., Feb. 5, 1870, and there received his education in the public schools. From early boyhood he worked with his father on the farm, and still continues to be his assistant in his operations in general farming, stock raising and dairying. Mr. Lemke has much mechanical skill and can turn his hand to almost any kind of labor about the farm, while his excellent judgment in matters of a business nature is thoroughly relied upon by his father. Like his father he has a wide circle of friends in East Wheatfield township, and his firmly-established reputation for integrity has gained him the implicit confidence of his fellow citizens. In political matters he is a Republican. While not a member of any particular church he supports movements of a religious nature, and endeavors to live up to the teachings of the Golden Rule.

On Aug. 26, 1908, Mr. Lemke was united in marriage with Mattie Wilson, who was born in West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, daughter of Johnson and Eliza (Killin) Wilson. Two children have been born to this union, Charles Robert and Raymond Lewis.

HARRY SHAFFER, one of the leading contractors and builders of Penn Run, Pa., where he is also engaged in the manufacture of wagons, was born in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, Aug. 5, 1874, son of Jacob and Lucinda (Lewis) Shaffer.

Jacob Shaffer was born in Somerset county, Pa., and was a farmer during his early days. In 1870 he came to Indiana county, Pa., where he was married to Lucinda Lewis, a native of Brushvalley township, in which vicinity he purchased a farm, and there has continued to carry on operations to the present time. His wife passed away in February, 1896, the mother of the following children: Alice, who is residing at home; Harry; Inez, living at home; Milton, who lives in Somerset county; Calvin, engaged in farming in Brushvalley township; Morris, deceased; Louis, a farmer of Cherryhill township; and Frank. Harry Shaffer also has a half-brother, Blair.

After completing his education in the district schools of Brushvalley township Harry Shaffer started to work on his father's farm, continuing to be there employed until 1902. In that year he took up carpenter work and wagonmaking, although he had never been apprenticed to either trade, but being a natural born mechanic was able to master both without any trouble. He now conducts a wagonmaking establishment, including a mill for the sawing of his own lumber, at Penn Run, and in addition has been engaged in contracting and building, erecting many of the fine dwellings in Penn Run, in addition to his own beautiful home and the buildings in which he conducts his business. He is progressive and enterprising and has made a success of his ventures through the medium of his own efforts.

Mr. Shaffer was married, in Brushvalley township, April 15, 1896, to Margaret Stake, of Cherryhill township, who was born in Brushvalley township in 1873, daughter of Franklin and Margaret (Evans) Stake, both of whom died in the latter township, where Mr. Stake was a farmer and early settler. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer: Torrence, Wilda, Hulda, and one who died in infancy.

DAVID A. RANKIN, a farmer of Center township, Indiana county, was born on the old Rankin homestead, near his present farm, July 14, 1880, son of James and Euphemia (Kunkle) Rankin. His paternal grandfather was a native of Ireland, and coming to America settled in Blacklick township, becoming one of its pioneers. At the time he came here Indiana county was a wilderness, and he helped to develop it. Here he spent the remainder of his life, dy-

ing upon his farm. He married and brought up a family in this section.

James Rankin was born in Blacklick township, and spent his life on a farm near Coral, on Twolick creek, which he bought after his marriage, and on which he died Nov. 2, 1903. His remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery, in Indiana county. His wife was a daughter of Henry Kunkle, of Blacklick township, and she is still living. James Rankin and his wife had children as follows: David A., Charles M. and William C.

David A. Rankin gives his attention to farming, and also, during a portion of the year, operates a grain separator, threshing the grain for neighboring farmers. He is interested in a lumber business as well, being a man of varied affairs.

On Nov. 14, 1903, Mr. Rankin was married to Florence Roudebush, a daughter of Joseph Roudebush, of Coral, Pa., formerly of Nanty-Glo, Cambria Co., Pa. They have five children: Emerson, Elsie, Edith, Evelena and Florence. Politically Mr. Rankin is a Democrat, following in the footsteps of his father, who was a staunch believer in the doctrines taught by Andrew Jackson. Mrs. Rankin is a member of the Methodist Church of Graceton.

CYRUS NUPP is one of the oldest residents of Green township, Indiana county, having lived on the farm he now occupies for over seventy years. The family is one of the most respected in this region, its members having an enviable reputation as industrious, thrifty and valuable citizens, and three generations have been represented in the service of their country as volunteers during war times. Mr. Nupp was born Jan. 3, 1836, in Somerset county, Pa., where his paternal grandfather lived at an early day.

Daniel Nupp, father of Cyrus Nupp, was born in Somerset county, and came to Indiana county in 1842, settling on the farm in Green township where his son Cyrus now lives. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1889. He married Leah Mossdoller, like himself a native of Somerset county, daughter of John Henry Mossdoller, who came to this country from Germany, settling in Somerset county, Pa., where he passed the rest of his life. Mrs. Nupp died in 1872. She was the mother of nine children, six sons and three daughters, viz.: Alexander, who is deceased; George, deceased; Cyrus, Franklin, now living in Somerset county,

who served in the Civil war as a member of Company D, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in many battles; John Henry, who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness, while serving as a member of Company C, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Edward, deceased; Lovina, deceased; Mary Ann, deceased; and Anna M., wife of Elias Ruffner, now living in Oregon.

Cyrus Nupp was a young child when he came with his parents to Indiana county, and he has lived at his present home in Green township ever since. He received his education in the primitive schools of his boyhood days, held in log houses furnished with slab benches and other rude fittings, and began assisting his father in the arduous work of improving his land when a mere boy. He helped to clear the farm, which was in its wild state when the family located here, and the surrounding country abounded in deer, bear and other game. He has had a hand in all the improvements made on the property, watching it develop from a place in the wilderness to a valuable farming tract. During the Civil war he entered his country's service, enlisting from Indiana county in Company D, 78th P. V. I., under Colonel Sirwell, and he served three years, one month, twenty-four days. He was mustered out in November, 1865, at Kittanning, Pa., and returned to the home farm, which he bought and has since farmed. In spite of his seventy-seven years he is robust and active, enjoying good health.

On May 20, 1866, Mr. Nupp married, in New York State, Cynthia E. Kingsley, who was born in that State, daughter of A. L. Kingsley, a Methodist minister, who lived in Indiana county for nine years, engaged in preaching. Returning to New York State he bought a farm upon which he made his home until his death. Four children, two sons and two daughters, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nupp: (1) Orin Ora, now a resident of Green township, was in the service during the Spanish-American war. He married Mary Bostick, of Indiana county, and they have ten children, Clyde D. (now in the United States navy), Wayne, Cyrus, Hazel (a school teacher, at Dixonville, Indiana county), Lavina, Charlotte, Goldie, Stella, Loraine and Mabel. (2) Luna O. is the wife of G. F. Rowe, of Parkwood, Pa., and their children are Zula (wife of Lisle Carnahan, of Parkwood), Ross, Erma (a teacher in this county), Bruce, Hale, Gay and Logan and

Grant. (3) Ervin H., of Green township, was a soldier in the Spanish-American war. He married Alice Houck, of Rayne township, this county, and they have six children, Ethel, Glen, Orpha, Merrill, Wilda and Ernest. (4) Ella M. is the wife of John H. Wise, of Burnside, Clearfield Co., Pa., and they have two children, Cyrus Nupp and William Morris, both at home.

Mr. Nupp is a member of the United Evangelical Church, and Mrs. Nupp holds membership in the Methodist denomination.

**HARRY HOOKER HART**, superintendent of the Oakland cemetery, at Indiana, Pa., during the last six years, was born Sept. 29, 1862, on his father's farm, one mile south of West Lebanon, Indiana Co., Pa., and is a son of James R. and Ellen Delilah (Blakeley) Hart.

John Hart, the great-great-grandfather of Harry H. Hart, was one of the signers of the State constitution of New Jersey.

John Hart (2), son of John Hart, and great-grandfather of Harry H. Hart, came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey and settled first in Franklin county, then coming to Conemaugh township, Indiana county, about 1796, and locating on a large tract of land in the woods, where he was one of the earliest settlers. All of his life was spent there, his death occurring in 1816. His children were: William, Moses, James, John S., Robert and Alexander, and several daughters, one of whom married a McCrea, another a Dougherty and a third a Hildebrand.

Robert Hart, son of John (2), and grandfather of Harry H. Hart, was born in the State of New Jersey, spent a few years in eastern Pennsylvania, in Franklin county, and then came to Conemaugh township, where he acquired ownership of 500 acres of land and spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits. He died on his farm in 1846, at the age of sixty-three years, his death having been caused by pneumonia. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Douthitt, was of Irish parentage. They had the following children: John D., who owned and operated the Hart Woolen Mill, one mile west of West Lebanon, and died during the seventies at the age of sixty-eight years, married Nancy Lowry, of Indiana, and their son, Joseph A., was engaged for some time in operating the mill and now resides in Indiana, Pa.; Nathan, deceased, who was a farmer, married Eliza Sarver; Thompson, a former resident of Wahoo, Neb., married Nancy Gray, and both are deceased; James R. is mentioned below; William, deceased, a for-

mer farmer of West Lebanon, married Nancy Henry; Martha, deceased, was Mrs. Thomas Hood, of Eldersridge; Mary, deceased, was Mrs. John Douthitt; Joseph A. died at the age of eighteen years.

James R. Hart, son of Robert Hart, was born on the home farm March 21, 1827, and died Sept. 21, 1865. He attended the old log schoolhouse in West Lebanon, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. On reaching man's estate he settled on a farm of 116 acres, a part of the home farm of 542 acres, which had been divided among four sons, and to this he added eight acres. He was bounty tax collector and during the Civil war was draft officer, but owing to imperfect hearing could not enlist for active participation in the struggle. He was a member of the State Militia, a Republican in his political views, and a strict member of the United Presbyterian Church. He and his wife had three children: Harry Hooker; Jennie M., who is unmarried; and Elizabeth M., who married Hugh H. Blakley, of Young township, Indiana county. Mrs. Hart, who was born March 16, 1836, married (second) Alexander Sharp, who died at Pitkin, Ark., in 1885. Mrs. Sharp still survives. By this marriage there were two children: Maggie B., who married W. C. Fulton, of West Lebanon; and Wilmer A., who married Maud G. Cunningham (deceased).

Harry Hooker Hart was reared on the home farm, and until he was nineteen years of age attended the West Lebanon public schools, his first teacher being "Doc" Crawford. He worked on the home farm until he was nineteen years old and in the spring of 1882 went to Yates City, Ill., where he farmed for one year. During the fall of the same year he began teaching the school at St. David, Ill., and after two years there and two years at the Mound school, Canton, Ill., he returned to Pennsylvania, and at Pittsburg secured a position as fireman on the Pan-Handle division of the Pennsylvania railroad. During this period he was injured on three different occasions in wrecks, and he then became a conductor on the Pennsylvania avenue motor line, in Pittsburg, a position he continued to hold for three years. In the fall and winter of 1889-1890 Mr. Hart taught the school at Henry, Indiana county, and then gave up teaching, returning to the home farm, which he purchased in 1890.

Mr. Hart leased his farm for coal to the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company for thirty years, and was foreman for the company from

Feb. 1, 1906, to September, 1906, when he removed to Indiana. From October, 1906, to April, 1907, he was foreman for W. B. Willard, who was putting in waterworks in Indiana borough. On April 1, 1907, Mr. Hart was appointed to his present position.

On Dec. 15, 1897, Mr. Hart was married to Maggie A. Kier, daughter of John L. and Julia A. (Brown) Kier. They have no children of their own, but are rearing an adopted child, Doyle L. Templeton, who was born Feb. 5, 1902, at Gastown, Armstrong Co., Pa. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Hart is a Prohibitionist in his political views. Fraternally he is connected with Me-Candless Lodge, No. 390, F. & A. M., Pittsburg, Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, R. A. M., and Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, K. T., also the Cosmopolitan Club, of Indiana, and takes an active part in these organizations.

HARVEY HENRY BAROON has passed all his life on the farm in Center township, Indiana county, where he still resides, having been born there Sept. 28, 1858. The Baroon family has been settled in this region for several generations, and the name is one highly respected wherever known.

George Baroon, the great-grandfather of Harvey H. Baroon, came from Germany, and was a pioneer settler in Somerset county, Pa., where he died. His son, Nicholas Baroon, was the grandfather of Harvey H. Baroon. He was born in Somerset county, where he lived and died. He was engaged at day laboring. His wife, Fannie (Bartolette), died in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa. They had these children: Jacob, who married Lavina Weaver; Peter, who married Elizabeth Hendrickson; Nicholas; Catherine, who married Joseph Barclay; Francis; and Emma Jane, who is living with her nephew, Harvey H. Baroon.

Nicholas Baroon, son of Nicholas and Fannie (Bartolette) Baroon, born in Somerset county, Pa., Aug. 9, 1827, died Oct. 12, 1908. He attended the Brush Hollow district school in Armstrong township. On Nov. 6, 1856, he married Mary Ann Barclay, who was born in Westmoreland County, Pa., daughter of Henry and Hannah (Schultz) Barclay, of that county, and they had three children: Harvey Henry; Tillie, who died at the age of twenty-six years; and one that died young. Mr. Baroon had a farm of 100 acres in a good state of cultivation and when he sold that place bought the old Smith property of about 225 acres. This land he cleared and

put into first-class shape, and he became well known as a thrifty farmer and a large dealer in and raiser of fine horses and cattle—in fact he was one of the best known stock raisers in the county, handling the best grades of horses and cattle. He made many improvements on his farm, building a new house and barn, etc., was progressive and enterprising in everything he undertook, and was an esteemed man in his community. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church. His widow now resides with her son Harvey. She attends the Lutheran Church.

Harvey Henry Baroon, son of Nicholas and Mary Ann (Barclay) Baroon, attended district school in Center township and grew to manhood on the farm. Upon the death of his father he took up the latter's work and has conducted the farm ever since, carrying on the work in the intelligent manner which characterized his father's labors. In politics Mr. Baroon leans toward the principles of the Democratic party, but he is an independent thinker and voter. Like his parents he attends the Lutheran Church. He is unmarried.

WILLIAM STEWART LAWRENCE is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Blacklick township, Indiana county, where he has resided all his life. He was born there June 1, 1855, near Hopewell Church, son of William Lawrence, and is a great-grandson of Amos Lawrence, the founder of the family in Indiana county.

Amos Lawrence was a native of New London county, Conn., probably from Preston. He took part as a soldier in the great struggle for freedom, and after the close of the Revolutionary war came across the Allegheny mountains. He and his two daughters and their husbands settled in Blacklick township, which was then a part of Westmoreland county, in 1808. Amos Lawrence erected a log cabin and started to make a home in what was then a wilderness. By hard work he managed to clear a tract on which he farmed the rest of his life, dying there when seventy-three years old, Oct. 4, 1838. He is buried in Hopewell cemetery. His wife Desire died April 2, 1826, aged sixty-six years.

Warren Lawrence, son of Amos, was born probably in New London county. He married Lettie Waterman, who with her father and mother, and other members of the family, was captured by the Indians. She made her escape, but her parents and the others were never heard from. Warren Lawrence came

west with his father to Blacklick township and made his home there until the early fifties, when he went farther west, locating in Marseilles, Ill. There he remained to the end of his life.

William Lawrence, son of Warren and Lettie (Waterman) Lawrence, was born in 1817, in Blacklick township, and there grew to manhood. He received his education there, in the subscription schools, attending a log school-house, and followed farming on the place now owned and occupied by his son William. His first home was constructed of hewed logs, which later gave way to a frame house, and he made numerous other improvements on the property. He died on the farm Aug. 26, 1882, and was buried in Hopewell cemetery. Mr. Lawrence was originally a Whig in politics, later a Republican. He was one of the founders of the Baptist Church and served as deacon. He married Eunice Bennett, who was born Sept. 11, 1822, in Blacklick township, daughter of Nathan and Hulda (Nichols) Bennett, and died Sept. 13, 1905; she is buried in Hopewell cemetery. Eleven children were born to this union: Samuel A. is an employee of the Cambria Iron & Steel Works at Johnstown, Pa.; Mary married Hiram Smith and resides at Latrobe, Pa.; William Stewart is mentioned below; Letticia married John D. Thompson; Emma married David C. Davis; Minnie married S. Benton Davis; Elijah died in infancy; Margaret died in infancy; Eunice died in infancy; Nathan B., born in 1856, died in 1883; Lyman B., born in 1852, died in 1886.

William Stewart Lawrence attended the Eahart school and passed his early life on the farm, working with his parents. He cared for them in their declining years. Becoming the owner of the 160-acre home place, he has made extensive improvements on the property, and has also bought another tract of 100 acres, which was formerly known as the Bennett farm. The fine frame barn built by Mr. Lawrence was destroyed by fire in 1902, and Mr. Lawrence built another. He has been a general farmer and stock raiser, and by well-directed labor has made his work profitable, being one of the well-to-do residents of his section. He is a citizen who commands the respect of all his fellow men, a valued member of the community in which his life has been passed. In politics he has always been a Republican.

Mr. Lawrence was married in 1895 in Center township, Indiana county, to Margaret J. Mitchell, who was a native of Center town-

ship, daughter of Alexander Mitchell. Mrs. Lawrence was engaged for several years as a school teacher in Center and Blacklick townships. She and her husband are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

FRED HOOVER, proprietor of a livery and feed stable at Glen Campbell, Indiana county, was born in Clearfield county, Pa., Nov. 27, 1881, son of Warren and Amanda (Dixon) Hoover.

Warren Hoover was born in Clearfield county, Pa., as was his wife, and there they still reside, Mr. Hoover being engaged in mining. They have had twelve children: one who died unnamed in infancy; Louisa, who is the wife of William Huffman, of Philadelphia; Cora, the wife of William Meyers, of Clearfield county; Ella, the wife of Edward Morris, of Clearfield county; Fred; John, who is deceased; Golda, who is the wife of Samuel Fleck; Viola, twin sister of Golda, who is the wife of William Ross, of Philadelphia; Agnes, who is the wife of Herbert Albert of Clearfield county; Blanche, who is the wife of Harry Beatty, of Clearfield county; Robert, now living with his parents; and Clyde, who is also at home.

Fred Hoover passed his boyhood in Clearfield county, and when still a lad began working in the mines, thus continuing for several years, when he embarked in the livery business at Rossiter, this county. After remaining three years at that location he came to Glen Campbell, and purchased the livery business owned by Mr. Norris, which he has since conducted; he also buys and sells horses.

Mr. Hoover was married Sept. 14, 1905, to Lottie Bowser, of Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of Isaac and Anna (Pierce) Bowser, both of whom are living; her father is a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover are the parents of two children, Blake and Floyd. Mrs. Hoover belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

ISAAC N. ARMSTRONG, owner of the Daisy Farm in Green township, Indiana county, is one of the leading farmers of that section, where he has resided since 1873. He is a native of Montgomery township, this county, born Dec. 2, 1848, son of William and Ann Eliza (Hazelet) Armstrong and grandson of John Armstrong. The grandfather was born in 1788, and in 1830 came to Indiana county from Lycoming county, this State, buying land in Montgom-

ery township upon which he lived until his death, in 1853. He and his wife, Rachel (Coens), had a family of ten children: William; George, who is deceased; Sarah, deceased; John D.; James S.; Isabella, deceased; J. Martin; Mary P., widow of William Fleming, now living at Leavenworth, Kans.; Franklin, deceased; and Harriet J., deceased.

William Armstrong, father of Isaac N. Armstrong, was born in Lycoming county April 25, 1818, and came with his parents to Indiana county in 1830. When he began farming on his own account, his father bought a farm near the old home, in Montgomery township, and there William Armstrong lived until his death, which occurred Jan. 26, 1902. He married Oct. 26, 1843, Ann E. Hazelet, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Hazelet, and she survived him only a few days, passing away Feb. 2, 1902. They had a family of eleven children: One that died in infancy; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of P. W. Wassam, of Green township; Rachel, wife of Jacob Arthur, now living in Montgomery township; Isaac N.; Mary, deceased, second wife of P. W. Wassam; Harriet, widow of John Hazelet, a resident of Buffalo, N. Y. (Mr. Hazelet was accidentally killed by an automobile in 1911); William, deceased; Elmer and Ellsworth, twins, both deceased; John, deceased; and Ella, a resident of Montgomery township.

Isaac N. Armstrong was educated in Montgomery township, and during his younger manhood engaged in farming and lumbering. For a number of years he has devoted all his energies to farming. In 1873 he settled in Green township, where he has since made his home, and several years later, in 1881, bought the farm which he still owns and occupies, a fine property known as the Daisy Farm to which he removed March 28, 1907; this was Mrs. Armstrong's father's farm. He carries on general agriculture and stock raising, and under his thrifty and intelligent management the place has become a beautiful and attractive tract, desirable as a home and profitable for farming purposes.

Mr. Armstrong was married Jan. 27, 1876, to Sarah J. Garee, daughter of Ellis and Martha (Stewart) Garee, natives of Ireland who came to America and settled near Jacksonville, Indiana county, Mr. Garee following farming in his active years. He died Jan. 18, 1903, his wife on March 3, 1881. They had five children: Sarah J., Mrs. Armstrong; Mary, wife of C. A. Kingsley,

of Gettysburg, Indiana Co., Pa.; William, who is engaged in the grocery business in Indiana borough; Nannie, wife of F. A. Rice, of Idamar, this county; and Elizabeth, deceased. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong: Mabel, now the wife of O. J. Cartwright, of Putnam county, Ohio, has three children, Vivian, James and Newton; Ellis, who lives with his father, married Daisy Creig, deceased, and has two children, Creig N. and Gayle Menette; Grayce is living at home; Blanche is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and their family are members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

ELMER MANNER, of Indiana, proprietor of the "National Hotel," has won a place among the enterprising business men of the borough in the comparatively short time he has been established there. He was born Jan. 6, 1874, in Grant township, Indiana county, son of John Manner, and belongs to a family of German descent.

Mathias Manner, his great-grandfather, was born and reared in Germany, and in his young manhood served in the German army. He married and brought his family to the United States, landing at New York. Thence they proceeded westward, settling in Somerset county, Pa., and after a few years' residence there removed to Indiana county, making their home in Rayne township, on a tract of seventy-five acres which was then in the woods. Mr. Manner built a log cabin and a log barn and then proceeded to clear his land, passing the remainder of his long life on that place. He died there in 1897. He and his wife, Regina, had two children, John and Catherine; the latter became the wife of Abraham Lohman and is now deceased.

John Manner, son of Mathias and Regina Manner, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, and there passed his early life, being a youth of fourteen when brought to America by his parents. He helped his father to clear the home place in Rayne township, and there he passed all the balance of his life except four years during which he rented and lived upon a 200-acre farm in Montgomery township, Indiana county. He died on his farm in Rayne township and his wife also died there. They had a large family, namely: Mathias, who enlisted for service in the Civil war and was killed in battle; William, who died on the home farm, unmarried; John; Peter, who lives on the home farm; Lizzie, who died unmarried; Daniel, who lives on the home farm;



James, a resident of Rayne township; Ellen, Mrs. Irving Mears, of Rayne township; and Margaret, Mrs. Charles Chambers, of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

John Manner, son of John Manner, was born on the old family homestead in Rayne township, and was reared there. He attended the country schools until he reached the age of fifteen, after which he was occupied with general farm work at home until the age of twenty. From that time he worked for others, in the timber and at farming. Two years after his marriage, which occurred in 1856, he bought sixty acres of woodland, so wild that he had to clear a space for the one-room log house which he erected. He set to work to cut down the timber and place the land under cultivation, and prospered so well in his work that he subsequently added twenty-seven acres to his original tract, put up a new house and barn, and had convenient farm buildings and an adequate outfit of farm implements and machinery for carrying on his work. Selling this place, he bought another, of 136 acres, in Grant township, to which he moved, and while residing there he bought the lot, 50 feet wide and 100 feet deep, upon which his present store and dwelling are located. He stocked the store and conducted it for one year, 1906. That year he sold his farm, and at the end of the year's experience in the mercantile business he sold the stock of his store and retired, renting the store building. He still retains the ownership of forty-nine acres in Rayne township, though he makes his home in the borough of Indiana.

In March, 1856, Mr. Manner married Sarah Edwards, a native of Rayne township, this county, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Griffith) Edwards, and they became the parents of a family of eleven children, six sons and five daughters. We have record of Catherine, wife of Clark Wright, of Canoe township, Indiana county; Margaret, Mrs. Grant Wright, of Glen Campbell, this county; Elsworth, of Grant township, this county, who married Lena Harbridge; Mary, Mrs. Frank Braugher, of Marion Center, this county; Elmer, mentioned below; Ida, Mrs. John Romaley, of Indiana; Boyd, at home; Roxie, at home; and Arthur, who is teaching school.

Elmer Manner grew to manhood on the home farm, and went to the country schools of the neighborhood. He was trained to farm work from boyhood, and continued to follow it at home until he reached the age of

twenty-two years, at which time he married, and for one year afterward he did farming on shares in Green township for one year, after which he rented a farm, which he operated, also keeping store, in Clearfield county. He was there for nearly two years, at the end of that time moving to Glen Campbell, Indiana county, where he built a store in which he carried on a general mercantile business for two and a half years. Selling his stock to Harry Clark, he subsequently traded the building for a farm of seventy acres in Grant township to the cultivation of which he devoted himself for a year and a half. His next removal was to Decker's Point, Indiana county, where he lived until May, 1904, at which time he bought the lot, in Indiana borough where he is now established and built the "National Hotel," which he has since owned and conducted. It is a fine modern structure, with fifty-five guest rooms, well equipped and with all conveniences for the comfort of patrons. Mr. Manner has been very successful in the management of his hotel business, proving himself a good host, and his careful oversight of all the details which go to make a hotel desirable are appreciated by his guests, whose steady patronage has made the house profitable from the start. In addition to his hotel, Mr. Manner owns a valuable farm of 140 acres in White township, one mile east of the borough.

In 1896 Mr. Manner married Esther Uncapher, of Montgomery township, this county, daughter of the late Winfield and Rachel (Spencer) Uncapher. They have had three children, David, Ruth (deceased) and an infant son.

Fraternally Mr. Manner holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks and the Order of Moose. He is a Democrat in political connection.

ROBERT TRINDLE, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, was born in the township, April 15, 1853, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Blair) Trindle. William Trindle, his paternal grandfather, was for many years a farmer and land owner of Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania.

William Trindle, son of William, and father of Robert Trindle, was born in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and there grew to manhood and was reared to agricultural pursuits. Later he came to Indiana county and settled on the John Hise farm of 140 acres, located in East Wheatfield township,

where he spent some years, subsequently removing to the Archibald Jamieson farm of seventy-two acres, on which he carried on operations for ten years. On disposing of this property he bought the Patterson farm of 130 acres, now owned by Martin Fry, and there built a home and made extensive improvements, but sold the land to buy the David Wakefield farm, now owned by his son, James Trindle. There he continued to cultivate eighty-four acres of land and attained well-deserved success, and when he died, July 27, 1906, at the age of eighty-eight years, five months, he was considered one of East Wheatfield's substantial citizens. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder for many years, and was buried in the Presbyterian Church cemetery at Arnagh, Pa. A good and public-spirited citizen, he was a staunch Republican in politics, and served for some time as overseer of the poor. On Aug. 23, 1848, Mr. Trindle was married to Eliza Blair, who died March 1, 1886, and was buried beside her husband. They had the following children: John W., born May 17, 1849, who was lost in the great Johnstown flood May 31, 1889, while on a business trip to that city; Samuel, born April 17, 1851, who died Nov. 8, 1851; Robert; James, born June 30, 1856, who married Christina Steele and is engaged in farming in East Wheatfield; and Nancy and Bertha, twins, born Oct. 13, 1859, the former of whom died Dec. 18, 1861, while the latter married Harry Rogers, and resides at Moxam, Pennsylvania.

Robert Trindle, son of William Trindle, was educated in the schools of district No. 6, and from early boyhood worked on his father's farm. After attaining his majority he settled on the Jamieson farm of seventy-two acres, and for ten years was engaged there in general farming and stock raising. In 1885 he came to his present tract of 140 acres, known as the Henry Taylor farm, where for twenty-eight years he has been industriously and energetically engaged in agricultural work. His earnest efforts have been rewarded with gratifying success. A thoroughly skilled farmer and stock raiser, he has the ability to get the best results from his endeavors, and his judgment is often sought in agricultural matters. On political questions, Mr. Trindle is a Republican, but he has never been an office seeker, although he staunchly supports the policies and candi-

dates of his party. With his family he attends the Presbyterian Church.

On Jan. 14, 1875, Mr. Trindle was married at the Taylor homestead to Susan May Taylor, who was born in East Wheatfield township, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Welschons) Taylor, and granddaughter of George Welschons. The Taylor family has long been highly respected in East Wheatfield township, where its members have been prominent farmers and land owners. Mr. and Mrs. Trindle have had the following children: Grace, born Jan. 4, 1876, is living at home; Cora, born April 6, 1878, was educated in the public schools of East Wheatfield township and in the summer normal school under Prof. C. A. Campbell, taught school for five years, and then married Charles Fry, and since his death in an accident on the Pennsylvania railroad, at Lockport, she has had a clerkship in the Pennsylvania freight office at Johnstown, supporting herself and her daughter, Margaret Charlotte, who was born March 2, 1904; Jennie, born July 28, 1881, resides at home; Elsie, born Oct. 18, 1884, died March 6, 1910; Margaret A., born May 21, 1892, died April 21, 1906; William Orville, born May 18, 1889, lives with his parents; Sarah E., born July 25, 1894, died Oct. 1, 1895; Cyrus, born Sept. 14, 1898, is at home; two other children died in infancy.

JUDSON PARRY, general farmer and stock raiser of Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in an old log house on his father's farm in Green township Sept. 10, 1856, and is a son of Henry and Amanda (McGloughlin) Parry.

Henry Parry was born in Wales, and was one of a family of seven children, his brothers and sisters being: Hugh, Mary, Robert, William, Griffith and Thomas. As a young man he came to the United States, settling in Green township during the early forties, and spent his life in farming near Pineflats, also conducting a sawmill, where he met an accidental death in August, 1864. His wife survived him many years, passing away April 10, 1907, when eighty years of age. They had a family of seven children, as follows: Emma C., born Jan. 29, 1854, is deceased; Judson is mentioned below; Isabella, born May 30, 1858, married Joseph Stairiker, of Philadelphia, and died Dec. 22, 1889; Henry E., born Jan. 2, 1860, died when six years old; Martha, born April 31, 1862, is now the wife of Robert Young, a resident of

Pineflats; a child born April 15, 1863, died in infancy unnamed; Henrietta, born Aug. 21, 1864, is residing at Pineflats.

George McGloughlin, the maternal grandfather of Judson Parry, was one of the pioneers of Green township, and there spent his life in agricultural pursuits. He was the father of the following children: Samuel, Archie, Washington, Harry and Thomas, all of whom served as soldiers in the Union army during the Civil war; Obediah; Amanda, Mrs. Parry; and Ellen, who now lives at Homer City, Pa., the only survivor of the family.

Judson Parry, son of Henry Parry, spent his boyhood days on the old home farm, and obtained his education in the district schools of Green township and the Pineflats academy. After his school days he remained on the old home farm until his marriage, in 1887, since which time he has carried on operations on his present property. He is known as an excellent farmer and a good judge of live stock, while the honorable manner in which he has carried on all of his business transactions has gained him the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come into contact. He has also devoted some of his time to selling fertilizers, and has built up a satisfactory business through intelligent effort and commendable industry.

On Oct. 13, 1887, Mr. Parry was married to Susan Anderson, who was born in Green township in October, 1862, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Dodds) Anderson. William Anderson, the grandfather of Mrs. Parry, came with his wife Elizabeth (Logan) to the United States from Ireland, and settled in Indiana county, where they spent the remainder of their lives in agricultural pursuits. Samuel Anderson, son of William Anderson, followed in his father's footsteps, being a farmer all his life; he died in March, 1888. Of his fourteen children, the following are living besides Mrs. Parry: Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, of Indiana county; Daniel, who also lives in this county; and Mrs. Martha Forsythe, of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Parry have had eight children, as follows: One child who died in infancy; Frank, who married Ethel Smail, of Clearfield county, and is a resident of Green township; Theresa, living at home; and Logan, Mary, William, Etta and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Parry and their children are members of the Christian Church, and are widely and favorably known in the vicinity of Clymer.

SAMUEL T. KING, who may be named as one of the pioneer settlers of Clymer, assisting as he did in the organization of the borough, is serving in the office of constable, having been elected to the same in 1910. Mr. King was born in Bedford county, Pa., March 2, 1849, a son of John H. and Harriet (Thomas) King.

George King, his grandfather, was a very early settler in Bedford county, Pa., locating in the wilderness before all the hostile Indians had been driven away. On one occasion they made him a captive and kept him with the tribe for two years before he effected his escape.

John H. King, son of George, and father of Samuel T. King, was born and reared in Bedford county and by trade was a tailor. He passed the last twenty-five years of his life at Altoona, Pa., his death occurring when he was ninety-four years old. He married Harriet Thomas, who also lived to old age, and died at Altoona. They were the parents of six sons and three daughters, viz.: Erastus and Dorsey, both deceased; Hezekiah, a resident of Altoona; Emma J., Harry and John, all deceased; Samuel T.; and Charlotte and Anna, both deceased. All the sons were soldiers in the Federal army during the Civil war, their loyalty and patriotism entailing many hardships and much suffering on several of them.

Samuel T. King attended school in Bedford county. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years, being honorably discharged and mustered out at Petersburg, Va., Aug. 31, 1865. During eight long months Mr. King was a prisoner of war in the hands of the enemy, being confined at Andersonville, Georgia.

After the war closed Mr. King returned to Bedford county and remained in the old home neighborhood for six months, and then moved to Johnstown, Pa., for several years, afterward living for a time at Altoona. Having become identified with the John Robinson Circus Company, in the capacity of driver, Mr. King traveled over a wide extent of country, and still farther when he accepted a similar position with the Adam Forepaugh Circus Company. Mr. King also knows something of the old stage coach days, having for some years driven a stage over the mountains from Hollidaysburg to Bedford, from Bedford to Cumberland, from Johnstown to Somerset, and from there to Berlin, and from Clearfield to Brookville. For thirty-five years

afterward he was a railroad man, but not since he came to Clymer, some seven years ago, which was before the borough was incorporated. He was one of the organizers and has continued to be one of the leading men of the place. In 1910 Mr. King was elected constable and continues in that office.

In 1876 Mr. King was married to Mary L. Levy, who was born in Clearfield county, Pa., and they have had five children: Dorsey, residing at Clymer; Nellie, wife of Robert Houk, of Clymer; June, a clerk in the A. F. Kelly store, at Clymer; and May L. and Ruth, residing at home.

ELLIOTT M. LYDICK, a veteran of the Civil war, now a resident of Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., was born Dec. 2, 1844, in Cherryhill township, this county, a son of William Lydick.

William Lydick was born on what was known as the old blockhouse farm in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, Sept. 27, 1816, and passed his youth there. With the patriotic spirit of the times he joined the State militia, and was a well-known man in every way. He married Jane McGuire, who was born in 1826 in Cherryhill township, a daughter of James and Mary (Kunkle) McGuire. After marriage he bought a farm in Cherryhill township, and lived there for several years, when he moved to Green township. Originally a Whig, he later became a Republican, and held a number of the township offices, including that of supervisor for years. His death occurred Feb. 4, 1884, his widow surviving until 1898. They were Baptists in religious faith. The children born to this excellent couple were: Samantha, who married John Wheeler, and resides at Dixonville, this county; Elliott M.; Azariah J., who resides in Green township, married to Mary Gallagher; and Anna Jane, who died young.

Elliott M. Lydick was a small boy when his father returned to Green township, and there he grew to manhood. On Feb. 22, 1864, he enlisted in the United States Signal Service, Army of the Potomac, and participated in the activities attending the surrender of General Lee, being discharged from the service Aug. 16, 1865, at Washington, D. C.

On Nov. 28, 1867, Mr. Lydick was united in marriage with Luinda Buterbaugh, who was born in Montgomery township, this county, July 17, 1849, a daughter of David and Anna (Langham) Buterbaugh. After his marriage Mr. Lydick bought 100 acres of land in Green township, where he remained

until 1903, at which time he removed to his present residence on Oak street, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Lydick became the parents of children as follows: George B., who resides at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa., married Sadie George; Annie Jane married Adam Hawk, and resides in Punxsutawney, Pa.; Rosa May, who married Charles Burrus, resides in Punxsutawney, Pa.; Mary S. married George Straitiff, and resides in Punxsutawney; Clara B. married Fred Jones, and resides in Punxsutawney; Gertrude married John W. Smith; John R. died when two years old; Elmer D., who married Cecelia Morgan and (second) Louise Scheffer, resides in Detroit, Mich.; Esty M. married Bessie Palmer; Luella M. married Charles Adams, and resides in Johnstown, Pa.; Mabel V. is at home.

Mr. Lydick is a deacon in the Baptist Church of Cookport and has held that office for thirty years. He is now a teacher in the Sunday school connected with the Baptist Church of Indiana. For forty years he was leader of the church choir, and is still a member of the Baptist Church choir of Indiana. Originally a Republican in politics, he has become a Progressive, and ranks himself with the Bull Moose element of the country. For several years he has served Indiana Post No. 28, G. A. R., as commander, and is very well known not only among his old comrades, but also to many others who recognize and appreciate his value as a citizen and his worth as a man. He served as justice of the peace of Green township, for a period of seven years, and for several years as auditor, and for about twenty years was clerk of the election board.

JOSEPH CLARK SPEEDY, of Creekside, Pa., retired farmer and coal operator, was born on a farm in Rayne township, Indiana county, Feb. 22, 1844, and is a son of Thomas and Jane (Belle) Speedy.

Andrew Speedy, grandfather of Joseph Clark Speedy, was of Scotch-Irish descent, as was also Thomas Belle, the maternal grandfather, both being early settlers in Rayne township. Andrew Speedy had three sons: Capt. Hugh M., who later settled in Washington township; James; and Thomas, of Rayne township.

Thomas Speedy, father of Joseph Clark Speedy, was born in Rayne township, Indiana county, and in his youth learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed in connection with farming, during the winter months also engaging in lumbering. His death occurred

on his Rayne township farm in 1867, while his wife, also a native of that township, passed away in the spring of 1883. They had a family of ten children: Mary, Jane, Matilda, Andrew and Ferguson, all deceased; Caroline, the widow of Joseph L. Sutton (who died in the service while a member of Company E, 148th Regiment, Pa. Vol. Inf., during the Civil war), now living with Mrs. James H. McCurdy, a niece, on a farm in Washington township; two children who died young; Joseph Clark; and William, who died in Rayne township. Ferguson Speedy served in the Union army during the Civil war.

Joseph Clark Speedy was educated in the public schools of Rayne township, and his first employment was at farm labor. Subsequently he took a preparatory course in a select school, and at the age of sixteen years took charge of a school in South Mahoning township. He was so engaged when the Civil war broke out, and Aug. 28, 1862, when still only a lad, he enlisted in Company E, 148th Regiment, Pa. Vol. Inf., under Col. James A. Beaver, who later became governor of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speedy was at the battle of Haymarket, at Chancellorsville, in May, 1863, and July 2d of the same year was seriously wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, being sent to the Summit House hospital, from which he received his honorable discharge, at Philadelphia, in September, 1865. Returning to Rayne township, he was for a short period again engaged in teaching, but after spending two years as an educator engaged in the mercantile business at Chambersville. Subsequently Mr. Speedy returned to the home farm, which he continued to operate until 1904, since the fall of which year he has led a quiet, retired life in the borough of Creekside.

Mr. Speedy is a member of Post No. 28, Grand Army of the Republic, and with his family holds membership in the congregation of the Lutheran Church at Indiana. He is a member of the board of health of Creekside.

On June 3, 1869, Mr. Speedy was married to Isabel Wolf, who was born in Rayne township Aug. 12, 1851, daughter of William and Tabitha (McHenry) Wolf. Her grandfather, John Wolf, was a native of Center county, Pa., of German descent, and was an early settler in Rayne township. He followed farming throughout his life, as did his son, the latter dying Nov. 19, 1905, at the age of eighty-two years. Mrs. Tabitha (McHenry) Wolf, the mother of Mrs. Speedy, was the daughter of Robert McHenry, an early set-

tler of White township, and later a resident of Creekside, who was a farmer up to within a few years of his death, when he moved to Marion Center; he was of Scotch-Irish descent. Mrs. Wolf died Oct. 23, 1911, the mother of two children, Mrs. Speedy and a son who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Speedy have had two children: Nettie, born July 11, 1870, is the wife of J. H. McCurdy, of Rayne township, and they have had eight children: Speedy Wolf, Lula B., Pannell, Clara, David (deceased), Edith M., Joseph F. and Vincent Clark. Della married J. F. Gibson, who died Feb. 11, 1908, aged thirty-six years, four months, eleven days, and she is now the wife of Edward Yeager, of Creekside. She has three children by her first husband, Joseph W., Morris Lyle and Helen M.

JOHN D. ROWLAND, proprietor of a meat market at Marion Center, Indiana county, was born in South Mahoning township, this county, Oct. 1, 1864, son of William S. and Mary J. (Luckhart) Rowland.

John D. Rowland was reared in his native township and attended the local schools. Until he was twenty years old he worked on the homestead and dealt in stock from the time he was fourteen or fifteen years of age, thus early developing business ability. For the three years following his leaving home he worked as a carpenter in the West, but coming back to Indiana county went into a butchering business at Punxsutawney, where he remained for two years. For the next two years he worked in the country regions throughout the State as a carpenter, and then coming to Marion Center operated as a stock dealer for a period. He also carried on this line of business at Pittsburg, and then for a year engaged in carpenter work in that city. Coming back to Marion Center, in response to a demand, he established himself in a butchering and stock business. Following that, he was in a livery business for a time, but now devotes all his attention to his meat business.

In 1884 Mr. Rowland married Miss Lizzie McMillen, of Plumville, a daughter of the late Batty McMillen. Mr. and Mrs. Rowland became the parents of the following children: Maud, who is Mrs. Merle Walker, of Indiana; Minnie, who is deceased; Harry, and Grace.

Mr. Rowland is a Republican and has served as a school director of his township, and for nine years was a member of the coun-

cil of Marion Center, and he has also been constable. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and noble grand of the local lodge. He also belongs to the Knights of Malta at Pittsburg. A man of good business judgment, he has made a success of his life, and is recognized as being one of the leading men of his community. The family are Baptists in religious association.

H. RUSSELL RUPP, cashier of the Penn-Mary Coal Company, at Heilwood, Pa., was born near Harrisburg, in Dauphin county, Pa., Dec. 5, 1878, son of Abraham L. and Hettie E. (Brenneman) Rupp.

George F. Rupp, paternal grandfather of H. Russell Rupp, was a native of Germany, and on first coming to the United States, in young manhood, settled in Cumberland county, Pa., where he engaged in farming. He also acted in the capacity of local minister in the Lutheran Church, and was ninety-one years of age at the time of his death, in 1891.

Abraham L. Rupp, son of George F., was born in Cumberland county, Pa., and during his early years devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. In 1882 he took his family to Steelton, Pa., where he was engaged in the steel business for some years, but subsequently entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company, as an operator. He is now living retired near Harrisburg, at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife, who was also of German parentage, died April 2, 1912. They had a family of twelve children, as follows: George F., a resident of Steelton, Pa.; Rebecca, living at home; Mary, the wife of E. G. Williams, of Harrisburg; Ida, living in Lancaster, Pa.; Esther, wife of John L. Charles, of Montgomery, Pa.; H. Russell; Mabel, a resident of Steelton; Gertrude and John B., who live at home; and three who died in infancy.

Henry Russell Rupp was four years old when the family moved to Steelton, and there attended the graded schools, graduating therefrom in 1895, at which time he accepted a position with the Penn Steel Company. He advanced to the office of assistant cashier, and when the company established its office at Heilwood was made cashier of this branch of the business, a position which he has held to the present time.

On Oct. 11, 1906, Mr. Rupp was married, at Steelton, Pa., to Minerva D. Hess, who was born in Steelton June 17, 1878, daughter of Christian and Carrie (Boak) Hess, of German ancestry. Mr. Hess is now engaged

in the real estate and insurance business at Steelton, where he and his wife make their home. Mr. and Mrs. Rupp have one child, Kathryn Louise. They are members of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally he is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum.

JOSEPH W. UNCAPHER, a well-known citizen of Indiana, was born Nov. 17, 1837, on his father's farm in Washington township, Indiana county.

Andrew Uncapher, his grandfather, was born in Germany, and coming to the United States settled in Indiana county, Pa., where he married Barbara Millen. He followed farming in Young township, this county, where he died. His children were as follows: John, who went to Marion, Ohio; Peggy, Mrs. Isaac Stahl, deceased; Philip; and Joseph, who married a Miss Neal, and died on the home farm.

Philip Uncapher was born in Blacklick township, Indiana county, near Jacksonville, Oct. 28, 1810, and was a farmer all his life. He bought 500 acres in Washington township, and sold two farms from that tract, retaining 150 acres, this being the place now owned by Joseph Stutzer. Mr. Uncapher died there March 14, 1889, and his wife, Mary (Wilson), who was born in 1807 in Ireland, died Dec. 10, 1864. They were Presbyterians in religious faith. They had a family of ten children, of whom we have the following record: (1) Ann, born Jan. 21, 1833, married Joseph Carl, and died in Venango county, Pa., in 1909. (2) William, born May 4, 1834, died in infancy. (3) Martha J., born Aug. 2, 1835, married Dr. Morrow, and is living in Warren county, Pa. (4) Joseph W. is mentioned below. (5) Margaret, born Sept. 12, 1839, married James Millen, and lives in Odell, Neb. (6) John, born Jan. 12, 1841, married Lucinna Gibson, and lives in Plumville, this county. (7) Mary, born Nov. 27, 1843, married Philip Walters, and died in Venango county, Pa. (8) Elizabeth, born Oct. 17, 1845, died unmarried. (9) David, born April 16, 1847, is living in Idaho. (10) Andrew Jackson, born Dec. 29, 1848, lives in McKean county; he married Martha DeWalt.

Joseph W. Uncapher worked for his father until he was twenty-two years old. In the meantime he had received his education in the public schools in his home locality. On Aug. 27, 1861, he enlisted for three years or during the war, in Company A, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. William Cummins and Col. William Sirwell. This command was attached to the

3d Brigade, 2d Division, Army of the Cumberland. Mr. Uncapher saw active service at the battles of Pulaski, March 12, 1862; Lavergne, Oct. 7, 1862; Neeleys Bend, White Creek, Charlottesville, and Franklin Pike—all in October, 1862; Stone River, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1862, to Jan. 1, 1863; Tullahoma, Tenn., July 9; 1863; Tunnell Hill, Ga., May 13, 1863; Elk River, Tenn., July 14, 1863; Buzzard's Roost Gap, Feb. 27, 1864; Resaca, Ga., May 16, 1864; Dallas, Ga., May 25 to June 1, 1864; Dug Gap, Sept. 11, 1864; Chickamauga, Sept. 19, 1863; Lookout Mountain, Nov. 24, 1863; Missionary Ridge, Nov. 25, 1863; Kenesaw Mountain, June 9 to 30, 1864; Pulaski, Sept. 26, 1864; and Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1, 1864. Mr. Uncapher was discharged in the fall of 1864, and returned home at once. The following spring he went to the oil fields in Pennsylvania, where he followed the carpenter's trade, which he had learned in his earlier years. He continued to live in that region until 1882, when he moved to the Pilsen farm in White township, devoting himself to the cultivation of that place until 1900, when he settled at his present home in the borough of Indiana. He has now given up active work.

On Dec. 12, 1867, Mr. Uncapher was married in White township, Indiana county, to Mary Griffith, who was born July 1, 1840, in White township, and was educated in the country schools there. Her father, Jesse Griffith, was born in Bedford county, Pa. Her mother, whose maiden name was Susanna Pilsen, was born in White township, Indiana county, daughter of John and Nancy (Johnston) Pilsen, who came from Ireland. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Uncapher: Luella, born Jan. 31, 1869, married Rev. L. A. Kirkland, a Congregational minister, now of Pittsburg; Jesse, born Jan. 9, 1871, married Edith Wagner, and lives in Indiana; and John, born Aug. 8, 1882, farms the home place.

Mr. and Mrs. Uncapher are members of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Democrat in his political views.

FRANK KISH, leading blacksmith of the borough of Clymer, Indiana county, where he is also engaged in the manufacture of wagons, was born in Hungary Jan. 1, 1869, son of George and Susie (Barre) Kish. The parents, who are deceased, spent their entire lives in their native country, Hungary.

Frank Kish was educated in the public schools of his native land, and after complet-

ing his schooling was apprenticed to the trade of blacksmith, which vocation he mastered in his youth. Mr. Kish followed his chosen trade for several years in Hungary, but in 1890 decided to try his fortune in America, and accordingly came to this country during that year. From New York City, where he landed, and in which metropolis he remained for several months, he came to Pennsylvania, first settling in Brush Creek, Beaver county, and later in Hastings, Cambria county. Subsequently he moved about considerably over the State, seeking a location favorable to the establishing of a successful business, and in 1911 came to Clymer. Here he settled down to follow his trade and engage in the manufacture of wagons, and his general ability, straightforward business methods and progressive industry have caused his business to become the leading one of its kind in Clymer. He is also the smith for the Weimer mines.

On Nov. 2, 1890, Mr. Kish was married, in Hungary, just prior to coming to the United States, to Katie Myer, a native of that country, and they have had four children: Louis, Francis, Katie and Elizabeth. With his wife and children Mr. Kish attends the Presbyterian Church of Clymer.

HARRY W. WALLACE, justice of the peace of Pine township, Indiana county, and agent for the Adams Express Company at Heilwood, was born in Pine township June 29, 1874, son of John and Fanny (Shepherd) Wallace.

John Wallace, grandfather of Harry W. Wallace, was born in Ireland, and on coming to the United States in young manhood first settled in Lancaster county, Pa. Later he removed to Indiana county, where the remainder of his life was spent in farming in Pine township.

John Wallace, son of John Wallace, and father of Harry W. Wallace, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and when a youth was brought to Indiana county, where he devoted his life to agricultural pursuits in Pine township; here his death occurred when he was seventy-nine years of age. He married Fanny Shepherd, who was born in Germany, and whose parents brought her to Indiana county, Pa., in her girlhood, and she still survives, residing on the old home place in Pine township. They had a family of seven children, as follows: William, who resides in Strongs-town, Indiana county; John, now deceased; Elizabeth, who married Daniel F. Kilday, of Altoona, Pa.; Catherine, the wife of Thomas

Foley, of Johnstown, Pa.; Rose, the wife of James Morrison, of Altoona; Thomas, a resident of Strongstown; and Harry W.

Harry W. Wallace attended the district schools of Pine township, select schools in his native vicinity, and Anderson College, Altoona, and during his boyhood worked on the home farm. At the age of seventeen years he began to teach school, an occupation which he followed for thirteen years in Pine and Buffington townships, this county, and in Cambria county. He then became a clerk in the employ of the Penn-Mary Coal Company, at Hellwood, and held that position for five years. Subsequently he was elected township auditor, and in 1901 was made justice of the peace of Pine township, to succeed James Morris. The able manner in which he discharged the duties of the position warranted his reelection, and at this time he is serving his second term, in addition to acting in the capacity of agent for the Adams Express Company.

On Nov. 13, 1896, Mr. Wallace was married to Maud M. Mardis, who was born in May, 1874, in Pine township, Indiana county, daughter of James and Maria (Shipman) Mardis, natives of Indiana county. Mr. Mardis, who was a farmer and served for twenty years as justice of the peace of Pine township, died in 1900; his wife passed away in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have two children, Raymond and Grace. They are members of the Lutheran Church.

J. OSCAR SKOG, furniture dealer and undertaker of Dixonville, Indiana county, has been a resident and business man of that place since 1907. He is a native of Sweden, where he was born on a farm Dec. 20, 1876, son of Andrew and Justina (Olson) Skog.

Andrew Skog was a farmer in Sweden, and also learned the trade of carpenter, which he continued to follow all his life. Coming to America, he remained in this country seven years, living in Clearfield county, Pa., and returning to Sweden died there July 13, 1912. His widow now lives with her son and daughter in Chicago, Ill.; their family consisted of three children: J. Oscar; Alma, wife of Einer Erickson, of Chicago, Ill.; and Alexander, also of Chicago.

J. Oscar Skog received his education in Sweden. When a boy he began to do farm work, at which he was employed until he came to this country, at the age of sixteen years. He first lived at Irvona, Clearfield Co., Pa., later moving to Cambria county,

where he learned the trade of brickmason, at which he was occupied for a short time. He then engaged in the lumber business, after which he took up the trade of mason, living at Vintondale, Cambria county. In 1902 he went to Pittsburg, where he attended the Pennsylvania College of Embalming, graduating Dec. 12, 1902. Then he started in business as an undertaker in Cambria county, in partnership with John Hanson, the firm being known as Hanson & Skog. After three years in that association Mr. Skog sold out to his partner and for the next two years was in the same line in the employ of others. In 1907 he came to Dixonville, where he put up the building he now occupies and embarked in his present business, furniture dealing and undertaking, at first as senior member of the firm of Skog & Erickson. In 1908 Mr. Erickson sold his interest to Mr. Skog, who has since conducted it alone. He has a well-selected stock, and by his earnest efforts to please his customers has built up an excellent trade, his establishment ranking among the thriving stores in the town.

On July 25, 1904, Mr. Skog married Thora M. Hansen, a native of Norway, whose father, Thorvald Hansen, came to America and died in April, 1902, at Barnesboro, Pa.; Mrs. Hansen died when her daughter Thora was only a child. Mr. and Mrs. Skog have had two daughters, Mabel T. and Agnes J.

GEORGE W. SWANK, retired farmer, formerly a resident of Green township, Indiana county, but now living in the borough of Indiana, was born Jan. 12, 1850, in Rayne township. His parents, George and Catherine (Houk) Swank, were natives of Germany, and came to this country before their marriage. They settled in Somerset county, where they lived for some years, Mr. Swank conducting a large distillery there. Moving with his family to Indiana county, he engaged in the hotel business in Rayne township, locating along the new State road seven miles from the town of Indiana. When he gave up the hotel business he moved to a farm at Cookport, and followed farming there until his death, in 1877, when he was sixty-seven years of age. He was a staunch member of the Republican party, and became well known in political circles and public life in his section. In religious connection he was a member of the Lutheran Church. His first wife, Catherine, died in 1865, and he subsequently married (second) Elizabeth Wilson, who died in 1893. All of his nine children were born



to his first marriage, namely: Adeline, Mrs. Isaiah McCullough, who died in Missouri (her husband was killed in battle while serving in the Civil war); Lizzie Ann, Mrs. Hewitt Thompson, of Myers, Pa.; Sarah Ann, who married John Spotts, and is deceased; Sophia, Mrs. John Cummins, of McKean county, Pa.; Catherine, Mrs. John Reisinger, of Rayne township, Indiana county; Mary, Mrs. George Buchanan, who died in Brushvalley; William, a retired farmer, now of St. Louis, Mo., who married a Miss Black; George W.; and Alexander, who died unmarried.

George W. Swank was a small boy when his father moved to the farm at Cookport, and there he grew to manhood, meantime receiving a common school education. During his young manhood he began lumbering, rafting and working in the timber for years. When his father's advancing age caused his retirement from the active work of the farm Mr. Swank took charge of the place himself, cultivating it and improving it until 1903, in which year he removed to the borough of Indiana, where he has since had his home. He resides at No. 444 East Oak street. For three years after settling here he engaged in the grocery business, but since then has lived retired. Mr. Swank has prospered in all his work, by industry and thrifty management, and deserves the leisure he is now able to enjoy.

On March 6, 1876, Mr. Swank married Fanny Wilson, of Cookport, and they had a family of five children: Arthur Clyde, who died in infancy; Howard, of Indiana, who married Edna Smathers; Ollie, at home; Bessie J., who died when sixteen years old; and Edna, at home. Mrs. Swank died April 19, 1908, at Indiana.

Mr. Swank was formerly a member of the Christian Church at Cookport, and held office in same. Since removing to Indiana he has transferred his membership to the church of the same denomination there. In politics he is a staunch believer in the principles of the Republican party.

IRA C. MYERS, general farmer and stock raiser of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, was born April 5, 1862, in that township, and is a grandson of Adam and Fannie (Long) Myers.

Adam Myers was born near Mitchells Mills, Indiana county, and throughout his life was engaged in agricultural pursuits in that section, owning a fine tract of land in Cherryhill township. Here his death occurred in

April, 1906, while his widow, a native of Cherryhill township, still survives, and makes her home at Penn Run. Mr. and Mrs. Myers had a family of nine children.

Ira C. Myers divided his boyhood and youth between work on the farm and attendance at the district schools, going to the latter during the winter months, and giving his summer months to his duties on the home place. Reared to agricultural pursuits, and carefully trained in the science of tilling the soil, it was but natural that he should follow the vocation of a farmer, and in 1907 purchased the farm on which he is now carrying on operations, his ventures having proved uniformly successful.

In 1901 Mr. Myers was married to Edith Brown, who was born in Cherryhill township, daughter of George and Elizabeth (DeArmand) Brown, early settlers of Indiana county, where Mr. Brown was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. His widow survives and makes her home at Penn Run. Mr. and Mrs. Myers have become the parents of four children: Brice, born April 14, 1901; Clay, born May 1, 1904; Dale, born July 22, 1908; and Roxie, born Jan. 14, 1910.

SAMUEL F. BROWN, farmer, carpenter and general contractor of Cherryhill township, has resided there all his life, having been born in that township Aug. 31, 1854, a son of John and Margaret (Potts) Brown.

David Brown, grandfather of Samuel F. Brown, was born in Blair county, Pa., and became an early settler of Indiana county, locating on land in Cherryhill township, a part of which is now owned by his grandson. He was a substantial farmer of his day and locality, and his whole career was spent in agricultural pursuits.

John Brown, son of David, and father of Samuel F. Brown, was born at Williamsburg, Blair Co., Pa., and like his father followed the occupation of a farmer throughout his life. His death occurred Sept. 16, 1899, in Cherryhill township, while his wife, who was born Aug. 21, 1839, still survives and makes her home with her son, Samuel F., having been a resident of Indiana county for the last sixty-one years. She and Mr. Brown had a family of six sons and three daughters, as follows: Mary Ellen; Samuel F.; Isaiah R., a resident of Ebensburg, Pa.; Jane, wife of William Learn, of Green township; Annie, who is deceased; David, a resident of Cherryhill; John, who is deceased; Marion G., a

resident of Indiana county; and one child who died in infancy.

Samuel Potts, the maternal grandfather of Samuel F. Brown, was a native of Ireland, and on first coming to the United States settled in Pittsburg, and subsequently in Allegheny, following the trade of brickmason. Later he became a farmer in Bedford county, Pa., and there his death occurred at an advanced age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susanna Soyster, was born at Martinsburg, Pennsylvania.

Samuel F. Brown was educated in Cherryhill township, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter with his brother Isaiah, a trade which he has followed in connection with his farming operations for the last quarter of a century, devoting a great deal of attention also to general contracting. Mr. Brown was married in Green township, Dec. 25, 1879, to Elizabeth Gasten, who was born in Green township Aug. 22, 1860, daughter of Frederick and Mary (Learn) Gasten. Frederick Gasten was born near Johnstown, Pa., and followed the trade of blacksmith after locating in Green township, where his death occurred in September, 1878. His widow still resides in her native township. They had a family of six daughters and two sons: Elizabeth, who married Mr. Brown; Jane, wife of Uriah Learn; Carrie, wife of Jacob Bart, of Green township; Laura, wife of Ellsworth Henry, a resident of Marion Center, Grant township; one who died in infancy; Jesse, of Green township; Ellen, wife of David Brown, living in Cherryhill township; and Lucy, wife of Maurice Lockhart, of Homer City, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have become the parents of eleven children: Ira, who married Cora Bowes, a native of Indiana county; Bertha, wife of George Short, of Cherryhill township, who has one child, Clarence; Uriah, who married Elsie Putt, of Clymer, and has four children, Marie, Orvin, Franklin and Wayne; Howard, who married Mary Carney, a native of Cherryhill township; Linnie, wife of James Mackin, of Cherryhill township, who has three children, Elizabeth, Viola and Alverda; Mabon, residing at home; Letha, wife of Marion Putt, of Cherryhill township, who has one child, Velma; Ethel, who is deceased; and Verdie, Waldo and Gertrude, who are living at home.

The family is connected with the Rich Hill Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Brown is an advocate of all things that make for good citizenship and the promotion of education,

and for several years has served in the capacity of school director of Cherryhill township.

JOSEPH MARASCO, proprietor of a general store at Creekside, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Italy March 17, 1842, son of Anthony and Rosie (Costanzo) Marasco, who never came to America, but rounded out their lives in Italy.

After spending his boyhood and young manhood in Italy, Mr. Marasco left home in 1885, for South America, where he spent eight years. He then returned to Italy, but within four days set sail for America. Landing in New York City, he came thence direct to Punxsutawney, Pa., where he embarked in general merchandising. That town continued to be his place of residence until 1903, when he came with his family to Creekside, to engage in the same line of business, now conducting a large general store, although for the last year he has left the greater part of the management to his three sons, Anthony, Joseph and Frank, the latter a resident of Pittsburg.

While living in Italy Mr. Marasco was married to Maria Teresa Tumaina. Four children have been born of this marriage: Anthony, who married Anna Smith, a native of Indiana county, and has children, Joseph, Mary Teresa and Elsie; Joseph; Frank, of Pittsburg; and Rosie, wife of Philix Pizzarelli, of Creekside. Mr. Marasco is a consistent member of the Roman Catholic Church.

WILLIAM P. MEANOR, a veteran of the Civil war and an old resident of Marion Center, Indiana county, was born May 17, 1846, on a farm in East Mahoning township, this county, a son of William M. and Rachel (Peart) Meanor.

William Meanor, his grandfather, was reared in Westmoreland county, Pa., and came of Irish stock. Later on in life he lived in Armstrong county, and during the fall of 1818 came to a farm adjoining the property on which Marion Center was afterward built, then owned by Colonel Johnson. He married Ellen Hamilton, who came of Scotch ancestry, and both died on their last farm. They had seven children: Harry, Jane, William M., Mary B., Nancy, John and Samuel.

William M. Meanor was born in Armstrong county, Pa., in 1812, and was brought to Indiana county by his parents when only six

years of age. He was a farmer all his life and after his marriage located on a portion of what later became his home farm, and there died Sept. 1, 1889, firm in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which he was a consistent member. Politically he was a Republican. His wife died in June, 1905. They had the following children: Ellen H., who is Mrs. J. T. Van Horn, of Indiana county; Elsie M.; Mrs. Levi Cochran, of Armstrong county; Jane, who died unmarried; Susan, unmarried; Martha, who is deceased; William P.; Rosanna, who was Mrs. David Emeriek; Ennis, Mrs. Jefferson Morris, of Jefferson county, Pa.; John M., of Marion Center, who married a Miss Chapman; Thomas J., deceased; Wesley, deceased; and Harry, deceased.

William P. Meanor was brought up on the home farm and educated in the schools of Marion Center. In 1864 he responded to the call to arms, enlisting on Aug. 13th in Company F, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for service during the Civil war, under Capt. Hugh Brady. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged, and returned home to resume the peaceful occupation of farming. After his marriage, in 1871, he operated his father's property until the fall of 1907, when he retired to Marion Center, having made a success of his agricultural efforts. He is a Methodist and Prohibitionist and exerts a strong influence in the direction of moral uplift. For many years he has been an important member of John Pollock Post, No. 219, G. A. R., and he is a most estimable man in every respect.

On Dec. 26, 1871, Mr. Meanor was married to Violet D. Chapman, of Allegheny City, Pa., a daughter of Joel and Anna Chapman. Mrs. Meanor, who died March 14, 1906, was active in the work of the Methodist Church and of the Woman's Relief Corps. She was the mother of the following children: Harry W., who lives at Spokane, Wash.; Martha O., now Mrs. Dank Stutchell; Margaretta, Mrs. Herbert Adams; Adella Violet, who died when two years, and six months old; Ella Irene, Mrs. Ernest Jackson; Rachel N., unmarried; and Mary, who is a trained nurse in the Allegheny hospital.

On Jan. 9, 1913, Mr. Meanor married (second) Mrs. Annie Mabon, daughter of Joseph McCreight and widow of William Mabon, late of East Mahoning township.

ALBERT P. FLEEGER has but recently settled in the borough of Indiana, where he

owns and conducts the carriage works formerly run by E. S. Beck. He was born Oct. 19, 1889, in Bradford, Pa., and is a son of John Nelson and Margaret (Campbell) Fleeger. His grandfather was a farmer all his life, which was spent mostly in Butler county, Pennsylvania.

John Nelson Fleeger was born in Butler county, where in his early boyhood he attended the common schools, later taking a course at Witherspoon College, in that county, from which he was graduated. Many men who later became well known in the legal profession were educated at that institution. Judge Greer was a pupil there, as was also Capt. George W. Fleeger, who served as a captain of the 11th Pennsylvania Regiment during the Civil war. During his young manhood John N. Fleeger taught for a short time, and then became employed in the oil fields, in which he was engaged at general work, pumping, drilling, etc., for thirty-five years. His death occurred at Evans City, Butler county, in 1910. He was married at Tidioute, Pa., to Margaret Campbell, who died at Evans City in 1908. She was a member of the M. E. Church, but Mr. Fleeger did not belong to any religious denomination. He was a Republican in politics. They had two children, Albert P. and Richard, the latter dying when twenty-two months old.

Albert P. Fleeger passed his boyhood at Bradford and Evans City, attending public school at both places. At the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the trade of carriage builder at Evans City, where he continued to follow that business until his removal to the borough of Indiana, Indiana county, in the fall of 1911. Here he purchased the Beck carriage factory, which he now carries on. Mr. Fleeger is an excellent workman and a good business manager, and he has every prospect of building up a first-class trade in the borough and vicinity, where he has already won many good friends by his obliging disposition and skillful work.

In 1907 Mr. Fleeger was married in Indiana to Laura M. Koontz, daughter of Samuel Koontz, of Indiana county, Pa., and they have two children, Clair Nelson and Frank Ralph. Mrs. Fleeger is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Fleeger has no church connections. He is a Republican in his political views.

Mr. Fleeger had seven uncles in the Union service during the Civil war.

JOHN WHEELER, farmer of Green township, Indiana county, has a fine tract at Dixonville, where he has resided for the last thirty years. He was born in Indiana, this county, April 11, 1836, son of Frederick and Mary Wheeler, natives of Germany.

Mr. Wheeler's parents came to America at an early date, settling first in Bedford county, Pa., and subsequently removing to the town of Indiana, where they resided for a short time. In 1837 the family moved to Rayne township, about two miles from the present town of Dixonville, on the farm now owned by John Bence, and here Frederick Wheeler purchased land and developed a fine farm. He and his wife had a family of seven children: Christina, who married Lawrence Reithmiller, deceased, of Indiana county; Catherine, the wife of Peter Houck, of Cherryhill township; John; Anna, the wife of David Fritzhans, of Indiana county; David, a resident of Reynoldsville, Pa.; Louise, who is deceased; and Frederick.

John Wheeler attended public school in Rayne township, going to the Bookmeyer school, and as a young man entered upon farming as a vocation, in addition to which he subsequently engaged in stock raising and lumbering. He is now living a quiet life in his pleasant home near Dixonville, still engaged in farming. His property contains about 120 acres of valuable land. He has been interested in matters pertaining to the welfare of his community and has served as a member of the school board of Green township. With his wife and children Mr. Wheeler attends the Methodist Church.

On March 5, 1863, Mr. Wheeler was married to Samantha Lydick, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of William and Jane (McGuire) Lydick, pioneer farming people of Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler have had eight children, as follows: James, who met an accidental death; Sarah Jane, the wife of Frank Hess, of Green township; John F., who is engaged in farming in Green township; Ella, the wife of Frank Bwinheimer, of Rayne township; Ida, the wife of Lewis Wise, of Shelocta, Pa.; William, living at home with his parents; Carrie, the wife of Benjamin Shank, of Indiana county; and Della, the wife of Orange Long, a resident of Green township.

ROY J. HINES, proprietor of a general merchandise store at Wandin, Pa., was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, Dec.

26, 1882, son of Joseph and Caroline V. (Crossman) Hines.

William Hines, grandfather of Roy J. Hines, was born in Germany, from which country he came to America as a young man and settled in Cambria county, Pa. There he spent the remainder of his life in farming, his death occurring in 1862 and that of his wife ten years later. They had a family of eight children: Matilda, who is deceased, was the wife of Charles Farbaugh; John resides in Blacklick, Cambria county; James resides at Crescent, Pa.; Margaret is the wife of John Lynch, of Crescent; Joseph is mentioned below; Kate is the wife of Luke Burgone, of Crescent; Celestian is a farmer of Cherryhill township; one child died in infancy.

Joseph Hines, son of William, and father of Roy J. Hines, was born in Cambria county, Pa., and was there engaged in farming and lumbering for some years, eventually moving to Cherryhill township, Indiana county, where his death occurred April 26, 1909. He married Caroline V. Crossman, who was born in Collinsville, Ill., Feb. 12, 1852, and they became the parents of twelve children, namely: Elizabeth C., the wife of William Sickenberger, of Green township; Millie, wife of E. J. Fleming, of Pennsylvania; Maria and William, who are deceased; Margaret A., wife of H. B. George, of Colvar, Cambria county; Christopher A., a resident of Mitchells Mills; Roy J.; Clara N., widow of B. D. Kinter, residing at home; Zoe E., Grace and Stella, all three deceased; and Alta R., residing at home.

William L. Crossman, the maternal grandfather of Roy J. Hines, moved with his family from Pennsylvania to Illinois at an early day and settled in Collinsville, subsequently going to the southwestern part of Missouri, whence he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of the 14th Missouri Infantry. Some time after the close of the war he returned to Pennsylvania, settling in Cambria county, where he was engaged in farming and lumbering until his death, his burial taking place at Cherrytree. He and his wife had a family of eleven children, namely: Samuel A., of Diamondville, Indiana county; Mary N., Margaret E. and Sarah C., all deceased; Ellen O.; William T., who lost his life during the Civil war; Hannah M., deceased; Caroline V., the mother of Mr. Hines; John K., deceased; James A., a resident of St. Louis, Mo.; and Christopher K., a resident of Cambria county.

Like the rest of his parents' children, Roy J. Hines was given good educational advantages in the district schools of Mitchell's Mills, and when a young man began his business career at lumber hauling, in which he was engaged until 1906, after which for five years he hauled oil for the Atlantic Refining Company. In 1912 he established himself in the general merchandise business at Wandin, an enterprise which he has since successfully conducted.

On June 26, 1907, Mr. Hines was married in the town of Indiana, Pa., to Eva M. McCollough, who was born in Cherryhill township March 28, 1888, daughter of Emanuel and Jane McCollough, residents of Green township and early settlers of Indiana county. One child, J. Edgar, has been born to this union. Mr. and Mrs. Hines are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have many friends all over their locality.

SAMUEL PETTIGREW, late of Armstrong township, Indiana county, had a fine farm there, living and dying on the place where he was born Jan. 27, 1840, son of John and Martha (Cochran) Pettigrew.

Mr. Pettigrew received a common school education in the home locality, and was reared to farming, which vocation he followed all his life. On July 6, 1864, he married Sarah Sharp, who was born Aug. 28, 1845, in Armstrong township, near Shelocta, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (McNutt) Sharp, and they settled on the tract of 176 acres in Armstrong township which has long been in the Pettigrew family, and which Samuel Pettigrew owned until his death. He was a Democrat in his political views, and in religious association a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He died Feb. 3, 1913, and is buried at Shelocta. Mr. and Mrs. Pettigrew had children as follows: Lottie M. (married John Sell), Thomas Sharp, John W. (living in Cambria county, Pa.), and Sarah Bell (married Clark M. Henry, of Blairsville).

THOMAS SHARP PETTIGREW, son of Samuel and Sarah (Sharp) Pettigrew, was born March 11, 1873, on the home farm in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., and there obtained a good education in the public schools. He has been a farmer all his life, and is at present engaged in operating his father's farm, which is in excellent condition under his able management. He carries on general agricultural pursuits. He married Margaret Stair, daughter of Michael and

Jennie (Keener) Stair, of Armstrong township, and they have become the parents of three children, Ethel, Ivy and Irwin. In political sentiment Mr. Pettigrew is a Democrat, and in religion he is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belongs. The Pettigrews are among the substantial citizens of their section of Indiana county, where members of the family have long been held in the highest respect for their many sterling qualities.

JOHN SELL, son-in-law of Samuel Pettigrew, was born Jan. 10, 1863, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, son of William and Mary E. (Buckley) Sell. William Sell came to America from Germany when five years old with his parents, and was still very young when his father died. He followed farming all his life. He married Mary E. Buckley, daughter of James Buckley, and they had children as follows: William F., deceased, who married Effie Craig; John; Catherine, Mrs. Lucas, living in Colorado; Barbara; James; Mary; Sarah; Alvin; Robert; and Matilda, who married Alonzo Woods.

John Sell received a common school education, and passed his youth in the manner of the average farmer boy. Some years ago he bought the James Buckley farm in Armstrong township, a tract of 150 acres, and there he engages in general farming, in which he has been very successful. He is one of the desirable residents of his locality, and has made a creditable place for himself among its prosperous farmers. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in political opinion.

On March 18, 1898, Mr. Sell married Lottie M. Pettigrew, daughter of Samuel Pettigrew, of Armstrong township, and they have three children: Marion, Blanch and Emma.

WILLIAM CLARK RICHEY, a business man and jobber of Blairsville, Indiana county, was born July 10, 1855, at Sharpsburg, Pa., son of William E. and Anna M. (Ayres) Richey, natives of Blairsville and Sharpsburg, respectively.

The ancestral history of the Richey family shows that members of it resided in Virginia at a very early day, later removing to Lancaster, Pa., all then being of the Quaker faith.

Washington C. Richey, grandfather of William Clark Richey, was born in Ohio, while his wife, Mary (Pitcairn), was born in Scotland, and was two years old when her

parents came to America, settling first at Cambridge, Mass. From there they went to Lancaster, Pa., but after the family had lived there for a time they went by way of the old canal to Pittsburg, then to Ohio. Washington C. Richey and Mary Piteairn were married in Ohio, moved later to Pittsburg, and when the West Pennsylvania railroad was built went to Blairsville. It was in this latter place that Washington C. Richey had full charge of the building of the local section of that road. Mrs. Richey, now in her eighty-fifth year, survives, making her home in Blairsville. She has a clear memory, and takes delight in relating incidents of those early days. She is also interested in family history, and is proud of the fact that she can trace her ancestral record back to 1400. Her ancestors have been Scotch as far back as known.

Alexander P. Richey, son of Washington C. Richey, was sergeant-major of the 16th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, during the Spanish-American war, and participated in the Porto Rico campaign. For many years he had resided at Oil City and Farmtown, Pa., engaged in clerical work. Prominent in Masonic circles, he was a Knight Templar and Shriner, and had attained the Thirty-third degree. He died in 1910.

William E. Richey, father of William Clark Richey, was born in Pittsburg, the family later moving to Blairsville. He early became associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in the employ of which concern he continued for a great many years. In 1882 he was married to Annie M. Ayres, and three children were born to this union, one son and two daughters, the son, William Clark, being the only surviving member of the family. Mrs. Richey died when her son was only two years old. Mr. Richey died in 1904, aged forty-nine years. He was a Mason and a member of the old Telegraphers' Association.

William Clark Richey was reared in Blairsville, and was graduated from the high school of that city in the class of 1904; then he took a course at the Pennsylvania State College, class of 1909. Since that time he has been connected with the Blairsville Enamelware Company, and in 1912 branched out as a jobber, with an office in the First National Bank building of Blairsville.

On June 20, 1912, Mr. Richey was married to Mary M. Jackson, daughter of W. H. and Emma (White) Jackson, of Blairsville. Mr. Richey is Scout Master of the Boy Scouts of

America, Blairsville, having thirty boys under his charge. He also belongs to the Delta Tau Delta college fraternity. A man of action, he has steadily progressed, and is rightly accounted one of the leading young business men of the city that has been his home for so many years.

ALEXANDER GRAY, now living retired at No. 1741 West Philadelphia street, Indiana, Pa., was born in Scotland May 31, 1845, a son of John and Anna (Bane) Gray.

John Gray was born in Scotland, as was his wife, and in 1845 they came to the United States with ten of the twelve children that had been born to them, leaving two behind in the graveyard in Scotland. The family landed in Philadelphia, where they spent three years, the father working as a blacksmith and veterinary. In 1848, however, they removed to Lancaster, Pa., and after two years in that city, where the father continued working at blacksmithing, another change was made, Cambria county being selected as a permanent home. Here land was purchased and on it John Gray opened a blacksmith shop, alternating work in the shop with farming. Here he died May 6, 1855, his widow surviving until Nov. 6, 1857. The twelve children of this worthy couple were: Janet, who is deceased; George, also deceased; William, who died in infancy; Anna, deceased; Catherine, deceased; John, deceased; James, deceased; Jane, who is the wife of William P. Allen, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Andrew, deceased; Alexander; and two who died in infancy.

Alexander Gray attended school in Cambria county, Pa., and going to Pittsburg when seventeen years old he went to night school while working for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Beginning as a brakeman he was promoted, rising to be conductor, fireman and engineer, and in the latter capacity ran all over the Pittsburg division, becoming one of the most reliable and trusted employees on the road, with which he remained until his retirement, Feb. 1, 1911. He resided in Pittsburg and New Florence, remaining in the latter place until 1891, when he moved to Indiana, which has since been his home.

On Dec. 7, 1877, Mr. Gray was united in marriage with Emma Wagoner, of New Florence, the ceremony taking place at Pittsburg. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Galbreath) Wagoner, natives of Center county, Pa., and Ireland, respectively, and she was born at Johnstown, where Mr. Wag-

oner worked as a weaver, although he later entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at the beginning of its history. He died Feb. 17, 1864, his widow surviving until Oct. 18, 1899, passing away at New Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner had the following children: Emma, Mrs. Gray; William, who is deceased; John H., deceased; Asenath, who is the wife of Alexander Fallow, of Armagh, Pa.; Nancy Jane, deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Pershing, of New Florence, Pa.; Barbara, who is the wife of Robert Leggett, of Centerville, Pa.; Joseph, a resident of New Florence; Anna E., wife of Norman Mahon, of Elderton, Pa.; Elsie C., wife of Timothy Buell, of Derry, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have had the following children: Olive M., who is a professional nurse of Indiana, Pa.; Nellie, who is a stenographer, in Pittsburg; Elbert E., a mining engineer, living at Chambersville, Indiana Co., Pa.; Bessie A., living at home; and Marion, who is the wife of Ira F. Wilson, of Heilwood, Pa., ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Gray belong to the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., of Pittsburg.

WINFIELD SCOTT McCORMICK, deceased, who was an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad for a number of years, was born April 19, 1846, son of William and Margaret (Taylor) McCormick.

Patrick McCormick brought his wife and family from their native Ireland to the United States, locating in Brushvalley township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he farmed. He and his wife had two children: William and Robert, the latter a farmer of Brushvalley township, who married a Miss Glenn and is now deceased.

William McCormick never knew whether he was born in Ireland or after the family emigration, but was very small at the time they settled in Brushvalley township and consequently grew up in that locality, learning how to farm and receiving such educational advantages as the neighborhood offered. In time he became the owner of two farms, and he lived to a good old age. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and most excellent people. He was the father of nineteen children, nine by his first marriage, the rest by his wife Margaret (Taylor), namely: William, Robert, John, Blaine, Catherine, Margaret, Susan (Mrs. Burns, of Los Angeles, Cal.), Caroline, Henrietta, Henry Taylor,

Winfield Scott, Samuel, Clark, George, David, Alexander, Emma, Mary, and a daughter who died in infancy, unnamed.

Winfield Scott McCormick was brought up on the farm and attended the local schools until he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, after which he continued to educate himself, by attending night school. When he was only seventeen years old, he became a brakeman on the railroad, and after five months was made a fireman, and finally engineer, having the run between Conemaugh and Altoona.

In 1872 he married Susan Jane Evans, of Brushvalley township, a daughter of William and Susan (Wilkins) Evans. They had the following children: Ella, who is employed in the Savings & Trust Bank of Indiana, Pa.; Rora E., who died in March, 1912; Robert Scott, who died at the age of twenty years; and Susan Blanche, who died at the age of eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. McCormick passed their married life in Conemaugh, where he was killed while boarding his own engine in the roundhouse, preparatory to taking it out. He was crushed between the engine and the door of the roundhouse, Sept. 25, 1888. After his death Mrs. McCormick moved with her children to Indiana, where she is still residing. Mr. McCormick was a powerful man, six feet, four inches in height, weighed 225 pounds, and was handsome in appearance. For years he was active in the Presbyterian Church, serving as elder and superintendent of the Sunday school. In politics he was a Republican. Faithful in the discharge of his duties, a man held in highest esteem by all who knew him, he rounded out a useful life, and passed away while still in his very prime.

JAMES ST. CLAIR, foreman for the Pioneer Coal Company, at Clymer, this county, was one of the organizers of the borough, where he has resided since 1905. He was born at La Salle, Ill., Aug. 16, 1877, son of William and Mary (White) St. Clair, natives of Scotland.

On coming to the United States the parents of Mr. St. Clair settled first in Tioga county, Pa., but subsequently moved to La Salle, Ill., remaining there only a short time, however, and then returning to Tioga county. In 1891 the family moved to Clearfield county, settling in the town of Gazzam, where they remained for six years, and then moved to Jefferson county, William St. Clair being engaged in mining there until his death, in

1905. His widow still survives, and makes her home in Clymer. Their family consisted of ten children, born as follows: James; William, living at Gazzam; Mary, wife of Robert Jarvis, of Clymer; Jennie, the wife of William Harkins, of Lovejoy, Pa.; Rachel, wife of Thomas Stonell, of Clymer; Margaret, wife of Frank Marks, of Clymer; Alfred, also a resident of that borough; Emma, wife of George Smith, of Clymer; and Robert and Jessie, who also make their home there.

James St. Clair received his education in the schools of Tioga and Clearfield counties, and when only twelve years of age entered the mines at Fallbrook, Pa. His whole career has been spent in working in the mines, in one capacity or another, and on coming to Clymer, in 1905, he was made foreman for the Pioneer Coal Company, a position which he has held to the present time. On first locating here, Mr. St. Clair found only two houses in Clymer, the town just having started to build up, and he has taken an active part in promoting its growth and development. For several terms he has served as director of schools, and at all times has given his aid and influence to movements calculated to be of a beneficial nature to Clymer or its citizens.

On Sept. 19, 1900, Mr. St. Clair was married, in Clearfield county, Pa., to Mary Sloppy, who was born in Clearfield county, Pa., March 7, 1881, daughter of Peter and Eliza (Lewis) Sloppy. Mrs. St. Clair's parents are both natives of Pennsylvania, and now reside in Clearfield county, Mr. Sloppy being engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. St. Clair is a member of Clymer Lodge, No. 1163, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, and is now treasurer of the lodge; he belongs also to Castle No. 368, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Delaney, Pa. With Mrs. St. Clair he attends the Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH M. CRIBBS, a retired conductor, veteran of the Civil war, residing at Blairsville, was born in Clarion county, Pa., April 2, 1846, son of John and Penimah (Tax) Cribbs.

John Cribbs was born in Indiana county, Pa., and was a blacksmith by trade, following his calling in Westmoreland, Butler, Clarion and Indiana counties. He was three times married, and when the Civil war broke out he was the father of eighteen living children and seven grandchildren. Seven of his sons and seven grandsons took part in the

Civil war, and three of them were killed on the battlefield. He had nine children by the mother of Joseph M. Cribbs, who was born in Clarion county, and four of these children now survive.

Joseph M. Cribbs early began to be self-supporting, and when he was only eight years old he engaged to work for James Shields for three dollars per month and his board. Continuing with this man for six years, the little fellow learned some hard lessons aside from those taught in the winter terms of school which he attended. At the age of fourteen he became employed at the Red Brick furnace and remained there until the outbreak of the Civil war. Although only sixteen years old he enlisted in June, 1862, as a member of Company C, 1st Battalion, Independent Cavalry, and served six months, when he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg. Not satisfied, this patriotic young man reenlisted, in Company A, 14th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, under Colonel Schoonmaker, and was mustered in at Fort Leavenworth, Kans. He was made quartermaster sergeant in the spring of 1865, and so continued until his discharge. His company operated in Virginia, and with Sheridan marched from Winchester to Petersburg and back to the old camp. After the surrender of General Lee they marched to Fairfax Station, where they remained until the grand review at Washington, in which the regiment participated. They were then sent to Maryland, but after a week in camp were sent to Fort Leavenworth, Kans., whence they went along the old trail to Ft. Kearney, and then to Fort Laramie. The next station was Fort Connor, where they built a stockade, and then returned to Fort Laramie. From the latter place, they cut across country to the Black Hills, and thence to Denver, Colo., and several of the men, including Mr. Cribbs, made the trip to Pike's Peak. The regiment then returned to Fort Leavenworth, via Fort Riley, and they were mustered out in November, 1865.

After one year spent at home Mr. Cribbs enlisted in February, 1867, in the regular army, in Battery E, 3d Light Artillery, and was stationed in North Carolina and Florida during his three years' service. Returning home once more, at the expiration of this period, Mr. Cribbs turned his attention to railroading, first as a track builder and next as a brakeman. Two years later he was given charge of a work and wrecking train, which he operated for six years. Having proved



his reliability to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in this manner, he was made conductor of a freight train from Blairsville to Allegheny and Conemaugh, and continued as a conductor on this road for forty-one years, three months, ten days, retiring in 1911. He was known among railroad men as the "lively conductor," and was often called upon in cases of emergency when a rapid man was required. A favorite alike with his company and the men, he numbers thousands as his warm, personal friends, and enjoys meeting them whenever occasion offers.

In 1870 Mr. Cribbs was united in marriage with Nancy Jane Barr, daughter of Thomas Barr, of Blacklick Station. They have had children as follows: Ollie Estella, who is the wife of Ameheny Baker, of Blairsville; T. P., who lives in Blairsville; Fairroy, who is the wife of W. H. Floyd, of Blairsville; Paulina, deceased; Joseph M., deceased; John R., who lives in Blairsville; and June, who is the wife of Arthur Nesbett, of Blairsville.

A member of Findley Patch Post, No. 137, G. A. R., Mr. Cribbs was elected its commander in 1912. He is a consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church. Faithful in all things, Mr. Cribbs was a brave soldier and an efficient conductor, and can look back with pride on his long and useful life.

JOHN C. ANDERSON, a veteran of the Civil war, was born in what is now Fawn township, Allegheny Co., Pa., Dec. 12, 1840, a son of Moses T. and Sarah (Glasgow) Anderson.

John Anderson, the founder of the family in this country, was a native of Scotland who came to America at a very early day, settling along the Conococheague river in Cumberland county, Pa., whence he later went to Westmoreland county.

Robert Anderson, a son of John Anderson, married Mahala Thomas, and after his marriage secured 300 acres in the woods in Allegheny county. There he spent the remainder of his life, and his remains were buried in the cemetery at Bull creek.

Moses T. Anderson, a son of Robert Anderson, and father of John C. Anderson, was born in May, 1808, and after his marriage located in Allegheny county, Pa. In 1872 he settled in Freeport, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he died in his eightieth year. His wife survived him, living to be eighty-four years old. They belonged to the United Pres-

byterian Church. The children born to this excellent couple were: Robert T.; William T., Elias F. (who is a physician) and James M., all three of whom served during the Civil war in Young's Battery, and participated in the capture of Fort Donelson; Louisa M., who married James Patterson, of Cedar Ridge, Colo.; John C.; Dr. Washington B., who died at South Haven, Mich.; Nancy J., who married Calvin McCool; Mary E., deceased; and Sarah M., who married Harvey McIntyre.

John C. Anderson grew to manhood in Allegheny county, Pa., and taught school after acquiring a good education in the common schools and at Leechburg academy. He enlisted for three months' service in the 9th Pennsylvania Reserves, and reenlisted in the same regiment for three years, but was taken sick and eventually discharged for disability. When he recovered he once more entered the army, this time in the 123d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the expiration of his term, when he returned home. Once again he offered his services, enlisting in August, 1864, in the 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and serving until the close of the war. Few men have so varied a war record. In truth did he prove his patriotism. The majority felt that they had done their full duty when one enlistment had been served, but as long as his country was in danger he cheerfully risked his life in its defense.

On March 10, 1864, Mr. Anderson was married to Ida S. Sarver, who was born in Butler county, Pa., in 1844, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Magee) Sarver.

After his return from the army Mr. Anderson engaged in farming, and later in the mercantile business, in Allegheny and Armstrong counties. In April, 1908, he came to Indiana county, where, in White township, he has found congenial surroundings and appreciative friends among whom to spend his days. Having always been imbued with a strong sense of duty, Mr. Anderson has proved himself a desirable citizen in every way, and rendered valuable service in both public and private capacity. It is such men whose presence in any community is welcomed—in war proving themselves good soldiers, and in peace developing into successful business men.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have become the parents of children as follows: Minnie F., who married William J. Hilty, a farmer of Lawrence county, Pa.; Edwin N., who mar-

ried Susie B. McClay, and lives in Virginia; Nettie N.; James B., who married Lottie N. Duke, and lives in Vandergrift, Pa.; Mary E., at home; Sarah C., who married Carl Schweikart, of Vandergrift Heights; Leslie G., who married Nora Elgin, and is a civil engineer residing at Vandergrift Heights; and Harry Elford, who married Olive May Edminton. All of these children have been carefully reared by conscientious parents and taught their duty to their country. They have been well educated and have taken useful places in the world, being prosperous and happily situated.

CHARLES G. FARABAUGH has lived upon his present farm in Pine township, Indiana county, since 1901. He is a native of Cambria county, this State, born June 6, 1863, in Blacklick township, son of Charles and Matilda (Hines) Farabaugh, the former of whom was born in Germany, the latter in Cambria county, Pa. Michael Farabaugh, the grandfather, came to America from Germany and settled in Cambria county for a number of years, following farming there until his removal to Minnesota, where he remained for some time. Eventually, however, he returned to Cambria county, where his death occurred in 1897. His family consisted of eight children, of whom only two survive: Rinehart, who lives in North Dakota; and Leonard, a resident of Minnesota.

Charles Farabaugh, father of Charles G. Farabaugh, came to this country with his father and passed the remainder of his life in Cambria county, making his home in Blacklick township. He married Matilda Hines, who was of Irish extraction, being a daughter of Jacob Hines, a farmer of Cambria county, where the Hines family settled many years ago. Jacob Hines had a family of seven children, four of whom survive: James, a resident of Cresson, Pa.; John, of Blacklick township, Cambria county; Margaret, Mrs. Lynch, of Cresson; and Kate, Mrs. Burgoon, of Cresson. Mrs. Matilda (Hines) Farabaugh died Oct. 27, 1906. Ten children were born to her and her husband, namely: Albert, who lives in Spangler, Cambria Co., Pa.; Gus, a resident of Latrobe, Pa.; Joseph, a resident of Beaverdale, Pa.; Charles G.; Maggie, deceased; John, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Antony Tosey, of Cambria county; Caroline, wife of John Glaney, of Conemaugh, Pa.; William of Cambria county; and Harry, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The father was a soldier in the Civil war.

Charles G. Farabaugh received his education in Cambria county, passing his boyhood in Blacklick township. He was engaged at farming and lumbering from an early age, and when a young man of eighteen went to learn the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked for several years. He became engaged in farming on his own account eleven years ago, when, in 1901, he settled upon his present place, which he had bought previously. Until then he had resided in Cambria county. He has 203 acres of land in three tracts in Pine township, and his attention is given to general farming and stock raising, and he has met with substantial success, being regarded as one of the reliable citizens of his neighborhood, held in high esteem by all who know him.

On Jan. 17, 1888, Mr. Farabaugh married Martha Miller, who was born in Cambria county, this State, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (McDade) Miller, natives, respectively, of Germany and Wales, both of whom lived in Cambria county from the time of their arrival in this country. Mr. Miller's father died in Germany. Joseph Miller bought a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his active years. He and his wife now live at Jeannette, Westmoreland Co., Pa. They had a family of twelve children: Mollie, wife of Charles Miller, of Latrobe, Pa.; Peter, deceased; James, a resident of Jeannette; Martha, Mrs. Farabaugh; Thomas, living at Jeannette; Maggie, wife of Adolph Mock, of Jeannette; Michael, a resident of Jeannette; Magdaline, wife of Jacob Hess, of Jeannette; and four others who are deceased. Joseph Miller, the father, was a soldier in the Civil war.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Farabaugh: Elise, Mary, Rupert, Stella, Celestine, Margaret, Edward and Alma. Mr. and Mrs. Farabaugh are members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, at Campbell's Bottom, in Pine township, Indiana county.

ALEXANDER M. BARCLAY, who is now living retired in the borough of Indiana, has passed all his life in this section of Pennsylvania. He was born Oct. 23, 1842, in Derry township, Westmoreland county, one mile from the town of Derry, son of Henry Barclay, and grandson of Michael Barclay, who lived and died in Somerset county, Pa. He was a farmer by occupation.

Mr. Barclay spent the first ten years of his life in Derry township, and attended school there. In the spring of 1853 he moved

with his family to Indiana county, his father settling on the James Todd place, in White township, which he "cropped" for three years. Then they moved to an adjoining farm and Alexander Barclay helped with the work at home until he reached the age of fourteen, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade. While assisting his father he was allowed to attend school during four months of the year, during the winter season, but he never attended after he was seventeen. He followed his trade for some time with his brother Henry, building barns and houses in Center and Blacklick townships, this county, and in 1862 they located at Homer City and engaged in contract work. In 1863 Alexander M. Barclay went into the Pennsylvania State militia, 54th Regiment, under Col. Thomas Gallagher, to serve during Morgan's raid, was held at Pittsburg for a time, and followed Morgan into Ohio. On March 15, 1865, Mr. Barclay enlisted again, this time becoming a member of the 103d Pennsylvania Regiment, with which he remained until his discharge, in July, 1865, at Newbern, N. C. He came home sick and was unable to work for three months. Resuming work at his trade as soon as possible, he gave all his time to that line until 1876, except for an interval of six months when disabled by an accident. In 1873, while helping to construct the normal school building, he fell from the second story, where he was working, a distance of thirty-four feet, into a first floor joist, and was unconscious for three and a half hours. He could not do any work for six months. In 1876 Mr. Barclay bought the farm of 101 acres in Center township upon which he lived and worked for over thirty years, devoting himself to its cultivation until 1908. In that year he relinquished active labor, and has since enjoyed a well-earned rest. In 1910 he moved to the borough of Indiana and in 1911 he sold his farm; he had disposed of all the coal rights previously, in 1905. His home is at No. 137 East Philadelphia Street.

Mr. Barclay was married Feb. 25, 1866, to Violet Martin, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Mikesell) Martin. She died in September, 1868, the mother of one child, Gertrude Nellie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Barclay is buried at the Chapel Church in Center township. Mr. Barclay's second wife, Sarah A. (Rankin), daughter of Thomas and Jane Mary Rankin, died May 1, 1907, and is buried in the Oakland cemetery, at Indiana. She had two

children: Jennie Belle, who married Hugh Brown, of Young township; and Matthew Edmund, of White township, who married Gertrude McCurdy. On Nov. 3, 1910, Mr. Barclay married (third) Mrs. Elizabeth Anna (Wyncoop) Stonebreaker, who is a native of Carbondale, Mich., and was six years old when her parents, Thomas Henry and Beulah Gustin (Clark) Wyncoop, brought her to Plumville, Indiana Co., Pa., the family removing thence to the Wyncoop farm in South Mahoning township. Here Mrs. Barclay received a public school education.

Thomas Henry Wyncoop, father of Mrs. Barclay, was born in 1805, in Indiana county, Pa., and going west settled in Michigan, where he married Beulah Gustin Clark, a native of Center county, Pa., born in 1806. In 1853 they returned to Pennsylvania, settling in South Mahoning township, Indiana county. He farmed all his life. His death occurred near Plumville, this county, Oct. 4, 1882, and Mrs. Wyncoop died Oct. 12, 1865. They had three children: Elizabeth Anna, Mrs. Barclay; Susan Mary, unmarried, who resides in Indiana county, and Monroe, living at Gaibleton, Indiana county.

Mrs. Barclay's first husband, John Adam Stonebreaker, passed away Oct. 14, 1908. By this union there were nine children: Charles Henry, George M., Vernie Mary J., Edward R., Zetta May, Dolly Grace, Harry Wesley, Rosa Maude and Emma Ida.

ROSCOE R. NORTON, M. D., physician and surgeon of Blairsville, Pa., was born in Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 5, 1881, a son of Frank Kipp and Caroline M. (Budd) Norton, also natives of New Jersey. The Norton family is of English origin. As far back as there is any definite record, the Budd family was American, and Joseph Budd, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Norton, was also a resident of New Jersey.

Harry Norton, the grandfather of Dr. Norton, was the first to open and conduct a meat market on a large scale in Jersey City.

Frank Kipp Norton, son of Harry Norton and father of Dr. Norton, was a decorator by trade, and worked at that calling in Jersey City, dying there in 1910, aged seventy-four years. He was survived by his wife and son Roscoe, who is the only one of three children now living.

Roscoe R. Norton attended the local public schools and Trinity parochial school, and then entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the

class of 1907. In the following August Dr. Norton entered upon the practice of his profession at Indiana, Pa., where he continued to reside until October, 1909, when he succeeded to the practice of Dr. Norman Lewis, of Blairsville, and moved to that city. Here he has already built up a large and lucrative practice, showing a steady increase with each year. A scholarly, skilled physician, he combines these characteristics with others equally important in his profession, and is popular with many outside his circle of patients, as well as those who are grateful to him for his conscientious care. He belongs to the State and county medical societies and the W. W. Keen Surgical Society, and finds benefit in the deliberations of these bodies.

On June 14, 1911, Dr. Norton was united in marriage with Anna Louise Wiley, of Blairsville.

NIEL. JAMES and JOHN J. NIEL, brothers, occupy the old home place in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, where their parents settled over a half century ago. William Niel, their grandfather, the first of the family to come to the county, married Polly Cunningham, and his mother's maiden name was Mary Reynolds.

Abram L. Niel, son of William Niel, was born in 1807 in the southwestern part of Indiana county, and as educational facilities in this region were meager in those days he went to school only a short time. But he was intelligent and became well informed through his own efforts. In 1810 he accompanied his parents on their removal to North Mahoning township, where he grew to manhood, and located before his marriage in West Mahoning township, on a farm where his sons James and John now live, he and his wife always making their home there. It was wild land when he first came to it, and Mr. Niel put up a log cabin, which was later replaced by a frame dwelling as prosperity rewarded his toil. His first purchase consisted of sixty-nine acres, to which he kept adding till he had altogether about three hundred acres, and he farmed on this place until his death, which occurred May 22, 1894. His wife, Sarah (McCreight), of Winslow township, Jefferson Co., Pa., whom he married in June, 1848, died June 19, 1892. She was a daughter of Andrew and Ann (Sharp) McCreight, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Niel were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Honest and hard-working, he

made a success of his life by the most honorable methods, and was universally respected. The following children were born to himself and wife: Ann died in 1866, when seventeen years old. Thomas, who was a farmer, was killed on the railroad at Northpoint, Pa., in March, 1909; he married Loretta Barrett, and they had children, Sallie, Brice, Lowman, Mary, Annie, Herbert, Zildah and Ethel. Andrew, of Forest county, Pa., married Agnes Meanor. James was a teacher for several years, but now devotes all his time to farming, he and his brother John cultivating the old home place together. Abraham is living in Gove county, Kans. John J. has always lived on the old home place, which he operates in partnership with his brother.

James and John J. Niel were educated in the home locality, attending public school, and they have engaged in farming along modern lines, becoming remarkably successful. They are counted among the most successful agriculturists of their section of Indiana county, as they are among the most extensive, their four hundred acres being in an excellent state of cultivation under their progressive management. They have proved their business ability as well as their aptitude for skillful manipulation of crops and a faculty for getting the most out of their land, and they enjoy good standing among the most favorably known farmers in their section.

On July 19, 1880, Mr. John J. Niel married Clara E. Coon, of West Mahoning township, daughter of James and Cynthia J. (Niel) Coon, farming people of that township. Children as follows have been born to them: (1) One daughter died in infancy. (2) James Lee, born June 26, 1882, attended common school and later went to the State normal at Indiana, Pa., advancing as far as the senior year; he taught school two terms, and prepared for work as an electrician, was at Iron City, Pa., for one year, and for the last five years has been with the American Steel Company, at Pittsburg, holding the position of bookkeeper. (3) Anna N., born Feb. 26, 1885, taught school for three years, having prepared at the normal school. She is now living at home. (4) Bertha C., born Oct. 9, 1887, was engaged in teaching for one year and is now a dressmaker at Pittsburg. She was educated in the common schools and the normal schools at Indiana and Slippery Rock. (5) Susie Pearl, born Sept. 26, 1891, was married Jan. 4, 1910, to Paul B. Anthony, of Jefferson county, who is engaged in saw-

milling, and they have one child, John R. Anthony. (6) Edward W., born April 29, 1895, has always remained at home. (7) Mildred, born July 24, 1898, is at home. (8) Alma D., born March 3, 1902, died in 1905. (9) Frank was born April 18, 1906.

JOHN MARTIN AULD, owner of Brook Valley farm, in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, is a native of that township, born Nov. 4, 1865. The Auld family is of Irish extraction, the first emigrant to America being William Auld, the grandfather of John Martin.

William Auld was a native of County Down, Ireland, and came to America with his family in 1817. Proceeding to western Pennsylvania, they located in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, where they were among the first settlers in their section. Mr. Auld cleared up a home in the wilderness and made farming his life occupation. His death occurred there. He was a member of the U. P. Church. His children were as follows: Jane, Rachel, Elizabeth, Rose Ann, Mary Ann, Nancy, Thomas, Joseph, William, Margaret and Alexander, all of whom are now deceased.

Thomas Auld, son of William, was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1810, and was but seven years of age when his parents came to America. He grew up on the farm in Brushvalley, undergoing the hardships of pioneer life, and in spite of the fact that his opportunities for an education were limited became a well-read man through his own efforts. He was energetic and possessed of considerable business ability, which aided him when he started out in life for himself. He bought the Alexander Elliott farm of 260 acres, now in the possession of his sons, and here he settled down to farming and stock raising, continuing to operate the home place during his active life. He was known to be an exceptionally hard-working man, one whose honesty of purpose and ability did much to make him the successful farmer he became. He died on his farm in 1890, and was buried in the Bethel Church cemetery, in West Wheatfield township. His wife's death occurred in 1902, and she was buried in the same cemetery as was her husband. They were members of the U. P. Church, attending services in Homer City. Mr. Auld was a Democrat of the old type, and served his township as supervisor (for three years) and auditor.

Thomas Auld married Margaret Martin, daughter of John Martin, and five children were born to them, viz.: Elizabeth, who married Frank Hilderbrand, of Blacklick township; Rosie, who is at home; Emily, at home; Robert F., who is on the old homestead; and John Martin.

John Martin Auld spent his boyhood days on the farm. He attended the public schools of the township, and worked at farming from an early age, at the time of his marriage settling on his present place, a tract of twenty-eight acres, at Heshbon, which was a part of the Thomas Fee farm. Here he made extensive improvements and became engaged in general farming. He also operates the homestead with his brother Robert F. Mr. Auld is like his father before him a thrifty and enterprising farmer. He takes a deep interest in his home and agricultural business, and has made himself valuable as a citizen in other respects also. He is strictly temperate in his habits, a strong supporter of Prohibition, and domestic in his tastes. He has served his township as judge of election. An active member of the U. P. Church at Heshbon; he is a trustee of the church and superintendent of the Sabbath school. Having at heart all that goes toward advancing the good of church, home and community, he has filled the office of school director three years, and supervisor of the township one year, and is ready at all times to do his share for the general welfare.

Mr. Auld married May 20, 1897, Jennie Clark, of West Wheatfield township, daughter of Samuel and Jane Clark, and they had two children, Thomas Franklin and Joseph Clark. Mrs. Auld was a devoted mother and a capable and helping hand to her enterprising husband. Death called her suddenly Friday, Oct. 18, 1912, at the age of forty-two years, one day. She was stricken with apoplexy, while busy with her household duties in the middle of the morning, and died a few hours later. A devoted member of the Heshbon United Presbyterian Church, she was one of its faithful workers and a leader in the Sabbath school, teaching a class and being superintendent of the "cradle roll." The funeral services, held in that church, were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Logan, and she was carried to her last resting place in Bethel Church cemetery (West Wheatfield township) by the six boys of her Sabbath school class. Besides her husband and two sons, she is survived by two brothers and two sisters: J. D. Clark, of

Latrobe, Pa.; A. P. Clark, of New Florence, Pa.; Mrs. S. M. Coleman, of Johnstown, Pa.; and Mrs. C. S. Duncan, of Clyde, Pennsylvania.

GEORGE W. BUTERBAUGH is engaged in farming and the raising of fine draft horses in Green township, Indiana county. He was born in that township, Feb. 3, 1872, son of Jonathan Buterbaugh, grandson of William Buterbaugh and great-grandson of William Buterbaugh. The latter came from the East and settled in Green township, buying land which came by inheritance to Jonathan Buterbaugh, father of George W. Buterbaugh.

Jonathan Buterbaugh was born July 5, 1840, in Green township, and remained on the home place, engaged in farming until his death, which occurred Oct. 8, 1902. He was a soldier in the Civil war, serving for six months. He married Lucinda Shankle, who was born June 13, 1840, in Cherryhill township, daughter of David Shankle, a farmer, who settled in Indiana county in pioneer days. Mrs. Buterbaugh died Oct. 21, 1906. She was the mother of thirteen children, namely: Andrew, who died Oct. 30, 1910; Mary, wife of John Rolley, of Hillsdale, Pa.; Maggie, wife of George Baker, of Cambria county, Pa.; William H., of Green township; David, a resident of Grant township, Indiana county; Susan, who died when thirteen years old; George W.; John H., who lives in Grant township; Samuel, who died in infancy; Emanuel, who died in infancy; James H., an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, living at Altoona, Pa.; Laura, wife of Walter Loring, of Rayne township, Indiana county; and J. Edward, a resident of Green township.

George W. Buterbaugh was educated in his native township, attending school No. 14. He began farming when a mere boy, and has followed it all his life, owning and living upon the place where his father lived and died, and where his grandfather settled and died. In addition to agricultural pursuits he engages in stock raising, being especially interested in and successful with Percheron draft horses, which he raises for the market. He is one of the well-to-do residents of his township, but although he had the advantage of good training and favorable circumstances he has made his own success and deserves all the credit for the position he has attained.

Mr. Buterbaugh was married Sept. 15, 1897, to Electa McManus, like himself a na-

tive of Green township, daughter of Andrew and Lucy (Berringer) McManus, who live in Green township, where Mr. McManus is a prosperous farmer; he owns two farms. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh: Bud, Clarence, Don and Mabel. They attend the Cookport Baptist Church.

JOSIAH NEAL, who holds the office of county detective in Indiana county, had nine years' experience in the sheriff's office as deputy and sheriff before taking his present position, for which he is obviously well fitted. He was born Dec. 25, 1852, in West Mahoning township, this county, son of John B. Neal.

William\* and Catherine Neal, the great-grandparents of Josiah Neal, were of Scotch-Irish extraction, and came to this country from the North of Ireland, settling at Hagerstown, Md., about 1760. At the close of the Revolutionary war they moved to what is now Young township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he died in 1812, at the age of eighty. She died shortly afterward, at about the same age. They had five sons: John, Thomas, Samuel, James and William.

William Neal, son of William and Catherine Neal, was born near Hagerstown, Md., and in 1806 removed to North Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he followed farming. He died in 1867, at the age of ninety-two. He married Mary Cunningham, and they had a family of fifteen children, namely: Abraham L., Elizabeth, Ann, John B., Thomas, Margaret, Samuel, James, Winfield, Millie, Cortez, Sanford, Sharp, Effie and Hardy.

John B. Neal, father of Josiah Neal, was born in Indiana county, and died in 1902, aged eighty-seven years. He was a farmer and stock dealer, living near North Point, this county. To him and his wife Rachel (Blose) were born ten children, namely: Cynthia J., who married James Coon; T. S.; Martha, wife of William McKillip; George; Aaron; Sarah, wife of Peter Stear; Emma; Josiah; William R., and Mary, who is deceased. The mother of this family died in 1907.

Josiah Neal attended the common schools in his early life. He was reared on the farm, where he continued to work until 1896, and meantime he had become associated with public affairs in his locality, having served as director of the poor for seventeen years and also in the capacity of school director. In

1896 he was appointed deputy sheriff by his brother, T. S. Neal, under whom he served three years, after which he served another term of three years as deputy under Sheriff Elmer Thomson. At the end of that time he was elected sheriff and served one term, since when he has been county detective, holding that office by appointment. His services in every position of public trust have been creditable alike to himself and to the community he serves, and he is well and favorably known all over Indiana county. He has been a county officer for seventeen years.

On Sept. 4, 1874, Mr. Neal married Mary C. Reits, daughter of Martin Reits, and they have a family of four children: Aaron married Myrtle Beck; James W. married Martha Kerr; Clark married Jennie Ralston; Nova married Paul Livengood.

ABRAHAM BOWERS, of Banks township, has been a resident of Indiana county for thirty-five years, and he has been engaged in farming throughout that period. He was born Oct. 20, 1836, in Jefferson county, Pa., son of Philip and Katherine (Kipps) Bowers, who were farming people. They were born at Newmarket, Va., and after their marriage removed to Clearfield county, Pa., passing the remainder of their lives in this state. They died in 1856.

Abraham Bowers came to Indiana county in 1877, and he is one of the most respected citizens of Banks township, where he has a fine farm of ninety acres.

On Nov. 14, 1861, Mr. Bowers married Emily Devers, and they have seven children living, namely: Jane is the wife of Andrew Bowser, a farmer of Jefferson county; Armina is the wife of G. M. Bowser, a farmer of Indiana county; Lizzie is married to Peter Klein, of Rossiter, Indiana county; Clara, wife of Elmer Woodford, lives in Jefferson county, where he is employed in railroad work; Laura is the wife of J. F. Cochran, a miner, of Indiana county; Albert H., who is engaged in contracting and building and resides in Clearfield, Pa., married Margaret Elbel, of Indiana county; George W. is a farmer in Banks township, Indiana county.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowers are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOHN R. JONES, senior member of the firm of Jones & Coon, proprietors of the Crown Bottling Works, of Indiana, Indiana county, has been engaged in his present line of business from young manhood, and has

followed it since he settled in the borough a few years ago. He was born Jan. 5, 1873, in Pomeroy, Ohio, son of John R. and Anna (Reese) Jones, natives of Swansea, Wales, who came to this country when young people and were married at Mason, W. Va. The father was a Baptist minister, and his first pastorate in this country was at Pomeroy, Ohio, where he was located for a number of years after his marriage. Thence he removed to Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Pa., where he remained ten years, and his last pastorate was at Punxsutawney, where he was established from the time of his removal from Houtzdale until his death, in 1893, a period of twelve years. He was an evangelist for many years. He died at Punxsutawney, and his widow died at Jeannette, Westmoreland Co., Pa., April 19, 1905. Their children were as follows: Evan, who is deceased; Mrs. Mary Johns, of Jeannette, Pa.; Edward, of Jeannette; John R.; David, of Pittsburg, Pa.; and William, of Jeannette.

John R. Jones passed his youth and received his education in the various places in which his father's work made it necessary for the family to live, and he had the advantages of the public schools. He began work as clerk in his brother's store, in Punxsutawney, and in 1894 removed to Jeannette, where he became engaged in the manufacture of soft drinks, his business at that point being conducted under the name of the Jones Brothers Bottling Works, and he is still interested in same. On Sept. 17, 1908, Mr. Jones came to Indiana and in partnership with William Ruhland opened an establishment for the manufacture of soft drinks. In February, 1911, he bought Mr. Ruhland's interest, which he sold shortly afterward to Mr. Samuel G. Coon, his present partner. They have a thriving business, which under their careful management is continuing to grow steadily. Several wagons and an automobile are in constant service supplying their large trade in Indiana county.

On June 14, 1903, Mr. Jones was married, at Jeannette, Pa., to Ada Younkins, of that place, daughter of Harrison and Jane Younkins, and they have one child, Evelyn Grace.

Mr. Jones has a fine baritone voice, and has been well trained under the instruction of Prof. W. H. Stevenson, of Pittsburg. He has been singing in churches for twenty years, and is well known in and around Indiana, and indeed throughout this section of Pennsylvania, for his excellent work as a

vocalist. He holds membership in the B. P. O. Elks Lodge at Jeannette, Pa., and is a past exalted ruler of that body.

HERBERT M. BROWN, farmer of White township, Indiana county, lives on the farm owned and formerly occupied by his father, David C. Brown, now of the borough of Indiana, and purchased by his grandfather, Joseph Brown, in 1845.

The first member of this family of whom we have any record was a Scotchman by birth, and came to America as a soldier in the British army. He served during the French and Indian war, was with Braddock at Fort Duquesne, and when his term of service expired settled in Virginia, never returning to his native land. Nothing is known of his antecedents.

It was in the year 1796 that John Brown, a Scotch-Irish Presbyterian, arrived in Pennsylvania from Virginia with his wife and three children, two sons and one daughter, John, Jeremiah and Elizabeth. His wife's maiden name was Anna Wilson. They settled on land one mile from where Jacksonville, Indiana county, is now located, which land was patented to him March 14, 1796. It has since been divided and owned by Jacob Burgoon, Joseph Turner, Mr. Scott, Mr. Evans, Mr. Clawson and Mr. Stuchel, now in part by John Graham, Mrs. Jewel, and others. The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad Company is now building tracks parallel with Altman's run, through this land.

John Brown, Jr., eldest son of John and Anna (Wilson) Brown, married Margaret Wiggins; Elizabeth, the daughter, married James Thompson; Jeremiah Brown, the younger son, married Elizabeth Cummins.

Jeremiah Brown, as stated, married Elizabeth Cummins, who was also of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The Cummins family early located on land near the present site of Homer City, Indiana county, but were driven away by the red men, moving back to Virginia after hiding their silverware and other valuables under the water in the brook known as Cherry run. On their return to Pennsylvania later they found every piece of value. Jeremiah Brown and his wife lived on his father's farm until the year 1815, at which time Joseph, their fourth son, was four years old. They then moved to and made a clearing in the backwoods about sixteen miles north of the town of Indiana, on the place known for many years as the Jerry Brown farm, after-

wards as the John Craig farm and now as the Hugh Pollack farm; Mrs. Craig was a daughter of Jeremiah Brown, and Mrs. Pollack is a daughter of John Craig and granddaughter of Jeremiah Brown.

Joseph Brown, son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Cummins) Brown, married Jane L. Gibson, daughter of James and Martha (Gamble) Gibson, and granddaughter of John Gibson, who came from Ireland, and first settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., afterward moving to what is now Blacklick township, Indiana county; on Sept. 21, 1798, patent was made to him for the land now owned by F. B. Repine, Ira Gibson, Harvey Gibson and others. Joseph Brown and his wife lived in Mahoning (now East Mahoning) township until 1845, when they purchased at Orphans' court sale part of the McClanahan land four miles from Indiana. This land was patented to Thomas McClanahan June 10, 1773, before the Declaration of Independence was made. The tract when patented was named Contentment. There Joseph Brown and Jane Brown lived until they died, his death occurring Jan. 4, 1894, hers Aug. 27, 1897. They had four children, William, Martha Elizabeth, Sarah Jane and David Cummins, all now deceased but David C., the youngest. Sarah Jane married J. M. Laughlin, and died April 21, 1868; her only child, Sadie J. B. Laughlin, died March 28, 1876.

David Cummins Brown on Oct. 25, 1876, married Jemima A. Fulton, daughter of John and Rachel (Elder) Fulton, natives of Indiana county. They have had children as follows: (1) William Cummins, now an attorney of Lansing, Mich., married Maude E. Justice, whose parents were born in Michigan, Mr. Justice seventy-four years ago (1912) and Mrs. Justice seventy years ago. The Justice family originally came from England. Mr. and Mrs. William C. Brown are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Lansing. (2) Ethel Maude married S. E. Wiggins, son of Alexander A. Wiggins, of near Shelocta, Indiana county; his wife's maiden name was Fleming. They have three children, Ralph Brown, Edgar Earle and Harold Armstrong. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins are members of the Presbyterian Church at Vandergrift, Pa. (3) Herbert M. is mentioned below. (4) Jane W. graduated from the Indiana State normal school in the class of 1910, and on Sept. 5, 1912, was married to Stephen K. Kiss, whose parents reside at Cleveland, Ohio.



David C. Brown lived on the farm in White township until April 5, 1906, when he moved to the borough of Indiana. Mr. Brown was baptized in the Presbyterian Church of Indiana in June, 1852, and united with that congregation on examination in June, 1872. His wife, son Herbert and wife, and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kiss, are also members of that church.

Herbert M. Brown was born Feb. 8, 1884, on the farm in White township where he now resides, engaging in farming and dairying, being quite extensively interested in the latter line, in which he has been especially successful. He keeps a fine herd.

On March 7, 1906, Mr. Brown was married to M. Elizabeth Evans, who graduated from the Indiana State normal school in the class of 1904. Her parents, George and Estella (Griffith) Evans, are natives of Indiana county, the latter descended from Welsh ancestry. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown: David Evans, Estella Ann and Hugh Herbert.

**THOMAS MILES WATT**, a general farmer and stockman of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born Sept. 11, 1862, in Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa., a son of William Watt.

James Watt, grandfather of Thomas M. Watt, was an extensive land owner of Porter township, Jefferson county, Pa., farming over two hundred acres which belonged to him. The children born to him were: William; John, who was a farmer of Sabina, Ohio (he was a veteran of the Civil war); David, who was a farmer and stock raiser of Porter township; Elizabeth, who married George Lingensfelder, of Porter township, and they resided on their farm; and Thomas, who first lived in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, and later in Armstrong township, on the farm T. M. Watt now owns (he was a veteran of the Civil war). All this family are now deceased.

William Watt, son of James Watt, and father of Thomas M. Watt, was reared in Porter township, Jefferson county, and attended school in the home district. Upon attaining manhood's estate, he bought fifty acres of land from his father, and lived there until his death, when fifty-four years of age. His remains were laid to rest in Zion cemetery in that township. His energies were all directed toward farming. William Watt married Sarah Ann Lingensfelder, who was of

Pennsylvania-Dutch descent, and born in Bedford county, Pa. Her death occurred when she was seventy years old.

Thomas Miles Watt lost his father when he was only six years old, and his mother losing her sight soon thereafter, the lad was early thrown upon his own resources. Child though he was, he began working in the lumber regions in Elk, Forest, McKean, Jefferson and Clearfield counties, continuing as a laborer until 1883, when he had saved a sufficient amount to justify his going into the lumber business on his own account. He took contracts for peeling off the bark and cutting the logs and was thus engaged until he decided to embrace an agricultural life. With this end in view he moved to Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., and renting the farm owned by his uncle, Thomas Watt, he operated it for two years, and then cropped for C. J. Carnahan for two years more. For the next eight years he operated the Woodward Walker farm, when, in 1906, he bought his uncle's farm and began general farming and stock raising, specializing in horses. His horses have taken a number of blue ribbons at the county fairs, where he always exhibits.

A strong Prohibitionist, he is willing to uphold the principles he espouses, and being well-informed upon the subject is able to present convincing arguments in favor of his stand. For some years he rendered valuable service as a school director. Early in life he was a Methodist, but later joined with the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Watt was married to Margaret Emily Bish, born Dec. 8, 1866, who died March 18, 1904. She was reared in Porter township. Mr. and Mrs. Watt had children as follows: Effie M., who is a school teacher, having taught for five winters; Ella Sarah, who is at home; Hazel Dora, who has taught two winters; William T.; Nevada J.; Jessie; Lizzie, and Bertha, the last five living at home. When Mrs. Watt died she left a family of helpless little ones, and Mr. Watt had to be both father and mother to them. For years his task was a heavy one, but his children are now old enough to look out for themselves in the home. Always a hard-working man, his industry and thrift are now meeting with just appreciation.

**SAMUEL A. CROSSMAN**, carpenter, residing at Mitchells Mills, in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born Nov. 29, 1837, in Pennsylvania, son of William L. and Maria (Kneeder) Crossman.

Samuel Crossman, his grandfather, was born in Scotland, and came to the United States in youth, living first in the State of New York and afterward in Pennsylvania. His death was accidental, caused by the fall of a tree on his house.

William L. Crossman, son of Samuel, was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania and died in his native state. He maintained his home for many years on the border of Indiana, Clearfield and Cambria counties, engaging in lumbering and carpentering, and was also a sawyer and a pilot on the river for several years. He married Maria Kneeder, and they had eleven children.

Samuel A. Crossman attended the district schools in boyhood and was reared to industrious habits from youth. He accompanied his parents when they moved to Madison county, Ill., and the mother died in Alexander county, that state, in 1857. It was while living there, in 1861, that Samuel A. Crossman enlisted for service in the Civil war, entering Company D, 18th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, from Alexander county, for three years, but was so seriously wounded one year later that he was discharged. In September, 1863, he reenlisted, entering Company I, 2d Missouri State Militia, and still later was a member of Company K, 13th Volunteer Cavalry, and served until January, 1866. He was first discharged at Jackson, Tenn., and reenlisted at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. During his long service he saw many of the worst features of war and took part in many hard-won struggles. He was in the battle of Fort Donelson, where he was wounded. While performing scouting duty, under the orders of General Grant, he was taken prisoner as a spy, at Columbus, Ky., and was confined for eighteen days in the prison at New Madrid. He entered the service as a private, but later was sergeant of the 13th Cavalry, and was corporal of Company D, in the 18th Illinois Infantry. During a part of his service he was with his regiment on the western plains.

At the close of the war Mr. Crossman decided to locate in the West and there was engaged in railroad work, in Missouri and Arkansas, until 1892, when he returned to Pennsylvania. Since then he has resided at Mitchells Mills, where he follows carpenter work and blacksmithing and has also done some contracting. He was quite active in public matters in the West and at one time was deputy sheriff of Poplar Bluff, Mo., marshal

and constable, serving as marshal during the building of the Iron Mountain railroad.

On Dec. 31, 1863, Mr. Crossman was married (first) at Charlestown, Mo., to Maggie McCamey, who was a native of Illinois. She died in 1866, leaving one child, who is now deceased. In 1878 Mr. Crossman was married (second) at Poplar Bluff, Mo., to Rebecca J. Girard, who was born in Marshall county, Ind., Aug. 13, 1853. Four children were born to this union, namely: Franklin and William, both of whom are deceased; Ida V., who is the widow of Edward Frown, and resides at Mitchells Mills, with her four children, Charles H., Russell, Alberta and Iola; James lives at Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Crossman are members of the Christian Church. They enjoy a comfortable residence, which Mr. Crossman erected after coming to Mitchells Mills. He is identified with the G. A. R.

GEORGE FRANKLIN HESS, a farmer of Green township and associated with business affairs in Dixonville as head of the Dixonville Beef & Provision Company, is one of the best-known men in his part of Indiana county, where he has passed all his life. He was born at Richmond, Sept. 15, 1859, son of George and Mary (Heflick) Hess, both of whom were also natives of Indiana county. George Hess was a blacksmith, and followed the trade in his earlier life, later engaging in same in Canoe township, this county, where he resided until his death, in 1904. His wife died about 1892, and they are buried in Richmond cemetery, Grant township, Indiana county.

George Franklin Hess attended school in Canoe township. When a young man he began farming, in which he has continued to the present time, having a valuable property in Green township, to which he moved when twenty-one years old. For the last twenty-five years he has been engaged in stock dealing and butchering, which has become one of his most important interests. In 1908 he built the plant at Dixonville known as the Dixonville Beef, Provision & Cold Storage Plant, which is equipped with all necessary up-to-date machinery for the successful conduct of the business, in which he and his son Blair are associated. It is one of the most modern establishments in the section, and Mr. Hess, by his good judgment in the management of the business, has made a substantial place for himself among the enterprising citizens of this region.

On Oct. 25, 1888, Mr. Hess was married to Sarah J. Wheeler, daughter of John and Samantha (Lydic) Wheeler, of Dixonville, and they have seven living children: Blair, Eva, Minnie, Della, Laura, Zura and Paul. Blair, the eldest, born Oct. 5, 1889, is associated in business with his father; he married Mame Holt, of Indiana county, and has one child, Blaine.

JOSEPH WELTEROTH has been a resident of Indiana for a comparatively brief period, but he has established himself in a thriving plumbing and heating business, built up by good service to his patrons and the most commendable business methods. Mr. Welteroth was born in Pittston, Luzerne Co., Pa., Jan. 5, 1867, son of Peter and Gertrude (Kellenbach) Welteroth. The parents were natives of Germany and were married in that country. The father was engaged as a carpenter contractor during his residence in Pittston, Pa., and thence moved to Williamsport, Pa. He died in 1878, the mother in 1888. They had the following children: Peter, Henry, Elizabeth, John, Christina, Barbara and Joseph.

Joseph Welteroth passed his boyhood and youth at Williamsport, receiving his education in the parochial schools there. At the age of seventeen he went to work for the Williamsport Hardware Company, to learn plumbing and tinning, in that employ acquiring his first knowledge of plumbing and steam-fitting. Subsequently he worked at various places in Pennsylvania, New York State and Ohio, picking up valuable experience in his chosen calling. Going to Punxsutawney, Pa., he spent six years there in the employ of the Punxsutawney Hardware Company, and thence came to the borough of Indiana, Indiana county, to open the establishment of the Indiana Hardware Company at that point, having an interest in the business—plumbing and tinning. At the end of one year's connection with that concern, however, he sold out and started his present business, plumbing, heating and ventilating, tin, iron and slate roofing, and doing all kinds of job work, making a specialty of the repairing of stoves and furnaces. His location is at the corner of Fifth and Philadelphia streets. There is always a demand for expert service of this kind in a well-settled community, and Mr. Welteroth during his six years' residence in Indiana has gained a reputation for prompt and reliable service which has brought him a wide and profitable patronage. He is a

good manager, as well as an industrious worker, and there are excellent possibilities in his growing business.

On Nov. 14, 1888, Mr. Welteroth was married in Williamsport, Pa., to Annie Agnes Brand, daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth (Agold) Brand, the former of whom is a carpenter contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Welteroth have had four children: J. Clyde, of Indiana, who married Winnie Isman and has one child, Annie Ruth; Charles, who is in Arizona; Ruth, at home; and George, who is still in school.

Mr. Welteroth is a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Modern Woodmen of America.

BLAINE SHORT, of Dixonville, Indiana county, member of the Dixonville Beef & Provision Company, has been associated with that concern since 1908, the year he came to the town. He was born May 9, 1883, in Cherryhill township, this county, son of William J. and Maggie M. (Bence) Short.

The founder of the family in this section was James Short, great-grandfather of Blaine Short. He came to Indiana county from Huntingdon county, where his parents had settled at an early day, being emigrants from Holland. On coming to this county he located on land in Rayne township, on which he carried on general agriculture during the daylight hours, while his evenings were spent in working at his trade of blacksmith. A sober, industrious man, he succeeded in accumulating a competency, and at the time of his death, in February, 1875, his community had no more highly esteemed citizen. Among his children was John Short, who enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war and was killed at Antietam fifteen minutes after the start of the battle. Another son, Dr. James Short, was born in Rayne township, graduated from Jefferson College, and spent three years as a surgeon in the Civil war. Subsequently he located in Indiana, and was there successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery until his death, which was caused by blood poisoning, from infection while performing an operation. He married Mary J. McCunn.

David A. Short, son of James, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., and was a lad when he accompanied his parents to Rayne township, Indiana county, where he spent the remainder of his active life, in agricultural pursuits, retiring in 1891, by which time he

had accumulated 500 acres of land in one body. At that time, feeling that he had earned a rest from his labors, he moved to Indiana, and there his death occurred Aug. 6, 1906. He married Mary Ann Long, who was born in Rayne township, and she died April 30, 1912, the mother of the following children: William J.; Jane, the wife of H. N. Dyaren, a farmer of Rayne township; Minerva, wife of James Benee, also of this township; Harry L., a resident of Rayne township, who married Mary Widdowson, who is now deceased; Lovina, wife of James Wiggins, of White township; and Mary and John, who are deceased. David A. Short served through the Civil war as a Union soldier.

William J. Short was educated in Rayne township. In 1876, when he was eighteen years of age, he settled in Cherryhill township, which locality has since been his home, and here he now owns a tract of 205 acres, one of the well-cultivated properties of his section, his place being known as the "Ideal Farm." For seventeen years he has acted as manager for the Indiana County Fair Association. He has long been a school director of Cherryhill township.

On March 7, 1878, Mr. Short was married to Maggie M. Benee, a native of Rayne township, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rinn) Benee, early settlers of Rayne township, the latter of whom came from Germany, while the former was of German descent. Mrs. Short died Feb. 3, 1901, at Longmont, Colo., whither she had gone in an attempt to regain her health. She and Mr. Short had a family of six children, as follows: Elmer E., of Washington township, who married Laura Fyock, of Cherryhill township, and has five children; Anna, who married Delbert Means, a resident of Indiana, Pa.; Blaine, residing at Dixonville, Pa.; Grace, wife of Homer Dick, of Cherryhill, now residing at Indiana, Pa.; and Mary and Clarence, who live at home. On Dec. 16, 1902, Mr. Short was married (second) to Clara Helman, a native of Cherryhill township.

Blaine Short attended school in Cherryhill township and worked on the farm in his boyhood and youth. He lived for a time in Cambria county, being clerk in the store of the Logan Coal Company at Beaverdale and later having charge of the meat department as manager. Coming to Dixonville in 1908, he soon afterward, on July 1st, entered the firm of which he has since been a member, the Dixonville Beef & Provision Company.

His ability and solid worth have gained him creditable standing among the business people of the place.

Mr. Short was married Jan. 10, 1906, to Floda Houck, a native of Rayne township, this county, daughter of James and Maggie (Gibson) Houck, the former a merchant at Indiana, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Short are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have two living children, Margaret and William.

ANDREW FOSTER, a farmer of North Mahoning township, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, July 26, 1842, a son of William and Elizabeth (Means) Foster.

William Foster was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, as was his wife, and both died there. They were farming people, and their family consisted of six children, as follows: Andrew; John, who came to America in 1867, locating at Pittsburg, where he died; Mary Ann, who is the widow of Andrew Foster of East End, Pittsburg, Pa.; Fannie, unmarried, who is still in County Tyrone, Ireland; Ellen, who married Matthew Dinsmore, and lives on the family farm in Ireland; and William, who located in Canada and there died.

Andrew Foster attended the common schools of Ireland and lived at home until 1867, when he and his sister Mary Ann came to America, locating at Pittsburg. When he arrived in that city he found various industries suffering from the effects of a financial panic, so he went to work on a small farm in the vicinity. As soon as business picked up a little he obtained employment with the Citizens' Passenger Railroad Company of Pittsburg, as hostler, and was promoted until he became an inspector. Later he was transferred to a branch road and had charge of the stable. He was with this company until its consolidation with the Philadelphia Company. Following that event, in March, 1898, Mr. Foster bought his present farm in North Mahoning township, known as the old Dilts place, containing 118 acres all in a state of improvement. He has one of the best farms in Indiana county, and raises wheat, oats, corn, hay and potatoes.

Mr. Foster was married at Pittsburg, Pa., to Jane Crawford, of County Tyrone, Ireland, who died at Pittsburg. She had three children. William John, who was a farmer, died when twenty-four years old; Ellen is at home; Andrew passed away at the age of nine years, in Pittsburg. The second marriage of Mr. Foster was to Mrs. Elizabeth Given, daughter of Francis Elkin and widow of John Wil-

liam Given, of County Tyrone, Ireland, who died at Pittsburg, Pa. By her first marriage Mrs. Foster had one daughter, Martha, who married Harry Elkin. Mr. and Mrs. Foster belong to the Methodist Church of Georgetown, Pa., and are active in its good work. He is a Republican, but not an office seeker.

Coming to America a poor boy, Mr. Foster has worked his way up, and is now one of the substantial agriculturists of his section of Indiana county. Had he not possessed innate characteristics that made for success he would not have been able to progress as he did, but his natural ability, combined with hard work and close economy, have brought about desirable results.

ROBERT E. SIMPSON, general farmer and stock raiser of Cherryhill township, where he has spent practically all of his life, was born in that township Dec. 5, 1861, and is a son of James and Margaret (Lapsley) Simpson, natives of Indiana county.

Robert Simpson, grandfather of Robert E. Simpson, was born in Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of twelve years, settling in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa. There he spent a number of years in agricultural pursuits, but on his retirement from active life moved to Clymer, where he died in 1901, at the age of ninety-five years.

James Simpson, son of Robert, and father of Robert E. Simpson, was born in Indiana county, Pa., and has been engaged in farming. He is now the owner of the property on which his father first settled so many years ago, and is in the seventy-fourth year of his age. His wife has also passed her seventieth birthday. They have had four sons and two daughters, as follows: Robert E.; Louis; Nellie, the wife of Frank Decker, residing on a part of the old homestead; Merle, at home; and two who died in infancy.

James Lapsley, maternal grandfather of Robert E. Simpson, was a native of Ireland, from which country he came to the United States and settled in Cherryhill township, spending the rest of his life here in farming operations.

Robert E. Simpson attended school in Cherryhill township, and from his earliest youth has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. With the exception of two years he has always lived in his native township, and has owned his present farm, a tract of 200 acres, for the last nine years.

Mr. Simpson was married there, Aug. 7, 1884, to Caroline Dick, who was born in

Cherryhill township in April, 1861, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Mock) Dick, natives of Blair county, Pa., who settled in Indiana county at an early date. Mr. Dick passed away in 1861, and his widow makes her home at Greenville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have had six children: Earl, who is on the farm, married Jennie O. Widdowson, daughter of Clark B. Widdowson, of Penn Run; Lula teaches school at Homer City; Vera is a student at the Indiana normal school; Edgar Budd is a teacher at Mitchells Mills; two children died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is public-spirited in his duties as a citizen, and has served efficiently as school director and supervisor of Cherryhill township on several occasions.

FRANCIS J. FLEMING owns the Summit Farm, in Green township, Indiana county, where his parents settled in 1861 and members of this family have lived continuously since. He was born there May 19, 1862, son of George H. and Eliza J. (O'Neil) Fleming and grandson of Francis J. Fleming. The grandfather came into Indiana county at an early day and made a settlement in Green township, living in what came to be known as the old Fleming farm near Cookport, where he remained until his death. His family consisted of eight children, of whom George H. was the eldest. Four of this family survive: William I., Robert F., Jane S. (wife of George Lutman) and Mary.

George H. Fleming was born near Pittsburg, Pa., at what was known as Squirrel Hill, and came with the family to Indiana county. In 1860 he bought part of the farm now occupied by his son Francis, moving to that place in 1861. His first purchase was sixty acres, to which he subsequently added fifty acres, and the property is popularly known as Summit Farm or Fleming's Summit. George H. Fleming moved to the borough of Indiana two years before his death, which occurred there in February, 1908. His wife, Eliza Jane (O'Neil), daughter of Edward and Catherine (Kneeder) O'Neil, was born April 1, 1838, and survives him, living in the borough of Indiana. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming: Francis J.; Edward J., who lives at Starford, Pa.; Catherine, wife of G. T. Learn, of Green township; Laura A., who lives with her mother; Jennie, a teacher, also living with her mother;

Crissie, deceased; and Jessie, who is now teaching in Ohio.

Francis J. Fleming received a public school education in Green township. From boyhood he has been engaged in farming, and he gradually assumed the care of the home place, upon his father's retirement taking over its entire cultivation and management. The property is a notably fine one, and he has kept it in the best condition by his intelligent methods and systematic labors. He takes some part in the public affairs of the locality, having served as member of the township school board.

On Oct. 20, 1887, Mr. Fleming was united in marriage with Laura M. Cook, who was born in Green township, daughter of Richard and Catherine (Dasher) Cook, the former deceased, the latter now living in Clearfield county. Mr. Cook was a farmer in Green township, Indiana county. Mrs. Fleming is the eldest of the six children born to her parents, all yet living, namely: Laura M. (Mrs. Fleming), Charles, William (a resident of Clearfield county), Ellsworth (of Clearfield county), Mabel and Edward. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, George H., the eldest, is deceased. The others are: Hazel, at home; Hope, now a student at the Indiana (Pa.) State normal school; Blaine, a teacher, now at Swissvale, Pa.; Belle; Catherine, and Emory. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and their family are members of the Lutheran Church at Cookport.

**SAMUEL CALDERWOOD**, a general farmer and stock raiser, who resides on his farm of 130 acres, situated in Canoe township, Indiana county, was born Jan. 15, 1834, in County Tyrone, Ireland, a son of Andrew and Mary (Milligan) Calderwood.

Andrew Calderwood and wife were born, reared and married in County Tyrone, Ireland, and from there came to America in 1848, making their way to Indiana county, Pa. For the first three years their home was in North Mahoning township, after which they moved into Canoe township. Andrew Calderwood buying the land on which his son Robert now resides. It was 100 acres of virgin soil, heavily timbered, and before he could erect his modest log cabin he had to clear space for the same. His children were soon able to assist in providing necessities and comforts for the new home in the strange land and he prospered. Both he and his wife lived into advanced age, her death occurring in Banks township when she was aged eighty-three

years, while he died on his homestead in his ninety-third year. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Although never very active in politics, he cast his vote with the Republican party for many years. Children as follows were born to Andrew Calderwood and his wife: Samuel is mentioned below; Elizabeth, born in County Tyrone, Ireland, June 1, 1837, was married to David Radcliff and (second) to John Coglin, and they live in Montgomery township, Indiana Co., Pa.; Robert, born in Ireland, March 26, 1841, was a lumberman and farmer on the old home place, married Mary L. Rishel, and died March 4, 1912; William, born in County Tyrone, Ireland, March 10, 1845, a farmer in Knox township, Jefferson Co., Pa., married Martha Work, and they had children, Lizzie, William, Mary, Claire, Hattie, Bertha and Elizabeth, the three last named being deceased; John E. began his education at Covode, Pa., studied law under the preceptorship of Jenks & Winslow, of Punxsutawney, and has been in active practice since 1879.

Samuel Calderwood had but a limited education, like the boys of his locality and generation being brought up to the hard work of the farm. He remained under the parental roof until he was married, Jan. 23, 1859, to Elizabeth Shields. Mrs. Calderwood was born April 26, 1842, in Canoe township, daughter of George Shields, a sketch of whose career will be found in another part of this work. Eight children were born to this union: William Milligan, born Oct. 27, 1860, now his father's assistant on the home place, married Nettie Knox, and has one son, Ralph; Jane Isabel, born April 21, 1863, died Aug. 13, 1865; Robert Simeon, born Feb. 2, 1865, connected with the contracting firm of E. J. Govern, of Richmond, Pa., married Alma Richardson, and has two children, Larue and Verna; Mary, born Feb. 19, 1867, died Feb. 13, 1891; Ella H., born Oct. 20, 1868, is also deceased; Walter Scott, born Nov. 28, 1870, formerly cashier of the First National Bank of McKean County, Pa., for twenty-two years, now engaged in the oil and gas business, married Minnie North, and has two sons, George Q. and John E.; George Lynus, born Jan. 25, 1873, died Jan. 31, 1878; Harry Edwin, born Aug. 16, 1879, died July 28, 1881. The children were all given excellent educational advantages, and Walter S. Calderwood completed his training in the Eastman college at Poughkeepsie, New York.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Calderwood settled down to housekeeping in a little

log cabin on their present property, then a heavily timbered tract. Mr. Calderwood now owns 130 acres, of which about 100 acres are under a state of high cultivation, and the general appearance of his property gives ample evidence of his skill, thrift and industry. He has not needed outside help, or asked for it. It is but natural that he should take a pardonable degree of pride in what he has accomplished, for his success has been worked out by his own hands, and he has no reason to regret the manner in which he has gained his present prestige. Mr. Calderwood is a farmer, not a politician, and he has never desired the preferment that is gained in the arena of party strife. He has always endeavored to live up to the rules of good citizenship and to promote those movements which make for good government. He supports Republican candidates and policies. He is a member of the Rockbridge Presbyterian Church, and has never been found lacking when asked to assist in the promotion of religious or charitable enterprises.

WILLIAM H. PAUL, a farmer and stock raiser of South Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born Nov. 1, 1835, in Jackson township, Cambria Co., Pa., son of Samuel Paul and grandson of Abraham Paul.

Abraham Paul was born near Philadelphia, Pa., where he married Elizabeth Fluke, a native of Chester, Pa., and with her came to Blair county, this State, settling in Croyl township, where he was a pioneer and developed large farming properties. His death occurred in 1814, while he was still in the prime of life. His remains were interred on the farm. His wife was killed by a falling tree blown down by the wind, when she was eighty-eight years old. She, too, was buried on the farm, and both she and her husband were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Hannah married Abraham Teter, of Morrisons Cove, Blair Co., Pa.; John settled in Richland township, Cambria county; Jacob settled in that township; Barbara married Jacob Mortimer and lives at Friends Cove, Blair county; Lewis settled in Croyl township; David settled in Jackson township, Cambria county; Catherine married George Pringle; Elizabeth married Jacob Staule, of Richland township, Cambria county; Samuel is mentioned below; Polly was murdered, by some men from Pittsburg; Isaac settled on a farm in Croyl township.

Samuel Paul, son of Abraham Paul, was born in 1805 in Blair county, and was brought

to Cambria county by his parents when nine years old. Remaining with them until he attained his majority, he then settled on 255 acres of land in Jackson township, that county, at which time it was covered with dense forest. He built a log house and barn, later replacing them with buildings of frame, and made many improvements upon his land, operating it until 1865, when he sold and moved to Indiana county with his family, locating in South Mahoning township on Aug. 31, 1865. He bought the Samuel Coehran farm of 106 acres, and spent the remainder of his life here, engaged in farming, dying Jan. 14, 1882, aged seventy-six years, eight months, twenty-three days. He is buried in St. John's Lutheran Church cemetery. For years he was a consistent member of the German Reformed Church. Politically he was a Whig, and later a Republican, and always one who believed in upholding the principles of his party.

In 1833 Mr. Paul married Susannah Eyler, a native of Maryland, a daughter of Henry Eyler. She died March 23, 1874, aged sixty-four years, three months, eight days, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran Church cemetery. She was a member of that denomination. Children as follows were born to Samuel Paul and his wife: Elias is living retired at Altoona, Pa.; William H. is mentioned below; Elizabeth married Samuel Dillon, of Missouri; Maria died in childhood; John also died in childhood; Emanuel lives in Steubenville, Ohio.

William H. Paul, like the majority of farmer's sons, attended school in the winter and worked with his father upon the farm in the summer until old enough to engage in lumbering in the woods in Cambria county. He continued to work at lumbering and farming until 1865, when he came to South Mahoning township, accompanying his father, and remained with him, proving of great assistance and comfort, until the latter's death. He then obtained the homestead, and has since operated it, devoting his land to general farming and stock raising. He has been specially interested in the raising of large horses, his stock being well known on account of its quality; naturally fond of horses, he has been very successful in this line, and is a recognized authority upon agricultural matters.

From the time that he cast his first presidential vote, for John C. Fremont, Mr. Paul has been a staunch Republican, and is proud of following in the footsteps of Lincoln, McKinley and Taft. According to his belief the

country's greatness has been conserved by these great leaders, and if it is to be continued the principles they advocated must be adhered to and upheld. Mr. Paul has served as school director and judge of election, and is looked upon as a man of worth in his community. St. John's Lutheran Church holds his membership and receives his loyal and generous support, and he is now serving as deacon. His wife is one of the efficient and popular Sunday school teachers.

On Feb. 17, 1885, Mr. Paul was married to Sarah Elizabeth Olinger, who was born in Armstrong county, daughter of John and Maria (Hartman) Olinger, both of whom are deceased. No children have been born to this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Paul are very charitable, and are to be found in the front ranks of those who are working for moral uplift and the betterment of social conditions.

MILES CROASMUN, a farmer of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born on his present property Sept. 10, 1831, a son of Asa Croasmun.

Asa Croasmun was born in Massachusetts, and there married Patience Oliver. They later came to Indiana county, Pa., settling in what afterward became South Mahoning township, where they took up land and remained until they died. They are buried in the cemetery at Cherrytree, Pa. Although a farmer for years, Mr. Croasmun was a cooper by trade. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Croasmun were: James; Oliver, who lived in Jefferson county, Pa.; Chloe, who married Benjamin Deitz, of Freeport, Pa.; Rebecca, who married John Pifer, and lived in Clarion county, Pa.; Nathan, who lived at Cherrytree, Pa.; William; and Asa.

Asa Croasmun, son of Asa Croasmun, and father of Miles Croasmun, was born Oct. 15, 1794, on the bay near Boston, Mass., and was brought to Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., when a child, there growing to manhood. He went to the common schools, but had only limited educational advantages. In the year 1819 he was married, in North Mahoning township, his wife being Mary McHenry, born Feb. 12, 1799, a native of Indiana county. In 1864 he died, his wife surviving until April 30, 1878. By occupation he was a farmer, and not only had a large farm himself, but secured land for each of his children. The Methodist Church was his religious home, he being a charter member of same and active in religious work. No man stood any higher in public esteem during his life than he. Mr.

and Mrs. Asa Croasmun had the following children: Mary, deceased, married Washington Crissman, (second) John Barrett and (third) Irvin Robinson, and had one child by each marriage, Eliza, Anna and Jennie; Isaac married Mary Ann Mowtersbaugh and (second) Lizzie Peffer, and moved to Virginia, where he and his last wife died; Nathan, deceased, who married Rachel Blose, lived at Valier, Pa.; Asa, deceased, who married Mary Robinson, lived in North Mahoning township; Miles is mentioned below; James W., deceased, who married Julia Sutter, lived near Valier, Pa.; William died at the age of seventeen years; Elizabeth married James M. Chambers and lived in North Mahoning township (both are deceased).

Miles Croasmun, son of Asa Croasmun, received a common school education. He has spent his life upon the homestead of eighty-one acres, which property is very valuable, and the improvements show that Mr. Croasmun appreciates the value of advanced farming. He is a Socialist, politically, and is able to uphold his principles upon every occasion.

On Jan. 5, 1871, Mr. Croasmun was married to Margaret Jane Beck, of Eddyville, Pa., daughter of Adam and Margaret Beck, of Westmoreland county, Pa. Mr. Beck was a farmer, and built the first gristmill at Eddyville, where he died. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Beck were: George, who is a farmer of California, married Florida Ogden; William, who died in 1912, was a miller of Eddyville, Pa., but after his service during the Civil war went to Kansas; Mary married John Thompson, of Pittsburg, Kans.; Adam died at the age of fourteen years; Jacob died at the age of seven years; Margaret Jane became Mrs. Croasmun; Christina married Benjamin McHenry and lives at Northpoint, Pa. After the death of Mr. Beck, Mrs. Beck married George Weaver, of Indiana county, Pa., by whom she had a son, A. D. Weaver, now living near Georgeville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Croasmun became the parents of six children: George A. died in infancy; Mary Olive and Margaret Elvira are twins, the latter living at home, and the former married to Curtis Dormin, and living in West Mahoning township; William Clark, who is a lumberman of Jenkins, Ky., married Clara Gilmore, and has had these children, Elvira F. (deceased), Mildred J., Helen O., and Nathan B. and Asa M. (twins); Bert, who is at home, operating the homestead, married Belva Blakely, and they have one child, Nellie; Merton Asa, who is now in Alaska,



was in a store in California for six years. The children have all been well educated, and Margaret Elvira taught school for one year in Jefferson county, Pa., and for another year at Marchand, Pa.; she is a lady of intelligence and culture.

ANDREW JACKSON LIMRICK has lived on his present place in Banks township, Indiana county, for the last thirty years and is one of the substantial farmer citizens of that section. He was born Jan. 8, 1845, in East Mahoning township, this county, son of Alfred and Miriam (Work) Limrick, natives of Pennsylvania who came into this neighborhood from Westmoreland county. Mr. Limrick was a farmer by occupation.

Andrew J. Limrick received a public school education and in early life began farming, which occupation he has continued to follow. In 1864 he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company A, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served as a private to the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge July 26, 1865. In 1867 he went out to Iowa, settling in Page county, where he carried on farming for seven years. Returning to Pennsylvania he bought a farm in Jefferson county, upon which he lived for the next eight years, until his removal to Indiana county in 1882. He then purchased the farm of 122 acres in Banks township where he has since made his home and engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He has become one of the most esteemed residents of the township, and has been honored with election to office, having served six years as a member of the board of school directors. He belongs to the Republican party. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he has been a faithful worker, having served thirty years as elder of the Susquehanna Church and of Zion (Cumberland) Presbyterian Church in Jefferson county, Pa. He now attends the Presbyterian Church at Pleasant Grove, Jefferson county.

On Oct. 1, 1867, Mr. Limrick married Virginia North, a native of Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of Joseph P. and Marjory North, farming people, and five children were born to this union: (1) Lillian is the wife of Edward Cassady, of Banks township, Indiana county. (2) Anna is the wife of Fred Keller, a farmer and coal miner of Jefferson county, Pa. (3) Effie is the wife of William Conrad, a farmer of Jefferson county. (4) Jennie is the wife of John Conrad, of Big Run, Jefferson Co., Pa., proprietor of the "Hotel Me-

Clure." (5) Joseph L., who is a coal miner and also engages in sawmill work, married Anna Bowers, of Banks township, Indiana county. The mother of this family died June 1, 1900. For his second wife Mr. Limrick married, April 11, 1901, Mrs. Anna Eliza Shields, daughter of Patrick Lydick, who was a very early settler in Indiana county.

AMOS S. MILLER, tax collector of Canoe township, was born Dec. 11, 1834, in Huntingdon county, Pa., son of James and Emily (Hook) Miller, also natives of that county. The father was a shoemaker by trade and lived and died in Huntingdon county, as did the mother. Both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. They had three children: Annie, who is deceased; Mary, who is deceased; and Amos S.

Amos S. Miller did not have an opportunity to attend school after he was twelve years old, as he was then bound out to Thomas Stewart, who brought him to Indiana county. Mr. Stewart secured a farm in South Mahoning township and the bound lad lived with him until he attained his majority, when he started out for himself. He had learned shoemaking, and for twenty years worked at the trade in Marion Center and vicinity, and then began farming in East Mahoning township. At the expiration of ten years there he came to Canoe township, buying the farm which he operated until 1910. In that year he moved to Richmond, Pa., which has since continued to be his home.

In 1860 Mr. Miller was married to Mary Jane Work, a daughter of William and Nancy (Brown) Work, of Ligonier Valley, Pa. Mr. Work was one of the pioneers of East Mahoning township, where he was engaged in farming. Mrs. Miller died Dec. 2, 1910, the mother of the following children: Mary Florence, who married Samuel Wineberge, resides in South Mahoning township; D. S., who is a farmer in Canoe township, married Martha Cary; Effie E., who married Milton Sutter, resides at Akron, Ohio; Annie L. married C. W. Bann, of Canoe township. These children were all sent to the district schools.

In September, 1862, Mr. Miller enlisted in Company G, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Indiana, Pa., and was sent to Harrisburg, whence the regiment went to Virginia. They participated in the battle at Harper's Ferry, those of Winchester, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, in front of Petersburg and Monocacy Junction,

besides many other lesser engagements, and Mr. Miller had the misfortune to be taken prisoner July 9, 1864, being held at Danville until March 23d of the year following, when he was discharged. His sufferings cannot be told in mere words, and he will always retain the traces of those terrible days. He is a member of the G. A. R. Post, No. 206, at Richmond. The United Presbyterian Church holds his membership and receives his generous support. For eighteen years Mr. Miller has been the collector of Caneo township, to which office he was elected on the Republican ticket, and he is an earnest upholder of the principles of his party. A good official and desirable citizen, he ranks high in his community.

STEWART S. HAMILTON, a farmer of White township, was born in South Mahoning township, this county, Sept. 20, 1863, son of William W. and Lena A. (Stewart) Hamilton.

Robert Hamilton, grandfather of Stewart S. Hamilton, was one of the early settlers of Indiana county, locating in South Mahoning township, where he became a large land owner.

William W. Hamilton was born in South Mahoning township, while his wife was born in Parkwood, Armstrong township, this county, Sept. 8, 1822. His birth occurred on what was known as the old Allen Hamilton farm, where he grew to manhood, learning to be an agriculturist. In addition to farming he worked at his trade, cabinetmaking, and resided on the farm until his death, which was occasioned by a fall, Aug. 7, 1888, when he was sixty-eight years old. John Stewart, the maternal grandfather of Stewart S. Hamilton, was one of the leading men of Indiana county in pioneer days, and was engaged in farming throughout his mature life. Mrs. Hamilton died Aug. 25, 1905. She and Mr. Hamilton were married Feb. 14, 1850, and children as follows were born to them: Addison, who resides at Akron, Ohio, married Bertha Traugh, of Blair county, Pa., now deceased; Elizabeth married Marshall Stuchel, of East Mahoning township; Martha married J. E. Fulton, of South Mahoning township; Emma R. is a resident of Indiana, Pa.; Miriam E. married S. J. McManus, of Marion Center, Pa.; Flora S. married John Ross, of Rochester Mills, Pa.; Stewart S. is mentioned below; Frank A., who lives on the old homestead in South Mahoning township, married Myra Smith, a native of Indiana county.

Stewart S. Hamilton attended the local schools of South Mahoning township, the Indiana high school and the Indiana State normal, being in the latter institution for two terms. He learned the carpenter's trade in the meanwhile, and worked at it for twelve years, remaining at home. In 1892 he began operating that farm, and so continued until 1905, when he bought his present farm in White township, containing 108 acres, on which he carries on general farming, making a specialty of hog raising, although he also raises other stock. In addition to this property he owns coal interests in South Mahoning township, and is a man of considerable substance.

On Jan. 25, 1905, Mr. Hamilton was married to Emma E. Barnett, who was born in Somerset county, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Mary (Ankeny) Barnett, natives of Somerset county, as was William Barnett, the grandfather. Mr. and Mrs. Barnett came to Armstrong county, Pa., in 1872, settling in Plumcreek township, buying land and cultivating it. In addition, Mr. Barnett worked at his trade, that of carpenter. During the Civil war he served three years as a soldier, enlisting from Somerset county, and participating in the battle of Gettysburg and other engagements, receiving a wound in one battle. Upon his return from the army he resumed his former occupations. Mr. Barnett is still living, residing in Armstrong county, retired from active work.

Mrs. Barnett was the daughter of David Ankeny, who was born in Somerset county, whence he came to Armstrong county many years ago, dying there. Mrs. Barnett died Aug. 25, 1901. She and her husband had thirteen children: Henry F., a resident of Somerset county, a carpenter by trade, who married Sarah Thomas; Sadie C., who married Chauncey Keefer, of Johnstown, Pa.; Charles F., of Somerset county, a farmer, who married Emma Grady, of that county; James M., who married Mary Beuchley, of Somerset county, where he resides; Mrs. Hamilton; Wilson H.; John J., who is deceased; David E., who resides at Indiana, Pa., married to Rose E. Rowland, of Armstrong county; Edwin K., who resides in Armstrong county, married to Alice Thomas, of Somerset county; Martha J., who married Charles E. Stanton, of Somerset county; William W., of Somerset county, who married Elizabeth Pyle, of the same county; Anna, who married Harry Himes, editor of the Kittanning *Tribune*, of

Kittanning; and Mary E., who married J. Frank Russell, a school teacher and farmer of Armstrong county.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have had no children of their own, but adopted a daughter, Helen K. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and are as popular in that organization as they are in their neighborhood generally, for they are estimable people, who deserve the prosperity which has come to them.

ROBERT ALVIN EWING, a farmer of Conemaugh township, this county, was born in that township July 18, 1870, on the homestead of his father, John Ewing. Robert Ewing, his grandfather, married Elizabeth Walker, and was a successful farmer of Conemaugh township.

John Ewing, son of Robert Ewing, and father of Robert Alvin Ewing, was born in Conemaugh township, where he attended the schools of his district, and was brought up to hard work on the farm. He remained with his father until 1860, when he moved to Young township, to the property now owned by Sylvester Kennedy. Here he lived until 1865, when he moved to the property now owned by his heirs, which is a portion of the old John Matthews farm. The property was patented in that name and Mr. Ewing has the original deed in his possession, covering 166 acres. On this place John Ewing carried on farming and stock raising, making a specialty of sheep raising, the remainder of his life, dying Feb. 3, 1905, aged seventy-three years. He became one of the leading men of his locality. A man of broad-minded ideas, he was often called upon for advice and action in township matters, at one time holding the office of bounty collector of Young township. Politically he was a life-long Republican. In boyhood he joined the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church at Lewisville, and not only was a trustee for years, but served on the building committee that had charge of the erection of a new edifice.

John Ewing married Margaret Wilson, a daughter of John and Margaret (Campbell) Wilson. She died Sept. 13, 1887, the mother of children as follows: Elizabeth is living with Robert A. Ewing; Wilson F., who married Elizabeth J. Young, lives at New Kensington, Pa.; Frank died at the age of twenty-seven years; Sarah Jane resides with Robert A. Ewing; Robert A. is mentioned below; Edward Chambers is deceased; Angie Myrta

is deceased; all of those who are deceased are buried in the cemetery connected with Ebenezer Church, in Conemaugh township.

Robert Alvin Ewing attended the district schools and grew up on the farm. Later he went to the academy at Eldersridge, and upon his return home resumed his agricultural occupations, learning farming in all its details. Since coming into possession of the farm he has improved the property, and now carries on general farming and stock raising. A man of progressive ideas, he is conducting his business intelligently and ably and has earned the right to a leading place among the successful agriculturists of Indiana county.

Mr. Ewing married Laura Catherine Pierce, a daughter of John M. and Sarah (McPhearson) Pierce, of South Mahoning township, this county. For the last five years Mr. Ewing has been a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a consistent member, and he is honored in that body as he is in all the relations of life.

JEREMIAH KEITH, general merchant at Grip, in Green township, Indiana county, is a son of Adam and Martha (Good) Keith and grandson of Adam Keith. The latter was a native of York county, Pa., and came to this section at a very early day, settling in Cambria county. By occupation he was a farmer and blacksmith, following those callings in Cambria county to the end of his life. He died Feb. 25, 1849.

Adam Keith, father of Jeremiah Keith, was born in Cambria county, and in 1832 settled on the place in Green township, Indiana county, where his son Jeremiah now lives. He acquired the ownership of this farm, cleared his land and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred Nov. 6, 1882. He married Martha Good, like himself a native of Cambria county, whose father, David Good, came to this county over a hundred years ago; he died in March, 1865. Mrs. Keith passed away Sept. 8, 1878. Adam Keith was the father of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, namely: John, a half brother to the rest, now deceased, who served during the Civil war in Company D, 115th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; David, now deceased; Jacob Liven, deceased, who was also in Company D, 115th P. V. I., during the Civil war; Barbara, deceased; Adam, now living in Green township, who was in Company I, 54th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war; Martha, wife of Daniel Long, of Indiana

county; Jeremiah; Caroline, wife of John Hines, of Blacklick township, this county; Mary, wife of Christopher Lute, of Blacklick township; Daniel, living at Barnesboro, Pa.; Maria, deceased; and Margaret, wife of George Loman.

Jeremiah Keith was born Aug. 19, 1844, in Green township, and there received a common school education. During his boyhood and youth he did farm work on the home place, being thus engaged until he entered the Union service, in 1862, for service in the Civil war. He joined Company D, 115th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the conflict, being mustered out July 20, 1865, at Washington, D. C. Among the battles in which he took part were Gettysburg, Mine Run, Chancellorsville, and Fredericksburg. He was on patrol duty in the city of Washington the night President Lincoln was assassinated, and has been in the old Ford theatre many times. Returning to Indiana county after his discharge from the army, he settled on the home place in Green township, where he has ever since resided, buying the property at the time of his father's death. For the last twenty-six years he has also been engaged in business as a merchant, having a general store at Grip, where he has acquired an extensive and steady patronage. He was postmaster there for twenty-one years, and is well and favorably known in the vicinity, one of the most respected residents of Green township.

On Feb. 26, 1874, Mr. Keith was married to Caroline Johns, a native of Green township, daughter of James and Christina (Lute) Johns, both of whom were born in Indiana county, where their respective families settled at an early day. Mr. Johns was a farmer by occupation. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith: Emma L., Ann Elizabeth and Isaac are deceased, as well as two that died in infancy; Arena is the wife of Bryant Lowman, of Starford, this county; Bertha is the wife of Bert Long, of Green township; Letta is the wife of Myles Snowberger, of East Freedom; Clark Watson is the youngest of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Keith are members of the German Baptist Church. He also belongs to Cherrytree Post, No. 40, G. A. R.

MARY ZENER, who is postmistress and also proprietor of a hotel at Marchand, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in North Mahoning township, this county, June 29, 1863, daugh-

ter of Conrad and Rachel Fredericka (New) Zener, and granddaughter of John and Margaret (Ziegler) Zener.

John Zener, the grandfather, was born in 1794 in Germany and after his first marriage came to the United States, in 1836 settling at Harmony, Beaver Co., Pa. Removing to North Mahoning township, in Indiana county, in 1837, he at one time lived on what is known as the Hicks farm. He died in Illinois in 1864, when almost seventy years of age. His second marriage, which was to Mary Dietrich, took place in Indiana county, and he was the father of five children: John, who married Elizabeth Hess; Conrad; Elizabeth, who married Adam Glasser; and William and Margaret.

Conrad Zener was born in 1830, in Hessen Cassel, Germany, and was six years old when he accompanied his parents to America. He became a farmer and continued in that business during the entire period of his active life. During the Civil war he served as a soldier for four months, being a member of Company B, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. In 1852 he married Rachel Fredericka New, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and accompanied her parents to America when she was a girl thirteen years of age. The following children were born to them: John, who is deceased, married Lydia Pifer, and they lived at Marchand; George died when aged eighteen years; Caroline is the wife of Daniel Mottarn, and they live near Georgeville; Sarah was the wife of Jacob J. Gall; Jacob, who is a resident of Indiana, Pa., married Clara Hershberger; Mary is mentioned below; William, who lives on the old homestead, married Esther Mottarn; Samuel, who lives at Wilkinsburg, Pa., married Allie Orr, of Indiana, Pa.; Annie is the wife of F. J. Moot, of Marchand; Margaret is the wife of J. J. Bollander, of Buffalo. The parents are deceased and buried in Marchand cemetery. They were members of the United Evangelical Church of that place. Mr. Zener was a Republican in his political views.

Mary Zener attended the public schools in North Mahoning township and remained at home, continuing to reside on the farm until 1889, when she came to Marchand, of which village she has ever since been a highly esteemed resident. She conducts her hotel there with much business capacity, and during President Roosevelt's last administration was appointed postmistress, and has had the Bell telephone station ever since the line was

put through the town, about twenty years ago, proving an efficient operator. In December, 1908, her hotel was destroyed by fire with part of the contents, on which she carried no insurance, and she rebuilt in the spring of 1909. Miss Zener is a member of the United Evangelical Church at Marehand and has served as organist for the congregation.

CALVIN M. WORTMAN, who has been proprietor of the "Clawson House" in the borough of Indiana since 1908, was born June 4, 1864, in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, son of John and Elizabeth (Curry) Wortman. His grandfather, Casper Wortman, was born in Germany, and was about forty years old when he came to the United States. After living in the State of New York for a time, he settled in Indiana county, Pa. He was a blacksmith and farmer by occupation.

John Wortman, son of Casper, was born in New York State, and was quite young when his father came to live in Indiana county. Here he received his education in the public schools, and he followed farming throughout his active years. He died in 1901, surviving his wife, who had passed away in 1891. They had three children: Samuel A., Calvin M. and Della, wife of J. L. Dilts. The parents were members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Wortman was a member of the Odd Fellows fraternity.

Calvin M. Wortman received his education in the public schools of Indiana county. He was reared to farming, which he continued to follow until about twenty-eight years old, at which time he engaged in the hotel business at Trade City, this county, continuing same at that location for five years. Selling out, he removed to the borough of Indiana, where he was proprietor of the "Lewis House" for two years. He then went to Punxsutawney, Pa., where he was engaged in the livery business for two years, and then for a year was in the hotel business there. In 1903 he was proprietor of the "Alexander Hotel" in Kittanning, which he ran for one year. Coming to Indiana at the end of that time, he lived retired for a period of four years before resuming business, in 1908 taking charge of the "Clawson House" as proprietor. He enlarged and remodeled the house before opening it in his own name, and it now ranks among the first-class hostelries of this section. It is equipped with modern improvements and conveniences, the offices are com-

modious and elegant, and the accommodations are up-to-date in every particular and kept up to the excellent standard set by Mr. Wortman from the beginning. He has made numerous changes since he became proprietor and in the spring of 1913 installed a steam heating plant and had a tile floor laid. He has had more years of experience than any other hotel man now doing business in Indiana, and he has made a success of his present venture by consistent and unremitting attention to the wants of his patrons. He is popular personally, with a pleasing, social manner which wins him many friends among his guests and adds to the good impression which the good service offered by this house makes upon them. Mr. Wortman is a prominent member of the Hotel Association of Pennsylvania, and fraternally he holds membership in the Elks Lodge, No. 931, at Indiana.

In 1898 Mr. Wortman was married to May L. Frech, daughter of Peter Frech, ex-commissioner of Indiana county. Mrs. Wortman is a member of the Lutheran Church at Indiana.

EVERETT L. CROASMUN, general farmer of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, who during the last quarter of a century has had charge of the old Croasmun homestead, was born on his present farm March 21, 1862, son of Asa and Mary (Robinson) Croasmun. Asa Croasmun, his grandfather, married Mary McHenry.

Asa Croasmun, father of E. L. Croasmun, was born Oct. 1, 1828, in North Mahoning township, and died July 12, 1906; he was buried at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Jefferson county, Pa. He grew up on his father's old place, was there married, and spent his life in agricultural pursuits, becoming well and favorably known in his community. His wife, born April 27, 1830, passed away July 5, 1907, and was also buried in Jefferson county. They were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Croasmun was a Republican; he was elected to a number of township offices. They had a family of nine children, as follows: Hattie, who married Daniel Seiler, and is living in Jefferson county; Elizabeth, who married John Enterline, a carpenter, dairyman and farmer, of Cool Springs, Jefferson county; James A., mayor of Indiana, Pa., mentioned elsewhere in this work; Carrie, wife of H. A. Smith, of Sheffield, Pa.; Everett Lincoln; Augusta, who married C. A. Oberlin, a prominent lumber and mill man of Pensacola, N.

C.; Susie, who married Marion Stevens, an attorney and ranchman of Greenville, Minn.; Isaac, foreman of a brick plant at Altoona, Pa.; and Clarissa, who died when two years old.

Asa Croasmun enlisted in the Union army March 8, 1865, for service during the Civil war, becoming a member of Company K, 104th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was a corporal under Capt. Martin McCarmos, and received his honorable discharge Aug. 25, 1865. He was a hard-working man, cleared up a good deal of land, and became the owner of 102 acres. His health was broken by his unceasing labors, and during the last years of his life he was an invalid. During the early days he was engaged in rafting and lumbering to some extent, but the greater part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with well-deserved success.

Everett Lincoln Croasmun, son of Asa Croasmun, received a common school education, and always remained at home, tenderly caring for his parents during their declining years. He was married July 7, 1887, to Alice Fetterhoff, who was born in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, daughter of George and Christian (Crissman) Fetterhoff, the former of Huntingdon county, and the latter of North Mahoning township. The first of the Fetterhoff family to come to Indiana county was John Fetterhoff, who with his wife, Mary Sprankle, arrived here in 1837. He died Oct. 6, 1867, aged sixty-seven years, nine months, and his wife passed away Jan. 26, 1882, aged seventy-nine years, four days. They had the following children: Susan, who married George Sprankle, of North Mahoning township; Betsy, who married Robert Jordan, of North Mahoning township; Mary, who married Joseph McHenry and (second) John Foust; George, the father of Mrs. Croasmun, and Sarah, deceased, who married Sharatt Sprankle, and lives in North Mahoning township.

George Fetterhoff was but six years of age when brought by his parents to Indiana county, and here he passed the remainder of his life, devoting himself to the cultivation of the soil. He died Sept. 24, 1907, aged seventy-six years, and his wife passed away April 22, 1905, aged seventy-two years. Their children were as follows: Monroe, who is engaged in farming in South Mahoning township; John W., a farmer of North Mahoning township, a complete review of whose career will be found in another part of this work; Ida, who died at the age of six years; Alice, who married

Mr. Croasmun; Minnie, who married Elmer Beck, and lives on the old home place, a sketch of Mr. Beck's life appearing elsewhere; Joseph, a truck farmer of Glendive, Mont.; Nannie, who married Grant Prever, of South Mahoning township; Daniel, living at Charleston, W. Va.; and Clarence, who lives on the old place with Mrs. Beck.

Mr. and Mrs. Croasmun have had four children, namely: Beulah; Paul, who is attending the State Agricultural College, State College, Pa.; Nannie, and Twila. Mr. Croasmun has had charge of the old home place for the last twenty-five years, and has always lived there with the exception of four years during which he was engaged in lumbering in Elk county. General farming and stock raising have received his attention, and the excellent results he has secured from his land testify to his high ability as a farmer. A Republican in his political views, he has served in a number of township offices, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal (White) Church, in Jefferson county. A man highly esteemed for his many admirable qualities, he bears the respect of his neighbors and associates and is entitled to be numbered with the representative men of Indiana county.

CELESTIAN HINES, late of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, was a general farmer and stock raiser, owning a property near Mitchells Mills. He was a member of the board of supervisors of his township. Mr. Hines was born in Cambria county, Pa., May 5, 1853, son of William and Elizabeth (Sanders) Hines. His parents were both born in Germany, from which country his father came as a young man and settled in Cambria county, where he spent the rest of his life in farming, and where his death occurred in 1862, his wife surviving him ten years. There were eight children in their family, as follows: Matilda, who is deceased, was the wife of Charles Farabaugh; John resides in Blacklick, Cambria county; James resides at Crescent, Pa.; Margaret is the wife of John Lynch, of Crescent, Pa.; Joseph is deceased; Kate is the wife of Luke Burgone, of Crescent, Pa.; Celestian is mentioned below: one died in infancy.

The youth of Celestian Hines was spent on his father's farm in Cambria county, and his education obtained in the district schools of the locality. At the age of twenty-two years he left the parental roof and came to Indiana county, settling first at Mitchells Mills, where

he remained for six years. Then he was at Heilwood four years, coming thence to Cherryhill township and purchasing the farm where he made his home, with the exception of one year, until his death—living there twenty-one years. He continued to carry on general farming operations with uniform success, and was known as one of his community's substantial and representative men. He died Aug. 19, 1912, of heart disease, and was buried at Manor.

In 1878 Mr. Hines was married to Susanna Brown, a native of Indiana county, daughter of John Brown. She died the mother of four children: Albert J., of Cherryhill township; Inez, residing at home; Agnes, the wife of Robert Glaspie, of Mitchells Mills; and Camilla, who is deceased. In 1892 Mr. Hines was married (second) to Dessie A. Sickenberger, of Indiana county, daughter of Bastian Sickenberger, who died in 1908; Mrs. Hines' mother passed away when she was a small child. Both her parents were natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hines had four children, Harry, Mary, Lawrence and Esta.

At the time of his death Mr. Hines was serving his township in the capacity of supervisor, a position he ably filled for several years. He was known as a public-spirited citizen, and as a faithful member of the Catholic Church, with which his wife is also connected.

**BENJAMIN F. DONAHEY** (deceased) was a resident of Green township, Indiana county, almost half a century, having moved there with his parents in 1865 from Blacklick township, where he was born Feb. 7, 1849, son of William J. Donahey.

James Donahey, his grandfather, was an early settler in that section of Indiana county, where he owned land and followed farming until his death upon the place where he first located. His wife, who also died on the home farm, was an aunt of Richard B. Clawson. Mr. and Mrs. James Donahey had three sons and three daughters.

William J. Donahey, son of James, was born Sept. 23, 1825, in Blacklick township, where he remained until 1865. He then removed with his family to Green township, and in 1868 settled on the farm there where his son James now lives. He cleared that place and remained there until his death, which occurred Sept. 22, 1889. He married Margaret Davis, who was born in Blacklick township Feb. 22, 1829, and died July 31, 1900. She was one of several children (all now deceased)

born to David Davis, who was a native of Indiana county, lived in Blacklick township, where he bought land and engaged in farming, and died Jan. 31, 1855, at the old home. He was of Scotch ancestry. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Donahey: Benjamin F., born Feb. 7, 1849, is mentioned below; Martha Jane, born March 3, 1851, is deceased; Sarah Ellen, born April 2, 1853, is the wife of William Beck Rice, of Green township; James H., born Aug. 26, 1855, lives in Green township; Edward, born Nov. 25, 1857, lives in Grant township, this county; Frank D., born June 26, 1860, resides at Starford, Indiana county, and is a justice of the peace; Anna Mary, born May 30, 1862, died Feb. 26, 1865; Rachel Emma, born Dec. 6, 1864, is the wife of Wilbert Kidd, of Indiana county; William A., born March 4, 1867, lives at Wilkinsburg; Richard Milton, born Oct. 7, 1869, lives at Starford, and is a carrier in the rural free delivery service.

Benjamin F. Donahey spent his boyhood days in Blacklick township, and came with the family upon their removal to Green township, where he ever afterward made his home. He remained at home helping his father until his marriage. Mr. Donahey was the representative of a substantial and respected family, and was himself one of the most esteemed citizens in his locality. He died Jan. 10, 1913, of paralysis.

On Dec. 4, 1873, Mr. Donahey was married to Rebecca J. Clawson, a native of Blacklick township, this county, daughter of Richard B. and Rachel (Davis) Clawson, both of whom were old residents of Indiana county, the father having been born there, the mother in Connecticut. Mr. Clawson was a notably successful farmer in his day. He died June 22, 1896, his wife in 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Donahey had two children, G. D. and Gussie, both of whom live in Indiana county. G. D. Donahey married Ella McMillen, of Indiana county, and they have two children, Grace and Benjamin. Gussie Donahey is the wife of William Wike, of Green township, and has two children, Viola Rebecca and Veda Elizabeth. Mr. Donahey was a member of the Methodist Church at Dixonville, this county, to which Mrs. Donahey also belongs.

**GEORGE ANDREW MINSER**, a farmer of East Mahoning township, was born in Bell township, Jefferson Co., Pa., Dec. 17, 1859, son of Mark Minser. The family is of German extraction, the grandfather of George Andrew Minser having come from Germany

and settled in Lawrence county, Pa., at an early day.

Mark Minser was born in Lawrence county, Pa., and was given few opportunities to attend school, teaching himself to read and write after growing to manhood. Having learned the plasterer's trade, he moved in the fifties to Bell township, in Jefferson county, following that calling and working in sawmills as occasion offered. In 1864, seeing better opportunities in Indiana county, he came here, and locating in Grant township formed a partnership with Samuel Raleigh for the purpose of manufacturing lumber, carrying on that business for some years. Later he began farming in Green township, buying fifty-three acres, and spent the remainder of his life in operating same and raising stock. He made improvements upon his farm, where he died Nov. 22, 1894, aged sixty-eight years. He was buried in Rayne township cemetery. While an earnest Republican, he did not seek office. For many years he belonged to the German Baptist Church and became a local preacher, and although self-taught was very eloquent, speaking with homely fervor that had a remarkable effect upon his congregations. Mr. Minser did not content himself with preaching only, but lived out his faith in his life and brought many into the church.

He was married in Lawrence to Elizabeth Stanley, a daughter of Andrew Stanley, and she survives him, living in Green township, where she finds consolation in the German Baptist Church, of which she, too, is a faithful member. Mr. and Mrs. Minser had the following children: Alfred W. is a farmer of Grant township; Sarah married John Johnson, of Grant township, and is now deceased; Mary married Sylvester McMillen, of Montgomery township; John D. lives near the homestead in Green township; George Andrew is mentioned below; Ella married John Lycock, of Green township; Anna married John Rice, of Marion Center; Mark is deceased; Samuel is postmaster in Arcadia, Pennsylvania.

George Andrew Minser was five years old when the family migration occurred, and he grew to manhood in Indiana county, attending the local schools. Until he was eighteen years old he worked with his father in the lumber business, and then began clerking at Deekers Point for Hon. Horace J. Thompson, with whom he remained for two years. After this he worked in the lumber regions during the winter, and on farms in Clearfield county in the summer, receiving one dollar a day for his

services. Later he engaged with David Short for \$12.50 per month and remained with him two years, and then went to another farmer, Isaac Seerest, of Rayne township. After a year he returned to his former employer, receiving \$15 per month, and remained with him until he had saved sufficient money to buy a farm in Green township, known as the Fred Glasser farm. This property comprised 122 acres and he and his brother Alfred operated it together for a year, when Mr. Minser purchased the interest of his partner, assuming a debt of \$2,500. He continued to conduct this property until 1904, when he sold and came to East Mahoning township, where he bought the William Mabon farm. Here he has since continued, being engaged in general farming and stock raising, and has developed a valuable property and firmly established himself as one of the reliable agriculturists of his section. A Republican, he has served as a school director, and during the five years he was on the board was president of it two years. For two years he was treasurer of the road funds and secretary as well. For two more years he was a member of the Republican township central committee. His rule of life has been that of giving the other man the same kind of deal he wants from him, and he is satisfied with this simple religious creed.

In 1891 Mr. Minser was married to Tena Whitier, who was born in Armstrong county, a daughter of Joseph Whitier. She died in 1894, leaving two children, Clyde and Clair. Mr. Minser was subsequently married (second) to Amanda Phillips, a daughter of Jacob Phillips, of Green township, and they have become the parents of these children: Mark, who died in childhood; Ralph; David; Catherine, and Harry. Mrs. Minser belongs to the German Baptist Church, and is a most excellent woman.

CHARLES WILLIAM ELBEL, farmer of Banks township, Indiana county, was born Oct. 11, 1862, in Jefferson county, Pa., son of Charles Edward and Regina (Reno) Elbel. The father, a native of Saxony, Germany, came to this country in 1848, and lived a number of years in Jefferson county. The mother was a native of Pennsylvania. They came to Indiana county about 1866, settling in Banks township, and for about ten years Mr. Elbel continued to follow his trade, that of tanner, later engaging in lumbering and farming. He became a much respected citizen of his community, and was elected to the office of school director, in which he served efficiently.



He died in 1905, and his wife is still living, in Banks township, now (1912) aged seventy-four years. They had a family of ten children, of whom two are deceased, the survivors being: Mary; George Henry, who is a farmer of Banks township, Indiana county; Maggie, now Mrs. Herman Bowers, of Clearfield, Pa. (Mr. Bowers is a contractor and builder); Sarah Emma, wife of James A. McKee, a farmer of Banks township; Theresa Jane, wife of Clyde Frampton, a stationary engineer, of Big Run, Pa.; Bertha, wife of Bert Bee, a carpenter, of Rossiter, Pa.; Ida M., wife of Earl V. Bowers, a merchant, of Banks township; and Charles William.

Charles William Elbel obtained his education in the country schools and was reared to farming, remaining on the home place with his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years. At that time he married and began farming for himself, having lived at his present home since his marriage, and he has succeeded so well in his agricultural operations that he now owns a valuable farm of 147 acres in Banks township. He has taken an interest in the public welfare and has served two terms as school director, doing good work in that capacity. Politically he is a Democrat.

On May 5, 1887, Mr. Elbel was married to Margaret E. Shields, of Canoe township, Indiana county, daughter of W. H. and Sarah (Martin) Shields, and of the ten children born to them one died in infancy and Flossie L. (born Aug. 12, 1891) when five years old. The eight survivors are: Harold Ray, born Sept. 29, 1888; Martin Luther, born June 25, 1893; Paul Ernest, born Sept. 17, 1895; Carl Bryan, born June 24, 1897; Joseph Edward, born April 25, 1899; Mary Edna, born Aug. 12, 1901; Margaret Alda, born Feb. 21, 1903; and Marion Zula, born Jan. 1, 1909. All are still at home. Mr. Elbel is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

DAVID J. PRICE, civil and mining engineer, for several years a resident of Clymer, Indiana county, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., March 27, 1884, a son of James and Anna (Vaughn) Price, and a grandson of James Price and David Vaughn. His grandfathers were both natives of Wales. They came to America in early manhood, both were mine operators, and both settled at Ashland, in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

James Price (2), son of James and father of David J. Price, has been a mine man all his life and at present is a mine operator; he still lives at Ashland. His family con-

sisted of four sons and four daughters: David J., Gertrude M., Anna, Robert, Earl, Elizabeth, John Earl and Margaret, all surviving except Earl.

David J. Price was educated at Ashland, Pa., and was graduated from the Ashland high school in 1900, later attending the Bloomsburg State normal school. After preparing himself for civil and mining engineering his first position was with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, with which concern he remained for two years, afterward practicing engineering in Cambria county for one year. After coming to Indiana county, in 1903, he surveyed coal properties in Green, Rayne, and Cherryhill townships, prospecting for coal and opening the mines in that vicinity. In 1905 he surveyed and laid out the town of Clymer, afterward assisting in its organization. He then became the city engineer, and also mining engineer for two large coal companies, Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation and Pioneer Coal Company, and was also interested in the Clymer Brick and Fire Clay Companies. In April, 1912, he went to Pittsburg, where he is now connected with the United States Bureau of Mines, as assistant mining engineer, Pittsburg district. Mr. Price is a wide-awake business man and is considered very competent in his profession.

On Sept. 30, 1908, Mr. Price was married, at Ashland, Pa., to Esther B. Leib, and they have one son, David G., who was born Jan. 27, 1910. Mrs. Price was born at Ashland, Pa., March 17, 1884, and is a daughter of George and Margaret (Bevan) Leib.

George Leib was born at Ashland, Pa., and died there in 1906. He was a blacksmith and wheelwright by trade, and a well-known and respected citizen. His wife survives, as do their children, viz.: Harry, who is a resident of Ashland; William S., who is resident Clerk of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg and formerly was assistant United States treasurer at Philadelphia; Margaret, who is the wife of George Evans, of Philadelphia; Mary, who is the wife of Edward F. Durkin, of Ashland; Florence, widow of Frank Lentz, of Ashland; Cora, who is the wife of Lewis Krehbs, of Ashland; and Mrs. Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Price are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mr. Price was superintendent of the first Sunday school at Clymer and later of the Methodist Sunday school there, and also president of Clymer Sunday school district, No. 3, comprising Green, Pine and Cherryhill townships. He

assisted in organizing the first Union Sunday school and also the Methodist Church and advanced Clymer district, No. 3, to one of the highest in the State. He is a Knight Templar Mason and Shriner, belonging to Lodge No. 313, F. & A. M., at Indiana; Royal Arch Chapter No. 228, Clearfield; Moshannon Commandery No. 74, at Philipsburg, and the Mystic Shrine at Altoona.

ENOS ELI BLACKBURN, manager of the Heilwood Dairy Farms, at Heilwood, in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Bedford county, Pa., Sept. 14, 1891, son of Jason Blackburn, grandson of Enos Blackburn and great-grandson of John A. Blackburn.

(I) John A. Blackburn was one of the early settlers of Bedford county, Pa., where he became a farmer and prosperous citizen, dying upon his rural property.

(II) Enos Blackburn, son of John A. Blackburn, was born in 1830, and is still enjoying the best of health. He is the owner of 200 acres of valuable land in Bedford county, Pa., and was engaged in agricultural pursuits all of his active life. By his marriage to Content Garretson, a member of a prominent Quaker family of eastern Pennsylvania, he had one son, Jason. Enos Blackburn married for his second wife Mary Mickle, and they had five children: Isaac, Charles, Charity, Sarah Jane and Ellen. Mr. Blackburn was drafted during the Civil war, but was not called into service.

(III) Jason Blackburn, son of Enos Blackburn, was born on his father's homestead in Bedford county, Pa., and attended the schools of his neighborhood. Later he taught school for fifteen years in Bedford county, during the first eleven years teaching in winter and running his father's farm in summer. He then bought a farm, his present place (about five miles from his father's property), and devoted himself to its cultivation for a period of ten years. He then resumed teaching, which he followed for four years more, at the end of that time turning his entire attention to farming again. His two sons, who had run the farm during his last period of teaching and attended public school, in the meantime left home to secure a higher education at the schools of the immediate locality afforded. Jason Blackburn married Hannah Darlington Hoopes, a daughter of Albert H. and Deborah (Darlington) Hoopes, who was born near Westchester, Chester Co., Pa., coming from a fine family of that locality. The

following children were born to Jason Blackburn and wife: Caroline D., Amy C., J. Albert, Enos E., Jessie R. and Helen M.

(IV) Enos E. Blackburn attended the public schools of Bedford county and the Westchester State normal school, and then became a student at the Pennsylvania State College, taking a special course in dairying, being graduated therefrom in 1912. In June of that year he came to Heilwood, Indiana county, to assume the management of the dairy farms at this place, which position he still holds. He belongs to his college fraternity, Beta Alpha Sigma, and to the State College Y. M. C. A., the largest college Y. M. C. A. in the United States. Like his father he is a member of the Society of Friends. In the full flush of young manhood, intelligent and carefully trained, Mr. Blackburn is giving his company efficient and conscientious service and bids fair to develop into one of the leading men of his locality.

JOHN WILSON FETTERHOFF, a farmer of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born on the old Fetterhoff homestead in that township Nov. 13, 1859, son of George and Christian (Crissman) Fetterhoff. John Fetterhoff was the founder of the family in Indiana county, coming here in 1837 and settling on a farm in what is now North Mahoning township, where he cleared off his land and made a comfortable home, dying there Oct. 6, 1867, aged sixty-seven years. He married Mary Sprankle, who survived him until Jan. 26, 1882, dying aged seventy-nine years, four days. John Fetterhoff and his wife had children as follows: Susan, who married George Sprankle, of North Mahoning township; Betsey, who married Robert Jordan, of North Mahoning township; Mary, who married James McHenry and (second) John Foust; George; and Sarah, now deceased, who married Sharret Sprankle, who is living in North Mahoning township.

George Fetterhoff was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., while his wife was a native of North Mahoning township, this county. He died Sept. 24, 1907, aged seventy-six years, and she died April 22, 1905, aged seventy-two years. Their children were: Monroe, who is a farmer of South Mahoning township; John Wilson; Minnie, who married Elmer Beck, and lives on the old homestead; Alice, who married E. L. Croasmun, of North Mahoning township, spoken of at greater length elsewhere in this work; Joseph, a truck farmer of Montana; Nannie, who married

Grant Pierce, of South Mahoning township; Daniel, who lives at Charleston, W. Va.; and Clarence, who lives on the old homestead with Mrs. Beck.

John Wilson Fetterhoff received only a common school education, and remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, at which time he began working for outsiders. After his marriage, in 1885, he farmed on his father's homestead for four years, and then located in West Mahoning township, where he bought forty-five acres of land, but soon thereafter sold that property and purchased the Gamble place in North Mahoning township. This property comprises 140 acres, which he has improved until it is very valuable, and he carries on general farming. Politically a Republican, he has never aspired to public office. The Lutheran Church of Trade City holds his membership.

On Sept. 17, 1885, Mr. Fetterhoff was married to Ida E. Dormire, who was born near Eddyville, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob Dormire, of North Mahoning township. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fetterhoff: Albert G., who is a photographer of Dayton, Pa., married Millie Rumbaugh, and they have one son, Roy; Lincoln M. is at home; Clair is also at home.

JAMES WISSINGER, of Rayne township, Indiana county, was born in Cherryhill township, this county, March 1, 1847, son of John and Margaret (Harshman) Wissinger, and is a member of the fourth generation of his family in this country. Ludwig Wissinger came to America from Germany in an early day. His son, Daniel Wissinger, the grandfather of James Wissinger, was a farmer by occupation, and made his home in Cambria county, this State.

John Wissinger, son of Daniel, was born April 4, 1814, in Cambria county, Pa., and died July 19, 1888. He was a potter, and followed that trade all his life, living and dying in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa. By his first marriage, to Sarah Snyder, he had a family of five children, four sons and one daughter, viz.: Samuel, who is deceased; Elizabeth (Mrs. Marsh), of Johnstown, Pa.; W. T., a farmer of Rayne township; B. F., deceased, who was a resident of Lorain, Ohio (he was in the Union service during the Civil war, was captured at Harper's Ferry, and was confined in Libby prison, being incarcerated there at the same time as Judge White); and Andrew, who died at Fort Dodge, Iowa. Mr. Wissinger's second marriage was to Mar-

garet Harshman, by whom he had three children: James; Etta J. (Mrs. Hess), of Johnstown; and John A., of New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

On Oct. 10, 1867, Mr. James Wissinger was united in marriage with Susanna Lambing, who was born Nov. 27, 1847, daughter of John and Margaret (Shirly) Lambing, of Cherryhill township, this county, and died Feb. 23, 1905. Six children were born to this marriage: Robert, born Aug. 18, 1868, now engaged in farming in East Mahoning township, this county; Margaret Elizabeth Jane, born May 6, 1870, who lives at home; George A., born Jan. 19, 1873, now a farmer and stock dealer, living in East Mahoning township; Harvey E., born Dec. 10, 1876, who is engaged in the lumber business and lives in Green township; John I., born July 23, 1881, who died in infancy; and Franklin Blair, born Aug. 22, 1884, now a farmer in Rayne township.

Mr. Wissinger attends the M. E. Church at Marion Center, and takes an active part in its work, at present serving as district steward. Politically he is a member of the Republican party, and he has been associated with the local government in several different capacities, having been supervisor for one term, roadmaster, etc.

EDWARD EMPFIELD, of Indiana, proprietor of the "New Indiana Hotel," belongs to a family of German origin which has long been settled in Pennsylvania, the earlier generations in this country living in the eastern part of the State. Thence Peter Empfield, grandfather of Edward Empfield, came to Indiana county during the early years of the nineteenth century. He was born in eastern Pennsylvania, and died in 1872, aged eighty-four years, in Cherryhill township, where he had followed his trade of carpenter and millwright. He did such work in many sections of Indiana county during his active life, and his later years were spent among his children, who cared for their parents in their old age. Mr. Empfield was buried in the Lutheran church cemetery. He was twice married, and by his first wife, whose name is not known, had three children: Margaret (who married John Coy), George and John. His second marriage was to Mary Hart, and their children were: Isaac; Nancy, who married Henry Wike, of Pine township; Sarah, who married Cyrus Dunn; Alexander, who died in Missouri; Henry, living in Missouri; Simon, deceased; Martha, deceased, who mar-

ried John Green; William Harrison, now living retired in Brushvalley township, Indiana county; and Caroline, who died unmarried. The mother died while living with her children and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Brushvalley.

Isaac Empfield, son of Peter, was born Nov. 20, 1818, in Brushvalley township, Indiana county. He was quite young when his parents located at Penn Run, Indiana county, where he grew up and received his education, attending the local public school. For several years he followed farming in Cherryhill township, and became an extensive land owner, his holdings amounting to about six hundred acres. Besides managing and supervising his home property he kept a hotel and livery stable at Penn Run for many years, being proprietor of the hotel at the time of his death, which occurred July 5, 1873. His home was at that place from the time he was a young man, and he was one of the successful and influential citizens of his section. He was a Republican and a Presbyterian, and active in both political and religious matters in his locality. Mr. Empfield married Clarissa Churchill, who survives him, making her home at Penn Run, and though over eighty she is very active. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Their family consisted of eight children: Elizabeth, wife of C. C. Emiglo; Margaret A., wife of W. C. Pattison; Ella, who married Rev. D. C. Pattee, an Episcopal minister (he is now deceased); Kate E., wife of Charles A. Jenks, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Charles W.; Albert F.; Frank T., deceased; and Edward.

Edward Empfield began his education in the public schools and also attended the East-man business college, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and the Indiana State normal school, graduating from both institutions. When a young man he engaged in the drug business, at Cresson, Pa., continuing thus for about four years. At the end of that time, in 1901, he organized the First National Bank of Cresson and became cashier of that institution, holding that position for the next five years. In 1906 he came to Indiana, where he bought and remodeled (practically rebuilt) the "New Indiana Hotel," which he has since successfully conducted. He modernized the building in every respect, and has seventy-five handsomely furnished rooms, many of them with private baths. The hotel is centrally located, at Sixth and Philadelphia streets, and is a substantial five-story brick structure well adapted for the purpose. His

house is popular priced and well patronized by the traveling public, and Mr. Empfield has the faculty of retaining as well as attracting trade.

In 1900 Mr. Empfield married Mary E. Fowler, daughter of James Fowler, of Penn Run, and they have one child, Edward. Mr. Empfield holds a life membership in Lodge No. 102, B. P. O. Elks, of Altoona, Pa.; Ebensburg Lodge, No. 312, F. & A. M.; Williamsport Consistory (thirty-second degree), of which he was a charter member; and Jaffa Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

JOHN GEORGE THOMPSON, now living retired at Grafton, was during his active years engaged in farming in Blacklick township, Indiana county. He was born there April 24, 1843, son of George Thompson, and is a great-grandson of John Thompson, the first of the family in Indiana county, known as "drover John." He married Mary Cain, and to their union were born the following children: John; Rosanna, who married William Hanna; Sarah, who married William Hopkins; Margaret, who married John Crusan; William, who married Mary Brady; George C., who married Elizabeth Davis; and Robert.

John Thompson, son of John and Mary (Cain) Thompson, was a farmer of Blacklick township, where his life was spent. He married Eleanor Davis, and had children: John; William; George; James; David; Samuel, who married Sarah Clawson; Christopher, who settled in Clarion county, Pa.; Jane, wife of Adam Creamer; and Margaret, wife of Dr. John Bennett, a prominent physician of Erie, Pennsylvania.

George Thompson, son of John and Eleanor (Davis) Thompson, was born in Blacklick township about 1812. What education he acquired was obtained in the subscription schools of that time. He began to help at home in early boyhood, and was thus engaged until he reached manhood, when he went to work in Campbell's mills, on Blacklick creek, for some time. Then he started farming on the homestead on his own account, buying out the interest of the other members of the family, and here continued to live the rest of his life. His farm contained over one hundred acres. He was a staunch Democrat, and took a live interest in his township and its public affairs, serving as supervisor for many years, school director, and tax collector for many years. His religious connection was

with the M. E. Church. He died on the homestead in 1873, and was buried in Hope-well cemetery. Mr. Thompson was twice married, his first wife, Eliza (Clawson), daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Morehead) Clawson, dying when about twenty-five years of age. For his second wife he married Ruth Clawson, daughter of Samuel and Ann (Donahue) Clawson. There were four children by the first marriage and twelve by the second, namely: Sarah died when sixteen years old; John George is mentioned below; James married Hannah Houston, of Blacklick, Burrell township; Eliza married Josiah C. Houston, and lived in Johnstown; (and by the second marriage) Eleanor married John McIntyre and resides in Blairsville; Richard C. was next in the family; Margaret Ann married Milton Stump; Elizabeth died young; Mary married Ollie Frizzle, and lived at Wentworth, S. Dak.; Nancy Emma died when seventeen years old; Charles B. married Nettie Spires and lives in Blairsville; William married Agnes Hoag, and lives at Josephine, Pa.; Maria married Harry Boyle and lives at Allegheny City, Pa.; Malinda married James Starrie and resides at Blairsville, Pa.; Tillie died young; David married Catherine Gascill, and lives at Blairsville.

John George Thompson, son of George and Eliza (Clawson) Thompson, was born in Blacklick township and attended the Yankee Hill school there. He remained on the farm with his father until 1864, when he enlisted, in September, in Company D, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Col. Hugh J. Brady, of Indiana county, and Capt. W. C. Gordon. Proceeding to the front he was attached to the 18th Corps, then near Bermuda Hundred, soon after moving to the north side of the James river and being assigned to duty with the engineer corps that built Fort Brady, north of Dutch Gap. In the latter part of October the command was assigned to the 3d Brigade, 1st Division, 10th Corps, and went into winter quarters, being engaged principally in drill and routine camp duty. Upon the reorganization of the army corps the 206th was assigned to the 24th Corps and continued on duty with the Army of the James, under General Ord. During the spring campaign the regiment was ordered to remain in camp, doing provost duty, and upon the evacuation of Richmond was the first to enter the Southern capital, where it did provost duty. Later it was on similar duty at Lynchburg. Mr. Thompson continued in the army until the close of the war, the period of his

service being ten months, four days. He was discharged in June, 1865, in Richmond, and returning home again took up farming. The two years following he spent on the George Compton farm; then for four years was on the Turner farm, which he rented, and at the end of that period returned to the homestead, on the hill near Muddy run. From the time his father died he farmed there for himself, having a tract of ninety-six acres where he carried on general farming and stock raising. He erected a frame house and barn, and in other respects also made extensive improvements on the place, which bears many evidences of his excellent management. Mr. Thompson has now retired from active work, living in Grafton, on Blacklick creek, and the farm is conducted by his son Harry W. Thompson.

In his early life Mr. Thompson supported the principles of the Democratic party, later became associated with the Greenback party, and of late years has allied himself with the Socialist party, of which he is a strong supporter. He and his wife are members of Hopewell M. E. Church, but now attend the M. E. Church at Black Lick.

On Oct. 6, 1866, Mr. Thompson married Emeline McCoy, of Indiana, Ill., daughter of Church and Mary Jane (McCardell) McCoy. They have had two children, Harry Willett and Iola, the daughter residing with her parents. Harry Willett Thompson now farms the homestead. He married Elizabeth Jones, and they had three children, John G., Carson Wendel and Edna May.

WILLIAM W. ADAMS, deceased, a veteran of the Civil war, blacksmith and farmer of Indiana county, was born in Somerset, Pa., in August, 1828, and was the only child of his parents. His mother, whose maiden name was Mary Weaver, first married Jacob Schaffer, by whom she had two children, Christianna and John.

William W. Adams was reared to manhood in Somerset, and there learned the blacksmith's trade besides obtaining his education in the country schools. As a young man he came to Brushvalley, Indiana county, where he worked at his trade, and was married there Feb. 23, 1874, to Mrs. Amanda (Fee) Mikesell, of Brushvalley township, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Mahon) Fee. Mr. and Mrs. Adams commenced housekeeping at Mechanicsburg, but later removed to a farm of 140 acres, which, it was subsequently discovered, was underlaid with coal. Mr. Adams

served in a Pennsylvania regiment of volunteer infantry during the Civil war, and had the middle finger of his right hand shot off while in battle. He was a Republican in his political views, and a staunch member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His death occurred Feb. 23, 1886, and he was buried at Mechanicsburg, Indiana county.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams had a family of three children: Jennie, who married John McNeelge, of Sharon, Pa.; Lillian, who lives at home; and Dora, residing in Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Adams was born on her father's farm in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, and attended the country schools of her native place. She was first married to Jeremiah W. Mikesell, a farmer, by whom she had one child, Sarah, now wife of C. A. Campbell, a school teacher of Conemaugh. Mrs. Adams still resides in the borough of Indiana, at No. 528 Chestnut street, where she is very well known and has many warm personal friends.

MARTIN H. DICK is a native of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, and has lived on his present farm there for twenty-five years. He was born Dec. 1, 1861, son of Jacob P. Dick, and grandson of John Dick, who came to this county at an early day and bought land which he cleared and cultivated; he resided thereon until his death, which occurred when he was forty-four years old.

Jacob P. Dick was born in Blair county, Pa., but was reared in Indiana county, followed farming all his active life in Cherryhill township, and died in 1900. In 1863 he married Elizabeth Hoover, and the following children were born to them: Margaret, who is now deceased; David H., of Cherryhill township; George, who lives near Greenville, Indiana county; Andrew and John, both of whom are deceased; Nancy, wife of Benjamin Bowers, of Martinsburg, Pa.; and Martin H., who lives in Cherryhill township. By his second marriage Jacob P. Dick had seven children, the survivors being: William, who lives in Iowa; James, of Johnstown, Pa.; Jacob M., who is on the old homestead; and Frank, living with his mother at Greenville, Pennsylvania.

Martin H. Dick was educated in Cherryhill township and began farm work during his boyhood, helping at home. In his early manhood he also became engaged in lumbering, but he has devoted his time to farming exclusively for many years, in 1887 buying the place in Cherryhill township where he has since made his home. He is a well-to-do

farmer, and takes an interest in the welfare of the community as well as in the success of his own affairs, being public-spirited about supporting worthy movements of all kinds. He has served two terms as overseer of the poor in Cherryhill township. In politics he is a Republican. He and his family belong to the M. E. Church.

In July, 1887, Mr. Dick was married in Cherryhill township to Amanda McKendrick, who was born in that township, daughter of John and Amanda (McKendrick), old settlers of Indiana county, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Dick died Jan. 22, 1904, the mother of two children: Thomas W., who is now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mary E., who lives at home. On Feb. 19, 1907, Mr. Dick married (second) Mrs. Jennie B. Miller, who was born in Rayne township, Indiana county, daughter of Josiah and Charity Ann (McKeown) Clawson, who settled in that township at an early day. Mr. Clawson became a farmer in Cherryhill township; he and his wife are now deceased.

WILLIAM E. CRAMER, junior member of the firm of Kneedler & Cramer, blacksmiths and wagonmakers of Cherrytree, was born in Curwensville, Pa., Sept. 14, 1871, a son of Eli V. and Mary J. (Stansberry) Cramer, and grandson of Isaac and Sarah Cramer. The Cramer family is of Dutch ancestry, but the exact date of its founding in America is not known.

Eli V. Cramer was born at Trenton, N. J., and later moved to Philadelphia, where he resided for a time, thence going to Spruce Creek, Huntingdon Co., Pa., where he married (first) Susanna Wait. They had four children: Howard, Wilson, and Mary and Martha, twins. After the death of his first wife Mr. Cramer married (second) Mary J. Stansberry, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., daughter of Richard and Jane (Simpson) Stansberry, natives of Huntingdon county, and granddaughter of John Stansberry, who came of English ancestry. The latter married Maria Cobert, a native of the eastern part of Pennsylvania. Robert Simpson, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Cramer, was of Irish ancestry. The marriage of Eli V. Cramer and his second wife took place at Spruce Creek Aug. 1, 1865, and following that event they went to Curwensville, Clearfield county, where they remained about eight years, thence moving to Jefferson county, and then to Cherrytree, where they arrived in 1881. Mr. Cramer died here in

1898, but his widow survives and makes her home with a daughter in Cherrytree. He served in the army during the Mexican war, and was a brave soldier. By trade he was a mechanic. He and his wife had the following family: Harry O., who lives in Clearfield county; R. H., who is a physician and surgeon of Cambridge, Ohio; J. H., who is the proprietor of the Cramer Printing Company, of Crafton, Pa.; William E.; Victor E., who is a farmer of Montgomery township; Blanche, who is the wife of Andrew Jackson, of Butler, Pa.; Walter G., who is in a printing business at Burgettstown, Washington Co., Pa.; Annie, who lives at Altoona, Pa.; Zoe, who is the wife of William Hoffman, of Crafton, Pa.; Edwin O., clerk and bookkeeper for the Hastings Coal & Coke Company, of Cherrytree; Paul, deceased; and Lela, who is with her mother.

(III) William E. Cramer was educated at Cherrytree, where he attended the local schools. At an early age he embarked in the lumbering business at Cherrytree, and operated also in the northern part of the State for some years. In 1902 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and still continues with that concern in addition to managing the details of his own business. In September, 1911, the firm of Kneedler & Cramer was started for the purpose of manufacturing and repairing wagons and doing all kinds of blacksmithing, Mr. Cramer being the junior member. The quality of the work turned out is such as to gain and hold patronage, and the firm is well recommended over a wide territory. Both partners are practical men, and their policy is to give everyone a fair deal at reasonable prices.

In 1907 Mr. Cramer was united in marriage to Bertha Wassam, who was born in Montgomery township, this county, daughter of Peter W. Wassam, whose history appears elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Cramer have become the parents of two children, Paul W. and Beatrice Wilda.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and is auditor of his lodge.

JOHN W. DAUGHERTY, a carpenter of White township, Indiana county, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born near Saltsburg, in Westmoreland county, Pa., July 4, 1837, son of John and Elizabeth (Walthers) Daugherty. His paternal grandfather was William Daugherty.

John Daugherty died when his son, John W. Daugherty, was seventeen years old, in 1854, and his wife died when she was forty-five years old.

John W. Daugherty was early thrown on his own resources, and in 1848 went to Richland county, Ohio, where he began learning the carpenter's trade in 1853. He returned to Pennsylvania and followed his trade, also engaging in farming. As occasion has demanded he has worked as a cabinetmaker and built houses and barns, showing decided skill in all his operations. On Sept. 10, 1861, Mr. Daugherty enlisted in Company D, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until his honorable discharge on Sept. 11, 1865, having been a brave and efficient soldier.

On May 3, 1863, Mr. Daugherty was married to Annie Fernsworth, by whom he had the following children: Jennie, Benton, Muntie, Gwinnie Ann and Charles P. Mrs. Daugherty died Oct. 18, 1892, and Mr. Daugherty married (second) Mrs. Hannah (Bricker) Kesell. On Oct. 9, 1907, he married (third) Mrs. James McGeary.

Mr. Daugherty belongs to the Baptist Church, to which he gives generous support. He is proud of the fact that he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln.

GEORGE FORNEY ROWE, a farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born in Rayne township, this county, June 7, 1864, on the Giles Stevens farm, a son of John I. and Lucinda (Bence) Rowe.

George Rowe, the first of this line in the United States, came to this country from Germany.

George Rowe (2), son of George Rowe, above, married Betsy Stumpf.

John I. Rowe, son of George Rowe (2), located on a farm in Rayne township, this county.

George Forney Rowe was brought up in Rayne township and learned farming while attending school. As he was a natural mechanic he has always been handy with tools. Until he was sixteen years old he remained at home, and then began working among the farmers of his neighborhood, thus continuing until his marriage, when he located on the J. M. Guthrie farm, in Cherryhill township. After eight years' residence there he bought the Lockard farm, in Green township, and spent eight years upon that property. At the expiration of that period he bought his present farm of ninety-eight acres in Arm-

strong township, where he carried on general farming.

On Feb. 13, 1890, Mr. Rowe was married to Luna Viola Nupp, who was born near Purchase Line, Indiana Co., Pa., a daughter of Cyrus and Cynthia (Kingsley) Nupp. Mrs. Rowe was educated in the local schools of her neighborhood and the Purchase Line academy, and began teaching school when eighteen years old at the Mumau school in Green township, being later placed in charge of the school at Dixonville. She also taught the Tanoma and McKee schools. Her father was born in Somerset county, Pa. On the maternal side of the family she is descended from English stock.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have had children as follows: Zula Violet, who married L. M. Carnahan; Ross Emerson; Erma D.; Gaynell G.; Bruce M.; Hale B.; Manson B., who is deceased; Logan S.; Sears M., deceased; and Lincoln G. Mr. Rowe is not connected with any religious denomination; Mrs. Rowe is a member of the Methodist Church.

JOHN W. KERR has recently moved to the borough of Indiana, where he is living in retirement after a long and active career as a contractor, in which line he did an extensive and successful business for many years. Mr. Kerr was born May 23, 1830, at Smicksburg, Indiana Co., Pa., son of Charles and Isabelle (Hunter) Kerr and grandson of Valentine and Ann (Barr) Kerr, who were natives of Germany and Scotland, respectively. The grandparents lived and died in Armstrong township, Indiana county, where they reared their children on the farm. They had children: Mary, Joseph, Samuel, John, Charles, Hannah, James and Thomas.

Charles Kerr, father of John W. Kerr, was a carpenter by trade. He lived and worked at various places, the family moving around a great deal, and he died in Green township, Indiana county, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife died there at the age of eighty-four. They had children as follows: Jane, Mrs. William Heflefinger, now deceased; Hannah, Mrs. Aaron Lockard, deceased; William, who lives at Cairo, Ill.; John W.; Lovina, deceased, who was Mrs. Henry Buterbaugh, of Green township; Ann, Mrs. James Reesman, of Clarion county, Pa.; Mary, Mrs. Isaac Salsgiver, deceased; Charles, a veteran of the Civil war, who died in Fayette county, Pa.; and Isabella, Mrs. John Laney, deceased.

John W. Kerr went to the country schools in his boyhood, attending under Rankin G.

Laughlin. His father was not only a thorough carpenter, but he was also skilled at cabinetmaking and wheelwrighting, and made spinning wheels. John W. Kerr learned all such work under his able instruction, and followed his trades at the various localities where he lived until his enlistment, on Feb. 13, 1864, in the Signal Corps of the United States army, with which he served for eighteen months, until after the close of the Civil war. Returning home, his first wife died, and he moved to Green township, living with his parents one year. He then remarried, and moved to Grant township, settling near Purchase Line, where he made his home for forty-five years on a twelve-acre tract which he owned. He carried on work at his trades as a contractor, and did an excellent business, his conscientious and skillful work winning him patrons for many miles around. He continued to be thus actively engaged until after the death of his second wife, when, in 1911, he retired and moved into the borough of Indiana; he still owns the twelve acres in Grant township. He has led an upright and useful life, and is a man who holds the esteem of all who know him.

In 1854 Mr. Kerr married (first) in Armstrong county Mary Kunkel, and they located on Plum creek, in Armstrong county, living there for one year. In 1857 they moved to the old Mitchell farm in Plumcreek township, Armstrong county, and subsequently on the James Armstrong farm, which Mr. Kerr cultivated for one year. After this they moved about, living at various places, until he entered the army. Soon after his return home his wife died, in February, 1866, and he went to live with his parents in Green township. In the latter part of 1866 he was married (second) to Nancy McAlester, and they settled in Grant township, at the place near Purchase Line previously mentioned, where they resided until Mrs. Kerr's death, April 5, 1909. Mr. Kerr had six children by his first wife, namely: Mary J., who became Mrs. Samuel Marshall, of Apollo, Pa.; Josiah, who died when eight years old; Isabella, who died when five years old; Jacob, who died young; Margaret, Mrs. James Learn, of Grant township; and George, of Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa. Two children were born to Mr. Kerr's second marriage: Effie, Mrs. George Miller, of Montgomery county, Pa., and Grier, who lives on the home place in Grant township.

Mr. Kerr has seen many changes in the county in his long life, and he has seen the conditions under which its people dwell in-



prove very materially. He well remembers the high prices for all necessities which prevailed when he was first married, flour being \$17.50 a barrel, corn \$1.50 a bushel, bacon .22 a pound, and other things correspondingly dear. He has never been particularly active in public affairs, but holds his own opinions on such matters, and is an independent voter, being bound by the ties of no party. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and socially belongs to James O'Neil Post, No. 537, G. A. R., of Cookport, Indiana county.

JEFFERSON WRIGHT is a farmer of Green township, Indiana county, and for a number of years was also engaged in buying and selling stock. He moved to his present home in October, 1911. Mr. Wright was born in Montgomery township, this county, Feb. 27, 1846, son of George Washington and Leah (Fridley) Wright, natives of eastern Pennsylvania.

George Washington Wright came to Indiana county many years ago, when a young man, and settled in Green township, where he cleared land and remained for some time. From there he removed to what is now Grant (then Montgomery) township, where he and his family lived for forty-three years, Mr. Wright passing the rest of his life there, dying in February, 1882. His wife Leah also died there, May 26, 1874, both attaining old age. Jefferson Wright was their only child. Mr. Wright had first married a Miss Yaunt, by whom he had children: Clark Sloan, deceased, and Rhoda, who married John Lego, and lived in Bellwood, Pa. During the Civil war the father served about one year in Company A, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

Jefferson Wright spent his boyhood days in Montgomery township, and when his school days were over was employed at farming. He was eighteen years old when he entered the Union army during the Civil war, enlisting from Indiana county Aug. 5, 1864, in Company F, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and receiving his discharge June 27, 1865. After returning to Indiana county he worked in the woods in Clearfield and Indiana counties for twenty years, meantime living in Montgomery township, Indiana county. Following his marriage he lived two years in Grant township, where he bought a farm in 1867, and then purchased the farm in Montgomery township upon which he made his home until he bought his present place

in Green township, the Mrs. Samuel Grove farm, in October, 1911. It consists of seventy-nine acres at Fleming Summit. He has an up-to-date property, equipped with fine buildings, and carries on general farming and trucking; he has one of the best apple orchards in this section. Mr. Wright has followed farming continuously, and for twenty years was also engaged in buying and selling stock, which line he found very profitable. While a resident of Montgomery township Mr. Wright took an active part in local affairs, serving as supervisor. Politically he is associated with the Republican party. He attends Baptist services in East Mahoning and Fairview.

On May 9, 1866, Mr. Wright married Nancy J. Dunlap, who was born in Allegheny county, Pa., daughter of John C. and Mary Catherine (Gardner) Dunlap, who came to this country from Ireland and settled in Allegheny county. In his early days Mr. Dunlap engaged in boating on the canal. Later he moved to Indiana county, where he continued to reside until his death in 1895. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Wright: Elvie A., who is a physician in Houston, Texas; William, of Montgomery township, who married Nettie Walker, of Indiana county, and has six children, Clarence, Frank, Morna, Dean, Orpha and a son born Oct. 1, 1912, unnamed at this writing; John, engaged in fruit raising in Montgomery township, who married Maggie Gorman, of Indiana county, and has two children, Leroy and Bessie; Ada, wife of James S. Bunch, of Atlanta, Ga., who has one child, Josephine H.; Blair and Clair, twins, the former of whom married Lida Frazier, of Indiana county, and has had one child (deceased), the latter living in Punxsutawney (married and has two children, Marlan G. and Murl); and Grant, who lives in Glen Campbell.

JOHN P. LYDICK, general farmer and stock raiser of Cherryhill township, was born on the old Lydick homestead, on which he is now carrying on operations, Jan. 30, 1875, and is a son of Russell and Nancy Lydick.

John Lydick, the paternal great-great-grandfather of John P. Lydick, came to Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., in 1760, settling on a farm. This rugged old pioneer, however, was forced to abandon his land on account of the hostility of the Indians, who massacred many of the early settlers in the vicinity, and for seven years he did not venture to return to claim his home-

stead. On coming back a fort was erected as a means of protection against the savages, and John Lydiek continued to farm there throughout the remainder of his life.

Jacob Lydiek, son of the pioneer John, and great-grandfather of John P. Lydiek, was born on this land and continued to cultivate it after his father's death until he himself passed away.

Patrick Lydiek, son of Jacob, and grandfather of John P. Lydiek, like his father and grandfather was a tiller of the soil, receiving the old homestead, or a part thereof, at the time of his father's death, and continuing to cultivate it until he died.

Russell Lydiek, son of Patrick, was born on the homestead in Cherryhill township, and in his turn received the old family property at the time of his father's demise. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life, passing away Jan. 18, 1900, while his wife died May 30, 1882. They had a family of three sons and two daughters, namely: William; Harry; John P.; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Levi Houck, of Cherryhill township; and Ella, wife of Earl Long, residing at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

The education of John P. Lydiek was secured in the McGaughey school in Cherryhill township, after leaving which he took up farming on the old homestead, where he has continued to carry on operations to the present time with marked success.

On May 10, 1905, Mr. Lydiek was married to Elizabeth Kanarr, who was born in Grant township, Indiana Co., Pa., May 11, 1873, daughter of Jacob and Martha (King) Kanarr, early settlers of Grant township who subsequently removed to Rayne township, and are now living retired, in Indiana, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kanarr had three sons and five daughters: Thomas, who resides in White township, engaged in farming; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Lydiek; Nauie, the wife of C. E. Henry, of Indiana, Pa.; Hester, residing at home; Mary; Ollie, the wife of Robert Helman, of Rayne township, on the old homestead; and Ira and Mortin, who are residing at home.

PRICE DAVIS, proprietor of a thriving general business in the borough of Cherrytree, Indiana county, is a representative of a family which has been settled there for almost sixty years and during most of that time associated with its business interests. He was born at Cherrytree June 26, 1856, son of Joshua and Mary (Thomas) Davis, natives of South Wales, in which country his

grandparents, paternal and maternal, lived and died.

Joshua and Mary (Thomas) Davis were born at Newcastle Emlyn, and were married in their native country, where one child, Franklin D., was born to them. In 1851 the little family came to America, landing at Philadelphia, where they resided for a short time, thence coming westward to Ebsenburg, Cambria Co., Pa. In 1854 they removed to Cherrytree, where they made a permanent home, Mr. Davis dying there in February, 1903, Mrs. Davis in August, 1910. Mr. Davis was a shoemaker, having learned the trade in his early life, and he worked at same in Ebsenburg and also followed it after coming to Cherrytree. For several years he was interested in lumbering, later engaging in the mercantile business at Cherrytree, which he carried on until his death. He founded the establishment now carried on under the firm name of Mrs. Joshua Davis & Co., his widow owning it after his death. He prospered in business, becoming one of the substantial citizens of the borough as he was one of the most respected. Six children were born to himself and wife: Franklin D.; Price; one that died in infancy; Mary, a resident of Cherrytree, where she is engaged in business; Emily, wife of Robert A. McKibben, living in East Pittsburg; and a son that died in infancy.

Price Davis received a common school education, and when a boy learned the trade of shoemaker under his father's tuition, working at same from the time he was thirteen years old until 1884. In that year he embarked in business for himself, at his present location, having a general store which now ranks with the most important business establishments of the borough. He has built up a fine trade by adhering to the highest standards in all his dealings with his patrons, who appreciate excellent service and honest goods and have shown their confidence in him by loyal patronage. Personally he is highly esteemed, has been chosen a member of the school board and burgess of the borough, the highest office within the gift of his townsmen, and is at present serving as a member of the town council.

On Nov. 28, 1906, Mr. Davis married Emma S. Pitts, a native of Cherrytree, daughter of B. F. and Jane (McCurdy) Pitts, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Pitts was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and was an early settler in Indiana county. He and his wife had a family of five children: William,

who is now a resident of Charlottesville, Va.; Emma S., Mrs. Price Davis; Ann, who lives at Cherrytree; Frank, living at Cherrytree; and Bessie, who is engaged in teaching at Heilwood and lives at Cherrytree.

The family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Cherrytree. In social connection Mr. Davis is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of his borough.

GEORGE W. GRAFF, whose meat market is the best equipped and most popular establishment of the kind in the borough of Indiana, has been in the business there continuously for a period of thirty-two years, and his continued prosperity is the best evidence of his high standing and ability. Mr. Graff was born Feb. 16, 1855, in Clarion county, Pa., son of John and Anna (Blatzer) Graff, natives of Germany. The father attended public school in his native land, and coming to the United States when a young man located in Clarion county, Pa., where for a time he found employment at the ore banks. Subsequently he moved to Indiana county, Pa., where he engaged in farming for the rest of his life. He was the father of fourteen children, four of whom died in infancy, namely: John; Margaret, wife of Charles Deming; Joseph; George W.; Michael; Mary; Teresa, deceased; Anna, wife of Lewis Fath; Elizabeth, Mrs. Miller; William; Emma K.; Wolfgang, deceased; Bernard, deceased; and Frank, deceased. The parents were members of the Catholic Church. The father died in 1893, the mother in 1910, and they are buried in the Catholic cemetery at Indiana.

George W. Graff obtained his education in the public schools of Indiana county, and worked on his father's farm until about twenty-two years old. Then he became an apprentice to the butcher's trade, which he has continued to follow so successfully since. After working one and a half years for William Grabenstein, a butcher at Saltsburg, he came to Indiana, where he was in the employ of Mr. Wetting for a time, and later with John Rough. On Oct. 25, 1880, he opened an establishment of his own, and has been doing a prosperous business ever since. During this time Mr. Graff has built up an extensive patronage and has formed a wide acquaintance among the residents of the borough, and he is thoroughly respected by all who know him, his personal character having been as much a factor in his success as the reliability of his goods and the courteous treatment which all his patrons receive.

His life has been an industrious one, but it has been one of progressive industry, for he has kept pace with the times in his business methods, equipment and service to his numerous customers, who appreciate the advantage of trading with a man of his stamp.

On May 7, 1881, Mr. Graff was married to Elizabeth Hessler, daughter of Andrew Hessler, of Saltsburg, and they have a family of six children: Paul, Bertha, Martha, Anthony, Omer and Francis. Mr. and Mrs. Graff and their family are members of the Catholic Church, and fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Columbus.

JESSE E. MOCK, contractor and builder, at Clymer, was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, April 26, 1881, son of William Harrison and Elizabeth (Howe) Mock.

William Harrison Mock has spent the greater portion of his life in Indiana county and still resides on his farm in Cherryhill township. He married Elizabeth Howe, who passed her entire life in this township, her death occurring in February, 1889. The following children were born to them: Everett S., who lives near Latrobe, Pa.; Minnie, who is the wife of Harry Kurtz, of Canton, Ohio; Anna L. and Howard, both of whom are deceased, the latter dying in infancy; E. Grant, who lives at Indiana; Harry C., who is a public school teacher at Clymer; and James and Jesse E., twins.

Jesse E. Mock attended school in Cherryhill township in boyhood and worked on the home farm until twenty years of age, when he learned the brickmason's trade and later both the stonemason's and carpenter's trades. Thus well equipped in an industrial way, Mr. Mock came to Clymer when the town was being organized and assisted in building the third house in the place. Since then he has carried on a successful business in the line of general contracting and building and has a reputation for absolute reliability.

Mr. Mock was married Sept. 5, 1906, to Zuela Clare Davis, who was born in Cherryhill township, a daughter of James W. and Sarah E. (Harrold) Davis.

James W. Davis, father of Mrs. Mock, was born at Lewisville, in the southern part of Indiana county. By trade he is a blacksmith, and he conducts a shop at Penn Run, Indiana county, doing a good business. He married Sarah E. Harrold, who was born also at Lewisville, and still survives. They have two children: Mrs. Mock and Cameron, the lat-

ter of whom is a farmer and in the dairy business at Clymer.

Mr. Mock and his wife are members of the Christian Church. They have two daughters, Marian and Mildred.

**LESLIE EARL ALBERT**, manager of the pharmacy at Dixonville, Indiana county, is a young man whose ability and faithfulness have won him the esteem of the business element of that place as well as the many patrons to whose wants he caters. He is a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., born Nov. 3, 1887, son of James and Lydia (Miller) Albert, both of whom were also born in that county. James Albert is now engaged in the lumber business at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, as a member of the Husband Lumber Company; he has had extensive interests in that line throughout his active years. He and his wife have had two sons, the younger of whom, Orin Wilson, is now in Pittsburg, Pa., engaged as instructor of mathematics in the University of Pittsburg.

Leslie Earl Albert, eldest son of James Albert, received his early education at Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland county, graduating from the high school there in 1905. After that he took up the study of pharmacy, pursuing the course at the University of Pittsburg, from which he was graduated in 1909. For a short time thereafter he was located at Greensburg, Pa., whence he came to Dixonville in 1909. He has since had the management of the pharmacy there, the drug establishment of Dr. J. S. Miller, and has proved himself a young man of exceptional industry and trustworthy character, being highly respected by all who have had dealings with him.

On June 10, 1909, Mr. Albert married, at Greensburg, Pa., Rachel Clark Galley, a native of Mount Pleasant, Pa., daughter of William and Luella (Speakman) Galley, who now live at Mount Pleasant. Mr. and Mrs. Albert have had one son, William James. They belong to the United Brethren Church at Greensburg, and he is a member of the Republican committee of his district in Indiana county.

**JAMES NICHOL** belongs to an old and respected family of Green township, Indiana county, where he is now engaged in farming. For a number of years he was a lumberman. Mr. Nichol was born in Green township Feb.

12, 1873, son of John McFarland Nichol. William Nichol, his grandfather, came from Ireland, and bought a farm near Taylorsville, in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., upon which he settled and lived until his death.

John McFarland Nichol was born in Indiana county, was reared to farming and followed that occupation all his life. He also engaged in stock raising. He bought the farm where his son Wesley now lives, and resided there for a number of years, in 1906 removing west to Colorado. Here he bought land upon which he remained until his death, which occurred March 19, 1910. His remains were brought east and buried in the Taylorsville cemetery. He married Margaret Buterbaugh, also a native of Indiana county, daughter of Henry and Mary (Langham) Buterbaugh, of Green township. She was the mother of seven children, namely: Mary Ann, who is the widow of Peter Sickenberger and lives in Indiana county; Wesley W.; Sadie, wife of Frank Jeffries, of Richmond, Pa.; Jane, who died young; James, who lives in Green township; Eliza, wife of Abner Lloyd, of Colorado; and Margaret, a resident of Colorado. The father married for his second wife Sarah Houston, by whom he had eight children: Zola, the wife of Charles Long, living in Colorado; Archie, in Colorado; Calvin, in Colorado; Donald, who is in Green township, Indiana Co., Pa.; Parle, his twin brother, deceased; Hope, living in Green township; John, of Green township; and William, of Green township.

James Nichol went to public school in Green township during his boyhood, and for some time after commencing work was employed on the farm. Then he became a lumberman, following that line for twelve years, eventually returning to farming. He has been on his present place in Green township since 1906, and now gives all his time and attention to its cultivation. His intelligent methods entitle him to a place among the most deservedly successful farmers of his locality.

In July, 1904, Mr. Nichol married Belle Glassford, who was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Dick) Glassford, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Glassford was a farmer in Cherryhill township. Mr. and Mrs. Nichol have had one child, Minnie Marie. They are members of the Baptist Church,

and in his political views Mr. Nichol is a Republican.

**HENRY STONEBRAKER**, a farmer of White township, Indiana county, is a son of William Stonebraker.

William Stonebraker was born in Germany, in Hesse Darmstadt, and left his native land at an early day for the United States, upon his arrival making his way to Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa. Here he bought land from the late Judge White, father of Judge Harry White, and cleared off seventy-five acres, living upon his property until his death, which occurred in 1863, by reason of an accident, a tree falling upon him. By his first wife, who was also of German birth, he had six children: Adam, who is deceased; a daughter who died in infancy unnamed; William, deceased, who was a soldier during the Civil war and died in the service; Henry; and two who died in infancy. Mrs. Stonebraker died when her son Henry was only three years old, and Mr. Stonebraker married (second) Barbara Ziegler, also a native of Germany. By this marriage there were children as follows: Louisa, who married John Decker, who is now deceased; Mary, who married John Neff, of Vandergrift, Pa.; Catherine, who married David Brown, of Montgomery township; George, a resident of Dayton, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Rose, the wife of John Adams, of Warren Center, Pa.; and Jacob, who resides at Decker's Point, this county.

Henry Stonebraker was born July 10, 1845, in Rayne township, and grew up as any ordinary farmer's son, remaining on the homestead until seventeen years old, when he commenced working for others on farms until he could purchase land for himself. He then bought his present property of seventy-eight acres in White township, and has since devoted himself to general farming and stock raising with more than ordinary success.

On Oct. 9, 1874, Mr. Stonebraker was married to Anna Heffner, born at St. Louis, Mo., but brought by her parents to Indiana county when a child. They resided on the property now owned by Henry Moore. Mrs. Stonebraker was the only child of her parents, and her father died when she was a little girl. After his death Mrs. Heffner married William Beatty, of Indiana county, and of the children born to that marriage, the following survive: Robert C.; Mrs. Kettleburgh, of St. Louis; and Mrs. Harry Herle, of St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Stonebraker became

the parents of eight children: Clara L. married John Underwood, of Seward, Pa., and has children, Edgar and Anna Gertrude; William, deceased, was a soldier during the Spanish-American war; Della is the wife of Frank Stadtmiller, a farmer of Cherryhill township, and has had children, Ella, Anna Mary, Ralph Bernard, Francis Martin, Albert Paul, and Grace (the last named deceased); Harry A. is engaged in a dairy business in White township, and has been handling his milk at wholesale for the last five years; Ralph L., who is a normal school graduate, residing at Los Angeles, Cal., married Edith Kunkle, of Blacklick, this county, and their children are Maynard Payne and Lyla Fern; Emma Mae is at home; Paul J. is a corporal in the United States regular army, stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn.; Mary Gaynell lives at home, and is attending the Indiana State normal school. Mr. and Mrs. Stonebraker are members of the First United Presbyterian Church, although Mr. Stonebraker was brought up in the Lutheran faith, his father having been connected with the church of that denomination in Rayne township, and was the leading German singer.

The Stonebraker family has always been a highly respected one in Indiana county, for the younger generation was brought up to respect the sterling principles laid down by the founder. He was one of those remarkably upright German-Americans who believed in training his children in the way they should go, and inculcating from childhood high ideals of living. Having served his period in the German army, he endeavored to imbue his children with love of patriotism, and encouraged them in cultivating manly attributes. He had been well educated in his native tongue, and taught the art of weaving, and was often called upon to do work along this line in Indiana county. It has been just such men as William Stonebraker and the sons he reared who have aided so materially in the development of this country, for their homely virtues and intense patriotism have always worked out for ultimate good to humanity in general.

**WILLIAM STEELE OBER**, of Lovejoy, in Green township, Indiana county, is junior member of the firm of L. W. Ober & Son, general merchants, and a young business man who has made a promising start. He was born April 9, 1889, near Taylorsville, in Green township, son of Louis William and Ella (Buterbaugh) Ober, grandson of Louis

Ober and a great-grandson of Rev. David Ober, who was a Dunkard preacher in Green and Rayne townships, Indiana county.

Louis William Ober was born Aug. 11, 1867, in Indiana county, and for a number of years was engaged in the lumber business as a member of the firm of Buterbaugh & Ober. In October, 1910, he became associated with his son William Steele Ober in the general mercantile business at Lovejoy which they now conduct under the firm name of L. W. Ober & Son, the store being opened Oct. 17th. Mr. Louis W. Ober also resides at Lovejoy. He married Ella Buterbaugh, daughter of Henry and Lavina (Kerr) Buterbaugh, of Green township, and they have two children, William Steele and Laura Belle, the latter living at home. Before her marriage Mrs. Ober was engaged in teaching school in Green township.

William Steele Ober attended school in Green township in his earlier boyhood, and later was a pupil at the Purchase Line Academy for three terms. He traveled to some extent over the West, through Ohio and Illinois, being employed for one summer in a lumber mill in Ohio, before embarking in business at Lovejoy, entering upon his present partnership with his father upon his return to Indiana county. He is an enthusiastic worker, attentive to business and reliable, and much of the success of the establishment has been due to his enterprise and energy.

**SAMUEL MUNSHOWER**, retired resident of Indiana, has made his home in that borough for over forty years. He was born July 3, 1834, upon his father's farm in Center township, Indiana county, son of William Munshower.

The first ancestor of the Munshower family in America came to this country from Germany, settling in Maryland. Thence John Munshower, grandfather of Samuel Munshower, came to Indiana county, Pa., settling in Center township, where he followed his trade, that of blacksmith, the rest of his life. He died there about 1840. In Maryland he married Catherine Baker, and a family of nine or ten children was born to them.

William Munshower, son of John and Catherine (Baker) Munshower, came with his parents to Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he grew to manhood. He was a life-long farmer. Settling on a place of seventy acres which was then all in the woods, the first improvement was the clearing he made for his shanty. He resided there until his

death, which occurred in 1881, when he was eighty-two years old. His wife, Anna (Kunkle), lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years. Their children were: Catherine died when three years old; John died at Parker's Landing, Pa.; Samuel is mentioned below; William, who lives at Cookport, Indiana county, is a justice of the peace; Huston lives at Blairsville, Indiana county; Harrison lives at Blairsville; Mary, twin of Harrison, is the wife of Chambers Yuengling, of Canton, Ohio. The five survivors of this family are all over seventy. All of the sons served in the Union army during the Civil war.

Samuel Munshower, son of William Munshower, was born July 3, 1834, upon his father's farm in Center township, Indiana county, and in early life followed farming. During three months of the year he had such privileges as were afforded at the old log schoolhouse in the neighborhood, where the furnishings were of the most primitive character, slab benches and other rude appliances being the rule at that time. He worked for his father until he was twelve years old, after which he hired out among other farmers, and following his marriage he farmed on his own account from 1857 until the spring of 1865. On March 8, 1865, he enlisted at Indiana, for one year, becoming a private in Company F, 74th P. V. I., and was discharged at Clarksburg, W. Va., Sept. 24, 1865. Upon his return home he worked at the carpenter's trade, also doing contracting, and prospered, continuing in this line until his retirement, in 1906. In the spring of 1871 he moved into the borough of Indiana, where he has resided continuously since, making his home at the corner of Church and Eleventh streets. He helped on the construction of the first of the normal school buildings at Indiana, and has worked on many other notable structures there, churches, public buildings, etc. Mr. Munshower is an active member of the Republican party, belongs to Post No. 28, G. A. R., of Indiana, and holds membership in the Lutheran Church. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church.

On Jan. 8, 1857, Mr. Munshower married Susanna Kinnard, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Hartzel) Kinnard. To this union have been born the following children: Jemima, Mrs. John Kooser, of Rayne township, Indiana county; Arietta, who died when three years old; Laura A., who is unmarried; Ida, widow of Corry C. Boggs, of Indiana; Charles, of Breekenridge, Allegheny Co., Pa.;

Frank, of Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa.; and Annie G., wife of John D. Skelton, of Wellsville, Tioga Co., Pennsylvania.

AMOS L. BUTERBAUGH, now living retired in the town of Lovejoy, after spending many years in agricultural pursuits in Indiana county, was born in Green township, this county, July 29, 1849, and is a son of Henry and Mary (Langham) Buterbaugh.

William Buterbaugh, the paternal grandfather of Amos L. Buterbaugh, was a native of Germany and came to the United States in young manhood. He first settled in Center county, Pa. A farmer by occupation, he became one of Indiana county's early settlers, locating in what is now known as Pleasant Valley, where, assisted by his seven sons, he cleared a farm, there passing the remainder of his life.

Henry Buterbaugh, son of William, was the father of Amos L. Buterbaugh. He was born in Center county, Pa., Feb. 28, 1809, and as a youth became proficient in the trades of carpenter, cabinetmaker and millwright. He conducted a mill near the present town of Starford, Indiana county, from 1855 to 1879, dying July 3d of the latter year. His wife, who was born May 23, 1818, in Bedford county, Pa., died Dec. 12, 1898. They had five children, as follows: Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of John M. Nichol, who resided near Purchase Line, Green township; Jane, wife of John W. Gallagher, of Green township; Elias, who is deceased; Amos L.; and Sarah M., deceased, who was the wife of George F. Houck.

William Langham, the maternal grandfather of Amos L. Buterbaugh, came to Indiana county from Bedford county, Pa., and settled near Cookport, in Green township, where he was engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life.

Amos L. Buterbaugh obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Green township, and attended the high school at Marion Center, graduating therefrom in 1868. When a young man he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits at Cookport, where he resided for seven years. Later he was engaged in the lumber business for sixteen years, and he next occupied himself in taking up coal lands for a number of companies, subsequently platting the lands for the Philadelphia Water Company. When he had completed this latter work he was elected justice of the peace, in which office he served five years, and since completing this term

of service has lived practically retired, although he has been on the auditing board of Indiana county for some years.

On July 3, 1873, Mr. Buterbaugh was married to Mary J. Refner, who was born in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of Joseph and Jane (Duncan) Refner, who came to Indiana county from Cambria county and died at Pine Flats. Mrs. Buterbaugh died April 15, 1882, the mother of one child, H. Clyde, now a resident of Latrobe, Pa. Mr. Buterbaugh was married (second) Oct. 26, 1882, to Rebecca J. Phillips, who was born near Gettysburg, Indiana county, July 27, 1864, daughter of Jacob and Ellen Phillips, the former of whom now resides near Saltsburg; the latter is deceased. They have had the following children: Edward S., who is now in Colorado; Mary and Archie, who are deceased; Willis W., now in Colorado; Clare, attending college at Lancaster, Pa.; and Clarence, Dennis, Lester, Charles and Jessie, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh are faithful members of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Buterbaugh took up the study of therapeutics, studying from 1902 to 1906, but he never engaged in active practice. Mrs. Buterbaugh has for a number of years been a successful practitioner of suggestive therapeutics, making her headquarters at Lovejoy, and the following remarks from her pen on suggestive therapeutics and applied psychology, what it is, how it restores health and the principles upon which the science is based, will be found of interest. She took a correspondence course under Prof. S. A. Weltmer, as a student of the school at Nevada, Mo., and received the degree of S. T., graduating May 3, 1910.

Suggestive therapeutics is a system of cure in which normal function is restored by bringing mind and body into harmony with environment. It has been discovered through experiments and demonstrated in practice that the administration of poisonous chemicals is never the only alternative, and that relief given by general surgery may be had without resorting to surgery.

Prof. Sydney A. Weltmer is the author and founder of the science of suggestive therapeutics. The Weltmer Institute, which has been established in Nevada, Mo., since Feb. 19, 1897, is the realization of the ideals of a man who, in early life, overcame an affliction which is generally considered fatal; an experience which led him to believe that all diseases could be cured and started him upon the quest for a scientific knowledge of heal-

ing which should make possible such result. He experimented and studied for sixteen years, and at last he conceived clearly that, inasmuch as every mode of treatment has cures to its credit; as every method and the practice of doctors of the same method are different, and in many instances entirely contradictory; there must be a common cause behind all cures, by whatever method. With this realization came the positive assurance that the only common element in every cure, no matter how treated, is the intelligent response of the inherent forces within the patient's own being to the suggestion of a cure. The surgeon operates and depends upon nature to cure, the physician gives medicine and engages a nurse, and depends on the constitution of the patient to pull him through.

Every other method or plan of treatment places its final dependence upon the restoration of function. In suggestive therapeutics we restore a normal condition in the mind, tissues and organs, following which the natural secretions of the body eliminate disease and restore and maintain the normal condition, which is health.

Incurable diseases can be cured. In the specific treatment of any case there is no necessity to resort to any painful or dangerous measures. The writer in the profession of therapist in the last two years has treated over a thousand patients for the so-called incurable diseases, with about eighty per cent of cures.

A cure by suggestive therapeutics is a cure by nature. The restoration to health comes as a result of thorough revitalization of every nerve and tissue of the body. It is a physical and mental rejuvenation. The trained therapist knows how to control the blood supply, stimulate the nerves and relax the tissues; analyze the mental state; diagnose the physical condition; readjust the mental processes; so that what the physician describes as the "constitution" of the patient and the surgeon means by "nature" the therapist knows as mind may respond by manufacturing chemicals and secretions within the laboratories of the body to dissolve and excrete the state of normal health.

Suggestive therapeutics comprehends the fact that all substances taken into and composing the body have certain chemical qualities and form various chemical combinations, and we recognize further that when these chemicals and organic substances are transformed into living protoplasm every particle is endowed with a degree of intelligence, so

although "food chemistry" is considered we discourage the usual critical analysis and selection of diet. Except in extreme cases the patient is allowed perfect freedom in the selection of foods. However, thorough mastication and composure while eating are required in all cases. The patient will voluntarily overcome and abandon all unnatural appetites as soon as the nervous system is restored to normal. All parts of the general treatment and conduct of a case contribute to revitalize the nervous system.

It is an accepted fact that eighty-five per cent of all diseases have their origin in nervous deficiency. The most direct result of nervous deficiency is vasomotor disturbance or passive congestion, which interferes with the blood stream and hinders it in the concentration immunizing bodies in its effort to prohibit diseases from the tissues.

Suggestive therapeutics is sufficiently broad in its technique to open the right of way, no matter what the affliction may be. There is no incurable disease, and there is no incurable case. We do not cure every case; we do not enable people to live forever and we do not propose to teach them to do so; but we do know that it is possible to overcome any condition which may afflict the human body, and we know it will be done just as soon as we learn always to secure the necessary response from the mind of the patient. Health is natural.

All the forces of nature combat disease. While the symptoms remain acute, nature fights for complete elimination. When symptoms become chronic, nature has acknowledged the right of the disease to remain and adjusted her forces to maintain an armed truce. In acute cases timely assistance will always give nature the victory. In chronic cases the forces of nature must be profoundly marshalled, new blood must be hurried to the front and supplies and enthusiasm sustained until the disease may be dislodged and harmonious functions restored in the regions involved.

What disease can be cured by suggestive therapeutics? Our experience as well as "Case Records" shows our technique of suggestive therapeutics to be applicable in the widest range of diseases. Its present permanency and vogue is doubtless best explained by its influence in regulating cell metabolism, thus increasing nutritive processes and re-establishing vital function, thereby permitting the cellular reaction and adaptation, which comprise nature's protective and re-



parative processes to defend the body against disease of whatever nature. It is known that these reactions are cellular, being the special function of the leucocytes, but doubtless participated in to a degree by all cells.

These important processes comprise phagocytosis (ingestion and removal of dead foreign material, bacteria, etc.) and the production of special chemical substances, in the tissues and blood serum, which unite with poisons, toxins, etc., rendering them innocuous. While circumstances have ordained that suggestive therapeutics should merit its right and title to public consideration and commendation through its success in treating chronic and otherwise incurable disorders, it has been demonstrated to have an even greater proportionate influence over acute diseases, as instanced by our almost uniform success with appendicitis, acute inflammatory rheumatism, influenza, fevers, etc.

By reason of its utilizing and invoking the most natural, rational and scientific means (nature's way) to an end, its cures are naturally effected with the utmost possible celerity, even subjecting us in past and less enlightened days to criticisms, such as "miraculous," "satanic," etc.

Below is a review of some of the groups of disorders amenable to treatment. Some diseases are especially amenable to cure through suggestive therapeutics. Diseases attended by acute or chronic inflammatory reaction are especially responsive to our treatment. This includes the widest possible range of diseases throughout all parts of the body, (we define inflammation as nature's reaction to injurious agents), specific tonsillitis, appendicitis, gastritis, enteritis, neuritis, hepatitis, with or without pus or abscess formation, cellulitis, erysipelas, and blood poisoning from any of its numerous causes; diseases of the respiratory system, inflammatory (see above) as tonsillitis, laryngitis, bronchitis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, or nervous and mechanical, such as asthma, etc.; diseases of the alimentary system, including liver and pancreas, inflammatory gastritis, enteritis, colitis, or functional or nervous, as dyspepsia, from different causes, constipation, hemorrhoids, etc.; diseases of the vascular system, arterio sclerosis, functional and organic heart diseases, chlorosis, goiter, etc.; diseases of the genito-urinary system, nephritis (Bright's disease), stone in kidney or bladder, etc.; diseases of the nervous system, apoplexy, chorea, epilepsy, locomotor ataxia, etc.; diseases of the

skin, parasitic and inflammatory; all conditions caused by depleted nerve tone; diseases of special sense, such as eye, ear, nose and throat. In fact all diseases can be relieved by suggestive therapeutics, since the treatment is not aimed at symptoms, the result of disease conditions, but is devoted to the direct assistance in eradicating the cause and opening the right of way for nature, the master healer of her children's ills.

FRANK PHYTHYAN, proprietor of a theatrical business at Clymer, Indiana county, owning and managing the Pastime theatre, was born in the eastern part of Ohio Aug. 3, 1877, son of Isaac and Jane (Martin) Phythyan.

The parents of Mr. Phythyan were of English descent, and were married in eastern Ohio, where they continued to live until 1880, Isaac Phythyan being there engaged in mining. In the year mentioned the family removed to Mercer county, Pa., the son Frank being at that time three years old, and settled near Sharon, where the father continued to follow mining as a vocation. Both Isaac and Jane (Martin) Phythyan are now deceased. They had a family of four children, namely: John, who is now a resident of Dayton, Ohio; Samuel, of Sharon, Pa.; Frank; and Jane, wife of William Davidson, of Sharon.

Frank Phythyan attended school in Mercer county, Pa., and in Sharon learned the trade of plumber, following it there for four years. In 1910 he came to Clymer and established himself in business, and subsequently opened the Pastime theatre, meeting with success in both ventures. The theatre has recently become established in a new brick structure, finished in the fall of 1912.

While a resident of Sharon Mr. Phythyan was married March 20, 1906, to Olive Tate, daughter of William and Urilla (Deale) Tate, of Clearfield county, who are now residents of Clymer, Pa. Mr. Phythyan is a member of the Protective Home Circle, and he and his wife are well known to the members of the congregation of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SAMUEL R. MUMAU, farmer of Green township, Indiana county, also engaged in raising sheep and hogs, has been settled at his present home since 1897. He was born in the township, near Taylorsville, Sept. 18, 1864, and is of German descent. His grandfather, John Mumau, came to Indiana county

in the early days, settling near Taylorsville, in Green township, where he bought land upon which he built a log house. He devoted himself to the clearing of this tract and carried on farming until his death. He and his wife had a family of seven children, six sons and one daughter, three of whom still survive: John, a resident of Grant township; Jacob, living in Green township; and Webb, of Green township.

David Mumau, father of Samuel R. Mumau, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and grew to manhood on the farm in Green township, Indiana county, where his father settled. He, too, located on a farm in that township, and followed agricultural pursuits principally. He was also engaged on the river, rafting. His wife, Catherine (Phillips), was born in Westmoreland county, daughter of Jacob Phillips, a native of Germany who came to live in Indiana county, settling in Cherryhill township years ago and farming there until his death. Mr. Phillips was a cabinetmaker by trade. He had a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom three are living: Jacob; William, who resides at Homer City, Indiana county; and Adam, of Kingsley, Iowa. Mr. Mumau died in Green township in February, 1909; his wife preceded him, dying Sept. 9, 1907. They had three children: Judson, an electrician, who lives at Indiana; John Ellsworth, a farmer of Green township; and Samuel R.

Samuel R. Mumau went to school in Green township, and began to assist his father with the farm work in boyhood. He also learned the trade of mason, at which he worked for some time. In 1897 he came to the place in Green township where he has since lived, what was known as the Hensley farm. In addition to general farming he has given considerable attention to the raising of sheep and hogs, and has met with success in both lines, his intelligent work and steady industry bringing him deserved success. Personally he is highly esteemed by his neighbors and fellow citizens generally.

On April 19, 1887, Mr. Mumau married Sadie Fyock, who was born March 1, 1867, in Green township, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Wise) Fyock, and they have had eight children, one of whom died in infancy. Glen, who lives at Indiana, married Margretta Griffith, of Green township, and they have one child, Lena. Martin, David, Alice, Frank, Harvey (born on Christmas day,

1901), and Eva are at home. Mrs. Mumau is a member of the Brethren Church.

ALBERT J. HINES, farmer and lumberman of Mitchells Mills, in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in that town June 27, 1880, a son of Celestian and Annie (Brown) Hines.

William Hines, grandfather of Albert J. Hines, was born in Germany, and came to this country as a young man, settling in Cambria county, Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural operations. His death occurred in 1862, and that of his wife ten years later; she also was a native of Germany. She bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Sanders.

Celestian Hines, son of William Hines, and father of Albert J. Hines, was born in Cambria county, Pa., May 5, 1853, and came to Indiana county in the seventies, settling near Mitchells Mills and purchasing a tract of land on which he continued to live for several years. Subsequently he lived at Heilwood a few years and then bought and settled on the farm where he lived and worked until death, Aug. 19, 1912. He and his first wife had the following children: Albert J.; Inez, residing at home; Agnes, the wife of Robert Glaspie, of Mitchells Mills; and Camilla, who is deceased. Mr. Hines was married (second) to Dessie A. Sickenberger, of Indiana county, daughter of Sebastian Sickenberger, and four children were born to this union: Harry, Mary, Lawrence and Esta.

Albert J. Hines was educated in the schools of Mitchells Mills, and as a youth began to work on his father's farm. When he had attained his majority he engaged in the lumber business, in the manufacture of which he has continued to the present time, conducting a sawmill near the town. In addition he owns a threshing outfit and during seasons does much of such work throughout the county. He has been successful in his various operations and is a director in the Clymer National Bank, of Clymer, Pennsylvania.

On Oct. 20, 1904, Mr. Hines was married to Margaret Holmes, who was born in Indiana county, Pa., Aug. 23, 1879, daughter of Hugh and Mary (Dinwiddie) Holmes, both of whom are living in Indiana county, where they settled early. They had the following children: Jane, the wife of Emanuel McCullough, of Cherryhill township; Laura, wife of Lincoln McCullough, of Cambria county; Ida, wife of Edward Rolston, of Vandergrift, Pa.; Frank, a resident of

Pineflats, Indiana county; Barney, who also lives at Pineflats; Mrs. Hines; and Stephen, who lives in Cherryhill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hines have four children: Jay F., born March 9, 1905; Inez C., born Jan. 18, 1907; Hazel H., born Aug. 17, 1909; and Francis T., born March 27, 1912. Mr. Hines takes an active interest in fraternal matters and is a popular member of the Loyal Order of Moose, at Clymer.

PETER PAYTASH, business man of Clymer, Indiana county, has one of the leading general stores in that borough, where he was one of the first settlers, having come there in 1905. He is a native of Austria-Hungary, born in 1872, son of Joseph and Hannah Paytash, both of whom died in Austria.

They had six children: Michael, now deceased; Mary, a widow, living in Austria; Anna, who married Mike Kokosh and (second) James Lesock, and lives in Wolf Run, Ohio (she has four children); Susie, who died in Austria; Peter; and Michael (2), a farmer in Virginia.

Mr. Paytash came to America in 1887, landing at New York. Thence he proceeded to Luzerne county, Pa., where he remained for a short time, going next to Bellefonte, Center county, for a brief period. His next move was to Cresson, Cambria county, and from there to Philipsburg, Center county, whence he returned to Cresson after a short stay. In 1905 he removed from that place to Clymer, where he has since lived and carried on business, having a thriving general store which has a large share of the local patronage. Mr. Paytash did his share in the organization of the borough and has always shown himself to be a public-spirited citizen. He has supported every enterprise for the advancement and general welfare of his adopted town, and is one of the stockholders and directors of the Clymer National Bank. He has made his way in spite of all obstacles and deserves high credit for the substantial position he has attained. Though well educated in his native tongue, when he settled in America he had to struggle against the disadvantages of a strange language and customs, yet he has overcome every drawback and made his success the more worthy.

In May, 1895, Mr. Paytash married Susie Cramer, like himself a native of Austria, and they have had six children, namely: Anna,

Michael, Susie, Andrew and Helen (twins) and Peter.

JOSEPH MCGAUGHEY, who has made his home on his present farm in Armstrong township for over forty years, belongs to a family which has been associated with Indiana county and its development from pioneer times. The McGaughey family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and was early settled in south-eastern Pennsylvania.

Alexander McGaughey, Sr., the great-grandfather of Joseph McGaughey, moved from York county, Pa., to Westmoreland county prior to the war of 1812, and soon afterward settled in Conemaugh township, now a part of Indiana county, where he engaged in farming. He married Sally Marshall, and among their sons was one named Alexander.

Alexander McGaughey, grandfather of Joseph McGaughey, followed farming in Conemaugh township until his death. He married Jane Coleman, and among his children were Nicholas, born Oct. 6, 1806, died in June, 1872, who was the progenitor of another branch of the family still represented in Indiana county; and Thomas, father of Joseph McGaughey.

Thomas McGaughey was born March 14, 1810, in Conemaugh township, and died March 5, 1888, in Armstrong township. He is buried at Crete. He married Sarah Belle McCoy, who was born Aug. 30, 1813, daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Smith) McCoy, and died May 5, 1887. They had children as follows: Joseph; Elizabeth, Mrs. John Pattison, who died in 1887; Alexander, who died in 1849; Daniel, who died young; Caroline, who died young; Sarah Maria, who makes her home with her brother Joseph; Mary Agnes, who died in 1891; and Thomas Clark, who married Della Wiggins.

Joseph McGaughey, son of Thomas and Sarah Belle (McCoy) McGaughey, was born Aug. 11, 1835, in Young township, Indiana Co., Pa., and there received such advantages for education as the public schools of his boyhood days afforded. On Jan. 12, 1860, he married Elizabeth Jane McGaughey, who was born Dec. 19, 1832, in Center township, this county, and received her education in the old schools there. She was a daughter of Nicholas and Rachel (Lytle) McGaughey. After his marriage Mr. McGaughey engaged in farming in White township, this county, for a few years, and in 1872 he came to his present property in Armstrong township, a

tract of 114 acres which he owns, and he has been a prosperous farmer throughout his residence there.

Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGaughy: Sarah Belle, who died in 1881; Rachel, wife of William Rankin, of Shelocta, this county, who has had three children, Pearl (Mrs. Fleming, living in Oklahoma), Paul (who died in infancy) and Todd (at home); Charles, who died young; William, who died when six years old; Frank, now a resident of Blacklick township, who married Margaret Uncapher, and has five children; Paul, now in Illinois, and Salome, Elizabeth, Eleanor and Joel, all at home; Mary, who married Thomas Carnahan and died leaving one child, Raymond; and Joseph L., who married Mary Henderson, and lives at Fairview, Indiana county.

**WILLIAM S. McHENRY**, a veteran of the Civil war and a farmer of White township, was born in that township, on the old Robert Ralston farm, Nov. 11, 1843, son of William McHenry. His grandfather, also named William McHenry, was a soldier, serving in the Indian war under General Wayne. He lived in what is now White township, Indiana Co., Pa., and died in 1855, aged eighty-four years.

William McHenry, father of William S., was born in 1812 on the Moore farm two miles from Indiana, Pa. In 1838 he married Eleanor, a daughter of William Sebring, and their children were as follows: Deborah, who is deceased; Scott; William S.; Julia A.; John, deceased; Jackson, who married Marian Stutchel; Samuel R., who married Jane Bothel; Franklin, who married Margaret McHenry; Milton, who married Alice Peterman; Sarah J.; Clara, deceased; and Anna L.

William S. McHenry was brought up amid rural surroundings on his father's farm, and sent to the neighborhood schools, his first teacher being John Conrand. Upon leaving school he began working at the carpenter's trade and also rafted on the Susquehanna river, cutting timber and lumbering in connection therewith, and became an expert lumberman. He also conducted a teaming business. Feeling that his country had need of him, when the Civil war broke out he enlisted for the one hundred days' service, and returning home after his honorable discharge resumed work at his trade. However, he was not satisfied, and reenlisted March 6, 1865, in Company B, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Samuel McHenry,

serving until the close of the conflict, a brave and efficient soldier.

In 1875 Mr. McHenry married Mary Lutz, a daughter of George Lutz, who lived in Rayne township. After marriage Mr. McHenry moved to his present fine farm of 175 acres, upon which he has made many improvements, including the erection of a handsome residence and commodious barn of modern architecture, together with other necessary buildings for the housing of his stock and implements. Here he carries on general farming and stock raising, specializing in the latter to a large extent.

Mr. and Mrs. McHenry became the parents of the following children: Clara I., Edward L., Olive M. and Elmer E. Mrs. McHenry passed away June 20, 1888, and her death was mourned by her family, for she was a devoted wife and mother and good neighbor. Mr. McHenry is not connected with any religious organization. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is active in township matters, although not desiring office. Progressive in his ideas, he has put them to practical use and is deservedly recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of his township.

**MATTHIAS T. KLINGENSMITH**, one of the well-to-do farmers of Young township, Indiana county, is a descendant of one of the oldest pioneer families of western Pennsylvania. The Klingensmiths are of German origin, and according to family tradition the first of this branch who came to America were members of the French army who took part in the French and Indian war in 1756. They came to what was then Fort Duquesne, later Fort Pitt, now the city of Pittsburg, and when peace was declared settled in Allegheny county, acquiring land and engaging in agricultural pursuits. Many of the descendants of these early settlers are now to be found in Westmoreland, Armstrong and Indiana counties, as well as in other sections of the State.

Peter Klingensmith, the grandfather of Matthias T. Klingensmith, was born in 1782 and made his home in Westmoreland county for some years, owning a tract of land in Hempfield township. Later he moved with his family to Armstrong county, locating near Leechburg, where he owned a large body of land on which he followed farming and stock raising. There he spent his life, dying at that place Oct. 22, 1840, at the age of fifty-eight years, seven months, and was buried in the cemetery of the Fork Church, three miles

from Leechburg. He was a Lutheran in religious faith, and his wife also belonged to that church. He married Catherine Margaret Wanamaker, who was born Sept. 4, 1787, and died March 5, 1864. She is buried in the same cemetery where her husband rests. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Henry, Barbara, Samuel, Peter, Esther, Anna, Joseph, Abraham, Elizabeth and Isaac.

Samuel Klingensmith, son of Peter, born Nov. 8, 1812, in Westmoreland county, was seven years old when the family moved to Armstrong county. There he worked on the farm with his father from early boyhood, later found employment on the Pennsylvania canal, and rose to the position of captain of the canal boat "Perry," owned by the Leech Company and plying between Pittsburg and Johnstown. In 1836 Mr. Klingensmith came to Indiana county locating in Young township near West Lebanon, on a tract of 200 acres. He put up a log house and barn which are still standing, and continued to farm on this place until 1872, when it was sold and he bought the William Kier farm, also near West Lebanon, containing ninety acres, on which stood a brick house, barns, etc. Here he carried on farming the remainder of his life, and made many improvements on the place, and died there Dec. 7, 1899, aged eighty-seven years, twenty-nine days. He is buried in South Bend, Armstrong county. On March 24, 1836, he married Catherine Wolf, who was born March 16, 1814, in Allegheny township, Armstrong county, daughter of Matthias Wolf, and died March 16, 1892, aged seventy-eight years. She is buried with her husband in South Bend. They were members of St. Jacob's Lutheran Church and active in its work, Mr. Klingensmith serving as trustee. In politics he was originally a Democrat, later going into the ranks of the Prohibition party. We have the following record of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Klingensmith: Theodore, born Jan. 15, 1837, graduated from Jefferson Medical College and practiced in Armstrong county, where he died May 13, 1887; Elizabeth Ann, born May 9, 1838, died July 22, 1844; Amos, born Oct. 20, 1839, died July 19, 1844; Catherine Margaret, born March 25, 1841, married James Devers (who died Dec. 5, 1893) and (second) Lewis Mahaffey; Joseph, born Aug. 13, 1842, died Oct. 9, 1875; Isaac, born Dec. 19, 1844, died July 15, 1910, at Wamego, Kans.; Sarah Jane, born Aug. 14, 1846, is the widow of Salem Crum, who died May 31, 1905, and resides at West Leb-

anon; Samuel, born Nov. 5, 1848, died Oct. 9, 1875; Matthias T. is mentioned below; Martha, born Aug. 20, 1852, died May 4, 1902; Mary Angeline, born Aug. 7, 1854, lives with her brother on the homestead.

Matthias T. Klingensmith was born in Young township Oct. 14, 1850, and received his education in the schools of West Lebanon. He worked at home with his father until he became engaged in the mercantile business at West Lebanon, continuing same until 1879, when he went West to Kansas. There he became interested in ranching, raising sheep and cattle, and was thus occupied for five years, at the end of that time returning to the old homestead, where he has since lived. He continued to make his home with his parents until they died, giving them his affectionate care and operating the farm, and he and his sister still keep up the place. He has also bought another farm, in South Bend township, Armstrong county, which he rents. Mr. Klingensmith carries on farming and stock raising, of which he has made a success by attention to his work and untiring industry, and he is a valuable citizen, quiet and unassuming but possessing those substantial qualities which make him a man of unquestioned worth. He holds membership in the Lutheran Church in South Bend, and has served as trustee of same. In politics originally a Democrat, he now gives his allegiance to the Prohibition party, having been a lifelong advocate of temperance.

J. CLAIR LONGWILL, deputy register and recorder of Indiana county, residing at Indiana borough, was born in the county, at Dixonville, Dec. 10, 1879, son of J. A. Hale and Matilda J. (McCullough) Longwill.

Thomas Longwill, the great-grandfather of J. Clair Longwill, married Sarah B. Beamer.

John S. Longwill, son of Thomas, and grandfather of J. Clair Longwill, married Sarah R. Henderson.

J. A. Hale Longwill, son of John S., was born on his father's farm near Dixonville, Indiana county, Feb. 10, 1858, and grew to manhood in Dixonville, whither the family had removed in 1870. After attending the public schools he became a student in Purchase Line Academy, under Prof. J. L. Myers, following which he taught school in Indiana county for two years, and then learned the trade of carpenter, inheriting much of his skill in this line from his father, who had been a skilled natural-born mechanic. In addition he carried on farming and operated

a threshing machine, and during the winter months conducted a mill. In 1900 he came to Indiana, following carpenter work here until July, 1906, when he was made general superintendent of buildings and grounds at the Indiana normal school, a position which he has since held. He is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and in his political views is a Republican. Mr. Longwill was married at Dixonville, Pa., May 28, 1878, to Matilda J. McCullough, daughter of Isaac and Sarah (McGuire) McCullough, of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, and they have four children: J. Clair; Eva, who married Fred Myers, of Ohio, and now lives at Williamstown, W. Va.; and Ward and O. Jay, who live at home.

J. Clair Longwill attended public school at Dixonville and the old Purchase Line Academy, under Professors Weaver and S. L. Barr, and when twenty-one years of age accompanied the family to Indiana borough, where he entered the Indiana normal school, spending two years in study there. In 1902 he accepted a position as assistant deputy register and recorder of Indiana county, under H. M. Lowry, and became deputy in 1908, under J. Blair Sutton, holding that position to the present time. In political matters he is a staunch Republican.

On Aug. 31, 1906, Mr. Longwill was married in Indiana to M. Rozelle Lhore, daughter of Emanuel M. Lhore, and they have one child, Thelma R.

**THOMAS PRESTLEY CAMPBELL**, retired farmer of Young township, Indiana county, who now makes his home at West Lebanon, was born near Martinsburg, in Butler county, Pa., June 29, 1843. His grandfather, Joseph Campbell, settled in Westmoreland county, this State, later moving to Butler county, where he followed farming near Martinsburg the rest of his life, dying there. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. His wife's maiden name was Storey.

James Campbell, father of Thomas P. Campbell, was born in Butler county and grew to manhood on his father's farm there. For a time he was employed on the Erie canal, receiving fifty cents a day, and subsequently followed farming in Parker township, Butler county. In 1873 he sold his interests there and came to Indiana county, locating in Young township, where he bought the Elwood farm, a tract of 189 acres upon which he spent the remainder of his days,

dying there April 19, 1891. He was buried in the West Union cemetery. Mr. Campbell followed farming and stock raising. In religion he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. In Butler county he married Elizabeth Akins, who became the mother of four children: Jacob, who died when two years old; Thomas P.; Richard, who resides in the South; and Isaiah, who lives in Klickitat county, Wash. Mrs. Campbell died on the farm and Mr. Campbell married (second) Jane McClary, daughter of Thomas McClary. There were five children by this marriage: McClary, who died young; Amanda, who is now the widow of David George (he died in 1882) and resides at West Lebanon (she has had two children, Dora, deceased, and Perry Campbell, at home); Mary S., who married Charles George, of Young township; Joanna, residing in West Lebanon; and Nancy, who married Calvin McAdoo, of Indiana, Pa. The mother died Feb. 7, 1901, and is buried in the West Union cemetery.

Thomas Prestley Campbell obtained his education in the common schools of Parker township, Butler county. Until seventeen years of age he worked at home with his father, subsequently doing farm work for others and learning the trade of blacksmith at Brady's Bend, Armstrong county. On Sept. 3, 1863, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company C, 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, under Capt. David Evans, of Pittsburg, and Colonel Barnes. He was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen, Fort Albany and Fort Ward, in Virginia, spending a year in the service, and was mustered out at Fort Ward, returning to Pennsylvania. Going to Butler county he worked in the oil fields for seven or eight years, as a blacksmith and driller. In 1873 he came to Indiana county and worked on his father's farm for a short time, until he settled on the John D. Hart place, a tract of 116 acres, where he carried on general farming and stock raising for the next thirty-five years, in 1908 renting the property and moving to West Lebanon. He has since lived retired, though he is active and enjoys good health. Mr. Campbell is an unassuming citizen, and though he has not taken any part in public matters is well known and liked in this vicinity. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious connection a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

In 1880 Mr. Campbell married Belle J. Kier, daughter of James Kier, and she was also a member of the United Presbyterian

Church. No children were born to this union. Mrs. Campbell died Aug. 11, 1910, and is buried in the West Union cemetery in Armstrong township. Since her decease Mr. Campbell has made his home with his sister Joanna in West Lebanon.

LEWIS DEABENDERFER, who is carrying on agricultural operations in White township, Indiana county, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., June 14, 1835, son of John and Catherine Deabenderfer.

John Deabenderfer was born in Germany and some time after his marriage emigrated to the United States, first settling at Baltimore, Md., where he spent a short time, and subsequently removing to Westmoreland county, Pa. For the first few years he was in that location he was engaged in work in the woods, but on going to Armstrong county started to cultivate a rented farm, and when he came to Montgomery township, Indiana county, in 1857, bought property of his own, which he continued to cultivate until the time of his death. His widow survived several years, and also passed away in Montgomery township. They were the parents of the following children: Maria, who is deceased; Lewis; John, who was killed by a fall from a tree; Eli, who is deceased; two children who died in infancy; Henry, who is engaged in farming in Nebraska; and George, who met an accidental death.

Lewis Deabenderfer, son of John, received his early education in the schools of Armstrong county, and pursued his later studies in the Montgomery township public schools. As a lad he assisted his father in clearing the home farm, and also worked for some time in the woods, and after the death of his father he took charge of the home property, to which he gave his entire attention, farming there until 1898. He then went back to Armstrong county, where he remained four years, in 1902 coming to White township and settling on his present place, which he had purchased several years before. He carries on general farming and stock raising and has been eminently successful in his operations, the excellent condition of his land testifying eloquently to the satisfactory results of putting progressive ideas into practice and intelligent, well-directed effort. In 1912 he erected a handsome brick and stone house of modern architecture, and other improvements have been made from time to time, making this one of the most valuable properties in the township. Mr. Deabenderfer is at all times

ready to help any movement which promises to be of benefit to his community, and while a resident of Montgomery township rendered signal service as a member of the board of school directors.

Mr. Deabenderfer was married Dec. 23, 1868, to Mary Ann Heckman, a native of Armstrong county, daughter of Abraham and Esther Heckman, farming people of Armstrong county, who died there, and four children have been born to this union: Abraham, who lives in Armstrong county; Esther C., living with her parents; David William, who is engaged in farming in White township; and H. Bert, also a White township farmer. With his family, Mr. Deabenderfer attends the Lutheran Church at Indiana, Pennsylvania.

LAWRENCE HICKS, who is engaged in the general merchandise business at North Point, Pa., was born July 5, 1883, in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, son of Washington J. and Maggie J. (Robinson) Hicks.

John Hicks, the paternal great-grandfather of Lawrence Hicks, and the first of the family to come to Indiana county, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., and when a young man came to Rayne township, where he spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits.

Abram Hicks, son of John Hicks, and grandfather of Lawrence Hicks, grew up in Rayne township, and there attended the common schools. After his marriage he went to North Mahoning township, where he secured a partly cleared farm on which he spent the remainder of his life, there passing away in October, 1873. He was a Republican in politics, and held various township offices, while his religious faith was that of the Lutheran Church. By his first marriage, to Nancy McKee, of Rayne township, Indiana county, he had six children, namely: Simmons, deceased, who married Nancy Shosinger, was a farmer in North Mahoning township; Nelson, who served in Company B, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, was killed in a railroad accident, at Blairsville, Pa., in 1903, leaving a widow, Jane (Drummond); Charles, who served in the same regiment as his brother Nelson, was later a farmer and miller, and now resides at New Kensington, Pa., married Rebecca McSperin, who is now deceased; Jemima married Joseph McCright, and both are deceased; Mary Ann and James E. both died in childhood. Abram Hicks was married (second) to Martha Hoover, of Philipsburg, Pa., and she died in

March, 1906, the mother of eight children, namely: Abram, a farmer of North Point, Pa., who married Ann E. Bariek; Martha, deceased, who was the wife of John Hoop; Margaret, who married Allan Shields, of Portland, Ore.; George, a merchant at Marchand, Pa., who married Sarah Walker; Washington J.; Ulysses Grant, who died at the age of ten years; Eliza Jane, deceased; and Nancy, who died in childhood.

Washington J. Hicks, son of Abram Hicks, and father of Lawrence Hicks, was born in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., in 1863, grew up on the homestead, and received his education in the common schools. He spent two years in Butler county, Kans., but subsequently returned to Indiana county and purchased a part of the old homestead, engaging in agricultural pursuits until 1905. In that year he and his son Lawrence bought a general store and hotel at Trade City, Pa., but in 1910 Lawrence sold his interest in the store to his father, and in 1911 Hicks the father sold the store to Henry E. Roney, and now gives all of his time and attention to conducting the hotel, which is one of the most popular in the county, while the farm is rented. In 1882 Mr. Hicks was married to Maggie J. Robinson, of North Mahoning township, and they have had seven children: Lawrence; Leonard, a farmer at Noreatur, Kans., who married Ida Summit, and has one son, Blaine; Lillie, who married Calvin Gould, of North Mahoning township, and has one child, Dorothea; Bessie, who married William Kerr, of West Mahoning township, and has four children; Blair, of Wyoming; Alma, residing in Pittsburg, Pa.; and Vada, who married Joseph Felterhoff, and has two children, William and Milo.

Lawrence Hicks, son of Washington J. Hicks, attended the home schools and the Marchand high school. At the age of nineteen he began his mercantile career as a clerk in a grocery at Homestead, Pa. Later he was employed by the Union Pacific Tea Company at their Allegheny (Pa.) store, and by the Lauderbach & Barber Company, at their Punxsutawney (Pa.) branch. From 1905 to 1910 he was in partnership with his father in the business at Trade City, in July, 1910, locating at North Point, in business on his own account. Here he purchased his present store and a new stock of merchandise, and his activities have resulted in well-deserved success. Through industry, integrity and good judgment he has built up a large and profitable trade, his stock including everything to sup-

ply the needs of his patrons. Among the business men with whom he has had dealings, he is known as a man in whom the utmost confidence may be placed and in his home locality he has a wide circle of warm friends.

Mr. Hicks was married Nov. 30, 1909, to Vesta Florence Craig, of Rayne township, daughter of William and Hannah (Kelly) Craig, and granddaughter of William and Matilda (Speedy) Craig, pioneer settlers of Rayne township. William Craig and his wife had two children: Mrs. Hicks and Elgie L., the latter of whom died May 26, 1912, at the age of nineteen years. Mrs. Craig passed away Nov. 10, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have had two children: Lawrence Mervin, born March 9, 1910; and Vesta Iona, born Aug. 10, 1912. The family is connected with the Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER McCOY, superintendent for the Greenwood Cemetery Association, at Indiana, Pa., was born on his father's farm in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, Nov. 26, 1856, son of William and Julia Ann (Lydiek) McCoy.

Alexander McCoy, grandfather of Samuel A. McCoy, was born in County Derry, Ireland, and was there married to Mary Pickett. When their son William was about six months old they came to the United States, and lived in Philadelphia, Pa., until he was five years of age, at which time the family removed to Cherryhill township, Indiana county, where the grandparents passed the remainder of their lives. They were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. They became the parents of the following children: William; James, who married Mary Ray, and died on the home farm; Robert, who died in early manhood; John, who died when a young man; Alexander, a resident of Purchase Line, who married a Miss Lydiek; Samuel, who lost his life in a railroad accident in 1900, (he married a Miss Perry); Mary Lovina, who married George McCullough, and died in this county; and Margaret, Mrs. Jamison, who lives in the State of Michigan.

William McCoy, father of Samuel A., was born in Ireland, spent a few of his early years in Philadelphia, and from the time he was five years old was reared on the family homestead in Cherryhill township. He was a farmer throughout his life, and passed away in 1910, his wife preceding him to the grave in 1905. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. McCoy was an elder, and in his political views he was a



Republican. Their children were as follows: Samuel Alexander; Mary, who married William Morris, of Green township; Julia Ann, who is unmarried; and Robert J., who resides in the West.

Samuel Alexander McCoy remained on the home farm in Cherryhill township, and attended public school at Pineflats until he was seventeen years of age, afterward working in the lumber woods in the winter months and on the home farm in the summer seasons. He so continued until he was twenty-six years of age, and Oct. 8, 1882, was united in marriage with Alma May Lockard, of Green township, Indiana county, daughter of Hiram and Susan (Mock) Lockard. After his marriage Mr. McCoy located on a farm in Green township, which he and his father purchased together, a tract of sixty acres which he farmed for ten years, then selling his share to his father. He continued renting land until April, 1900, at which time he moved to Indiana, Pa., working for one year in the Indiana glass factory, and then, in April, 1901, being made superintendent of Greenwood cemetery, a position he has held to the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. McCoy have one child, William Norris, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., who married a Miss Lotts and has one child, Morris Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are members of the Presbyterian Church. In his political views he is a Republican.

**BENJAMIN L. STEPHENS**, a farmer of Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in that township Jan. 31, 1867, son of Giles Stephens.

William Stephens, grandfather of Benjamin L. Stephens, was one of the first men to locate in Indiana county, and here he found an outlet for his energies in milling and blacksmithing during his early life, and farming in later years. All his life he interested himself in religious matters, and was a local preacher of the Methodist Church. He also taught school in Indiana county.

Giles Stephens, son of William, was born in Huntingdon county, and came here at an early age, becoming a miller and farmer, and rounding out a useful life.

Benjamin L. Stephens attended the schools of his neighborhood, and has always been engaged in farming. When he was eighteen years old he made a trip to Kansas, and during the year he spent in the West gained some valuable experience in various kinds of farming. Returning to Indiana county, he bought the property he now occupies, known as the

Maple Grove farm, and developed it to its present valuable condition, specializing in stock raising.

On April 19, 1899, Mr. Stephens was (first) married to Amelia Ackerson, of Cherryhill township. She died April 23, 1905, the mother of two sons, James G. and Benjamin R. On Nov. 25, 1910, Mr. Stephens was married (second) to Mrs. Blanche J. (Condron) Snyder, daughter of David and Caroline (Wells) Condron, both now deceased. For years Mr. Condron was a farmer of Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens are the parents of one son, Robert.

**SAMUEL F. BAKER**, member of a family well represented in Green township and elsewhere in Indiana county, was born in that township, near Cookport, July 3, 1851, son of George and Elizabeth (Cook) Baker. The parents were also natives of Indiana county.

George Baker settled near Cookport, in Green township, buying a farm upon which he remained until his death; his wife survived him. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Levi, who lives in Indiana county; W. Hezekiah, living in Green township; Mary, wife of Simon Buterbaugh, of Indiana county; Jane, wife of Jonathan Learn, of Indiana borough; George, living on the home place in Green township; Samuel Furman; Philip, deceased; Ann, deceased; Lucy, wife of George W. McCullough, of Cookport; and Henderson, whose home is in Seattle, Washington.

Samuel Furman Baker spent his early days on the paternal farm near Cookport and obtained his education in the public schools of his native township. He began farm work when a boy, and also followed lumbering in his young manhood. In 1878 he moved to the farm near Purchase Line, in Green township, where he has since lived and worked, buying it a few years later. Here he carries on farming and stock raising, devoting all his time to his own affairs, though he takes a public-spirited interest in the welfare of his township. He married Oct. 24, 1874, Mary A. Langham, who was born in Green township, daughter of Josiah and Susan Ann (Conrath) Langham, who came from Westmoreland county, Pa., at an early day, and passed the remainder of their lives in Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are the parents of four children: Blanche, the eldest, is deceased; Eva is the wife of Claude Ginter, of Dixonville, and they have three children, Glen, Arveda and Geneva; Ida is the wife of

John Spotts, of Montgomery township, this county, and they have one child, Chester; Clay lives at home on the farm, assisting his father. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are members of the East Mahoning Baptist Church. Mr. Baker is associated with the Republican party in politics.

WILLIAM HAMILTON LYDIC, a retired farmer of Washington township, Indiana county, belongs to one of the oldest families of that region, the family having been founded here by his great-grandfather, John Lydic, who came to this country from Holland. He settled at the stone fort in Indiana county and though he was driven off his land by the Indians twice, came the third time and remained. He cleared up a farm out of the wilderness, and made a permanent home for his family, and his sons settled in the vicinity. He married Mary May.

Patrick Lydic, son of John and Mary (May) Lydic, married Mary McHenry and they lived in Indiana county to the end of their days. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, and a Whig in politics. To him and his wife were born eleven children: John, James, Isaac, William, Patrick, Samuel, Joseph, Mary, Nancy, Hannah and Margaret.

Patrick Lydic, son of Patrick and Mary (McHenry) Lydic, was born Jan. 8, 1806, in what is now Cherryhill, Indiana county, and died May 19, 1881. The principal part of his life was spent in South Mahoning township, this county, and he was always engaged in farming. He was active and prominent in local affairs, holding various township offices, was a Whig and abolitionist and later a Republican in his political views, and was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he filled the position of elder. He was instrumental in establishing the Plumville Church. He married Jane Hamilton, who was born Aug. 18, 1811, in Indiana county, daughter of James Hamilton, who was of Irish parentage. Mr. Hamilton spent his life near Indiana, Indiana county; his wife's maiden name was Sample. Fourteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Lydic, namely: William Hamilton, mentioned below; Edward Turner, born Feb. 22, 1837; James, born March 8, 1839; John, born April 10, 1840; Mary Jane, born April 21, 1842; Sarah E., born Dec. 19, 1843; Samuel, born April 19, 1846; Benjamin F., born July 22, 1848; Silas C., born Dec. 15, 1850; Anna Eliza, born Oct. 16, 1852; and four who died in infancy unnamed.

William Hamilton Lydic was born April 18, 1835, in South Mahoning township, Indiana county. He moved to Washington township in 1870. Throughout his active years he was always engaged in farming, in connection with which he was extensively interested in stock raising. He retired in 1899. He was active and prominent in local affairs, holding various township offices, and in his political views adhering to the principles of the Republican party. He has long been an active member of the Washington Presbyterian Church, being united with the church in young manhood, was elected ruling elder in March, 1876, and for a number of years served as Sabbath school superintendent.

On Sept. 30, 1858, Mr. Lydic married Jane W. Bell, who was born Sept. 19, 1836, and died Nov. 11, 1880. Three children were born to this marriage: Edward Turner, born Oct. 14, 1859, died Jan. 7, 1880; Ida B., born Oct. 29, 1862, married Feb. 11, 1886, Harry E. Mahan, now deceased, who was a farmer of Washington township, where she still lives; William Harry, born Aug. 8, 1866, married Sarah Martin Feb. 21, 1889, and died March 22, 1895.

On Sept. 6, 1883, Mr. Lydic married (second) Sarah J. Lockhart.

Samuel Lockhart, Mrs. Lydic's father, spent the greater part of his life in Indiana county, coming hither from Huntingdon county, Pa. His parents, Francis and Magdalena (Kepheart) Lockhart, were always farming people. Their children were: Samuel, Henry, John, Francis, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah.

Samuel Lockhart married Hannah Lydic, who was born Sept. 21, 1811, daughter of Patrick and Mary (McHenry) Lydic, mentioned above, and died May 25, 1891. Eleven children were born to their union: B. Franklin, J. Harvey, Mary M., Sarah J. (Mrs. Lydic), Nannie A., John C., Theodore T., Cortland V., and three that died in infancy unnamed.

WILLIAM T. CALHOUN, a farmer of Armstrong township, was born in that township, on his father's homestead, March 28, 1841, son of Samuel and Margaret (Wiggins) Calhoun. His grandfather, William Calhoun, came from Ireland in boyhood with his father, James Calhoun. The latter was twice married, first to a Miss Templeton, and second to Sara Walker. William Calhoun married Miss Elizabeth Lytle,

Samuel Calhoun, son of William and Elizabeth Calhoun, became the owner of a farm in Armstrong township, this county. He married Margaret Wiggins.

William T. Calhoun attended the old Sharp school, having for his first teacher Robert Robinson. He continued in school until he was eighteen years old, and at the same time assisted his father in the farm work. In 1863 he enlisted in the 54th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three months, and reenlisted in 1864 in Company H., 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war, when he returned home, having been a brave and gallant soldier.

His military service completed, Mr. Calhoun resumed his interrupted agricultural duties and continued on the home farm until his marriage, in 1870, when he left to engage in farming for himself. In 1879 he located on his present property, which comprises 120 acres of good land. This he has since operated, and has reason to be proud of its condition.

On March 24, 1870, Mr. Calhoun was married to Maggie Lowry, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Gibson) Lowry. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun became the parents of children as follows: Nancy Alma, who was married to William Byers in 1903, lives in Armstrong township; Samuel L., born April 6, 1875, attended the local schools, and married Clara Taylor (by whom he had one child, Clara Marie) and (second) Emma Peterman; Robert Blair, who married Grace Palmer, lives in the vicinity of Indiana.

Mr. Calhoun belongs to G. A. R. Post No. 303, of Shelocta, and has been commander of same for several years. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of West Union, in which he is prominent. Always a strong Republican, he has steadfastly supported the principles and candidates of his party, but never sought public office. A man of high principles, he has lived up to them, and in consequence enjoys in large measure the confidence of all with whom he is associated.

JACOB SMITH, now living retired at Rossister, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Canoe township, this county, Dec. 22, 1841, son of George and Mary J. (White) Smith, and grandson of Jacob Smith.

Jacob Smith moved from Westmoreland county, Pa., with his wife, to Jefferson county. They were pioneers of the district in which

they settled, and he secured wild land in the vicinity of Paradise, through hard work and careful management developing a good home, carrying on farming and lumbering all his life. In the early days he was quite noted as a trapper and hunter, and he kept the family supplied with game, while he made a considerable amount from the skins of the animals he caught. He and his wife died on their Jefferson county farm. The children born to this excellent couple were: Jacob, George, Samuel, Henry, Betsy, Barbara, Katie and Susan.

George Smith was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and had limited educational opportunities, attending in an old log house. When a young man he became driver of a six-horse freight team, hauling goods between Philadelphia and Pittsburg and other points. Moving with the family to Indiana county, he bought land in Canoe township, near the Union Church, upon which his grandson Carl Smith is now residing. As the land was entirely undeveloped he had to do all the work of clearing it, and in order to house his family he erected a log cabin, also putting up a log stable for his stock. In this primitive way he began his operations as a farmer, and became in time a prosperous man, owning 200 acres of land that is now very valuable. His death occurred on this place when he was ninety-two years old, as did that of his wife, who passed away when she was sixty years of age. Politically he was a Democrat. In early days he and his family attended church at Punxsutawney, but as this necessitated considerable travel he eventually connected himself with the Union Church in Canoe township, and gave it his liberal support until death claimed him. As his farm was on the main road, in the early days he entertained many travelers with whole-souled hospitality, never asking a question, but welcoming the wayfarer as a friend. Because of his many excellent traits of character he was honored and respected, and he is still cited by the older people of the township as an example of an upright, honorable man.

George Smith and his wife had the following family: Keziah, deceased, married Isaac Tiger, and lived in Canoe township; John, who died unmarried, spent the greater part of his life on the homestead; Barbara Ann married Jacob Tiger, of Canoe township; William H., who married Susie Tiger, lives near Indiana, Pa.; Charles, who married Malvina McCollough, served as a soldier in the Civil war (he was taken sick and died, and

was buried near Pittsburg); Jacob is spoken of at length below; Maria married Samuel Cochrane, of East Mahoning township; Rachel, deceased, married Andy Bishop; James, who lived first in Canoe township and later in Jefferson county, where he died, married Eveline Smith and (second) Etta Fairbanks; Clark, deceased, who married Sarah Tiger, spent his life on the homestead and met his death in a railroad accident at Jersey Shore, Pa.; a son died in infancy unnamed.

Mary J. (White) Smith, mother of Jacob Smith, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., daughter of John and Keziah White. Mr. White was a native of France, and on the way over from his native land to this country had the misfortune to be wrecked, and was washed ashore nearly destitute of clothing, not far from the city of Philadelphia. Coming to Indiana, Pa., he secured wild land in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, on which his grandson, Anderson White, now lives. He and his wife rounded out their useful lives on the place their industry had developed from the wilderness. The following children were born to them: John, Charles R., Isaac, James, Isaiah, and Mary J.

Jacob Smith passed through some interesting experiences while securing his educational training. Instead of the well equipped schools of to-day, the children of his time attended in a log house and sat on slab seats, feeling fortunate if their feet rested upon a puncheon floor, as many of the schoolhouses had nothing but the pounded earth for a floor. The crude openings that served as windows were furnished with oiled paper instead of glass, and the room was heated by a huge fireplace. Books were few and handed from one child to the other until utterly wornout. Still the children learned in these primitive schools and laid a firm foundation for future stability and worth. As they had to struggle for their advantages they appreciated them and did not waste their time, but applied themselves earnestly and with profit.

While he was attending school Mr. Smith was not idle, but assisted his father in the work of the farm, becoming so useful that after leaving school he remained at home until he was twenty-three years old. He then located on his present farm in Canoe township, a portion of Rossiter now standing on the original tract. At the time he bought the property it was covered with heavy timber and a less active man might have despaired of ever clearing it, but having assisted his father in similar work he knew how to pro-

ceed, and in time he developed a very valuable tract. The fact that it is located on the straight branch of Canoe creek adds to its value. His first purchase consisted of 148 acres, and he later added fifty-seven acres. Realizing the value of Canoe township farming land, Mr. Smith has invested in it quite heavily, now owning in addition to his homestead one farm of 275 acres and another one of fifty-three acres. At present his homestead comprises but 128 acres, he having sold off the remainder to be included in the town of Rossiter. On his farm he has a coal bank. All the improvements on the place have been made by him. He built a chopmill which he and his son operated for a time, but he has preferred to devote himself to agricultural matters, as he has felt and proved that his ability lies in this direction.

However, whenever the opportunity has arisen for him to make a wise investment of his money he has taken advantage of it, and he erected and still owns the Odd Fellows building at Rossiter. He has always voted the Democratic ticket and for thirty-three years served as a school director, while he has held other offices at different times. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church of Rossiter, and gives it a valued support. Few men are better known throughout Indiana county than Jacob Smith. Successful in every respect, he has earned the warm friendship and appreciation of all with whom he has been associated, and stands forth as one of the leading examples of Pennsylvania's prosperous agriculturists.

On March 14, 1867, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Margaret Beck, of West Mahoning township, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Lantz) Beck, natives of Armstrong and Indiana counties, respectively. Mrs. Smith died Jan. 22, 1890, the mother of the following children: (1) Mary C, born Feb. 21, 1868, married D. G. Tiger, who is farming one of Mr. Smith's properties, and they have had children, Megs, Thara, Theda (deceased), Laird and Alma. (2) Keziah, born Sept. 6, 1869, married M. H. Cassidy, of Canoe township, and their children are Cree, Arthur, Quay, Alta, Jay, Wayne, Catherine, Theda, Jacob and James. (3) Caroline, born June 5, 1871, married John Weaver, and has had children, Merl, Bud, Dee, Orrie, Nancy (deceased), Mary, Wade and Glen. (4) William, born May 9, 1873, married Mary McCollough, who bore him these children, Ethel, Laura, Sarah and Martha. He died April 27, 1905. He always lived on the homestead and

assisted his father in operating the chopmill. After his death his widow married John Crawford, of Plumville.

For his second wife Jacob Smith married Elida Good, of Clarion county, Pa., who died, and on Nov. 27, 1907, Mr. Smith married (third) Mrs. Elizabeth (Timlin) Welchonce, of Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of George and Elizabeth (McHenry) Timlin, and widow of Johnson Welchonce.

JACOB SILVIS, farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, owns and operates a tract of ninety-two acres which formed part of his father's farm. He was born in Westmoreland county, near Murrysville, April 14, 1834, son of Levi Silvis, who moved to Armstrong township, Indiana county, when his son Jacob was seventeen years old. The latter has since made his home in that township. He received a public school training in his native county, and also attended school for a short time after settling in this county. During the Civil war he entered the Union army, serving fourteen months in the 61st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. William J. Glenn. This company was organized at Marion Center, Indiana county. Mr. Silvis joined his regiment, which was attached to the 6th Corps, Army of the Potomac, under Gen. John Sedgwick, at Sulphur Springs, Va., and took part in all the battles in which it was thereafter engaged up to Cold Harbor, where he was taken sick with typhoid fever, also suffering from rheumatism. He was sent home and was not able to return to the service.

On Jan. 5, 1860, Mr. Silvis married Maria Heffelfinger, of Armstrong county, Pa., who was born April 3, 1836, daughter of John Heffelfinger. After their marriage they located on part of the farm owned and occupied by his father. Mr. Silvis has been a prosperous farmer, and he is one of the worthy and esteemed citizens of his neighborhood. Originally a Democrat in politics, he subsequently became a Republican, supported the Greenback party, and is now an advocate of socialism. In religious association he is a Lutheran.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Silvis: Mary Ann is the wife of Cyrus King; William John lives at Wilksburg, Pa.; Reuben A. is located at South Bend, Pa.; Abraham M. is a resident of Armstrong township, Indiana county.

GEORGE W. GREINER, engaged in the manufacture of high-grade bread and cakes

at No. 249 Fourth street, Indiana, Pa., was born in the old Sixth ward of Pittsburg, Pa., near Mercy hospital, March 22, 1868, and is a son of William and Annie (King) Greiner.

William Greiner has followed baking as an occupation all of his life, and is now the proprietor of an establishment at Clymer. His wife is deceased. They had two sons, of whom George W. is the younger.

George W. Greiner attended the Forbes school in the Sixth ward of Pittsburg until he was eleven years of age, his last teacher being a Miss McCaffry, and then entered his father's bakery in Pittsburg to learn the business. He continued to work with him in Pittsburg, Blairsville and Indiana; and followed his trade in Homer City and other places, as a journeyman. In 1904 Mr. Greiner came with his father to Indiana, and May 31, 1908, purchased the business of his father, who then went to Clymer. Progressive and enterprising in his ideas and methods, Mr. Greiner has built up a large trade, necessitating the use of two wagons and an automobile truck.

On Oct. 5, 1909, Mr. Greiner was married in Pittsburg, Pa., to Pearl Lewis, of Rossmoyne, Indiana county, daughter of Matthew Lewis, an agriculturist of this county. Mr. Greiner is not connected with any particular religious denomination, but is an advocate of morality, education and good citizenship. In political matters he is a Republican, and his fraternal connection is with the Eagles and the Moose. He and his wife have no children.

JOSEPH F. LIGHTNER, who conducts a thriving general mercantile store at Dixonville, Indiana county, has been doing business there since 1905. He is a native of Armstrong county, Pa., born March 2, 1870, at Belknap, where his father, Daniel Lightner, was one of the first settlers. Daniel Lightner was a blacksmith and followed that calling at Belknap for many years, dying in 1890. He married Lovina Ellenberger, who survived him a number of years, dying in 1908. They were the parents of three children: John, who is a resident of Armstrong county; Joseph F.; and Anna, wife of James A. Reesman, of Kittanning, Armstrong county.

Joseph F. Lightner received a public school education at Belknap, where he passed his early life. When a youth he was employed at farm work, at which he continued for a number of years, and was also engaged in the woods, lumbering. In 1905 he came to Dixonville, where he has since remained, and at once established the store he now conducts,

which has enjoyed a profitable patronage from the start. He owns the building in which his business is located, and has become one of the substantial citizens of the community in which he is settled, and where his honorable career has won him good standing.

Mr. Lightner's marriage to Salvada Rummel took place in 1891. She was born in Armstrong county, daughter of Emanuel and Nancy (Rearich) Rummel, both also natives of that county, the latter now deceased; Mr. Rummel is at present a resident of Dixonville. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lightner: William married Irene Motter, of DuBois, Pa.; Floyd married Grace Lydic, of Lovejoy, Pa.; Melvin is at home.

LEROY BEE, superintendent of the Greenwich Coal & Coke Company, at Lovejoy, Indiana county, was born in Canoe township, this county, June 17, 1874, and is a son of John A. and Amanda (White) Bee, natives of Indiana county who are now living in Canoe township.

The father of Mr. Bee spent the active years of his life as a carpenter and contractor, and now resides on a farm near the town of Rossiter. He served as justice of the peace and constable for twenty-six years. He and his wife had five sons and one daughter, namely: Bert, who is engaged in farming in Canoe township; Leroy; Mabel, the wife of John Domb, who conducts a store at Canoe Ridge, Indiana county; Harlin and Clyde, who are carpenters of Lovejoy; and Doyle, living at home.

The maternal great-grandfather of Mr. Bee was born in France, and on his way to the United States was shipwrecked. Isaac White, his son, came from France to the United States, locating first in New York, and later becoming one of the first settlers of Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

Leroy Bee secured his education in the schools of Canoe township, and as a young man was taught the trade of carpenter by his father. After following general carpentry for some years he became a mine carpenter at Windber, and two years thereafter accepted a position as foreman and carpenter with the Greenwich Coal & Coke Company. After five years spent in these capacities he became stationary engineer for the company, and in 1910 was made superintendent of the company at Lovejoy, a position which he has continued to hold to the present time, showing himself to be a faithful and efficient employe and a man of much executive ability.

In 1908 Mr. Bee was married, in the town of Indiana, Pa., to Miny Smith, who was born in Canoe township, daughter of Clark and Sarah (Tyger) Smith, who are now both deceased. Mrs. Bee's father was a farmer of Canoe township, carrying on operations on the tract of land that had been originally settled and cleared by his father, George Smith, one of this county's early pioneers.

Mr. Bee is a member of Twolick Lodge, No. 75, Knights of Pythias, and of the Loyal Order of Moose, at Clymer. His wife is a well-known member of the Presbyterian Church.

NATHANIEL S. NORTH, who farms in Canoe township, not far from Juneau, Indiana county, was born in what is now Canoe township (at that time part of Montgomery township) Sept. 17, 1842, son of John and Elizabeth (Simpson) North and grandson of John North.

John North, the grandfather, was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1779, and was married there in 1806 to Elizabeth Pogue. In 1810 they came to the United States, and he secured employment in the DuPont powder works, in Delaware. He served one year in the army during the war of 1812 and was enrolled during the entire conflict, being detailed to work in the powder mills. In the spring of 1818 he came to Indiana county, and the first home of the family was an old log schoolhouse standing on what was then the John Mitchell farm. In June, 1818, he bought a tract of land embracing 200 acres in North Mahoning township, where he carried on general farming, engaging also in lumbering. The following children were born to John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North: Deborah, who married William Pogue; Margaret, who married John Henderson; John, who married Elizabeth Simpson; Eliza, who married James Means; Joseph P., who married Margery Kinsel; Daniel, who married Catherine Bell; Phoebe Jane, who married John Steffy; Thomas, who married Sarah McConaughy and (second) Eva Sutter; and William P., who married Margaret Simpson. John North, Sr., died at the age of sixty-four years, in 1843, and his wife in 1846, aged about sixty-one, and both were buried in the old cemetery at Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county.

John North, son of John North and father of Nathaniel S. North, was born at Wilmington, Del., in 1811, and was seven years old when the family moved to Indiana county, Pa. There he finished his schooling in the home district in North Mahoning township,

and when he reached manhood bought a farm of 140 acres from Charles Gaskel, who was agent for the Holland Land Company. This farm was situated in North Mahoning township and it continued to be the home of Mr. North until his death, which occurred in 1886, when he was aged seventy-five years. He was a man of consequence in his neighborhood, and being a great reader was very well informed. At different times he served with honest efficiency in numerous local offices, such as school director, overseer and supervisor. He was a zealous antislavery man, an abolitionist and later a Republican. When young he became a member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney, and when the church was rebuilt and the congregation was organized as a Presbyterian Church he united with it. For many years he was an elder in his church and at the time of his death was serving as trustee.

In 1837 John North married Elizabeth Simpson, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Simpson, of Georgeville. She was born in 1812 and died in 1907, aged ninety-five years. To this marriage the following children were born: Two that died very young of scarlet fever; Nathaniel S.; Joseph, deceased, who married Mary Martin, of Canoe township, and (second) Mary Nichol, of South Mahoning township; Anna Mary, who is the widow of William Simpson; Laura E., of Indiana, Pa., widow of David Hamilton; Solomon Taylor, now serving his fifth term as a member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, who married Ann Neal (she is deceased); Minerva and Margaret, both of whom are deceased; and a child that died unnamed. John North and his wife were buried in the old graveyard at Punxsutawney.

Nathaniel S. North attended school in Jefferson county until he was twelve years old and helped his father on the farm until he was eighteen years of age. In the meanwhile the Civil war had been precipitated, and he resolved to enter the Federal army, which resolve he put into action by enlisting, on Aug. 21, 1862, in Company A, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until the end of the war; he was mustered out July 3, 1865. He participated in a great many battles, including Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and in many skirmishes, was near Bull Run, and was near Fortress Monroe when the Confederates blew up Fort Hell. He was with General Burnside's command when it was mired in the mud at Kelly's Ford on the way to Chancellorsville.

When finally mustered out after his honorable discharge he started for Indiana county and, arriving home on July 15, 1865, was able to help his father through harvest and assist in putting away the crops. After his years of adventurous life the quiet of the farm grew so monotonous that the young man decided on traveling about for awhile before settling down, and went first to Pittsburg, from there to Cincinnati and afterward to St. Louis, in each city finding much to interest him but not enough to make him wish to settle there. He went on to Macon City, Mo., and there had an unpleasant experience, being recognized as a former Union soldier and as such almost mobbed by a crowd of Confederate sympathizers. He then returned home, but later went into the lumber camps in Clearfield county and worked until the spring of 1866. After his first marriage, in 1867, he settled on his present farm in Canoe township.

In politics Mr. North is a Republican, and he takes an active part in public matters and has served acceptably in many township offices. He was supervisor three years. After serving for thirteen years as a school director he was once more reelected, but had to decline on account of holding another office at that time. He was tax collector two terms, and for two terms was township assessor. He holds membership in the Indiana lodge of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A., at Punxsutawney. Formerly he belonged to the G. A. R. in that city and at present is a member of the Union Veteran Legion of Punxsutawney. Reared in the Presbyterian faith, he is inclined toward the doctrines of that church.

Mr. North was first married to Nancy Hamilton, who was born Jan. 10, 1842, and died Oct. 8, 1894. She was a daughter of John and Mattie (Hopkins) Hamilton. To that marriage the following children were born: Lizzie Fontabella, born Jan. 23, 1868; Martha Theresa, born Jan. 16, 1870, now deceased; John Hamilton, born March 1, 1872; Taylor Ellsworth, born Oct. 8, 1875, now deceased; Clara Irene, born Dec. 1, 1877; and David Clair, born March 4, 1881.

Mr. North's second marriage was to Hannah Ellwood, who was born Dec. 5, 1849, daughter of William and Barbara (Burkett) Ellwood, of Canoe township, and died in November, 1909. On Oct. 17, 1910, Mr. North was married (third) to Mrs. Nannie (Lydie) Litzinger, widow of John Litzinger, and

daughter of Chapman and Maria (Bostic) Lydic.

CHAPMAN LYDIC, father of Mrs. North, was born Aug. 25, 1832, and died Jan. 25, 1905, aged seventy-two years. He married Maria Bostic, who was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Feb. 17, 1838, and died Feb. 4, 1904, aged sixty-six years. They had eleven children, namely: Felix, who lives at Burnside, Clearfield Co., Pa., married Nettie Strong; Nannie is Mrs. North; George who lives in Clearfield county, married Luetta McGee; Samuel, who lives in Montgomery township, married Emma Hoffman; Elizabeth is the wife of John McCullough, of Friendsville, Md.; Levina is the wife of Roul Spicher, of Garman's Mills, Cambria county; Sadie is the wife of William Spicher, of Arcadia, Montgomery township; Malinda is the wife of Robert Kerr, of Montgomery township; Howard, who married Lily Goss, lives at Gettysburg, Montgomery township; Maud, who is the wife of John McGee, lives at Burnside, in Clearfield county; Frank, who lives in Cambria county, married Grace Feath.

Nannie Lydic was born in Montgomery township, Indiana Co., Pa., and was educated in the public schools. She assisted her mother in the home until 1872, when she was united in marriage with John Litzinger, of Chest Springs, Cambria Co., Pa., who died Dec. 7, 1905, leaving the following children: Roy; Ethel, wife of David North, of Creekside; Edna, wife of Harvey B. Langham, of Lovejoy; Nettie, wife of Henry Radcliff; Elizabeth, wife of Gloe Berringer, of Colver; and Daisy and Alice, both at home. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Litzinger resided in her home at Gettysburg until her marriage to Nathaniel S. North.

ROBERT CALDERWOOD, deceased, was born March 26, 1841, in County Tyrone, Ireland, and died March 4, 1912, in Canoe township, this county. He was a son of Andrew and Mary (Milligan) Calderwood.

Andrew Calderwood was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, as was his wife. They grew to maturity there and married. He was a farmer, and finding conditions not what they desired they came to America in 1848, locating in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., where they spent three years, then moving to the property in Canoe township that is still in the family. This comprised 100 acres of wild land, upon which Andrew Calderwood put up a log cabin and stable, and

began developing a home. Here he continued to farm until his death, which occurred when he was ninety-three years old. His wife died in Banks township when she was eighty-three years old. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Samuel, who is a farmer of Canoe township, married Elizabeth Shields, and they have eight children; Elizabeth, born June 1, 1837, in County Tyrone, Ireland, married Daniel Rateliff and (second) John Coglin, and they live in Montgomery county, Pa.; Robert is mentioned below; William, born March 10, 1845, in County Tyrone, Ireland, now a farmer of Knox township, Jefferson Co., Pa., married Martha Work, and has had these children, Lizzie, William, Mary, Claire, Hattie, Bertha, Elizabeth, the last three being deceased; John E., born July 21, 1850, in this country, has been a lawyer at Punxsutawney, Pa., since 1879 (he was educated at Covode, and read law with Chicks & Winslow, of Punxsutawney).

Robert Calderwood received only limited educational advantages, but possessing natural ability and a quick mind he added to his store of information and became an excellent business man. He lived on the Calderwood farm, carrying on general farming and lumbering, and did a large amount of business, being one of the leading men in his line. In his death the county lost one of its most substantial and representative men.

In 1881 Mr. Calderwood was united in marriage with Mary L. Rishel, who was born in Canoe township, this county, a daughter of Christopher Rishel. Mr. and Mrs. Calderwood became the parents of two children, Ward and Alta E.

WARD CALDERWOOD was born on the old home place in Canoe township Feb. 2, 1882, and received a good common school education. He has always lived on the home place, and is one of the rising young men of his locality.

ALTA E. CALDERWOOD, born Sept. 9, 1883, married James Murray Baun, of Rossiter. They have had one child, Robert L., who is deceased.

HENRY BENCE, who is engaged in farming in Green township, near the town of Dixonville, was born in Rayne township, Indiana county, Aug. 21, 1860, a son of George and Fannie (Stahl) Bence.

The father of Mr. Bence was an early settler in Indiana county, and spent the greater part of his life on a farm in Rayne township.



He died in the house now occupied by his son Henry, in 1894. His wife, who died some time previous to his demise, was a native of Center county, Pa., and they were the parents of ten children: Lucinda, the wife of John Rowe, a resident of Rayne township; Katherine, who married Leander Baylor; Mary, widow of Franklin Long, living in Rayne township; Hannah, a resident of Greenville, Pa.; Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Livingston, of Indiana, Pa.; Ellen, who married Foster Myers, of Rayne township; Dillie, the wife of Simon Henry, of Cherryhill township; Christie Ann, a resident of Bradford, Pa.; Henry; and one who died in infancy.

Henry Bence attended the district schools of Cherryhill and Rayne townships, and was reared to the occupation of farmer, to which he has devoted himself all his life. In 1899 he moved to the old farm near Dixonville, in Green township, and he now has a well-developed property with modern improvements.

On Aug. 23, 1880, Mr. Bence was married to Emma Cribbs, who was born in Blacklick township, Indiana county, Aug. 10, 1860, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Clawson) Cribbs, the former of whom died in April, 1903, and the latter Jan. 16, 1895. Mr. Cribbs was a blacksmith by trade, and in addition to following that occupation was also engaged in farming in Blacklick township. He and his wife had a family of nine children: Samuel, who resides at Vandergrift, Pa.; John, living at Reynoldsville, this State; David, living in Pennsylvania; William, Nancy A., Sarah Jane and George, who are all deceased; Milton, who lives in Houston, Texas; and Emma, who married Mr. Bence.

Mr. and Mrs. Bence have had fourteen children, namely: Emory, who lives at Apollo, Armstrong county; Harry and Charles, living in Rayne township, Indiana county; Cora, the wife of Park Thomas, of Marion Center; Orrin, living at Vandergrift; Eva, the wife of J. Long, of Danville; Emma, Iva, Mary and Clara, who live at home; and Claire, Homer, Clarence and Flora, deceased.

JOSEPH DOUGHERTY, whose eighty acres of farming land are located in Canoe township, Indiana county, was born on his father's old homestead farm in Jefferson county, Pa., April 24, 1845, son of Daniel and Belinda (Coffman) Dougherty.

William Dougherty, the paternal grandfather of Joseph Dougherty, was born in Ireland, and was the first of the family to come

to the United States, emigrating to this country in young manhood and locating in Armstrong county, Pa. He was a noted hunter and trapper of his day and locality, and also devoted some time to agricultural pursuits, and his latter years were spent in Westmoreland and Jefferson counties, his death occurring in the latter county.

Daniel Dougherty, son of William, and father of Joseph Dougherty, was born Dec. 25, 1816, in Armstrong county, Pa., and there grew to manhood. Later he removed to Westmoreland county, and in 1830 went to near Cloe, in Bell township, Jefferson county. There he was married, Sept. 21, 1837, to Belinda Coffman, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and they settled on a farm of 140 acres, for which he had paid \$2.50 an acre. On this tract of timber land Mr. Dougherty put up a small log house and started to make a home for his family, but his death occurred in the prime of life, July 6, 1852, when he was but thirty-six years of age. His widow remarried, becoming the wife of Samuel Hughes, who was born Aug. 2, 1811, and died in 1874. He was a lumberman of Indiana county. Mrs. Hughes survived until Oct. 2, 1903, dying in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty were born the following children: William, born June 28, 1839, died in February, 1855; Ann Eliza, born April 5, 1841, married Reuben Williams, of near Cloe, Pa., and died in 1909; Augustus, born July 18, 1843, married Isabella Thompson, resided on the old homestead, and died April 5, 1889; Joseph was born April 24, 1845; Taylor, born April 29, 1847, married Sallie Tucker, and is engaged in farming near Cloe; Pa.; Louisa, born July 19, 1849, married John H. Grube, and lives in Albion, Pa.; Samuel, born Feb. 18, 1852, who married Emma Krenkaw, is carrying on agricultural operations near Cloe, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Dougherty, son of Daniel Dougherty, was given but little encouragement in an educational way when he was a youth, the greater part of his training being secured in the school of hard work and experience. He was reared to the severe, unremitting toil of the fields, and also spent some time in rafting and lumbering. At the age of seven years he was placed by his mother with the Coffman family, with whom he remained ten years, receiving but little during that period. The lad was sturdy and industrious, however, and worked faithfully at the duties to which he was assigned, and on leaving the Coffman

home returned to his own homestead, continuing with his mother until he was twenty-three years of age. During this time he had not received one dollar for the hard work he had done, but he subsequently spent nine years in work on adjoining properties, in the meanwhile carefully saving his wages, with the object ever in view of becoming the owner of a property of his own.

On Jan. 26, 1871, Mr. Dougherty was united in marriage with Anna B. Grube, who was born June 8, 1853, in Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of George and Catherine Grube, the latter of Westmoreland county, and the former of Center county. They were pioneer residents of the Grube settlement in Jefferson county, where Mr. Grube owned a valuable farm and where he and his wife died. Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty have had the following children: Aubrey E., a painter by occupation, who makes his home with his parents; John C., who died Feb. 24, 1885; Arthur M., a glass worker of Tarentum, Pa., who married Ann Baker; Ella T., who died Jan. 9, 1904; Samuel C., who died April 30, 1901; and Ora Viola, who lives with her parents.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty settled on a tract of fifty acres known as the Mungold farm, located one mile from Punxsutawney, Pa., on which they resided for five years. Their next home was at Elk Run, and in Mareh, 1877, Mr. Dougherty purchased his present farm in Canoe township, a tract of ninety-eight acres, known as the Miller place. In 1894 he rebuilt the home on this land, and in 1900 built the present substantial barn, in addition to which he has made all the other improvements, converting it into one of the valuable tracts of the township. He has sold some of the original tract, having now about eighty acres in all in his property, and about fifty-six acres are under cultivation, and here his years of hard labor have been finally crowned by success. Mr. Dougherty's career may well serve as an example for aspiring youths who feel that they are hopelessly handicapped by the lack of capital or influential friends. He started in life a poor boy, but he never allowed himself to become discouraged, always striving earnestly to work his way up the ladder of success. That he has done so is readily apparent to anyone who now visits his well-regulated farm, and that he has always held the confidence and esteem of his neighbors and those with whom he has had business transactions may be inferred by the number of his friends. Although he has reached an age when most

men feel that they are ready to lay down the active duties of life, he is still in excellent health, his clean, upright life having preserved his faculties well. He has held a number of the township offices. During the last twelve years he has voted the Prohibition ticket. With his family he attends the United Evangelical Church at Juneau, Pa., where he has served as steward and trustee and been active in all religious work.

CLAUS WOHLERS, late of Rayne township, was the oldest man in Indiana county at the time of his death, and he was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the locality where so many years of his long and useful life had been passed. Mr. Wohlers was a native of Hamburg, Germany, and came to the United States when twenty-one years old. He had received the thorough training customary in his native land, attending school until fourteen years old, and then learning his trade, under his stepfather, who was a blacksmith. His own father, George Wohlers, died when his son Claus was very young.

When Mr. Wohlers landed at Baltimore, in 1834, he had \$125, which had been left by his father to be given him on his twenty-first birthday. For a time after his arrival he traveled from place to place seeking a suitable location, and doing his first work here at Hagerstown, Md. He received only five dollars a month. George Sebring, a companion, a locksmith by trade, had come from Germany with him, and they journeyed around together for some time, Sebring eventually settling in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he became a very wealthy man. Before long Mr. Wohlers started a shop at Greensburg, Pa., in partnership with Adam Rugh and after Mr. Rugh's death became associated with Jacob Kepple. After they dissolved partnership, in 1865 Mr. Wohlers, having seven sons, thought it would be wise to raise his family on a farm, and he accordingly made a trip West, in search of promising territory. After visiting six States without finding anything he cared for he returned to Pennsylvania and settled in Rayne township, Indiana county, where he bought a tract of 107 acres lying along the road running from Indiana to Chambersville. There he passed the remainder of his life, following agricultural pursuits as well as blacksmithing and coach-making, by his thrift and industry winning the good will and respect of all who came to know him. He was a Lutheran in religious belief, a citizen of public spirit on all matters

affecting the local welfare, and a man who did his duty in all the relations of life. His death occurred on his farm Oct. 27, 1911.

On Sept. 22, 1854, Mr. Wohlers was married at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Pa., to Flora Armstrong, a native of Hempfield township, that county, born Nov. 2, 1832. She grew up there. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wohlers, seven sons and one daughter, namely: William, who married Della Jacobs and now lives in the State of Washington; Herman, who died at Leadville, Colo., when forty-four years old; Thomas, now of McCoy, Colo., who married Sarah Daniels; Harry, deceased, who married Bella McCoy; Samuel, who married Jennie Moore and lives at Greensburg, Pa.; Edward, who is married and living in Saskatchewan; Charles C., now residing on the paternal farm, who married Florence Blanch Craig and has four children, Nola Marie, Helen Gertrude, Charles Russell and Florence Winifred; and Sadie, wife of William Kinter, of Rayne township.

Andrew Armstrong, father of Mrs. Flora Wohlers, was born at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., where his parents were among the early residents, and died about 1853 at Greensburg, Pa., when forty-eight years old. He learned chairmaking but did not follow that trade, being engaged in drilling wells. He married Catherine Hagermaster, a native of Armstrong county, whose father, Christian Hagermaster, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, was the first German preacher on this side of the Allegheny mountains. He held services in an old log church at Greensboro, now Sands. He died near Greensburg on his one hundredth birthday. His wife was Elizabeth Peters, of Baltimore. Mrs. Armstrong died in Greensburg when seventy-seven years old. She and her husband had a family of nine children: William, who died in Jefferson county, Pa.; Flora, Mrs. Wohlers; Catherine, Mrs. William Reynolds, of Cresson, Cambria Co., Pa.; Thomas, of Greensburg; Daniel, who has not been heard from in years; Lucetta, wife of Thomas Washabaugh; of Greensburg; Andrew, who died at the age of twenty-two years; John, living in Westmoreland county; and Jennie, deceased, who was the wife of James Simonton.

JOHN A. WOOLWEAVER, a veteran of the Civil war and retired mine foreman now living at No. 140 East School street, Indiana, was born March 3, 1842, in White township, Indiana county, son of Conrad Woolweaver.

The father, a native of Belvidere, N. J., grew to manhood there. Coming to Pennsylvania, he settled in Indiana county, passing the remainder of his life in White township. He was twice married, his second union being with Harriet Wayne, whom he married in Indiana county. Seven children were born to Conrad and Harriet (Wayne) Woolweaver, all now deceased but John A. and George.

John A. Woolweaver has passed all his life in Indiana county. He attended the country schools in his early boyhood, and later went to school in Indiana borough at the old brick schoolhouse opposite the "Clawson House," but his advantages were not many. When only eleven years old he was bound out to Isaac Moorhead, a farmer, for four years, and after the expiration of that period worked out among other farmers and did various kinds of work until his enlistment, at Kittanning, on Sept. 10, 1861. Becoming a private in Company D, 78th P. V. I., he served four years under Captain Forbes and Colonel Sirwell. After spending a short time at Camp Orr, Kittanning, he was at Camp Wilkins for another brief period, and then joined the Army of the Cumberland under Sherman, taking part in all the great battles of his command up to Atlanta. He was mustered out and discharged at Kittanning in November, 1864. Returning then to his father, who was at that time living in Brushvalley township, this county, he began his connection with the coal mining business a year later, as digger. He became mine foreman, and was thus engaged for years, until his retirement. He has made his home in the borough of Indiana for the last few years, and in 1894 bought his present residence, which he has occupied with his family since. Mr. Woolweaver has always been a man of industrious habits, one whose life has commanded the respect of all with whom he has been associated.

On Aug. 28, 1872, Mr. Woolweaver was married, at New Florence, Pa., to Matilda J. Henry, of Brushvalley township, this county, daughter of John and Sophia (Frederick) Henry, both of whom are now deceased. Seven children have been born to this union: James S., now of Blairsville, Pa.; John C., of Indiana borough; Evora, Mrs. John Sonnenlighter, of Charleroi, Pa.; Harry, of Saltsburg, Pa.; Lizzie, who is unmarried; Paul C., at home, and Harold, at home.

KINLEY HUNTER, a farmer and stock raiser of East Mahoning township, was born

in Rayne township, this county, Sept. 16, 1852, son of James Hunter.

James Hunter was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., in 1818, grew up a farmer and also learned the trade of blacksmith. In 1851 he came to Rayne township, Indiana county, where he took up a tract of land and continued to follow agriculture. After a year he located in East Mahoning township, settling on 200 acres of land on which he made improvements, and there died Sept. 13, 1905, his remains being laid to rest in the cemetery at Marion Center. The Presbyterian Church held his membership in religious matters, while politically he was a Democrat. James Hunter was married in Westmoreland county to Susan Kinley, who died on the home farm and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. They had children as follows: David, who lives at Pittsburg; Mary E., who married William Somers, of Pittsburg; John, who is an attorney of Pittsburg; Kinley; Belle, deceased, who married James A. Beatty, of East Mahoning township; Sarah, who died in childhood; James, who is deceased; and Edward, who is a farmer.

Kinley Hunter was an infant when brought to East Mahoning township, where he grew up and attended the local schools. Until he was twenty-one years old he worked for his father, but after he attained his majority the latter rented him seventy-five acres of the homestead, all of which he improved. For fourteen years he operated this property, at the end of that period buying his present farm, which was formerly owned by Richard and Lawson. It contains eighty-four acres and is very valuable, and Mr. Hunter devotes it to general farming and stock raising, and also deals in stock. He is a devout Methodist and lives up to his faith. It is, however, in relation to the temperance cause that Mr. Hunter exerts his most powerful influence. Long ago convinced that only through the abolition of the liquor traffic could the morals of the country be governed, he has devoted much time and attention to the promulgation of these doctrines, and left the ranks of the Democratic party to join the Prohibition party.

Mr. Hunter was first married, in 1874, to Sarah Wetzell, a daughter of Henry Wetzell, and she died Nov. 3, 1892, the mother of two children: Alda, who married George Wisinger, of East Mahoning township; and

James, who died in childhood. Mr. Hunter's second marriage was to N. J. Erghney.

WILLIAM RAY, deceased, who for many years was a farmer of Armstrong township, was born in Butler county, Pa., June 14, 1827, a son of John and Elizabeth (Dunn) Ray.

John Ray came to this country from Ireland in his youth, settling in Butler county, where he lived until 1854, when with his son William he came to Indiana county, here buying 200 acres of land, 144 acres of which remain in the family. The home was built on the site of an old blockhouse. At this home John Ray died about 1860. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: James, who is deceased; William, also deceased; Catherine, who married William Anderson, deceased; John, deceased; Hugh, deceased; and Alexander Parker.

William Ray was in partnership with his father in his purchase of Armstrong township land. He married Isabella McFarland, of Butler county, Pa., a daughter of John and Jane (Porter) McFarland. Mrs. Ray died June 19, 1868, and Mr. Ray later married (second) Matilda Getty, of Creekside, Pa., a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Marshall) Getty. William Ray was the father of the following children: Martha Jane died when eleven years old; John is at home; Catherine Elizabeth is at home; Hugh Dunn is at home; George Mc. died in infancy; Margaret Amanda, who married M. S. Couch, lives in the vicinity of Pittsburg; Isabella Jane, who married M. P. Calhoun, resides in the vicinity of Pittsburg; Susanna, twin sister of Isabella Jane, died in infancy; Burton G., who is a physician of Glenshaw, Pa., is the only child by the second marriage. Dr. Ray was very carefully educated in the common schools of Armstrong township, Seminary Ridge academy, at Indiana, and the normal school, and taught school. He married Sally Wittmer.

William Ray died June 22, 1903. He was an elder of his church, in political faith he was a Democrat, and he held a number of township offices, being a man of prominence in his community.

JAMES A. PEARCE, merchant, engaged in business at Rossiter, Indiana Co., Pa., was born Feb. 12, 1873, in Canoe township, this county, son of Abraham Pearce and grandson of Job Pearce.

Job Pearce was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He owned a farm in South Mahoning town-

ship and lived in the old stone house at Plumville, that township. When he came to Canoe township he settled one mile from Rossiter. During the summers he engaged in farming, spending his winters in teaching school. He and wife died in Canoe township, and they were buried in the Pearce cemetery near Rossiter.

Abraham Pearce, son of Job and father of James A. Pearce, was born in the old stone house above mentioned, in Plumville, South Mahoning township, in 1830, and more or less regularly attended school in the village of Plumville until he was seventeen years of age, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Canoe township. Later he acquired much land, having two farms aggregating 528 acres, and his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits and lumbering. In politics he was a Republican, but never accepted any public office. In religion he was a Presbyterian, belonging first to the Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church in Jefferson county, but later uniting with the Presbyterian Church at Rossiter. He died Jan. 11, 1906, aged seventy-six years. He married Mary Smith, a daughter of Andrew Smith, of Olive township, Jefferson Co., Pa., and she died at the age of sixty-four years. The following children were born to them: Harry, who is deceased; Elmer A., a resident of Punxsutawney, who married Bertha Crawford; Calvin R., who married Annie Neal, daughter of former County Commissioner Neal, of Indiana county, who during 1912 was manager of the county poor farm; and James A.

James A. Pearce attended public school in Canoe township and spent one year in the Lock Haven normal school. He then learned the art of telegraphy and for ten years engaged in telegraphic work, first serving six months with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Winslow, Pa., for two years, two months was operator at Winslow, and for two more years at Fordham, for the above company; for six months was operator at Brad-dock, Pa., for the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad Company; for two years, six months was stationed at Rossiter, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; was operator one year at Curwensville for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad Company, and for one year was operator at Chambersville for that company. He then gave up telegraphy and turned his attention to merchandising, purchasing the general store of M. H. Harvey,

at Rossiter, which he has successfully conducted ever since.

Mr. Pearce married Agnes L. Conger, a daughter of Hiram and Hannah Conger, of Waynesburg, Greene Co., Pa. Mrs. Pearce died leaving one son, James C., who is six years old. The second marriage of Mr. Pearce was to Ida C. Conger, sister of his first wife, and they have two children: Elenora, who is three years old, and Evaline Gertrude, an infant. Mr. Pearce is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Rossiter, Pa. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served one term as school director.

JOHN HARVEY LYTLE, who is engaged in farming and the growing of small fruits in Conemaugh township, was born May 29, 1847, in the stone house erected by his grandfather, on Lytle's run, in Conemaugh township, Indiana Co., Pa., and is a son of John and Eliza (Cruthers) Lytle. Alexander Lytle, was his paternal grandfather.

John Lytle, son of Alexander Lytle, was born in Conemaugh township and there attended the common schools. He worked on the home farm with his parents until he attained his majority, at which time he purchased 150 acres of farming land from his father, a part of the original homestead, making his residence in the old stone house which his father had built in 1813, and which is now occupied by Theo. Martin. There he followed farming and did extensive stock raising, continuing to operate his farm on Lytle's run until his death, when he was buried beside his wife in Conemaugh cemetery. A stalwart Republican, he served his township as assessor and justice of the peace for over ten years, and was also supervisor of roads and a member of the election board for a long period. Mr. Lytle served as a member of the building committee of the United Presbyterian Church, with which he was connected all of his life. John and Eliza (Cruthers) Lytle had the following children: Alexander Clark died at the age of twenty-four years; William Calvin, a farmer of Conemaugh township all of his life, married Malinda J. Elrick, and died in 1908; John Harvey is mentioned later; Melissa Jane married Harry E. Nowery; Eveline E. married Levi Kuhns; Cordelia married James E. Wilson; Franklin Pierce married Sarah Dunmeyer; Mary Allen married William Gregg.

John Harvey Lytle, son of John Lytle, attended the public schools of district No. 5, and worked with his parents until 1868, when

he located on the Sam Waddle farm in Conemaugh township, which he cropped for five years. He then moved back to the opposite side of Lytle's run from his father's home, and there, in 1873, purchased a farm of 100 acres, on which he erected a modern residence, fine barn and substantial outbuildings. Mr. Lytle has engaged in general farming, giving a good deal of attention to stock raising, and at one time was the owner of a threshing machine, with which he traveled all over the country during the season, threshing his neighbors' crops with a steam engine of high power, but this he later disposed of. He was also the proprietor of a sawmill from 1882 to 1892, buying up timber and converting it into railroad ties and long planks, which he sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, but this business he also disposed of. Mr. Lytle is an up-to-date and progressive farmer and an extensive grower of small fruits, and has met with uniform success in all his undertakings. It may be said that the foundation stone of his success has been business integrity, for no man in Conemaugh bears a higher reputation for probity and honest dealing. He wields a wide influence in public matters in his neighborhood, but has never been a seeker for personal preferment, although he has on various occasions served as a member of the election board. He has supported the principles and policies of the Republican party. His religious connection is with the Tunnelton Presbyterian Church, which his wife and children also attend, and all are liberal supporters of its enterprises.

Mr. Lytle was united in marriage with Mary Catherine Waddle, daughter of Samuel Waddle, of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, and to this union there have been born seven children, as follows: Samuel, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Westmoreland county, married Bertha Long; Wallace, unmarried, a civil engineer by profession, is now connected with the New York City building department as an inspector; John, also unmarried, is in the employ of the Western Electric Company, at Wilberdeen, Pa.; Sheldon, who resides at home, is assisting his father in the work of the homestead; Martha married Ambrose Stein, a farmer of Westmoreland county; Laura met an accidental death in a runaway accident, when she was twenty years of age; Bertha married Edward Beach and died at the age of twenty-eight years, the mother of one child, Ethel. The members of this family are all

well known in Indiana county, where they are held in the highest esteem.

JAMES W. HADDEN, an agriculturist of Green township, Indiana county, was born in Rayne township, this county, March 19, 1848, and is a son of Bartholomew and Maria (McCollough) Hadden.

The great-grandfather of James W. Hadden, a native of Ireland, was one of the pioneer settlers of Indiana county, and came of a race of farming people, agricultural pursuits engaging his attention throughout his life.

James Hadden, the grandfather of James W., was born in Indiana county, and as a young man learned the carpenter's trade, subsequently erecting the first jail in Indiana. His early years were spent in White township, but subsequently he removed to Cherryhill township, and there his death occurred in 1874.

Bartholomew Hadden, son of James, and father of James W. Hadden, was born in White township, Indiana Co., Pa., and in later years removed to Rayne township, where he spent a considerable period in farming, his death occurring there in 1884. He married Maria McCollough, who died in her native township of Rayne, and they had ten children, as follows: Elizabeth, who is deceased; Rebecca Jane, wife of William O'Hara, a resident of Grant township; James W.; Susan, the wife of Adam Bailey, a resident of Mahaffey, Pa.; Isaac, a resident of Indiana county; Samuel, residing in White township; George W., who is now deceased; William S., a resident of East Mahoning township; Matilda, wife of Daniel Potts, of Rochester Mills, Pa.; and Sarah Ellen, wife of Watson Lang, also of Rochester Mills.

James W. Hadden's maternal grandfather, William McCollough, was a native of Indiana county, of Scotch ancestry, and passed his life in agricultural pursuits in Rayne township.

James W. Hadden was educated in the schools of White township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, in which he has spent his entire life, having come to Green township thirty-five years ago and cleared the land which he is now operating.

On Nov. 16, 1868, Mr. Hadden was united in marriage with Emma F. Pfaff, who was born in Baltimore, Md., in 1847, daughter of Edwin Pfaff, a native of Germany who died in the East, Mrs. Hadden being adopted by Henry Black, of Indiana county, and reared

with his family. She died July 28, 1908, the mother of seven children, as follows: Edison P., a resident of Colorado; Harry K., a farmer of Green township; Everett M., a resident of Green township; James G., deceased; Charles F., also living in Colorado; Porter B., living at home; and Nellie, who also lives with her father.

Mr. Hadden and his family are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He is interested in the promotion of education, morality and good citizenship, and for some time has served as a member of the school board of Green township.

A. B. GRIFFITH has been a resident of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, for the last fifteen years, and is a prosperous farmer of his district. He is a native of Green township, this county, born Nov. 16, 1851, son of Samuel and Margaret (Brown) Griffith. Isaac Griffith, his great-grandfather, was an early settler in the county, where he followed farming and milling. He built the first mill in Indiana county and carried it on for ten years, preparing the lumber for the first courthouse erected at Indiana. His son Evan Griffith, grandfather of A. B. Griffith, came to this region from York county, Pa., and settled in Green township, Indiana county, where he was engaged in farming for many years.

Samuel Griffith, father of A. B. Griffith, was born in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, and followed farming throughout his active years. His old home place was in Green township. When he sold the farm there he moved to Indiana, the county seat, where he resided until his death, in September, 1901. He married Margaret Brown, who was born in Bedford county, Pa., and who died on the old homestead in 1885. They had nine children, namely: Jemima, who is deceased; A. B.; Elizabeth, who died young; Sarah Jane, deceased; Matthew, deceased; Mary, widow of John Ray, of Homer City, this county; Martha, wife of John F. McCandless, of Butler county, Pa.; Evan, of Homer City; with Benjamin, deceased.

A. B. Griffith passed his early days on the old home farm in Green township and obtained his education in the public schools of the vicinity. He has made farming his life work, and in 1897 settled at his present place in Cherryhill township, purchasing this property. He is a first-class farmer, one who keeps abreast of the times in his ideas about the management of his work and the methods

he follows, and his success justifies the plans he has adopted.

On March 15, 1894, Mr. Griffith was married at Indiana to Amanda Brown, who was born in Cherryhill township, daughter of George D. and Elizabeth (DeArmand) Brown, farming people, who settled in Indiana county many years ago. Mr. Brown died July 11, 1910, and his widow now lives at Penn Run, in Cherryhill township. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith have no children. They are members of the Baptist Church at Pineflats.

ANDREW ALBERT WIGGINS, a farmer of Armstrong township, was born there Aug. 27, 1854, son of James and Eliza Jane (Lowry) Wiggins. His paternal grandfather was James Wiggins.

James Wiggins, son of James Wiggins and father of Andrew Albert Wiggins, was born Aug. 22, 1826, while his wife was born Nov. 28, 1826. They were married by Rev. David Blair on June 10, 1847. After the death of his first wife James Wiggins married (second) Sarah Ann Marlin.

Andrew Albert Wiggins taught school for some years, becoming one of the popular educators of this locality, but he is now a farmer, owning and operating fifty-nine acres of land in Armstrong township.

On March 3, 1880, Mr. Wiggins married Elizabeth Jane Cunningham, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Beatty) Cunningham. Mrs. Wiggins died March 9, 1890, the mother of the following children: James Walter, born Feb. 5, 1881, married Carrie Lewis, and they have one child, Louise; Harriet Bertha, born July 31, 1882, married in September, 1903, Robert Sharp, resides at Shelocta, and has had children, Ralph Albert (deceased), Arthur and Edgar; John Meredith, born May 27, 1885, married Mary Elizabeth Clark, and his children, William Earl, Anna Frances and Bertha Margaret.

On Aug. 10, 1893, Mr. Wiggins married (second) Elizabeth Letitia Henderson, born July 16, 1853, daughter of Samuel Clark and Margaret (Anthony) Henderson. The former was born at Elderton, Pa., April 1, 1818, and died in Armstrong township Aug. 8, 1902. He was a farmer all his life. He was a Presbyterian in religious matters, while politically he voted the Republican ticket. His wife died Jan. 30, 1901. They were married Jan. 3, 1844, by the Rev. Mr. Donaldson, and had the following children: (1) William Johnston, born Oct. 12, 1844, served during the Civil war in the 206th Pennsylvania

Volunteer Infantry. He married Meta Hunt, and died May 22, 1899, in California. (2) Nancy Jane, born July 9, 1846, married David Fleming, who died Sept. 7, 1882. (3) John Ralston, born Sept. 14, 1848, married Dec. 15, 1871, Margaret Ann Fiscus. (4) Maria Julia, born Dec. 4, 1850, married Robert H. Cunningham. (5) Elizabeth Letitia is Mrs. Wiggins. (6) Samuel Clark, born July 27, 1857, married May 7, 1879, Jennie R. Gemmell, daughter of William and Margaret (Cunningham) Gemmell.

STACY H. SMITH, assistant postmaster at the borough of Indiana, Indiana county, has held his present position since 1901 and is considered one of the best qualified men in the post office service in this county. He was born in Indiana May 1, 1878, son of Samuel A. Smith and grandson of Joseph R. Smith. The grandfather, also a native of Indiana county, was for many years editor and proprietor of the *Indiana Messenger*, and occupied an influential position in his day. He served one term in the office of sheriff of Indiana county. His death occurred in 1887.

Samuel A. Smith succeeded his father in the newspaper business, editing and publishing the *Messenger* for several years. In May, 1900, he was appointed postmaster at Indiana, and was serving in that office at the time of his death, which occurred in May, 1904. He married Miss Sarah Kinter, and to them were born five children: Carrie, deceased; Harry K.; Joseph M.; Edith M., and Stacy H.

Stacy H. Smith obtained his early education in the public schools and the Indiana State normal school. He worked in the *Messenger* office for a time during his young manhood, and in July, 1901, became assistant postmaster under his father, being reappointed by Postmaster McGregor in 1904, after his father's death. He has been in the office continuously since, and he has the reputation of being a highly competent man, not only because of his long practical experience in the work upon which he is engaged, but also because of his studious nature, which has prompted him to make every effort to master the details of efficient service. He is very popular among his fellow citizens in Indiana, by whom he is regarded generally as the right man in the right place.

In October, 1904, Mr. Smith was married to Mary Agnes Wilson, daughter of the late A. W. Wilson, of Indiana, and they have two children, Stacey H. and Jane W. Mr. Smith

is a member of the B. P. O. Elks and of the Cosmopolitan Club of Indiana.

THOMAS HAMILTON MILLEN, owner of eighty-eight acres of land in Armstrong township, this county, was born Nov. 23, 1868, on his present property, a son of William A. and Elizabeth (Andrews) Millen.

William A. Millen was born in Young township, Indiana Co., Pa., and died on the farm of his son Thomas H., in 1909. He was three times married, his first wife being the mother of Thomas H. Millen. By her he had the following children: Matthew and Anna Mary, twins, Thomas Hamilton, Margaret Ellen (Mrs. William L. Brown, of Armstrong township). By his second wife, Martha (Miller), William A. Millen had one son, Robert H., who also lives in Armstrong township. His third wife was Katie McMillen.

At the outbreak of the Civil war, when eighteen years old, William A. Millen enlisted in the 78th Regiment, P. V. I., was promoted to sergeant for gallantry in service, and was discharged Sept. 11, 1865, having served during the whole period of the conflict. He subsequently held a number of public positions, serving as school director, overseer of the poor and justice of the peace in Armstrong township. He was a leading member of the West Union United Presbyterian Church, and a ruling elder for over thirty years.

Thomas Hamilton Millen grew to manhood on his present property, where he has spent his life. His educational training was secured in the district schools. He has never married. In religious connection he belongs to the United Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican, but he does not care for public life. A good farmer and most estimable man, he is respected by all who know him.

JOHN GEORGE BRICKER, a farmer of West Mahoning township, was born Feb. 5, 1871, in South Mahoning township, son of Joseph Bricker.

Philip Bricker, a farmer of Westmoreland county, Pa., came to South Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he spent the remainder of his useful life, becoming one of the substantial men of that locality. He was one of the pioneers of the settlement near the Lutheran Church in that township, and developed a fine farm from wild land, a good part of which he cleared of the heavy timber. The wife of Philip Bricker bore the maiden



name of Margaret Struckard, and they had the following children: Mary married John Anderson, and both are deceased; Peter, who lived in South Mahoning township, married Belle Kerr, and both are deceased; Betsy, who married David Black, lived in South Mahoning township; Lavina, who married Thomas McElwee, lived on the old homestead; Adam, who married Lizzie Stear, lives in South Mahoning township; Joseph is mentioned below; John died in childhood; Hannah, who married William M. Mikesell, lives in South Mahoning township; Martha died unmarried.

Joseph Bricker was born in South Mahoning township Nov. 28, 1838, and died June 21, 1904. His educational training was limited to that given by the common schools of his neighborhood, and he spent his life in agricultural pursuits, in South Mahoning township. A man of strictest probity, his name became well known throughout his part of the county as synonymous with all that was good and true. For many years he gave the Republican party his loyal support, while in religious matters he was a consistent Lutheran.

On Oct. 4, 1886, Mr. Bricker married Mary Catherine Root, who was born in South Mahoning township, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Kerr) Root, natives of Westmoreland county, Pa., and West Mahoning township, this county, respectively. Mr. Root came to Indiana county and lived for a time in South Mahoning township, but later went to Armstrong county, Pa., and died there in Cowanshannock township, at the age of thirty-three years, in 1848. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. His widow married (second) David Pringle, of South Mahoning township, this county, and survived many years, passing away in South Mahoning township April 1, 1900, aged seventy-seven years. She, too, was a member of the Lutheran Church. By her first marriage she had the following children: John, who died of small-pox near Gettysburg while serving in the medical department of the Union army during the Civil war; Mary Catherine, Mrs. Bricker; George, a shoemaker of Manor, Pa., who married Mary Stearns; Emily, who died young; and Jacob, who died in infancy. By her marriage to Mr. Pringle she had these children: Lavina, who married G. Hayes, both now deceased; Sadie, who is the widow of Peter Richards, and lives in Rural Valley, Pa.; Daniel, deceased; Clark, deceased; Mag-

gie, who married James Sloan, of Apollo, Pa.; and one that died in infancy unnamed.

Joseph Bricker and his wife became the parents of two children; John George, and William Addison, the latter, born March 4, 1877, died at the age of seventeen years. Mrs. Bricker survives her husband, and makes her home with her son John George.

John George Bricker attended the local public schools, and grew up on the farm, living there until 1905, when he sold it and bought the Redding place in West Mahoning township, upon which he now resides. This property is very valuable, and his residence is one of the best in the township. In addition to this farm Mr. Bricker owns another in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., and is a recognized leader in agricultural matters in this locality.

On Nov. 17, 1892, Mr. Bricker was married to Irene C. Gahagen, of Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa., a daughter of Calvin and Sarah (Tranis) Gahagen, farming people of Wayne township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bricker are: Charles Blaine, born June 17, 1895, married Sept. 11, 1912 Ruby Jane Rowland, of South Mahoning township, and settled on a farm he owns in West Mahoning township, (he and his wife are members of the Maccabees at Dayton, Pa.); Joseph Le-Roy, born March 4, 1899, is at home.

Mr. Bricker is a Republican, and he and his wife belong to Glade Run Presbyterian Church, and are active in its good work. He has not sought public office, but no man stands any higher in the estimation of his neighbors, for he has honestly earned his present prosperity.

THOMAS PORTER CLAWSON, an agriculturist of Center township, Indiana county, was born April 16, 1861, son of Daniel and Anna E. (Moses) Clawson.

The first of the name in Indiana county was Daniel Clawson, a native of Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Pa., who settled in Blacklick township, on a farm of 160 acres, being one of the pioneers of that region. On this property he erected buildings and spent the remainder of his life in useful, peaceful pursuits, dying there; his remains were interred in Bethel graveyard in Center township. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Daniel Clawson married Margaret Hollis, of Blair county, and their children were: John; David; Ephraim, who located in Center township; Sally, who married John Clawson, of Center township;

and William, who was killed by a horse in childhood.

David Clawson, son of Daniel, was born in Hollidaysburg, Pa., and came to Blacklick township with his parents. There he took up farming, and followed that calling all his life, spending his days upon his farm, where he died, his remains being buried in the Jacksonville Presbyterian cemetery. In politics he was a Republican. While residing in Blacklick he was married to Rebecca Ross, daughter of John Ross, also of Blacklick township, and their children were: Daniel; Margaret, Nancy and John, all three of whom died in childhood; David, who is still residing in Blacklick township; Porter, who was in a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, and now resides in Cokeville, Pa.; Fergus; and Lucinda, who married Abraham Dingman.

Daniel Clawson, son of David, was born in Blacklick township, where he was educated, attending public school. He remained on the homestead until the summer of 1863, when he enlisted, in August, in Company K, 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, but was soon thereafter taken sick and confined in Harwood hospital, where he died in October, 1863. He was buried at Washington, D. C. Mr. Clawson was only thirty years old at the time of his untimely death. Politically he was a Republican. The Methodist Church held his membership, and he was a faithful adherent to its teachings. He married Annie E. Moses, of Bedford county, Pa., daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Blake) Moses, and the following children were born of this marriage: Hannah Jane, deceased, who married David Swoger; and Thomas Porter and Agnes, twins, the latter marrying George Moses and residing in Cleveland, Ohio. On June 26, 1872, Mrs. Clawson married (second) Porter Clawson, her brother-in-law, and they had two children: Nora, who married Stewart Wolford, of Cokeville; and Edward, who resides in Blacklick township.

Thomas Porter Clawson, son of Daniel, continued under his mother's protection until he was thirteen years old, when he went to live with his grandfather. There he learned farming from the beginning, and after he married he bought thirty-two acres of land, a portion of the homestead, and began agricultural pursuits for himself. Later on he bought the Rhea farm of 138 acres, and there spent eighteen years, in 1902 selling this property to the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal Com-

pany. He now owns the Lucas farm located near his old place.

In 1884 Mr. Clawson was married to Sarah A. Rhea, a daughter of Hugh Rhea, of Center township. They had one son, Arthur, who married Effie Kerr, by whom he has had two children: Miland and Wilbur, and lives in Jacksonville.

Mr. Clawson has always given the Republican ticket his hearty support. As a member and trustee of the Jacksonville Methodist Church he has been very useful, and for eleven years has been an enthusiastic Sunday school teacher; for ten years he has been class leader and steward. A man of abundant energy, Mr. Clawson has always carried through to successful completion anything he set out to accomplish. Genial in disposition, he has won friends, and retained them through long years because one of his sober, industrious habits deserves all confidence and respect.

DANIEL B. HENRY was at the time of his death retired from farming and residing at Cookport, Indiana county. He was born in Cherryhill township, this county, Jan. 15, 1844, son of Daniel and Sarah (Byers) Henry, and a member of an old and honored family of eastern Pennsylvania.

Daniel Henry, the father of Daniel B., was born in Germany, from which country he came to the United States with his parents at an early date, settling in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa. There he spent his life in agricultural pursuits, and died in October, 1883. His wife, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., belonged to a family that has been well known there for many years, and died in 1908. She was the mother of eleven children, namely: John, deceased, who belonged to the Independent Cavalry, Company C, enlisting from Indiana county; George, who belonged to the same company, now a resident of Green township; Sarah Ann and Catherine, who are deceased; Elizabeth, who is the wife of John Bash; Daniel B.; Rebecca, deceased, who was the widow of Miles Lockard; Jacob, who resides in Cherryhill township; Lovina, deceased; Jemima, the wife of David Fleming, of Cherryhill township; and Simon, residing in Cherryhill township.

Daniel B. Henry attended the common schools of Cherryhill township, and during his boyhood days worked on the home farm. When the Civil war broke out he was a lad of seventeen years, but with youthful patriot-

ism he offered his services to his country, enlisting July 15, 1861, in the State Guards. In September of the same year he was transferred to Company I, 55th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under command of Colonel White, and remained in the service until Aug. 30, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge at Petersburg, Va. Mr. Henry had a long and eventful army experience, was wounded in battle, and at one time taken prisoner, and among the engagements in which he took part may be mentioned such hard-fought struggles as Petersburg, Pocattelo, Cold Harbor, Signal Hill and Hatcher's Run. On completing his service he returned to Indiana county and resumed farming, remaining in Cherryhill township until 1884, in which year he embarked in the sawmill business, carrying it on for five years. At that time he retired from active business ventures, leading a quiet, retired life in his home at Cookport until his death, which occurred Aug. 29, 1912. He is buried in Sample Run cemetery.

On Nov. 1, 1866, Mr. Henry was married to Rachel Shank, who was born in Cherryhill township May 21, 1849, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kantz) Shank, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Germany. Mr. Shank died in May, 1866, and his widow survived until April 1, 1886. He spent his entire life in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Henry had nine children; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Samuel Wentzel; Laura, who is deceased; Emma; Ellsworth, a resident of Indiana county; Sherman, also residing in this county; Sheridan, who lives in Ebensburg; Franklin, of Oregon; Crissie, the wife of Clifford Stiffler, of Heilwood, Pa.; and one child that died in infancy.

Mr. Henry was a member of the Church of Christ, to which his wife and family also belong. He was a popular comrade of the local post of the G. A. R.

**HEZEKIAH RUPERT**, a farmer of Armstrong township, was born Sept. 1, 1854, in South Bend (now Plum Creek), Armstrong Co., Pa., son of Joseph and Catherine (Rowe) Rupert.

The great-grandfather of Hezekiah Rupert was a pioneer settler of Armstrong county, to which region he came when it was all a wilderness.

George Rupert, grandfather of Hezekiah Rupert, was born at South Bend, Pa., and patented 230 acres of land there, building

a log house, in which he lived all the rest of his life. His children were as follows: Mattie, Daniel, George, Joseph, Hettie, Philip, Solomon, Adam, Caroline, John, Henry, Sarah and Mary.

Joseph Rupert, son of George Rupert, was born at South Bend, Pa., and there became the owner of sixty acres of land, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and politically was a staunch Democrat. By his first wife, Catherine (Rowe), daughter of John Rowe (whose wife's maiden name was Alhouse), he became the father of these children: Wilson, who married a Miss Houser, died Jan. 24, 1911; Alexander is living at Plum Creek, Pa.; Reuben died Dec. 19, —, at the age of fifty-one years; Hezekiah is mentioned below; Mary, died aged nine years; Jennie is also deceased; Lucertia married Joe Boyer; Emma married Elder Sharp. Mr. Rupert's second marriage was to Kate Bush, and they had the following children: William, who married a Miss McCall; George, who died at the age of three years; Lewis, unmarried; Morris; and Elizabeth, who died when two years old.

Hezekiah Rupert attended the common and select schools, and at an early age began to assist his father in the work of the home farm. Moving to Armstrong township, Indiana county, he "cropped" many farms, and carefully saved his earnings until he came to his present property, the Fleming farm, a tract of 220 acres, in 1905. He has made many improvements thereon, and is considered one of the practical and substantial men of his community. He is a progressive business man, and does a large trade in butter and eggs in Indiana borough. His religious belief is that of the Presbyterian Church, and in political matters he is a Republican.

Mr. Rupert married Matilda Walker, daughter of John and Sarah (Kunkle) Walker, of Armstrong township, and they have had children as follows: Harry, who married Maud Young and resides at Brackenbridge, Pa., being a roller in the steel mill there; Minnie Ella, who married Frank Fiscus, and resides at Blairsville; and Irene, who married Alvin McGaughey.

**JOSEPH W. GEORGE**, whose well-cultivated farm is situated in White township, was born in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, Aug. 1, 1869, son of Reuben and Emily (McCoombs) George.

Joseph George, the grandfather of Joseph W. George, was born and reared in Indiana county, and during the greater part of his life carried on agricultural pursuits here.

Reuben George, son of Joseph George, was born in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, and there continued to be engaged in tilling the soil until his death, in March, 1907. He married Emily McCoombs, daughter of William McCoombs, an early settler of Green township, and she still survives, making her home with her son George W. Nine children were born to Reuben and Emily George, namely: William, who is now deceased; Isabel, the wife of William Clawson, of Blacklick township; a child who died in infancy, unnamed; Annie, the wife of Charles Kruzan, of Ohio; George W., living in Brushvalley township on the old homestead; Saidie, the wife of George Lydick; Hannah, who married Julius McCormick, of Brushvalley township; Joseph W.; and Bruce, of Brushvalley township.

Joseph W. George was educated at the Round Top schoolhouse in Brushvalley township, and as a youth was reared to agricultural pursuits. He remained at home until he was twenty years of age, assisting his father with the work of the homestead, and then married and moved to Yellow Creek, where for three years he carried on farming and lumbering. He spent the subsequent ten years in Dilltown, in 1902 coming to White township and purchasing the old Griffith farm, where he has devoted himself to general farming and stock raising to the present time. Mr. George is a practical farmer, skilled in all the details of his vocation, and with a large stock of general information. He takes a pride in keeping his farm in the best of condition and that he is an able manager is evidenced by the general air of prosperity on the place. Although ready to do his full duty as a citizen at all times, Mr. George has not cared to enter public life, preferring to devote his whole time and attention to his farm and his home.

On June 18, 1888, Mr. George was married to Mary Evans, daughter of Josiah G. Evans, and seven children have been born to this union: Frank W., at home; William, a resident of Pittston, Pa.; Harry, who lives at Wilkinsburg, Pa.; and Emma, Clarence, Charles and Mary, all at home. With his

wife and children Mr. George attends the Baptist Church.

GEORGE J. McCUNE, merchant tailor of Blairsville, Indiana county, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., May 10, 1866, a son of Stewart and Ellen (Jammison) McCune, natives of Indiana and Center counties, Pa., respectively.

Samuel McCune was born in Ballybay, County Monaghan, Ireland, and died at Blairsville, aged sixty-seven years. His wife survived him for twenty-two years. Her maiden name was Charlotte Bannen. When she and her husband came to this country they underwent considerable hardships, as the vessel was in peril and in order to lighten it all baggage was thrown overboard.

Stewart McCune, son of Samuel McCune, went to Westmoreland county, Pa., after his marriage, and farmed there until his death, which occurred July 30, 1899. His widow survives and makes her home in Derry.

George J. McCune was educated in the Blairsville schools and assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty years of age. At that time he began learning the tailoring trade at Derry, later spending six years at Leechburg, Pa., where he operated a tailoring business for Joseph A. Sep, whom he afterward bought out, continuing the business alone. In 1894 he went to Derry, where he continued his tailoring business until 1900, and in that year came to Blairsville, where he has since become one of the leading merchant tailors of his part of the county.

In 1905 Mr. McCune enlisted in Company D, 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania State Militia, and rose until he was captain of his company. He held that rank until Feb. 19, 1907, when he resigned, having given his State valuable service. For several years he has belonged to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and to Acacia Lodge, 355, F. & A. M. For seven years he has been the leader of McCune's orchestra and the Blairsville City Band, being a natural and trained musician; he succeeded R. H. Frey as leader of the latter organization. A man of general disposition, he has made many friends, while his temperate habits and business ability have won him the confidence and respect of his associates.

On June 21, 1892, Mr. McCune was married to Mattie Belle Stahl, daughter of Isaac Stahl, of Armstrong township, a native of Indiana county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. McCune

are the parents of three children: Siebert J., Ralph C. and Walter L.

JACOB B. YOUNKINS, proprietor of the Star Theatre, Indiana, is one of the most progressive business men of that borough, where he has made his home for the last thirty years. He was born Feb. 6, 1858, in Burrell township, Westmoreland county, son of Jacob Younkings, and is of German descent, his grandparents having been natives of Germany. On coming to this country they settled in the neighborhood of Easton, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Younkings, father of Jacob B. Younkings, was born April 14, 1808, in Westmoreland county, where he resided all his life, engaged in farming. He served as constable of his township for years. In religious connection he was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. On Sept. 29, 1830, he married Elizabeth Frederick, who was born March 10, 1812, and died about 1860. Mr. Younkings died in 1859. They had a family of twelve children, namely: Daniel, born Nov. 15, 1831, a farmer, died in 1892 in Westmoreland county (he married Mattie Bare); Nancy, born Feb. 7, 1833, married Michael Slonicker, and both died in 1908; Sarah, born March 10, 1835, married Jacob Wagerman, and both died in Westmoreland county; John, born Nov. 18, 1836, lives in Westmoreland county (he served in the Union army for three years during the Civil war, was taken prisoner and confined in Libby prison); Susanna, born Jan. 31, 1838, was married in 1859 to Israel Bare, and moved out to Iowa, where she still lives; Mary Ann, born June 28, 1840, died in 1860; William, born March 3, 1842, died in 1860; Elizabeth, born Nov. 16, 1846, married John Morrison, of Westmoreland county, and (second) James Morrison; Jeremiah, born July 5, 1849, lives in Marion, Ohio; Josiah, born Nov. 27, 1851, went West; Rebecca, born June 9, 1854, married James Shearer, of Westmoreland county; Jacob B. was the youngest of the family.

Jacob B. Younkings was left an orphan when only two years old, his father dying in 1859, his mother about 1860. He was reared in the home of his sister Sarah, Mrs. Waugaman, on the old home farm, and was sent to public school in the neighborhood until he reached the age of fourteen. From an early age he was familiar with farm work, and when still a boy was doing a man's labor. He remained at the home place with his sister, Mrs. Morrison, and a brother until he

reached the age of twenty, when he went out to Ohio for a time, working on a farm at Marion. Returning home, he was married in the winter of 1880 to Ida S. Parke, of Cone-maugh township, Indiana county, daughter of William and Margaret (Shearer) Parke, and he spent the next year on the William Altman farm near Blairsville. In the spring of 1881 he moved into the borough of Indiana, where he has since had his home. For the next ten years he was on the road, running a drug wagon for Hetrick Brothers, after this experience traveling for a time for W. H. Grevemyer, of Philadelphia, selling wall paper, window shades, etc. He then started a grocery business of his own at the corner of Philadelphia and Seventh streets, conducting same for fifteen years, during which time he built up a fine trade and became one of the substantial business men of the borough. Since giving up the grocery business he has conducted the Star Theatre on the same site and in the same building, which he remodeled for his present purpose, opening his theatre Dec. 22, 1908. It has a capacity of one hundred and fifty.

Mr. Younkings' home is at No. 718, Church street, Indiana. He belongs to Lodge No. 931, B. P. O. Elks, and is a well-known Odd Fellow, being a member and past grand of Lodge No. 346, of Indiana; he has held membership in the Odd Fellows fraternity for over a quarter of a century. In politics Mr. Younkings is an independent Democrat. He and his wife are Lutherans, belonging to the Zion Church. They have had a family of four children: W. Parke, Harry E., John (deceased) and one that died in infancy.

DAVID BAUN, a farmer of Canoe township, Indiana county, was born Jan. 3, 1848, in Zelenenko, Butler Co., Pa., a son of Henry and Barbara (Strawhecker) Baun.

Henry Baun was born in Wittenberg, Germany, where he lived until he was twenty-one years old. At that time, with his parents, he came to the United States, and settled in Butler county, Pa., where they secured land and cleared it. Henry Baun had learned the distilling business, and operated a still in Butler county. In 1853 he came to Indiana county and bought a fifty-acre tract in Canoe township, on which his son, J. N. Baun, now lives. This was then wild land, but he cleared it and made many improvements prior to his death, which occurred on his property in 1881, when he was seventy-five years old. His widow survived until

1896, dying at the age of eighty-one years. They were consistent members of the Evangelical Church. Ten children were born to them: Fred, deceased, who married Catherine Varner, lived in Canoe township; Henry, who married Sarah Thompson, lived at Punxsutawney, Pa.; Christ, who married Eve Piffer, lives in Canoe township; David is mentioned below; William is deceased; John, who married Louisa Harroll, lives in North Mahoning township; Joseph G., who married Barbara Piffer, is a farmer and stonemason of Canoe township; Jacob, who married Susie Smith, is a farmer of the old homestead in Canoe township; Caroline married George Smith, of Canoe township; one son died in infancy unnamed.

David Baun grew up on his father's farm, receiving a common school education and assisting about the place. He made himself so valuable that he remained at home until he was thirty years old, at which time he married and located on his present farm at North Juneau, Pa. He made all of the improvements upon this property, which comprises forty acres. For the last eight years he has been living retired from active participation in the farming operations. During his busy days he was not only a farmer, but a millman and lumberman, operating quite heavily along all three lines, and is the owner of some very fine farms in other portions of the county, as well as coal and oil lands.

On Dec. 11, 1879, Mr. Baun was united in marriage with Mary P. Ellenberger, of Canoe township, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Hum) Ellenberger, natives of Armstrong county and Punxsutawney, Pa., respectively. At an early day Mr. Ellenberger came to Indiana county, where he bought land in Canoe township, and developed a good home. With the exception of the time he was in the Civil war he spent his life in farming. In 1863 Mr. Ellenberger enlisted in the Union service, being enrolled July 13, 1863, as a member of Company G, 102d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which he was corporal. He was wounded once during his service, being shot through the right shoulder, and received his honorable discharge June 28, 1865. Returning home he resumed his agricultural occupations. For years he was a valued member of Punxsutawney Post, No. 237, G. A. R. His death occurred in 1894, upon his home farm, when he was sixty-four years old, and his widow resides at Punxsutawney. Mr. Ellenberger was a man widely and favorably known, and was sadly missed by his many

friends. To him and his wife were born children as follows: Ann, who married Robert McFarland, of Canoe township; Mrs. Baun; Emma, who married John Pierie, of Jefferson county, Pa.; M. C., who married Jane Smith, and is living in Indiana, Pa.; Edward J., who married a Miss States, and lives on the old farm in Canoe township; Myrtle, married to George Hughes, living at Pittsburg, Pa.; and George, who married Pearl Slimer, and lives in Punxsutawney.

Mr. and Mrs. Baun became the parents of three children: James Murray, who has been manager of the tippie of the Bituminous Coal Company at Rossiter since the concern started, married Alta Calderwood and they have had a son, Robert Lorain, who died when three years old; Sarah married Ralph Tyger, of Dubois, Pa., who is with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad Company, and they have children Murray and Howard; Olive H. died in 1887 when three months old.

Politically Mr. Baun is a Prohibitionist, and supports the principles of his party loyally. He has never cared for office, preferring to exert his influence for good as a private citizen. He is a member of the United Brethren in Christ Church of Canoe township, in which he has held office, and to which he gives liberally of both time and money.

ARCHIE WALLACE DUNCAN, a dairyman and farmer of Conemaugh township, was born Dec. 5, 1874, on the Duncan homestead, in the brick house built by his father, John Mathews Duncan.

James Duncan, his grandfather, the pioneer of this family in Indiana county, came over the mountains and married Elizabeth Mathews, whose father, John Mathews, settled at an early day in Conemaugh township, this county, when he carried on farming on 470 acres which he bought, known as the River Hill tract. Mr. and Mrs. James Duncan had two children, Dorcas and John M. James Duncan and his son built a brick house on part of the old Mathews farm, and it is still standing. Mr. Duncan followed farming all his life, and became one of the leading agriculturists of his period. For some years he acted as overseer of the poor, and was a man of prominence.

John Mathews Duncan, son of James Duncan and father of Archie Wallace Duncan, was born at Eldersridge, but came to Conemaugh township when he was five years old, and lived with his parents. After engaging

in both school teaching and farming for many years, in later life he devoted himself to the cultivation of 160 acres of the homestead, which he devoted to general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of the raising of small fruits. Politically he was a Republican, but he had no desire for public office, though a man of considerable moment in his community. He was noted as an excellent farmer. A member of the United Presbyterian Church, he served it as elder for thirty-four years, and was a teacher and superintendent of the Sabbath school as well as choir leader. John M. Duncan married Elizabeth Ann Coleman, and they had the following children: James Mathews married Ida Grumbling and (second) Mary Barr, and now resides in Keota, Iowa, where he has charge of the United Presbyterian Church; Mary Emily lives with her brother A. W. Duncan; Martha Jane married Isaac St. Clair and (second) H. M. Kirkpatrick, and resided at Pittsburg until his death, March 26, 1913; Robert died when three years old; Tirzah Elizabeth lives with her brother A. W. Duncan; Alma died at the age of twenty-nine years, unmarried; Dorcas Edith married Cyrus Stiffey, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work; Augustus Josephine died young; John Elmer, who married Jennie Archibald, resides in Derry township, Westmoreland county, where he is a farmer; Jessie Eve died at the age of twenty-one years; Alice Margaret married T. R. Sproull; Archie Wallace completes the family.

John M. Duncan died Oct. 10, 1904, his wife June 23, 1904, and they were laid to rest in the cemetery connected with the United Presbyterian Church in Conemaugh township, a handsome monument marking their graves.

Archie Wallace Duncan was brought up on his father's farm, attending the Duncan school and then a select school at Livermore. Following this he worked with his father until the latter's death, at which time he bought out the other heirs to the tract of 160 acres. Since assuming charge of the property he has demonstrated that he is a man of progressive spirit, and is one of the leading agriculturists of his township. He keeps about thirty cows in his dairy herd and ships daily to East Liberty, Pa., from Livermore. In addition to other improvements Mr. Duncan has built a large silo, and he has everything on his place in first-rate shape, taking pride in the condition of his premises. His machinery and appliances are thoroughly modern in

every respect and aid him in carrying out his ideas relative to the farm work expeditiously and effectively. All of his machinery is well housed and his barns and other buildings for his stock are constructed according to sanitary regulations. The present large granary was built by him, although he does not raise enough to feed his stock, buying from the West in earload lots. One reason his milk finds so ready sale is that his cows receive good care, and his dairy equipment is so modern in every respect that he can handle the product in a cleanly and rapid manner.

Mr. Duncan married Mary Henderson, daughter of Joseph Henry and Prudence J. (Telford) Henderson, of Young township. They have had children as follows: James Telford, John Mathews, Joseph Henderson and Robert Cree, living, and one who died in infancy unnamed. Mrs. Duncan is a most estimable woman of delightful manners, an excellent housekeeper, and has many friends throughout the neighborhood and in the United Presbyterian Church, of which she is a member, as is her husband, who was a trustee of the church for three years and is now an elder. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Duncan taught school under Prof. J. T. Stewart. A man of high principles, Mr. Duncan has long given his influence toward upholding the doctrines of the Prohibition party, for he believes that the liquor traffic is one of the great evils of the country.

Although a man young in years, Mr. Duncan has already accomplished much and stands among the leaders in his community. His sisters, both highly thought of, also belong to the United Presbyterian Church, and this organization benefits from their generosity. No family stands any higher in public estimation than that bearing the name of Duncan, and its individual members are fully sustaining the high reputation borne by the earlier representatives, who always stood for the higher ideals in everything.

WILLIAM ABEL, a farmer of Armstrong township, this county, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., May 13, 1852, a son of Henry Abel.

Henry Abel was born in Germany, but came to the United States in young manhood, and found employment at his trade of shoemaking in Pittsburg, where he rounded out his life. His wife was Katie Grunce prior to her marriage, and she too was born in Germany, coming to this country in girlhood. Like her husband, she passed away in Pittsburg.

William Abel grew to maturity in Pittsburg, but received only limited educational advantages. After his marriage he located on a farm in Allegheny county, Pa., and in 1890 came to his present property of 150 acres in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., which he continues to operate.

Mr. Abel was married in Pittsburg, Pa., to Maggie Runge, who was born in Germany, but came to Pittsburg when still a girl. Mr. and Mrs. Abel have had the following children: Annie, who married Chester Uncapher; Mary, who is a teacher in Blacklick township; Henry D.; Minnie; Jennie; Clara; George; Freda and Emil. The family all belong to the United Presbyterian Church and are active in promoting the good work of that body. Politically Mr. Abel is independent in his views, and he is in every way a most excellent man.

DAVID OBER, proprietor of a general store at Dixonville, Pa., was born in Green township, Indiana county, Nov. 27, 1873, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Dick) Ober.

Joseph Ober was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and from there came to Indiana county in early manhood, locating in Green township. By trade he was a stonemason, and this he followed as his vocation until his death, on Jan. 15, 1912, on his farm in Green township. He married Elizabeth Dick, a daughter of Jacob Dick, who was an early settler and a farmer in Indiana county. Mrs. Ober was born in Indiana county and died Sept. 15, 1886, the mother of five children, namely: Martin, who lives at Dixonville with his brother David; Myron, who is now deceased; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Leslie Bowser, living in Armstrong county; David; and Stella, who is the wife of Benjamin Cook, of Owosso, Michigan.

David Ober attended school in Green township through boyhood and when he was old enough learned the stonemason's trade. He followed same until 1889, when he embarked in the hardware business at Dixonville, where he has continued, at present also carrying a line of general merchandise. He is concerned also in lumbering enterprises and is interested in the Clymer National Bank as one of its board of directors; he was one of the organizers of this bank and one of its original directors.

On Nov. 9, 1889, Mr. Ober was married to Ella Fulmer, who was born in Green township, a daughter of John and Anna (Were) Fulmer, and they have two children, E. Jay

and Marie. Mrs. Ober is a member of the Brethren Church. Mr. Ober at present is serving as supervisor of Green township.

John Fulmer, father of Mrs. Ober, was born in Indiana county, Pa., and for many years was a farmer in Green township, now residing at Dixonville. He married Anna Were.

EDWARD H. STEPHENS, a farmer of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, was born in that township March 8, 1875, a son of Giles Stephens.

William Stephens, one of the early settlers of Indiana county, was during his early life a miller and blacksmith. Whenever he felt called upon to do so, he engaged in ministerial work for the Methodist Church. At times he also taught school throughout Indiana county, and was a man of prominence. Later on in life he devoted himself to farming.

Giles Stephens, son of William, and father of Edward H., was a miller in early life, later taking up farming.

Edward H. Stephens attended school in Cherryhill township, and while doing so assisted his father on the parental farm, now owned by him. In 1886 the mother and her family moved to the property now owned by Benjamin L. Stephens, where they remained until 1896. In that year Edward H. Stephens moved back to the homestead, which he has since operated, with more than ordinary success.

On March 30, 1896, Edward H. Stephens was married, in Cherryhill township, to Emma Jane Dick, born in that township Aug. 18, 1876, daughter of David H. and Rachel Dick. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have had eight children: Roy Arnold, Lawrence Edward, Evala Leona, Rachel Catherine, Ila Blanche, Clyde David, Mary Fay and Ruth Matilda. Mr. Stephens belongs to the Baptist Church at Dixonville. At present he is assessor of his township, and for several terms has served as school director, being interested in civic matters and the securing of good administration of affairs for his community.

ADAM SIDES, a farmer of Green township, Indiana county, has with the exception of three years lived all his life at the home he now occupies, having been born there Sept. 15, 1861, son of Adam and Mary (Dickey) Sides. The family was founded in this section by his grandfather, who was a native of Germany.



Adam Sides, the father, was born in West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, and was a lifelong farmer. Many years ago he settled in Pine township, where he bought land which he cleared and cultivated. He followed farming there for some years, finally removing to the neighboring township of Green, where he settled on the farm now occupied by his son Adam, living there until his death, May 12, 1884. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Dickey, was also born in Indiana county, in Brushvalley township, and died in Green township Feb. 28, 1897. They were the parents of eleven children, namely: Elias, who died while in the Union service during the Civil war; John, who is living in Green township; William, living in Pine township; Uriah, now a resident of Barnesboro, Cambria Co., Pa.; Alonzo, living at Pineflats, Indiana county; one that died in infancy; Jane, wife of William C. Wilson, of Johnstown, Pa.; Emma, wife of William Hahn, of Johnstown; Elizabeth, wife of William H. Strauss, of Johnstown, Cambria county, wholesale and retail dealer in tobacco and cigars; one that died in infancy; and Adam, the youngest, who lives in Pine township.

Adam Sides, youngest in the family of Adam and Mary (Dickey) Sides, attended school at Pineflats. He began work on the farm when a mere boy, and spent his youth and early manhood assisting his father, except the three years he was at Johnstown, when he was employed in the steel works. The rest of his life has been passed at his birthplace, and he is now the owner of the farm of 220 acres, which under his careful cultivation is one of the valuable properties of the neighborhood. He is a good citizen, looking after his own affairs in the most thorough fashion and taking an intelligent interest in the common welfare of his locality, though he does not enter actively into public affairs. He is a Republican in politics, and in religion is associated with the Christian denomination, belonging to the church at Pineflats.

On Oct. 8, 1885, Mr. Sides was married at Ebensburg, Cambria Co., Pa., to Margaret Giles, a native of Cambria county, and they have had one son, John.

ROBERT PATTISON, now living retired in the borough of Indiana, Pa., where for a number of years he was engaged in plumbing and steam fitting, was born in a little old log house on his father's farm in White township, Indiana, Co., Pa., July 8, 1846, son of

William and Eliza (Smith) Pattison. His paternal grandfather, a native of Ireland, spent his whole life in that country, dying there.

William Pattison, father of Robert, was born in county Derry, Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of twenty-one years, with his mother, two sisters and a brother-in-law, Hugh Thompson, while another sister, Mrs. Block, was left in the old country. Settling in White township, Indiana Co., Pa., William Pattison engaged in farming with such success that at the time of his death, at the age of sixty-two years, he was the owner of three farms, of 160, 110 and 220 acres, respectively. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in his political views. He and his wife, who also died in White township, were the parents of the following children: Jane, who died at the age of eighteen years; Nancy, who married John Barr, of Washington county, Pa.; Robert; William S., of White township, who married Augusta Johnston; Mary, who married Samuel Fergy, of Washington county; Margaret, who died at the age of twenty-two years; and Martha Jane, who married Joseph McNeary, of Washington county.

Robert Pattison was reared on the home farm, and attended the old Pike school, where his first teacher was Miss Bayshuro. He continued to work with his father until he was twenty-five years of age, and in 1872 removed to Indiana and engaged in the stock business, also conducting a dairy. He owned a dairy farm of 200 acres located two miles west of Indiana, but after two years sold out and moved to the oil fields near Franklin, Venango county, where he continued two years more. Subsequently he located at Braddock, Pa., and after one year spent in the feed business, went to Johnstown and became a steam fitter in the employ of the Cambria Steel Company. In 1906 he retired from active life, and since then has resided in Indiana. He is a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Indiana, and a Republican in politics.

In 1872, Mr. Pattison was married to Maggie McCurdy, of Jacksonville, Indiana county, daughter of John J. and Mary (Walkenshaw) McCurdy. Mr. and Mrs. Pattison reside at No. 1328 Philadelphia street.

JOHN O. HEFFLICK (deceased), long a resident of Canoe township, Indiana county,

was a native of Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, born Oct. 29, 1824.

Mr. Hefflick's parents came to this country from Germany about 1834, and settled in Banks township, Indiana Co., Pa., where the father obtained wild land. Clearing a small piece, he put up a log cabin and barn, and started the work of making a comfortable home for his family. As he cleared his land he put it under cultivation, and he continued to engage in farming until his death. His wife died in Canoe township. They had children as follows: John O.; Ann, who married Matthew Smith and lived in Canoe township; Doratha, who married George Bartholomew, and lived in North Mahoning township; and Mary, who married George Hess and lived in Canoe township.

John O. Hefflick was a boy when he came with his parents to America. The family landed at Baltimore, thence went to Greensburg, Pa., where Mr. Hefflick worked in the coal mines for about four years, and from there came to Banks township, Indiana county. John O. Hefflick did some work in the coal mines at Greensburg. In his youth and early manhood he was employed at rafting and other lumbering work, and later settled down to farming, buying a tract in Canoe township, the place where his son (David Hefflick) and daughter now reside. It contains 125 acres, and when he came to the place a small clearing had been made and a log house and barn stood upon it. He continued the work of clearing industriously, succeeding in getting most of the property under cultivation, made many improvements upon the place, and in addition to farming engaged to some extent in milling. He was content to look after his own affairs, and though a good citizen never took any part in public matters. In his political views he was a Democrat, in religious connection a member of the Evangelical Association, belonging to the Pine Church in Canoe township.

Mr. Hefflick was married to Margaret Elizabeth Emerick, a native of Germany, daughter of John and Eva (Graff) Emerick, who settled in Indiana county in 1840. Mr. Hefflick died Sept. 25, 1902, his wife surviving until May 31, 1906. They were the parents of fifteen children, of whom the following grew to maturity: (1) Mary is the widow of Emanuel S. McGraw, of Blair county, Pa., who was born in 1844 and died Oct. 1, 1895. He was an oil driller by occupation. When about seventeen years old he enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of

Company A, in a regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and he served until 1865. After his death Mrs. McGraw returned to the home of her parents, in Canoe township, Indiana county, taking care of them until they died, since then she has occupied the old farm with her brother David. (2) Elizabeth married John Stiver, of Canoe township. (3) Eva married A. T. Stiver, of Canoe township. (4) Jennie married Lincoln Stiver, of Canoe township. (5) David is mentioned below. (6) Bell married Clark Richardson, a hotel man, of Rochester Mills, Indiana county. All of this family were educated in the public schools of the home neighborhood.

DAVID HEFFLICK, son of John O. Hefflick, was born on the old homestead in Canoe township, Indiana county, where he has always lived, and farming has been his chief occupation in life. For a time he was engaged in lumbering. He has never taken any active part in public affairs, caring nothing for office or party work, though he is a staunch Prohibitionist in political sentiment. His religious connection is with the Evangelical Association. His sister, Mrs. McGraw, with whom he resides at the homestead, is a member of the Presbyterian Church. They are highly respected people in their neighborhood.

JOHN W. GORMAN, foreman of Mine No. 43 of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company, at Arcadia, Indiana county, has held that position for almost ten years and has proved himself a trustworthy and reliable man, interested in his work and capable in the discharge of his responsibilities. He was born in Indiana county, Oct. 18, 1869, son of David G. and Christina (Fry) Gorman, farming people, both now deceased. David G. Gorman was born in 1823 in Armstrong county, Pa., and died April 21, 1907; his wife died in November, 1902. He was one of the leading citizens of his section for a long time, serving twenty-five years in the office of justice of the peace and eight years as tax collector.

John W. Gorman obtained his education in the public schools and in youth was trained to his father's calling, farming, which he followed for a time. In 1896 he began mining regularly and has continued in that line ever since, so successfully that he has worked his way up to the position of foreman, to which he was promoted in 1904. He has taken scientific courses in mining, and in every capacity has shown his intelligence and ambition

to familiarize himself with his chosen employment. As foreman of the Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Company's mine No. 43, at Arcadia, he has 120 men under his charge.

During the Spanish-American war Mr. Gorman served as a private in Company F, 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers, being mustered into the United States service May 13, 1898, and mustered out in November of the same year. He is a member of I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 679, at Burnside, Pa., and in political connection is a Republican.

Mr. Gorman married Dec. 9, 1893, to Lucy M. McCrady, of Hillsdale, Montgomery township, Indiana county, daughter of William and Louisa (Ruffner) McCrady, and they have one child, Richard, born Oct. 11, 1894, who has graduated from the high school of Indiana borough and is now a student at the University of Pittsburg.

**JOHN FOOSE**, a farmer of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born Aug. 30, 1837, near Hesse-Cassel, Germany, a son of John and Margaret (Rader) Foose.

John Foose, the father, was also a native of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, and a farmer by occupation. Like all loyal Germans he served in the German army, his period of service extending over five years. In 1847 he came to America, the trip consuming sixty days, and landed at Quebec, Canada, whence he came to Newcastle, Pa. After a visit with a brother who lived eighteen miles outside that city, Mr. Foose settled on a farm in Butler county, Pa., eleven miles west of Butler, where he secured fifty acres of land to which he later added thirty acres. It was all heavily timbered when he bought it, and his first work was in building of a log cabin to house the family. He and his wife died on this property, after having cleared off their land and made it valuable through hard work. They had the following children: John; Casper, who is deceased; Rinehart, who is deceased; Adam, who is deceased; Margaret, deceased; Elizabeth, who lives in Allegheny, Pa.; Catherine, deceased; Mary, living in Allegheny, Pa.; Sarah, living in Allegheny; and Henry, also living in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

John Foose, son of John Foose attended the German schools for three years completing his education in the common schools of Butler county, Pa. When he was seventeen years old he began working for himself, and in 1865 came to Indiana county, settling in North Mahoning township on the property that is still his home. He erected a log cabin

and began clearing his land, later replacing the first house with a much more pretentious one. He owns 108 acres of valuable land and is a substantial farmer, a citizen who holds the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

Mr. Foose was married in 1865 to Mrs. Margaret (Glaser) Beam, widow of George Beam, who was born near Marchand, Pa., and died in 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Beam had three children: John, who is unmarried, is farming in North Mahoning township; George, a farmer of North Mahoning township, married Salome Peffer; Emma, married William Thoman, of Kansas. Mrs. Foose is a daughter of Casper and Catherine (Raeder) Glaser, of Hesse-Cassel, Germany, where Mr. Glaser died, his widow coming to America in 1851 to live with her children, who were as follows: Anna, John, Adam, Catherine, Margaret, Eva, Elizabeth and Katherine, all now deceased except Mrs. Foose and Elizabeth, the latter living in Kansas. Mrs. Foose was born June 24, 1837, in Hesse-Cassel, Germany. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Foose. Samuel, who is a farmer of North Mahoning township, married Wilhelmina Coon; William is at home; Edward is at home; Albert is at home; Annie, who married George Bishop, resides near Rossiter, Pa.; Harry, who lives near Pittsburg, Pa., being with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, married Susan Embinger.

Mr. Foose has never desired public office. He has always voted the Republican ticket, and belongs to the Evangelical Church of Marchand, Pennsylvania.

**WILLIAM BECK RICE** has spent practically all his life in Green township, Indiana county, having been brought to this section when very young. He was born April 19, 1853, at what is now the borough of Indiana, son of Samuel and Eliza (Beck) Rice and grandson of Philip Rice, who was a pioneer settler in Indiana county, coming hither from eastern Pennsylvania. He settled at the town of Indiana, living on a farm now comprised in the fair grounds, and there lived and died. By occupation he was a farmer and blacksmith.

Samuel Rice was born at the town of Indiana, where he grew to manhood, and like his father became a farmer and blacksmith. In 1855 he moved with his family to Green township, locating on the farm now occupied by his son William, which he bought. The place was little improved when it came into his possession, and he continued the work of

clearing and putting it under profitable cultivation, living there until his death. He married Eliza Beek, who was born near Indiana, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Rowe) Beek, and Mr. and Mrs. Rice, both died in April, 1879, about a week apart, of typhoid fever. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Philip, who is deceased; Mary, widow of Nelson O'Neill, now living near Jacksonville, this county; John, a resident of Marion Center, this county; William Beek; Dr. Daniel S., a physician of Hastings, Pa.; Augustus, who was accidentally killed when three years old; a daughter that died in infancy; Porter E., a resident of Green township; and Frank, who lives at Idamar, this county.

William Beek Rice passed his boyhood and youth in Green township and obtained his education in the local schools. In his early manhood he learned the carpenter's trade and followed it for some time, but he has for the most part been engaged in farming and lumbering. He is an energetic worker, and has prospered by dint of industry and good management, winning a respected place in the community where his days have been passed.

In 1880 Mr. Rice was married to Sarah Ellen Donahey, who was born April 2, 1853, in Blacklick township, daughter of William J. and Margaret (Davis) Donahey, who moved to Green township. Five children have been born to this union, two dying in infancy. The others are: William J., now of Colver, Pa., engaged as a carpenter; Elmer Guy, who lives at home; and Zella May, at home.

JOHN HARRISON LORE, decorator and painter, of Blairsville, Indiana county, was born in that city April 12, 1862, son of James and Eliza (Jones) Lore, natives of Pennsylvania and Wales, respectively. The Lore family is of German extraction, but the name of the founder in America is not definitely known.

James Lore operated on the old canal and was a resident of Blairsville for a number of years. He built the "Mansion House," when the first railroad entered Blairsville, and later the "Union House," and lived in the town until 1872, when he went to Burrell township, Indiana county, having traded his hotel property for a farm. He died on his land in 1876, aged fifty-seven years. He was a Knight of Pythias and popular in that order as he was elsewhere. His wife was brought from Wales to Lancaster, Pa., when three years old, the family later moving to Johns-

town, Pa. She survived her husband many years dying in January, 1912, aged eighty-five years. She and her husband were the parents of the following family: William A.; Kate, who married W. W. Thompson; James I.; John Harrison; Charles J.; Maggie, who is at home; Tillie, deceased, who married W. R. Stoughton; and Edward, who is deceased.

JOHN HARRISON LORE, son of James Lore, went to the district schools of Burrell township and the Blairsville Academy, and learned the trade of painting with W. R. Stoughton, of Pittsburg, beginning his apprenticeship when fourteen years old. Later he spent five years in the employ of the Homestead Steel Company, and for the next five years was in the coach shops of the West Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In the spring of 1890, however, he came to Blairsville, and in partnership with J. H. Vorlage formed the firm of Vorlage & Lore, for the purpose of conducting a general painting business. This association continued for four years, when it was dissolved, and Mr. Lore spent a year at Pittsburg in the employ of the same railroad company with which he had been formerly connected. In 1898 he returned to Blairsville, where he once more embarked in business, being associated at different times with William Battles, W. A. Geary and his brother Charles J. Lore, his present partner, who has been with him since 1901. The brothers do general house and sign painting and interior decorating, their most pretentious job having been the decorating of the interior of the Methodist church. They also did excellent work on the Lutheran church, and on various residences in Blairsville, and take proper pride in doing well whatever intrusted to them.

Mr. Lore is a member of the Lutheran Church. For twenty years he has served on the election board, and is a man of local prominence.

On June 16, 1892, Mr. Lore was married to Susan Morford, a daughter of Stephen Morford, of Blairsville. The following children have been born of this marriage: Irna Mae, William Floyd and John Franklin, the latter being deceased.

JOHN JACOBY, retired, a railroad man for over forty years, has lived in his present home in Indiana for over fifty years. He is a native of Germany, born near Hamburg July 13, 1844, son of William and Margaret (Younging) Jacoby.

His father was born at the same place, learned the trade of miller, and followed it while in Germany. In 1848 he came to the United States, bringing his wife and two children, landing at New York. They came thence to Pennsylvania, making the trip by canal to Blairsville, and located first in White township, Indiana county, where Mr. Jacoby found work among the farmers until the family removed to Indiana borough. There they settled on the property now occupied by John Jacoby which he presented to his parents in 1860. Both the parents died there, the father in 1891, and the mother in 1898. They were German Lutherans in religious connection. They had a family of four children, viz.: John; Catherine, Mrs. James Conway, who died in the West; Henry, of Indiana borough; and William, of Indiana.

John Jacoby was a child when brought to America by his parents, and grew to manhood in Indiana county. He first attended the Kreps school, a log school near Grove Chapel, and his first teacher was Professor Wolfe, who later became county superintendent of school. During his youth he did farm work for Messrs. Hamilton, Boggs, Adams and Wolfe. In 1863 he enlisted, for six months, and became a member of Company F, (under Captain Tinkham), 2d Battalion, after the expiration of this term reenlisting, Jan. 10, 1864, in Company F, 55th P. V. I. He took part in the battles of old Town Creek, Proctors Creek, Fosters Plantation, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Cemetery Hill, Signal Hill, Hatcher's Run, the capture of Petersburg and the engagements at Reeves Station and Appomattox, and received his discharge Aug. 30, 1865.

Coming here from his army service, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, loading cars and doing similar work for the agent, George Sedgwick, continuing thus until August, 1867, when he became a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad. After three years of this work he ran a shifter in the yards, and did other work there for a number of years, after which he ran a local freight between Blairsville Intersection and Indiana, being thus engaged for twenty years. He is now on the pension list of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1872 Mr. Jacoby built his present home at No. 255 North Fifth street, and has since made several additions to it. In 1896 he bought the farm of his father-in-law in White township consisting of 112 acres, and some time later

sold the coal on this property, and finally sold the farm itself.

On Nov. 16, 1869, Mr. Jacoby married Charlotte Shaffer, of White township, daughter of George and Magdalena (Shook) Shaffer, farming people. They have had a family of ten children of whom John LeRoy, of Aspinwall is a railroad engineer; Albert, a molder, of Greenburg, Pa.; William, of Ambridge; S. Clyde, a railroad man, of Indiana, Pa.; Olive, Mrs. George Nibert, of Cherryhill township, who died May 24, 1912; Alberta, unmarried, of Pittsburg; Rosetta, of Pittsburg; and Irene, at home. Mr. Jacoby belongs to G. A. R. Post No. 28, and in church connection is a member of the Brethren, also known as the Dunkard Church.

HARVEY S. LUTE carries on general farming in Green township, Indiana county, but is especially interested in the growing of potatoes, in which he has been notably successful. The farm he owns and lives upon by himself and his immediate ancestors for the better part of a century, his grandfather, Jacob Lute, having settled there many years ago. The Lute family is of German origin, and has been settled in America for about two hundred years. It has long been established in Westmoreland county, where Jacob Lute was born. Coming to Indiana county he bought a farm in Green township, where he and his son Frederick, the father of Harvey S. Lute, built a log house at first. This was replaced in time by the substantial house Mr. Harvey S. Lute occupies, which was erected in 1862. Jacob Lute continued to live on this place until his death which took place in the house now occupied by his grandson.

FREDERICK LUTE, son of Jacob Lute, was born Feb. 2, 1817, in Westmoreland county, Pa., came to Indiana county with his father, and died here July 23, 1904. He married Amelia Karlinsey, who was born in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of Daniel Karlinsey, a native of Germany who came to America and made his home in Cambria county, Pa., where his wife, Sarah died; he died at the battle of Fredericksburg, while serving in the Civil war. Mrs. Lute died March 10, 1881. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lute, namely: Harry F., who lives in Idaho; Lot-tie, wife of Bruce Lute, of Indiana county; Daniel, deceased; Blanche, wife of Archie F. Westover, of Cambria county; and Harvey S.

Harvey S. Lute was born March 17, 1879, in Green township, and received his education in the public schools there. When a boy he began farming, and after the death of his father became the owner of the home place, where he has ever since engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He is one of the largest growers of potatoes in Indiana county, having raised three thousand, four hundred bushels in 1911, off thirteen acres. This branch of his work has been thoroughly systematized, and he makes a business of wholesaling and retailing, not selling through commissioned men.

On July 6, 1903, Mr. Lute was married to Elizabeth M. Walker, who is a native of Venango county, Pa., daughter of Robert and Jane (Williams) Walker, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Walker was extensively engaged in the manufacture of brushes at Franklin, Pa. He died Aug. 28, 1903: his wife had passed away Feb. 28, 1886. They were the parents of nine children, of whom Susan, the eldest, is deceased; one died in infancy; Elizabeth M. is the wife of Harvey S. Lute; Robert is a resident of Franklin, Pa.; F. D. lives in Wheeling, W. Va.; Emily is the wife of E. G. Coe, formerly of Edison, Ohio, now living in Florida; Jennie died in infancy; another child, not named, died in infancy; May is the wife of H. Ross Reynolds, formerly of Edison, Ohio, now living in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lute are members of the Nebo Presbyterian Church in Green township, near their residence.

JOHN HENRY SMITH, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Shelocta, Pa., was born Dec. 17, 1878, in Hornell, N. Y., son of Charles and Mary E. (McCartney) Smith. The father now resides in New Mexico; the mother is deceased.

The family claims Capt. John Smith, of early Virginia fame, as an ancestor.

Dr. Smith grew up in his native place, attending the excellent schools of that locality. He became a professional nurse, and in 1905 began the study of medicine, being graduated from the University of Pittsburg in 1909. Immediately thereafter he began the practice of his profession at Wilkinsburg, Pa., but after spending part of two years came to Shelocta, where he has since remained. He is a conscientious, reliable physician, and the extent of his practice shows that his skill is appreciated.

In 1899 Dr. Smith was united in marriage with Mary Ryan, of Allegany, N. Y., daughter of Roger Ryan. Four children have been born of this union, John, Margaret, James and Mary. Dr. Smith is not connected with any religious body. He is independent in his political views..

ALEXANDER PORTER CALHOUN, a farmer of Armstrong township, this county, was born Dec. 20, 1869, on the old Calhoun homestead, which lies along Dutch run in Armstrong county, Pa., son of William L. and Christina (Fry) Calhoun.

When he was but three years old Alexander Porter Calhoun was brought by his parents to Armstrong township, Indiana county, and was reared to manhood's estate on the place where he has ever since resided. He attended school in the neighborhood, and grew up to agricultural life. His fine farm of 136 acres shows that he understands his business thoroughly, and has earned the right to be placed in the foremost ranks of successful men of his calling in Indiana county.

In May, 1894, Mr. Calhoun married Lydia Miller, a daughter of Moses B. Miller, and one child, William Miller, has been born to them. Mr. Calhoun is a member of the United Presbyterian Church at Shelocta, Pa. Politically he is a Republican, but has never aspired to public office. A man of industrious habits and good business principles, he has forged ahead, and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who have had dealings with him.

HUGH LOWMAN, who is engaged as carpenter at the Clarksburg mine of the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company, in Young township, Indiana county, was born Sept. 18, 1841, in that township, son of Thomas and Rachel (Neal) Lowman.

Abraham Lowman, grandfather of Hugh Lowman, was born in 1765, of Dutch descent, and came from Ligonier Valley, in Pennsylvania. Settling in Armstrong township, Indiana county, he located on the farm now owned by the Neal family, here operating a large tract of land until his death, in 1845. He and his wife are buried in the Jacksonville cemetery. Mr. Lowman married Susan McElhose, and they had children as follows: Thomas; Mary, who married Alexander Gilmar; George, who married Rosanna McClain; Samuel, who married Betsie McClain; Abe, who resides in East Mahoning; William, who married Nancy Anthony; Nancy, who mar-

ried William Lucas; and Rose, who married Robert McFarland, and went to Kansas, where she died.

Thomas Lowman, son of Abraham, and father of Hugh Lowman, was born Sept. 18, 1794, in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., and attended a log subscription school. His education was somewhat limited, as his services were in assisting his parents to clear and cultivate the home place, and his boyhood was filled with the hardships and privations incidental to pioneer life. Until he was almost a grown man he owned no shoes making the moccasins which served him for footwear, but the necessity for performing such work engendered in him a spirit of self-reliance and he grew to know and appreciate the value of money. As a youth he learned the art of distilling, and with his father made whiskey in a log house in the woods, selling the product in the surrounding towns. The poverty of his boyhood was succeeded by comfort and independence in his later years, and he became one of his section's most intelligent and progressive men. He acquired a farm of 150 acres, which he put in a high state of cultivation, but later removed to Young township, and there his death occurred Oct. 30, 1862, when he was sixty-eight years of age. For many years he served as road superintendent and overseer of the poor, and he was a lifelong member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Lowman was married (first) to Elizabeth Graham, by whom he had five children, namely: William, Scott, Nancy, Susan and Alexander. His second marriage was to Rachel Neal, who died at the age of eighty years and was buried in the United Presbyterian Church cemetery at Jacksonville, Pa. They had children as follows: John, who died in 1891, after years of farming in Young township, married Elizabeth Miller, and they had six children, Thomas, Annie, William, Clark, Madge and Mary; Hugh is mentioned below; Samuel, entered the Union army and died during the Civil war, of a fever; Elizabeth married John Graham, a civil engineer of Armstrong township, and had three children, Thomas, William and Alexander; William, deceased, who was brigade surgeon during the Civil war and later was in practice at Butler, Pa., was married to Sarah Lewis, (second) Susan Hunter and (third) Terzah Guthrie; Scott, who died in 1887 near Jacksonville, where for some years he had been engaged in farming, married Rebecca McFarland and (second) Jane McKee; Nancy

married Robert Graham, and died in 1863; Susan, who married James Marshall, died in 1865; Alexander, who married Elizabeth Gilmore, died in 1894.

Hugh Lowman, son of Thomas Lowman, attended the common schools of Young township and Jacksonville Academy, following which he taught school for four years at Frog Pound school and in Young township. At that time he began to learn the trade of carpenter with his brother Alexander, and eventually entered the contracting and building business in Young township. In 1862 he went to war as a member of a company organized in Young township, but after two weeks this organization returned, as it was found it could not be used. Mr. Lowman continued to follow contracting and building in Young township until 1888, in which year he moved to Clarksburg, in Conemaugh township, and purchased a large and comfortable home. Upon this residence he made extensive improvements, and it is now one of the handsomest and most valuable homes to be found in Clarksburg. Mr. Lowman still follows his trade, being employed as a carpenter by the Pittsburg Gas and Coal Company at the Clarksburg mine, and in the last nine years he has lost but fifteen days from his employment. This faithfulness to duty, together with his undoubted skill as a mechanic, makes him one of the company's most valued employees. In 1867 Mr. Lowman was elected justice of the peace, an office which he has held for more than forty years, and he is known all over the county as "Squire" Lowman. He has also served in capacity of school director, and for many years has been a member of the school board.

On Oct. 13, 1864, Mr. Lowman was married to Lizzie Stuart, daughter of William Stuart, of Blacklick township, Indiana county, and they had a family of six children: Jennie, who married Hervey Coleman, a farmer of Conemaugh township; Thomas and Annie, who are deceased; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of Porter Krier; George, who resides at Saltsburg and is a clerk in a large mercantile house; and Paul, deceased. Mr. Lowman's second marriage was to Lizzie Bell, by whom he had six children: William, a large land owner and farmer in Kansas; Clyde, a farmer in Conemaugh township; Alexander, railroad mail clerk between Bellwood and Punxsutawney; Esther, who is deceased; Louella, a school teacher at Shelocta, Pa.; and Mead, an employe of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad Company, at

Iselin, Pa. Mr. Lowman's third marriage was to Ella Coleman, and they have had one child, Michael Paul, who is attending Eldersridge Academy.

DAVID R. PRINGLE, a resident of the borough of Indiana for almost half a century, a veteran of the Civil war who has long been prominent in G. A. R. circles, was born and reared in Indiana county, and with the exception of the time he was in the army has always lived there. He is a great-grandson of William Pringle, who immigrated to this country from Scotland in an early day.

George Pringle, son of William, was born Dec. 6, 1767, at Concocheague, Franklin Co., Pa., and during his early life the Indians were still occasionally troublesome. He moved with his father, to Frankstown, Huntingdon (now Blair) Co., Pa., and was there married to Catherine Cable, daughter of Rev. John Cable, a Dunkard minister. They had a family of eight children, three of whom died young, the others being: Elizabeth, John, George, David, Catherine, Abram, Mary and Daniel, all of whom are now deceased.

DAVID PRINGLE, son of George, was born in Cambria county, Pa., May 18, 1806, and about 1833 moved to Indiana county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Jan. 9, 1872. In 1830 he married Eliza DeLancy, of Greenfield township, Blair county, and she died in 1848, after which he married (second) Elizabeth Roof. By the two marriages he was the father of nineteen children, of whom five survive, three of the first union and two of the second.

David R. Pringle, son of David, was born March 12, 1838, on his father's farm in South Mahoning township, and there grew to manhood. On Aug. 1, 1862, he enlisted in the Union army at Marion, for nine months, and was assigned to Company D, 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged at Harrisburg upon the expiration of this term, May 24, 1863, and on Feb. 23, 1864, he reenlisted, for three years, at Westchester, Pa., this time becoming a member of Company E, 2d Pennsylvania Heavy Veteran Artillery, under Capt. Barnard Mercer. He was transferred to Company B, 2d Provisional Artillery, which company was composed of 139 men, of which number on July 30, 1864, were but seven still serving who had been uninjured, nineteen having been killed in battle, sixty-five wounded, seventeen made prisoners of war, twenty-six sick or dead of disease, three discharged, and two deserted.

The command was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and with it Mr. Pringle took part in the following battles: Wilderness (May 5-7, 1864), Spottsylvania Court House (May 8-12, 1864), Po River (1864), Shady Grove (June 1, 1864) and many of the actions in front of and around Petersburg. At the mine explosion at Petersburg his regiment lost 498 men. Mr. Pringle was wounded June 17th and again June 30th, and at the mine explosion on July 30th he was captured. He was confined at Danville and Libby until March 25, 1865, when he was released under the cartel of 1862, going home on furlough. On April 17th he returned to his regiment, which was then at City Point, Va., and was again assigned to Company E, 2d Pa. Heavy Veteran Artillery, with which he continued to serve until he received his discharge at City Point, Va., Jan. 29, 1866. During his first enlistment he had taken part in the battle of Chancellorsville, May 1-5, 1863.

Returning to Indiana county after the war, Mr. Pringle settled in Indiana and worked at his trade, that of blacksmith, until 1889. After that he was constable of the borough for twelve years, and then for three years was employed in the folding department of the National House of Representatives, at Washington, D. C. He then became weigh-master at the Fourth ward weigh scales in Indiana borough for several years, and since that time has been living retired in his home, No. 913 West Oak street.

Mr. Pringle has long been a prominent member of Post No. 28, G. A. R., of Indiana, and has held a number of offices in that body. He has attended the department encampment as delegate, has served on the staff of the department commander, and on Jan. 1, 1902, was appointed aide de camp on the staff of the national commander in chief, serving as such during the national encampment at Washington, D. C., held that year. In February, 1870, he joined the I. O. O. F. Lodge, in which he still holds membership.

On Sept. 27, 1860, Mr. Pringle was married to Caroline Baker, of Marion Center, Pa., daughter of James and Rebecca (Campbell) Baker, and they have had two children: One that died in infancy and Luella Maud, who is at home.

ROBERT STOOPS follows general farming in Canoe township, in association with his brother, David Stoops, owning the old Stoops homestead on which both were born, Robert on Oct. 14, 1851, and David on Nov. 9, 1848.



They are sons of Robert and Esther (Ellwood) Stoops and grandson of Thomas Stoops.

Thomas Stoops, the paternal grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was a farmer in Westmoreland county, Pa., and from there came to Canoe township in Indiana county, where he carried on farming until his death. He and wife were buried in the old cemetery at Punxsutawney. They had four children: Robert, Thomas, Peggy and Belle, all now deceased.

Robert Stoops, son of Thomas Stoops, was born in Westmoreland county and came to Indiana county with his father. He purchased a farm of 110 acres in Canoe township and here carried on general farming for a number of years, but in 1855 left home and never returned, his being one of those cases of mysterious disappearance that have never been cleared up. He married Esther Ellwood, who was born July 19, 1812, and died in December, 1901, when almost ninety years old. She was a daughter of William and Eliza Ellwood.

William Ellwood, the maternal grandfather of Robert and David Stoops, was of Westmoreland county, where his children were born and reared. Before he came to Canoe township, Indiana county, two of his sons and his daughter Esther preceded him and cleared a small patch of ground on which the sons put up a shanty, and they harvested a small crop of wheat. In the succeeding spring the rest of the family came, William Ellwood settling on a tract of 100 acres directly adjoining the Stoops land and there carrying on general farming until his death. His farm is now owned by Frederick Knaur; the Jefferson county line passes through the property. He was a Democrat in politics. When the family lived in Westmoreland county they attended the old church at Saltsburg and later united with the Old Cumberland Church at Punxsutawney. The children of William and Eliza Ellwood were: William, deceased, married Barbara Burkett, of Punxsutawney; James and Esther were twins; Thomas died of typhoid fever when fifty-five years old; Jane became wife of John Long, and both are deceased; Betsey is the widow of George Carry, of Canoe township; Hannah died when aged sixty years. After the Ellwood family became settled in Canoe township an addition was built to the shanty, which was retained as part of a comfortable farmhouse.

When Mrs. Stoops was left alone she had four little children to provide for: David

and Robert, mentioned above; Jane, born July 31, 1845, who married Jacob Barnett, of Canoe township; and William, born Feb. 9, 18—, who married Lydia Ann Leasure, of Canoe township. Through hard work, good management and strict economy, she managed to rear her children and very creditably, too, and they recall her with reverent affection. After her death, in 1901, the farm was divided, Robert and David receiving seventy-five acres between them, their present farm, while William received twenty-five acres, Mrs. Barrett being given her portion in money.

Robert and David Stoops were educated in the public schools of Canoe township and have always lived on the old home place which it is their pride to keep in fine condition. During the lifetime of their mother, in spite of her advanced age, all the domestic affairs were regulated by her, and since then the brothers have lived alone, very comfortable in their adjustment of labor, David attending to the home duties while Robert gives his attention to the farm. Both vote the Democrat ticket and for three years Robert Stoops served as school director.

GEORGE SHELDON KEAGLE, manager of the Jefferson Supply Company's store and postmaster at McIntyre, Pa., was born at Covington, Tioga Co., Pa., March 24, 1884, son of Azor and Estella (Headley) Keagle. Lowman Keagle, his grandfather, was for a number of years a resident of Butler county, Pennsylvania.

Azor Keagle, son of Lowman, and father of George S. Keagle, was born in Butler county, Pa., and there grew to manhood, subsequently removing to Covington, Tioga county, where he followed mercantile pursuits until 1889. In that year he went to Jefferson county, locating at Reynoldsville and entering the employ of the mercantile firm of Bell, Lewis & Yates, in the capacity of clerk. In 1890 he became manager of that company's store at Rathmel, in the same county, and after fourteen years spent in that position severed his connection with the company and engaged in business on his own account. He is now one of his city's leading merchants. He is a Republican in his political views and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Keagle was married in Tioga county to Estella Headley, daughter of Rev. George Headley, a distant relative of President Hadley of Yale College, and she also survives. They have had a family of six children: George Sheldon; Edna, who married

Thomas Rhea, of Ernest, Indiana Co., Pa.; Claude and Albert, who are residents of Butler, Pa.; and LeRoy and Vera, who live with their parents.

George Sheldon Keagle, son of Azor Keagle, was a child when the family removed to Jefferson county, and there he attended the local schools until he was twelve years of age. At that time he entered the services of the Bell, Lewis & Yates Coal Company, under his father in the supply store, but four years later, feeling the need of further education, he took a course in a business college at Dubois, Pa. On completing his studies in that institution he joined his father in business at Reynoldsville, under the firm name of A. Keagle & Son, but two years later, in 1902, disposed of his interests and went to Karthaus, Clearfield county, and for one year was clerk and paymaster for Rembrandt Peale. Returning home, he was again associated with his father in business until 1906, at that time moving to Ernest, Indiana county, to become clerk and bookkeeper for the Jefferson Supply Company, a position which he held for two years. His next location was at Edri, in Conemaugh township, Indiana county, where he spent one year as manager of the Foster Supply Company's store, and then, returning to Ernest, reentered the employ of the Jefferson Supply Company, and continued as clerk and bookkeeper there until 1910. In October of that year he was sent to McIntyre, in Young township, to open the company store at McIntyre post office, and here he has continued in charge to the present time. In 1912 he opened a like establishment at Aultman No. 3 Mines, for his concern, now giving his whole time and attention to the management of these enterprises. Mr. Keagle is still a young man, but has had wide experience in mercantile lines, and possesses a thorough knowledge of all the details of the business and native shrewdness that enables him to meet and make the most of situations. As representative of his company he holds a responsible place in his community, where his known integrity has given him prestige in the business world, and a pleasant personality has gained him a wide circle of friends. When the post office was opened at McIntyre, in 1912, he was appointed the first postmaster, having successfully passed his examination with a percentage of 99, nearly perfect. He has also had experience in this position, for while a resident of Ernest he acted as assistant postmaster there. He has supported Republican policies and principles, and has

fraternal connection with the Odd Fellows, holding his membership in the lodge at Saltsburg.

While a resident of Clearfield county Mr. Keagle was married to Sarah Carr, who was born in that county, daughter of Jacob Carr, of Grampian, Pa., and to this union there have been born two children, Estella Catherine and Todd George. Mrs. Keagle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and like her husband has many friends in McIntyre. A public-spirited citizen, with the welfare of his community at heart, Mr. Keagle has done much to advance the interests of McIntyre and its people, and his support has ever been given to movements calculated to advance education, morality and good citizenship.

DR. JOHN W. GALLAHER, a practitioner of suggestive therapeutics, at Lovejoy, Indiana county, Pa., was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., Sept. 14, 1857, a son of Hiram and Eliza (Shaffer) Gallaher.

John Gallaher, his grandfather, was born in Ireland, and when he came to the United States settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., where his son Hugh still lives. The family consisted of eleven children.

Hiram Gallaher, son of John, was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal in his early days, but later in life engaged in farming, in 1864 settling in Green township, Indiana county, where he purchased 187 acres of land. On that farm his death occurred in 1886. He married Eliza Shaffer, who resides at Coalport, in Clearfield county, a daughter of William Shaffer.

William Shaffer, the maternal grandfather of Dr. Gallaher, was born in Ireland, and when he came to America, like John Gallaher, settled in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he followed farming for many years and then moved to Indiana county, settling in Rayne township, where he died. He was the father of sixteen children, the only survivor being Mrs. Gallaher, one of twins; she is now in her eighty-third year.

To Hiram Gallaher and his wife five sons and three daughters were born, and six of this family survive: Mary, the eldest born, is the widow of Scott McGuire. John W. is the second in order of birth. Harry Milton lives at Summer Hill, Cambria county, Pa. Samuel died in 1886. Laura B. is the widow of Allison Gray and lives at Punxsutawney, Pa. Margaret died in 1885. Joseph S. is in the

meat business at Coalport, Pa. Robert F. is a merchant at Chicago, Illinois.

John W. Gallaher attended school in Green township in boyhood and afterward followed agricultural pursuits. He has always been a thinker and reasoner, and some years ago, becoming interested in scientific methods of healing, entered college at Nevada, Mo., as a student of suggestive therapeutics, and remained until his graduation. For the last two years he has been in the successful practice of his profession.

Dr. Gallaher was married Sept. 18, 1879, to Jane L. Buterbaugh, who was born in Indiana county. They are members of the Baptist Church of East Mahoning, Indiana county, Pa.

MARTIN C. WINEBERG, a farmer in Canoe township, was born in Jefferson county, Pa., about three miles south of Punxsutawney, April 30, 1842, son of Francis and Lena (Hartung) Wineberg.

Francis Wineberg, his paternal grandfather, was born in Switzerland, and there married Fannie Sauer. In 1818 the family came to the United States from Switzerland and settled first in Berks county, Pa. In 1823 they moved to the Blockhouse settlement, in Lycoming county, in 1827 to Sewickley township, in Beaver county, and in 1840 to near Smicksburg, in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, Pa. The grandmother died in 1849, when over seventy years of age, and the grandfather died in 1850, when he was eighty-seven years old.

Francis Wineberg, son of Francis, and father of Martin C. Wineberg, was born in Breal Bonco, Switzerland, in 1807, and accompanied his parents to America in 1818. In 1852 he came to Canoe township, Indiana county, after having resided for the three previous years in Jefferson county. He purchased 150 acres of wooded land in Canoe township and spent the remainder of his life here, engaging in farming as he succeeded in clearing his land, which, to-day, is all cleared. He was a Democrat in his political views, but never consented to fill a public office. Mr. Wineberg was a member of the Old Evangelical church in Canoe township. His death occurred in September, 1893, at the age of eighty-six years. In 1831 he married Lena Hartung, then of Beaver county, Pa., but a native of Germany. She died in 1866, at the age of sixty-six years. They had six children: Margaret, who is deceased, was the wife of Hartman Beam; Catherine, who is deceased,

was the wife of Abraham Stiver; John married Sophia Homan; William, who is deceased, married Sarah Bradenbaugh; Martin C. is mentioned below; Caroline married Fulbert Alderbrand.

Martin C. Wineberg attended public school in Jefferson county and was ten years old when he accompanied his parents to Canoe township, where he had further school advantages. He remained at home and gave his father assistance until the latter's death, and then took charge of the old homestead, having lived there sixty-one years. He served eleven months as a soldier in the Civil war, leaving home with his brother, John Wineberg, both enlisting in Company C, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out in 1865, when the war closed. Although he never participated in any regular engagement during his period of service he frequently was in situations of great hazard, taking part in numerous skirmishes, and doing guard duty at Fort Brady, under heavy fire, which fort he assisted to build before the siege of Richmond.

In 1866 Mr. Wineberg was married to Adeline Copock, she and her twin sister, daughters of George Copock, being reared by Adam Tiger. To this marriage the following children were born: Evaline is the wife of William H. Martin, of White township; George A., who resides at DuBois, Pa., married Elizabeth Heitzenrater; Elizabeth is the wife of Theophilis Powell, and is residing at Johnstown, Pa.; Jennie is the wife of Dallas Spencer; Theodore, who is a resident of Akron, Ohio, married Sophia Windsheimer; Joseph, Cora and Martin are deceased.

The second marriage of Mr. Wineberg, in 1887, was to Mrs. Jane (Elder) Buterbaugh, widow of Jeremiah Buterbaugh, and daughter of John and Margaret (McQuown) Elder. Mr. and Mrs. Wineberg have three children: Raymond P., who lives at Locust Lane, Pa., married Mabel Evans; Laura LaRue lives at home, but at present is visiting relatives in the Western States; Budd Stanford is a resident of Hiawatha, Kans., and attending high school there.

In politics Mr. Wineberg, like the older members of his family, has always believed in the principles of the Democratic party. He helped to build the Old Evangelical Church and was a member of the same until the division came about in the congregation, after which he assisted in building the United Evangelical Church edifice at Juneau, in

Canoe township; he has been a church trustee for forty years.

John Elder, the father of Mrs. Martin C. Wineberg, was born in 1822, in South Mahoning township, Indiana county, Pa., and died in 1902, aged eighty years. In early manhood he moved to Rayne township, where he bought a farm of thirty acres, and during all his active years carried on farming. He married Margaret McQuown, and they became the parents of the following children: James B., deceased, married Elizabeth Wells; Harriet E. is the widow of John McCunn, of Whitney, Nebr.; William Wallace is a resident of Roseburg, Oregon; Samuel, who lives at Waldo, Kans., married Melissa Myers; Jane is the wife of Mr. Wineberg; Joseph Newton, who is a resident of Waldo, Kans., married Bessie Rowe; Robert M., who lives at Luray, Kans., married Anna Rowe.

Mr. Elder was a member of the Presbyterian Church, having united with the Gilgal Church in 1844. He held many offices of honor and trust in the township and was elected jury commissioner for three terms. He was a staunch Democrat and always interested in political matters, and missed but one election from the time he became a voter.

Mrs. Wineberg was reared mainly in Rayne township and attended public school until her nineteenth year. She remained with her parents until her first marriage, in 1875, to Jeremiah Buterbaugh, who was accidentally killed by the fall of a limb from a tree. Mr. and Mrs. Buterbaugh had two children: Estella Maud, who married Leonidas Bearce and lives at Hiawatha, Kans.; and Charles, who married Edith White and lives at Juneau, Pa. After the death of her husband Mrs. Buterbaugh returned to her father's home and from there on Jan. 27, 1887, was married to Martin C. Wineberg.

MICHEAL PEFFER, a farmer of North Mahoning township, was born Dec. 25, 1834, in Butler county, Pa., son of George and Eva (Wyning) Peffer.

George Peffer and his wife were natives of Germany. Coming to the United States in 1832, they settled in Butler county, Pa., on wild land upon which they lived for four years. Selling this property, they came to Indiana county, and in 1836 settled on the farm now owned by their son Micheal Peffer, in North Mahoning township. This property comprised 160 acres, all heavily covered with timber, and with characteristic energy George Peffer cleared the land and put it

under cultivation. He built the log cabin in which the family lived. Although he worked hard he lived to be eighty-two years of age, dying upon his farm, as did his wife. Early members of the Lutheran Church, they later connected themselves with the Methodist Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Although he was a farmer for many years, Mr. Peffer had learned the mason's trade. He and his wife had the following children: Andrew, who lived in North Mahoning township and died at Covode, Pa., married Elizabeth Phillips, and had two children, George, a veteran of the Civil war, who is in the lime business at Punxsutawney, Pa., and Henry, a veteran of the Civil war, who lives in North Mahoning township; Henry, who died at Fort Royal, Va., a lumberman and farmer, married Lizzie Turner and (second) Margaret Barr, and his children were Amanda, William, Eliza, Joseph and Frank (twins), Michael and Annie (by the first wife), John, Theon and Eva (by his second wife); Eva, deceased, married John Pifer, and had children, Lizzie, Mary, John, Maggie, Lydia, Samuel, Susan and Sarah; Lena, deceased, married Christ B. Sutter and had children, Henry, Webster, George, Lafayette, Jacob, Walter, Mary, Andrew and Bertha; Peter, deceased, married Sophia Parshan, and they had one child, Mary; Micheal is mentioned below; Lizzie, deceased, married Isaac Crossman, and had Mary, Susie and Charles.

Micheal Peffer attended school held in a log house, and his educational opportunities were limited. He has always lived on the homestead of his father, and has seen many changes in the vicinity. When he was a lad the wild game was very plentiful, and upon one occasion, while going for the cows, he was chased by a bear, but escaped. Mr. Peffer relates many interesting incidents of the early days in North Mahoning township, but space forbids giving them here. He owns 160 acres of valuable land, all under a high state of cultivation.

Mr. Peffer's first wife, Anna Flemming, born in North Mahoning township, died in 1874. By her he had one child, Flora, who married Wilbur Rishell and has two children, Kenneth and Clarence, the family living at Punxsutawney, Pa. In 1875 Mr. Peffer married (second) Emma Bath, of Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa., a daughter of John and Rosa Bath, and they became the parents of the following children: Icia Bell is at home; Maude, who is a trained nurse, is

at home; Gertrude married James Heitzenrater, of North Mahoning township, and has children, Irwin, Howard and Margaret Alice; George W. is farming the old homestead; Howard is also farming on the homestead; Minnie married Harry Jordan, a farmer of North Mahoning township, and has children, Laird and Madaline.

Mr. Peffer is a Republican in political faith. For many years he has been a valued member of the Methodist Church at Covode, Pa. A most excellent citizen, he has led a useful life and firmly established himself in the confidence and respect of his neighbors. Belonging as he does to one of the pioneer families of his township, he has every reason to be proud of the part his relatives have played in the development of the locality. Coming here from a foreign land, his parents soon assimilated new customs, and became wealthy farming people before death claimed them. Their children grew up to be a credit to them and their community, which is under an obligation to these people for their public-spirited efforts and devotion to their adopted land.

GEORGE W. PLOTZER has an up-to-date grocery and meat market at No. 7 Carpenter avenue, in Indiana. He has been engaged in the meat business ever since he settled in the borough, and is well known to a wide circle of patrons who have found him a reliable dealer in every respect. He is a substantial and much respected citizen, and enjoys high standing.

Mr. Plotzer was born in Rayne township, this county, Jan. 23, 1863, son of George Plotzer and grandson of Simon Plotzer. The latter brought his family from Germany, their native land, to this country when his son George was twelve years old. They landed at New York and remained there for a time, thence moving to Pittsburg. Simon Plotzer was employed on the old Pennsylvania canal for a long time, was later engaged at a bottle works, and then acted as boss at furnaces at New Bethlehem, Pa., for a time. He finally bought a farm in Rayne township, Indiana county, which he cultivated until old age obliged him to retire from active labor. He lived thereafter in the borough of Indiana.

George Plotzer, son of Simon, was born in Bavaria, Germany. He became familiar with farm work assisting his father, and succeeded to part of the home farm in Rayne township, adding to his share by purchase as prosperity enabled him. Later he worked\* at the furnaces for a time, and then bought a farm of

300 acres in Center township, this county, upon which place he spent the next forty years, devoting all his energies to its cultivation. He was an energetic man, and successful. Upon his retirement he moved to Indiana, where he lived until his death, which occurred in July, 1911. He married Elizabeth Yost, a native of Nassau, Germany, who survives him. They had the following family: Mary, now the wife of George Hassinger, of Ford City, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Annie, Mrs. Henry Naylor, of Indiana; Frank, of Indiana; Theresa, who is deceased; John, of Ford City; Margaret, who lives at home; and George W.

George W. Plotzer received his education in the schools of Center township, and at business college in Indiana. He was with his father on the farm until he reached his majority, after which he came to Indiana and learned the meat business with G. W. Groff, with whom he was associated in all for twenty-four years. During that time he had become so well acquainted that he had no trouble in establishing a trade when he started for himself. He was on Philadelphia street for a few months, thence moving to his present location on Carpenter avenue. His market is considered the best equipped in this part of the State, and he is enterprising and up-to-date in all his business methods. His goods are of high quality, and the service is prompt and always to be relied upon.

Mr. Plotzer is a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church, and fraternally belongs to the Knights of Columbus and of the B. P. O. Elks. In politics he is a Democrat. He is unmarried.

MICHAEL KAUFMAN, one of the old-time residents of White township, Indiana county, has passed practically all his life on his present farm there. He was born Jan. 8, 1839, in Juniata county, Pa., and was but a child when brought to this county by his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Heckenan) Kaufman. The father was born in Juniata county in April, 1812, and moved his family to Indiana county in 1844, settling in White township, where he bought 100 acres of land. He was a farmer all his life and prospered by dint of thrift and industry. He took considerable interest in the public affairs of his locality, serving his township as supervisor and overseer of the poor. He died in 1870, his wife surviving him by twenty years and dying in April, 1890, at the age of seventy-nine years. They had children as follows:

Michael, Harrison, Mary, Jane (deceased), Sarah Ann, Margaret and Samuel.

Michael Kaufman grew to manhood on the farm in White township where he now lives, receiving his primary education in the local public schools and later attending the academy at Indiana, then taught by Prof. Cornwell and Prof. Westlake. He left school in 1866, and was engaged in teaching in Armstrong and White townships for twenty-five years in all, his long and successful career in the profession making him one of the best-known residents of this region. After his marriage he settled permanently on the home farm, owning ninety-five acres. There is no more highly esteemed citizen in White township. Mr. Kaufman has been an elder of the Presbyterian Church for forty years, and he is a Republican in his political views.

On March 28, 1867, Mr. Kaufman was married to Pauline Clarke Smith, of Sheloceta, this county, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Woodward) Smith. They have had a family of nine children: William Smith, of Indiana borough, married Mary Craig; Samuel Edward, of White township, married Hannah Rebecca Campbell; Cora Luella married Harry M. Beatty, of Pittsburg; Ada Gertrude is at home; Joseph Lawrence and James Alvin are at home; Alice Myrtle married John Cribbs, and lives at Indiana; Nettie Mary married Cervantes M. Brandon, and resides on a farm in Armstrong township; John Burton, who lives on the home place, married Elsie Boyer, daughter of Amos and Mary Ida (Wingert) Boyer.

**WILLIAM A. GLENN**, a farmer of Green township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Pine township, this county, Feb. 18, 1859, son of Joseph J. Glenn and grandson of Joseph Glenn.

Joseph Glenn was a native of Scotland, and coming to the United States at an early day located in what is now Green township. Being one of the pioneers of this locality, he was ten miles from his nearest neighbor, but benefited from his hardihood in being able to secure one thousand acres of land, a good portion of which he cleared. At that time rattlesnakes were numerous, and he had the disagreeable experience of having one fasten itself to his shirt sleeve, although he passed through the incident unharmed. In spite of the hardships of his life he lived to be 104 years old, dying in Green township, where he is buried, lying in the little cemetery at

Bethesda Church. His children were: Joseph J., Matilda, Daniel, Wilson, James, Johnson and Catherine.

Joseph J. Glenn, son of Joseph Glenn, was born in Green township Jan. 14, 1825, and spent his life in farming. He owned a farm of seventy-two acres in Pine township, and was also a local preacher of the Church of God. A man of great piety, he passed away firm in the faith of his church Jan. 19, 1913, aged eighty-eight years, on the farm that had been his home for so long, and is buried in Green township.

Joseph J. Glenn married Mary Carner, a daughter of Jacob Carner and they had the following children: Robert, John, A. W., Sarah C. (who died in childhood), William A., and Carrie (who married Jackson Cramer). His second marriage was to Isabelle Martin, daughter of David Martin, of Green township, and their children were: Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Jennie, who married William Waggoner; Thomas, of Pine township; and Catherine, who owns the Pine township homestead.

William A. Glenn received a public school education, and helped his father in the operation of the farm and in cutting timber to clear off the land. He and his father conducted a sawmill for a time in conjunction with their other work, and he kept busy all the while, remaining at home until he was thirty-three years old. At that time he began farming in Green township for his mother-in-law, on the David Martin property of eighty acres. After eight years upon this farm he bought the R. D. Williams property of thirty-nine acres in Pine township, but has never resided upon it. His daughter Sarah, Mrs. Good, is now living on it, in a fine house. In 1901 he and his wife inherited the Martin farm, where they had taken care of Mrs. Martin in her last illness, and there they have since continued to reside. Since coming into possession of this place Mr. Glenn has improved it in many ways and has now one of the best rural properties in the township. This land is underlaid with a rich vein of coal which Mr. Glenn and his wife still own.

In 1883 Mr. Glenn married Catherine Martin, a daughter of David and Nancy (Hadden) Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Glenn became the parents of the following children: Nancy B. who is unmarried, lives at home; Sarah married Edward Good; Elizabeth married John Adams; Eva C. is at home. Politically Mr. Glenn is a Republican, but has never

cared to enter public life, his time and attention being fully occupied with his farming, and his success justifies his course.

ANDREW DUNCAN, a retired farmer of Washington township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Armstrong county, this State, Aug. 28, 1830, son of Andrew Duncan and grandson of James Duncan.

James Duncan was born in Scotland, immigrated to the United States, and settled first in Dauphin county, Pa., later going to Armstrong county, where he made his permanent home.

Andrew Duncan, son of James, and father of Andrew Duncan, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., in 1796, and was there educated and taught the trade of blacksmith. When he came to Armstrong county he accompanied his father, and embarking in a blacksmithing business carried it on the greater portion of his life, although he gave his father valuable assistance with the farm work. Andrew Duncan married Lydia Deemer, a daughter of George and Lydia Deemer, and their children were: James, who is deceased; William, deceased; Nancy, deceased; George, deceased; Andrew; Lydia, who resides at Pittsburg; Charles, who resides at Portland, Oregon; Eliza Rebecca; and Eliza, who is deceased. Andrew Duncan was a Democrat in politics, but never held any public office. A member of the United Presbyterian Church, he held firmly to its faith. His death occurred three miles from the town of Indiana, in 1861, when he was aged sixty-five years.

Andrew Duncan, son of Andrew Duncan, attended school in Armstrong county, and worked among the neighboring farmers until he was twenty years of age. At that time he came to Indiana county, and commenced learning the blacksmith's trade at Saltsburg, following it for many years after he completed his apprenticeship. Later on in life he purchased seventy-eight acres of land near Creekside and operated same, carrying on general farming for a period of fourteen years. In 1909, owing to an illness, he retired.

Mr. Duncan married (first) Esther Campbell, a daughter of Cornelius Campbell and his wife Rebecca (Stewart), and their children were: Andrew, who died in infancy; and Rebecca Jane, who married William D. Fairman, of Washington township. After the death of his first wife Mr. Duncan married (second) Nancy Anne Mahan, a daughter of Patrick and Nancy (Wilson) Mahan,

and they have had children as follows: Mary Nancy is living at home; Lydia Cora died at the age of fourteen years, ten months; Charles Blair died in infancy; one died in infancy unnamed; Lizzie Belle is living at home; Effa Maud graduated from the Indiana State normal school in 1901, taught five terms of school, returned to the normal and took the business course, graduating in 1907, and went to Pittsburg, where she taught three years in the Ellsworth business college; she is now stenographer for a law firm in that city. As the principles of the Prohibition party embody Mr. Duncan's own ideas, he is a staunch adherent of same, but has never been willing to accept nomination for office. The Center Presbyterian Church is his religious home.

Mr. Duncan takes great pride in his family history and often tells of the experiences of his grandmother, who suffered cruelly at the hands of the Indians. Her first husband and their child were captured by the red men, and killed. Later she and her daughter, who became the mother of Mr. Duncan, were stolen by the Indians and kept captives for a period of eight months. The intelligent brain of the captive mother worked out a means of escape. She succeeded in intoxicating her captors, and while they lay in a drunken stupor fought her way through the forest back to civilization. Her hardships while making her way back to her home and family may well be imagined. None but a woman of unusual strength of character could have survived the many dangers and constant exposure.

JOHN C. CARR, a farmer of North Mahoning township, was born Sept. 4, 1862, on the old Carr homestead in that township, son of Wallace and Elizabeth (Jordan) Carr.

John Carr, his grandfather, was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, as was his wife Mary, and they were the first of the family to come to Indiana county. Upon their arrival they located on the farm now owned by John C. Carr, in North Mahoning township, and built a log cabin in the wilderness. They continued to live upon this property until death claimed them. John Carr was a farmer all his life, and became a well-known and highly respected man of his section. There were two children born to him and his wife, Wallace and Jane; the latter married George Kippert and lived in West Virginia until her death.

Wallace Carr, son of John Carr, was born Feb. 18, 1836, on the homestead of his father in North Mahoning township. In 1858 he married Elizabeth Jordan, who was born Oct. 25, 1837, in the same township as her husband. Growing up on the farm, Wallace Carr had but few educational advantages, but being a lad of intelligence made the most of what he had. He lived upon the Carr homestead all his life, dying there June 24, 1871. His widow survives and lives with her son John C. A Republican, Mr. Carr was faithful to his party without aspiring to office. He and his wife early joined the Methodist Church at Covode. Their children were as follows: William C., born Jan. 25, 1859, is a farmer of North Mahoning township, and married Mary Stauffer; Mary Ellen, was born Sept. 1, 1860, is the widow of Scott Adamson, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; John Clayton is mentioned later; Martha Ann, born Feb. 12, 1864, married Fred Leydia, of Punxsutawney, and they have a son, Wayne; George Russell, born Oct. 3, 1866, died May 2, 1867; Harry Grant, born April 27, 1868, died Oct. 24, 1870.

John C. Carr had but a common school education. He has spent his life upon the home farm, he and his brother William C. taking charge of the property after the death of the father, and operating it together until 1894, when John C. Carr bought it. He has 130 acres of land, ninety acres of which are under cultivation, and his place is one of the valuable farms in the neighborhood. Mr. Carr erected the residence and remodeled the barn, and installed other improvements which not only add to the value of his estate but serve to expedite the work of the farm. A Republican, he has never cared for public life. The Methodist Church of Horatio, Pa., holds his membership.

On Dec. 6, 1888, Mr. Carr was married to Lottie Shaffer, of Jefferson county, a daughter of John and Charlotte Shaffer, of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Carr became the parents of three children: Clarence Clover, born Aug. 10, 1894, is at home; Algier Brooks, born April 12, 1897, was killed by lightning when fourteen years old; Ethel Elizabeth, born Aug. 3, 1900, is at home. Mrs. Carr died Feb. 4, 1911, aged forty-two years. She was a most estimable woman, and is deeply mourned by her family.

SAMUEL G. COON, who in partnership with J. R. Jones owns the Crown Bottling works at Indiana borough, was born in West

Mahoning township, Indiana county, Aug. 7, 1862, son of James and Cynthia (Neal) Coon, farming people. His father, who was born Feb. 28, 1837, in North Mahoning township, died there in December, 1902. His mother born Jan. 16, 1839, in West Mahoning township, is still living, at the age (1913) of seventy-four years. She makes her home in North Mahoning township. Of the large family born to them ten survive.

Samuel G. Coon grew to manhood on the home farm. Until he was twenty-two he attended the local public schools. Meantime he did his share of the work on the place, where he continued to live until he reached the age of twenty-five. He had learned the carpenter's trade, and when he left home he went to Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa., where he followed that business for eight years. In 1896 he removed to Kane, Pa., where he was located for four years, and thence went to Shinglehouse, Potter Co., Pa., where he also spent four years, in 1904 coming to Indiana borough, where he has since been established. For several years after settling in the borough Mr. Coon was employed in the planing mill, in the spring of 1911 becoming a partner of John R. Jones, with whom he has since been associated. They manufacture all kinds of carbonated beverages. The business has been established since 1908. There has been a steady demand for its products from the start, their standard excellence winning and holding trade. Mr. Jones and Mr. Coon are both men of good character and reliable methods, and they have not only managed their affairs to their own profit but in such manner as to win the respect and good will of their fellow citizens. Mr. Coon is a well-known member of the I. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M. (Macedonia Lodge No. 258 of Bolivar, N. Y.), and in religious connection he belongs to the M. E. Church. In politics he is a Republican.

In November, 1892, Mr. Coon was married, at Salamanca, N. Y., to Ella V. Brothers, of Ridgway, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Annie (Miller) Brothers. They have two children, Murray A. and J. Darrel.

TRACY C. STANLEY, proprietor of a meat market at Clymer, was born in Clearfield county, Pa., Sept. 18, 1873, a son of George M. and Amelia (Cain) Stanley.

George M. Stanley was born in Clearfield county, and still lives there, engaged extensively in farming. He married Amelia Cain, who was born in Center county, and seven



sons and three daughters were born to them, namely: John O., who is engaged in the meat business and resides at Philadelphia; Mae, who is the widow of David Sprankle, of Tyrone, Pa.; Urilla, who is the wife of William S. Ale, of Juniata, Pa.; Shedrick, who lives at Tyrone; William, who is a physician and surgeon of Marietta, Ohio; Calvin, who resides at Belle Vernon, Pa.; Sue, who is the wife of M. T. Frederick, postmaster at Gallitzin, Pa.; Tracy C.; Edward, who is an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, and lives at Juniata, Pa.; and Charles, who lives in Clearfield county.

Tracy C. Stanley spent his early years on the home farm and attended school until about fifteen years of age, at which time he started to learn the butcher business, which, with the exception of seven years, he has followed ever since. During the period mentioned he was engaged as a stationary engineer. When the Spanish-American war was declared Mr. Stanley enlisted for service wherever he might be sent, but his regiment went no farther than the camp at Chickamauga, the war fortunately being of short duration. When the town of Clymer was started he went there and looked over the ground, and had the foresight to recognize it as a good business field, so he embarked in the meat business, dealing both retail and wholesale. He has a most thoroughly equipped market. Mr. Stanley is an active and interested citizen as well as a successful business man and belongs to the class that encourage enterprise and foster public spirit.

On June 1, 1898, Mr. Stanley was married to Bertha Miller, who is a daughter of George and Anna Miller, natives of Clearfield county, where the father is in the contracting and building business. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley have had three children: Matthew, Russell and Beryl, the two last named still at school. Mr. Stanley belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being connected with the lodge at Hollidaysburg.

ROBERT L. EMERICK, of Canoe township, Indiana county, teacher and farmer, has lived in that section all his life, having been born Sept. 14, 1884, at Rochester Mills, son of John J. Emerick, and grandson of John B. Emerick.

John Emerick, his great-grandfather, was born in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, and came to America many years ago. For eight years he worked as a merchant tailor in Baltimore, Md., and then moved to Franklin

county, Pa., where he farmed from 1832 to 1840, in the latter year coming to Indiana county. He obtained 150 acres of wild land, continuing his agricultural operations in Canoe township, where he died in 1878, aged ninety-four years, while his wife died in 1874, aged eighty-five years. They were members of the M. E. Church. Their children were: John B.; Henry, who married Mary Hoover, and lived in Canoe township (both are deceased); Elizabeth, who married John Heflick, and lived in Canoe township (both are deceased); and Mary, who married Michael Winsheimer, and lived in Indiana county and Maryland (both are deceased).

John B. Emerick, son of John, came with his parents to Indiana county and helped them to clear a farm in Canoe township, both working hard for their success. He secured fifty acres of the homestead and lived on it until his death, in 1894, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. Emerick was also a tailor and worked at his trade occasionally. A Republican in politics, he confined his public activities to casting his vote for the candidate of his party. The Lutheran Church of Trade City held his membership, and he was a most excellent man in every respect.

John B. Emerick married Barbara Wortman, who was born in West Mahoning township, this county, daughter of Casper Wortman. They had the following children: John J.; Kate, who married James Colkitt, of Punxsutawney, and has four children, Charles, Alfred, Mary and Fred; George, who is living with his brother Harvey C., on the Emerick homestead, a huckster and farmer; and Harvey C.

John J. Emerick, son of John B. and Barbara (Wortman) Emerick, was born Aug. 7, 1849, on the Emerick homestead in Canoe township, now occupied by his brother Harvey, and received his education in the public schools there. He himself became the owner of a tract of sixty acres in that township, following general farming and trucking, and for many years engaging as a huckster, making two trips a week to Horatio, where he not only disposed of his own produce, but that of other farmers which he gathered. His death occurred in 1892. Politically he was a Republican, but took no part in party affairs, and never held any office. On Jan. 7, 1880, he married Margaret E. Lowry, who was born Dec. 29, 1858, daughter of Lewis and Isabella (Hanna) Lowry, and died Dec. 2, 1908, aged forty-nine years, ten months. Mr. and Mrs. Emerick are buried in the Pine

Grove cemetery at Richmond, in Canoe township. They had children as follows: Robert L.; Oren B., who is on his father's homestead near Rochester Mills, in Canoe township, married to Mayme C. Colgan; Anna B., wife of Jacob McFarland, of Rossiter, Canoe township; and Cecil B., who married Harry Dunmire, of Juneau, Canoe township. The family are of Presbyterian faith.

Robert L. Emerick obtained his preparatory education in the public schools of his native township, and attended the summer normals held at Marchand, Marion Center and Smicksburg. For one term he was a student in the preparatory school of Grove City College, in Mercer county, Pa. He holds a State permanent certificate. He has taught school for eleven years in Canoe and Banks townships and Smicksburg borough, and was thus engaged for three summer terms, two at Smicksburg and one at Juneau. In 1912 he bought a farm of eighty acres in Canoe township, a few miles from Richmond, where he intends to engage in truck farming, following in his father's footsteps.

On Aug. 3, 1910, Mr. Emerick married Vesta Butler, daughter of John H. and Margaret C. (Aul) Butler, of Georgeville, this county, and they have one child, John Lowry, born June 1, 1911.

Mr. Emerick has not only been associated with educational work in his locality, but with religious enterprises and general moral advancement. He is a staunch Prohibitionist in political connection, and is one of the most efficient working members of the Salem Evangelical Church, which he is serving as trustee and Sunday school superintendent; he is also secretary and treasurer of the Young People's Alliance. By reason of his attainments and high standards he is well fitted for such responsibilities, and has proved himself a trustworthy and conscientious official.

JOHN HENRY BUTLER, father of Mrs. Emerick, is a merchant at Georgeville, in East Mahoning township. He is a native of New Jersey, born Sept. 3, 1849, near Roxbury, Warren county, and the family has been established in that State from an early day. Robert Butler, grandfather of John Henry, was a cooper; followed his trade in Warren county, and died there.

Holloway Butler, son of Robert and Elizabeth (or Betty), was born in Warren county, learned coopering with his father, and worked at the trade for some time, but later became interested in fruit culture, raising small fruits and vegetables. He was thus engaged

until his death. He married Margaret Kimple, also a native of Warren county, and they had children: Mary Elizabeth, Thomas, John Henry, George, Bernard, James, William, Anna, Lena, Samuel, Sarah and Osear.

John Henry Butler came to Indiana county in 1871, his maternal grandfather, John Kimple, and uncle, Capt. William Kimple, living here. He settled with the former and worked for him a year, in 1872 going to Butler county, where he remained a year. He has since been a resident of East Mahoning township, where he farmed until 1882, the year he entered the general mercantile business at Georgeville. He now has a flourishing trade, being the leading business man of the place. He is still interested in farming, and continued to look after the operation of his homestead place until he turned it over to his son George in 1909. He is a Republican in politics and has held public office; socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Jr. O. U. A. M.

On March 24, 1873, Mr. Butler married Margaret Aul, and they have had children as follows: George H., Margaret (deceased), Rebecca (deceased), Annie, Frank (deceased), Ross (deceased), Urbie Clair (deceased), Edward Gale (deceased), Bessie (deceased), Bertha, Vesta, and Miles Putney (deceased). A full sketch of the Butler family appears elsewhere in this work.

CALVIN H. STEFFEY, of Heilwood, Pa., was born on a farm in Pine township, Indiana county, Sept. 25, 1877, son of George and Teresa (Goss) Steffey. His paternal grandfather was a native of Pennsylvania and an early settler in Pine township, for many years conducting a blacksmith shop about one mile from the present town of Heilwood. He also engaged extensively in farming, cleared a good tract of land, and erected a log house, in which he resided for a long period.

George Steffey, father of Calvin H. Steffey, was born in Pennsylvania. He was an early settler in Pine township and spent the rest of his life there, farming. His death occurred Nov. 8, 1908, on the old homestead, while his widow, who still survives and lives on the Pine township farm, is seventy-two years of age. They had a family of four sons and four daughters, as follows: Emma, the wife of William Sholtz, of Pine township; Frank G., engaged in farming in Pine township; Catherine, the wife of David Martin, of Pine township; Calvin H.; Harvey, an electrician of Heilwood; Scott V., proprietor of

the Steffey Livery, at Heilwood; Mazie, the wife of Ardie Davis, of Grisemore, Indiana county; and Pearl, the wife of James Hanna, living on the old homestead in Pine township.

Calvin H. Steffey attended the public schools of Pine township, and on completing his education began to teach school. After following the vocation of educator in Pine township for five years, in Buffington township three terms, and at Barnesboro, Cambria county, two terms, he took a business course in the Eastman business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and then accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Trauger, Westmoreland county. One year later he entered the employ of the Heilwood Company, as bookkeeper. Mr. Steffey is a member of Pine Flats Lodge, No. 1168, I. O. O. F. He attends the Lutheran Church.

**SAMUEL R. WADDELL**, who has been engaged in cultivating his present property in Green township, Indiana county, since 1900, was born in that township, Aug. 10, 1852, and is a son of James and Sarah (Wike) Waddell.

Samuel Waddell, his paternal grandfather, was a native-born American, of Irish ancestry. An early settler of Indiana county, in his younger years he was a tailor, but later purchased a farm in Green township and was engaged in tilling the soil there until his death. He is buried in Taylorville cemetery.

James Waddell, son of Samuel Waddell, was born Nov. 6, 1826, in Indiana county, three miles north of Blairsville. In 1845 he removed from Washington township to Green township, purchased the farm adjoining where his son, Samuel R., now resides, and cleared it from the wilderness, building a hewed log cabin and making numerous other improvements. He continued to reside in the original house and to engage in agricultural pursuits there until his death, which occurred Feb. 19, 1900. James Waddell married Sarah Wike, who was born May 11, 1826, in Bedford county, Pa., near the town of Woodbury, and came to Indiana county at the age of fifteen years with her sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Blickensdorfer. She resided near Greenville, in Cherryhill township, until her marriage, and her death occurred in Green township Oct. 11, 1892. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Waddell: Samuel R. and John, latter residing at the old homestead, Green township.

Jacob Wike, the maternal grandfather of Samuel R. Waddell, was a native of Bedford

county, Pa., where he spent his entire life in general farming.

Samuel R. Waddell was reared to the vocation of a farmer, and like other farmers' sons of his day and locality spent his boyhood in work on the home place in the summer months, his education being secured in the district schools during the winter terms. As a youth he engaged in lumbering, and for sixteen years was engaged in working in the woods, in 1900 purchasing the home farm, where he has since devoted his energies to agricultural work.

On Dec. 30, 1886, Mr. Waddell was married to Mary Conn, who was born in Butler county, Pa., Feb. 16, 1859, daughter of William and Nancy (Mortimer) Conn, both natives of Butler county. Mrs. Waddell's parents came to Indiana county in 1866 and settled in Green township, Mr. Conn being engaged in farming here until his death in 1881, while his wife survived him until 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell have had two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Meda M., is the wife of Willis A. Houck, and lives in Green township, near Purchase Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Waddell are members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Waddell's father and grandparents were charter members of the East Union Presbyterian Church of Taylorsville, Indiana county. Politically Mr. Waddell is a Republican, and he has served nine years as school director of his township.

**WILLIAM H. FENTON**, proprietor of the Central Meat Market, in Indiana, has owned that place for the last three years and is doing a thriving business, which under his careful management is steadily increasing. He has passed practically all his life in the borough.

Mr. Fenton was born Aug. 13, 1872, in Homer City, this county, son of James and Jennie (Crawford) Fenton. The latter's parents, Robert Fenton and his wife, were from Ireland. James Fenton was born in Indiana county, possibly in the borough of Indiana, and learned harnessmaking, which trade he followed for a time. Then he engaged in business, keeping a store, and he became one of the well-known and highly esteemed citizens of Indiana, serving twenty years as justice of the peace. He was a prominent member of the M. E. Church, in which he was an active worker, serving as an officer for years. In politics he was a Republican. He died in Indiana in 1901. After

his death his widow removed with three of her unmarried children to Steubenville, Ohio, thence to Coudersport, Pa., and from there to Wheeling, W. Va., where she died in the summer of 1907. The sons established the Fenton Art Glass Company in Wheeling, but after their mother's death removed the business to Williamstown, W. Va., where they erected their own plant and developed the concern to large proportions. Mr. and Mrs. James Fenton had a family of seven children, namely: Robert, of the Fenton Art Glass Company, who married Grace Dudley, of Marion, Ohio; John, also a member of the Fenton Art Glass Company, who married Tuindara Kerr, of Indiana, Pa., and lives at Millersburg, Ohio; James, of the Fenton Art Glass Company, who married Netta Clawson and since her death has remarried; William H.; Charles, a member of the Fenton Art Glass Company; Gertie, Mrs. Charles Brand, of Williamstown, W. Va.; and Frank, of the Fenton Art Glass Company.

William H. Fenton grew to manhood in Indiana borough, obtaining his education in the public schools. When a youth of fifteen he began to learn tanning, at the plant of the Indiana Tanning Company, and he followed that trade for a period of eighteen years. He then engaged in the hide business on his own account, continuing same one year, at the end of which time, in 1909, he bought the Central Meat Market, at No. 565 Philadelphia street, Indiana. He carries a good stock of home dressed meats, butter, eggs and poultry, and enjoys a steady patronage, to which he has added materially since the business came into his hands. His straightforward dealing and reliable goods are the factors he depends upon to hold his patrons.

In 1895 Mr. Fenton was married to Nedwena Gibson, of Greenville, Indiana county, daughter of the late Charles Gibson, and they have had nine children, namely: Jeannette Elmira, Nellie Jane, Anna Belle, Nedwena, Mabel, William, Monroe, Alene and Frederick Ream. Mr. and Mrs. Fenton are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his political views Mr. Fenton is a Republican. Socially he belongs to the Royal Arcanum.

NAUM COOPER, proprietor of the only merchant tailoring and men's furnishing goods establishment in the borough of Clymer, was born in Russia Nov. 20, 1879, son of Aaron and Vera Cooper, the former deceased and the latter still living in Russia,

neither having ever come to the United States.

Naum Cooper received a public school education in his native land, and on completing his schooling was apprenticed to the trade of tailor. For some time he worked at his trade in Russia, and from 1892 to 1895 served in the Russian army. From that country he went to Austria, where he remained three months, and then proceeded to Berlin, Germany, and later to Bremen, working at his trade all the time. At Bremen he took a steamer for the United States, and from Baltimore, Md., where he landed, came direct to Pittsburg, Pa. After remaining in the latter city for a short time Mr. Cooper moved on to McKeesport, Pa., but after ten months went to Johnstown, and remained there one year. He then went to Bolivar, Pa., where he engaged in the merchant tailoring business, and after a residence there of three years came to Clymer. During all this time Mr. Cooper had been seeking a locality in which to settle permanently, and after spending a short time in Clymer recognized the general desirability of the borough as a business center and the opportunity offered for a live and alert merchant to engage in tailoring. Accordingly he established himself in business here, and later added men's furnishings to his stock, now having the only store of its kind in Clymer.

On Jan. 27, 1912, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage with Bertha McCaskey, who was born in Butler county, Pa.; her parents are now residents of Boliver, Westmoreland county.

Mr. Cooper is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Clymer and is also a popular member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

ROBERT STRAWBRIDGE, mine foreman for the Victor Coal Company, at Clymer, Indiana county, has been at that place since 1909 and has been engaged in mine work all his life. He was born Nov. 2, 1865, in the County of Durham, England, son of William and Margaret (Logan) Strawbridge. The parents were natives of the North of Ireland, whence they went to Scotland, remaining there for a time and then removing to the County of Durham, England. William Strawbridge followed mining in Scotland and England, where he was killed in a mine explosion, in the County of Durham, in 1880; 165 lives were lost. His widow now makes her home in Rossiter, Indiana Co., Pa., with her daughter Mrs. Beecham. Mr. and Mrs.

William Strawbridge had sixteen children, some of whom died in infancy, and eight survive, of whom Elizabeth Ann is the wife of John Gowdrige, of Rossiter, this county; Margaret is the wife of Frank McManus, and lives in Frontenac, Kans.; Robert is mentioned below; Thomas resides at South Fork, Cambria Co., Pa.; Joseph is a resident of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Sarah is the widow of Arthur Beecham, of Rossiter, who was killed in an explosion; we have no record of the other two.

Robert Strawbridge received his schooling in England. At the age of twelve years he began work in mines there, continuing thus until he reached the age of sixteen, when he came to America. He landed at Philadelphia and came thence direct to Philipsburg, Center Co., Pa., where he went to work in the mines, remaining at that point six months. From there he went to Houtzdale, where he was located for five years, employed in the mines, and then he went West to Missouri and on to Kansas, remaining three years in that section. On his return to Pennsylvania he settled at Dubois, where he resumed mining, at Helvetia, near DuBois, becoming fire boss of the Helvetia mines. He held that position for four and a half years, being foreman for another period of three years, after which he came to Clymer, in the early part of 1909. Here he became foreman of Victor Mine No. 29, being transferred later to No. 24, where he is still employed. He is known as a thoroughly reliable man, and his long experience makes him worthy of the responsibility intrusted to him. Mr. Strawbridge was in the mine explosion in England in which his father was killed and in another at the Helvetia mines in which four lives were lost.

On Dec. 21, 1887, at Three Runs, Clearfield Co., Pa., Mr. Strawbridge married Elizabeth Watkinson, a native of the County of Durham, England, born April 25, 1868, about three miles from the place where her husband was born. Her parents, Thomas and Jane H. (Eslop) Watkinson, were natives of the County of Durham who came to America and passed the remainder of their lives in this country; Mrs. Watkinson died in 1898 in Jefferson county, Pa., and Mr. Watkinson died April 13, 1904, in Clearfield county. They had a family of nine children, one son and eight daughters, four of whom are living: Mrs. Strawbridge; Margaret, wife of Albert Huntington, of near Snowshoe, Pa.; Phyllis, wife of Richard Vivian, of Pardus,

Pa.; and Mary Jane, wife of George Huntington, of Sykesville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Strawbridge have six children, namely: Robert William, Ethel, Jane, Frank, Margaret and Willette. The parents are members of the Methodist Church, and socially Mr. Strawbridge belongs to the Knights of Pythias.

LEVI M. BUTERBAUGH lives upon the farm in Green township, Indiana county, which his father purchased three quarters of a century ago. His grandfather, Peter Buterbaugh, was an early settler in these parts, making his home upon a farm adjoining that of Levi M. Buterbaugh. He remained in Green township to the close of his life, living to advanced age.

David A. Buterbaugh, son of Peter, was born Aug. 9, 1805, in Maryland, whence in young manhood he moved to Huntingdon county, Pa. In 1837 he came to Indiana county, where he bought the farm in Green township now occupied by his son Levi M. Buterbaugh. Here he passed the rest of his life, dying Aug. 21, 1893. He married Amy McGuire, who was born in Green township Jan. 11, 1814, and died April 27, 1886, and they became the parents of ten children, but four of whom survive, namely: William, who is a resident of Tennessee; Levi M.; Sarah J., wife of Aaron Burnheimer, of near Tanoma, in Rayne township, this county; and Matilda, unmarried, who lives with her brother Levi. The deceased were: Calvin, who died in infancy; Emanuel, who died in infancy; Lucinda, who died in infancy; Mary Ann, who died when twenty-two years old; Emeline, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Lucy Ann, who died at the age of twenty.

Levi M. Buterbaugh was born May 5, 1848, on the farm in Green township where he now lives, and received his education in the local public schools. He has always been engaged in farming, and prospered in his work, becoming one of the respected and substantial citizens of his township. He is a member of the M. E. Church. His wife is a Presbyterian.

On Nov. 6, 1866, Mr. Buterbaugh was married to Elizabeth Treese, who was born Sept. 13, 1848, in Huntingdon county, Pa., and died May 1, 1893. A family of nine children was born to this union, viz.: Anna, now the wife of Augustus Sonnenberg, living in Michigan; William H., who lives at home; Morrison, of Indiana county; Jennie, widow of George Mead, living in Johnstown, Pa.; Emma, wife

of Frank Dealer, of Johnstown; Bertha, deceased, who was the wife of Marling Walker and died when twenty-seven years old; Callie, who died in 1877, in infancy; Richard, who died in infancy; and Vinnie, who died in infancy. On Nov. 4, 1897, Mr. Buterbaugh married (second) Sarah Jane Long, daughter of James G. and Mary A. (Stewart) Long, of Center township, and by that union has had one child, Jay C., who is now attending school.

George Treese (also written Dreese, the German spelling), father of the late Mrs. Elizabeth (Treese) Buterbaugh, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., as was also his wife, Rebecca (Blaugh). They came to Indiana county in 1856, settling in Green township, where they died, both attaining old age. Mrs. Buterbaugh was the eldest of their ten children, one of whom, Emanuel, died in infancy, the others being: Kate, wife of John Roley, of Montgomery township, Indiana county; John, who lives in Green township; Amanda, wife of Washington Fridley, of Montgomery township; Minnie, wife of William Humphries of the State of Indiana; George, a resident of Montgomery township; Emeline, wife of Dal Mumau, of Glen Campbell, this county; Adeline, wife of Anthony Armstrong, of Montgomery township; and Grant, a resident of Green township.

ANDREW KAMETZ, who is in the grocery business at Creekside, Indiana county, was born in Austria in March, 1857, son of John and Annie Kametz, both of whom are deceased.

Andrew Kametz was educated in his native land, and when nineteen years old began his military service of three years. After leaving the army he began mining, and continued to work along that line until coming to America, in 1887. Landing in New York City, he came thence to Pocahontas, Va., and after a few years there went to DuBois, Pa., which continued to be his home until he located at Creekside, several years ago. During all of this period, and for some time after coming to Creekside, he continued to work in the mines, eventually embarking in his present business. He now conducts a thriving general grocery store. His various ventures have prospered, and he built and owns his store and the house he now occupies.

While still living in Austria Mr. Kametz was married, in 1882, to Annie Kametz, and two children have been born of this union: Andrew, at home, and Mary of Indiana, Pa.

Mr. Kametz is a member of the Lutheran Church.

ISADORE KINGSTON, who conducts a restaurant, confectionery and pool room at Clymer, was born in Cambria county, Pa., Sept. 1, 1876, a son of James and Sarah (Kline) Kingston.

James Kingston was born at Adair, Iowa, became a general millwright, and operated sawmills in his native State and in Cambria county, Pa., where he settled after coming to this section, in 1860. He also followed lumbering for many years, but now is engaged in farming. He married Sarah Kline, who was born in Cambria county, and the following children were born to them: Isadore; Mary and Maggie, both of whom are now deceased; James, who lives at Altoona, connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Chloe, the wife of Edward Gilligan, who is in the lumber business at Charleston, W. Va.; Bertha, who resides at Cleveland, Ohio; Robert, who lives at Tyrone, Pa.; Howard, who is a resident of Cambria county; and Charles, who lives at Sunbury, Pa. The mother of the above family died in January, 1902.

Isadore Kingston attended school in Cambria county until he was twelve years old and then went to Clearfield county to work in a tannery, and later began to work in the coal mines at Coalport, becoming assistant mine boss for the Arvard Coal & Coke Company and remaining there for eleven years. In 1909 Mr. Kingston came to Clymer, where he engaged at first in mining and then commenced his present business enterprise.

On Sept. 23, 1896, in Cambria county, Mr. Kingston was married to Martha Rowles, who was born Nov. 18, 1878, in Clearfield county, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Vannell) Rowles, the former of whom is deceased, the latter still residing in Clearfield county. Mr. and Mrs. Kingston have had three children: Dollie, who is deceased; James, and George. Mr. Kingston is an active citizen, giving attention to all public matters as becomes a good citizen, and for the last two years has been a member of the borough council. He is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose, at Clymer, and with Kanawock Lodge, No. 210, Red Men, at Rosebud, Clearfield county.

SOL LEVINE, proprietor of the Indiana Dye Works, at No. 678 Philadelphia street, Indiana, Pa., was born March 31, 1872, in

the city of Mohileff (Mogilef), province of Mohileff, Russia, a son of Saul and Gussie LeVine.

Mr. LeVine's father, a banker in the city of Mohileff, which at that time had a population of 40,000, died in 1886, leaving a wife and six children, the latter being as follows: Sol, Harry, Morris, Milan, Michael and Annie. The mother and her children came to the United States in 1891, landing at New York, whence they made their way to Fostoria, Ohio; with the exception of Sol the entire family lives in New York. Mrs. LeVine is now sixty-two years of age.

Sol LeVine attended the schools of his native vicinity, graduated from the high school, and learned the trade of druggist. He was not quite eighteen years of age when he accompanied his mother and brothers and sisters to America, and his first employment in this country was in a glass works situated at Fostoria, Ohio. Subsequently he went to New York City, and for ten years conducted restaurants in different parts of the metropolis, but later saw a better opportunity in the dyeing business, in which he engaged for a short time in New York. There he continued to carry on business until August, 1908, at which time he came to Indiana, Pa., and is now the proprietor of the Indiana Dye Works, doing dyeing, steam and dry cleaning and pressing of ladies' and gentlemen's garments, fancy dresses, lace, velvets and feathers and guaranteeing high-class work.

In Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1893, Mr. LeVine was married to Lena Cherniack, of that place, and they have three children: Charles, Rosalind and Florence. In political matters Mr. LeVine is a Republican, and his fraternal connections are with the Royal Arcanum, the Woodmen of the World, the Odd Fellows and the Moose, in the latter of which he was for two years treasurer and is now presiding officer.

HARRY LARIFF, who has been engaged in the shoe and furnishing goods business in the borough of Clymer, Indiana county, since 1909, is a native of Russia, having been born in that country in 1870, son of Abraham and Matilda Lariff. The parents of Mr. Lariff were born in the domains of the Czar, and his mother passed away when Harry was still a small child. The father survived her many years, dying in his native country when

he had attained the remarkable age of ninety-three.

Harry Lariff secured a common school education in Russia, where as a young man he learned the trade of shoemaker. Like many other worthy men of his country, he felt that the future held nothing in store for him but to work hard always and never attain a competency in his native land, and accordingly, in 1888, he embarked for the United States. Landing at New York City, he remained there for one year, working at his trade, and then made his way to Houtzdale, Clearfield county, where he spent eighteen years, eventually becoming proprietor of a successful business. From Houtzdale Mr. Lariff went to Altoona, where he spent one year in the grocery business, in 1909 coming to Clymer and establishing himself in the shoe and furnishing goods trade. He has attracted a representative patronage to his well-stocked establishment.

Mr. Lariff was married while at Houtzdale to Rebecca Brenner, also a native of Russia, and to this union there have been born three children: One who died in infancy; Himan, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Myer, who assists his father in conducting the store.

LOWRY F. STRONG, a farmer of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, was born in that township March 22, 1855, son of John and Barbara (Fyock) Strong, of Irish and German ancestry, respectively.

John Strong was born at Strongstown, this county, where the family were among the early settlers. In early life he was a weaver, and carried on a large business, but later on devoted himself to farming, dying on his homestead.

John Strong, son of John, and father of Lowry F. Strong, was also born at Strongstown. An auctioneer, he was well known throughout the county, and for thirteen years served as constable. He was also interested in farming, and was a man of substance when he died, Dec. 27, 1883, his widow surviving until the fall of 1908. Three survive of the children born to John and Barbara Strong: Lowry F.; Loughry W. Strong, of Logansport, Ind.; and Emma, who lives with her brother Lowry F.

Lowry F. Strong was educated in the schools of Cherryhill township, and has always been engaged in farming. On July 4, 1878, he was married to Ellen Shank, born on

the home now occupied by Mr. Strong Nov. 28, 1858, daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth (Wissinger) Shank. The father was born in Somerset county, in September, 1808, and the mother was born in the same county. They came to Indiana county at an early day, Joshua Shank being one of the early settlers here, as was his father, who bore the same name. They were both active as farmers. The father died in 1892, and the mother in 1896. There were twelve children in the Shank family, four of whom are now living: Sarah, widow of Martin Putt, of this county; Eva, widow of Josiah Gibson, who resides near Indiana; Mary, widow of William Lydick, of Windber, Somerset Co., Pa.; and Mrs. Strong. Mr. and Mrs. Strong became the parents of seven children: Loughry W., of Cherryhill township, married Sadie Wise, of Indiana county, and has children, Blanche, Charles, Grace and John; Emma, wife of George Lockard, died after bearing him two children, Glen and Lowry; Frank is deceased; Joshua, Blair, Clark and David are all at home. Mr. Strong and his family all belong to the Progressive Brethren Church, and are most excellent people, respected by all with whom they are associated.

D. HARVEY SWARTZ, general farmer of Green township, Indiana county, is a son of Samuel T. and Malinda (Fetterman) Swartz and grandson of Robert Swartz.

Samuel T. Swartz, the father, was born in Indiana county, where he has passed all his life. He was reared in Brushvalley township, and later moving to White township lived there for some time, thence going to Rayne township. After farming there for a while he moved to Cherryhill township, where he still resides, engaged in farming. In 1873 he married Malinda Fetterman, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of Daniel Fetterman, a farmer of Rayne township, who owned a place at the headwaters of Crooked creek. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Swartz, namely: D. Harvey; Robert, who lives at New Florence, Pa.; Minnie, the wife of Ira McAfoos, of Marion Center, Indiana Co., Pa.; William Garfield, deceased; Dessie, wife of Andrew Mumau, of Indiana, Pa.; Nelson, deceased; George, a resident of Indiana; Gny, living in Indiana county; Mae, deceased; and Jay, at home with his parents.

D. Harvey Swartz was born Aug. 4, 1874, in White township, this county, and received his education in the public schools of Rayne,

White and Cherryhill townships. He has been engaged in farming on his own account since young manhood, and settled at his present home in Green township in 1897. Here he has sixty-nine acres and carries on general agriculture and stock raising, also engaging in huckstering.

On Feb. 1, 1898, Mr. Swartz married Elizabeth Fyock, of Green township, where her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Wise) Fyock, lived and died; they had eleven children. Mr. and Mrs. Swartz have no family. Mrs. Swartz is a member of the Church of the Brethren.

CLYDE E. FULTON, proprietor of a restaurant and confectionery at the town of Heilwood, Indiana county, was born on a farm in Clearfield county, Pa., Nov. 15, 1880, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (McKee) Fulton.

Daniel Fulton was born in Clearfield county, and there in his youth and young manhood engaged in farming and lumbering, but at this time is giving his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. His wife, also a native of Clearfield county, died in November, 1892, the mother of seven children, as follows: Claire, a resident of Oklahoma; Clyde E.; Dell, a resident of Coolover, Pa.; Zula, residing at home; and Ethel, Orpha and Mary E.

Clyde E. Fulton received his education in the district schools of the vicinity of his father's farm in Clearfield county, and as a youth assisted his father in the work on the old homestead. The life of an agriculturist, however, did not appeal to the young man, and he learned the occupation of cook, which he followed in the logging camps of Clearfield county until 1901, at that time establishing himself in a restaurant business at Burnside. He continued in business at that place until 1905, in which year he came to Heilwood and opened a restaurant, subsequently starting a confectionery, and is still carrying on both lines. He has met with success in his ventures and is a director of the Clymer National Bank.

In January, 1906, Mr. Fulton was married at Burnside, Clearfield county, to Letitia Wright, who was born in Clearfield county, daughter of George and Margaret Wright, residents of that county, where Mr. Wright is engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton have had two children, Ralph and one who



died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CHARLES F. PAUCH, merchant tailor of Indiana, Pa., was born June 29, 1878, in Allegheny City, this State, and is a son of Frank and Barbara (Croft) Pauch.

Frank Pauch was born in Germany and was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Barbara Croft, who was a native of Austria-Hungary. After a short residence in Cleveland they removed to Allegheny City, Pa., but a year or two later returned to Cleveland, whence they went to Brownsville, Pa., where the father died in 1909, when sixty-two years of age. The mother passed away about 1905. Mr. Pauch was a merchant tailor by occupation, following that vocation in the various towns in which he resided, and became a successful business man. He and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. They were the parents of five children: Charles F.; James, residing at Nelsonville, Ohio; Rosa, who is deceased; Edward, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio; and one child who died in infancy.

Charles F. Pauch was still an infant when taken to Cleveland by his parents, and in that city resided and attended the public schools until he was twelve years of age, when the family moved to Brownsville. There he grew to manhood, completing his public school education and subsequently attending the Brownsville business college, and after learning the trade of tailor with his father and others he left home, at the age of twenty-one years, and traveled over thirty-five States working as a coatmaker. In 1904 he came to Indiana and was employed in the tailoring establishment of Vogel Brothers for some time, in 1908 establishing himself in business on his own account in quarters over the *Gazette* office; eight months later he moved to rooms over Plotzer's meat market. One year later the rapid growth of his business demanded larger accommodations and he moved to his present location.

Mr. Pauch was married in 1909 to Pearl Stewart, of Homer City, Pa., daughter of William Stewart, and they have one child, Mildred Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Pauch are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and he is independent in his political views. His fraternal connections are with the Odd Fel-

lows, the Elks, the L. O. O. Moose and the F. O. E.

OAKLEY E. LEARN, proprietor of a flour and feed mill located at Wandin, Indiana county, was born in Green township, Indiana county, Oct. 7, 1870, and is a son of Henry and Catherine (Kunkle) Learn.

John Learn, the grandfather of Oakley E. Learn, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and as a young man came to Indiana county and settled in Green township, Oakley E. being the owner of the old homestead where he first took up his residence in this county. There he spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits, and when he passed away had the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens in the fullest degree.

Henry Learn, son of John, was born in Green township, Indiana county, and followed in his father's footsteps, choosing agricultural pursuits as his life work, and following that vocation through a long, useful and honorable career. His widow passed away at the home of Oakley E. Learn. They were the parents of two children, Oakley E. and Frank, the latter engaged in the grocery business in the town of Indiana.

The boyhood days of Oakley E. Learn were spent on the homestead farm in Green township, where he was thoroughly trained in the science of tilling the soil, while his literary education was secured in the district schools. He continued to engage in farming until 1904, in which year he came to Wandin and embarked in the flour and feed mill business, successfully conducting same to the present time.

On June 3, 1889, Mr. Learn was married to Cecilia Lewis, who was born in East Mahoning township, Indiana county, Sept. 24, 1870, daughter of William and Permlia (Lydick) Lewis, natives of East Mahoning township. Mr. Lewis, who was for a number of years engaged in the livery business, at Indiana and Punxsutawney, is now deceased, but his widow still survives and lives on the old home place in East Mahoning township. They had a family of five children, of whom Mrs. Learn is the oldest, the others being: Cora, the wife of Curt Wells, a resident of Jefferson county; Linnie, wife of Homer Foltz, also of Jefferson county; Arthur, living in Armstrong county; and Joseph, living at home with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Learn have had four children: Alva E., who is living on the old home-

stead, married Dora Bair, a former resident of East Mahoning township, and a daughter of Elias Bair, and they have two children, Cecilia and Loretta; Ernest P. married Minnie Moorhead, a native of Green township, and daughter of Walker Moorhead; Louis is living at home; Catherine also resides with her parents.

Mr. Learn and the oldest two of his sons are members of the Lutheran Church at Cookport; Mrs. Learn is a member of the Baptist Church, and the daughter, Catherine, is an adherent of the Methodist faith.

WILLIAM A. NICHOL was born in Green township, Indiana county, Aug. 16, 1869, and has spent all his life there, engaged in farming.

Joseph Nichol, his father, was born in Green township, of Irish descent, the family having settled in that township long before that district had been developed into the prosperous farming community it now is. The grandfather bought land near where William A. Nichol now lives, and resided there until his death. Joseph Nichol followed farming and lumbering until his death, which occurred June 25, 1898. He married Meny Moore, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of Joseph Moore, a native of Indiana county who lived in Grant township, following farming and lumbering. Mrs. Nichol survived her husband, dying in 1904. They were the parents of six children: Joseph, who is a resident of Swissvale, Pa.; William A.; Horace, living at Youngstown, Ohio; Laura, wife of William Mundorff, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Clara, wife of Bert Long, of Sykesville, Jefferson Co., Pa.; and Walter, deceased.

William A. Nichol acquired his education in the country schools in Green township. He was reared to farming, assisting with the work on the home place in his boyhood and youth, and has followed that calling on his own account from young manhood. He located at Starford in 1899, and in 1903 bought his present farm of 196 acres. He is an esteemed and substantial member of his community, his industrious career winning him the respect of his associates in all the relations of life.

In 1895 Mr. Nichol married Jennie Hamilton, a native of Grant township, this county, the eldest of the twelve children born to Matthew and Mary (Moore) Hamilton, old residents of Grant township; Mr. Hamilton follows farming there. Eight children have

been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nichol, viz.: Ollie, Helen, Lisle, Mahlon, Dorothy, Leona, Louise and Evelyn. Mrs. Nichol is a member of the East Mahoning Baptist Church.

JOHN BUTERBAUGH was the oldest citizen of Indiana county and had held that distinction for many years at the time of his death. Born Aug. 3, 1799, the year Washington died, he lived to his ninety-seventh year, passing away Feb. 12, 1896. He lived in Green township, Indiana county, from 1819 until his death. His life covered practically the whole period of the transition of this region from its crude primitive state to modern conditions. As a typical representative of the hardy, courageous people who made the settlement of this section possible he deserves honorable mention in any work pertaining to Indiana county.

Mr. Buterbaugh was a native of Huntingdon county, Pa., oldest in the family of eight born to William Buterbaugh, who was born in Maryland and moved thence to Huntingdon county. The children were: John, William, Jacob R., Henry, and David. The family is noted for longevity. On Aug. 3, 1894, when John Buterbaugh celebrated the ninety-fifth anniversary of his birth, there were three living besides himself, Jacob, Frederick and David, and their ages, combined with the ages of those who had died, totaled 584 years. The family lived near Springfield Furnace until interested by reports, of the good lands and fine hunting grounds in Indiana county. The father and oldest son came out to "spy" the land, traveling on foot over the mountains and carrying their rifles. After examining various localities they decided upon what is now known as Pleasant Valley, in Green township, a beautiful tract then heavily timbered with pine on the hillsides, with good pasture land in the valleys. The north fork of Twolick creek crossed through the center, and in the lowland were fine sugar maples which helped to provision their larder. John Buterbaugh, sizing up the advantages of the place, which was then occupied by a tenant, went at once to the owner and agreed to purchase it for three hundred dollars an acre. He commenced making improvements without delay, his brother William coming out to assist with the work of clearing and planting, preparatory to the removal of the rest of the family. This however, did not take place for ten years. Father and sons continued the work of clearing and cultivation, going back and forth

between the new land and their eastern home as necessary, and it is related that on one occasion, when John stayed on alone to finish some work in hand he made his supper on the last potato he had and set out in the morning without any breakfast, expecting to find something to eat at a neighbor's. But the water was so low just there that those who had grain could not get it ground, and though he might have shared what the kind-hearted neighbors had left he did not feel right about doing so, and got nothing to eat until evening.

The family moved out to the new home in December, 1829, crossing the Susquehanna at what was called Salt Wells, above the Cherry-tree, near where Garmans Mills is now located. The river was frozen and they crossed on the ice. Stopping on the bank to feed the horses, the men cut a hole in the ice to obtain water, and a large number of fish came to the opening. The men struck the ice with a sledge, which paralyzed the fish and made it easy to catch them, and as there was no time to dress them then, they were put into the feed trough, and on arriving at the cabin late that night the fish were put in the drain in the spring house, frozen so hard that they "rattled like icicles." The fresh water, however, thawed and revived them, and in the morning all were alive but three, so the family had a fine supply of large, fresh fish to use when wanted.

Soon after the family was established here and a number of acres under cultivation, John Buterbaugh, who was a natural mechanic and experienced millright, put up a sawmill, doing all the carpenter work himself. Before long he attached chopping stones to the original equipment and commenced to make corn-meal and buckwheat flour in addition to ordinary flour. All of this was most appreciated by the neighbors, for they were dependent almost entirely upon themselves for food-stuffs, and the variety was very welcome. As the streams were then fuller and more to be depended upon than now, Mr. Buterbaugh could keep his mill running eight and sometimes as much as ten months in the year, and is was not only a benefit to the locality, but materially increased his income. His honesty was proverbial, and there was no more popular man in these parts, either personally or in a business way. His interest in machinery and naturally progressive disposition were incentive enough to make him keep his establishment up-to-date, but the large trade he acquired made it necessary, and the regular flouring mill he created in time was one of the

best, if not the very best in Indiana county at the time. It was a great center, people coming from a great distance to patronize "Buterbaugh's Mill," and he often had to run it night and day to keep up with the demands of his customers. But no matter how busy, he would not operate it on the Sabbath, except once when an unusually long dry spell left people actually in want of flour; when the rain came at last he kept the mill going until all had been supplied. At the little village of Pleasant Valley, in Green township, Mr. Buterbaugh secured a tract of land for himself, living there to the end of his days.

It was after said, "John Buterbaugh can make anything out of mud that can be made," and it is a fact that he was called upon by his neighbors to do most of the difficult things which came up requiring skill and mechanical ability. He built and repaired twenty-three sawmills. If a clock or watch failed to "go," if a barrel was to be hooped, a kraut stand to be made, a sawmill or flouring mill built, he was depended upon to do it. And he was not only the local machinist, but the dentist. He wrote beautifully and was a good accountant, accomplishments not so general in his day as now, and being possessed of more than average intelligence and a character that won him well deserved confidence, he was chosen to many public offices, in all of which he gave able and faithful service. He acted as supervisor for many years when Green township extended from Cherrytree to the Hood farm; served as school committeeman before the law providing for the election of school directors was passed, and for two terms filled the office of justice of the peace, in the administration of which he won the gratitude and good will of many who had their difficulties adjusted before him; he always acted the part of peacemaker, and tried to effect an amicable settlement without recourse to the law. His influence in all the relations of life was always exerted for good, and his sterling qualities and the high esteem in which he was held made his opinions sought and respected.

Politically Mr. Buterbaugh was originally a Whig in 1854 joining the American or Know-nothing party and in the year 1856 casting his lot with the Republicans, with whom he continued to be associated the rest of his life. His religion was with the Lutheran Church at Cookport, from early life, and attended regularly until extreme old age prevented.

Mr. Buterbaugh's recollection of the early days were characteristic, for though he did not attempt to minimize the dangers, the hardships and the privations, he never forgot the lights among the shadows. Hunting was so good in those times that many men yielded to this temptation to follow the chase to the detriment of their regular callings. Mr. Buterbaugh never neglected his work, yet he was a good shot and enjoyed bringing in game, upon which the settlers long depended for most of their fresh meat. Deer, bear, turkey, pheasants, partridges, squirrels and rabbits were plentiful, and his daughter Elizabeth said she could remember seeing six large deer hanging in the spring house ready for use. He killed altogether over one hundred deer, and built bear pens in which he captured wildcats as well as bears. One day when he and his brother William went squirrel hunting together, the latter shot sixty-one squirrels, while John shot sixty-two birds, three pheasants, five partridges and three crows. Coon huntings were joyous and merry times, generally ending with a corn roast. Thus they had plenty of wild meat, and their pigs fattened on the nuts in the woods. There were fine fish in the streams, wild fruits and nuts were abundant, they "sighted" their bee trees and secured plenty of honey, and by thrift and prudent management wrested a good living from the locality. Their amusements, though simple, were free from contaminating influences, for all who attended the gatherings were friends and neighbors. The log rollings, quiltings, flax pullings and scutchings, barn and house raisings, wool pickings and kickings (the latter for the purpose of "fulling" cloth), brought the people together to give neighborly assistance, and were always accompanied by feasting and often followed by a dance.

On Oct. 13, 1831, Mr. Buterbaugh married Elizabeth Learn, daughter of John Learn, whose family was among the early settlers of Green township also, and their married life covered a period of fifty-three years, twenty-three days, Mrs. Buterbaugh passing away in 1884. She was the mother of thirteen children, six sons and seven daughters, eight of whom survived Mr. Buterbaugh, as here recorded: Mary, who married John Cook (both deceased), Elizabeth (deceased), who married A. N. Reed, Henry L., of Green township, Levi (deceased), Simon, of Green township, Sarah A., wife of D. P. Reed, Susan, Mrs. Franklin Nupp, of Green township, Isaac N., of Brushvalley township, Catherine, Mrs.

Hezekiah Baker, of Green township, Ella, deceased, Amariah N., of Green township, Andrew, of Barnesboro, Cambria Co., Pa., and a daughter that died in infancy.

Mr. Buterbaugh was making his home with his daughter, Mrs. D. P. Reed, at the time of his death, residing on the old place at Pleasant Valley, which had been his residence for so many years, and had good health except for the last few months of his life. He was buried in the Methodist graveyard at Cookport, and his funeral was attended by a large number of neighbors and friends. He was survived by fifty-seven grandchildren, fifty-seven great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

LEONARD D. PITTMAN, proprietor of a barber shop at Cherrytree, Indiana county, was born near that place, May 7, 1863, a son of John E. and Elmira (Hollister) Pittman.

Benjamin Pittman, his grandfather, was a native of Blair county, Pa., where his forebears, of English birth, settled in pioneer days. Later the family moved to within two miles of Cherrytree, where Benjamin Pittman bought land, and spent the remainder of his life cultivating it.

John Pittman, who was born in Indiana county, was a miller by trade, and conducted a mill all of his active life. His last few years were spent at Cherrytree, where he died in 1900. His wife was a daughter of Ezra Hollister, and she and her father were born in Connecticut. The family is of English extraction and was long ago founded in Connecticut, whence Ezra Hollister brought his family to Cherrytree. In addition to teaching school he farmed, and was a man of considerable influence in his community. Mrs. Pittman died in 1880, the mother of five children: Edwin D., a resident of Lewistown, Pa.; Leonard D.; Irwin K., a resident of Greensburg, Pa.; Walter S., a resident of Warren, Warren Co., Pa.; and Sherman, a farmer of DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Leonard D. Pittman was brought by his parents to Cherrytree in 1865, and there attended the public schools. In young manhood he was interested in the lumber trade, but later learned to be a barber, and for the past eighteen years has conducted his own business with gratifying success. He owns stock in the National Bank of Cherrytree. His fraternal associations are with the Knights of Pythias (in which he has held all the offices), the Modern Woodmen of America

and the Elks, Indiana lodge. Mr. Pittman has never married.

HARVEY C. SNYDER, who has a general store in Indiana, Indiana county, is one of the prosperous merchants of that borough, and has made a fair start on his business career. He was born May 7, 1885, in Rayne township, this county, youngest son in the family of six children born to George J. and Isabella (Boucher) Snyder.

Lewis and Hannah Elizabeth Snyder, his grandparents, were born in Germany, and came to the United States about the year 1835, settling in Indiana county, Pa., where Mr. Snyder carried on farming throughout his life. They had children as follows: Susanna, who died unmarried; George J.; Margaret, widow of John Carlin; Daniel, deceased, who served in the Union army during the Civil war; Adam, of Indiana, also a Civil war veteran; and Sophia, who married John Joseph Klingenburg, of Indiana.

George J. Snyder was born May 7, 1838, on his father's farm two miles from Indiana, and received his education in the little log schoolhouse of the vicinity. As was the custom among farmers' lads of that day he worked on the farm in the summer months, his attendance at school being limited to the winter terms. He remained with his father until his enlistment in Company K, 105th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and served with that organization in all its engagements up to the battle of Fair Oaks, when he was dangerously wounded in the left shoulder. Blood poisoning set in and for five months he was confined to the hospital at New Haven, Conn., evidently receiving his honorable discharge on account of disability and returning to his home. After his recovery he resumed farming, and after his marriage purchased a small farm in Rayne township, which he operated until his retirement in 1897, since when he has lived in his own home on Church street, Indiana, which he erected. He is a Republican in politics, and holds membership in the Union Veteran Legion and the Legion of Honor.

Mr. Snyder married Isabella Boucher, daughter of David and Catherine Boucher, and they have had six children: Annie, who married William Heil, of Vandergrift; Tabitha, who married Charles Freck, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Nettie, the wife of I. C. Roland, of Pittsburg; John, of Rayne township, who married Carrie Freck; Harvey C.;

and Dollie, who married Thomas C. Beatty, of Indiana.

Harvey C. Snyder attended school in Rayne township during his early boyhood, living on the farm until he was thirteen years old. The family then moved to the borough of Indiana, and there he received the remainder of his schooling. In his youth he followed various occupations, for a time clerking in the establishment of Wilson & Wood, and he was also in the employ of Harry Brillhart as grocery clerk. In the fall of 1911 he purchased the business property where he is now established and embarked in general merchandising, his stock including groceries and meats. He has done well from the start, and is enlarging his patronage steadily by his obliging ways and satisfactory service to all customers. He is a young man of enterprise, and his industrious habits and ambition make him deserving of the success which has attended his efforts.

On March 15, 1907, Mr. Snyder married Edith Blanche Waterson, who was born April 16, 1885, youngest daughter of John and Sarah Jane (Elgin) Waterson, the latter deceased, the former now living retired in Indiana. They are mentioned elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are members of the Lutheran Church. They have two children, Glennave Sarah Bell and Claire John. Politically Mr. Snyder supports the Republican party.

MARGARET BELLA CUMINGS, of Indiana, Pa., was born in Washington township, Indiana county, daughter of Joseph Cumings, and granddaughter of David Cumings.

William Cumings, great-grandfather of Miss Cumings, was born in County Down, Ireland, and died in Washington township, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

David Cumings, son of William Cumings, was born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, but coming to Indiana county early in its history settled in the wilderness. He married Margaret McKnight, who came of Scotch-Irish descent, and they had children as follows: William, Joseph, Margaret, Isabell and Jane.

Joseph Cumings was born on Crooked creek, in Washington township, this county, eighty-three years ago, and died in the same township in 1895. He married Margaret Shields, a daughter of Joseph and Isabella (McKnight) Shields, and she died in 1891. Joseph Shields was a soldier in the war of

1812. He came to Washington township at so early a date that the curious Indians used to look in through the cabin windows at the women churning.

As he grew up Joseph learned farming in all its details, and he became the owner of 300 acres of land in Washington township, which he cultivated. He and his wife were Presbyterians. Politically Joseph Cumings was a Republican, but he did not seek office. Mr. and Mrs. Cumings had two children, Margaret Bella being the younger, the other being her brother Elmer, D. of Baltimore, Md., a civil engineer; he was born in 1861 in Washington township, and in 1905 married Jessie M. Williams; they have one son Carl Elmer.

HARRY E. STERNER, proprietor of the "Stern House" at Dixonville, in Green township, Indiana county, has lived at that place since the beginning of the town. He was born in the township, and has passed his entire life in this section of the county.

Jacob Sterner, grandfather of Harry E. Sterner, was a native of Clarion county, Pa., and came at an early day to Indiana county, settling near Purchase Line, in Green township. He was a blacksmith by trade and conducted a shop there, at what was known as Sternertown, also farming to some extent. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union service, from Indiana county, as did his two sons, William and Albert. He was captured and confined in Libby prison. After the war he returned to his old home place, where he died aged about fifty-five years. His widow, whose maiden name was Guiter, is still living there at the advanced age of ninety years (1912).

William H. Sterner, son of Jacob, was born in 1843, in Clarion county, Pa., and came with his parents to Indiana county. In 1862, he enlisted, becoming a member of Company E, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and among other important engagements in which he took part were the battles of Cold Harbor, Gettysburg and the Wilderness, at which latter he was wounded. He experienced many vicissitudes of army life, for he was confined to hospital with typhoid fever, was taken prisoner and held at Libby and Belle Isle, and saw much hard service. Like his father he was a farmer and blacksmith, conducting his own shop. He died Dec. 6, 1908. William H. Sterner married Mary M. Lydick, who was born at Taylorsville, in Green township, Indiana county, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Butterfield) Lydick, both of whom

are now deceased. Mr. Lydick was born in Indiana county, was a carpenter and cabinet-maker by trade, and also followed farming to a limited extent. He was a veteran of the Civil war, in which he gave three years' service. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sterner: Frank A., who lives at Windber, Somerset Co., Pa.; Harry E.; A. T., a farmer of Green township, Indiana county; H. Clara, wife of Charles Laboard, of Canton, Ohio; Clarke R., of St. Michaels, Pa., engaged in mining; Alice P., a professional nurse, of Canton, Ohio; and Daisy E., wife of Armon Cunningham, of Clarksburg, Indiana county.

Harry E. Sterner was born Oct. 31, 1870. He attended school in Green township, and in his youth and early manhood was engaged in various kinds of work, being employed in the woods and the oil fields and later in farming in association with his father. He lived for eighteen years in the neighboring township of Grant, this county, and spent the rest of his life in Green township. He has been at Dixonville since the town was started, he and his father erecting the first building there, and in 1905 he built the hotel there which he has since conducted, and of which he has been sole proprietor since his father's death. He was associated with his father until the latter died. Mr. Sterner has made a success of the hotel business, and he is also interested in farming, having a tract of eighty acres in Grant township. He is a competent business man, and enjoys high standing personally with all who know him.

On Dec. 31, 1907, Mr. Sterner was married in Somerset county, Pa., to Mary Ford, who was born July 29, 1884, in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, daughter of the late William Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Sterner have no family.

FRANK PETRAITIS, the proprietor of a successful grocery and meat market business at Clymer, Indiana county, to which borough he came shortly after its incorporation, is a native of Russia, born in 1880 son of John and Agnes Petraitis, who were born in Russia and are now residents of Gary, Indiana.

Frank Petraitis received his educational training in the schools of his native country, and as a youth of twenty years came to the United States. Landing at New York, he made his way to Lilly, Pa., where for a short time he was employed in the mines. He continued to follow the same line of occupation at Coal Center, near the city of Pittsburg,

but in 1907 recognized an opportunity to found a successful business venture, and came to Clymer shortly after the town was incorporated into a borough. Here he erected a building and established himself in the grocery and meat market business, which he has succeeded in making a satisfactory business venture. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and well merits the patronage that has been given him by his fellow townsmen.

While residing near Pittsburg Mr. Petraitis was married, in that city, Sept. 14, 1903, to Anna Kvetkins, who was born in the same country as her husband, and during the same year; her parents are both now deceased. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Petraitis, Millie, Annie and Herbert. Mr. Petraitis takes an interest in fraternal matters, being a popular member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

ARCHIBALD TODD STEWART, who is cultivating the original Todd homestead in Center township, Indiana county, was born on that farm Feb. 26, 1880, son of James Harvey and Sarah Elizabeth (St. Clair) Stewart.

Samuel Todd Stewart, grandfather of Archibald T. Stewart, was born in 1803, and was young when he came from Center county, Pa., to Indiana county. He settled at the county seat and worked at his trade, printing, some time there. Then he moved to Center township and bought the Samuel Todd farm 120 acres, which he cleared and improved, and there he lived and died. He was a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church. About 1820 he married Susan Cummins, daughter of John and Eleanor (Todd) Cummins, of Center township, and nine children were born to them: Margaret Ellen; Archibald Allison, attorney and judge, of Greensburg, Pa.; Jane; John D.; Judge William C., of Kansas City, Mo.; Samuel T.; David, who was major of the 46th Ohio Regiment, Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war, and died of disease at Memphis, Tenn., after nearly four years of service in the army; James Harvey, and Ida S., who died in Kansas City, Mo. The father of this family died Dec. 19, 1879, the mother died Aug. 19, 1883, and they are buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana.

James Harvey Stewart, father of Archibald T. Stewart, was born on his father's farm in Center township May 18, 1842, and died May 29, 1906. He was educated in the

schools of the neighborhood. In his youth and early manhood he helped his father with the work on the home place, and for a period of five years during the oil excitement in Pennsylvania was employed in the oil regions. Returning to the home farm, he spent the rest of his life there, engaged in farming, in which he was quite successful. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in his political views and a staunch supporter of the principles of his party. On Sept. 26, 1878, Mr. Stewart married Sarah Elizabeth St. Clair, daughter of Samuel St. Clair, a prominent farmer of Center township, and they had a family of five children: Archibald Todd; Jessie Frances, now the wife of C. P. Spencer, of Vendergrift, Pa.; Joan, the wife of D. Gilhouser, of Homer City; Sarah Katherine, wife of George C. Stewart, of Homer City; and Ida Bell, who is living with her mother at Homer City. Mr. Stewart died May 29, 1906, and was interred in Greenwood cemetery, Indiana. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Archibald Todd Stewart, eldest son of James Harvey and Sarah Elizabeth (St. Clair) Stewart, was educated in the public schools of Center township. All his experience as a farmer has been gained on the home farm, where he worked with his father until the latter's death, in 1906. Then he purchased the homestead, which he is now farming on his own account. He is industrious, energetic and progressive, one who makes the most of his land and facilities, and the property is in up-to-date condition, showing the results of systematic and careful attention.

On Oct. 3, 1906, Mr. Stewart was united in marriage with Laura Edna McLaughlin, daughter of John F. and Laura Jane (Corley) McLaughlin, of Chambersville, Indiana county. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Lutheran Church. He supports the Democratic party in political matters, and is loyal to its principles.

HOMER W. KOONTZ, a young business man of Indiana whose enterprise and industry have brought him success, is a native of Rayne township, this county, where his family has been established for almost a century. His great-grandfather, John Koontz, a native of Germany, brought his family, consisting of wife and seven children, to the United States in 1828. They settled in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., building a log hut in the woods.

Paul Koontz, son of John, was born in Germany and was three years old when the family

came to America. He grew to manhood in Rayne township, where he passed the greater part of his active life, engaged in farming, and is now living in Johnstown, Pa., at the age of eighty-seven years. His wife, Mazie (Barnhart), is now (1913) seventy-three years old. They had a large family.

Samuel Koontz, son of Paul, was born in 1859 in Rayne township, and there passed his early life. He became familiar with farm work on the home place, and followed it while there, but he learned the carpenter's trade in his youth and followed that calling successfully throughout his life. He built many houses and church buildings in this section, and during most all his life conducted the "Tanoma House" at Tanoma, this county. He died in his prime, in 1904. He was a member of the German M. E. Church. He married Eliza Fleming, who was born in Rayne township, daughter of Martin and Matilda (Maguire) Fleming, and died in 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Koontz were the parents of five children: Tillie, now Mrs. Albert Fleeger, of Indiana borough; Norman, who is principal of the Tyrone public school; Homer W.; Alice, Mrs. John Rudge, of Johnstown, Pa.; and Clarence, who is with his brother Homer.

Homer W. Koontz was born May 2, 1885, in Rayne township, on a farm on what is now known as Dutch Hill. He passed his youth in Tanoma attending public school there and at Harrisburg, Pa. Leaving school at the age of fifteen, he came to the borough of Indiana and learned the meat business with H. G. Serene, and after leaving his employ embarked in the business on his own account. This was in 1904, and though only nineteen he prospered from the start. He first owned the Central Market, and after selling it bought the City Meat Market. On March 1, 1912, he settled at his present location, No. 1037 Philadelphia street, where he has a well equipped establishment. He carries a full line of fresh and smoked meats, butter, eggs and poultry, and his energy and thrifty management have made the business a paying one. He is known and respected by a wide circle of patrons, attracted by his reliable methods and dependable stock.

On Feb. 26, 1907, Mr. Koontz was married in Indiana to Virginia M. Kerr, of that borough, daughter of Robert M. Kerr, constable of Indiana. They have one child, Edward Howard. Mr. Koontz is a member of

the Lutheran Church. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

ELMER LYDIC, proprietor of the livery at Dixonville, Indiana county, is one of the substantial and well-established business men of that place, where he has been engaged in that line since 1907. He was born in Green township, this county, Aug. 5, 1872, son of Jacob Lydic and grandson of Alexander Lydic. The grandfather was born and reared in Green township, and died on his homestead there at the age of eighty-two years. By occupation he was a carpenter, stonemason and farmer. During the Civil war he served three years in the Union army. He and his wife had children as follows: James, Thomas, David, Jacob, Mary Emma, Maggie, and three who died young.

Jacob Lydic, father of Elmer Lydic, was born on the old homestead and has been a farmer in Green township all his life, owning a tract of eighty-one acres there which he still operates. He married Callie Couch, daughter of John Couch, and to them were born the following children: Elmer, Wilmer, Jessie (deceased), Murry (deceased), John, Frank (deceased), Ward, Alice and Bessie.

Elmer Lydic received a public school education, attending at Taylorsville, in Green township, and passed his youth assisting his father on the farm. When nineteen years old he commenced on his own account, working among farmers for a short time and then engaging in the blacksmith business, which he continued to follow for about eleven years elsewhere in Green township before settling at Dixonville. In May, 1907, he embarked in the livery business there and he has built up a fine trade, now keeping from seven to ten horses and commanding a profitable patronage, drawn from Dixonville and the vicinity. He has the only stable in town, and has given highly satisfactory service to all who have had dealings with him.

Mr. Lydic married Laura Bee, daughter of William Bee, and they have one son, Charles Morris, who is now assisting his father.

EARL D. REED, who is connected with the Eureka Hardware Company, at Clymer, was born at Kenwood, in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, Oct. 15, 1883, a son of James L. and Caroline M. (Dick) Reed.

James L. Reed was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and was a young man when he came to Indiana county. At first he embarked in the undertaking business at Penn Run, and



in the meanwhile learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until 1910, retiring at that time, and he has since lived quietly in his comfortable home at Kenwood. He married Caroline M. Dick, who also survives, and they had a family of ten children born to them, five sons and five daughters, namely: Earl D.; Dick, who is a school teacher; Ross, who lives at home; Mabel, who is the wife of William N. Templeton, of Clymer; Minnie, who is the wife of O. V. Householder, of Penn Run; Rebecca, who lives at home, and four who died in infancy.

Earl D. Reed was educated in Indiana county and during the greater part of his business life has been connected with his present company. He is a well-known and reputable citizen. On Feb. 15, 1905, he was married at Indiana to Gertrude Bennett, who was born in Cambria county, Pa., Sept. 22, 1876, daughter of Peter and Emlyne (Makins) Bennett, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have two children, Lyle and Loraine. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a steward and also secretary of the Sunday school.

WILLIAM C. TREESE, of Lovejoy, Indiana county, proprietor of livery, feed and sales stables, has been in business there since 1904, and though one of the younger element in that section has made a substantial place for himself by his enterprising methods and accommodating service to all his patrons. His family has been settled in this section for some time.

George Dreese (he followed the German spelling of his name), his grandfather, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, in Huntingdon county, as was his wife, Rebecca (Blough). They came to Indiana county in 1856, settling in Green township, where he bought the farm which he cultivated until his death. He and his wife attained old age. They had a family of ten children, of whom Emanuel died in infancy; Elizabeth, the eldest, became the wife of Levi M. Buterbaugh, of Green township, and died May 1, 1893; Kate married John Roley, of Montgomery township, Indiana county; John lives in Green township; Amanda married Washington Fridley, of Montgomery township; Minnie married William Humphries, of the State of Indiana; George lives in Montgomery township; Emeline is the wife of Dal Mumau of Glen Campbell, this county; Adeline is the wife of Anthony Armstrong, of Montgomery township; and Grant is a resident of Green township.

John Treese, son of George, was born in 1854, at the old homestead in Indiana county, and bought a farm in Green township, where he carries on general agriculture. He married Clara Lydiek, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of Alexander Lydiek, who settled in Indiana county at an early day. Mrs. Treese died at the age of thirty-two years, eight months, twenty-seven days, the mother of five children, namely: Cora, who is the wife of Gus Rice, of Green township; Edith, wife of Peter Rogers, of Cambria county, Pa.; Ona, wife of George Beers, of Indiana county; William C.; and Ford, a resident of Dixonville, Indiana county.

William C. Treese was born Jan. 15, 1884, in Green township, where he received his education in the public schools. When a boy he worked on the home farm, helping his father, but he was only a young man of twenty when he started in on his own account, coming to Lovejoy in 1904 and engaging in the livery business which he has since carried on. He has extended the scope and size of his enterprise, now having a feed and sales stable also, and is engaged in the breeding of high-grade draft horses, owning Prince Albert and Modoc, two fine draft animals. His equipment is extensive and being added to constantly, so that he has rigs of all descriptions for business and pleasure and is fully able to supply the local demand.

In April, 1904, Mr. Treese was married to Zella Learn, who was born in Green township, daughter of John A. and Jane (Larney) Learn, both of whom are now deceased; they were old settlers in Indiana county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Treese: John, Clarence and Jay. Mr. and Mrs. Treese attend the Lutheran Church at Cookport, and socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias (at Starford) and the Loyal Order of Moose.

PAUL LEIB, proprietor of the City Bakery, of Indiana borough, Pa., is a native of the Fatherland, having been born in Wurttemberg, Germany, Jan. 21, 1887, son of Joseph M. and Catherine (Schott) Leib.

The parents of Mr. Leib are still residents of Germany, where the father is a brewmaster. He spent three years in the German army. They had three children: Joseph, who still lives in the old country; Paul; and Carl, who came to the United States in 1904, and was accidentally drowned at Blacklick, in Josephine lake.

Paul Leib attended the schools of Germany for eight years, following which he learned the trade of baker, serving an apprenticeship and working there as journeyman for three years. Feeling that he could better himself in America, in 1903 he took passage for this country with an uncle, and after landing at New York City came directly to Indiana, Pa., and went to work in the bakery of W. S. Gessler, a cousin. He remained in Mr. Gessler's employ until 1909, in which year he purchased his interest in the business, and since that time has built up a large trade on his own account.

Mr. Leib is a member of St Bernard's Roman Catholic Church, and in political matters is a Republican. He gives his entire attention to his business venture, and has had no leisure to devote to public matters outside of that interest which every good citizen takes in his community's welfare.

JOHN REZZOLLA, proprietor of a flourishing general merchandise business at Clymer, Indiana county, is an Italian by birth, and a son of Alexander and Mary (Verina) Rezzolla. His parents, both natives of Italy, have lived there all their lives, and have never visited the United States.

John Rezzolla was born Oct. 25, 1883, in Italy, and received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native country. Subsequently he was given a special course in law, having intended entering that profession. In 1902, however, feeling that there was a better field for a young man and ambitious youth in America, he left his native country and came to the United States, landing at New York City on March 25 of that year. From the metropolis he made his way to Brockwayville, Jefferson Co., Pa., and after spending one year at that place removed to Arcadia. There he turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, becoming a clerk in a general store, and in 1906 came to Clymer, then a young but growing town. At the time he came to his present location he erected a modern store building, and his energy, ability and enterprise have resulted in his building up a prosperous business.

On Nov. 2, 1909, Mr. Rozzella was united in marriage with Jennie Renzulli, who was born in Italy June 27, 1893, daughter of Louis and Mary (Ventura) Renzulli, who make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Rezzolla. Mr. and Mrs. Rezzolla have had one child, Evelyn, born Oct. 9, 1910.

Mr. Rezzolla, his wife and her parents are all faithful members of the Roman Catholic Church.

EARL C. OSMUN, senior member of the firm of Osmun & McFarland, proprietors of the Indiana Steam Laundry, of Indiana, Pa., was born June 30, 1886, at Hinsdale, N. Y., son of Dana and Winifred (Willover) Osmun.

Dana Osmun was a farmer during his short life, which terminated in Cuba, N. Y., when he was only forty-one years old. His widow survives him, residing at Hinsdale, N. Y. They had children as follows: Edna, who married John Clapp, of Hinsdale, N. Y.; Earl C.; and Esther, who is at home with her widowed mother.

Earl C. Osmun was educated principally in the schools of his home locality, supplemented the study done there with a course at a commercial college at Rochester, N. Y. During his vacation periods he worked on his father's farm. His school days over, he came to Indiana, Pa., to enter the employ of Manley J. Hedden, proprietor of the laundry now owned by Mr. Osmun and his partner. In July, 1912, Mr. Osmun bought the interest of Mr. Hedden, and taking Sylvester H. McFarland into partnership formed his present firm. The business is on a sound paying basis, and satisfaction is given by the new firm, as it was under the old management. Mr. Osmun is a member of the First Baptist Church of Indiana. In politics he is an independent voter. A young man of high principles and good business judgment, he is making a success of his life, and has a bright future.

MANLEY J. HEDDEN, a farmer and produce raiser of Cuba, N. Y., formerly the proprietor of the Indiana Steam Laundry, of Indiana, Pa., now owned by Osmun & McFarland, was born June 29, 1874, at Hinsdale, N. Y., son of John and Matilda (Witter) Hedden.

Amos Hedden, his grandfather, was born in New York State, and spent his latter years at Hinsdale, that State, conducting the farm upon which he died.

John Hedden grew to manhood's estate at Hinsdale, N. Y., and devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. After the death of his father, the family moved to Richburg, N. Y., where he still resides. In religious faith he is a Baptist, and consistent in his support of the principles of his church. Formerly a Republican, Mr. Hedden of late years has sup-

port the Prohibition party, as its platform more nearly embodies his own conceptions of right and wrong. Mr. and Mrs. John Hedden became the parents of the following children: Dana G., who resides at Hinsdale, N. Y., married Lillian Snyder; Nellie, who married Walter J. Anderson, is now a widow and lives at Indiana, Pa.; Myra Bell married Frank Will-over and resides in Hinsdale, N. Y.; Clara married De Forest Jordan, of Cuba, N. Y.; Della married Calvin Adams, of Richburg, N. Y.; Manley J. lives at Cuba, New York.

Manley J. Hedden was reared at Hinsdale, N. Y., and attended the schools of that place and those of Cuba, finishing in the high school of the latter place. When he was seventeen years old he left school to begin farming. About 1898 he established a steam laundry at Richfield Springs, N. Y., building a plant and putting things in excellent condition, after which he sold, and coming to Indiana, in 1902, opened up what is now the Indiana Steam Laundry, which he conducted until he sold it in July, 1912, to Osmun & McFarland.

Mr. Hedden was first married to Winifred Wasson, of Cuba, N. Y., a daughter of Robert Wasson. She died in 1902, the mother of three children: Ralph, Glen and Lyle, who are attending school. On Sept 20, 1905, Mr. Hedden was united in marriage with Mabel C. Neal, of Indiana, Pa., at Olean, N. Y., and by this marriage has children as follows: Raymond Neal, Roy Manley, Mabel and Richard Monroe. Mrs. Hedden was born Nov. 18, 1882, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (McClure) Neal, the former of whom died in Indiana in 1901. He was born at McKeesport, Pa., seventy-five years ago, and moved to Indiana county forty years ago, becoming one of the substantial agriculturists of his locality.

Mr. Hedden resides on a farm of 140 acres in New York State. His leading crop is hay, but he also raises large quantities of potatoes for the market. In religious faith he is a Baptist, while his wife is a Lutheran. Like his father, Mr. Hedden espouses the cause of prohibition and gives it valuable support. His fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows, the Maccabees and the Royal Arcanum.

**HARRY WASHINGTON BURKETT**, junior member of the firm of J. Burkett & Son, for several years engaged in general merchandising at Ambrose, in South Mahoning township, was born on a farm in Grant

township, Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 20, 1880, son of Jacob and Martha J. (Nelson) Burkett.

Joseph Burkett, the paternal grandfather of Harry Washington Burkett, was a native of Bedford county, Pa., and brought his family to Indiana county during the year known as that of the "Big Frost." Here he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits.

Jacob Burkett, son of Joseph Burkett, and father of Harry Washington Burkett, was born near Bedford, Bedford Co., Pa., in 1856, and was a youth when brought to Indiana county by his parents. He was engaged in farming with his father until 1893, in which year he brought his wife and son to South Mahoning township and purchased fifty acres of land known as the Joshua Lydieck farm, which he continued to operate for seven years. He then turned his attention to the general merchandise business at Ambrose, and in 1902 the firm of J. Burkett & Son was formed. In 1907 they purchased the store which they carried on until recently and twenty-five acres of land. Theirs became one of the largest and best stocked stores of its kind in South Mahoning township and was conducted in such an able manner as to gain and retain the patronage of the entire countryside. Mr. Burkett still owns and operates his farm, and while his son managed the store he traveled through his own and other townships selling goods with a team. Mr. Burkett has always been known as an industrious, hard-working man, able in business and public-spirited as a citizen. For many years he supported Democratic policies and principles, but at this time is giving his support to the Prohibition party, being a firm believer in temperance. Every movement beneficial to South Mahoning township or its people can rely upon his hearty cooperation, and the signal service he has rendered his community in assisting in its growth and development entitles him to a place among its representative citizens. In 1879 Mr. Burkett was married to Martha J. Nelson, who was born near Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., a daughter of the late Samuel Nelson, and sister of Ulysses Grant Nelson, of Brushvalley, Indiana county, in whose sketch, in another part of this work, may be found a review of the Nelson family. Mrs. Burkett is a woman of much business ability, but has given the greater part of her attention to her household duties. Like her husband she is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church and is active in its work.

She and her husband had but one child, Harry Washington.

Harry Washington Burkett, son of Jacob Burkett, was given excellent educational advantages, attending the public schools of Grant and South Mahoning townships and a business college at Columbus, Ohio. He had been reared to agricultural pursuits, but in 1902 formed a partnership with his father in the mercantile business at Ambrose. To this enterprise Mr. Burkett gave his entire time and attention, showing business ability far above the ordinary, and it was largely due to the conscientious attention that he paid to every detail that the business proved such a success. The firm of J. Burkett & Son recently sold its mercantile interests at Ambrose. Like his father, Mr. Burkett is possessed of progressive ideas and methods, and all movements calculated to advance Ambrose or its interests, whether educational, industrial, commercial or social, find him an ardent supporter and tireless worker. Mr. Burkett has never indulged in intoxicating liquor, and is a staunch supporter of the cause of temperance, invariably voting the Prohibition ticket straight. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

On July 24, 1908, Mr. Burkett was united in marriage with Minnie Brondon, who was born in South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Hugh Brondon, an agriculturist of that township. She is a faithful member of the Baptist Church, and is well known and highly esteemed in church and social circles. To Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Burkett there have been born two daughters, Martha Elizabeth and Marjory Helen.

The firm of J. Burkett & Son gained an enviable position in the business world of Indiana county through honorable and upright dealing, and its members are numbered among South Mahoning township's most substantial citizens. They have prestige in business, public and social life, and are well worthy the high regard and esteem in which they are universally held.

WILLIAM KISSINGER, truck farmer of Indiana, Indiana county, where he has a small but valuable property particularly well adapted to the needs of his business, was born on his father's farm in East Wheatfield township, this county, Jan. 19, 1863. His grandfather, who was a farmer in that township, died in 1825. Joseph Kissinger, father of William, was his only child. His widow remarried, becoming the wife of a Mr.

Kline, by whom she had two children: John, now a resident of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county; and Samuel, who died in West Wheatfield township.

Joseph Kissinger was reared in East Wheatfield township, and attended the country schools. After his marriage he bought the old homestead, a tract of 166 acres which he farmed for thirty-five years, and died there in 1891, at the age of sixty-nine years. In religion he was a Lutheran and a zealous church worker, serving for years in the capacity of elder; he was one of the founders of the New Florence Lutheran Church. In politics he was a Republican. He married Elizabeth Shott, who was born in Germany, and when twelve years old came to the United States with her parents, John Shott and wife, who were accompanied by several children. Mr. Shott settled on a farm in East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., where he died. Mrs. Kissinger, now (1913) ninety-one years of age, lives with her daughter Jennie, Mrs. Nipper, in Blacklick township, this county. She is a devout member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger had the following children: John II., of Blairsville, was a music teacher for twenty-five years, and is now engaged in the milk business; he married Elizabeth Wakefield. Joseph, a farmer of East Wheatfield township, married Lucinda Van Horn. Samuel, a market gardener, of Homer City, married Mary Mangus. Jennie is the wife of Chester Nipper, of Blacklick township. Catherine is Mrs. Moses Lehr, of Pitcairn, Pa. William is mentioned below.

William Kissinger grew to manhood on the home farm in East Wheatfield township. He attended the Culbert public school near his home until he reached the age of sixteen, and worked at home on the farm, receiving a thorough training for agricultural pursuits under his father. After his marriage he bought a farm of 130 acres in East Wheatfield township, upon which place he lived for fourteen years. Selling that place he bought 130 acres in Blacklick township, where he resided eleven years, at the end of that period selling it and buying his present property, a tract of five and a half acres at Indiana borough. It is at No. 310 Locust street. Mr. Kissinger put up new buildings here and made numerous other improvements, having a beautiful home, which is a credit to his industry and taste, and the land under his skillful cultivation yields profitable returns.

On Jan. 13, 1885, Mr. Kissinger married Emma Clarke, of Johnstown, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Eva Clarke. She died in 1895, the mother of four children, namely: Walter Irving, who has a hardware store at New Florence, Pa., where he resides, married Fanny Campbell; Vincent, of Pittsburg, Pa., a railway mail clerk, married Laura Rising; Merle Clyde, now of Pitcairn, Pa., employed in the drafting department of the Westinghouse Company, was for two years a student at the Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio (he married Mary Wise); Charles Frank, now a market gardener at Derry, Westmoreland Co., Pa., was formerly engaged in teaching (he is unmarried). In 1897 Mr. Kissinger married (second) Annie Dick, of Brushvalley township, Indiana county, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Kelley) Dick, and they have had two children, Joseph Alexander and William Hood. Mr. and Mrs. Kissinger are members of the Presbyterian Church. In his political views he is a Republican.

WILLIAM NELSON TEMPLETON, who is connected with the A. F. Kelly store, at Clymer, is a native of Indiana county, born in Green township March 6, 1878, son of Robert and Keziah (Patterson) Templeton. Grandfather Templeton came to Indiana county, Pa., at a very early day and followed farming all his life.

Robert Templeton was born near Indiana, in Indiana county, and resides on his large farm, having been an extensive farmer and large stock raiser for many years, dealing in and shipping sheep as a specialty. During the Civil war he served in the Federal army for three years, as a member of the 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He married Keziah Patterson, who was born in Green township, Indiana county, daughter of Thomas Patterson. Thomas Patterson came to Indiana county, Pa., among the early settlers and became a man of considerable local prominence, serving for many years as a justice of the peace. He was a farmer and also a shoemaker.

Nine children were born to Robert Templeton and his wife, three of whom died in infancy, and Lucy, the third youngest, is also deceased. The others are: Laura, who is the wife of H. E. Moorhead, of the East End, Pittsburg; John Charles, a school teacher; Myrtle, who is the wife of Scott Harris, of Bisbee, Ariz.; Ralph, who lives in New Jersey; and William N.

William Nelson Templeton obtained his educational training in the public schools and afterward taught one term in the old home school in Green township, and until he reached his majority remained at home and worked for his father on the home place. Afterward he was employed for two years with the Cambria Steel Company, while for the last two years he has been connected with the A. F. Kelly store at Clymer, proving himself a keen business man and a tactful, courteous and efficient employee.

On May 9, 1900, Mr. Templeton was married to Mabel C. Reed, who was born in Cherryhill township, this county, Feb. 11, 1879, a daughter of James L. and Caroline M. (Dick) Reed, who now live at Kenwood, in Cherryhill township. James L. Reed was in early manhood a cabinetmaker, afterward following carpentering and painting. He married Caroline M. Dick, and of their large family three sons and three daughters are living: Minnie, who is the wife of O. V. Householder, resides at Penn Run, Pa.; Rebecca lives at home; Earl D. is with the Eureka Hardware Company at Clymer; Ross lives at home; Otto is a teacher in Cherryhill township; Mabel is Mrs. Templeton.

Mr. and Mrs. Templeton have had three children, namely: Carolyn Leone, born in 1902; Althea Ruth, born in 1907; and Robert Reed, born in 1912. The family belongs to the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Templeton is an elder and is also superintendent of the Sunday school.

GEORGE LIPTAK, proprietor of a meat market at Dixonville, Indiana county, is doing a prosperous business, having built up a good trade among the people of that town and the surrounding locality. He was born in Hungary in 1864, and his parents, John and Mary Liptak, died in that country. George Liptak lived there until 1889, acquiring his education in the public schools. Coming to America in the year named, he lived for two years at Adamsburg, in Westmoreland county, Pa., at the end of that time returning to Hungary for his family. Upon their arrival they settled at Adamsburg, remaining there for four years, and thence coming to Dixonville, Indiana county, which has since been their home. When he removed to Dixonville Mr. Liptak began the meat business which he has since conducted and which under his good management has been enlarged to paying proportions. He owns his home and place of business, and is recognized as

one of the thrifty citizens of the community with which he has cast his lot.

In 1886 Mr. Liptak was married in Hungary to Julia Novonaty, of that country, and they have had a family of seven children: Mary, John, Stephen, Emma, Anna, Julia and Margaret.

CAMERON DAVIS, farmer and dairyman, in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in that township March 26, 1880, a son of James and Evalyn (Harrold) Davis. Samuel L. Davis, the grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania, and was a very early settler in Indiana county, where he was a farmer and also followed the carpenter's trade.

James Davis, son of Samuel L. Davis, was born in Indiana county, and remained on his father's farm until the age of eighteen years, when he learned the blacksmith's trade, continuing to follow the same even after purchasing the farm on which his son, Cameron Davis, now resides. He married Evalyn Harrold, and they reside at Penn Run. She was born in Indiana county, a daughter of Jacob Harrold, who was a farmer and tanner there. Two children were born to James Davis and his wife: Cameron and Zuela, the latter the wife of Jesse E. Mock, who is in the contracting business at Clymer, Pennsylvania.

Cameron Davis was reared on the home farm and attended the public schools of Cherryhill township. Afterward he taught one term of school in Cambria county, and two terms in Indiana county in Cherryhill and Rayne townships, and succeeded well as an educator, but the profession did not prove attractive enough to separate Mr. Davis from his agricultural activities, and he returned to the farm, where, in addition to carrying on a general agricultural work, he operates a dairy, and prosecutes his different undertakings according to modern methods.

On April 8, 1903, Mr. Davis was married to Nellie Frantz, and they have five children: Claire, Herman, Hale, Helen and James W.

Mrs. Davis was born in Armstrong county, Pa., May 1, 1882, a daughter of George E. and Margaret (Wardian) Frantz, and a granddaughter of Jacob Frantz and Peter Wardian.

Jacob Frantz was of German ancestry and was born in eastern Pennsylvania. He was an early settler in Armstrong county and was a miller and millwright by occupation.

George E. Frantz, son of Jacob and father of Mrs. Davis, was born in Armstrong county, and he, like his father, became a millwright

and miller. At present he resides in Maryland, where he still follows his trade. He married Margaret Wardian, who was born in Jefferson county, Pa., daughter of Peter Wardian, a farmer, and Mrs. Davis was the second born of their children, the others being: Blanche, who resides at home; Viola, who is the wife of Thomas Moorhead, of Indiana; Bertha, who is the wife of Martin Fowler, of Penn Run; Arthur, who is attending a theological seminary at Pittsburg, preparing for the Presbyterian ministry; Frank, who is in the United States army; Jean, who lives at Lancaster, Pa.; Paul; Jay; and one that died in infancy.

ROBERT L. STEWART, chief clerk of the Penn-Mary Coal Company, at Heilwood, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in Buffington township, this county, Dec. 27, 1887, and is a son of Samuel and Phoebe (Schultz) Stewart.

John Stewart, grandfather of Robert L. Stewart, was born in Buffington township, the family having come to Indiana county as pioneer settlers, and since their advent here many of the name have been prominently identified with agricultural and business interests.

Samuel Stewart was born in Buffington township, was educated in the district schools and reared to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been engaged all of his life, now being a resident of Center township. His wife, whose father, Jacob Schultz, was also an early settler of Buffington township, died in 1890. She was the mother of three children: Frank, who resides in Center township; Robert L.; and Clara, wife of Harry Johnson, a resident of Center township.

Robert L. Stewart was given good educational advantages in the district schools of Buffington township, and while going to school assisted in the work on the home farm. Later he attended summer school at Penn Run and the Indiana business college, and after graduating from the latter institution spent some time engaged in school teaching in Buffington and Pine townships. He then entered the employ of the Penn-Mary Coal Company, at Heilwood, being first engaged as clerk, and receiving promotions gradually until he was made chief clerk, in which position he is now serving.

On Oct. 1, 1910, Mr. Stewart was married to Luella Slater, who was born in Green township, Indiana county, daughter of John and Mary Slater, the former of whom is residing in Center township, where he was engaged

in farming for some years, while the latter is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have one son, Robert M. Mr. Stewart is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife adheres to the faith of the Christian denomination. He is interested in fraternal work, belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at Burnside.

EZEKIEL A. BARBER, carpenter foreman for the Dixon Coal Company, of Dixonville, Pa., was born in Green township, Indiana county, March 3, 1872, son of Ezekiel H. and Lydia Louise (Price) Barber.

John Barber, paternal grandfather of Ezekiel A. Barber, was born in Ireland, and came to the United States in young manhood, settling first in Armstrong county, Pa., and subsequently moving to Westmoreland county, Pa. He then came to Indiana county and took up land in Green township, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits, and where his death occurred in advanced years.

Ezekiel H. Barber, son of John Barber, was born in Armstrong county, Pa., and, like his father, was engaged in agricultural pursuits, which he followed until his death on the Green township farm, May 21, 1906. He married Lydia Louise Price, who was born in Green township, daughter of Thomas Price, and she still survives, now making her home near Dixonville, on the old homestead. She and her husband had the following children: Robert, who resides at Burnside; Emma, living at home; David N., a resident of Dixonville; John, who resides with his mother and operates the old homestead; Rachel, who is deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Harry E. Bence, of Dixonville; Ezekiel A.; Lillie Louise, the wife of Austin Slenker, of Dixonville; Benjamin, a resident of Lewiston, Idaho; Myrtle, who is deceased; Frank, a resident of Green township; and Ebenezer, who lives on the old homestead.

The maternal great-grandfather of Ezekiel A. Barber came from Wales in young manhood and settled in Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his life. Thomas Price, his son, was born in Pennsylvania, and followed farming throughout his life in Indiana county.

Ezekiel A. Barber attended the schools of Green township during the winter terms and as a boy worked on the home farm during the summer months. On leaving the homestead to make his own way in the world he became interested in the mercantile business,

conducting a general store in Dixonville for four years, and then engaged in the carpenter business. For some time he was in this business for himself, but later accepted a position as boss carpenter with the Dixon Coal Company, of Dixonville, and has acted in this capacity for the last four years.

On June 28, 1899, Mr. Barber married Florence Everwine, of Rayne township, this county, daughter of Jacob Everwine, and she died in March, 1900, leaving no children. In March, 1906, Mr. Barber was married (second) to Selina Neal, who was born in North Mahoning township, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Oberlin) Neal, both of whom now reside in North Mahoning township, Mr. Neal being engaged in farming, although he was formerly a merchant. In his youth he was engaged in lumbering on the Monongahela river, near Pittsburg, and after coming to Indiana county served as sheriff for one term. Mr. and Mrs. Barber are the parents of four children: Raymond N. and Louise Oberlin, twins; Thomas Sharp and Dorothy Selina. Mr. and Mrs. Barber are members of the Baptist Church at Dixonville, and Mr. Barber has interested himself in educational matters and is a member of the school board of Green township.

ARCHIBALD ALLISON LONG, proprietor of the Checkered Front grocery store, and part owner of the Globe Theatre, in Indiana borough, was born Sept. 22, 1870, on what is now known as the Stewart farm, in Center township, Indiana Co., Pa., and is a son of James and Mary (Stewart) Long.

Christopher Long, the paternal grandfather of Archibald A. Long, was for many years a resident of Indiana county, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He had these children: Thomas, James, Samuel, Joseph, Jesse, Ellen and Margaret.

James Long, son of Christopher, and father of Archibald A. Long, resided in Center township, where he was the owner of 257 acres of fine farming land, and there continued to spend his life. He met his death by being gored by a bull, in 1889, when fifty-nine years of age. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a prominent Republican, serving for some years as school director. He married Mary Stewart, who survived him until February, 1907, and they had children as follows: Harvey, residing at Homer City, Pa.; Joseph Calvin, born Aug. 4, 1854, who married Catherine Risinger, born Nov. 19, 1851; William H., who married Te-

resa Dixon, and resides at Homer City; Milton G., who married Clara Spiker; Sarah Jane, who married Levi Buterbaugh, of Cookport, Pa.; Harry, who died in 1908; and Archibald Allison.

Archibald Allison Long attended common school No. 10, in Center township, his first teacher being Margaret Smith. At the age of nineteen years he completed his studies and took up farming with his father. He continued to be engaged as an agriculturist until 1908, and also followed the carpenter's trade, having been apprenticed to Hyde & Murphy, contractors, for one and a half years. He then turned his attention to mercantile lines, buying the grocery store in Indiana borough formerly owned by R. E. Templeton, which he renamed the Checkered Front grocery store, and which he has continued to conduct successfully to the present time. In August, 1912, in partnership with W. J. Eicher, he bought from the Lowman brothers the Globe Theatre, which has since been conducted as a moving picture and vaudeville house. This has been liberally patronized by the amusement seeking public, and the high quality of entertainment warrants the patronage. Mr. Long is an able, shrewd and farsighted business man, and his business transactions, always carried on in a legitimate manner, have won him the confidence and respect of his associates. His political belief is that of the Republican party. With his wife he attends the Presbyterian Church.

On March 29, 1908, Mr. Long was married to Harriet Fleming, daughter of W. B. Fleming. They have no children.

SCOTT V. STEFFEY, proprietor of livery, feed and sales stables at Heilwood, Pa., was born in Pine township, Indiana Co., Pa., Feb. 20, 1884, son of George and Teresa (Goss) Steffey. His paternal grandfather was a native of Germany and came to the United States some time after his marriage and became an early settler in Pine township, for many years conducting a blacksmith shop about one mile from the present town of Heilwood. He also engaged extensively in farming, cleared a good tract of land, and erected a log house, in which he resided for a long period.

George Steffey, father of Scott V. Steffey, was born in Indiana county, and spent his life in farming in Pine township. His death occurred Nov. 4, 1908, on the old homestead, while his widow still survives and lives on the Pine township farm, being seventy-two years

of age. They had a family of four sons and four daughters, namely: Emma, the wife of William Sholtz, of Pine township; Frank G., who is engaged in farming in Pine township; Catherine, the wife of David Martin, of Pine township; Calvin H., bookkeeper for the Heilwood Company, of Heilwood; Harvey, an electrician of that town; Scott V.; Mazie, the wife of Ardie Davis, of Grisemore, Indiana county; and Pearl, the wife of James Hanna, living on the old homestead in Pine township.

Scott V. Steffey attended the public schools of Pine township, and as a youth began working on the home farm, where he remained until sixteen years of age. At that time he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked for two years, and then spent three years in the lumber business in Pine township and Cambria county. Subsequently he purchased a farm in Pine township, but after one year gave up the vocation of agriculturist and bought his present business, the Steffey livery, formerly owned by Merle Williams. He has built up a good business, and is one of the popular young men of Heilwood.

On June 22, 1910, Mr. Steffey was united in marriage with Lida Hanna, who was born in Banks township, Indiana county, daughter of James B. and Eliza (Smith) Hanna, both of whom reside in Pine township, Mr. Hanna having charge of the farms of the Heilwood Dairy Company. Mr. and Mrs. Steffey have one daughter: Sarah Elizabeth. He has interested himself in fraternal matters and is a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Pine Flats, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Camp No. 616, of Gipsy, Indiana county.

ROY CONRATH, who has a barber shop and cigar store at Dixonville, is well known in and around that place. He has spent most of his life in this part of Indiana county, having been born at Cookport Dec. 15, 1878, son of David W. and Elizabeth (Strassler) Conrath.

David W. Conrath was born July 11, 1844, and was reared near Dixonville. In his early life he was a carpenter for several years, became a merchant at Warren, Pa., for a short time, and about 1900 retired. He is living among his children. During the latter part of the Civil war he enlisted from Indiana county in the Union service and did duty as a soldier. His wife died in September, 1887. They had a family of six children, viz.: Elmer E., born June 20, 1869, who is



now editor of the *Leader*, of Johnstown, Pa.; Harry M., born May 28, 1871, a jeweler, of Indiana, Pa.; Grey E., born March 11, 1873, who is a barber, in business at Mahaffey, Pa.; Murray D., born March 15, 1876, now of Johnstown, Pa., where he is connected with the editorial staff of the *Leader*; Roy; and Israel Clair, born Nov. 22, 1884, who lives at Kansas City, Mo., where he is connected with the Burroughs Adding Machine Company.

Roy Conrath lived in Indiana county until he was twelve years old, attending school for one term at Cookport and later elsewhere in the county. He did farm work until his marriage, after which he was employed in a tannery, living at Arcadia, in Grant township, for three years. Moving thence to Lovejoy he became engaged at the carpenter's trade, which he has learned, and in 1904 he came to Dixonville, at which place he has since resided. He has been in business since locating there, having a barber shop and store, selling cigars and confectionery and having a pool and billiard room. He was one of the first business men to become established there, and he has acquired an excellent patronage by his careful attention to the wants of his customers. He owns the building in which he is established. Mr. Conrath, by his obliging ways and fair dealing, has become one of the well-known business men of Dixonville.

In 1899 Mr. Conrath married Anna Laura Smith, who was born May 15, 1881, and died Nov. 1, 1903. She was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. There were two children by this union: John Murray, born April 16, 1900, and Della E., born Jan. 12, 1902. On Dec. 28, 1905, Mr. Conrath married (second) Ellen Kelly, who was born in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, and they have had three children: Carson Kelly, born Nov. 5, 1906; Cyrus Roy, born Sept. 18, 1908; and Clair David, born Feb. 16, 1911. Mrs. Conrath is a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

GEORGE ZACUR, proprietor of the Indiana Candy Works, of Indiana, Pa., was born in Syria Feb. 17, 1881, a son of George Zacur, who still resides in that country and is engaged in the real estate business.

Until he was eighteen years old George Zacur remained in his native land, where he attended the common schools. In 1899, however, he came to the United States, landing in New York City. At first he went about

with a cart, peddling commodities, in order to gain better knowledge of the language and customs. As soon as he felt able he opened a store at Latrobe, Pa., later going to Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, where he conducted a general store for three years. Mr. Zacur then went to Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he spent two years, one month, two days, returning at the end of that time to Latrobe, where he managed a business owned by his uncle. After ten months, on Aug. 7, 1907, he came to Indiana, where he established the Indiana Candy Works, and now manufactures high-grade chocolates, bon bons, fancy confectionery and ice cream. His place of business is conveniently located at No. 660 Philadelphia street, Indiana.

On Sept. 12, 1909, Mr. Zacur was married to Nettie Haim, a daughter of Michael and Mary Haim. Mr. and Mrs. Zacur have had two children: Julia, who was born Aug. 21, 1910; and John, who was born Nov. 16, 1911.

FRANK H. SHAFFER, who has been weighmaster for the Russell Coal Mining Company at Dixonville, Indiana county, since July, 1912, is one of the well-known mine workers in this section of Pennsylvania. He was born Aug. 6, 1882, in Canoe township, Indiana county, son of Emanuel and Emma (Snyder) Shaffer, and grandson of Jonathan Shaffer, who lived in Canoe township for some time. He was a woodsman and cleared off considerable timber. Leaving Indiana county, he moved out to Iowa with his family, and is still living there.

Emanuel Shaffer, son of Jonathan, was born in Indiana county and died in 1887. He married Emma Snyder, a native of Indiana county, who after his death became the wife of Charles Gaston, also a native of Indiana county; they are now living at Canoe Ridge. Mrs. Gaston has one child by her second marriage, Garrett, who lives with his parents. She was the mother of five children by her first union, namely: Wallace, who is a resident of Jefferson county, Pa.; Earl, who lives at Conemaugh, Pa.; Frank H.; Anna, wife of Blair Wolf, of Indiana, Pa.; and Walter, a resident of Jefferson county.

Frank H. Shaffer passed his early life in Canoe township, where he attended school. When a young man he went into the woods and was employed at lumbering, and he subsequently became interested in farming, which he followed for three years. He then engaged in carpenter work, continuing at that for

some time, and about three years ago commenced mining. He weighed coal for the Russell Coal Mining Company, and in July, 1912, was appointed to his present position as weighmaster at Dixonville, to which place he removed April 28, 1904. He is a reliable and careful man, and can be depended upon to perform his duties faithfully, being fully deserving of the confidence placed in him. His fellow workers also regard him as intelligent and trustworthy, for he has been chosen to the position of trustee of the United Mine Workers of America, in which he is now serving. He is a member of Local No. 1515 at Dixonville, and fraternally belongs to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Clymer, Indiana county. He is an ardent Socialist, a prominent member of the Socialist Club, and one of the leaders of the party in this section, being its recent candidate for State representative from Indiana county.

On Jan. 25, 1905, Mr. Shaffer married Elizabeth Yohe, of Big Run, Jefferson Co., Pa., daughter of William and Susanna (Bowler) Yohe, who live in Banks township, Indiana county, where Mr. Yohe follows farming. Three children have been born to this union: Orrin, Jan. 25, 1906; Arthur, Jan. 15, 1909; and Esther, Jan. 31, 1912.

DAVID A. FLEMING, chief engineer for the normal school buildings at Indiana, Pa., during the last twenty-two years, was born April 4, 1863, on the home farm in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., and is a son of Martin J. and Matilda (Maguire) Fleming.

James Fleming, his great-grandfather, lived and died in Huntingdon county, Pa. He married Rachel Campbell and had a large family, two sons, Samuel and Thomas, coming to Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Fleming, one of the sons of James, who settled in Indiana county, lived first in Armstrong county upon coming to this section, thence moving to Indiana county and buying a farm in what is now Washington township. Here he lived and died, passing away in 1861, aged seventy-six years. He married Elizabeth Fleming, daughter of William Fleming, and they had children as follows: James, Thomas, Jane, Annie, Nancy, William B., Martin (father of David A.), Eliza L., Margaret, Sarah and Martha J.

David A. Fleming attended the district schools and worked on his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age, at which time he left home to make his own way in the world. After spending several years at farm

work he secured a position with the Hughes & Guthrie Lumber Company, of Twolicks, with which concern he was connected three years, the greater part of his work being the care of engines and boilers. Mr. Fleming then came to Indiana, where in 1891 he accepted his present position, being engineer at the normal school building—there being only one at that time; now there are five separate structures, in which he takes care of the machinery, lights and power. The principal of the school when he first became associated with the institution was Rev. W. S. Owens, a resident at this time of California, who was succeeded by Charles W. Dean, now superintendent of public schools of Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Fleming was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and his political proclivities are those of the Republican party.

On Oct. 31, 1885, Mr. Fleming was married to Sarah A. Rairigh, of Grant township, daughter of George and Mattie (Spicher) Rairigh. Mrs. Fleming is a sister of Rev. G. S. Rairigh, a German Baptist preacher, who is now in charge of the pastorate at Denton, Md., and has traveled extensively in foreign countries. Mr. and Mrs. Fleming have had the following children: Edith May, Harry Clair, Albert Clyde, Kenneth C. and Lillian Beatrice.

HENRY C. WINTERS, proprietor of an oyster house in Indiana, Indiana county, at which place he has resided for the last ten years, is a native of Germany, who came to this country in young manhood and by industrious attention to his own affairs has succeeded in establishing himself firmly among the substantial business men of the community in which he resides.

Henry Winters, his grandfather, was an inspector of dikes on the North German coast. He died about 1882, at the advanced age of ninety-two. His children were: Hinrech, father of Henry C.; Christian, who died young; Heinrich (Henry), a baker, who served in the Franco-Prussian war, came to the United States, and settled in Newark, N. J., where he died; Christian (2), who died in Germany; Frederick, a tailor, who lives in Germany; and John, deceased.

Hinrech Winters, father of Henry C. Winters, was born in 1832 and went to school until he reached the age of fourteen years. He learned the trade of tailor and followed it all his life. He married Anna Weimers, who survived him, his death occurring in 1902,

hers in 1903. They were Lutherans in religious faith. Five children were born to this couple: Carl, who is deceased; William, a hotel-keeper of Newark, N. J.; Henry C.; August, a hotel man at Far Rockaway beach; and John, a hotel man of Newark, New Jersey.

Henry C. Winters was born Nov. 4, 1866, and attended public school in his native land until he was fourteen years old. He then went to sea, taking an humble position before the mast, and his first vessel was a sailing ship, the "Vangerland," of Bremerhaven to Kronstadt, Russia. Thereafter he made many voyages, to Copenhagen, Denmark; Archangel, Russia (near the White sea); Hull, England; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Buenos Ayres; Cape Town; Barcelona; Marseilles; the Sicilian islands; Alexandria, Egypt; Port Said; Constantinople; Gibraltar; Cardiff, Wales; Charleston, S. C. At the last named port he left his ship, after seven years of life on the water, during which time he had increased his wages from \$4 a month to \$60. He remained in Charleston for two years, working in a flour mill and grocery. Thence he came to Philadelphia, where he made a stay of five years, after which he was in New York City for two years. The next three years he was in Chicago, and for two years following in San Francisco. In Philadelphia he had engaged in the hotel and restaurant business, in New York in the oyster business, and in Chicago and San Francisco was again in the restaurant business. In 1902 Mr. Winters came to Indiana, Indiana Co., Pa., where he opened the oyster house which he has since carried on so successfully. He has become very well known in Indiana in that and other connections, belonging to the F. & A. M., B. P. O. Elks and Red Men. In politics Mr. Winters is a Republican.

In September, 1899, Mr. Winters was married in Philadelphia to Margaret Haag, of Punxsutawney, Pa., daughter of Frederick Haag. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Winters reside on South Sixth street, Indiana, in a fine home which he erected in 1905.

CHRIST WILLY, of Indiana, Pa., is a comparatively new resident of that borough, where he is engaged as brewmaster for the Indiana Brewing Company, one of the largest local concerns. Mr. Willy is a native of Switzerland, born in January, 1862, in the neighborhood of Germany, son of Christ Willy. The father, also born in Switzerland,

lived and died in that country. He was in the hotel business, conducted a small brewery, and also, in connection with these lines, dealt in horses. He was a well-known man in his section.

Christ Willy has had long and varied experience in the business which he follows. When a youth of fifteen he began work in a brewery in Switzerland, and later, when he attained to the status of journeyman, traveled through Bavaria, Italy and France, following his trade in all those countries and learning the methods approved in each. He came to America in February, 1882, landing at New York City, but did not remain there, continuing his journey to Pittsburg, Pa. He was employed at different breweries in that city and became a brewmaster in 1903. That year he went to Masontown, Fayette Co., Pa., where he had charge of the brewery for three years, and thence removed to Jeanette, Westmoreland county, where he was brewmaster for the next three years. In 1910 he came to Indiana, taking his present position with the Indiana Brewing Company. The plant has an unusual capacity of forty thousand barrels, and Mr. Willy, in his responsible connection with this establishment, is one of the best known men in the business in this part of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Willy married Elizabeth Lessie, a native of Switzerland, and they have two children, Christ and Mary. The family reside at No. 1018 Water St., Indiana. Mr. Willy is a member of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally is connected with the B. P. O. Elks, belonging to the lodge at Jeanette, Pennsylvania.

BENNET STADTMILLER, a retired farmer now living in the borough of Indiana, has been a lifelong resident of Indiana and for many years before his removal to his present home was engaged in farming in Cherryhill township. He was born Feb. 22, 1843, on a farm in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, son of George and Catherine (Oligher) Stadtmiller, natives of Germany, who were married in Pennsylvania and settled in Brushvalley township. After his marriage George Stadtmiller bought a farm in Burrell township and later sold and bought a farm in Rayne township, where he died in 1869, at the age of fifty-nine years. The mother died in April, 1871, aged forty-nine years. They are buried in the Catholic cemetery at

Indiana. They were the parents of fifteen children, of whom Bennet was the third in order of birth, and the second oldest son.

Bennet Stadtmiller went to the country schools in Burrell township during his boyhood, and at the age of sixteen became engaged at butchering in Johnstown, Pa., with Zaek Endress, with whom he remained one year. After being at home for a considerable time he went back to Johnstown, this time entering the employ of Adam Kurtz. At the end of two years he was called home on account of the illness of his father, who died shortly afterward. Knowing he could live but a short time, he requested his son Bennet to remain at the homestead to care for his mother, which he did.

In February, 1865, Mr. Stadtmiller enlisted from Burrell township, this county, for service in the Union army, joining Company B, 101st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which command he served until the close of the war. Returning then to the home farm, he followed farming, also for a time working at butchering in Johnstown, Pa., as previously mentioned. This was before his marriage. Later he bought the farm of his father-in-law, in Cherryhill township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for about thirty years, living there continuously until 1903, when he retired and moved to the borough of Indiana. Mr. Stadtmiller made many improvements on the property during his residence there, putting up an entire set of new buildings, and did other things which materially enhanced the value of the place. He was not only successful in his own affairs, but took a public-spirited interest in the welfare of the locality, serving as supervisor of Cherryhill township. Since his retirement he has made his home in Indiana, living at No. 143 North Fifth street.

On Feb. 7, 1870, Mr. Stadtmiller married Barbara Reising, of Indiana county, daughter of Martin and Margaret Reising, and to them has been born a family of ten children, namely: George, who is now a resident of Johnstown, Pa.; Margaret, Mrs. F. E. Blatzer, of Indiana; Matilda, Mrs. W. J. O'Hara, of Indiana; Martin, of Ypsilanti, Mich.; Mary E., Mrs. Ora Helman, of Indiana county; Joseph, at home; John, at home; Annie, at home; Carrie, Mrs. Clyde Wine, of Pittsburg, Pa.; and Mary Bertha, at home.

Mr. Stadtmiller is a Catholic in religious belief, belonging to St. Bernard's Church, and

he is a member of the Knights of St. George. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN SCOTT LIGHTCAP has been a life-long resident of East Mahoning township, Indiana county, and one of its most active citizens, engaged in general farming and stock raising, and associated with the administration of its public affairs. He was born there Sept. 21, 1851, on his father's homestead farm, son of Johnson Lightcap and grandson of Godfrey Lightcap.

Godfrey Lightcap, the founder of this family in America, was born in Germany, and settled at an early day in Cumberland county, Pa. There he married Jane McElaney, and they had a large family, viz.; Solomon, who settled in Rayne township, Indiana county; Polly, who died in middle age; Jane, who married John Lockey; Hugh, who made his home in Rayne township; Lucinda, who married Edward Branden, being his second wife; Margaret, who died unmarried; Benjamin, who lived on the old homestead in Rayne township; Juliann, who married James McQuilkin, of South Mahoning township; Jemima, who was the first wife of Edward Branden; and Samuel and Johnson, twins, the former of whom is mentioned elsewhere. Godfrey Lightcap moved across the Allegheny mountains in 1819, and first settled in Westmoreland county, later, in 1845, moving to Indiana county, making a permanent home in Rayne township, where he settled down to farming. He became a large land owner, his holdings lying in Rayne and Young townships. He died on his farm and is buried in the old Washington Church cemetery in Rayne township, as is also his wife, who died on the farm. They were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Johnson Lightcap, son of Godfrey, was born Oct. 2, 1811, in Cumberland county, Pa., and was a boy when the family settled in Westmoreland county. Years later, when they moved to Rayne township, Indiana county, he accompanied them, he and his twin brother, Samuel, coming thence to East Mahoning township. He settled on a part of what was known as the Hastings and Thompson tract, of 270 acres, the brothers living together until Samuel's marriage, a number of years later. Johnson Lightcap improved his property materially, put up suitable buildings, etc., and as he prospered subsequently bought a tract of 120 acres, at the time of his death owning a total of four hundred acres of good farming land. He spent his

life on the farm, dying there in December, 1896, at the age of eighty-five years, and was buried in the Marion Center cemetery. His religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church. In politics he was associated with the Democratic party, and he took an active interest in public affairs, serving as supervisor. He married Susan McElhoes, a native of Rayne township, and she died on the home farm at the age of eighty-two years, and is buried in the same cemetery as her husband. She, too, was a member of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: Jane, who married George Wynkoop and resides in Rayne township; Lucinda, who died young; John Scott; Nannie, who married Robert Mabon; Silas, who was a farmer and died on the homestead Feb. 10, 1910; a son that died in infancy; and Harry Johnson, farming on the homestead, who married Ida Wynkoop, of Rayne township.

John Scott Lightcap attended the Bovard school in what is now the Branden district, and worked on the home farm with his father until he reached the age of twenty-seven years. He then settled on his present place, a tract of 120 acres in East Mahoning township, part of what was known as the Brady tract, on which he has built the residence and made numerous other improvements. In addition to general farming he has engaged to a considerable extent in stock raising, making a specialty of Shorthorn cattle, with which he has been quite successful. He is a thrifty and industrious farmer, combining hard work and progressive methods with good effect, as the condition of his property attests. He has been particularly interested in the welfare of the public schools in his township, and has served two terms as school director, being also treasurer of the board during one term. He has also given three terms of service as township supervisor, and has done his share toward placing public affairs on a businesslike basis. In politics he is a Democrat. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church at Marion Center.

On Nov. 16, 1876, Mr. Lightcap married Maria Bence, who was born Sept. 8, 1858, in Rayne township, daughter of Samuel and Anna Elizabeth (Rime) Bence, who came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Lightcap in their declining years. Mr. Bence, who was from Northumberland county, this State, is still living with them, now (1912) aged ninety-three years: Mrs. Bence, who was of German descent, died at their home. Mr. and Mrs.

Lightcap have had a family of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, of whom eleven are living, one son dying young. William H., born Jan. 18, 1878, a farmer in East Mahoning township, married Laura Konser, and they have two children, Eva Grace and Arthur Konser. Susanna, born Nov. 5, 1879, married James H. Beatty, a farmer of East Mahoning township, and has three children, Elma Gertrude, Wilber Lightcap and L— Mildred. Samuel J., born June 26, 1881, died March 29, 1884. Mary J., born Feb. 26, 1883, is at home. Silas Edgar, born Dec. 16, 1884, is a farmer in East Mahoning township. Clara Mabel, born March 29, 1887, Margaret Florence, born Nov. 4, 1889, Rinnie Fern and Lucinda Fay (twins), born Nov. 29, 1891, John Irwin, born Jan. 11, 1895, Harry Donel, born Oct. 22, 1897, and Charles Bence, born June 18, 1901, are at home.

THOMAS S. STEFFY, who has been operating his present farm in West Mahoning township for a quarter of a century, and is also engaged in the sawmill and lumber business, was born Aug. 19, 1838, at Punxsutawney, Pa., son of John and Phoebe (North) Steffy.

John Steffy, father of Thomas S. Steffy, was a tanner by trade, and owned a tannery at Marchand, Pa., where he also carried on farming. Going to Wright Co., Kans., the last years of his life were spent there, and he and his wife died in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She passed away in Indiana county. They were the parents of two children, Thomas S., and William, the latter living in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Thomas S. Steffy, son of John Steffy, was given a common school education, which he has since supplemented by keen observation, much reading and wide business experience. As a young man he went to work in a mill as fireman for Isaac Gordon. On April 5, 1885, he purchased the J. H. Jamison farm in West Mahoning township, a tract of eighty acres, to which he subsequently added five acres and later seventy-three acres. He was married Sept. 7, 1886, to Mary J. McHenry, of North Point, Pa., daughter of William and Rachel (Lantz) McHenry, who were born at North Point. The McHenry family moved to Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa., there purchasing 160 acres of land, on which the parents continued to reside during the rest of their lives, Mr. McHenry dying at the age of fifty-four years and his wife when she was forty-two years old. Mr. McHenry always

followed farming operations, and was prominent in Democratic politics, serving for some years as school director, as well as in other capacities. A faithful member of the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, he was class leader for years and active in all church work. He and his wife were the parents of eleven children: Erastus, of Paxton, Ill.; Elmira, who married Henry Coleman, of Jefferson county; Sylvanus, who married Lucy Bish and lives at New Bethlehem, Pa.; Mary J., who married Mr. Steffy; Ezekiel, who married Addie Green, was a teacher in the schools of Punxsutawney, and now lives in the State of Washington; Anna, who married James Irwin, of Jefferson county; Isaiah, who married Mertie Condon, and lives on a farm in West Mahoning township; James, a teacher and farmer, of Ringgold, Pa., who married Annie Powell and (second) Cretta Hess; Luke, a teacher and farmer, who married Lizzie \_\_\_\_\_ and lives in Jefferson county; Sadie, formerly a teacher, now the wife of William Tibbey, of Illinois; and Laura B., who married Henry Coleman, and now lives in Jefferson county.

Mr. and Mrs. Steffy have six children: John M.; William A.; Maude U., who is the wife of Homer Lukehart and lives at Punxsutawney, Pa.; Joseph Clayton; Cecil, and Eva.

The present farm of the Steffy family was purchased in 1888, and here Mr. and Mrs. Steffy have made numerous fine improvements. Steffy is also engaged in the sawmill and lumber business with his son. Mrs. Steffy is an excellent business woman and has been of great assistance to her husband, helping to manage his affairs and being consulted on all matters of importance. They are both popular with a wide circle of acquaintances, and are regarded as sterling types of Indiana county's best citizenship. He is a staunch Republican, but his only interest in public matters is that taken by any good citizen who has the welfare of his community at heart. Fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows, at Dayton, and he and Mrs. Steffy are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Smicksburg.

**WILLIAM BANKS TAYLOR**, retired, now living at Indiana, was for many years an agriculturist of Blacklick township, where he was born Dec. 13, 1853.

The first of the Taylor family to locate in Blacklick township was John Taylor, born in Ireland, who came to the United States in

young manhood, locating in Delaware in 1801. After six years' residence in that State he came to Blacklick township, Indiana Co., Pa., settling in 1807 upon the farm now owned by his grandson. Here he made his home, developing his 160 acres of land, on which he erected a log house, giving his time and attention to agricultural pursuits all of his active life. When he retired from farming he located at Jacksonville, where he spent the remainder of his days, and his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at that point. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and always held firm to its doctrines.

John Taylor was married in Chester county, Pa., to Mary Alcorn, daughter of John Alcorn, and one child, Mary, was born of this union; she died at the age of two years. Mr. Taylor's second marriage was to Mary (Polly) Downey, daughter of John Downey. She died in 1870, aged eighty-four years, the mother of the following children: Elizabeth (Betsey), who died unmarried; Mary, who married Charles Burt and resides in Ohio; Isabelle, who died unmarried; Nancy, who married Joseph McCracken; Thomas J.; John; William; Margaret and John (twins), who are both deceased; Robert, who is deceased; and Cynthia, also deceased.

Thomas J. Taylor, son of John Taylor, was born on his father's homestead in Blacklick township, and there grew up. Owing to the scarcity of schools his opportunities for securing a good educational training were few, but he made the most of what he had, and whenever possible attended the little subscription schools of the locality, never held more than three or four months in the year. He resided on the homestead with his parents, engaging in general farming and stock raising, and made many improvements on the property. This farm continued to be his home all his life, and he died on it in 1908, his declining years having been made happy and comfortable through the care and filial devotion of his son. His remains were laid in the same cemetery where rest those of his father, at Jacksonville. Although an ardent Whig and later a Republican, aside from serving as supervisor of his township he took no active part in public life. Like his father he belonged to the United Presbyterian Church, at Jacksonville.

Thomas J. Taylor married Jane Gibson, daughter of Hugh Gibson, and she died on the farm in 1874, firm in the faith of the United Presbyterian Church, of which she

was a consistent member. The children of this marriage were: Margaret, who married Thomas S. Woods, and resides in Seattle, Wash.; Mary Jane, who died in young womanhood; Garvey, who died when twenty-two years old; and William Banks. In 1876 Mr. Taylor married (second) Mrs. Mary P. Reiger. They had no children.

William Banks Taylor, son of Thomas J. Taylor, attended the schools of his home locality, and was reared amid agricultural surroundings. Having learned farming from the rudiments up, he was able to take charge of the homestead and became a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. From 1887 to 1912 he carried on extensive operations along agricultural lines, in the latter year turning over the management of the farm to his son, and moving with his wife and daughter to Indiana, where he is now living retired, although he still takes an interest in the farm work.

Mr. Taylor married Jennie Shields, daughter of Marshall and Margaret (Jack) Shields, and they have had two children: Chester A., born in 1885, has always been interested in farming with his father and is now operating the homestead farm of seventy-five acres; he married Tillie Gibson, daughter of William Gibson, and has one child, Lloyd F. Annie May is in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company at Indiana.

Politically Mr. Taylor is an independent Republican, but has never been an office seeker. A consistent member of Bethel Church (Presbyterian) in Center township, he has always tried to pattern his life according to the Golden Rule. A man of high principles, he has won and retains a reputation for honorable living and stainless integrity.

CHARLES C. PFORDT, until recently superintendent of the Clymer Brick Company, has had a long and active business career. He was born in Allegheny county, Pa., Dec. 29, 1864, son of Charles and Christina Pfordt.

George Pfordt, his paternal grandfather, spent his entire life within the borders of his native country, France. He lived near the city of Nancy.

Charles Pfordt, son of George, and father of Charles C. Pfordt, was born in France and came to the United States in 1859, settling in the city of Pittsburg, Pa., where he established himself in a butchering business. At the outbreak of the Civil war he was one of the first to answer President Lincoln's call for troops, enlisting April 21, 1861, in the 123d Pennsylv-

ania Volunteer Infantry, and when his term of three months had expired veteranized and was appointed orderly of his company. Subsequently he became second lieutenant of Company B, 61st Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served one year, three months. On the close of his military service he returned to Pittsburg, where he resumed his business operations, and during the next quarter of a century was a well-known business man of that city. He died there in October, 1901. Mr. Pfordt married Christina Heckel, who was born in Beaver county, Pa., and they had a family of eight children, as follows: Charles C.; Hannah, the wife of James Carnes, of Newcastle, Pa.; Minnie, who is unmarried and engaged as a trained nurse; George, manager for Harmon & Company, of Steubenville, Ohio; Henrietta, wife of Herbert Hoffman, chief bookkeeper for W. & H. Walker, of Pittsburg; Sarah, wife of Frank Moody, manager of the hardware department of the Kaufmann Store, Pittsburg; Henry, who is deceased, and Edward, a member of the 22d Regiment in the United States regular army.

Andrew Heckel, maternal grandfather of Charles C. Pfordt, came from France to the United States in 1827, settling as a pioneer in Beaver county, Pa., and later removing to Butler county, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits.

The early education of Charles C. Pfordt was secured in the public schools of Pittsburg and Allegheny City, and he subsequently took a course in Duff's business college. Later he studied art for five years under the noted Professor Leisser, who is now in Europe, but turned his attention to industrial pursuits and became identified with the brick industry. For seven years he was a manufacturer of this staple article in Beaver county, then moving to Natrona, Allegheny county, where he spent nine years. His next venture was in the coal and brick business at Seward, Westmoreland Co., Pa., at which place he remained for seven years, at the end of that time coming to Clymer to accept the superintendency of the Clymer Brick Company. Mr. Pfordt is a man of acknowledged business and executive ability, thoroughly trained in his line of work, and under his capable management the firm developed into one of the leaders in its line in the county. This position he held until his removal to Dilltown, near Ebensburg, where he is now engaged in operating a coal mine.

On Aug. 1, 1889, Mr. Pfordt was married in Allegheny county to Nancy E. Eslip, who was born June 3, 1867, at Natrona, Pa., daughter

of Frederick and Margaret A. (Potts) Eslip, the former born in Saxony, Germany, near the birthplace of Martin Luther, and the latter in Butler county, Pa. They are now living in Natrona. Mr. and Mrs. Pfordt have had six children: Frederick, who is deceased; and Eleanor, Margaret, Nancy E., Laura and Charles C., Jr., who are all living at home.

Mr. Pfordt is a member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., of Rochester; Eureka Chapter, No. 257, R. A. M., and Pittsburg Commandery, No. 1, K. T. He and Mrs. Pfordt are consistent members of the Methodist Church.

JOHN D. MARTIN (deceased) was born in Green township, Indiana county, on the old Martin homestead, Oct. 12, 1840, a son of David Martin and a grandson of John Martin.

John Martin was born in Ireland, and, coming to the United States in young manhood, settled at what is now Penn Run, about two miles from Greenville, carrying on general farming there until death claimed him.

David Martin, son of John Martin, was born in Cherryhill township, and there developed into a farmer. After his marriage he moved to Green township, buying what was then the Honey tract, but is now known as Martintown. His death occurred on this property when he was about seventy-five years old, and he was buried in the McDowell cemetery in Green township. David Martin married Nancy Hadden and they had children as follows: John D., Jane, Isabel, Mary, William Hadden, Catherine, Sarah and Dr. George. Mrs. Nancy Martin died when about seventy-five years old.

John D. Martin received his educational training in the schools of his township and a select school held at Indiana, Pa. Later on he taught for eight terms in the Indiana county public schools, but later still began farming the property owned by his father-in-law, later conducting a general store and keeping the post office. Through his efforts the Martintown post office was established, and he was its postmaster for twenty years. About a year before his death he retired from active participation in business life, and passed away Dec. 8, 1902; he was buried in the same cemetery as his father.

On Sept. 21, 1865, John D. Martin married Maria Askin, a daughter of Thomas, Jr., and Elizabeth Askin. Mr. and Mrs. Martin became the parents of the following children: David, was born July 28, 1866; Elizabeth Ellen, born Feb. 1, 1868, married John J. Williams; Nancy Jane, born Feb. 7, 1870, died

Feb. 3, 1912; Thomas A., was born Oct. 2, 1871; a daughter born Sept. 13, 1873, died in infancy; John C., was born Dec. 20, 1874; Martha A., was born Oct. 5, 1876; Emma Blanche, born Sept. 20, 1878, died Oct. 10, 1889; Sarah Ethel, born July 16, 1880, married Earl Nupp; a daughter who was born May 19, 1882, died in infancy; George, was born May 8, 1884; Arthur Leroy, born Sept. 30, 1886, lives in Cambria county; Robert Allen, was born April 22, 1888. Mr. Martin owned a farm of 254 acres. He was the leading elder of the Nebo Presbyterian Church of Indiana county. In politics he was a Democrat, while his fraternal affiliations were with the Masons and Odd Fellows.

WILLIAM TEMPLETON LONG, farmer and stock raiser of South Mahoning township, was born in what is now Cherryhill township, Indiana county, June 30, 1842, son of Christopher and Elizabeth (Long) Long, and belongs to an old family of German extraction.

Christopher Long, the great-grandfather of William Templeton Long, lived in Bedford county, Pa. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Elizabeth, had seven children: William; John, who married Rachel Bagley; Jacob, who married Elizabeth Gordon; David, who went West and settled there; Elizabeth, who married John Lockard; Ann, who died unmarried; and Susan, who married Samuel Bagley. For his second wife Christopher Long married Margaret Lockard, and they had the following children: Samuel, Thomas, Isaac, Jane, Ellen, Margaret, James and Jesse, all of whom, except the last two, settled in Bedford and Cambria counties.

William Long, son of Christopher Long and grandfather of William Templeton Long, was born in Bedford county, Pa., in 1791, and came with his wife and children to Green township, Indiana county, in 1820 or 1821, settling near the village of Greenville, where he spent over six years as a farmer. He then removed to near Diamondville, in Cherryhill township, and settled on a tract of 100 acres, where he spent the remainder of his life in general farming. He died some time during the eighties, and was buried in the Diamondville cemetery. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and in his political views was first a Whig and later a Republican. Like his father Mr. Long was twice married, his first wife being Jane Pittman, of Fulton county, Pa., who was the mother of thirteen children: John, who married Sarah McGaughey; Samuel, Christopher, Francis, who married Mary



Wymer; Elizabeth, who married John Stout; Mary, who married Christopher Dick; Jacob, who married Hannah Engler and (second) Mrs. Elizabeth (Stelzer) Long, a widow; William, who married Elizabeth Stelzer; Benjamin, who married Susan Burnham; Jeremiah, who married Catherine Fetterman; Sarah Ann, who married Daniel Engle; Lucinda, and Fannie, who married Adam Myers. Mr. Long's second wife was Mrs. Mary (Dick) Stelzer; they had no children.

Christopher Long, son of William Long and father of William Templeton Long, was born in 1817 in Bedford county, Pa., and was a lad of four years when the family moved to Indiana county. There he obtained his education in the subscription schools, and continued on the farm with his father until he embarked in operations on his own account, at that time buying fifty acres of woodland. Erecting a log cabin and barn, he set to work to clear and cultivate his place, subsequently adding to his original purchase until he had 112 acres, and replacing his pioneer buildings with a modern dwelling and good, substantial barns and outbuildings. He made other valuable improvements and spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits there, becoming one of his community's most highly esteemed citizens. He was a member of the Baptist Church and was buried in the cemetery at Diamondville. Christopher Long married Elizabeth Long, daughter of John Long, and she died on the farm and was laid to rest in the same cemetery as her husband. They had children as follows: Hezekiah H., who became a well-known physician and now resides at Orion, Henry Co., Ill., married Mary Jordan; William Templeton, is mentioned below; Samantha, married Ellis Buterbaugh; Lemuel L., a physician and surgeon, is practicing his profession in Stark county, Ill.; Emma, died young.

William Templeton Long, son of Christopher Long, was educated in the schools of his native township, and his boyhood and youth were spent on the home farm assisting his father. On attaining his majority he started out to make his own way in the world, purchasing 100 acres of timberland. Cutting down the trees, he converted the logs into lumber, working faithfully and industriously, and was soon able to replace his original log house with a more modern frame dwelling. As the years passed he made extensive improvements, and the little patch of timber near Shawnee bottoms has been converted into a handsome, productive farm. Mr. Long also

purchased the Sherer farm of 110 acres, and after his father's death bought the old homestead place. In 1904 he disposed of his 322 acres of land and brought his family to South Mahoning township, where he purchased the William McCall farm, at Ambrose, a tract of twenty-five acres owned by the widow of John Haynes, and to this he has since added five acres. He resides on this property, which he operates in connection with another farm of 140 acres which he bought and improved, his son-in-law, Rev. Mr. Pardee, living thereon. Mr. Long has worked faithfully and industriously since his early boyhood, and the success that has come to him is the result of his own efforts. He has a high reputation as a business man of integrity and probity, and his many excellencies of character have drawn about him a wide circle of sincere friends. In politics he has been a staunch Republican, but his temperance proclivities have caused him to lean with favor toward the Prohibitionists. He is a friend of education, and for three years acted in the capacity of school director. Mr. Long has been clerk of the Baptist Church for twenty-five years, and for several years superintendent of the Sunday school, and while at Pine Flats served as trustee and member of the building committee. He and his wife, who is also a member of the mission circle in the church, have interested themselves deeply in church work, and are widely known for their charity and kindness of heart.

On Dec. 20, 1864, Mr. Long was married to Sabina Burnham, who was born in Limestone township, Clarion Co., Pa., daughter of Charles C. Burnham, and they have had the following children: Gertrude, born July 19, 1866, educated in the public schools of Cherryhill township and the Indiana Normal school, taught school for three years in Cherryhill township, and died March 23, 1891; Elizabeth, born July 28, 1868, was married Dec. 31, 1890, to William A. Getty, of Indiana, Pa., and they have three children, Ross Templeton, John Childs and Elizabeth May; Blanche, born Sept. 24, 1873, was married Feb. 15, 1899, to Rev. Charles Edgar Pardee, a Baptist minister, and they reside on her father's farm near Ambrose with their four children, Edwin Franklin, William Templeton, Levina and Louise; a son, born March 8, 1876, died April 27, 1876; Rubina, born July 27, 1880, residing at home, is an active worker in the Baptist Church and its local and foreign missionary enterprises, and in the Woman's Christian

Temperance Union, of which she is local secretary.

JAMES M. HAZLETT, veteran of the Civil war and farmer of North Mahoning township, was born in Blacklick, Indiana county, March 12, 1842, son of John C. and Nancy (McFarland) Hazlett.

James Hazlett, the grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish stock and emigrated from Ireland to this country in 1791, settling first in eastern Pennsylvania and later moving to the southern end of Indiana county, Young township, where he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He and his wife, Margaret (Long), had five children, namely: Samuel, who lived and died near Jacksonville, Pa.; Leslie, who lived and died near Clarksburg; John C.; Nancy Jane, who died in Jacksonville, the wife of James Henderson; and Rosanna, the wife of David Gibson.

John C. Hazlett, son of James and father of James M. Hazlett, was born near Blacklick, Indiana Co., Pa. He had little chance to go to school in his boyhood, was reared to the hard work of the farm, and grew up in the vicinity of Jacksonville. After his marriage he settled near Clarksburg and continued to live at different points until moving to Georgeville, in East Mahoning township, where he took charge of and operated the Kinter farm for eighteen years, then retiring and living a quiet life until his death, which occurred in Georgeville. He was a Republican and a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. He was married near Jacksonville to Nancy McFarland, who was born on the old McFarland farm near that point, and they had a family of thirteen children: Sarah, who married Irvin Dixon, a farmer of Livermore, Pa.; James, color bearer of Company C, 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, who was killed at the battle of South Mountain during the Civil war; James M.; Samuel C., who was in Company C, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and is now a farmer in the Mahoning district; William, who enlisted at the age of seventeen years in the 105th Volunteers, served three years, re-enlisting and served eight months more (he subsequently was the proprietor of a hotel and livery business at Edenburg, where he died in 1897; he married Della Waters); Leslie, who lived on the old McFarland farm for eighteen years, and died at Jacksonville (he married Maggie Stearns); Albert, living in the West, who married a Miss Britton; Thomas, a farmer near Clarksburg, who married Martha Blakley; Robert, a

farmer of Georgeville, who married Ruth Goheen; George, unmarried and farming in North Mahoning township; Hannah, who married Newton Ainsley, a stock dealer of West Liberty, Ia.; Ella, who married Harry Chambers, of Clayville, Pa.; and Jane, who died young.

James M. Hazlett, son of John C. Hazlett, had but meager educational advantages in his boyhood, which was devoted for the most part to the hard, unceasing work of the farm. He continued to assist his father until he reached the age of twenty-one years, and in 1866 was married to Catherine Simpson, of East Mahoning township, daughter of James and Jane (Martin) Simpson, the former an extensive farmer of Indiana county; her mother was from Jefferson county. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett, namely: Harry, went West to Colorado as a boy, and later settled at West Liberty, Iowa, where he is now a farmer, speculator and horseman; Jennie, who was a teacher, went to Colorado and Iowa and is now in California, the wife of Harry Thomas; James, a farmer of Jefferson county, Pa., married Vesta Hadden; Della, who married Lou Means, lives in East Mahoning township; LaVerne, is a stock raiser in Colorado, to which State he went as a young man; William, a farmer, is residing at home; Dora, died in 1911, at the age of twenty-eight years; Annie, is living at home.

After his marriage Mr. Hazlett spent one year in Georgeville, and then removed to Young township, Jefferson county, where he spent three years. At the end of that period he purchased the farm on which he now resides, a tract of 108 acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and improved with a number of fine buildings. He carries on general farming and has some stock, cattle, sheep and horses, and has been uniformly successful in all of his ventures, by reason of his hard and constant labor. A Republican in politics, he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, and has served fifteen years as school director, two years as road boss and a like period as assessor. With his family he attends the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Hazlett died in that faith Oct. 22, 1903.

On Aug. 25, 1863, Mr. Hazlett enlisted in Company C, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Indiana, Pa., and served in the Army of the Potomac, doing guard duty and assisting in building forts. He was on duty in front of Richmond, his regiment being the first to enter that city when Lee surrendered, and there he did patrol duty for four weeks.

His command was then sent to Lynchburg, but returned to Richmond, where he received his discharge. He had an honorable record and his faithfulness to duty won for him the rank of corporal. He is well known in this part of Indiana county, and his many friends testify readily to his integrity and probity of character.

**GEORGE WASHINGTON HAZLETT**, who is engaged in cultivating a valuable farm in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born in that township Feb. 17, 1846, son of Peter Hazlett.

William Hazlett, the paternal grandfather of George W. Hazlett, was of Irish stock, and the first of the family to come to Indiana county, settling near Chambersburg, where he secured land, cleared it and made a home for his family, and there spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He married Sarah Wells, and they became the parents of the following children: James, who lived at Butler, Pa.; David, who lived on the old place and died at Deckers Point; Peter, the father of George W.; Robert, a farmer, who died in Clarion county, Pa.; Peggie, who was the wife of Joseph Stutchel and died at Chambersburg, Pa.; Pollie, who married John Lewis; and Amy, who married Samuel Fitzgerald, and died in West Mahoning township.

Peter Hazlett, son of William was born in Rayne township, Indiana county, and spent his whole life in hard, unremitting labor, tilling the soil, in his native county. As a youth he was obliged to spend all of his time in assisting his father to clear the home place; and as a consequence he could never go to school, and throughout his life did not learn to read or write. Although poorly educated, however, Mr. Hazlett was a good farmer and an industrious worker, and he succeeded in clearing up a goodly part of his wild land in West Mahoning township, where he died in the spring of 1881. His wife passed away when she was seventy-five years old, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was also a member. He voted the Republican ticket. To Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett were born ten children, as follows: Eliza Jane, who married Jonathan Brendell and (second) John Kiser (all are now deceased); Sarah Ann, deceased, who married John Blose, and lived in West Mahoning township; Louise, deceased, who was twice married, first to William Bohman, and lived in Jamestown, N. Y.; Susan, who married Archie McBrier, and lived in Venango county, Pa.; George

Washington; James F., a dairyman of Bradford, Pa., who married Stella Griffey (she is now deceased); Ella, who married Robert McBrier, of Smicksburg, Pa.; William, a farmer of Jefferson county, who married Jane Fleck; Silas W., a farmer of West Mahoning township, who married Susie Hall and (second) Mrs. Laura Niel; and Addie, who married Hezekiah Lewis, and lives at Dayton, Pa.

Like his father George W. Hazlett had to work hard in his youth, and had but limited opportunities to secure an education, but he made the most of his chances, and his early schooling has been supplemented by much reading and close observation, so that he has become a very well-informed man. He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he purchased his present property in West Mahoning township, known as the old Kinter farm, a tract of 109 acres, of which Mr. Hazlett has cleared about seventy-five acres. He has devoted his land to general farming, in which he has been uniformly successful, and each year he has added to the improvements on his property, continually enhancing its value. Mr. Hazlett is known as a man of sound principles and good judgment, is an excellent farmer, and a kind friend and neighbor, and is justly entitled to the respect in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

On Nov. 4, 1872, Mr. Hazlett was married to Amanda Turner, of Venango county, Pa., daughter of Daniel Turner, of that county, and to this union have been born three children: Kittie L., who died June 8, 1912, was the wife of H. E. Rowe, and had two children, Olive and Clyde; Mr. Rowe has been connected with the Trust Company Bank of Pittsburg, in the mortgage department, during the last twelve years. Zeldia Frances married George Butler, a farmer of East Mahoning township, and has two children, Ethel Margaret and ———. Amanda F. resides with her parents.

Mr. Hazlett is a staunch Republican in politics, but has never aspired to office, his farm and his home satisfying his ambitions. He is a faithful member of the Church of God, at Georgeville, Pa., of which Mrs. Hazlett is also a member, and they have numerous friends in the congregation, as they have indeed wherever they are known.

**BENJAMIN CABLE**, a veteran of the Civil war, who is now living retired after many years spent in farming in West Wheatfield township, was born Aug. 9, 1832, in

Conemaugh township, Somerset Co., Pa., and is a son of Abraham and Eliza (Reese) Cable.

The great-grandfather of Benjamin Cable came from Germany and founded the family in York county, Pennsylvania.

Abraham Cable, grandfather of Benjamin Cable, was born in York county and later moved to Somerset county, where he followed farming and millwrighting in Conemaugh township, owning a large property, of more than 200 acres.

Abraham Cable, son of Abraham, and father of Benjamin Cable, was born in 1800 in York county, Pa., and followed farming all his life. He had many properties in Somerset county, also worked in the grist-mills, and in 1851 moved to West Wheatfield township, Indiana county, where he purchased 120 acres of land near what is now Garfield. He worked for many years at Gamble's mill, and in connection with farming carried on extensive stock raising operations, kept a stud and bred many fine horses. He was first a Whig and later a Republican, and was prominent in the affairs of his town, although never an office seeker. He died in the faith of the Baptist Church, in 1870.

Mr. Cable married Eliza Reese, who was born in 1810 in Shade township, Somerset Co., Pa., and died in 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Cable were laid to rest in the Johnstown cemetery. They were the parents of seventeen children, as follows: Mary married George Schnell; Catherine died at the age of twenty-two years; Susan married Edward Wood; Benjamin is mentioned later; Julia Ann married Morris Rice; Eliza married Henry Bluebacker; Abraham married Mary Burkett; Wesley died when two years old; Ellen married Charles Askins; John married Maria Callman; Nancy married Ed Colbert; Robert married a Miss Harris and (second) Julia Layman; Rachel married John Messinger; Harriet married Abe Calligan and lives in Johnstown, and besides Benjamin is the only survivor of this large family; Cornelius died when four years old; James died young; and William, who was four years of age at the time of his death.

Benjamin Cable, son of Abraham Cable, received his education at the place of his birth, and as a lad worked with his father at farming and stock raising. In 1851 he accompanied his parents to West Wheatfield township, where he secured a position driving for Jacob Gamble, the mill owner, in whose employ he continued for four years, and also

engaged in lumbering and hauling fire clay. When the Civil war broke out Mr. Cable joined Company D, 4th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, under Capt. George Covode and D. P. Smith, Col. Campbell Childs and James Kerr, of the 5th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He enlisted at Lockport, Pa., Aug. 26, 1861, and received his honorable discharge July 1, 1865, at Lynchburg. In the year 1863 Mr. Cable was captured and imprisoned by the Confederates. During the greater part of his service Mr. Cable drove a team, but he also participated in a great many battles, and that his regiment was in the thickest of the fight is shown by the fact that out of his company of 100 men but thirty-three returned to their homes. Mr. Cable was known as a brave and faithful soldier, one who ably and cheerfully performed the duties that fell to his lot, and he was respected by his officers and admired by his comrades. On November 1, 1865, Mr. Cable purchased the Taylor farm, a tract of seventy acres in West Wheatfield township, and this he continued to cultivate until April, 1912, when he disposed of it. He is now living retired in Garfield, being tenderly cared for in his declining years by his daughter, Mrs. Caroline E. Faust. Although he is probably the oldest man in West Wheatfield township, Mr. Cable retains his faculties to a remarkable degree, and is much more active than many men years his junior. An enterprising, industrious worker all of his life, he is now reaping the rewards that such an active life brings, and rests content that his has been a useful career and is free from stain or blemish.

Mr. Cable was married to Elizabeth Lichenfeld, daughter of Philip Lichenfeld, and they have had the following children: Thomas Jefferson, deceased, who married Jane Dias; Albert; Elizabeth, who married William Unceapher, of West Wheatfield; Caroline E., who married John Faust and lives with her father; Elizabeth, who married James Brett, and lives in West Wheatfield township; Susan, who died at the age of six years; and Benjamin, who married Jane Wineburner and is engaged in farming in West Wheatfield township.

Albert Cable, son of Benjamin Cable, was born in West Wheatfield township, and there spent all of his life, being engaged in farming and taking a prominent part in political matters. A Republican, he served as township auditor for many years, and he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He was laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery. He married Lizzie Walbeck, who survives him and resides on the homestead, which she is cultivating with the help of her sons. Mr. and Mrs. Cable had the following children: Frank Levi; Ada, who married Charles Robinson and lives at Robinson, Pa.; Lyda, who married Elmer Robinson, and lives in West Wheatfield township; Ocea, who died at the age of seven years; Scott John, who is unmarried and lives with his mother on the homestead; Susie, who married Charles Robertson, and lives at Lockport, Pa.; Emma, who married Fred Robertson, and lives at Latrobe, Pa.; and Jacob, who is unmarried and assisting his mother and brother in conducting the old home place.

Frank Levi Cable, son of Albert Cable, was born Nov. 25, 1876, in West Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., and was there married Oct. 29, 1899, to Celia Bell Frame, daughter of George W. and Marinda (Lightcap) Frame, of West Wheatfield township. One child was born to this union, Frank Wellman, born March 14, 1910. Mr. Cable attended the common schools, after leaving which he secured employment in the brick-yards and clay quarries, and eventually purchased fifty-five acres of the old homestead, on which he started farming and market gardening. He still continues to follow these vocations, and has been uniformly successful in his enterprises, because of his industry and well directed efforts. In politics he is a Republican, and has taken an active part in township affairs, having been road boss for six years and supervisor of roads for four years. He is a member and steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church, where he has acted in the capacity of sexton for thirteen years, and is a teacher in the Sunday school. Like other members of the old and honored family, he is widely known throughout this part of the county, and in a large acquaintance numbers many warm friends.

**GEORGE LOWMAN**, general agriculturist and stock feeder of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, was born near the town of Marion Center, this county, April 27, 1858, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Hunter) Lowman.

Abraham Lowman, grandfather of George Lowman, was one of the early settlers of Indiana county, where he followed farming throughout his active life, living to the remarkable age of ninety years.

Abraham Lowman, son of Abraham, and father of George Lowman, was born near Marion Center, Indiana Co., Pa., and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter, a vocation which he followed for many years. He died in January, 1910, on a part of the old homestead that had been settled by his father. His widow still survives, and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Bertha Brown, residing near Marion Center. Mr. and Mrs. Lowman had a family of twelve children. We have record of: George; Samantha, wife of George Wynkoop, living near Marion Center; Albert, a resident of Pittsburg; Bertha, wife of Joseph Brown, living near Marion Center; Laura, wife of Port Donahoe, living in Dixonville; Margaret and Emma, who are deceased; and Cora.

Robert Hunter, the maternal grandfather of George Lowman, was a native of Westmoreland county, Pa., who became an early settler of Indiana county, locating near Marion Center, where he spent the rest of his life in tilling the soil.

George Lowman attended district school in the vicinity of Marion Center until he was twelve years of age, since which time he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. During the last twenty-seven years he has carried on operations on his present property, which he has developed into one of the best farms of its size in this part of Indiana county.

Mr. Lowman was married in 1883 to Durilla McKendrick, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of John and Amanda (Gibson) McKendrick, early settlers and farming people of Indiana county. Mrs. Lowman's father came to this section from Philadelphia when he was a young man, and both her parents are now deceased. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowman, Chester, who resides in California; he was married in 1898 to Margaret Stephens, and had one child. The family is connected with the Presbyterian Church.

**SAMUEL ROBERT McHENRY**, a well-to-do farmer and large land owner of Rayne township, is a descendant of pioneers who settled in Indiana county over a century ago.

The first of this branch of the McHenry family to come to this country was Isaac McHenry, who was born in Scotland in 1734, and whose wife's name was Jane Smith or Smythe, likely the latter, as the Scotch often spell the name that way. The first we know of Isaac is his taking the oath of allegiance,

with Abraham Leasure and John Stuchall (Dallas Albert's History of Westmoreland County). The name is there spelled McHenry. This was in 1777. Later, before 1800, he settled three miles north of Indiana on what has been known as the James Hamilton farm. Thence he moved to Mahoning township, where he and his wife and two sons died in the fall of 1812, all during the same week, the parents aged about eighty years, the son James aged thirty-three years and the son Samuel aged thirty-six years. They lie in the cemetery at Gilgal Church (this church was organized in 1808). Isaac and Jane McHenry had children as follows: John married Miss McCord; William, born in 1770, was with Anthony Wayne in Ohio in 1793 and 1794, and with him was his brother Isaac, who died in the service; Mary married Patrick Lydick (they were the great-grandparents of J. A. C. Ruffner, of Indiana, Pa.); James married Elizabeth Stuchel; Samuel married Mary McCall; Joseph married Elizabeth Boyd; Jane married Robert Morrison; Hannah married Daniel Morrison.

William McHenry, son of Isaac and Jane, was born in 1770, and died in 1855, aged eighty-four years. He was with Anthony Wayne, serving in Ohio during the Indian troubles in 1793 and 1794. He married Sidney Gordon, and among their grandchildren is Squire McHenry, of Spangler, Pa., whose mother was a Row.

William McHenry, son of William, was born in 1812 on the Moore farm, two miles from Indiana, Pa. In 1838 he married Elinor Sebring, daughter of William, and they have had children as follows: Deborah, deceased; Scott; William Simpson; Julia A.; John, deceased; Jackson, who married Marion Stuchel; Samuel R.; Franklin, who married Margaret McHenry Milton; Sarah J.; Clara, deceased; and Anna L.

Samuel Robert McHenry was born May 27, 1850, in White township, Indiana county, and passed his early life in White and Rayne townships, receiving his education in the public schools. When a young man of eighteen he began working out on farms, being engaged by the year, and for six years was with Harry Bryan, of White township. His wages at first were \$16 a month. When he started out on his own account he "cropped" for five years, and then bought a tract of sixty-four acres in Rayne township, where he built his home and has since resided. He has done well in his farm work, prospering to such an extent that he has added consid-

erable to his original purchase, now owning 215 acres, all in Rayne township. He is a typical representative of a family whose members have always been numbered among the good citizens of their respective communities.

Thirty-one years ago Mr. McHenry married Mary Jennie Bothel, of Rayne township, daughter of Daniel and Mary Jane Bothel, and they have been the parents of the ten following children: Mabel, who died when thirteen years old; Linus E., living on the farm, who is married to a Miss Borland; Mary Elinor, deceased; William Oliver, deceased; Maud, deceased; and John, Carl, Bessie, Mary D. and Samuel Gilbert, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. McHenry are members of the Grove Chapel Lutheran Church. In politics he gives his support to the Democratic party.

PETER STEAR, who carries on general farming in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, was born in Porter township, Jefferson Co., Pa., March 18, 1834, son of Frederick and Mary (Stiteler) Stear.

George Stear, the grandfather of Peter Stear, was a native of Huntingdon county, Pa., whence he removed to Porter township, Jefferson county, there locating on 200 acres of land. He was one of the first settlers of that section. He cleared his land, made a good home for his family, and died at the age of seventy-six years, honored and respected by all. He was twice married, first to a Miss Crissman and second to a Miss Fisher, and by his first wife he had six children, as follows: Frederick; George, a blacksmith of Smicksburg; John, also a blacksmith at that place; Rebecca, who married Thomas Lukehart, and lived at Plumville, Pa.; Betsy, who married David Fleck, and lived in West Mahoning township; and Maria, who married Joseph Robinson, and lived at Troy, Pa. By his second wife he had eight children: David, a merchant and farmer of Trade City, Pa.; Jacob, who was a miller and was proprietor of the Stear mill; Ephraim and Enoch, residents of Smicksburg; Marion, who was in the mercantile business with his brother at Trade City; William, who lived at Smicksburg, and was killed in a coal bank; Eliza, who married Joseph Weaver and (second) William Weaver, and lived at Plumville; and Caroline, widow of Joseph McIntire, who makes her home at Smicksburg.

Frederick Stear, son of George Stear, and father of Peter Stear, received but few opportunities to gain an education in his boy-

hood. As a young man he settled on a farm one and a half miles north of North Point, Pa., on the old Stear homestead in Jefferson county, and there continued to live until his death, at the age of seventy-six years, his wife passing away when seventy-seven. A Democrat in politics, Mr. Stear served in the capacity of constable and in various other offices, and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. They had fourteen children, as follows: Lizzie, who died in infancy; Susan, the widow of William Moses, of Jefferson county; David, retired, formerly a farmer on the old home place, and now living in Punxsutawney; Peter; John C., a merchant at North Point, Pa.; William, a blacksmith at Punxsutawney; Melissa, deceased, who married James Brown, of Hamilton, Pa.; and seven children who died young.

Peter Stear attended the old log school-house located two and a half miles from his home, and which was equipped with slab seats, puncheon floor, and writing desks crudely fashioned and fastened to the wall. At that time school kept only four months in the year, and he spent the rest of the time in assisting his father with the work on the home place. He also learned the blacksmith trade. In 1861 he went to Worthville, Pa., where he followed his trade with William Eisenhart and Samuel Miller. After serving an apprenticeship of two years he worked four years with his brother, John C. Stear, at North Point, and next went to Perrysville, Pa., where he conducted a shop for thirteen years. His next location was at Trade City, where he conducted a mercantile business four years with T. S. Neal, under the firm style of Neal & Stear. Mr. Stear was successful in this line, and on the discontinuation of the business he purchased 142 acres of land in North Mahoning township, known then as the Peter Dilts place. Here he has since continued to reside, making numerous improvements, building good structures and developing the land into one of the best farms in the township. In 1891 he built his modern residence, having the year before put up a commodious barn for his stock. General farming has occupied his attention, and his ventures have met with the success that they deserve.

On March 1, 1866, Mr. Stear was married to Sarah Neal, who was born at North Point, Pa., daughter of John and Rachel Neal, the former of North Mahoning township and the latter of Hamilton, Pa. Her people were pioneers, and owned the land upon which the

present town of Perryville stands. John Neal was a farmer and drover and a man widely and favorably known. He was accidentally killed, on the railroad, Oct. 28, 1903, and his wife followed him to the grave in October, 1906. They were members of the United Brethren Church, and he was a Republican in politics. Their children were as follows: Cynthia, the widow of Joseph Coon, of North Mahoning township; T. S., of Trade City, Pa., ex-sheriff, farmer and merchant; Martha, the widow of William McKillip, of West Mahoning township; George, deceased, a farmer, who married Lucinda Van Horn, of North Point, Pa.; Aaron, of Seattle, Wash., a race horseman, dealer and breeder of fast horses (he married Maggie Morgan, who is now deceased); Sarah, the wife of Mr. Stear; Emma, living on the old place in West Mahoning township, who married Frank O'Hara; Josiah, a detective, living in Indiana, Pa.; William R., a traveling salesman, of Punxsutawney, Pa., who married Cora Winslow; and Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Austin Struekard, of Jefferson county.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stear: Della E., married W. C. Brown, a mine man, of Marehand, Pa., and died June 19, 1910, leaving three children, Ruth, Sarah and Samuel; Laura G., married T. S. Whittaker, of Georgeville, Pa., and has one son, Albert; A. Floyd, of DuBois, formerly a bookkeeper in the B. R. & P. Railroad Company's offices, now a civil engineer, is a graduate of the Scranton (Pa.) School of Drawing, and was a chainman for one year (he married Bertha Butler, of Georgeville).

Mr. Stear is a Republican in his political views, and has held various township offices within the gift of his fellow citizens. For the last thirty-six years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has been active in church and charitable work, and has served many years in the capacity of steward. During his long residence in this community he has made friends, and everywhere he is recognized as a man of the strictest integrity.

ABRAHAM B. BENNETT, now living retired at Strongstown, was born in what was then Pine (now Buffington) township, Indiana county, Aug. 13, 1835. He is the representative of a family whose members for many years have been associated with much of the progress and growth of Indiana county.

John Bennett, the founder of the family in America, left his native England when a

young man, and coming to the United States first settled in West Virginia, then a portion of Virginia. Later he came to Indiana county, Pa., locating in what is now Buffington township, where he secured over one hundred acres of land. This property was wooded and he cleared the greater portion of it, developing a fine farm from it before his death, which occurred in Buffington township at the home of his son Michael Bennett; he is buried at Strongstown. He and his wife became the parents of children as follows: William, Margaret (Peggy), Michael, Peter, Katie, Jacob and Abraham.

William Bennett, son of John Bennett, was born in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pa., but grew to manhood in Buffington township. He learned and followed blacksmithing, but later became an agriculturist in that township, where his death occurred when he was only forty-eight years old. His remains were laid to rest at Strongstown, Pa. He was a member of the Methodist Church and was a class leader for many years. At one time he belonged to the old State militia, and was a fifer.

William Bennett married Elizabeth Baley, a daughter of Samuel Baley, and they had children as follows: John, who died in Brushvalley township; Mary, who married Adam Moses and died in Armstrong county, Pa.; Catherine, who married Thomas Swartzwalder, and died in Armstrong county, Pa.; David, who went out to California in 1849, and was never afterward heard from; Wesley, who died young; Abraham B.; James, who is living at Strongstown, retired; Susan Ann, who married John Campbell, and died in Armstrong county, Pa.; Sarah, who died young; Margaret Jane, who married George McCutcheon and is living in Brushvalley township; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Whitehead and is living in Missouri; and Lucinda, who died young.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Baley) Bennett married (second) Samuel McAdams, and they had two children: Alexander, who is living at Strongstown; and Samuel, living at Seward, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Mrs. McAdams lived to be seventy-nine years old, and was buried at Strongstown.

Abraham B. Bennett grew up on the farm, becoming familiar with agricultural work from boyhood and meantime studying at the local schools. When old enough he began learning the blacksmith trade at Indiana, and followed it about five years at that point, thence going to Blairsville, Pa., where he

spent a year. He then went to Bells Mills, Indiana Co., Pa., and spent two years, following which he was at Heshbon for three years, building the first house at that place, in 1861. At the expiration of the three years he went to Buffington township and purchased a farm of about 250 acres, located three miles from Dilltown. To this he has added from time to time until he owns 800 acres, all in Buffington township, about half of which is cleared, and very productive farm land. His sons are now attending to its cultivation. While living in Buffington township, Mr. Bennett continued to work at his trade, having built a shop there, and he finally came to Strongstown, in June, 1889. That year he erected a handsome residence at Strongstown, as well as a shop 16x20 feet, one and one half stories high, continuing work at his trade for twelve years, since when he has lived retired. Mr. Bennett conducted the "Kinter House" for a year, in 1893.

On Feb. 1, 1855, Mr. Bennett was married, at Indiana, Pa., to Margaret McAdams, a daughter of Samuel and Agnes (Morrow) McAdams. Mrs. Bennett was born in Scotland Oct. 23, 1836, and came to the United States with her mother when eleven years old. They located in New York City, where the mother passed away, and the child then lived in Huntingdon county, Pa., and later in Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett became the parents of the following family: Annie S., born Oct. 25, 1856, married Oliver McKelvy, and is deceased; John died at the age of four years; James died when nine months old; Harry W., born Sept. 2, 1863, married Mary Ann Graham, and is farming in Buffington township; Charles W., born May 27, 1866, married Catherine Petticoord, and is living at Vintondale, Pa.; Elizabeth died at the age of seven years; William T., born Aug. 13, 1870, now farming in Buffington township, married Mary Gertrude Orner; Alexander, born Dec. 4, 1872, married Jennie Bracken, is a stock dealer and lives at Indiana, Pa.; Cora A., born May 24, 1876, married Allen Graham, and died when only twenty-one years old (she is buried at Strongstown, Pa.).

Mr. Bennett is a Republican in political principle, but has at times, as his conscience dictated, supported the Washington Prohibition, Keystone and People's parties. He served as supervisor of Buffington township four years, and was constable of that township for six years. For many years Mr. Bennett has been a consistent and earnest mem-



ber of the Methodist Church of Strongstown, serving as steward, exhorter, trustee, class leader, and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

During the Civil war Mr. Bennett enlisted, July 30, 1864, from Indiana county, for one year's service, in Company E, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. James Kearney and Col. J. C. Carpenter. He was mustered in at Greensburg, Pa., and assigned to the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 3d Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, and sent to Baltimore, Md., and Annapolis, being on guard duty along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad during the operations in the Shenandoah valley. This command participated in the engagements at Winchester; the Wilderness, May 5, 1864; Trevillian Station, June 11-12, 1864; Petersburg, June 16-30, 1864; Ream's Station, Aug. 25, 1864; Winchester Gap, Sept. 14, 1864; Fisher's Hill, Sept. 22, 1864; Cedar Creek, Oct. 19, 1864; Petersburg, April 2, 1865; and Appomattox Court House, April 9, 1865. Mr. Bennett shared the fortunes of his regiment in all the battles which took place during his service. He was honorably discharged June 20, 1865, near Washington, D. C., by general order of the War Department. For years he has been a member of Indiana Post, No. 28, G. A. R.

CHARLES HENRY PEARCE, present supervisor of Banks township, Indiana county, is one of the progressive and thrifty farmer citizens of that township, where he has spent all his life. He was born there Nov. 28, 1873, son of Andrew and Catherine (Cochran) Pearce, the former also a native of Indiana county, the latter of Armstrong county, Pa. Andrew Pearce was a lumberman and farmer by vocation.

Charles Henry Pearce attended public school in Banks township, was reared on the farm, and as he became old enough worked at lumbering, in which he continued for a number of years, still giving part of his time to that occupation. In 1904 he bought the farm of fifty-four acres at Johnsonburg, in Banks township, where he has since had his home. He is enterprising and up-to-date in his agricultural work, in which he has been very successful. Mr. Pearce has served the public in various capacities, having been school director for some time, and at present holding the office of supervisor. He is capable, and an efficient worker for any cause he espouses, and he has been one of the most active men in his locality in the Republican

party, being practically its leader in his end of Banks township. His religious connection is with the M. E. Church, and socially he belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America and to the Knights of Pythias.

On April 26, 1897, Mr. Pearce married Laura States, of Indiana county, daughter of Aaron and Maria (Sieger) States, farming people. To them have been born three children: Andrew Quinn, Joseph Earl and Edna Mildred.

JAMES BROWN GRAHAM, of Buffington township, Indiana county, was born there May 12, 1847, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Brown) Graham, and is a great-grandson of John Graham, the pioneer of the family in this region, who was an early settler in what is now Buffington township, locating on a tract of 200 acres upon which he made the first improvements, and which has since been occupied by his descendants. Here he married Ann Henry, daughter of John Henry, and they had children as follows: James; Samuel, who married Mary Marshall; John; Jane (Jennie), who married William Duncan; Ann, who married John Duncan; Mary, who married Maj. James Stewart; Margaret, who married John Lemon; William; and Sarah, who married Joseph (or Samuel) Duncan.

John Graham, son of John and Ann (Henry) Graham, married Rebecca Stephens, and they had a family of nine children, namely: Samuel; Ann, who married Robert Woodsides and (second) John Sadler; Rebecca, deceased, who married Mark McFeaters and resided in Brushvalley; James (died in Green township, this county), who married Ada Lyde and had children, Lucy (wife of Calvin Leasure), Miriam (wife of Shed Connor), Exie (married David R. Williams), Mary (married Mathew Streams) and Gibson (married); Joseph, who died young; Benjamin, who died young; Miriam, who married Hugh Cameron; John, who died at the age of twenty-two years; and Jane, who married James C. Dick, and had children, Maggie, Annie and John. All this family were born in the house of hewed logs built by the father, John Graham, on the farm he developed. He cleared considerable land and followed farming all his life.

Samuel Graham, son of John and Rebecca (Stephens) Graham, was born Oct. 22, 1817, in Buffington township, and what education he acquired was obtained in the subscription schools there. He became very well-to-do,

becoming the owner of a farm of 400 acres, followed farming and stock raising rather extensively, and also ran a sawmill and did considerable lumbering. During his residence in Buffington he was one of its most active citizens, in regard to both business and public matters, serving as justice of the peace (fifteen years), tax collector, auditor and supervisor; he was also a leading member of the M. E. Church there, and held the offices of steward and trustee. In the fall of 1872 he went west to Cozad, Nebr., and bought a farm of 640 acres upon which he carried on farming on a large scale, also becoming extensively interested in stock raising. There he passed the remainder of his life. He married Elizabeth Brown, who was born Jan. 4, 1819, daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Bowers) Brown, and they died at their home in Nebraska in 1897, Mrs. Graham in April and Mr. Graham in August. They were buried at Cozad. Mr. and Mrs. Graham were the parents of seven children: Mary M., born April 7, 1841, died unmarried. Rebecca, born Feb. 19, 1843, married William Sides and resides in Pine township, this county; they have children, Loie, Maggie and Lowney. Amos, born June 14, 1845, married Marinda Dick and resides in Johnstown, Pa., where he is employed by the Cambria Steel Company. James B. is mentioned below. Susan, born Sept. 5, 1850, married Abner Griffitt, and died in 1906. Watson Thompson, born July 30, 1858, is now engaged in fruit growing in the Wenatchee valley, in Washington; he is married. One child died in infancy.

James Brown Graham obtained his education in the local public schools, but his advantages in that line were none too liberal. He learned the trade of carpenter with William Keys, of Janesville, with whom he remained one year, after which he was engaged as a journeyman, being in the employ of Gering & Miller for a time. He then returned to the home place, and settled there permanently when his father moved to the West, buying this property in 1873. Altogether he had six hundred acres in Buffington township and 180 acres in Cambria county (the latter purchased from the J. W. Duncan heirs), where he ran a sawmill and engaged to a considerable extent in lumbering, the Red Mill belonging to this property. He carried on milling in connection with his general farming and stock raising operations. In his earlier years Mr. Graham also did contracting and building. He was energetic and enterprising, and may justly be called a self-

made man, for he advanced entirely through his own efforts, leading an industrious and honorable life. He is now enjoying his ease, only occasionally taking an active part in affairs, and well deserves the respite from hard work he is having. A number of years ago he met with a serious accident, cutting himself with an ax, which incapacitated him for three years, during which time his wife proved herself a capable and loyal helpmate, looking after affairs until he was able to resume work. His reliability has been given substantial recognition by his fellow citizens, who have chosen him to various local positions, and he has given satisfactory service as justice of the peace (which office he held fifteen years), notary public (twelve years), tax collector, township auditor and member of the election board. Politically he is a Republican. In 1864, when seventeen years old, Mr. Graham enlisted in Company I, 206th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served to the close of the war, receiving his discharge June 27, 1865.

On Dec. 27, 1871, Mr. Graham was married to Elizabeth Jane Gibson, who was born Jan. 14, 1845, in Cherryhill township, Indiana Co., Pa., daughter of Joseph and Ann (Dunwoodie) Gibson, and died June 20, 1911. She was laid to rest in Pineland cemetery at Strongstown, in Pine township, this county. Mrs. Graham was a devoted wife and mother, beloved by all who knew her, whether in or outside of the family circle, and many friends in Buffington township mourned her demise. She was a devout member of the M. E. Church. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Graham, namely: (1) Wilber Earl, born June 6, 1873, is engaged in the lumber business in association with Bruce Wagner in Buffington township. (2) Florence Pearl, born Sept. 14, 1876, taught school for a time, married F. C. Laney, and resides in Homer City, this county. (3) Ann Elizabeth, born May 17, 1879, now keeps house for her father and runs the dairy business on the farm, also raising a large number of chickens. She makes two trips a week to Vintondale with her butter and eggs, and is also agent in the district for a New York cloak house and the Larkin Soap Company, having made a decided success of this venture as well as of everything else she has undertaken. She is ambitious and enterprising, and has proved herself a thoroughly capable business woman. (4) Victor Tyron, born Nov. 30, 1881, is a farmer of Buffington township. He married Bertha Carney, of Pine township. (5)

Aubry Leland, born Feb. 24, 1884, married Elsie Lingenfeld, and they reside at Homer City, this county. (6) Chalmers Dick, born July 12, 1886, died July 13, 1887. (7) One child died in infancy.

WILLIAM B. WARDROP, superintendent at Iselin, Indiana county, for the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company, has been engaged in mine work all his life, and has risen to his present position of responsibility by efficient and intelligent service. He was born in June, 1869, in Tioga county, Pa., son of William and Elizabeth (Allen) Wardrop, natives of Scotland. When the father came to America he settled at Fallbrook, Tioga Co., Pa., later moving to Jefferson county, this State, and he followed mining at both locations. He died at the latter place, and his wife also died in Jefferson county. They were the parents of thirteen children, of whom William B. was fourth in the order of birth.

William B. Wardrop received his education in the public schools. He was only nine years old when he began work in and around the mines. For seven years he was employed in McKean county, and was next at Dubois, in Clearfield county, in which section he was engaged in mining for a period of ten years. From there he transferred to Adrian, Jefferson county, where he was in the employ of the Rochester & Pittsburg Company, was subsequently at Florence for a short time, and then went to Eleanora, a town six miles from Florence, where he became mine foreman and remained for five years. At the end of that time he came to Iselin, where on Aug. 21, 1912, he became superintendent for the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company, having charge of five plants; 1,650 men are employed in this district. Mr. Wardrop is a trustworthy, reliable man, and has won the respect of the many employees under his direction and the warm appreciation of his employers. He is a public-spirited citizen, and while a resident of Jefferson county served four years as member of the school board of his township.

Mr. Wardrop married Lottie Tulowetzki, and they have had six children: William, who died when four months old; Herbert, who is in the employ of the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company at Iselin; Charles, a clerk in the company store at Iselin; Martha, Mildred and William (2), at school. Mr. Wardrop and his family are Presbyterians in religious connection, but attend the Union Church at Iselin. Socially he is a Mason and member of the B. P. O. Elks, belonging to John M.

Reed Lodge, No. 536, F. & A. M., of Reynoldsville, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Brookville Royal Arch Chapter, No. 225; Bethany Chapter, of Dubois, Pa.; Jaffa Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Altoona, Pa.; and B. P. O. Elks Lodge No. 519, of Reynoldsville. Politically he is a Republican.

JOHN ELDER KEIBLER, familiarly known as E. J. Keibler, a farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born July 3, 1852, in Lewisville, Indiana county, son of Joseph P. and Violet (Elder) Keibler.

Jacob Keibler, his grandfather, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he spent his entire life, a farmer by occupation. He married Catherine Piper, and they had children as follows: George, Jacob, Joseph P., John, and two or more daughters.

Joseph P. Keibler moved to Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county, where he bought 130 acres of land and operated it in conjunction with working at his trade, blacksmithing. He built a shop on his property and labored industriously. When his country had need of his services he enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment, serving from 1861 until the close of the Civil war. As he advanced in years, he became prominent in his township, serving three terms as a justice of the peace, as well as in various township offices. A consistent member of the United Presbyterian Church, he served as elder from early manhood until his death, which occurred on his farm in 1892, when he was sixty-five years old. His wife died in 1894, aged sixty-two years. She, too, was a Presbyterian in religious connection. Joseph P. Keibler was secretary of the Armstrong Mutual Fire Insurance Company. The children born to him and his wife were: John Elder; Isabelle, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Rebecca, who married Laurentius Neff, deceased; Wallace, who died at the age of nineteen years; Sadie, who died at the age of fifteen years; and Ida, who married William Luekhart, of Indiana county.

John Elder Keibler grew up on his father's homestead in Armstrong county and attended the common schools of the neighborhood. He learned his father's trade, and followed it, also working on the farm. After his marriage Mr. Keibler operated the Samuel Hoover farm, near Smicksburg, Indiana county, for one year, and then for another year was on the farm of his father-in-law, at Atwood, Armstrong county. At the end of this time he was able to buy eighty acres of land in

Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county. After remaining on this property for five years, he sold, and in December, 1887, bought his present farm of 140 acres in Armstrong township, Indiana county, which has continued to be his home ever since. He has greatly improved his property, having now excellent buildings and appliances, while his land is in a high state of cultivation.

On Nov. 8, 1875, Mr. Keibler was married to Mary Theressa McCullough, who was born June 12, 1857, at Red Bank Furnace, Clarion Co., Pa., daughter of David and Jane (Downey) McCullough, natives of Pennsylvania. When Mrs. Keibler was one year old her parents brought her to Armstrong township, Indiana county, and when she was four years old they moved to Cowanshannock township, Armstrong county. There she grew to womanhood, gaining an excellent education. Mr. and Mrs. Keibler have become the parents of children as follows: Bertha May, Wilbur Reed, Turza Mayme, Dora Alice, John Clarence, James G. Blaine, Elsie Pearl, Paul McCullough, Helen Marie, Murray McKinley and Viola Grace.

Mr. Keibler is a Republican, although his father was a Democrat, and he is interested in the passage and enforcement of such laws as will secure good government and the protection of the agriculturist. The Keibler family is deservedly ranked among the substantial people of Indiana and Armstrong counties, and its representatives fully sustain the high standards established by their forefathers in earlier days.

ARCHIE A. BENNETT, hotel-keeper at Strongstown, Pa., belongs to a family of English extraction founded in Indiana county by his great-grandfather, John Bennett.

John Bennett left his native England when a young man, and coming to the United States first settled in West Virginia, then a portion of Virginia, later coming to Indiana county, Pa., and locating in what is now Buffington township, where he secured over one hundred acres of land. This property was wooded and he cleared the greater portion of it, developing a fine farm from it before his death, which occurred in Buffington township at the home of his son Michael Bennett; he is buried at Strongstown. He and his wife became the parents of children as follows: William, Margaret (Peggy), Michael, Peter, Katie, Jacob and Abraham.

William Bennett, son of John, was born in the vicinity of Pittsburg, Pa., and grew to

manhood in Buffington township. He learned and followed blacksmithing, but later became an agriculturist in that township, where his death occurred when he was forty-eight years old. His remains were laid to rest at Strongstown, Pa. He was a member of the Methodist Church and was a class leader for many years. At one time he belonged to the old State militia, and was a fifer.

William Bennett married Elizabeth Baley, daughter of Samuel Baley, and they had children as follows: John, who died in Brushvalley township, this county; Mary, who married Adam Moses and died in Armstrong county, Pa.; Catherine, who married Thomas Swartzwalder, and died in Armstrong county, Pa.; David, who went out to California in 1849, and was never heard from afterward; Wesley, who died young; Abraham B.; James, who is living retired at Strongstown; Susan Ann, who married John Campbell, and died in Armstrong county, Pa.; Sarah, who died young; Margaret Jane, who married George McCutcheon and is living in Brushvalley township; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Whitehead and is living in Missouri; and Lucinda, who died young.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Baley) Bennett married (second) Samuel McAdams, and they had two children: Alexander, who is living at Strongstown; and Samuel, of Seward, Westmoreland Co., Pa. Mrs. McAdams lived to be seventy-nine years old, and was buried at Strongstown.

James Bennett, son of William and Elizabeth (Baley) Bennett, was born in Buffington township, and became a farmer and stonemason. Until 1874 he operated a farm in Buffington township, in that year going to Cambria county, Pa., where he bought a farm which he carried on until 1900. Then he came to Pine township, Indiana county, and continued agricultural operations for two years more, since when he has lived retired at Strongstown. During the Civil war he served in Company E, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a sharpshooter, and took part in many notable engagements; his period of service extended over eleven months and he was discharged at the close of the war.

James Bennett married Elizabeth Shultz, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Cramer) Schultz, and they had two children: Nancy, who married James Marsh, and lives in Blacklick township, Cambria county, on the old homestead of the Bennett family; and Archie A.

Archie A. Bennett was born Jan. 1, 1864, in Buffington township, Indiana county. He attended public school in Cambria county, and a summer school taught by Professor Garaway, and worked for his father, with whom he is still associated in business interests. Until he was forty years old Mr. Bennett continued farming, in 1904 coming to Strongstown, where he was in the general mercantile business for six years, also acting as agent for agricultural implements and repairs on same, and dealing in corn, oats, chop flour and mill feeds. He had the store at the corner of Main and Buffington streets. His sons were in partnership with him for some time, the firm being known as A. A. Bennett & Sons. Mr. Bennett has since been engaged in the hotel business, as proprietor of the "Bennett House," which he conducts for the accommodation of travelers who appreciate the fact that he carries no license for the sale of intoxicants.

Archie A. Bennett married Jane Marsh, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Dias) Marsh, and they are the parents of the following children: (1) Andrew M., who lives at and operates the White mill, in Blacklick township, Cambria Co., Pa., was always a good shot and is now making a practical use of his skill as crack shot for the Winchester Fire Arms people; he married Lola Williams. (2) J. Walter, who is at Calvert, Pa., in the employ of a coal company, married Lida Ondreizek. (3) Elvira married Alton Strong, a farmer, of Strongstown, Pa. (4) Mayme lives at home. (5) Ann E., at home, is organist for the Methodist Church. (6) Alton Smith and (7) Grace are at home.

Mr. Bennett was commissioned a notary public and is now serving his second term. His reliability and conscientiousness makes him appreciate the responsibilities of that office. In politics he is a Republican. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church at Strongstown, and is serving it as member of the board of trustees and secretary of that board. The Bennett family is well known, and its representatives stand high in public opinion, for they are citizens of steadfast purpose and untiring zeal in promoting the general welfare.

HENRY G. WINGERT (deceased) was a well-known and much respected citizen of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he had extensive interests as a farmer, lumberman and general storekeeper. He was

born in Young township, Jefferson Co., Pa., June 16, 1844, son of Henry G. Wingert.

Henry G. Wingert, the father, was born in Germany, near the city of Berlin. When he came to the United States he settled in Jefferson county, Pa., where he died.

Henry G. Wingert, son of Henry G. Wingert, grew to manhood in Jefferson county and owned 300 acres of land there, on which he carried on farming and lumbering. He remained there until 1887, when he moved to Indiana county and went into the general store business at Marchand, conducting same in connection with the operation of his farm of 146 acres. His death occurred at Marchand Oct. 19, 1897. He was a member of the Reformed Church at Punxsutawney. In politics he was a Democrat, but never held any public office. For many years he was a member of John W. Jenks Lodge, No. 534, F. & A. M., at Punxsutawney.

On Dec. 30, 1873, Mr. Wingert married Rosanna Noerr, a daughter of George and Catherine Barbara (Hoffman) Noerr, and they had the following children: Emma, who married Samuel Wassam, of Cherrytree; Samuel Tilden, who lives at Summerville, Pa.; Milton, who is deceased; Charlotte, who is a school teacher at Watsonville, Cal.; Beulah, who is the wife of William Eckert, living in Arizona; Clara, a teacher in Colorado; Laura, who is the wife of Francis Condron, living in Arizona; Charles M., living at home; Ellen, who is the wife of William Rodress, of Pittsburg; Clark W., who lives in Arizona; and Frank S., who is with his brother at Summerville.

George Noerr, father of Mrs. Henry G. Wingert, was born in Germany, near Wurttemberg, Jan. 12, 1827, and came to the United States when a young man. In the city of Pittsburg, Pa., he was married to Catherine Barbara Hoffman, who was born in Germany Oct. 23, 1828, and the following children were born to them: Rosanna is the widow of Henry G. Wingert; George M., born Feb. 12, 1854, married Ada McDowell, of McCalmont township, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Eliza B., born Aug. 9, 1856, married James North, of Punxsutawney, and died Nov. 6, 1901; John, born Sept. 30, 1858, married Susanna Zimmerman; Sophia M., born Sept. 10, 1860, married Henry Smith, of Trade City; Carl Frederick, born Oct. 16, 1862, died March 22, 1880; Mary M., born Aug. 6, 1865, died March 12, 1880; William A., born May 10, 1867, married Emma Burkett, and died Nov. 4, 1904; and Emma C., born Feb. 12,

1870, married Frank St. Clair, of DuBois, Pennsylvania.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Noerr lived on their farm of 800 acres situated in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, Mr. Noerr carrying on general farming and lumbering, building a large sawmill on his land. In 1883 he retired from active business life, and with his wife and youngest daughter moved to Punxsutawney, where he lived in comfort during the rest of his days, his death occurring fifteen years later, on May 18, 1898. His widow survives and resides with her daughter, Mrs. Wingert, at Marchand. Each of his sons inherited a farm in Jefferson county. Mr. Noerr voted the Democratic ticket and believed in the principles of that political party, but never held any office. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church at Punxsutawney.

Mrs. Rosanna Wingert was born in Jefferson county, Pa., Sept. 15, 1852, and there obtained a public school education. She remained with her parents until she was twenty-one years of age, at which time she married, and for fourteen years afterward she and Mr. Wingert continued to reside in Jefferson county, then moving to Marchand, where she has lived ever since. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Covode, Pennsylvania.

MILTON EMERSON CESSNA, of Plumville, Indiana county, dealer in lumber and builders' supplies, was born in Clearfield, Clearfield Co., Pa., March 9, 1860. The Cessna family is of French origin, but for upward of two hundred years the representatives of the family to which he belongs have made their home in America. The name was originally De Cessna.

The founder of the Cessna family in America was Count John De Cessna, who was born in the south of France, of a prominent family. He was a Huguenot, and an officer under William, Prince of Orange, during the conquest of Ireland, participating in the battle of the Boyne in 1690. Later on Count De Cessna came to the American colonies, and locating first in Lancaster county, Pa., remained there for a period, thence going to York county, same State, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1751. He married a young Irish girl named Priscilla, and they had several sons, some of whom settled at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania.

John Cessna (2), son of John and Priscilla, located near Shippensburg, where he

was engaged in farming until he was captured by the Indians while working in his field about seven miles from Shippensburg, July 18, 1757, together with two of his sons and others.

John Cessna (3), son of John (2), was born Jan. 26, 1726, at Shippensburg, Pa., and moved to Bedford county, Pa., where in 1765 he bought a farm at Friends Cove, near Rainsburg, in Colerain township, which is still in the family. He took a very active part in the public affairs of Pennsylvania in his day, being a member of the constitutional convention of 1774 which drafted the first constitution of the State. As major of a regiment he took a patriotic part in the Revolutionary war, and later was sheriff of Bedford county for six years, from 1789, serving three terms of two years each, giving his country and community distinguished service. He died March 31, 1802. His first wife, Sarah Rose, born Feb. 6, 1740, died July 1, 1788, the mother of children as follows: Jonathan, born Nov. 16, 1760; Rachel, born Aug. 1, 1762; John, born Dec. 8, 1764; Stephen, born Dec. 26, 1766; Elizabeth, born Dec. 1, 1768; William, born June 20, 1775; and others. Mr. Cessna's second marriage was to Elizabeth Hall, and by this union he had four children: Evan, Charles, James, and a daughter who died at the age of twenty.

Charles Cessna, son of John and Elizabeth (Hall) Cessna, was born in the homestead at Friends Cove, in Colerain township, Bedford Co., Pa., March 10, 1789. He married Katherine Smouse and they had the following children: George, William, Elizabeth, John, Annie, Betsy, Mary and Charles Washington. Mr. Cessna lived during his latter days at Blairsville, Indiana Co., Pa., where he died in 1829, while still in the very prime of life.

John Cessna, son of Charles and Katherine Cessna, was born at Blairsville, and was only five years old when he had the misfortune to lose his father. After he attained his majority he moved to Jefferson county, and there was engaged in lumbering, and later went to Clearfield county, continuing his lumber operations until 1866, when he settled near Smithport, in Banks township, Indiana Co., Pa. There he ran a sawmill and dealt in lumber the remainder of his life, also farming. He passed away in 1893. He was a Democrat politically while in religious faith he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John Cessna married first a Miss Martin, who was born in Clearfield, and they had children as follows: George, who resides at Hortons, Pa.; William, who is deceased; Catherine, who died young; Kutora, deceased; and Eliza, who married Joseph Coy. By his second marriage, to Abigail Keslar, there were the following children: Sarah A., who married T. J. Hickox, of Jefferson county, Pa.; Milton Emerson; Ida, who married A. M. Tyger, of Canoe township; Lillie, who married H. G. Bowers, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Mildred I., who married H. C. Tyger, of Rochester Mills; Melissa E., who married Frank F. McCall, of Punxsutawney; John, who died in childhood; and Ai, who also died in childhood.

Milton Emerson Cessna was only six years old when the family moved to Indiana county, so that he passed practically all his early life in this locality. He was sent to school at Smithport, and began working on the home farm in childhood, and in his father's saw-mill. He continued in the lumber business with his father until the death of the latter, after which he carried it on alone, and was also interested in farming until 1904, when he rented the farm and moved to Indiana. There he formed a partnership with H. B. Engle, a dealer in builders' supplies. This association lasted for a year, when Mr. Cessna sold in 1905, coming to Plumville to establish himself in the business he has since carried on. He manufactures and deals in lumber of all kinds, and makes stair work and interior finish outside of Indiana, doing the largest business of the kind in the county. Mr. Cessna has erected a fine plant and store, and also three residences. Outside of contributing in this way to the material improvement of the town he has been interested in securing its municipal and moral advancement in other ways and is justly recognized as one of its leading men. Politically he is a Democrat.

On Sept. 16, 1885, Mr. Cessna was married in Banks township to Martha J. Bowers, born in Jefferson county, Pa., a daughter of Jacob Bowers. Mr. and Mrs. Cessna have had ten children: Harvey George, who is with the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Co., married in 1907 Pauline Bridenstine, and they have three children, Harold, Martha and a baby; Clyde Emerson, who is at home, married Ada Crawford, and they have one child, Ralph Milton; Glenn is in Montana; Quay is working for the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Co.; John, Ellen, Jacob and Arthur are

at home; Maria was killed by an accident; Wayne is at home.

Mr. Cessna is a member of the Knights of Pythias at Sagamore and the Odd Fellows at Plumville. A man of unusual business ability and fine principles, he has not only tried to make a success of his own affairs, but to live as a useful citizen. He is a worthy representative of an honored family.

THOMAS WIGGINS, one of the honored residents of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born in White township, this county, two miles from Indiana, Sept. 1, 1830, son of James and Mary (Ramsey) Wiggins. He was the youngest of a family of eleven children and is the only surviving member.

Mr. Wiggins grew to manhood in this county and was reared to agricultural life. After his marriage he farmed in different places. In 1852 Mr. Wiggins was married to Sarah Jane McCullom, born Sept. 3, 1828, in the vicinity of Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of David and Hannah (Brown) McCullom, the latter from Mercer county, Pa. Mrs. Wiggins grew to womanhood in Armstrong township, Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins became the parents of children as follows: James Wilson, who married Laura Agnes Lawrence, lives in Cambria county; Hannah Jane is Mrs. James Calhoun; Mary Ann is the widow of John Lowry; Della married John Little and lives at Indiana; Sarah C. died when seven years old; Margaret, who is Mrs. Alfred Street, lives at home; David H., who married Jennie Lewis, lives at Indiana; Samuel Blair, who married Jennie McAdoo, lives at Vandergrift; Andrew Harvey, who married Maggie McCurdy, lives in Armstrong township; and Elva E., who married Bruce Fitzgerald, lives in Cone-maugh township.

Mr. Wiggins belongs to the United Presbyterian Church at Shelocta. Politically he is a Democrat, but not active, and has never sought public office. Always a hard-working man, he has fully earned the comforts with which he is now surrounded, as well as the confidence and respect of his neighbors.

WILLIAM JAMES GRAHAM is engaged in general farming, teaming and lumbering in Buffington township, Indiana county, where he is owner of a fine farm of 205 acres, composed of two tracts owned formerly by his father and grandfather. He is a great-grandson of John Graham, the pioneer of the

family in this region, who was an early settler in what is now Buffington township, locating on a tract of 200 acres upon which he made the first improvements, and which has since been occupied by his descendants. Here he married Ann Henry, and they had children as follows: James; Samuel, who married Mary Marshall; John, who married Rebecca Stephens; Jane (Jennie), who married William Duncan; Ann, who married John Duncan; Mary, who married Maj. James Stewart; Margaret, who married John Lemon; William; and Sarah, who married Joseph or Samuel Duncan.

William Graham, son of John and Ann (Henry) Graham, was born July 22, 1805, in what is now Buffington township, and here followed agricultural pursuits, in which he prospered, acquiring the ownership of five farms, with a total area of over seven hundred acres. He raised a large amount of stock. His home was always on the place settled by his father, now occupied by his grandson Allen S. Graham. He was one of the influential citizens of the township in his day. His wife, Mary (McFeaters), born Nov. 27, 1808, died Feb. 23, 1871, surviving him a number of years, his death having occurred June 8, 1853. They were buried in the McCartney cemetery in Buffington township. We have the following record of the ten children born to them: John, born July 18, 1829, died Nov. 13, 1829. William, born Aug. 21, 1830, married Jane Duncan; during the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and had served about fifteen months when he was killed, May 20, 1864, in the battle of the Wilderness. James, born Jan. 30, 1833, made his home in Worth county, Mo., and died in 1906; during the Civil war he served nearly three years in Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was captured, being held prisoner at Belle Isle for eight weeks; he married Z. Lydia, and they had children, William S., John W., Harry S. and Robert. John (2), born Oct. 12, 1835, married Mrs. Annie (Davis) Hanna, and died Aug. 3, 1903. Andrew, born Nov. 27, 1837, died Feb. 1, 1838. Samuel is mentioned below. Nancy Jane, born Dec. 20, 1841, married William H. Robertson, and died in 1872. A daughter died in infancy in June, 1847. Robert S., born June 28, 1847, served during the Civil war in the 2d Battalion, Pennsylvania six months' volunteers; he now resides in Worth county, Mo.; he married Jenima Emfield, and they have children, Chalmers D., Edward

and Minnie. A son born in 1850 died the same year.

Samuel Graham was born Feb. 4, 1839, on the old homestead in Buffington township, and helped with the farm work there until he reached his majority. He then bought from his uncle a tract of 220 acres, upon which he engaged in farming, and he also followed lumbering and the carpenter's trade, making railroad ties and contracting; he made a specialty of building frame houses. He was a good business man, and though he gave his private affairs proper attention also found time to take part in public matters, serving his township as supervisor and school director; he was a staunch Republican and took an interest in the success of the party, and he served as member of the township election board. In religion he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He died July 7, 1908, after an active and useful career which brought him honorable standing among his fellow men.

Mr. Graham married Sarah Ann Blades, who died July 18, 1887. They had a family of eleven children, viz.: Mary Ann, who married Harry Bennett; Emma Jane, who married George Wyke; Cora Agnes, who died when nineteen years old; Charles Grant, deceased, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, who married Maud Siler; Elmer Clark, deceased, who married Maria Stilts; John W., deceased; William James; Stewart, deceased, who married Minnie Hill; Louisa, who married Martin Orner and resides in Johnstown, Pa.; Frank, deceased; and Samuel, deceased.

William James Graham was born March 15, 1872, in Buffington township, and there received a public school education, attending the Grove school. He worked with his parents helping to cultivate the home farm, until 1899, when he took a position in the round-house of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Conemaugh, being employed there two years. He next worked at Milton Gamble's sawmill, and afterward for Kate Walters for a number of years. Then he learned the trade of carpenter with Highland & Patterson, the contractors. Upon the death of his father he returned to the home place and settled down to farming, buying out the other heirs. He now owns and operates 205 acres in all, his grandfather's farm of 120 acres and his father's place of eighty-five acres. It is a fine piece of property, and he is successfully carrying on general farming, including the growing of small fruits, teaming and lum-



bering, his various interests yielding him a most comfortable income. Like his father he has taken considerable interest in politics as a member of the Republican party, and has been judge and inspector of election. He has also served as clerk of his township. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Graham was married to Sadie E. Sower, daughter of Whittlesey James and Emma (Dodson) Sower, and they have had five children, born as follows: Geraldine, 1899; Vera Pearl, 1901; Cora Fay, 1905; Mary LeM., October, 1907; and Vivian May, Sept. 21, 1911.

WILLIAM GRAY TRAVIS, deceased, who will be remembered by the older generation as one of his community's best and most substantial citizens, spent his life in agricultural pursuits in West Mahoning township, where he was born Jan. 19, 1830, a son of John and Catherine (Cressman) Travis. His paternal grandfather founded the family in West Mahoning township, being an early settler here, and passing his life in the vicinity of Good's mill, where he followed farming.

John Travis, father of William G. Travis, was born in West Mahoning township, followed in his father's footsteps as a farmer, and spent an honorable and useful life, he and his wife passing away in this locality respected and esteemed by all with whom they were acquainted. He had the following children: Emily, who died as a child; a son who died in infancy; William Gray; and Mary Ann, who married Joseph Marshall, of Dayton, Pennsylvania.

William Gray Travis, son of John Travis, received the usual educational advantages enjoyed by the youths of his day and community. He was reared to habits of integrity, industry and sobriety, traits which characterized his whole life, and his youth and young manhood were spent on the home place and at Glade Run. A dutiful and affectionate son, he returned home and resided with his parents until they died, tenderly caring for them in their declining years and contributing to their comfort in every way. In 1856 he married Mary Jane Marshall, who was born March 12, 1836, in Wayne township, Armstrong Co., Pa., daughter of Samuel and Mary (Wadding) Marshall, the former of Irish parentage, and the latter of an old family of eastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Marshall was a prominent farmer of Wayne township, a Democrat in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church. The children

born to Mr. and Mrs. Marshall were as follows: Josephine, who lived in Wayne township, Armstrong county; Washington, who was a resident of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Caroline, who was Mrs. Good, of Dayton, Pa.; Mary Jane, who married Mr. Travis; and Harry, who lived in Armstrong county. Mrs. Travis is the only surviving member of the family.

William G. Travis was always a farmer, giving almost all of his time and attention to the cultivation of his fields and the care of his home. He was, however, a man of intelligence and progressive spirit, alive to all the real issues of the day and interested in the success of the Republican party, and held various township offices. He also was active in church work, being a well known member of the Presbyterian congregation, and could be relied upon to support movements calling for the advancement of education, morality and good citizenship. He and his wife had the following children: John, who died at the age of eight years; Samuel, a farmer of South Mahoning township, who married Anna Martin, and has four children, Malcolm, Robert, Alice and Annie; Frank, of Falls Creek, Pa., a railroad carpenter working on bridge construction, who married Dora Richey, and has children, Belle, Carl and Ruth; Lelah, who married Joseph McIntire, of Armstrong county, and has four children, Mabel, Wilbert, Clyde and Walter; Annie, who married William Beck, of Smicksburg, and has three children, Floyd, Burdette and Ellsworth; and Harry M.

Mr. Travis was one of the charter members of the Odd Fellows lodge at Smicksburg, and ever took an interest in its work. Known for his integrity in business affairs, respected for his public spirit and esteemed as a man who was ever ready to assist others, his standing in every walk of life was one much to be envied, and in his death, which occurred June 15, 1886, his section of Indiana county lost one of its best and most helpful citizens.

HARRY M. TRAVIS, son of William G. Travis, was born Jan. 13, 1879, on the old home place, and secured his education in the home schools. For a number of years he has had charge of the homestead, where he has made many improvements, having inherited his father's enterprise and progressive spirit. Like his father, he is interested in the work of the Odd Fellows, with the members of which he is very popular. He has creditably upheld the family reputation for good citizenship, business integrity and personal probity.

Mr. Travis was married to Amy Milliron, and they have two bright and interesting children, Merrill and Kathleen.

WILLIAM S. GARDNER lives on a farm in Montgomery township, Indiana county, one and a quarter miles from Glen Campbell, and is engaged in general agriculture, which has been his principal vocation. He was born in that township, Nov. 18, 1850, son of Jonathan Walker and Eliza Jane (Bennett) Gardner, the former of whom came to Indiana county about 1840, from Center county, Pa., and was a farmer and lumberman by occupation. Grandfather Gardner was a native of Scotland. Mrs. Eliza Jane (Bennett) Gardner was of German extraction, and her family were farming people. She came to this county in 1837, at the age of twelve years, from York county, and lived to the age of eighty-four. Mr. Gardner died at the age of seventy-six. They had a family of twelve children: James W., Sarah J., Annie E., William S., John B., Virtue W., Lorenzo D., Isaiah I., Harriet C., Tamzan R., Clara E. and Loverna Evaline.

William S. Gardner was born on his father's homestead in Montgomery township and received his education in the local public schools. He worked with his father at home on the farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he took up carpentering, following that trade for ten years, after which he resumed farming. He bought the old homestead, which he has since sold, however, now owning and occupying a tract of sixty acres in Montgomery township one and a quarter miles from Glen Campbell. He has devoted himself to his work, giving no time to outside affairs, though he takes a public-spirited interest in the general welfare. In political sentiment he is a Democrat.

Mr. Gardner was married June 22, 1881, to Mary Elizabeth McCracken, of Indiana county, daughter of Joseph J. and Mary Ann (Hunter) McCracken, who were born in Ireland. Mr. McCracken came to America when a child, the family settling first in Philadelphia and later coming to Indiana county. He was a farmer all his life, and died at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. McCracken died aged sixty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner have eight children, namely: Quay, who is working at Colver, Pa.; Pearl, wife of D. R. Sundertin, a miner, of Burnside, Clearfield Co., Pa.; Verna, wife of A. D. Irwin, a draftsman, of Pittsburg,

Pa.; John J., Harry, Anna, Dollie Eliza and Odell, all at home.

WILLIAM L. LUKEHART, senior member of the firm of William L. Lukehart & Son, general merchants at West Plumville, Indiana county, belongs to a family of German extraction whose first member in this county was Conrad Lukehart. He was a native of Sinking Valley, Blair Co., Pa., in which county the early ancestors of the family in America were early settlers. The name was originally spelled Lueckhart.

Coming to Indiana county about 1823-24 Conrad Lukehart located in the southwestern part of Mahoning township, purchasing a tract of three hundred acres which was then all woods. He built a log house and a round-log barn, and devoted the remainder of his active years to clearing and developing his property, which he improved greatly, making many changes which raised its value. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and became one of the most esteemed citizens of the community as well as one of the most substantial farmers of this section. He died in 1861-62, at the age of about seventy-five. He was buried in the cemetery of St. John's Lutheran Church, and his wife, Margaret (Reese), who died in 1854, is also buried there. She was like him a member of the Lutheran Church. They had children as follows: Thomas; George, who lived in Armstrong county; Conrad; Jacob, who settled in West Mahoning township, Indiana county; Joseph; Eliza, who married George Eyder; Elizabeth, who married John Eyder; Catherine, who married Levi Wells; Rebecca, who married Daniel Whittier; Margaret; Mary, who married Philip Nichols; and Sarah Ann, who married William Nichols.

Conrad Lukehart, son of Conrad, was born March 14, 1818, in Sinking Valley, Blair county, accompanied his parents to South Mahoning township, Indiana county, and there received his education in the district schools. From boyhood he was engaged in farming, commencing for himself on a tract of 100 acres which originally formed part of the home farm. He built a log house and barn, finished clearing the land and continued to improve it the rest of his life, erecting up-to-date buildings as prosperity enabled him. He engaged in general farming and stock raising, and operated the place until his death, which occurred in September, 1885. He is buried in the cemetery of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which church he

held membership. In politics he was a Republican. Mr. Lukehart was twice married, his first wife being Mary Paterson, by whom he had a son, Samuel John, a resident of Vandergrift, Pa. By his second marriage, to Elizabeth Edwards, daughter of Andrew Edwards, he had two children: William L. and Lydia Ann, the latter the wife of James Thompson, of South Mahoning township, Indiana county.

William L. Lukehart was born in May, 1856, in South Mahoning township, where he received a public school education. He began work on the home farm when a boy, and continued to assist his father until the latter's death, after which he took full charge of the homestead and cared for his mother. He did much improving on the property after he came into the ownership, built the fine frame dwelling and frame barn which now stand there, and made many changes which showed his progressive disposition. He followed general farming there until 1911, when he sold out and embarked in the mercantile business at West Plumville, buying out the interest of Charles Dickinson, whose establishment he and his son now conduct. They have been successful from the start, and enjoy a wide patronage, which obliging methods and a real interest in the demands of their trade are likely to hold.

Mr. Lukehart is a Republican and has been an active worker in the interest of his party in this locality, having served as judge of election in his township. Though not an office seeker, he has been elected supervisor, and served efficiently in that capacity. He is a leading member of St. John's Lutheran Church, with which his family has been associated for so long, was formerly deacon, and is now elder and trustee, and takes an active part in Sunday school work, being a teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In March, 1885, Mr. Lukehart was married to Ida M. Keibler, who was born in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, daughter of Joseph Keibler, and they have had two children, Wallace Robert and Smith, the latter dying young.

WALLACE ROBERT LUKEHART was born on the home farm Feb. 4, 1886, and received his early education in the local public schools, later attending summer normal under Professor Weaver for two terms. He worked on the home place with his father until 1911, when they became engaged in the general

merchandise business at West Plumville to which they are now devoting the principal share of their attention and which promises to develop steadily under their energetic management. He is a wide-awake man, and has the ambition and industry necessary to make a success of his undertakings. He is a Republican and has served as clerk of the election board, is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Plumville, and in religious connection is a Lutheran, belonging to the old St. John's Church, in which he is a valued worker. He is serving at present as treasurer of the church, and teaches in the Sunday school.

In 1906 Mr. Lukehart married Sarah Potts, who is a daughter of William Potts, of Washington township, this county, and they have had three children: A son that died in infancy, William Howard, and Ida Pearl, the latter deceased in infancy.

JOHN W. LEASURE, citizen and soldier, who is now living retired at Nicholtown, Grant township, is a descendant of one of the oldest families of the northern part of Indiana county. He was born in East Mahoning township Dec. 11, 1840, son of Abraham Y. and Mary (Craig) Leasure.

John Leasure, the great-grandfather of John W. Leasure, and founder of the family in western Pennsylvania, was an early settler in Westmoreland county, locating in the Sewickley settlement.

John Leasure, son of John the pioneer, was born in the Sewickley settlement, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and in young manhood moved to Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he was engaged in farming for several years. In 1809 he came to what is now East Mahoning township, locating on a tract of land which was later owned by Samuel T. Brady. The warrant for this tract, which contained 396 acres, was issued Jan. 15, 1802, and the patent dated Jan. 17, 1802, and both papers were made out in the name of John Leasure. Mr. Leasure was a noted hunter of his day, and from the proceeds obtained from wolves' scalps and pelts he paid for several farms. He was also one of the scouts sent to guard the homes of the pioneer settlers along Crooked Creek, in what is now western Indiana and eastern Armstrong counties. He died in 1844, at the age of eighty-two years. John Leasure was married in 1796 to Jane Culbertson, who died in 1838, at the age of sixty-five years, and both were buried in Gilgal cemetery. Their children were as fol-

lows: Catherine married Nathaniel Simpson; Solomon married Mary Kirkpatrick; John married Mary Kinter; Jane married Solomon Hall; Rebecca married James Work; Mary became the wife of Robert Thompson; Elizabeth married Samuel T. Brady; Abraham Y. is mentioned below; George and Culbertson were twins; Sarah married William Mahon; Margaret married Andrew Shields.

Abraham Y. Leasure, son of John Leasure, above, was born in 1809, on the farm in East Mahoning township, and there grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the subscription schools. His school attendance only covered a few months during the winter time, his summers being spent in the work of the home farm, but he was of an observant and intelligent nature, took advantage of his opportunities and managed to obtain a good, practical education. Farming occupied his attention throughout his life. He settled on a tract of land which is now owned by John Rochester, of Marion Center, but later moved to a tract of 140 acres, which subsequently became known as the Bovard farm. His next location was on a tract of 120 acres near Richmond, in East Mahoning township, and there he spent the remainder of his active life, his declining years being passed on a small place near Richmond, where he died. He was buried at Richmond. He was a Democrat in his political proclivities, and a faithful member of the Christian Church.

Abraham Y. Leasure was married to Mary Craig, eldest child of John and Jane (Kelly) Craig, her father a well-known teacher in his day, in Westmoreland and Indiana counties. She died on the farm and was buried in the same cemetery as her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Leasure were the parents of the following children: Samuel C., deceased, who married Ann R. McQuown; Louisa, who married Conrad Piper; Lucinda, who married John Moore, of East Mahoning township; John W.; Jane, who married John O. Richardson, and resides in Richmond, Pa.; Judson, who died young; James, who married Agnes Hopkins; and Mary Elizabeth, who died young.

John W. Leasure received his education in the public schools of his day and locality, was trained to agricultural pursuits, and worked with his father until he entered the Union army as a soldier during the Civil war. He enlisted Aug. 6, 1862, in Company D, 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Col. James R. Porter, Capt. John G. Wilson. He entered for nine months' service, and was connected with the 10th Army Corps, Army

of the Potomac, participating in the battles of Fredericksburg, Bermuda Hundred and James river. Mr. Leasure then became sick and was confined to the hospital for some time, and was honorably discharged at Pittsburg May 24, 1863. On Aug. 26, 1864, he reenlisted for one year, in Company A, 206th Pennsylvania Regiment, Col. Hugh J. Brady, Capt. Thomas Moore, and became corporal of his company. He was present at the taking of Richmond, and a member of one of the companies that assisted in hauling down the Confederate flag and raising the Stars and Stripes. He was mustered out of the service June 26, 1865, with an excellent record for bravery and faithful service, and returned to his home, where he continued to be engaged in farming until 1868.

In that year Mr. Leasure went to the timber region of Clearfield county, and there followed rafting and lumbering, making more than thirty trips down the Susquehanna river to Lock Haven and Marietta. On giving up his lumbering operations he located in Grant township, Indiana county, where he has since been engaged in farming. He located on a small tract east of Deckers Point, which he purchased from Joseph Nichol, in what is now known as Nicholtown, and here he has made numerous improvements, having a valuable property. He is a man of quiet, unostentatious manner, giving his attention to his farm and his home, and not mixing in political matters, although he supports Republican policies and candidates as a voter, and takes an interest in all matters that affect his community. He is a popular comrade of Frank Brown Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Richmond, Pa. With his family he attends the Christian Church, where he has served as superintendent of the Sunday school.

In September, 1866, Mr. Leasure was united in marriage with Emily McAdoo, who was born in Rayne township, Indiana county, daughter of James McAdoo, and sister of Mrs. Henry A. Fisher, of Grant township. Seven children have been born to this union, namely: Charles, who died young; Samuel, a farmer of Cherryhill township, Indiana county; Iva, who married Frank Kerr; Sarah, who became the wife of Harry McMillen; Ollie, who married John Kilday; Merrill, who is a resident of Dixonville, Pa.; and Wade, who makes his home at Richmond.

James McAdoo, father of Mrs. Leasure, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., son of William McAdoo. He lived for a time in

Young township, Indiana county, and later moved to Rayne township. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, an occupation which he followed at Marion Center and near Richmond, and during the greater part of his life was engaged in the manufacture of furniture and coffins. His last years were spent with his daughter, Mrs. Henry A. Fisher, with whom he died in 1879, at the age of seventy-two years, and both he and his wife were buried in Shiloh cemetery, at Deckers Point. He was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. He married Mrs. Sarah (Palmer) McGee (widow of John McGee), who was born in Westmoreland county, and they had three children: Sarah J., who married Henry A. Fisher, of Grant township; Robert, who resides in Grant township, a veteran of the 101st Regiment, P. V. I., in which he served eleven months; Emily, who married John W. Leasure; and a son who died in infancy.

THOMAS BRACKEN DUNCAN, who is engaged in carrying on agricultural operations in Buffington township, was born in East Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., Dec. 31, 1851, and is a son of James and Eliza (Bracken) Duncan.

William Duncan, the paternal great-grandfather of Thomas Bracken Duncan, and his wife Ann had three children: James, John and William.

John Duncan, son of William Duncan, was born in Wheatfield (now East Wheatfield) township, where he followed farming, as he did also in Buffington township, and for some years was a stage driver from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. He was buried in East Union cemetery in Buffington township. Mr. Duncan married Annie Graham, who died while the family resided in Illinois, and was there buried, and they had the following children: William, who married Elizabeth Clark; John, who married Eliza Ann Davidson; David, who died at the age of twenty-one years; James; Joseph, who married Sarah Graham, and resided in the town of Indiana, where he died; Margaret, who married Benjamin Marshall; and Jane, who married William Graham, who was killed while serving in the Civil war.

James Duncan, son of John Duncan, was born March 27, 1823, in Pine (now Buffington) township, Indiana Co., Pa., and there followed farming during his active life. His farm of 160 acres is now being conducted by his son Fillmore. In addition to farm-

ing he engaged to some extent in teaming and lumbering, and through industry and thrift accumulated a competency. Mr. Duncan was prominent in all township affairs, serving in the capacity of supervisor of roads for many years and as overseer of the poor, and staunchly supporting the principles first of the Whig and later of the Republican party. He died in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in November, 1897-98, when seventy-five years old, and was buried in Blacklick cemetery, in Cambria county. Mr. Duncan married Eliza Bracken, who was born in 1827 and died in 1878, and she was laid to rest beside her husband. Her parents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Carney) Bracken, of an old and honored family. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan had the following children: John, who served in the Civil war under two enlistments, being a member of Company E, Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment, and died at the age of twenty-two years, at Neillsville, Wis.; Lizzie, who is unmarried and living on the old home farm; Annie, who married Loughlin McFeaters and lives in East Wheatfield; Thomas Bracken; Sarah, who married William Stewart and resides in Iowa; Fillmore, who is unmarried and is carrying on farming operations on the old homestead; Carrie, who married Watson Duncan; Maggie, residing on the old homestead; a child who died unnamed; and Agnes, whose death occurred when she was eleven years old.

Thomas Bracken Duncan, son of James Duncan, attended the public schools of East Wheatfield township. He accompanied his parents to Buffington township and there worked on the homestead until 1873, in which year he purchased the Jacob George farm of ninety acres, to which he has since added the William R. George farm of sixty acres, and now operates the whole 150 acres, the greater part of this property being under cultivation. Mr. Duncan is possessed of progressive ideas, his land being well limed and modern methods being used in its operation. In addition to general farming he carries on stock raising, lumbering and teaming, and in all of his ventures has been uniformly successful. As a citizen he holds a high reputation among his fellow men, local educational, religious and moral interests finding a staunch supporter in him, while his many personal excellencies have made him many friends.

On March 6, 1872, Mr. Duncan was married to Nellie George, who was born on the old George homestead in Buffington township, daughter of Jacob and Mary A. (Reed)

George. To this union there have been born children as follows: Cora, born June 1, 1873, married Edw. Boyer, of Johnstown, Pa., and died July 24, 1909; George, born Jan. 23, 1875, married Pearl Graham and (second) Ella Stiles, and has four children, Russell, Jennie, Charles and Elvira; Charles, born Sept. 11, 1882, became a school teacher, and died Jan. 10, 1902; Webster, born June 1, 1886, a farmer in Buffington township, married Mollie Stewart; John, born Oct. 30, 1888, taught school for three terms and is now engaged in farming with his father; Eva, born Nov. 21, 1893, is living at home. Mr. Duncan is a Republican in his political views, but has not sought preferment in political matters. With his family he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church.

THOMAS SCOTT LEWIS, who has a large farm in White township, Indiana county, is a member of a family which came to this country from Wales. His grandfather, James Lewis, born Aug. 16, 1791, died March 20, 1852. His first wife, Catherine Loughry, whom he married Dec. 26, 1815, was born April 23, 1792. He subsequently married (second) her cousin, Mary Loughry, on April 6, 1830. She was born Aug. 25, 1788, and died Dec. 24, 1856. His children, all born to the first union, were as follows: John, born April 8, 1817, settled in the State of Indiana, where he followed the profession of physician, and died Jan. 24, 1886; he married Maria L. Hutchinson, and they had two children, James and George. James Loughry is mentioned below. Rebecca, born March 27, 1821, died Feb. 11, 1851, was married March 26, 1846, to Robert Stewart, and had one child, John. David, born July 17, 1824, died March 23, 1854, from fever; he was a physician. Nancy, born Aug. 23, 1826, died Nov. 4, 1892, was married Oct. 10, 1849, to R. W. Allison and had a family of eight children.

James Loughry Lewis, son of James, was born Dec. 11, 1818, in Washington township, Indiana county, where he had a farm originally consisting of 180 acres, to which he subsequently added twenty acres, having 200 acres in all. This was the property where his father settled when it was all in the woods, and the pioneer first lived in a log house, later, as prosperity enabled him, building a brick house, with the assistance of his son James. The bricks were made on the farm. James L. Lewis followed stock raising extensively, raising many fine horses, and he made a speciality of geese also. He was associated

with the administration of public affairs in the township practically all his life, serving as supervisor, tax collector and assessor, and likewise took an active interest in the Curry Run Presbyterian Church, of which he was long a prominent member; he served twenty-one years as elder, and was superintendent of the Bible class. In politics he was a Republican. He died April 27, 1896, and is buried at the Curry Run Presbyterian Church.

On Oct. 22, 1846, Mr. Lewis married Julia Ann Sutton, who was born Dec. 24, 1827, and survives her husband, now living with her daughter Bertha at No. 258 South Seventh street, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had eight children, all born in Washington township, viz.: Peter Sutton, born April 21, 1848, is a farmer in White township; on Oct. 2, 1872, he married Nannie J. Bowers. Mary Catherine, born June 13, 1850, died Dec. 25, 1862. Nancy Ann, born March 5, 1852, died Jan. 4, 1904, was the wife of Frank Cummin, who is also deceased. Thomas Scott is mentioned below. Rebecca, born Dec. 24, 1859, married Oct. 19, 1880, John D. Cochran, a farmer, and they live at Mosgrove, Armstrong county. Laura Bell, born May 12, 1862, married Jan. 22, 1894, Alexander St. Clair, who is in the real estate business, and they live at West View, near Pittsburg. Marie Antoinette, born June 30, 1864, died April 23, 1866. Bertha, born Aug. 19, 1867, who has been connected with the *Indiana Messenger* for the last ten years, resides with her mother in Indiana.

Melchoir Sutton, grandfather of Mrs. Julia Ann (Sutton) Lewis, had a farm of over 250 acres in Blacklick township, Indiana county, the old homestead of the Sutton family, where he lived. His son, Peter Sutton, father of Mrs. Lewis, was born Feb. 6, 1801, and died July 18, 1871. He was a Presbyterian in religious connection, and is buried in the cemetery of the Ebenezer Church in Conemaugh township. He owned a large farm in Blacklick township, and engaged in agricultural pursuits. On Dec. 6, 1825, he married Nancy A. Fisher, of Dauphin county, Pa., born Aug. 20, 1809, died Sept. 7, 1892. They became the parents of eleven children: Julia Ann married James Loughry Lewis. Sarah J., born June 11, 1830, died July 2, 1868, unmarried. Jonathan, born Jan. 11, 1833, married July 25, 1857, Susan Borden. William, born Dec. 23, 1835, married Nov. 16, 1854. Violet Mike-sell. John F., born July 30, 1837, married June 26, 1866, Ellen Keslar. Joseph L., born Sept. 30, 1839, died May 25, 1863,

married Feb. 12, 1861, Caroline Speedy. James M., born Nov. 9, 1841 (now deceased), married April 27, 1865, Mattie M. Stuehall. Mary E., born April 21, 1844 (now deceased), married Jan. 14, 1868, Harrison H. Shields. Nancy C., born May 3, 1847, married Jan. 9, 1869, D. A. Richey, who is deceased. Peter A. was born Feb. 2, 1850. George C., born July 3, 1852, died June 22, 1879, married Dec. 25, 1872, Aggie Duncan. All of this family were born in Blacklick township.

Thomas Scott Lewis was born Oct. 2, 1855, in Washington township, his birthplace being on the road between Shelocta and Five-points. He attended the Cribbs school in Washington township, obtaining a good common school education, and remained with his father on the home place until 1880, when (shortly after his marriage) he began farming on his own account. For a year and a half he "cropped" the James Campbell farm in Armstrong township, and was then similarly engaged on the John Fleming farm until 1884, when he bought the latter, a tract of 136 acres. He continued to farm that place until 1904, when he sold it, on August 25th of that year buying the Valentine Bowers farm of 182 acres in White township, upon which place he has carried on general farming and stock raising (cattle, etc.) ever since. While residing in Washington township he was school director, and acted as secretary of the board, and he was at one time a trustee of the Curry Run Presbyterian Church, he and his wife now belonging to the Presbyterian Church at Indiana. Politically he is a Republican.

On Oct. 30, 1879, Mr. Lewis married Margaret C. Fleming, daughter of John and Nancy M. (Martin) Fleming, the former born in Armstrong township, Indiana county, the latter a native of Ohio. Mr. Fleming was a stonemason by trade, and was engaged in bridge building all over Indiana county. He was one of the founders of the Curry Run Presbyterian Church and a large contributor to its support, and served as one of the ruling elders. His son, Thomas M. Fleming, of Rochester Mills, Pa., served in the Civil war under two enlistments, the first for three years, the second for one year.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have three children: Emma May married I. W. Fleming, of Armstrong township, now residing in Indiana borough, and they have two children, Marion L. and Stanley Thomas; Mr. Fleming is the mail carrier on R. F. D. route No. 4. Carrie Luella married James Walter Wiggins, a

clerk in an Indiana warehouse, son of Albert Wiggins, of Shelocta; they have one child, Elizabeth Louise. Blair Sutton, a molder in the Penn Avenue Iron Works, at Indiana, married Lottie S. Thomas, and has three children, Thomas Leonard, Paul Sutton and Florence Aberta.

WILLIAM W. MCKILLIP, deceased, was born in Clarion county, Pa., July 22, 1842, son of Hamilton and Elizabeth (Moore) McKillip.

Archibald McKillip, his grandfather, was of Scotch ancestry, and his wife Mary (McGee) came of Irish stock. They were the founders of the family in Clarion county, Pa., and rounded out their lives as farmers. He also owned and operated a waterpower mill, and was a man of prominence. His death occurred March 12, 1862, when he was eighty-eight years old, his wife dying in January, 1836. Their children were: James, Hugh, John, Polly, William B., Hamilton, Peggy, Jane and Archibald.

Hamilton McKillip was born in 1772, and died in 1841. His wife, born in 1784, died in 1840. They were natives of Clarion county, Pa., and coming to Indiana county, settled at North Point, where they bought a mill and farm; with the former was also connected a carding mill. Their children were: William W.; Agnes, who died unmarried; Almira, who married William Simpson and lives in Colorado; Lee, who is living at the old home at North Point; and Anna, who lives with her brother Lee.

William W. McKillip was educated in the common schools of his home locality, and lived with his parents, with whom he came to North Point. There he settled, when he married, being in the milling business in partnership with his father and also carrying on farming. Moving to the farm in West Mahoning township where his widow now lives, he died there Sept. 28, 1905. A man of prominence in his township, he was supervisor for six years, and held other offices, and was a Republican in political faith. He was a member of the United Brethren Church at North Point, and active in its good work. Mrs. McKillip is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and was one of the five who organized it. She takes a great deal of interest in church work, and is a woman of fine character, who has many warm friends in the county. Mr. McKillip was widely and favorably known and his loss was sincerely mourned.

On July 2, 1865, Mr. McKillip was married to Martha Neal, of West Mahoning township, daughter of John and Rachel (Blose) Neal, natives of West Mahoning township, this county, and Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa., respectively. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. McKillip was William Neal. John Neal and his wife had the following children: Cynthia, who is the widow of John Coon, lives in North Mahoning township; T. S., who is ex-sheriff of Indiana county, lives in Trade City, this county; Martha is Mrs. McKillip; George died young; Aaron is living in Washington; Sarah married Peter Stear, of North Mahoning township; Emma was next in the family; Roll is a resident of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Mary, who married Austin Stuckard, is deceased; Josiah, of Indiana, Pa., is county detective. Mr. and Mrs. McKillip had the following family: James, who died when fourteen years old; Minnie, who married B. Stear, of Trade City, Pa., and has one child, Inez, now the wife of Will Lias of Dayton, Pa. (she has one daughter, Leonora); and Caddie, who died when three years old.

SAMUEL H. STEPHENS, a farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, was born April 17, 1844, in Juniata township, Perry Co., Pa., son of Robert G. Stephens. James Stephens, his grandfather, married a Miss Coulter.

Robert G. Stephens, son of James Stephens, and father of Samuel H. Stephens, married Martha Jones.

Samuel H. Stephens was fourteen years old when his father moved to Indiana county. He had attended public school, his first teacher being John Lease, and while living at home became familiar with farming in all its details. He also learned the tanning trade, but has spent his time principally in farming. Following his marriage he conducted his father's homestead in White township, for three years, and then bought 119 acres in Brushvalley township. After living there three years he returned to his father's property and conducted it for three years more, when he bought 122 acres of land in Rayne township, remaining there for eleven years. At the expiration of this period he bought his present farm of 100 acres in Armstrong township, and has operated it ever since.

On Oct. 5, 1864, Mr. Stephens was united in marriage with Margaret A. Kinter, who was born May 5, 1841, in Rayne township, Indiana county, daughter of Peter and Mar-

garet (McCall) Kinter. Mr. and Mrs. Stephens have had the following children: Ada, who is at home; Alice, who married Edward Fleming and lives near Indiana, Pa.; Robert G., who is at home; and John Todd, also at home. The family all belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Stephens is a Democrat, but he has not taken an active part in politics or sought office.

HENRY W. MOORE, son of Abram and Margaret (Ebby) Moore, is a native of Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa., as was also his father. His grandfather was born in Philadelphia, and came to Rayne township with his parents when but eleven years of age.

Abram Moore and his wife Margaret (Ebby) had three children: Henry W.; Thomas, a school teacher for many years, who died in 1893; and Malinda, the wife of Clark Swan. By another marriage Mr. Moore had three daughters: Jane, wife of Samuel Walter, of Greensburg, Pa.; Alice, unmarried; and Dora, Mrs. Gaylor. The father was a soldier in the Civil war.

Henry W. Moore was born June 26, 1856, and from that time has lived on a farm continuously. His school training was limited to that of the usual rustic, but in his maturer years he has given much attention to the substantial class of literature, and his children have all been well taught and given advantages. The only inheritance that fell to Henry W. Moore was a sound constitution and an ambition to "get on" in the world. He remained at the place of his birth until thirty-two years of age. His first land purchase was made in 1889—his present country seat of fifty-six acres situated in White township, about two miles northwest from the county's capital, and of easy access by means of the frequent electric trains.

In the affairs of local government Mr. Moore's services have been sought and valued. He has served on the election board for more than twelve years and as roadmaster for ten years. In religious creed he pins his faith to that of the United Presbyterian Church, and holds membership at Indiana, being an elder in the church there.

Mr. Moore married Caroline Dyarmin, daughter of John and Elizabeth Dyarmin, and to them have been born children as follows: J. Murry married Margaret Noll and they reside in Pittsburg, Pa.; Effie married Steel Warner, and they have two daughters; Ora W., residing in Pittsburg, married Hazel



Grue, and they have one son, Charles Henry; Claire, residing at home, is holding a position of responsibility with the J. G. McCrory Company, in Indiana. All of the sons of this family have been school teachers.

WILLIAM RANKIN lives on the old Rankin homestead in Blacklick township, Indiana county, purchased many years ago by his great-grandfather, Andrew Rankin, and since owned by his descendants.

Andrew Rankin was twelve years old when he came to America with his parents, who settled in the southern part of Indiana county, Pa., not far from Blacklick. The family is now numerously represented in Blacklick and Center townships, Indiana county. The tract of 195 acres now owned and cultivated by William Rankin was part of the land purchased by Andrew Rankin, and descended to the latter's grandson William, uncle of the present William Rankin, who came into possession of the property when his uncle and aunt, William and Mary Rankin, died.

James Rankin, father of William Rankin, married Euphemia Kunkle, who was born July 3, 1844, and survives him, living with her son on the old Rankin property.

William Rankin, son of James and Euphemia (Kunkle) Rankin, was born Feb. 24, 1883, in Center township, Indiana county, and received his education in the public schools of the home district. In the meantime he became familiar with agricultural pursuits assisting with the work on his father's farm. When his uncle died he inherited the farm in Blacklick township where he now resides with his mother. New buildings have been erected, and during his ownership the place has come to be classed as one of the best properties in that section. Mr. Rankin's progressive methods, both in his agricultural work and his business transactions, bid fair to win him a foremost place among the farmers of his locality. In politics he is a Democrat, like his father, in religious faith a Lutheran. Mr. Rankin is unmarried.

JOHN L. DAVIS, of Cherrytree, Indiana county, has been justice of the peace for the last twenty years and has also served in other local offices, in the administration of which he has shown true public spirit and a sincere regard for the wishes of his fellow citizens. He is a native of South Wales, born July 31,

1853, in Caermarthenshire, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Lewis) Davis, who brought him to America in 1854. The parents were also born in Wales.

The Davis family first settled in Ebensburg, Cambria Co., Pa., and though he had been a tanner in Wales the father learned and followed the trade of stonemason after coming to this country. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army, joining the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, and later enlisted in another regiment, with which he served to the close of the war. Before the war he had come to Cherrytree, Indiana county, and after his discharge from the army he returned to that place, spending the remainder of his life there, engaged at the trade of stonemason. He was a member of G. A. R. Post No. 40. His death occurred in 1885, many years after that of his wife, who passed away in 1858. They had three children, John L. being the eldest; Margaret A. became the wife of Lewis Burgen, who is now deceased; William H. is deceased.

John L. Davis received his education in the public schools of Cherrytree, and when a young man learned the trade of stonemason, at which he was engaged for twenty-five years in all. He acquired extensive interests as a contractor in that line, and met with substantial success, having made a high reputation for thoroughness and reliability, his patrons feeling that they could trust him with their work, and he never took advantage of the confidence they reposed in him. In 1893 Mr. Davis was elected to the office of justice of the peace, which he has held continuously since, and he has given efficient service as member of the school board, to which body he belonged for twenty years, and as member of the borough council. He has been faithful to his duties in every position to which he has been chosen. Politically Mr. Davis has been associated with the Democratic party, and socially he holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

In 1875 Mr. Davis was married to Emma J. Lovelace, who was born in York county, Pa., at Lewisberry, daughter of Dr. Abram R. Lovelace, who came to Indiana county many years ago, first locating at Cherrytree, where he engaged in practice as a physician and surgeon. Later he was at Indiana borough for a time, from there removing to Williamsport, Pa., and subsequently to Jersey Shore, where he died in February, 1895. His

wife preceded him to the grave by several years.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis: One that died in infancy, Edgar P., another that died in infancy, Elizabeth J., one that died in infancy, William R. (deceased), Rolla R. (deceased) and Robert L. (at home). Elizabeth J. is the wife of James Berringer, of Cherrytree, and has one child, Harold J.

JOHN H. SHERMAN is a well-known resident of Banks township, Indiana county, where he is now engaged in farming on his father's old homestead. He also follows mining and lumbering, and he is interested in local public affairs, being an active man and a worker in every line to which he gives any attention.

Mr. Sherman was born in Banks township Aug. 14, 1860, son of Jonathan C. Sherman, who came to Indiana county in the late forties. He followed lumbering and farming all his life. He married Susanna E. Henry, daughter of William and Rachel Henry, farming people, the former of whom was a pioneer settler in his part of Indiana county. John H. Sherman gained his education in the public schools of Banks township, and remained at home working with his father until he reached the age of twenty. He then went to Iowa, where he followed farming for two years, thence going to Kansas, where he farmed for a year and a half. Coming back to Pennsylvania, he began farming on his own account in Banks township, and soon bought a half interest in a shingle mill in Jefferson county, Pa., conducting same for two years. He again took up farming, settling on the old homestead in Banks township, Indiana county, which he has since conducted. He also manufactures lumber to some extent, and operates a coal mine on his farm. He has been active in local affairs, having served as overseer of the poor and inspector of elections, and takes a keen interest in the success of the Democratic party, which he supports on political issues. In fraternal bodies he is well known, belonging to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Hortons, of which he is a past chancellor; to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Rossiter; and to the Fraternal Order of Eagles at Punxsutawney.

On Oct. 7, 1887, Mr. Sherman married Rose Bennett, of Hillsdale, Indiana county, daughter of Isaac and Jane (Reed) Bennett, the former of whom is a farmer and lumber-

man. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman have no children.

WILLIAM H. MEEKINS has lived in Green township, Indiana county, practically all his life, having been brought hither by his parents in early childhood from Pittsburg, Pa., where he was born, on Squirrel Hill, Dec. 19, 1842.

Mr. Meekins is of English parentage and stock. His grandparents, James and Elizabeth (Toddy) Meekins, were born in England, and lived and died in that country. James Meekins was a shoemaker by trade, and during the Revolutionary war shipped shoes he made to this country. His wife lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. They had a family of five children, three sons and two daughters.

Thomas Meekins, son of James and Elizabeth (Toddy) Meekins, was born at Grafton Regis, England, and early in life learned shoemaking, which trade he followed as long as he lived in his native land. On Sept. 3, 1827, he was married, in England, to Mary Ann Horton, daughter of John Horton, a native of England, who lived and died in that country; he was a dealer in hardware. Mrs. Meekins was one of two children, the other being a son. During their residence in England six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Meekins: James, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Rose Ann, Sarah Ann and John Daniel, two of whom died there, James and Mary Ann. The others came with the parents to America in 1842, the family setting sail from Liverpool April 10th and arriving at Pittsburg, Pa., July 4th. They remained in that city for three years, in 1845 coming to Indiana county, where Mr. Meekins bought land in Green township. It was then in its primitive state, and he spent the remainder of his active years clearing, improving and cultivating it, developing a valuable farm. He died there Oct. 9, 1886, and his wife passed away at the old home March 4, 1888. Two children were born to them in Pittsburg, William H. and George Washington. We have the following account of the members of their family who grew to maturity: (1) John D. enlisted for the Union service from Indiana county Aug. 22, 1862, being a member of the 148th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Lieut. George Hamilton, served until 1864, and was mustered out in 1865. He took part in the battle of Gettysburg, in which engagement he was wounded, had previously been in the battle of Fredericksburg, and was later

at Cold Harbor, where one of his legs was shot off. He was in the hospital in York, Pa. Returning to Indiana county after receiving his discharge, he engaged in farming the rest of his days, dying May 15, 1906. He was survived by his wife and seven children.

(2) Sarah Ann became the wife of John DeHawes, of Clearfield county, Pa., and is deceased. (3) Rose Ann married Henderson Stumph, of Green township. (4) Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of John L. McLaughlin, of Indiana county. (5) William H. was the first child of the family born in America. (6) George Washington, the youngest of the family, enlisted in 1863 for service in the Civil war, joining Company E, 1st Battalion, Pennsylvania Cavalry, under command of Capt. J. H. Grinnell, of Latrobe, Pa., and Colonel Dale, of Allegheny City. He served six months with that command, reenlisting in the Heavy Artillery, and had served four months with that branch at the time of his death, which occurred in hospital at Alexandria, Virginia.

William H. Meekins received his education in Green township, attending at the Buterbaugh schoolhouse. During his boyhood he became familiar with farm work, afterward learning the trade of miller at Punxsutawney, Pa. On June 14, 1863, he enlisted from Indiana county, becoming a member of Company E, 1st Battalion, Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he served six months, being discharged Dec. 28, 1863. He was under Colonel Dale and Captain Grinnell. After the Civil war had ended he came back to Indiana county and settled on the home farm, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits until 1901. That year he left the old place and lived retired for a time, a year later buying the place he has since occupied and cultivated. He is a prosperous and up-to-date farmer, and one of the substantial citizens of his township, which he has served as overseer of the poor (for several years), supervisor and member of the election board.

On Feb. 11, 1869, Mr. Meekins married Sarah Jane Gossard, who was born Aug. 9, 1848, in Cambria county, Pa., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Long) Gossard, the former a native of Cambria county, the latter a native of Indiana county. Mr. and Mrs. Gossard lived and died in Cambria county. He was engaged in railroad work. Four of his family survive, two sons and one daughter living in Cambria county. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meekins:

(1) Elizabeth married Michael Hadden, of

Indiana county, and they have seven children, Linnie (who is married to Daniel Bailey, of Indiana county, and has one child), Stella (who is the wife of Frank Frink, of Indiana county, and has two children), William, Dollie, Eva, Ola and ————. (2) George, a resident of Green township, married Adda Frampton, of Indiana county, and they have eight children, Esta, Ivan, Claire, Hazel, Wesley, Bernard, Albert and Shirley. (3) Harvey, a resident of Johnstown, Pa., married Savine Thompson, of that place, and they have four children, Irwin, Wardell, Herbert and Cleda. (4) Tillie is the wife of Joshua Gibson, of Center township, this county, and their children are Vada, Turl, Maud and Eva. (5) John, now a resident of Lovejoy, this county, married Winnie Hughes, of Indiana county, and they have five children, Hope, Fay, Charity, Vera and Grace. (6) Howard, who lives at Pleasant Valley, Pa., married Ella Connor, of Indiana county, and they have five children, Dean, Lelah, Clarence, Leroy and Arthur. (7) Bertha, wife of Morris Clark, lives in Indiana county. They have six children, Ethel, Walter, William, Ellen, Howard and Joy. (8) Levi died when eleven years old. (9) Ossie is the wife of Layton Lowman, of Pine Flats, this county, and has five sons, Norville, Wilbur, Paul, Horace, and one not named. (10) Walter, the youngest, is still living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Meekins are members of the German Baptist Church, and he has held various offices in the congregation. He is a member of the G. A. R.

HARRY C. MOCK, of Clymer, Indiana county, is one of the wide-awake young business men of that borough who have established profitable business connections by making the most of the opportunities afforded in its rapid though substantial development. As a building contractor he has acquired valuable interests, and he has shown his good judgment and public spirit in the character of his work, being known for reliability and the honorable fulfillment of everything he undertakes.

Mr. Mock was born Oct. 12, 1878, on the old Mock homestead in Cherryhill township, son of W. H. and Elizabeth (Howe) Mock, and grandson of William Howe, of Cherryhill township. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mock had seven children, namely: E. S., who is now in Colorado, engaged in farming; Minnie E., wife of H. E. Kurtz, of Canton, Ohio (they have one child); Anna, deceased;

Grant, who lives in the borough of Indiana and is employed by the Interurban Railway Company (he married Pearl Trimel and has three children); Harry C.; and J. O. and J. E., twins, the former living in Colorado, unmarried, the latter living in Clymer, where he follows the trade of mason (he married Zula Davis and has two children).

Harry C. Mock attended school at Greenville, Indiana county, receiving a good education, to which he has added constantly during his long experience as a teacher. He has taught school off and on for fifteen years, and is at present engaged in the school at Clymer. In his early manhood he learned the trade of carpenter and builder, and when the borough of Clymer was started, some six years ago, he found plenty of work at hand, proving himself so thoroughly equal to the demands of the growing town that he has become a conspicuous figure in local construction work. He has been the contractor for many of the new buildings erected within the last few years, and his conscientious work and up-to-date ideas have made him a strong influence for substantial, modern structures which will be a credit to the town in the years to come as well as at the present. He has been elected to local office, having served four years as assessor and four years as secretary of the school board of Cherryhill township, and has discharged his duties faithfully in both positions.

On Jan. 15, 1905, Mr. Mock married Esta Adams, daughter of W. H. Adams, of Penn Run, this county, and they have had two children: Evelyn, born July 26, 1906, and Ruth, born July 28, 1908. The family attend the M. E. Church.

JOHN F. GLASSER is living in Rayne township, Indiana county, on part of the old Glasser homestead formerly owned by his father and grandfather. He was born there Jan. 29, 1861, son of Lewis Glasser, whose father came to this country from Germany, settling about 1848 in Rayne township, Indiana Co., Pa. He was a cabinetmaker by trade. He died on the place where he made his permanent home, at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife passed away there, at the age of seventy-four. They had a family of seven children, Lewis, George Washington, Sophia, Elizabeth, Magdaline, Frederick and Susan.

Lewis Glasser, father of John F. Glasser, was born Feb. 22, 1836, in New York City, and was a boy when the family located in

Rayne township, where he died Dec. 27, 1906. He married Jane Stuchell, who was born in Washington township, this county, daughter of Abraham Stuchell, a farmer, and died March 17, 1901. John F. was the only child born to Lewis and Jane (Stuchell) Glasser.

John F. Glasser is engaged in operating part of the old homestead which his grandfather and father before him conducted. He is a highly esteemed citizen of his township, where he has served in various official capacities, having been auditor for three years, school director for two years and assessor for six years. His work in every connection has been commendable and highly creditable to him and his constituents. His political association has been with the Republican party, and he is a strong advocate of Progressive principles. He attends the Lutheran Church.

On April 27, 1882, Mr. Glasser was married to Laura A. Boucher, of Rayne township, daughter of Andrew Boucher, a farmer, and five children have been born to them: Norman L., who is engaged as a teacher in Philadelphia; Charles F., a farmer in Rayne township, who married Nora Frech, of that township, and has one child, Earl Lewis; James C., who is attending medical college in Philadelphia; Irvin S., a member of the firm of Christy & Co., of Indiana borough; and Eva Myrtle, who died in infancy.

WILLIAM KERR, who is now living retired in West Mahoning township, where he has spent his long and useful career in agricultural pursuits, was born on the old Kerr homestead place in that township, in March, 1838, son of Samuel and Polly (Thomas) Kerr.

Valentine Kerr, the first of this family to come to the United States, was born in Germany, and on emigrating to America took up wild land near Shelocta, Indiana Co., Pa., where he spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits and died. He reared a large family of children.

Samuel Kerr, son of Valentine Kerr, and father of William Kerr, was born near Shelocta in 1796, and in 1822 came to West Mahoning township, where he first lived in a log cabin. He married Polly Thomas, of near Shelocta, daughter of Israel Thomas, and they became leading people of their part of the county, were known as faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church, and had the respect and esteem of all with whom they came into contact. Mr. Kerr was first a Whig and later became a member of the Republican

party. Ten children were born to him and his wife, namely: Israel, deceased, was a farmer of West Mahoning township; Hannah, who married Griffith Condon, went West, and died in Iowa; John was a farmer on the old homestead; a son died in infancy; Valentine is living in Jefferson county; Amos, deceased, lived in Nebraska; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of M. Condon; Joseph died in Iowa; William is mentioned below; Thomas met his death in battle during the Civil war, while a private of Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.

William Kerr, son of Samuel Kerr, received only a limited education in his boyhood, and his entire life has been passed on the home farm. Some time prior to the Civil war he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed off and on for some years, but the greater part of his time and attention after the war was devoted to agricultural matters. At this time he is living retired, feeling that the earnest and arduous labors of his early years have earned him a rest. He was married in September, 1860, to Ida Raush, of Center county, Pa., daughter of Henry Raush, a farmer, who on coming to this county settled in West Mahoning township.

On July 30, 1863, Mr. Kerr enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil war, in Company D, 102d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, became a corporal, and served as such until the time of his honorable discharge, June 28, 1865. He enlisted at Kittanning, Pa., was sent to Pittsburg and there drilled. During the next spring his regiment joined the Army of the Potomac, just prior to the battle of the Wilderness, where he received his baptism of fire. Subsequently he participated in the battles of Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor, being then sent to Washington, D. C., and then into the Shenandoah valley with General Sherman, fighting throughout the subsequent campaign, after which he returned to the Army of the Potomac and to Pittsburg. He was also in various skirmishes. At the battle of Spottsylvania Mr. Kerr was hit by a piece of shell, in his right shoulder, and he was sick considerably while in the service. He was known as a brave and cheerful soldier, faithfully performing the tasks assigned to him, content in the knowledge that he was serving his country's cause. At the close of hostilities he returned to the occupations of peace, and proved just as good a private citizen as he had been a soldier.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerr had the following children: Alice, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Hoover, and had children, Josephine, Blanche, Agnes, Roy, Rebecca, Carl, Marie and Clara; Annie, deceased, married George Griffith and had three children, Charles, Pearl and Carrie; Seth B. married Etta Laughry and has four children, Myrtle, Olive, Clyde and Alice; Edgar, a traveling salesman, whose home is at Punxsutawney, married Maggie Dormire, and has two children; Joseph, who is conducting the old homestead, married Marietta Weaver, by whom he had three children, Clarence, Annie and Pearl, and married (second) Maude Corman, by whom he has three children, Alice, Bert and Max; Ira, a railroad foreman, of Marion Center, Pa., married Jessie Gray.

Mr. Kerr's political principles are those of the Republican party, and he has served as tax collector, school director and in other capacities. With his wife and children he attends the Lutheran Church of Smicksburg.

NORRIS W. BENNETT owns and lives upon his grandfather's old homestead in Indiana county, where he follows farming and coal mining, being one of the prosperous men of his vicinity. He was born in Montgomery township, Indiana county, Dec. 12, 1858, son of John and Sarah J. (Gardner) Bennett, and grandson of William Bennett, a native of Pennsylvania who came to this section from York county in 1839. The great-grandfather came from Germany. William Bennett followed farming and lumbering throughout his active years. He and his wife both died when seventy-two years old.

John Bennett, father of Norris W. Bennett, was born Aug. 28, 1828, in York county, Pa., came with his father to Indiana county, and was trained to farm work and lumbering from his earliest years, continuing to engage in those lines all his life. He died in 1899, his wife in 1909.

Norris W. Bennett was reared on the farm, and received a good public school education, attending at Rock Run. When yet a young man he became engaged as a lumber and log contractor on the Susquehanna river, devoting all his time to this line for eleven years. Then, at the age of thirty-two, he embarked in the meat business, wholesale and retail, at Spangler, Cambria Co., Pa., being located there for another period of eleven years. During that time he became one of the prominent citizens of the place, serving five years as con-

stable, two years as chief of police, and three years as burgess. When forty-three years old Mr. Bennett returned to farming, which he has since carried on very successfully, now owning and cultivating the old homestead of his grandfather, a tract of eighty-three acres in Banks township. He also operates two coal mines in the locality, which he is developing into good paying properties. As usual, he has proved himself a public-spirited and useful member of the community, having given good service as member of the school board of the borough of Glen Campbell.

On Sept. 20, 1894, Mr. Bennett married Elizabeth Murray, of Mountindale, Cambria Co., Pa., daughter of Thomas and Rose (McCartney) Murray, the former a native of Maine. Mr. Murray served thirteen years as postmaster at Mountindale. He was for years a farmer by occupation. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett: Sarah H., John Murray, Percy Arnold, Thomas Domer, Vada Bernice and Ernest Francis. Mr. Bennett is a prominent member of the M. E. Church, which he serves as trustee, of both church and parsonage.

TAYLOR WINFIELD FOUTS, farmer of Armstrong township, Indiana county, belongs to an old and respected family of this part of Pennsylvania, and the name, originally spelled Pfoutz or Pfouts, is perpetuated in Pfouts Valley, Perry county.

John Fouts, father of Taylor Winfield Fouts, was born in Pfouts Valley, on the old homestead, and in Perry county married Susann Frank, a native of Dauphin county, Pa. They moved from Perry county to Indiana borough, and thence to Susquehanna township, Cambria county, and from there in 1871-72 to Venango county, this State, where Mr. Fouts followed his trade, that of carpenter. He next lived at Broadford, Pa., and his death occurred at Tarkwood, in 1886. He was a Republican in his political views, and in religious connection a member of the M. E. Church. His wife died in 1884. They were the parents of the following children: St. Clair, now of North Baltimore, Ohio, who married Sarah Adams; Missouri, who married George Tate, of McKean county, Pa.; Taylor Winfield; Alabama, who married Charles L. Avery and lives in Noblestown, Pa.; Buena Vista, who married Henry Crocks, of Venango county; Miller, of McKean county, who married Lucinda Tarr; Clifford, an oil driller, who is unmarried; and Curtin,

a resident of Apollo, Pa., married to Minnie Walker.

Taylor Winfield Fouts was born Nov. 8, 1850, in Susquehanna township, Cambria Co., Pa., and passed his early life in Cambria, Clearfield and Venango counties, this State. He learned the trade of carpenter, was in the oil fields for a time, engaged in various occupations, and saw much of the development and opening up of the oil regions. After his marriage he came to his present home, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, where he is engaged in farming.

On Oct. 6, 1873, Mr. Fouts was married, in Butler county, Pa., to Sarah Elizabeth Craig, a native of Butler county, born Sept. 27, 1856, daughter of James A. and Mary (Campbell) Craig, and received her education in the public schools. Mr. Craig was born July 2, 1825, in Butler county, Pa., son of George and Margaret (Hunter) Craig, and died in 1896 in Armstrong county, Pa.; his wife died in 1894. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fouts: James Harry, of Armstrong county, who married Minnie Moore; Charles, who is deceased; Wilbert Ellsworth, of Indiana, who married Rhoda Williams; Ralph, of Armstrong township, Indiana county, married to Elizabeth Campbell; Homer, of Youngstown, Ohio; Frank C., of Armstrong township, who married Daisy Sealar; Mary Jane, wife of Clair Edmundson, living in Indiana borough; and Ervin Earl, at home.

MERTON E. CHURCHILL, D. D. S., who has been practicing dentistry in Arcadia, Indiana county, for the last ten years, is a member of an old and much respected family of this section, being a son of Philander and Elizabeth Harriet (Rank) Churchill, and grandson of John L. and Maria (Hazlett) Churchill. John L. Churchill was a shoemaker and farmer. He came from New York to Indiana county in 1831, and later went West, where he died. His wife who was a native of Bellefonte, Pa., died in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

Philander Churchill was born March 22, 1832, in Montgomery township, Indiana Co., Pa., was educated in the public schools, and when a young man was engaged in the manufacture of shoes for eight years. Since 1865 he has been engaged in the mercantile business at Hillsdale, and with the exception of four years has been postmaster there continuously since 1873. He has served two terms as secretary of the Montgomery town-

ship school board. On June 19, 1856, he married Elizabeth Harriet Rank, daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann Rank, and of the children born to them Albert, Edward, Clara Ann (Mrs. Stevens), Jesse D. (a merchant) and Bertha (who married D. Ford Rankin and after his death became the wife of James A. Smith) are deceased. Six survive: Mary Almada, who married James Weaver and (second) Wesley Standish; Sarah Frances, wife of James D. Ake; William T., who married Elva Spicher; George R., a physician, who has been twice married, first to Ollie Hazlett; Merton E.; and John S., who married Maud McElhinny.

Merton E. Churehill was born Oct. 18, 1878, at Hillsdale, in Montgomery township, this county, and received his literary education in the public schools there. He took his course in dentistry at the Pittsburg Dental College, graduating in May, 1902, and has since been engaged in the practice of his profession at Arcadia, where he has established a fine patronage by good work and reliability. Though he himself takes little active part in public affairs he is a thoroughly public-spirited citizen, supporting the men and measures he thinks will benefit the community best. He votes the Prohibition ticket. He is a member of the Alumni of the Pittsburg Dental College.

On Oct. 15, 1902, Dr. Churehill married Pearl Wissell, of Indiana county, daughter of Martin L. and Lucy (Moorhead) Wissell, the former a contractor engaged in moving buildings.

GEORGE KEITH, a venerable resident of Green township, Indiana county, was born there May 15, 1830, son of John and Mary M. (Lowmaster) Keith. His grandfather, Adam Keith, came to this county in pioneer times.

John Keith, father of George Keith, was born in New York, and came to Indiana county at an early day, settling on the farm in Green township now occupied by his son George. He died in 1836. His wife, Mary M. (Lowmaster), was born in Virginia, daughter of George Lowmaster, a very early settler in Indiana county, and died in 1904, at an advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Keith had three children, George, the eldest, being now the only survivor; Michael and John are deceased. The former served in the Civil war.

George Keith passed his early days in Green township on the farm where he is now living, and received his education in the local

schools. He has always been engaged in farming, in which he has prospered, and he is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his township, where his industrious and upright life has won him universal respect.

In March, 1849, Mr. Keith married, in Green township, Isabella Plowse, who was born in New York State, daughter of George Plowse, who came to Indiana county and first settled in Brushvalley township, later moving to Green township. By occupation he was a farmer. Of the large family born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Martha Jane is the wife of Jacob Patterson and lives in Green township; Lavina is deceased; George M. survives; John is a resident of Green township; Michael is living in Green township; Elias is deceased; Isaiah is living in Green township; Annie is deceased; Ida is the wife of Otis Lydick, of Green township.

In 1899 Mr. and Mrs. Keith had the pleasure of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, an occasion made doubly enjoyable by the fact that all their children were present.

SHARP NEAL, SR., was born Aug. 2, 1832, on the old Neal homestead in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, and has for years been engaged in business at Perrysville, just across the line in Jefferson county. He has kept hotel there for twenty-five years, and has worked at his trade, that of tailor, for sixty years in all.

William Neal, his grandfather, the first of this branch of the family to settle in America, was from the North of Ireland. His wife was Mary Reynolds. They first located at Philadelphia, later in Franklin county, Pa., and eventually came to Indiana county, in the eighteenth century, where he obtained nearly three thousand acres of land west of Indiana, near Jacksonville. He was a surveyor and became very well known. His death occurred Sept. 5, 1813, when he was seventy-seven years old, and he was buried in the cemetery at Bethel Church, in this county. We have the following record of his children: (1) Thomas lived on part of his father's old place at Jacksonville, where he put up a gristmill, and later moved to near Georgeville, this county. He was twice married, first to Margaret Creviston, by whom he had four children: William, who was burned to death at Phoenix, Armstrong Co., Pa., married Deborah Pears; John had a gristmill east of Punxsutawney, Pa.; Samuel and Thomas went West. To his second marriage,

with Catherine Barnhart, were born five children: Margaret married S. Hoover and (second) George Weaver, and lived in Perry township, Jefferson Co., Pa.; Arr lived in Punxsutawney, Pa.; Ogg was killed by a live wire in Horatio, Pa.; Thomas was killed by a boiler explosion in Homer City, Pa.; Mary R. married R. Trusel. (2) John lived near Jacksonsville and was engaged in farming. He married Lydia Lewis, and they had four children, John, Hugh, Rachel Loman and Kissle Inadid. (3) Mary died unmarried. (4) Rossanna died unmarried. (5) William was the father of Sharp Neal.

William Neal, son of William and Mary (Reynolds) Neal, was born in Franklin county, Pa., on Caneoguages creek, and had little opportunity to acquire an education. He was noted in his day for his musical attainments. Prior to 1807 he settled on the Big Mahoning, where there were only two white settlers at that time, and it was he who ran the first raft down Big Mahoning creek. His home was half a mile from Perryville, where he cleared three acres of what is now the Robert Hamilton farm. Later he moved to where Charles Neal now lives, in North Mahoning township, which place he improved, making his home there for a number of years. In 1832 he moved across the creek north, to where H. Neal now lives, and died March 17, 1869, at the home of his son John Neal, in West Mahoning township, when nearly ninety years old. In the early days he was noted for his skill and success as a hunter and trapper, one winter killing forty bears. He was very well known in northern Indiana county and the adjoining territory in Jefferson county. Ten children were born to his first marriage, with Mary Cunningham, of Jacksonville, Pa., viz.: Abraham L., born Dec. 29, 1807, lived in West Mahoning township. Elizabeth (Betsy), born Oct. 22, 1809, married Jacob Young. Ann, born Nov. 22, 1811, married James McHenry, and lived at Northpoint, Pa. Catherine (Kate), born April 15, 1813, married James Neal and (second) Joseph Sharp, and all are now deceased. John, born Dec. 4, 1816, married Rachel Blose; he was killed on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad bridge in 1903. Thomas, born April 11, 1818, lived in West Mahoning township; he married Elizabeth McClellan and (second) Nancy Wingrove. Mary R., born Sept. 2, 1820, married Artemus Purdy and lived in Galva, Ill. Sarah, born Sept. 2, 1823, married John Chambers. Margaret (Peggy), born Feb. 18, 1826, married Robert

Patterson. Hardy Hill married Margaret Trimble and had three children; he lived in Porter township, Jefferson county.

The second wife of William Neal was Susan Neff, by whom he had six children, namely: James C., a merchant of Perrysville, Pa., married Catherine Hadden; Winfield Scott, of Perrysville, married Rebecca Piper; Amelia (Millie) married Joseph Uncapher; Euphemia died unmarried; Sanford (deceased) married Lydia Lewis, lived in Punxsutawney, and was a land owner; Sharp is mentioned below.

Sharp Neal, son of William and Susan (Neff) Neal, grew up in the primitive surroundings characteristic of this region in his early days, and had little chance to attend school. When a boy of eleven years he went to live with his brother Thomas, at Northpoint, remaining with him two years. Then for two years he was with Joseph Uncapher, in 1847 going to Indiana, this county, to learn his trade. He served an apprenticeship at tailoring, with Wilson Long, for four years. Thence he went to Blairsville, Pa., before the railroad was extended from Philadelphia to Pittsburg, continuing there for one season. He then attended school for a time, going to the old academy at Indiana, of which Thomas Searls was then principal. Returning to his old home locality he located in 1857 at Perrysville, where he built a hotel in 1868, and in addition to operating same has engaged to some extent in the mercantile business, carrying a stock of confectionery and notions. He has also continued to follow his trade, his combined interests serving to bring him a comfortable income and establishing him among the substantial men of his vicinity. Though past eighty he is active and well preserved, and his excellent memory enables him to recall many interesting experiences of the early days. He has become widely known in his various connections, business and otherwise, and has many friends. He has never aspired to office of any kind, though interested in politics as a member of the Democratic party. In fraternal association he is a member of the I. O. O. F., having belonged to Amor Lodge, No. 608, at Perrysville, for over twenty-five years.

On April 14, 1853, Mr. Neal married Mary Jane Riddle, who died in 1865. In 1866 he married (second) Margaret Ann Gillespie. Four children were born to the first marriage: (1) Silas Clark, of Blairsville, Pa., a baker by trade, married Ann Clark, of Huntingdon county, Pa., and they have had children:



Albert, Howard, Ethel, Fred, Robert and Harry. (2) Johnson, a baker by trade, but now engaged in the livery business at Derry Station, Pa., married Barbara Stadmler, and has one child, Catherine Bell. (3) Lucinda Bell is a milliner at Derry, Pa. (4) John Hastings died unmarried in 1888. He was a baker by trade. To Mr. Neal's second union was born one child, Laura Malissa, who married Hubbard Day, an employee of the American Express Company at New York City.

SYLVESTER McMILLEN is one of the well-known residents of his section of Indiana county, where he is now engaged exclusively in farming. He was formerly interested in lumbering and carpenter work, and in his various activities has made a large circle of acquaintances.

Simon McMillen, his father, was a native of Ohio, and came to Indiana county, Pa. He was a farmer, and also followed lumbering in the winter season. He was a public official, serving as tax collector and road supervisor, and was one of the respected citizens of Montgomery township in his day. He married Leah Findley, of Montgomery township, whose family were farming people, and both are now deceased.

Sylvester McMillen was born Sept. 26, 1851, near Hillsdale, in Montgomery township, Indiana Co., Pa., and attended the public schools of the locality. He remained with his father until he attained his majority, farming and lumbering, and then learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for ten years, taking contracts; he has built a great many barns in Indiana county. For a few years he also lumbered to some extent, but meantime he had also been farming most of the time, and since 1901 has been devoting all his time to agricultural work.

Mr. McMillen has been active in the workings of the Republican party in his locality, and though not an office seeker has accepted various honors from his fellow citizens, having served acceptably as supervisor (two terms), tax collector (one term of three years) and overseer of the poor (two terms).

On June 18, 1873, Mr. McMillen married Mary Jane Minser, of Montgomery township, Indiana county, daughter of Mark and Elizabeth Minser, the former of whom was engaged in lumbering and sawmilling; he was a preacher of the Dunkard Brethren Church. Mr. and Mrs. McMillen have had the following children: Albert W., a farmer of Montgomery township, who married Mary Biss, of

Hillsdale, and has two children, Vance F. and Dean; Charles S., a carpenter, of Gipsy, Indiana county, who married Margaret Rose and has three children, Sylvester M., William R. and Mary A.; Mark, of Indiana, Pa., who married Stella Neal and has two children, Neal and Mary G.; Orange, of Denver, Colo.; Ray, at home; Harvey Clair, at home; Clarence, at home; Ella Elizabeth, wife of J. A. McCoy, a farmer of East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, who has children, Howard Smith, Lynn and Mead; and Sarah Ann, who is the wife of Howard S. Heilmann, of Banks township, Indiana county, and has two children, Sylvester Ray and Cecil.

JAMES S. WYNCOOP, a farmer of Rayne township, Indiana county, who has been prominent in the public affairs of his township for a number of years, was born May 6, 1845, son of Matthew B. and Mary (Van Lier) Wyncoop. His parental grandparents were of Holland-Dutch and Scotch descent, respectively. They had a family of eight children.

Matthew B. Wyncoop was born Jan. 13, 1795, in Indiana county, and followed farming all his life, meeting with substantial success in his chosen calling. He became the owner of the farms now owned by his sons Matthew and James. He died in 1878 in his eighty-fourth year. By his first wife, Elizabeth (Work), Mr. Wyncoop had four children, namely: Agnes, John W., Jane F. and Elizabeth J. His second marriage was to Mary Van Lier, by whom he had eight children: Robert C., Lucinda V., Matthew B., William M., James S., George S., Emily and Gerardus.

James S. Wyncoop is engaged in farming in Rayne township, and has made an excellent record as a township official. He served three years as auditor, two years as constable, twelve successive years as tax collector, and has been school director nine years, with three years of his present term still to serve. In politics he is a Republican with leanings toward the Progressive movement. He attends the Presbyterian Church at Marion Center.

During the Civil war Mr. Wyncoop enlisted in the 135th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for nine months, after which he enlisted in the United States Signal Corps, remaining in that branch of the service until the close of the war.

On Oct. 12, 1868, Mr. Wyncoop was married to Wilhelmina Clark, daughter of Ben-

jamin F. and Sallie Clark, of Somerset county, Pa., who had a family of seven children. Mrs. Wyncoop died Nov. 5, 1905, the mother of eight children, viz.: Ira C., who is engaged in business as a merchant at Irwin, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Cora M., wife of J. C. McCormick, of Marion Center, this county; Earl Blair, a farmer in Rayne township; Verne, wife of Charles McLaughlin, a farmer of Rayne township; Logan Milton, an undertaker, in New York City; Emma E., married to J. I. McElhoes, a farmer of Rayne township; Mary B., at home; and Mildred A., who has been teaching in Rayne township since 1903.

For his second wife Mr. Wyncoop married Rena Rook, daughter of Harris Martz, of Indiana county, whose family consisted of eight children.

MOSES B. MILLER, now living retired at Shelocta, Indiana county, was born April 16, 1854, in Washington township, this county, son of Barnabas and Margaret (Yount) Miller.

Moses Miller, his grandfather, was born and reared in Bedford county, Pa., and came to this section of the State when the site of what is now Johnstown was nothing but a wilderness. He laid out the first foundation for a house within the present limits of that city. By trade he was a stonemason. He bought a tract of land in what is now the city of Johnstown, 227 acres, paying fifty cents an acre, but he subsequently moved to Indiana county, where he passed the remainder of his life. He married Mary Magdalene Sell, and their children were: Barnabas, Henry, Moses, William, Mrs. George Mitchell, Susan (Mrs. William Johnson), Elizabeth (Mrs. John Russell), Peggie (Mrs. Henry Frailey) and Annie. The father of this family died in 1877, at the age of eighty-nine years.

Barnabas Miller, a son of Moses Miller, lived in Washington township, Indiana county. He married Margaret Yount.

Moses B. Miller, son of Barnabas Miller, was educated in the common schools of his locality, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed as a journeyman and later as a successful contractor and builder, erecting the Parkwood school and a large hotel in Clarksburg, Pa., as well as many commodious barns, and repaired the United Presbyterian church at Elderton. He is now retired from active life, enjoying the comforts his industry has provided.

On March 11, 1874, Mr. Miller married Rachel Mangus, of White township, Indiana county, a daughter of Christian and Lydia (Lape) Mangus. Mrs. Miller died May 1, 1909, the mother of the following children: Margaret, who married A. P. Calhoun, of Armstrong township; Edward, who is at home; Carrie, who married J. B. Hanna, of Blairsville, Pa.; Barney L., who married Nettie Walker; Abbie J., who married R. S. Fleming, of Shelocta; Catherine, who is deceased; Mary, who married C. W. Kerr, of Armstrong township; Rose, who is at home; H. Porter, born June 30, 1890, who was educated in the common schools and at Elderton academy, and taught in the Parkwood school for one year and the Fleming school for another year; and Virginia E., who is at home.

Mr. Miller is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, which he served as trustee. While he has been a Republican in political sentiment his sympathies are with the Prohibition movement, and he supports it by example and influence, for he believes that many of the ills of the times can be directly traced to the liquor traffic.

JOSIAH ROWLEY, the oldest citizen in point of continuous residence in Montgomery township, Indiana county, has been an active and useful member of his community in every respect. He is a substantial farmer, has served in various local offices, and has been associated with all movements which have aimed at the betterment of conditions in his section. Mr. Rowley was born in Armstrong county, Pa., Sept. 23, 1837, son of Cornelius and Theresa (Ruffner) Rowley, farming people who moved to Montgomery township, Indiana county, April 3, 1838. Cornelius Rowley followed farming there to the end of his days, dying at the age of seventy-five years. His wife died at the age of eighty-two. He served two terms as supervisor of the township.

Josiah Rowley has been a lifelong farmer, at present owning seventy-seven acres, under excellent cultivation. He has served six terms as supervisor of his township, and seven terms as school director, his long retention in these positions being the best evidence of the satisfaction his discharge of their responsibilities has given to his fellow citizens. He is a man of high moral worth, a member of the Dunkard Brethren Church and a Prohibitionist in political connection.

On Feb. 25, 1866, Mr. Rowley married Maria Plöse (Plous), of Montgomery town-

ship, Indiana county, daughter of George and Mary Pose, and eight children were born to this union, five dying in infancy. The survivors are: Anna, now the wife of M. G. Rugamer, machinist in an automobile factory, of Lafayette, Ind.; William Wallace; and Samuel S., section boss on the Pennsylvania railroad, now living at McGees Mills, Clearfield Co., Pa. Mrs. Rowley died Oct. 1, 1899.

WILLIAM WALLACE ROWLEY, son of Josiah and Maria Rowley, was born Feb. 14, 1871, in Montgomery township, Indiana county, and obtained his education in the public schools there. He has always followed farming, and in the winter also engages in lumbering. He owns a tract of sixty-three acres, which under his energetic management is in profitable condition. Like his father he takes a keen interest in the administration of local affairs, and he has served three terms as overseer of the poor and three times as supervisor of elections. He supports the Prohibition party. On March 13, 1900, he married Pearl Conner, of Washington township, this county, daughter of Abraham W. and Catherine Conner, farming people, and they have had two children: Ray Sprankle, born Oct. 21, 1902, and Elmer Sheldon, born Nov. 22, 1906.

GEORGE H. DICK, farmer of Cherryhill township, Indiana county, has with the exception of a short time spent in the West been a lifelong resident of that township, where he was born Sept. 2, 1851. His grandfather, John Dick, came to this county at an early day and bought land which he cleared and cultivated, living thereon until his death, which occurred when he was forty-four years old.

Jacob P. Dick, son of John, was the father of George H. Dick. He was born in Blair county, Pa., but was reared in Indiana county, followed farming all his active life in Cherryhill township, and died in 1900. In 1863 he married Elizabeth Hoover, and the following children were born to them: Margaret, who is now deceased; David H., of Cherryhill township; George H.; Andrew and John, both of whom are deceased; Nancy, wife of Benjamin Bowers, of Martinsburg, Pa.; and Martin H., who lives in Cherryhill township. By his second marriage Jacob P. Dick had seven children, the survivors being: William, who lives in Iowa; James, of Johnstown, Pa.; Jacob M., who is on the old homestead; and Frank, living with his mother at Greenville, Pennsylvania.

George H. Dick attended the schools near his home in Cherryhill township, and from boyhood worked with his father, assisting in the cultivation of the home farm. Since he began life for himself he has continued to follow farming, as well as lumbering, and with the exception of two years when he was out West has always lived in his native county. In 1893 he purchased the farm upon which he now lives, and has since given all his time and attention to its cultivation, in which he has been very successful. He has found time also to serve his fellow citizens officially, having filled the office of overseer of the poor for three terms.

On Oct. 2, 1882, Mr. Dick married Linna Stephens, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of Giles Stephens, a farmer, who settled in the county many years ago. Mrs. Dick died June 30, 1890. She had four children, viz.: Edna, who died at the age of fourteen years; a twin of Edna, deceased in infancy; Harry, and Wilda. On March 6, 1891, Mr. Dick was married (second) to Mary D. Moorhead, who was born in the borough of Indiana, on what is now the site of the "Indiana Hotel," daughter of James and Belle Moorhead, both of whom lived in Indiana county from their early days. Six children have been born to this union, one of whom died in infancy. The survivors are: Martha, George, James, Edward and Stella. Mr. and Mrs. Dick are members of the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN W. PATTERSON, of Green township, Indiana county, has been engaged in farming all his life and has also followed lumbering. He lives on what was formerly known as the Trimmell farm. Mr. Patterson was born in Green township Dec. 10, 1846, son of Thomas and Martha (Dunkle) Patterson and grandson of Samuel Patterson, who came to Indiana county in pioneer days. This section was a wilderness when he settled here. He followed farming from early life, and lived and died upon the place where he located upon his arrival. His children were: William, John C., Thomas, Robert, Elizabeth and Margaret.

Thomas Patterson, father of John W. Patterson, was born in Cherryhill township, this county, learned shoemaking, and followed that trade all his life. He was a well-known citizen in his day, having served several terms as justice of the peace in Green township. He died May 9, 1888. His wife, Martha (Dunkle), who is still living, now (1912)

ninety-two years old, was born in Brushvalley township, this county, daughter of John Dunkle, a native of New York, of Dutch ancestry, who settled in Indiana county in the early days. He was a farmer by occupation. Of the family born to him and his wife, Keziah, the eldest, is deceased; Martha became Mrs. Patterson; Mary is deceased; Catherine, Lucinda and Elizabeth are deceased.

Nine children were born to Thomas and Martha (Dunkle) Patterson: Samuel D., who is now deceased, was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Company I, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and taking part in many battles; he was captured, and confined at Andersonville, Libby prison and Belle Isle; he lived in Cambria county, and represented same in the State Legislature for one term. John W. is mentioned below. Keziah is the wife of Robert F. Templeton, of Green township. William E. is living on the old homestead in Green township. Martin L. is a resident of Montgomery township, this county. Robert lives in Green township. Callie is the wife of John L. Evans, of Ebensburg, Pa. Ella M. is the wife of Evan G. Davis and lives in Green township. Emma is the wife of W. B. Douglas, of Green township.

John W. Patterson obtained his education in the common schools of Green township. He lived on the farm where he was born until he reached manhood, and subsequently spent two years at Ebensburg, Pa. He has followed lumbering as well as general farming, and since 1884 has lived at his present home in Green township, occupying what was at one time the Trimmell farm, where the famous Trimmell triplets were born. He owns a fine property, in excellent condition, giving every evidence of the intelligent care and management of the owner. Mr. Patterson has served two terms as a member of the board of school directors of his township.

On May 15, 1872, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Mary Virginia Moorhead, who was born in Cherryhill township, this county, daughter of David and Lydia (Hahn) Moorhead, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and the latter a native of Maryland; they settled in this county at an early day, Mr. Moorhead engaging in farming in Cherryhill township. Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead are now deceased. They were the parents of four children.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson: Mabel, the eldest, is now the widow of Robert Dawson, and lives in Pitts-

burg, Pa.; she has had three children, Harold (deceased), Raymond and Virginia. Jessie E. lives in Pittsburg. Albert is also a resident of Pittsburg. Harold, who lives in Pittsburg, married Olive Luther, and they have one child, Norman. Thomas, who lives in Cambria county, married Elizabeth Coleman, and they have one child. Oden is living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson are members of the Methodist Church, in which he has been an active worker, being at present a trustee, class leader and superintendent of the Sunday school.

JACOB J. EVERWINE was born Oct. 27, 1841, on the farm in Rayne township, Indiana county, which he still operates, his son now assisting him.

Jacob Everwine, his father, was born in Germany, and he was twice married, both his wives being natives of the same province as himself. By his second union, to Catherine Rosina Polack, he had three children: Louisa, who is the widow of William Zigler and lives in the borough of Indiana, Indiana county; Jacob J.; and Rosina, deceased, who was the wife of James Bence, a farmer of Rayne township, and had nine children. When the father came to America he first made his home at Blairsville, Indiana Co., Pa., later moving to the borough of Indiana, and subsequently purchasing the farm in Rayne township where his son Jacob now lives. He died on this old homestead March 20, 1873, and the mother died there April 6, 1895.

Jacob J. Everwine was raised and educated in Rayne township, and has been engaged in farming throughout his active years, now owning the farm which his father bought many years ago. He has 150 acres of valuable land, and he and his son now cultivate the place together, their intelligent and well-directed labors being apparent in the fine condition of the property. He has been a Republican in political association, and now belongs to the Progressive party, and he has taken considerable interest in the welfare of his locality and its proper administration. He has been elected to the office of school director. Mr. Everwine attends the Lutheran Church.

On March 1, 1866, Mr. Everwine married Amanda Widdowson, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth G. (Lydiek) Widdowson, farming people of Cherryhill township; they had a family of fourteen children. The following were born to Mr. and Mrs. Everwine: Mary married Harry Lougwill, a farmer, of

Dixonville, this county, and they have a family of six children; Jean married T. N. Strong, farmer of Rayne township, and has two children, one son and one daughter; Annetta Rosina married Charles Stuchell, who is now deceased, and by him had one son, and she is now the wife of George Gibson, of Canada, at present living on Long Island, New York; Olive is deceased; Florence is deceased; Thomas J. married Minerva Edwards, a builder, now living at Swissvale, Allegheny Co., Pa., and they have one child, a daughter; John L., born May 12, 1883, lives at home; M. J., born Oct. 6, 1886, is studying medicine at Chicago, Illinois.

THOMAS ALEXANDER HUGHES, of Conemaugh township, has had his home there from young manhood, when he came to this section with his parents. Though the family has not been associated for long with Indiana county, it is one of the oldest in this part of Pennsylvania, the great-grandfather of Mr. Hughes having been the first white child born in Westmoreland county.

(A recent history of Westmoreland county says the Hughes family is of Scotch-Irish lineage, and the branch to which the late Dr. John W. Hughes, of Latrobe, belonged was early founded in Pennsylvania, members of the family having been among the first pioneers to settle west of the Allegheny mountains in this State. William Hughes was a farmer by vocation, and in early life married a Miss Barnett, a representative of the well-known family of that name which early settled near New Derry, Westmoreland county, being prominent in the Presbyterian Church for many generations. Their son, Samuel B. Hughes, who died in 1874, was the father of Dr. John W. Hughes.)

Isaac Hughes, grandfather of Thomas Alexander Hughes, was born at Derry station, in Westmoreland county, and there followed farming all his life. He was twice married, having two children, Isaac and Samuel, by the first union, and his second wife, whose maiden name was Cummings, was the mother of four: David, Alexander, James, and a daughter whose name is not given.

David Hughes, son of Isaac, was born at Derry station, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and had common school privileges. He began farming with his parents, later owning a large farm and carrying on farming and stock raising extensively. In 1885 he sold this place and moved to Conemaugh township, Indiana

county, where he bought the Speedy farm of 212 acres, located halfway between Saltsburg and Livermore, on the Saltsburg and Blairsville road. Here he engaged in general agricultural pursuits and stock raising the remainder of his life. He was a prominent man in his day, in both Westmoreland and Indiana counties, being of active character and progressive disposition. He was up-to-date in his work and thoroughly honorable in all his dealings. He died on this place and was buried with his wife in the cemetery of the Conemaugh Church. A lifelong member of the United Presbyterian Church, he was active in its work and contributed freely to its support, and while a resident of Westmoreland county served many years as trustee of the church at New Alexandria. Mr. Hughes married Sarah Kennedy, daughter of George Kennedy, of Westmoreland county, whose wife's name was Gray, and to this union were born the following children: George married Annie Bell Kincaide, and they live on the farm in Conemaugh township adjoining that of Thomas Alexander Hughes, it being a tract of 106 acres, half of the original place bought by their father; Loretta married John Hunter, of Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., a farmer; Irene is deceased; Mary, widow of James Irwin, resides at Livermore, Westmoreland county; Thomas Alexander is mentioned below.

Thomas Alexander Hughes was born April 12, 1867, in Derry township, near New Alexandria, Westmoreland county, and there received his education in the common schools. He worked with his father from boyhood, and was eighteen years old when the family moved to Conemaugh township, Indiana county, where he continued to farm with his father until the latter's death. The home place was then divided, he and his brother George each receiving 106 acres, which they continue to cultivate. Thomas A. Hughes makes a specialty of truck gardening along with general farming, and stock raising, and his practical methods and enterprising disposition are apparent in the fine appearance of his property and its increased productive qualities. Though he cares nothing for public honors for himself he has taken a prominent part in township affairs, and he held the position of road supervisor one term.

Mr. Hughes married Blanch Christman, daughter of William and Sarah (Irwin) Christman, and they have the following chil-

dren: Eva May, George Kennedy, John Albert, Irene Elizabeth and Annie Bell.

ASA E. McANULTY is a native-born resident of Green township, Indiana county, and has lived on his present farm since he was seventeen years old. He was born July 15, 1855, son of James and Martha McAnulty, and grandson of Michael McAnulty, who was a pioneer settler in the county and bought a farm in Green township upon which he lived and worked until his death. The McAnultys are of Scotch-Irish origin.

James McAnulty, father of Asa E. McAnulty, was born in Indiana county, and died when Asa E., his only child, was very young. His wife, Martha, was also a native of Indiana county, and was one of seven children born to her parents, all now deceased.

Asa E. McAnulty received a public school education in Green township, and when a boy began to work on the farm, continuing to follow agricultural pursuits all his life, in Green township. When seventeen he came to the farm upon which he has ever since resided, and he has engaged in lumbering as well as general farming. He has been successful in his work, which has brought him a comfortable income.

On Jan. 24, 1878, Mr. McAnulty was married to Catherine Jeffries, who was born June 19, 1862, in Pine Flats, Indiana county, daughter of Howell and Anna (Evans) Jeffries, natives of Wales, the former of whom came with his parents to America in an early day, the family first settling at Johnstown, Pa. Later they moved to Indiana county, making a home in Green township. Mrs. McAnulty's maternal grandfather Evans settled at Pine Flats, this county, owning a farm in Green township where he lived and died. Mrs. McAnulty was one of five children born to her parents: Mary, now widow of John Cresswell, of Green township; Robert, living in Pittsburg, Pa.; Anna, wife of William Fleming, of Green township; Catherine, Mrs. McAnulty; and Ella, wife of William H. Williams, of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McAnulty: Stella, now the wife of John Haffen, of Starford, Indiana county; Ernest, living in Green township; Wesley, living at Heilwood, Indiana county; Hale, a resident of Pittsburg; Mattie, who is teaching school in Green township; Rilla, wife of Quay Baker, a resident of Green township, who is engaged in teaching school, which profession Mrs. Baker has also followed; Wilda, at home;

Gertha, at home; Theresa, Dow, Walter and Mary, all four deceased.

JOHN W. SNYDER, who has an eighty-two-acre farm in Rayne township, Indiana county, was born in that township April 17, 1871, son of George J. and Isabelle (Boocheer) Snyder. His father, who is a native of Indiana county, passed all his active years in farming, retiring in the year 1898. He makes his home in the borough of Indiana.

John W. Snyder received his education in the old McKee and Shields schools, and early became familiar with farming, working with his father. For some time he resided in Indiana borough, where he was employed at the carpenter's trade, and from there moved to Rayne township, buying the farm of eighty-two acres upon which he now lives. He devotes all his time to the cultivation of this place, and has been a useful citizen of his locality, serving one term in the office of supervisor, in which he gave thorough satisfaction.

On Sept. 16, 1896, at the age of twenty-five years, Mr. Snyder married Carrie M. Freck, of Rayne township, daughter of George and Catherine (Cook) Freck, well-known residents of this section. Her father is a farmer by occupation, has served as assessor for years, and has also held the office of school director. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder: Clarence Monroe, born June 19, 1897; Genevieve Florence, born April 17, 1899; and Kathryn Mary Bell, born Nov. 6, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are members and earnest workers of the Grove Chapel Lutheran Church, which he is serving in the office of deacon. In political association he has always been a Republican.

HARRY CARSON, a well-known farmer of White township, Indiana county, was born in Center township May 5, 1869, son of Robert C. and Elizabeth H. (Hamill) Carson, and grandson of William Carson.

William Carson, the grandfather, was born probably in Perry county, Pa., and from there in 1834 came to Indiana county, in company with his brothers and sisters John, Alexander, Susan and Jane. William Carson engaged in farming until overtaken by blindness, a number of years before his death. He married Letitia Work, and both died in Center township and were buried at Bethel Church. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: William; Alexander; James; Mary, wife of

John Robbins, of White township; Rose, wife of Edward Harbinson; John, who died in 1911, aged eighty-nine years; Letitia, who died in 1910; Susan, widow of Thomas Smith, residing at Chambersville; Robert C.; and Thomas, who was killed at the battle of Gaines's Mills during the Civil war. Four of them were carpenters and builders.

Robert C. Carson was born in Center township, Indiana county, in 1835. When he grew to manhood he learned carpentry and afterward followed contracting and building a number of years, erecting some of the best residences in Center township, as well as barns, schoolhouses and other structures, and was the builder of the first house for residential purposes at the Graceton Coke Works. He was a veteran of the Civil war, serving out a first enlistment in Company E, 177th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Lewis M. Brumell, from Oct. 16, 1862, to Aug. 5, 1863. On March 17, 1865, he reenlisted under Capt. Joseph M. Dougherty, in the 103d Pennsylvania Infantry, and served as a lieutenant until the close of hostilities. During these years of danger and hardship his commands were stationed in Virginia and North Carolina, and in the swamps of these States he contracted fever and ague, now generally attributed to miasma, which made such inroads on his naturally strong constitution that he never fully regained his health. Being, however, a man of strong will and remarkable energy, he continued active in business until his death. During the later years of his life, while following his trade, he lived on his farm in Center township, near Homer City, having improved his property with handsome and substantial buildings. He died April 18, 1893, at the age of fifty-seven years, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Indiana. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Homer City, in which he was an elder, and also served as superintendent of the Sunday school. Interested as he always was in general education, he consented to serve for a long period as school director, and held other local offices. Although naturally of a retiring nature he made many friends through his recognition of the rights of others and a due regard for their comfort and welfare. He married Elizabeth H. Hamill, who was born in Center township, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Trimble) Hamill, her birth occurring in 1840. She was reared in a Christian home, her parents being members of the United Presbyterian Church. To Robert C. and Elizabeth H. Car-

son four children were born, as follows: Jennie, who became the wife of William S. Huntley, of Youngwood, Westmoreland county; Harry; Myrtle A., who married J. M. Davis, of White township; and Porter H., who died in childhood.

Harry Carson was educated in the public schools of Center township and from a comparatively early age worked on the farm and for his father at the carpenter's trade. He remained on the homestead until 1901, when he came to White township, where he purchased the Robbins farm of ninety-one acres, to which he has made additions until now he owns and operates a tract of 199 acres, carrying on general farming and dairying, taking advantage of all modern discoveries relating to agricultural activities and thereby making very satisfactory progress.

On Sept. 3, 1897, Mr. Carson was married to Mrs. S. Elizabeth (Miller) Long, daughter of John Irwin and Mary (Keener) Miller, of Blacklick township, and widow of George S. Long. Mrs. Carson was born in Conemaugh township, later moving to Blacklick township, where she lived till her marriage to Mr. Carson. She was well educated, attending the public schools of Indiana county and the State normal school, and teaching school for some years before her first marriage, to which one son was born, J. Irwin Long. After his graduation from the public schools he attended the Indiana State normal school, and engaged in teaching, first in Indiana county and later in the famous Hood River valley, Oregon, where he spent a year. On returning from the far West he finished his course at the Indiana State normal, graduating in the class of 1911. He bought a farm in White township (after coming back East), a tract of 109 acres, which is situated in sight of his parents' farm, on which he resides, but has not entirely given up teaching school. To Mr. and Mrs. Carson three sons have been born: Robert Miller, Harry Carlyle and Paul E., all students. The eldest made a record in passing the State public school examination at the age of thirteen years.

Mr. Carson has always taken a deep interest in the public school system and at the age of twenty-four years became a school director in Center township, and continued as such for seven years, when he resigned in order to locate in White township, where he served in a similar capacity for eight years and has been president and also secretary of the board in both townships. He belongs to the Progressive Republican party in politics, being an

unusually broad-minded, well-informed man. At the age of twenty-five years he was elected an elder in the Homer City United Presbyterian Church and served as such until he moved into White township, and at present is serving as an elder of the First United Presbyterian Church of Indiana, another member of the board being Prof. J. T. Stewart, the well-known educator and historian of Indiana.

**WILSON M. BOWSER**, who is cultivating the old Bowser homestead in West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born on that farm in 1865, son of Henry F. and Catherine (Marshall) Bowser.

Christian Bowser, his paternal grandfather, was born in Bedford county, Pa., Sept. 27, 1798, and was there married to Susanna Fluck, Oct. 21, 1825. In 1840 they removed to Armstrong county, settling in East Franklin township, near Kittanning, where he became a well-known agriculturist, but in 1851 they went to Jefferson county, Pa., locating in Gaskill township. There he spent the rest of his life in farming, and passed away Sept. 18, 1869, in the faith of the German Baptist Church. He and his wife, who died Sept. 2, 1877, had the following children: Henry F. is mentioned below; William F., born Aug. 21, 1828, a puddler of Kittanning, married Margaret Campbell, and died July 31, 1893; David F., born Sept. 10, 1833, who married Mary Meyers, carried on farming and lumbering, and died March 25, 1895, in Jefferson county, where his widow is still living; Peter F., born Sept. 10, 1836, who married Eliza Brooks, carried on farming and lumbering in Jefferson county until 1902, since which time he has been a resident of Dallas, Oregon; Christina F., born Dec. 13, 1839, who married Robert Beatty, is living in Clearfield county, near McGee's Mills; Jacob F., born Nov. 6, 1843, died in May, 1911, married Martha Rhodes, who still resides in Jefferson county; Elizabeth F., born Dec. 12, 1849, married James Powland, who died in the fall of 1871, and she subsequently married (second) a Mr. Miller, and passed away in 1875.

Henry F. Bowser, son of Christian Bowser, was born Jan. 6, 1827, in Bedford county, Pa., and there received meager educational advantages. His first marriage was to Elizabeth Swigert, of Armstrong county, who died without issue, and in February, 1863, he was married (second) to Mrs. Catherine Marshall, the widow of John Lewis Marshall. She was born near Dayton, Pa., Feb. 5, 1827, and had one son by her first husband, Calvin James, born

Jan. 12, 1854, who died April 20, 1872. Henry F. Bowser passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits, and died May 20, 1872. He and his second wife had the following children: (1) Wilson M. (2) Ida Clara, born Oct. 18, 1867, married George Sink, and died April 2, 1891. She had one child, Clara G., who is now deceased. (3) Arnold H., born Oct. 11, 1871, married July 1, 1896, Idella Rairraigh, and had two children, Herbert W. and Marshall, the latter deceased. The mother passed away March 4, 1901, and his second marriage, on Sept. 5, 1906, was to Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, by whom he has two children, J. Dale and Adah. Arnold H. Bowser has always been a farmer on the old home place in partnership with his brother, Wilson M. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Smicksburg.

William Marshall, the maternal great-grandfather of Wilson M. Bowser, was of Scotch-Irish descent.

James Marshall, son of William Marshall and grandfather of Wilson M. Bowser, was born Dec. 5, 1796, and in 1803 went to Armstrong county and built the Glade Run Mills. He was married July 17, 1821, to Margaret Marshall, daughter of Archibald Marshall, and some time thereafter they sold the mill and purchased 500 acres of land near Plumville, Pa., the larger part of which he cleared. He was an exemplary citizen, and was widely known and highly esteemed, and in his death, which occurred July 1, 1844, his township lost one of its best citizens. His wife followed him to the grave Dec. 28, 1873. They were the parents of the following children: Margaret W., born March 9, 1826, married Thomas Davis, who died April 3, 1857, and she then married (second) Nathaniel Doty, March 3, 1868, and died Oct. 11, 1895; Joseph Wilson, born Dec. 11, 1827, lived on a part of the old place, where his first wife, Jane Davis, whom he married Jan. 27, 1850, died Jan. 25, 1864, and he married (second) May 4, 1865, Mary C. Stewart; Archibald, born Oct. 9, 1829, who married Mary A. Wadding, lived on a part of the old home place in South Mahoning township, and died July 29, 1859; Robert, born Nov. 13, 1831, married April 26, 1860, Evelyn Roland, and died Sept. 12, 1885, and they lived in South Mahoning township; Catherine became the wife of Mr. Bowser. James Marshall never aspired to public office, and took little interest in political affairs, but was a great supporter of the temperance cause, and a strong believer in probity and morality. He filled an honorable and influ-



ential position in his community and was widely known and highly respected.

Wilson M. Bowser, son of Henry F. Bowser, was educated in the common schools of his native vicinity, where he has always resided. He was married June 30, 1886, to Lydia Welch, of Plumville, Pa., daughter of Lewis A. and Annie E. (Spargo) Welch, the former of Clearfield county and the latter of Cambria county. Mr. Welch was born March 4, 1838, and his wife May 16, 1840, and they died Feb. 19, 1902, and Dec. 24, 1908, respectively. He was a shoemaker by trade. During the Civil war he fought bravely as a member of Company E, 148th Regiment, P. V. I., under Colonel Beaver, in the 2d Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. During his latter years he farmed on the old Spargo place in South Mahoning township, and died at Salona, Pa., while attending a reunion. He was a staunch Republican and a faithful member of the Baptist Church, as well as a popular comrade of the Union Veterans' Legion. He and his wife were the parents of the following children besides Lydia, Mrs. Bowser: Mary S., born May 15, 1862, was a teacher, and married A. P. Cunningham, of Dayton, Pa., by whom she had four children, Lewis J. (a butcher of Dayton, who married Grace McIntire), Annie (who married Joseph Smith, a sawmill man of Industry, Pa.), Elzie B. (who has always lived with Mr. and Mrs. Bowser) and Clara (at home); Lottie, born Nov. 4, 1864, married John F. Sims, of Farson, Wyo., and has seven children, Lewis, Gertrude, Estella, William, Allmada, Clifford and an infant daughter; Mertie, born Dec. 6, 1870, was married to Harry E. Rowland, of South Mahoning township; George B., born Feb. 18, 1873, lives at Dayton, and owns a farm in South Mahoning township; Edgar J., born Jan. 8, 1876, at Plumville, Pa., who graduated from the normal school and became a teacher, was married to Carrie Coup, by whom he has two children, Marion and Leonard; Almanda, born April 14, 1878, married K. E. Nolf; J. L. C., born Nov. 20, 1880, living near Dayton, married Agnes Allen, and has three children, Wendell, Alta and Florence.

Mr. Bowser has always engaged in agricultural pursuits, and is a large grower of potatoes. He has about 140 acres of the homestead of 257 acres under cultivation, and his land has been improved by the erection of substantial modern buildings. He has also devoted some attention to the raising of Jersey cattle, and the butter manufactured on

this farm finds a ready sale in the nearby markets. In political matters a Republican, Mr. Bowser has served as assessor of West Mahoning township for six years, as auditor nine years, and as school director six years, and has always taken an active interest in all matters that affect his community, being one of the leading factors in securing Rural Free Delivery Route No. 1. His fraternal connection is with Smicksburg Lodge, I. O. O. F., and with his wife he attends the Baptist Church.

EVAN WILLIAMS GRIFFITH, inventor and business man, has been a citizen of Indiana since 1880, and during the greater part of the intervening time has been engaged in business there. He is at present connected as superintendent with the Indiana Spreader Company, manufacturers of the lime spreader of his invention, and also deals in coal lands. He was born in Green township, Indiana county, Aug. 12, 1857, in a log cabin on a farm known as the Henry Parry place.

Thomas Griffith, his father, was born in Pembrokehire, Wales, son of John Griffith, a farmer. He was married in his native country to Margaret Williams, a native of Glamorganshire, Wales, daughter of Daniel and Jane (Matthews) Williams, the former a Baptist minister and son of a Baptist minister. They came to America soon after their marriage, in 1848, landing at New York, and proceeded westward to Pittsburg, and thence to Indiana county. Mr. Griffith had been a farmer in Wales, and upon his arrival here located near Pineflats, in Green township, for a few years, renting land, which he cultivated. He then bought a farm of thirty-three acres, afterward adding to it until he had ninety-seven acres more, continuing to own this property until shortly before his death. He and his wife were Baptists in religious connection. Mr. Griffith was a Republican in his political views, but independent in his support of candidates. We have the following record of his children: (1) Daniel, of Iowa, is secretary of the Iowa State Baptist Mission; he has been a preacher for many years, having graduated from the Bucknell University in 1879 and Crozier Theological College in 1882. He married Mary Evans, a Latin instructor at Bucknell. (2) Samuel, of Johnstown, Pa., married Sadie Williams. (3) John, a government surveyor, of San Diego, Cal., is also a rancher; he is married. (4) Evan Williams is mentioned below. (5) Jane married William Pattison, of near Grisemore, In-

diana county. (5) Lizzie, deceased, married Wallace Lockard. (6) William, who was a dentist, was instructor in the Chicago University Dental College for a time, but his health failing he moved to a farm in Iowa, where his death occurred. He married Minnie Fitch.

Evan Williams Griffith passed his early life on the home farm, continuing to remain with his parents after the other children had left home. At the time of his father's death he took the home farm, continuing to live upon and operate that place until 1880. Moving to Indiana, he there engaged in the wall paper business, and though he began in a small way, his trade expanded until he had the largest concern of the kind between Pittsburg and Altoona. He not only traded in wall papers but was extensively engaged in decorating, employing a number of men whom he sent to Johnstown and other large places, where he had patrons. In 1895, owing to ill health, he disposed of the business, selling it to Job McCreight. For some time thereafter he was engaged as a coal prospector with the Barnes & Tucker Coal Company at Johnstown, after which he bought and developed the Randolph mine near Dixonville, putting it in working order. In time he sold this property to Randolph & Tucker, and he has since been interested in buying and selling coal lands. He himself owns 150 acres of coal land near Heilwood, Indiana county, as well as a forty-acre farm near that place. While engaging in the coal business he invented facilities to work on the coal car shifter for use in the mines which save the labor of three men. His lime spreader previously referred to, which he invented in 1911, is a remarkable labor-saving device for farmers; it is considered to be the only spreader that may be used successfully with all kinds of lime.

Mr. Griffith's executive ability, his intelligent comprehension of the various lines of business in which he is engaged, and his substantial character, entitle him to a place among the most intelligent men of this region. He is an active figure in every enterprise which benefits the community.

In 1883 Mr. Griffith married Maggie Stephens, daughter of Alexander and Jane (Anderson) Stephens, and they have had three children: Gertrude, now Mrs. Samuel Baker, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Bertha, who died when nine years old; and Mary, at home. Mr. Griffith and his family are Baptists and he was for years an active church worker, holding

offices in the church and serving several years as superintendent of the Sunday school. In political opinion he is a Republican.

ESTELL BUBB LEWIS, M. D., of Glen Campbell, Indiana county, is not only in command of a large private practice but also acts as surgeon for several coal companies in that region and as local surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He is a native of the county, born Oct. 31, 1870, in East Mahoning township, son of Hugh Parr and Ellen (Ansley) Lewis.

Dr. Lewis began his education in the public schools, later attending Eldersridge Academy and the State normal school at Indiana. He took his medical course at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating in 1899, and at once began practice at Glen Campbell, where he remained for a year and a half. At the end of that period he moved to Arcadia, four miles away, where he was located for seven years, in 1908 returning to Glen Campbell. Here he has followed general practice, and is also surgeon for the Glenwood Coal Company, Irish Brothers Coal Company and Clark Brothers Coal Company, as well as for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He holds membership in the Indiana County Medical Society and the Red Bank Protective Association. Dr. Lewis is widely known professionally and also as one of the most public-spirited and intelligent workers for the local welfare, being president of the school board of the borough at this writing and doing effective work in that capacity. At one time he served two years as deputy sheriff, while his father was sheriff. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is trustee and elder.

On Oct. 1, 1907, Dr. Lewis married Mame E. Armstrong, of Cherrytrees, Indiana county, daughter of J. Martin and R. Caroline (Hamilton) Armstrong. They have had two children, Estell Evers and Richard Parr.

JOHN ROBINSON HOUSHOLDER, who is devoting his activities to the cultivation of his farm in Burrell township, Indiana county, was born on a farm in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Sept. 4, 1852, son of Solomon and Mary (Gray) Housholder.

Solomon Housholder, the father, was born in Westmoreland County, where he was engaged in farming, and in the fall of 1852 purchased a farm near Rugh station, Indiana county, from Michael Rugh, although he did

not take possession until some time later. Here he was engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, which occurred May 1, 1892, when he was eighty-five years, three months of age. He was buried in the family lot in the Homer City cemetery. He was always identified with the Presbyterian Church in his religious belief, and was a Democrat in his political sympathies. He was married (first) to Mary Gray, who was also born in Westmoreland county, daughter of Abraham Gray, and she died March 13, 1875, and was buried in the Homer City cemetery. They had six children, namely: Jonathan, who died in infancy; Isaac, who makes his home in Republic county, Kans.; Ruth Jane, living at Derry station, Pa.; Margaret J., who married Robert Lynn, of Millwood, Westmoreland county; Mary, who married S. A. St. Clair, of Homer City; and John Robinson. Mr. Housholder's second marriage was to Martha Simpson, of Blacklick township, who died March 13, 1890, and her remains were also laid to rest in the cemetery at Homer City.

John Robinson Housholder, son of Solomon Housholder, was only a few months old when he came with his father to the farm in Burrell township, and here he has carried on operations to the present time. During the closing years of his father and stepmother he tenderly cared for them. He secured his education in the public schools, in the meantime also working on the home farm, and his entire life has been spent in clearing and cultivating the land, erecting buildings and making numerous other improvements, his property being now one of the most valuable and attractive farms in this part of Indiana county. As one who has added to the impetus of his community's advancement he is a man of standing among his fellow citizens, and is everywhere esteemed and respected because of the honorable dealings that have marked his entire career.

On Dec. 22, 1880, Mr. Housholder was united in marriage with Martha S. Pattison, daughter of Archie S. Pattison, of Blacklick township. Ten children have been born to this union, viz.: Mary G., who married B. B. Berry, of Eighty-four, Washington Co., Pa.; William E., who married Carrie Aultman, daughter of D. T. Aultman, of Blacklick; Robert R., residing at New Kensington, Pa.; John C., assistant station agent at Coral, Pa.; Archie P., who is in the employ of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad Company; Margaret J., Mrs. B. B. Wilson, living in

Washington county, Pa.; Isaac; Hugh; Caroline; and one child who died in infancy.

Mr. Housholder has served his township as school director for one term of three years and is now entering upon his second term, acting also in the capacity of treasurer of the board. He has also been township clerk and auditor, and like his father supports Democratic principles, as laid down by the old leaders. When the Blacklick National Bank was organized, he was elected one of its directors, and has retained this position of trust to the present time. In his habits he is strictly temperate, and he is known as one of the faithful members of the Lutheran Church at Coral. A man well informed on various subjects, he is possessed of literary tastes above the average, and is an omnivorous reader and scholar.

HOWARD B. BUTERBAUGH, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of medicine in Indiana, Indiana county, since 1895, is a prominent representative of his profession and well known in fraternal circles in this section. He was born May 12, 1871, in Cookport, Indiana county, son of, Elias L. Buterbaugh and grandson of Henry Buterbaugh, the latter a native of Germany who came to the United States in young manhood and settled in Indiana county, Pa. By trade he was a cabinetmaker, and in time he became engaged in the lumber business. He married Mary Ann Langham, and they had five children: Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of John M. Nichol; Jane, wife of John Galaher; Elias L.; Amos L.; and Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of George F. Houk. The father of this family was a member of the Baptist Church. He died in 1879, at the age of seventy, and the mother died in 1898, aged eighty-two years.

Elias L. Buterbaugh, the Doctor's father, was a farmer and merchant and also engaged in the lumber business. He died in January, 1899, at the age of fifty-three years. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and fraternally belonged to the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R., having served during the Civil war in the United States Signal Corps, under Gen. B. F. Butler; he was in the Army of the Potomac for two years. He married Sarah Barbor, and they became the parents of the following children: Howard B., Mary O., Robert H., Elias P., S. Grace (who is married to Ford Wassam and has three children, Eugene, Kenneth, and Meredith), A. Laura and Florence Catherine.

Howard B. Buterbaugh attended public school in Indiana county and later was a student at the State normal school in the borough of Indiana. He took his medical course in the medical department of the Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio, graduating from that institution in 1895, in the fall of which year he settled in Indiana. He has been engaged in practice there continuously since, and has become very well known in the county, among his brother physicians as well as his patrons, having served one term as president of the Indiana County Medical Society. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association.

The Doctor is a thirty-second-degree Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge No. 313, F. & A. M., of Indiana, of which he is a past master; to Pittsburg Consistory (thirty-second degree) and to Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Pittsburg, Pa. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. and past grand of his lodge.

In politics Dr. Buterbaugh is a Republican and keenly interested in the success of his party and a friend of good government, being particularly public-spirited about the welfare of his home locality. He has served as a member of the borough council of Indiana, and is at present filling the office of coroner, to which he was elected in the fall of 1911, for a term of four years.

THOMAS SEWARD LYNN, best known as Squire Lynn, is one of the most prominent residents of West Wheatfield township, Indiana county. He has been justice of the peace for over twenty years, is a prosperous farmer, and a leading member of the English Lutheran Church.

Squire Lynn is a member of the fourth generation of his family in this country, his great-grandfather, John Lynn, a native of England, having been the first of his paternal ancestors to come to this country. He emigrated from Ireland, in 1750, and first settled in New Jersey. By trade he was a tailor, but after taking up his residence in that State followed farming. Subsequently he moved to Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Pennsylvania.

Robert Lynn, son of John Lynn, was the grandfather of Thomas Seward Lynn. He was born at Hollidaysburg in 1789, and followed in the footsteps of his father in choosing farming as a means of livelihood. About the year 1812 he was married to Rebecca Thompson, and it was about that time also that he settled in Buffington township, Indi-

ana county. About the year 1825 he purchased a large timber tract in West Wheatfield township, lying near what is now the town of Garfield, and here he erected a two-story log house and a log barn, cleared the land, and built a waterpower sawmill in which he manufactured lumber, and which he and his sons conducted up to the time of his death. Mr. Lynn, though he never held office, became a prominent citizen of West Wheatfield and was highly respected. He attended the M. E. Church, and was a Democrat in politics. He was laid to rest in the old Bolivar cemetery in Westmoreland county. His family consisted of seven sons and two daughters, namely: (1) Eliza, born in 1814, married Christopher Robinson. (2) Thompson, born in 1816, married Margaret Alexandre in 1845. (3) Smith, born Oct. 9, 1823, married Elizabeth Robinson of West Wheatfield, Oct. 9, 1848, and died in 1904. He was a farmer and teamster. (4) John is mentioned fully below. (5) Sarah, born in 1829, is the widow of Elliott Robinson (brother of Christopher and Elizabeth, just mentioned), whom she married in 1848. He was a local M. E. minister, farmer and brick manufacturer near Bolivar. She resides in West Wheatfield, near the brick works. (6) Austin, born in 1831, died Dec. 27, 1899, a farmer in Center township, married Rebecca Hammond. (7) Elliott, born in 1833, a carpenter, lives in the West. (8) Samuel was born in 1835. In October, 1864, while serving in the Civil war as a member of Company F, 52d Regiment, Indiana State Volunteers, he received a wound at Salem which caused his death. (9) Robert Thompson, born in 1844, married Margaret Housholder, of Burrell township. He was station master at Millwood, Westmoreland county, for many years, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and now has charge of the coal tippie at the same place for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. On June 25, 1863, he enlisted in Company D, 54th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. John H. Deeves, for ninety days, and took part in the pursuit of Morgan in his celebrated raid through Ohio and Kentucky. Lee's army having been driven south of the Potomac and Morgan captured, the services of the regiment were no longer required, and it was mustered out Aug. 17, 1863. Mr. Lynn reenlisted on Sept. 4, 1864, for one year, in Battery F, 5th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, under Capt. Francis C. Flanagan and Col. George G. Gallup. Soon after its organization the regiment was ordered to Washington

and assigned to duty in forts north of the capitol. On Sept. 28th the regiment, while guarding a construction train on the Manassas Gap railroad, was attacked by Moseby's command in Virginia. Mr. Lynn was discharged by telegraphic order from the war department June 2, 1865, at Salem.

John Lynn, son of Robert, was born July 5, 1827, and when a boy attended the Lynn log district school in West Wheatfield; although he went to school only a short time he became a very fine penman, using the old-fashioned quill, and was good in "mathematics." He worked with his father until he was grown, and when a young man worked as brakeman on the Pennsylvania canal. Then he bought from his father a 100-acre tract, part of the original homestead, and there he settled and reared his family. Like his father he built a sawmill on the north branch of Richards run, and conducted it for many years in connection with farming, lumbering and teaming; he was also a well-known stock breeder of his district. Hard-working, thrifty, intelligent and energetic, he was a force for progress in the township that was felt in every phase of local life, though he did not seek public office, and many of the most valuable improvements of his day owed their success to his influence. He was one of the founders, builders and stockholders in having the bridge over the Conemaugh river constructed, from West Wheatfield to Bolivar. In politics he was a staunch Republican. He was an advocate of temperance, a member of the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon or elder, and Sunday school teacher, and did his duty in every relation of life. He made his home in West Wheatfield all his life.

On Dec. 21, 1854, Mr. Lynn married Catherine Mikesell, who was born March 25, 1832, in Burrell township, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Barr) Mikesell, and now resides in New Florence, Westmoreland county, with her son Cornelius and daughter Margaret. Mr. Lynn died March 6, 1882, at the age of fifty-five years, and was interred in the Lutheran cemetery in West Wheatfield. Children as follows were born to this union: Emma, born Feb. 6, 1856, is the widow of Christopher Campbell, and now resides in Johnstown, Pa.; Margaret Agnes, a music teacher, resides with her mother at New Florence, Pa.; Cornelius D., born Jan. 29, 1859, a music teacher, at present engaged as traveling salesman, resides with his mother at New Florence, Pa. (he was general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for about ten years); Samuel Barr, born Jan.

20, 1863, died Sept. 27, 1863; Sarah Jane, born Aug. 15, 1860, died Dec. 27, 1871; Thomas Seward is mentioned below; Delilah Catherine, born in 1866, is the widow of George Butler, and now resides in Johnstown (Mr. Butler was employed by the Cambria Iron and Steel Co. of Johnstown, and was also a farmer); Ulysses Simeon, born Dec. 22, 1868, married Viola Wakefield (he is a farmer and had been employed by the Robinson Brick Company in West Wheatfield); Estella Maud, born May 31, 1872, married Samuel Stevens, who is a traveling salesman, and lives in Johnstown; Edward Vincent, born Nov. 28, 1874, died July 16, 1880.

Thomas Seward Lynn, son of John and Catherine (Mikesell) Lynn, was born Sept. 23, 1864, in West Wheatfield township, on the farm near Garfield which was part of his grandfather's old homestead. In 1873 he moved with his family to the farm, where he has ever since resided. In 1905 he bought sixty acres of the original tract, and there erected his buildings. He attended the Washington district school under the tuition of Prof. J. T. Stewart and Professor Campbell, and also studied at a select summer school, and taught school for a few years, finishing a half term for Professor Campbell in Armagh. When he was only fourteen years old his father had a paralytic stroke, so the boy was obliged to take his father's place, and though so young managed to run the farm, he and his brother Simeon working together. At nights he studied civil engineering, taking a course in the Scranton International Correspondence Schools. When the coal companies began their activities in this section, buying the coal rights, Squire Lynn did a great deal of the surveying in his own and near-by townships, and in this way made enough money to build (in 1905) his large and up-to-date house and barn, which are located on the pike, the old stage road between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. His property, which now comprises sixty acres, is one of the best kept farms in the township; it was known at one time as the Adam Sides farm. He is a practical modern farmer and stock raiser, and his creditable success is entirely the result of his own efforts. He has taken an active part in local affairs, having been a justice of the peace for over twenty-two years—first elected in 1891. He was census enumerator in 1910. He is a leading member of the English Lutheran Church of West Wheatfield, which he has served as deacon, treasurer, and superintendent.

ent of the Sunday school, is an advocate of temperance and lives up to his principles.

Squire Lynn was married May 28, 1891, to Priscilla Jane Mack, daughter of George and Martha (McDonald) Mack, of East Wheatfield township, and they are the parents of four children: Paul Wendel, born Nov. 6, 1893, in West Wheatfield; Edith Mae, born Aug. 15, 1895; Margretta Kathryn, born July 10, 1898; and Kermit Dean, born July 8, 1907.

MABRY J. GOLDEN, a farmer and stock raiser of Cherryhill township, was born there March 11, 1861, and is a son of Henry G. and Lydia M. (Swenk) Golden.

David Golden, the great-grandfather of Mabry J. Golden, was born in Germany, and came to the United States at a very early date, settling in Berks county, Pa., where he followed farming all of his life.

John Golden, son of David, and grandfather of Mabry J. Golden, was born in Berks county, Pa., and there followed farming. He was there married to Mary Grim, also a native of Berks county, and they reared a large family of children.

Henry G. Golden, son of John and Mary (Grim) Golden, was born Feb. 13, 1823, in Berks county, Pa., and like his father and grandfather devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. He resided in his native county until 1857, in which year he came to Indiana county, settling in Cherryhill township, where he was for many years engaged in agricultural operations. He still makes his home in that section, but has retired from active pursuits, having reached the advanced age of ninety years.

The only child of his parents, Mabry J. Golden gained his early education in the district schools in the vicinity of the home place, where he was reared to the life of a farmer, and has always followed that vocation on the home property.

On Dec. 27, 1886, Mr. Golden was married to Nancy Stahl, who was born in Indiana county in October, 1857, daughter of Washington and Effie Stahl, also natives of this county. Mr. Stahl was an Indiana county volunteer in the Union army during the Civil war, and met his death at the battle of the Wilderness. He and his wife had six daughters and three sons, namely: Jane, wife of Jacob Shank, of Cherryhill township; George W., a resident of Saltsburg, Pa.; Hannah C., who married Samuel Dodson, of Clearfield county, Pa.; Peter, a resident of Homer City,

Pa.; Nancy, who married Mr. Golden; Maggie, deceased, who was the wife of James Howe; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Henry; Samuel F., a resident of the southern part of Indiana county; and Effie S., wife of C. E. Amond, of Cherryhill township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Golden there have been born three children, namely: John G., who is deceased; Frederick S.; and Horace R., the eldest, a resident of Spangler, Indiana county, who married Blanche McFarland, a native of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. Golden are members of the United Evangelical Church. At the present time he is serving in the capacity of auditor of Cherryhill township.

JOHN E. MORROW, manager of the A. F. Kelly store at Clymer, was born in Jefferson county, Pa., Feb. 26, 1865, son of James and Rosana (Groves) Morrow.

James Morrow was born in Ireland, and his wife in Chester county, Pa. He came to Lancaster county, Pa., when seventeen years old, but later went to Jefferson county, where he was a farmer and operated property until his death, which occurred in April, 1875. His widow survives, living on the homestead in Jefferson county. There were eleven children in the family: Sarah, deceased; Hugh; Margaret, wife of John Hunter, of Westville, Pa.; Anna, wife of John H. Smith, of Falls Creek, Pa.; Louise, wife of Joseph Ralston, of Du Bois, Pa.; William, of Winslow; Washington; John E.; James, deceased; Frank, of Punxsutawney, Pa., and Robert, deceased.

John E. Morrow attended country school in Jefferson county, and after finishing his educational training embarked in the lumber business, changing later for the mercantile line. For a number of years he clerked for different firms, learning the business thoroughly. During this period he resided at Ridgway and Bradford, Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y. Coming to Clymer, he assumed charge of the large establishment of A. F. Kelly, being fitted for his responsibilities by ability and long training.

On May 12, 1891, Mr. Morrow was married to Mary Harris, born in Jefferson county March 18, 1874, daughter of Thomas and Agnes Harris, early settlers of that county, and people of responsibility. They came from England, and are still living in Jefferson county. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow are the parents of three children, namely: Clifford, born April 6, 1892; Ethel, born March 26, 1902; and Margaret, born April 12, 1912.

In addition to his other interests Mr. Morrow is connected with the Clymer Water Company, and he is a man of substance. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church, and are active in promoting its good work.

**JOHN REED McFARLAND**, late of Saltsburg, Indiana county, was engaged in the drug business there practically all his life, being a member of the firm of McFarland & Sons, who had the leading establishment of the kind in this section.

The McFarlands are of Scotch-Irish extraction. Dr. John McFarland, father of John Reed McFarland, was a practicing physician in Saltsburg all his life, one of the eminently respected residents of this part of Pennsylvania, where he was widely known. He married Sarah Reed, who was born at Indiana, Pa., daughter of Rev. Mr. Reed, of Indiana, and they had two children, John Reed and Belle, the latter marrying Dr. Joseph D. Orr, of Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa.; she died June 4, 1893, leaving one daughter, Pauline, who was graduated from the Leechburg high school in 1912.

John Reed McFarland was born Oct. 12, 1848, in Saltsburg, and received an excellent education in the public schools and academy at that borough. When only a youth he entered the drug business, which he continued to follow to the end of his days, having been thus engaged for forty years at the time of his death, May 12, 1904. He was a man of the highest standing, and always ranked with the most substantial citizens of the borough.

On March 10, 1883, Mr. McFarland married Florence Rhea, daughter of William L. and Sarah (Shields) Rhea, of Indiana, Pa., who had a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters, all of whom still survive. Two of the sons are now living on the old homestead. To Mr. and Mrs. McFarland were born two children: Mabel is the wife of John I. Richards, a merchant of Saltsburg, and has one daughter, Florence Kathryn; John Rhea, born in 1889, lives with his mother. Mrs. McFarland attends the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. McFarland was a member. Politically he was a Republican, and he was a member of the school board for several years.

**JOHN CLARK WELLS**, prothonotary and clerk of Indiana county, entered upon the duties of that office as deputy Jan. 1, 1900, and has held it continuously since, by appointment

and election. His long service is the best indication of his value as a public official and of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens, whose interests he has looked after so well. Mr. Wells is a native of Indiana county, born Sept. 20, 1858, son of Aaron and Sarah J. (Reishel) Wells and grandson of James Wells.

James Wells was born at Norristown, Pa., and was of Scotch-Irish parentage. He was a resident of Indiana county from 1826 until his death, which occurred Sept. 28, 1875, and engaged in farming. He married Elizabeth Pierce.

Aaron Wells was born in Indiana county in 1834, and followed farming there all his life, dying in 1904, at the age of seventy. He married Sarah J. Reishel, who died in 1882, and they had three children, namely: John C., James A. and Elmer U.

John Clark Wells received his education in public and select schools, and was reared on the farm, following farm work until he reached the age of twenty-one. After that he was engaged in school teaching for years, living at Smicksburg for the twenty years prior to 1900, teaching the graded schools there and also acting as principal in 1885-86. He continued to teach in the winter, working at his trade, that of plasterer, in the summer months from 1889 to 1898. In 1898 and 1899 he was in the lumber business in the northern part of Indiana county. On Jan. 1, 1900, he was appointed deputy prothonotary and clerk of the county, and Aug. 31, 1908, to fill a vacancy, and continued to serve by appointment until elected to that office, Nov. 8, 1908, for a term of three years. He was reelected in November, 1911. Mr. Wells is a progressive and public-spirited official, one who keeps abreast of the demands of the times and anticipates them in his labors, and his services have been appreciated and recognized in the most substantial manner. He is an Odd Fellow, holding membership in Smicksburg Lodge, No. 891, of Smicksburg borough.

On March 24, 1880, Mr. Wells married Maria K. Lewis, daughter of Gilbert Lewis, now a resident of Dawson county, Nebr. Mr. and Mrs. Wells are the parents of four children: Lloyd G., who assists his father in the prothonotary's office; Howard M.; Margaret E., and Martha J.

**HARRY A. SNYDER**, junior member of the firm of D. L. Snyder & Son, general merchants, of Homer City, Indiana county, and ex-president of the Homer City borough

council, is a native of Indiana county, having been born in Brushvalley township Dec. 19, 1876.

The Snyder family is of German extraction, and the first of the name in Indiana county was Conrad Snyder, the great-grandfather of Harry A., whose first home was in the State of New Jersey. There he married Abby Lombson, and with his family came at an early period to Indiana county, Pa., locating on a farm in White township, where he was engaged in farming during the remainder of his life. Both he and his wife passed away on the homestead farm, leaving six children: William, Daniel, Henry, Mary, Caroline and Emily.

Daniel Snyder, son of Conrad, and grandfather of Harry A. Snyder, was born in New Jersey and was still in his teens when the family came to Indiana county. He learned the trade of mason in White township, and this he followed for some years, doing much work on the blast furnaces of Indiana county. Later he took up farming as an occupation and operated a part of the homestead in White township, but eventually sold out and moved to Brushvalley township, where he purchased a tract of 400 acres. He made extensive improvements there and spent the rest of his life in agricultural pursuits. He was widely known and highly esteemed throughout the township, both as a farmer and as a public-spirited citizen whose activities assisted in the development and progress of his section. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was married in Wheatfield township, Indiana county, to Mary Killin, who was born in that township, daughter of Samuel Killin and granddaughter of Daniel Killin, a soldier in the war of the Revolution. She died on the farm, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had the following children: Elizabeth; Tillie; David L.; William H., a farmer of Center township; Samuel, who is deceased; Abbey; Richard, who resides in Center township; Jackson K., also of Center township; and Sarah.

David L. Snyder, son of Daniel, and father of Harry A. Snyder, was born Feb. 28, 1848, in Center township, and there attended public school. He was still a youth when the family removed to Brushvalley township, and there he completed his education in the schools of Mechanicsburg. From early boyhood he had worked on the home farm, and on reaching man's estate took up agricultural work as his life vocation, in addition to which he bred cattle and dealt extensively in stock. He also

spent one year in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, but returned to the farm at the end of that period, and continued farming and buying stock for a period of four years. He then became a conductor on the Pittsburg electric street railway, and continued to act in that capacity six years, at the end of which time he located at South Fork, Pa., and there engaged in the mercantile business for two years. In 1903 he came to Homer City and purchased the old hotel property, which he remodeled, opening up a general store and meat market, and in the following year took in his only son, Harry A., as a partner. The business has been conducted ever since under the firm name of D. L. Snyder & Son. The firm has its own slaughter house, and does its own butchering, thus assuring customers of absolutely reliable goods. Mr. Snyder is a good business man, possesses a genial manner, and is popular with all who know him. He is a staunch Republican in politics and has filled numerous township offices. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., while his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1874 he was married to Mildred Jane Gettey, and to this union there were born two children: Cora and Harry A. The daughter, born June 9, 1875, married Hudson Rowland Grumbling, of Homer City, and they have two children, Thirza, born Feb. 27, 1897, and Hudson Virgil D., born Nov. 10, 1908.

Harry A. Snyder secured his education in the public schools of Brushvalley township and a select school at Mechanicsburg, taught by Prof. J. T. Stewart of Indiana. He worked on the home farm until he reached manhood, and after teaching school in Brushvalley township for one year went to Pittsburg, and became a brakeman on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad, in which position he spent one year. He was then promoted to the position of fireman, and later became engineer on the Bessemer & Lake Erie railroad, but in 1904 gave up railroading to come to Homer City and engage in business as his father's partner. Mr. Snyder is a young man of energy, enthusiasm and ability, and possesses a pleasing personality that has gained him many friends and the firm numerous customers. Like his father he is a staunch Republican, and has been a member of the borough council for a long period, serving as its president for three years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he holds membership in Indiana Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M.; Zerubabel Chapter, Pittsburg; the I. O. O. F., at



Homer City; and the K. of E., also of Homer City, of which he is a past chief.

In 1897 Mr. Snyder was married, in Pittsburgh, to Nellie R. Moorhead, daughter of M. T. Moorhead, belonging to one of the oldest families of western Pennsylvania. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Harold M., Amy, Thelma and Dorothy.

HON. WILLIAM F. NEELEY, mayor of Clymer, Indiana county, where he is prominent in business as well as in public affairs, was born in Brady township, Clearfield Co., Pa., Nov. 19, 1876, son of John F. and Mary (Woods) Neeley. Samuel Neeley, his grandfather, was of Irish descent.

John F. Neeley was born in Clearfield county and for twenty-five years was engaged in lumbering there, afterward locating on his farm in Union township, that county, on which he yet resides. He married Mary Woods, who was also born in Clearfield county, and three sons and two daughters were born to them, namely: William F.; Norman C., who is a photographer at Dubois, Pa.; Olive, who is the wife of William Frantz, of Dubois; Jesse, who also lives at Dubois; and Ida, who remains with her parents.

William F. Neeley was seven years old when his father's business made necessary a temporary residence in Jefferson county, where the family lived until he was thirteen years of age, returning then to Clearfield county. In the meanwhile he had attended school as opportunity offered and as soon as old enough for such labor began to assist his father in his lumbering enterprises and also on the farm, and during the subsequent nine years he spent in Clearfield county he also worked in his father's sawmill. Mr. Neeley then left home, and while passing a few months in Tennessee learned the barber's trade, after which he returned to Clearfield county and at different points worked at his trade until 1906, when he came to Clymer. He was one of the energetic and resourceful men that effected the organization of the town and shortly afterward erected the hotel which he has conducted ever since, having one of the best appointed hostleries in Indiana county. In connection with the hotel he also operates a first-class livery. In addition he is interested in the automobile business, conducting a garage of his own, and is a member of the firm of Neeley & Rankin, automobile dealers, his partner being Joseph W. Rankin. For four years after Clymer was incorporated, Mr. Neeley served as town treasurer, and early in 1912

was elected mayor. He is giving the borough a thoroughly satisfactory business administration which is attracting a large amount of capital in this direction.

On July 5, 1901, William F. Neeley was married at Cumberland, Md., to Mame Thompson, who was left an orphan when very young. Mr. and Mrs. Neeley have two children, Ralph E. and Winfield G. Mayor Neeley has numerous fraternal associations, including membership in Indiana Lodge, B. P. O. Elks; the I. O. O. F. at Clymer; and the Red Men at Glen Campbell.

JOHN McELHENNY GRUBBS, M. D., physician and surgeon of Armagh, East Wheatfield township, Indiana county, was born at Saxonburg, Butler Co., Pa., Jan. 2, 1858, son of Dr. Andrew Grubbs.

Andrew Grubbs, the American founder of the family, came from his native Germany to America with two brothers at an early day, locating at Lancaster, Pa., where he brought up a family.

John Grubbs, son of Andrew Grubbs and grandfather of Dr. Grubbs, settled in Deer township, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he was an extensive land owner and prosperous farmer. Later he went to Westmoreland county, locating in Fairfield township, and there continued his agricultural operations, but after a period, returned to Allegheny county, where he lived the remainder of his useful life. He was a consistent member of the U. P. Church, and active in forwarding its work. In 1827 he married Isabelle Reed, who was a native of Young township, Indiana Co., Pa., and their children were: Andrew; Lewis; James; Reed; Frank, who went to West Virginia; Martha (Mattie), who married Robert Huston; and Samuel, who went to Fairfield, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and died when eighteen years old.

Dr. Andrew Grubbs, son of John Grubbs, and father of Dr. John M. Grubbs, was born on the farm in Allegheny county and there attended school. In young manhood he went to Butler county, and became interested in gas production, later going to Lawrenceville, Allegheny Co., Pa., where he was engaged on the construction of some public works at that place for a number of years. When this contract was completed he went to Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., and was employed as a mechanical engineer for several years. His business affairs then called him to Allegheny, where he spent a year or two prior to going to McKeesport to take up the

study of medicine. Although then in middle life he completed his medical course, and practiced his profession until his death, in 1909, at which time he was known and respected throughout a wide territory. A man of high moral principles, when he believed that the best interests of the people would be served by the success of the Prohibition party he left the ranks of the Republican party to enroll himself with the former, and worked for its advancement until death claimed him. Equally enthusiastic in religious matters, he gave the Methodist Church valuable support as a member and class leader, and was superintendent of the Sunday school. His fame as a local preacher and exhorter was widespread and he could always be counted upon for any kind of church work.

In 1857 Dr. Andrew Grubbs was married, while living in Allegheny, to Margaret McElhenny, daughter of William McElhenny. She died at McKeesport, Pa., in 1902, as devout a member of the Methodist Church as her husband. They had children as follows: John McElhenny; William, who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at McKeesport; Gilbert, who was a switchman and killed on duty in 1907; and five who died in infancy.

Dr. John M. Grubbs, after receiving a careful preliminary education in the public schools of Westmoreland and Allegheny counties, went to a large school in Fayette county for several years, and then began reading medicine with Dr. Myers, of Braddock. Later, he entered the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1886, immediately thereafter entering upon general practice at Westville and Ottawa, Ohio. Within two and a half years, however, he returned to Westmoreland county, and was at Latrobe for a year as a physician before entering the drug business with William McMillan, under the firm name of McMillan & Co., which association continued five years. Dr. Grubbs then went to McKeesport, where he practiced until 1895, that year locating at Armagh, Indiana Co., Pa., where he has been since—a period of eighteen years. His practice extends over a wide territory that embraces East and West Wheatfield and Buffington townships. Politically Dr. Grubbs is a Republican, and has been a member of the borough council and the school board, having been secretary of the latter body. He is also secretary of the board of health of Armagh, and is one of the most public-spirited men of the place. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd

Fellows and Patriotic Order Sons of America, and his religious views make him a Methodist.

In 1887 Dr. Grubbs was married to Clara Hull, of Ohio, who died in 1890, at Latrobe, leaving no issue. In 1893 Dr. Grubbs married (second) Luella V. Faust, and they have had two children, Earl Faust and John Reed, both of whom died in infancy.

WILLIAM HASSON DICKIE, of Blacklick township, Indiana county, belongs to one of the old families of Scotch-Irish origin which have been settled in this section since pioneer days.

William H. Dickie, the founder of the Dickie family in this region, was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Coming to Indiana county at an early period he located in Center township, on a farm about four miles from Indiana, now known as the Kauffman farm. There he continued to engage in farming for a number of years, later removing to Jacksonville, Indiana county, where he remained several years, and finally to the home of his son George on a farm in White township, spending the remainder of his life with him and dying there in 1865-66, at the age of eighty-five years, eight days. Mr. Dickie was a Whig and Republican in political sentiment but not particularly active in party affairs. He served as school director, however, after the establishment of the public schools. A member of the M. E. Church, he served many years as class leader and was also chorister for a long period. In fact he was widely known in the latter connection in this region, having taught singing for many years.

Mr. Dickie married Jane Allison, a native of Center township, daughter of Andrew and Sally (Barr) Allison, the former of whom served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war under General Washington. Mrs. Dickie died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Kauffman, and was buried in Oakland cemetery, at Indiana, beside her husband. Ten children were born to this couple: George is mentioned below; Hannah married Thomas B. Allison, of Marehand, Indiana county, who served as associate judge; Jane married Rev. J. Gordon, a minister of the M. E. Church; Ebenezer died at Rock Island, Ill.; Nancy married James Ayers, of Marion Center, Pa.; John died in Ohio; Mary (Polly) married Samuel Ray, of Crete, this county; Lavina married Jacob Kauffman; Elizabeth married John McMullen, of Center township, and later removed to Illinois; Ursula Toledo married John F. Henderson, and died in Illinois.

George Dickie, eldest son of William H. Dickie, was born Sept. 27, 1809, on the farm in White township, and obtained his education at the subscription school held in a near-by log house. He grew up on the farm and from his earliest boyhood was familiar with agricultural work, which he followed all his life, and in which he became very prosperous. He acquired over six hundred acres of land. He built a substantial brick house to replace the first one of logs, and made many other improvements on his property, which became quite valuable under his intelligent and energetic management. In addition to general farming he engaged somewhat extensively in stock raising, and drove to the eastern markets for many years. He made a specialty of the raising of fine sheep, his large acreage enabling him to keep great numbers. He died March 5, 1901, in his ninety-second year, after a busy and useful career, and was buried in Oakland cemetery. He was a lifelong member of the M. E. Church at Homer City, and served as steward. In political opinion he was a Republican.

On May 14, 1835, Mr. Dickie married Jane Dixon, who was born Sept. 8, 1811, daughter of Joseph Dixon, whose family sketch may be found elsewhere in this work, and they had a married life of over half a century, her death occurring Dec. 24, 1885. She, too, is buried in Oakland cemetery. They had a family of six children: Mary Jane, born April 19, 1836, died Jan. 2, 1838; William H., born Dec. 11, 1838, is a farmer in Blacklick township; Joseph Dixon, born June 21, 1840, is a farmer in Center township, this county; Nancy H., born Dec. 4, 1843, is the widow of Capt. G. H. Ogden, of Homer City; Elizabeth, born May 7, 1846, married Frank Broskey, who died in Indiana; George C., born June 12, 1850, lived at Indiana, and died in February, 1912.

William Hasson Dickie was born Dec. 11, 1838, in the little log cabin on the Dickie homestead in White township, and obtained his elementary education in the public schools of White and Center townships. He also attended a select school conducted by D. B. Mahon. He worked with his father on the farm until he was twenty-two years old, at which time, on Aug. 27, 1861, he enlisted at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., for service in the Union army, being mustered in Oct. 12th as a member of Company A, 78th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Cummins and Col. William Sirwell. The regiment went to Kentucky, and on Dec. 17, 1861, took part in the engagement at Neely's

Bend, on the Cumberland river. It was also present at LaVergne, Tenn., Stone River, Tullahoma, Dug Gap, Ga., Chattanooga, Rossville and Atlanta; and went on the campaign with Sherman. Mr. Dickie was in the army three years, one month, fifteen days, receiving his discharge Oct. 12, 1864, at Atlanta. After his return home he farmed at the homestead for three years more, in 1868 moving to Blacklick township and settling on the farm where he has since resided—a period of forty-four years. This was formerly the Daniel Fair place, and contains 155 acres of excellent land, upon which Mr. Dickie has successfully followed farming and stock raising. For some time he made sheep raising his principal line, having at one time 820 head of sheep. In 1874 he bought a tract of eighty-six acres in West Wheatfield township which he still owns, including the timber and coal rights. Mr. Dickie was one of the organizers and first directors of the First National Bank of Blacklick, and he has been public-spirited about giving his influence and encouragement to other enterprises which promised to benefit the locality and enlarge the scope of local interests; he is auditor of the bank at present. He has served his township in the offices of supervisor and school director, and was president of the school board four years. In politics he has always upheld the principles of the Republican party, but he is independent about casting his vote. He is a member of Bolar Post, G. A. R., of Blairsville, this county.

On Feb. 28, 1868, Mr. Dickie married Mary E. Fair, who was born in Blacklick township, daughter of Daniel and Mary E. (Deviny) Fair, and they have had the following children: (1) Lorella May, born April 22, 1870, received her education in the public schools of Blacklick township and the State normal school at Indiana, and prior to her marriage taught school for seven years in Pittsburg, in Blacklick township one term, Cambria county, Pa., one term, and Youngstown, Ohio, one term. In 1901 she married George A. Gunn, a traveling salesman, and they reside in Pittsburg. They have no children. (2) Ina Charlotte, born Sept. 28, 1871, was educated in the public schools and the State normal at Indiana, and taught at Homer City for three years and at Jeannette (Pa.) for two years before her marriage to Rev. Charles Day, a Lutheran minister, now stationed at Ottawa, Kans. (3) William Augustus, born July 18, 1873, obtained his early education at the local public schools and in Homer City,

and studied medicine at the College of Medicine, Epworth University, Oklahoma. He is now engaged in medical practice at Purcell, Mo. He is unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickie are members of the Lutheran Church at Coral, in which she is an active worker.

**BLAKLEY.** The Blakley family of Young township, Indiana county, one of the oldest settled and most highly respected families of that region, is of Irish extraction, its founder here, David Blakley, having been a native of Belfast, Ireland. His father, also named David Blakley, was a merchant of that city and had a large family, of which two sons became ministers of the gospel.

David Blakley, the emigrant ancestor, grew to manhood in his native home and learned the mercantile business with his father, in time becoming his partner under the firm name of David Blakley & Son. He married in Ireland Margaret Herron, and in the latter part of the eighteenth century they left for America, bringing their children. Proceeding farther to western Pennsylvania, they located in Young township, Indiana county, between 1792 and 1800. They were among the first of the pioneer settlers in that section, which was then a wilderness, and Mr. Blakley at once erected a log house, log stable and log store, becoming the first storekeeper in that part of the county. He dealt in cattle and various commodities, which he took in exchange for store goods. He disposed of his cattle and sheep in the East, driving them over the Allegheny mountains to market, and made many such trips, bringing back merchandise. While on one of these trips he established a store at Hagerstown, Md. On his last journey East, in 1820, he was taken sick and died, at the age of sixty years. His wife long survived him, dying in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, in 1849, at the age of eighty-nine, at the home of her daughter Mrs. Knox. She was a member of the Seceder Church. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Blakley: James, who married Elizabeth Gibson, (second) Catherine Waters and (third) Jane Jack; Hugh; Elizabeth, who married Hugh Knox and settled in the Mahoning district of Indiana county; Margaret, who married John Gibson; and Susan, who married James McClanahan.

Hugh Blakley, son of David, was born Jan. 18, 1790, in Belfast, Ireland, and was quite young when his parents crossed the Atlantic. He grew to manhood amid primitive surround-

ings in Young township, and had limited educational opportunities. Farming was his life work. He located on a tract of 250 acres in the vicinity of Anderson school, built a log house and barn and made other improvements and there passed his active years. The buildings he put up are still on the place, though in ruins, his grandson, Hugh Blakley, who now owns and operates the farm, living on another portion of the property. In his declining years Mr. Blakley made his home with his son David, dying there Dec. 17, 1877, when eighty-seven years old. He is buried in the family lot on the farm. He was first a member of the Associate Reformed Church, attending at Jacksonville, and later joined the United Presbyterian Church at West Union, in Armstrong township, of which he was one of the founders and served as elder; he was one of the ruling elders of the Jacksonville Church. In politics Mr. Blakley was originally a Whig, afterward a Republican. On April 29, 1819, he married Jean Henderson, daughter of John Henderson, of Young township, and she died long before him, passing away Aug. 28, 1844; she is buried in the Jacksonville cemetery. A large family was born to this marriage: (1) David J., born Jan. 16, 1820, died May 13, 1892. He married Martha Caldwell and was engaged in farming in Young township. (2) John, born Dec. 27, 1822, died Aug. 22, 1844. (3) James W., born Nov. 16, 1824, married Jane Wilson. (4) Robert, born Feb. 19, 1827, died Feb. 24, 1860. (5) Mary, twin of Robert, married James Brown, and died Nov. 26, 1867. (6) Juliann, born May 31, 1829, died April 28, 1850. (7) Rebecca Jean, born Jan. 1, 1831, died Aug. 29, 1844. (8) Sarah, born Dec. 13, 1833, married Richard Lafferty, and died Nov. 26, 1870. (9) Deborah Ellen, born March 16, 1836, married James R. Hart and (second) Alexander Sharp, who served as a soldier in the Civil war. She is now a widow, residing at West Lebanon, Indiana county. (10) Joseph Alexander was born July 25, 1838.

Joseph Alexander Blakley, born July 25, 1838, on the homestead on Hooper run, attended the Anderson school in that vicinity and worked at home with his father until shortly after the breaking out of the Civil war. In June, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 56th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. William McIntire of Pittsburg and Col. S. A. Merideth of Philadelphia. He was mustered into the service Sept. 23d, at Harrisburg, was sent from there to Washington and Falmouth, and later to Fredericksburg, Va.,

taking part in the battle under General Pope. He was in the Army of the Potomac. From there he went up the James river to Richmond, took part in the second battle of Bull Run and the Seven Days' fight, as well as the battle of Sulphur Springs and other engagements. On Aug. 28, 1862, he received a gunshot wound in the right wrist, paralyzing his hand, and he has suffered from the effects ever since. He was taken to hospital at Westchester, Pa., and was discharged for disability while in the line of duty. Returning home, he became associated with Colonel Lininger and recruited a company, of which he was unanimously elected captain, but could not serve because of disability. After working on the home farm for a time he went west to Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado, spending two years in that section, during which time he engaged in various occupations. Coming back East he located at Braddock, Pa., where he was in the employ of the Thompson Steel Company for nine years, at the end of that time resuming farming, which he has ever since followed. He settled on a part of the old Fulton farm, one mile east of West Lebanon, in Indiana county, and has built a dwelling house, barn and other buildings, besides making many other improvements. He has also added land to his original purchase, now having ninety acres. The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad runs through his property. Mr. Blakley operates the farm with the help of his son Silas. He is a Republican and has been quite active in local politics, having served as inspector of elections, overseer of the poor, supervisor, auditor, and in other township offices. Socially he belongs to Foster Robinson Post, G. A. R., of Saltsburg, and his religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church at West Lebanon.

On Nov. 10, 1865, Mr. Blakley married Elizabeth Fulton, who was born in Young township, daughter of Silas and Annie (Harbison) Fulton, and died Oct. 14, 1909; she is buried in West Lebanon cemetery. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Blakley had a family of six children, as follows: Annie Jean (Jennie), wife of James M. Risinger, of Homer City, Indiana Co., Pa.; William, who died when twenty-one years old; Lula R., at home; Silas Fulton, who is on the homestead; Albert C., residing in Chicago; and Joseph A., Jr., who enlisted for service in the Spanish-American war in 1898 and died of fever Aug. 22, 1898, while in camp at Chattanooga, and was brought

home and buried in the West Lebanon cemetery.

JOHN FRANKLIN POUNDS, a representative of an old family of Indiana county, is a well-known school teacher and farmer of Center township, and his family is one of the best known in western Pennsylvania.

According to family tradition the founder of this family in America was Thomas Pound, of Saxon or Scandinavian parentage, from North Holland or Denmark, who came over in 1635, at the age of twenty-one years. He made the voyage from Amsterdam, Holland, to London, England, and from there to the Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts, where he married a daughter of one of the Pilgrims.

One of his descendants, Adonijah Pound, resided in Tarrytown, Westchester Co., N. Y., and lost his life in the Revolutionary war. He married Hannah Collier, who is supposed to have been a sister of Thomas Collier and Sarah (Collier) Harper, and a direct descendant of William Collier, a London merchant who came to Plymouth Colony in 1633 and was assistant governor for thirty years.

Joseph Pound (or Pounds), son of Adonijah and Hannah (Collier) Pound, was born in 1750 and died April 4, 1813. His wife, Sarah (Tichinger), born in 1757, died April 8, 1813, four days after her husband. She was a sister of Dr. Thomas Tichinger and Rachel (Tichinger) Collier, wife of Thomas Collier. By this union there were six children: Stephen, born in 1777, who married Catharine Stiffitch; Sarah; Hannah; Eunice, who married John Eggen, of Hardin county, Ky.; Elsie, who married Thomas McIntyre, of Armstrong county, Pa.; and Joseph. Joseph Pound, the father, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and at its close the family moved from Basking Ridge, Morris (now Somerset) Co., N. J., to Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., locating near the Salem Presbyterian Church, of which they became members. Later they located on Tunnel Hill.

Joseph Pounds, youngest son of Joseph and Sarah (Tichinger) Pounds, was born in Derry township, Westmoreland county, Dec. 21, 1795, and made his home in that county. Early in life he boated salt from the Conemaugh river to Cincinnati, Ohio. His later years were spent in farming in Derry township. He was a strong Democrat of the old type. For over seventy years a member of the Salem Church, he declined to hold any church office. He died Oct. 2, 1881. Mr. Pound married Mary Drummond, who was born in 1807 and died

March 26, 1845. Her grandparents, William and Ellen (Cannon) Drummond, came from Scotland in 1740, and he took an active part in the Revolutionary war, in which he was wounded, dying of his injuries. Her father, John Drummond, born in 1763, died in 1843. He came to western Pennsylvania in 1785 and settled in Westmoreland county and was among the founders of the old historic Salem Presbyterian Church. He married Mary Bullman. Joseph and Mary (Drummond) Pounds had a family of nine children, namely: Joseph, born May 12, 1830, is mentioned below; Mary, born Sept. 9, 1831, died July 16, 1832; Sarah, born May 11, 1833, married Alexander McCurdy; John D., born Dec. 13, 1834, lived on the old homestead on Tunnel Hill and was a soldier in the Civil war; Ellen, born Sept. 18, 1836, married John Drummond; Hannah, born March 10, 1838, resided on the old homestead at Tunnel Hill; Mary, born Dec. 21, 1839, died Jan. 15, 1889; Stephen C. was born July 25, 1841; William, born April 6, 1844, died Oct. 19, 1876.

Joseph Pounds, son of Joseph and Mary (Drummond) Pounds, born May 12, 1830, on the farm in Derry township, Westmoreland county, passed his early life there and became engaged in farming. After the Civil war he came to Indiana county, locating in Center township, where he bought 207 acres known as the Gibson farm. Settling on that place he entered into general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of raising sheep, with which he was quite successful. In time he became one of the most prosperous farmers in that section of Indiana county. He died on the homestead Nov. 23, 1899, at the age of sixty-nine years, and was buried in Bethel Church cemetery in Center township. He was a leading member of Bethel Church, was elected elder of same, and was a strong supporter of temperance, eventually associating himself with the Prohibition party. For a number of years he was a Democrat. Mr. Pounds was married three times. His first wife, Jane Robbins, daughter of Daniel and Nancy (Reynolds) Robbins, of White township, died in Center township April 5, 1865, aged thirty-three years, twenty-three days. She was buried in Bethel Church cemetery. She became the mother of three children: Mary A., who married J. S. Johnston, who resides at Premont, Texas; Daniel R., who resides in Elliston, Mont.; and Jennie, married to George Pearson, of Corning, N. Y. Mr. Pounds married (second) Mrs. Julia A. (Wilson) Henderson, daughter of Daniel and Lit-

tia (Henderson) Wilson, and widow of William Henderson. She died March 11, 1872, aged twenty-nine years, twenty-seven days, and was buried in Bethel Church cemetery. There were three children by this union: William, now of Blairsville, who married Maud Rapine, of Center township; Lizzie Ella, who died Aug. 4, 1870, aged fifteen months; and Nettie M., wife of Robert Roof, living in Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Pounds' third marriage was to Ellen Coad, of Livermore, Westmoreland county, daughter of Henry and Diana (Blacklar) Coad, the latter from Kent, England. Mrs. Pounds is still living at Livermore. She is the mother of three children: John Franklin; Harry S., a farmer on the original homestead in Derry township, Westmoreland county; and Joseph, who is assistant postmaster at Vandergrift.

John Franklin Pounds, eldest son of Joseph and Ellen (Coad) Pounds, was born Jan. 16, 1875, on his father's farm in Center township, and attended public school there. Later he attended select school at Homer City, and the State normal school at Indiana, after which he took up the profession of school teaching, which he followed successfully for eight years in Center township. For the most part he was in the Risinger, Lowry, Adair and Myer Schools. After the death of his father he took up farming on the homestead, where he has been engaged in farming and dairying ever since, employing the most up-to-date methods in his work. He has made many improvements on his property, which now consists of 215 acres. Mr. Pounds has a home in the borough of Indiana, where he spends the winters. He served his township as school director, and is a prominent member of the Prohibition party in his locality, having been a candidate for the office of prothonotary of Indiana county on that ticket. He is a leading member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church in Center township and has filled the office of elder for several years, also acting as trustee, Sunday school teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school. He has taken special interest in Sunday school work and was the organizer of the county Sunday school association which has been divided into seven divisions, and is president of the Indiana district, including White, Washington and Rayne townships. He is a teacher of the first division, having taken a training course in that work for a year and a half, in a class of twenty-five. He is devoted to all work pertaining to the church.

On April 2, 1900, Mr. Pounds married Lil-

lian B. Miller, daughter of John I. and Mary (Keener) Miller, and they have three children: Irwin E., Helen Miller and John Donald.

**MACK.** For over a century the Mack family has been well represented in that part of Indiana county now included in East and West Wheatfield townships, and the early members of the family here were among the most respected pioneer settlers of the region. The brothers Jacob Wagner Mack and Hugh St. Clair Mack, of West Wheatfield township, are grandsons of Robert Mack, who founded this branch of the family here.

Robert Mack was a native of County Down, Ireland, born about 1763. There he grew to manhood and married Margaret Campbell, who was born about 1769, and four children were born to them in their native home: John, born about 1797; Robert, born about 1799; James, born March 3, 1800; and Jean, born about 1803. In the early part of 1803 Robert Mack with his wife and four children left their native home for America. While they were crossing the Atlantic, on a slow-going sailing vessel, their little daughter Jean died and was buried at sea, the body being placed in a sack, weighted at the feet with sand. The burial service was read by the captain. After landing in the New World the family made their way west of the Alleghenies, locating first near Pittsburg, Pa., and later in Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., where Mr. Mack settled down to farming on a 400-acre tract. He had to erect the log cabin for his family, and began a hard fight for existence in the wilderness which lasted many years. By steady industry and thrifty habits he managed to develop his farm and make many improvements, and he spent the remainder of his life on that place, dying there Aug. 2, 1850. He was buried in Bethel Church cemetery, in what is now West Wheatfield township, and a headstone marks the last resting place of himself and wife. Mr. Mack in religious principle was what was known as a Seceder, later joining the Bethel United Presbyterian Church. He was an old-line Democrat on political questions. His wife preceded him to the grave, dying on the farm Nov. 17, 1839, at the age of seventy years, and was laid to rest in Bethel cemetery. She, too, was a member of Bethel United Presbyterian Church. Their children born in Wheatfield township were: David; William; Samuel; Armstrong; George; Jean (2), who married William McClain, and died in West Wheatfield township; Margaret,

who married Hugh St. Clair, and removed to Iowa; and Elizabeth (Betsy), who married William Campbell, being his second wife.

James Mack, son of Robert and Margaret (Campbell) Mack, was born March 3, 1800, in Ireland, and was but a young child when brought to America. He grew to manhood in Wheatfield township, and in his earlier years found work on the Pennsylvania canal and the pike, the old road from Philadelphia to Pittsburg. In time he bought the McKelvey farm of 120 acres, then practically a wilderness, cleared the land and engaged in farming. Selling this tract to Joseph Mack he bought the Archie St. Clair farm of 158 acres in West Wheatfield township, upon which place he resided the rest of his life, following farming. He died March 6, 1885, at the age of eighty-five, and his wife Sarah Jane (Wagner), born Nov. 27, 1817, died Oct. 16, 1903, at the age of eighty-six. She was a daughter of Michael Wagner. Mr. and Mrs. Mack were interred in Germany graveyard, in West Wheatfield township, where a handsome tombstone marks their resting place. They were the parents of a large family, born as follows: Anna B., July 31, 1837; Lydia C., April 10, 1839; John, March 20, 1841; Maggie T., March 4, 1843; Michael G., May 15, 1845; Jennie V., Nov. 6, 1847; Lizzie E., Feb. 26, 1850; Jacob W., Aug. 14, 1853; Hugh S., Aug. 19, 1856. Mr. Mack was a member of the Lutheran Church; in politics he was a Democrat.

**JACOB WAGNER MACK**, son of James and Sarah Jane (Wagner) Mack, was born Aug. 14, 1853, in East Wheatfield township, where he began his education as a pupil in the common school. Later he was sent to Major Boller's select school, at Homer City, and to Indiana, and studied under Professor Wilson at Armagh, in East Wheatfield township. He followed the teacher's profession for many years, conducting schools for nineteen winters and twelve summers, and taught one term at Armagh for Professor Campbell. But he always found time to help at home during the harvesting season. For a while he was in the mercantile business at Heshbon. In 1880 he bought the Samuel Mack farm of 130 acres and there erected a fine house and barn, springhouse and outbuildings, and he has since been engaged in general farming, making a specialty, however, of dairying and fruit raising. He has set out almost a thousand fruit trees, and his success has made him somewhat of an authority in this section as an orchardist. His fruit and dairy products are shipped to Johnstown. Mr. Mack has shown

in his work all the characteristics of the progressive and up-to-date agriculturist, and he not only has good ideas but the executive ability to put them to practical test, and his results have had the effect of helping to raise standards all over this district. He has also taken a hand in the public affairs of his locality, having served fourteen years as township auditor, one term of three years as supervisor, and as member of the election board ever since he began to vote. He has always been a Republican, and at present favors the Progressive movement. Formerly he held membership in the Lutheran Church, in which he served as elder, and at present he belongs to the M. E. Church at Heshbon, of which he is also elder.

On June 8, 1875, Mr. Mack was married in Brushvalley township to Kate Annie Butler, who was born Sept. 20, 1856, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Fulcomer) Butler, and they have had five children, viz.: Jennie Gertrude, born Jan. 6, 1876, married E. Stewart McClain. Burtie Darrell, born Jan. 7, 1880, was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Pitcairn, Pa., for twelve years, and now lives in Brushvalley township, where he owns a large farm; he married Sarah Rogers, and they have two children, Thirza and Erma. Russell Butler, born Feb. 11, 1888, resides at Pitcairn, Pa., where he is chief clerk of the supply department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; he married Estella St. Clair, and they have one child, Ethel. Gussie Levis, born May 20, 1891, holds a teacher's certificate from the State normal school at Indiana, Pa.; she lives at home. Elma Ray, born Feb. 9, 1897, is at home.

HUGH ST. CLAIR MACK, son of James and Sarah Jane (Wagner) Mack, was born Aug. 19, 1856, in East Wheatfield township, and was but an infant when the family removed to West Wheatfield township. There he attended public school, later going to Professor Campbell's select school. He worked with his father, helping at home with the farm labors, until he reached the age of twenty, when he went to Hancock county, Ohio. There he was in the employ of J. N. Stoffer for a year, returning home in 1877 and resuming work with his father, with whom he remained until the latter's death several years later. Then he and his brother Michael bought out the other heirs to the home place, which comprised 120 acres of valuable land, and Hugh S. Mack has since purchased Michael's interest, being now sole owner of the property. He and his wife gave the most devoted care to his parents in

their declining years. Mr. Mack, like his brother, has made a specialty of dairy products and fruit, having set out over five hundred fruit trees, with which he has been very successful. He has also engaged to some extent in stock raising. His fruit and butter are sent to Johnstown, H. L. Wagner, wholesale dealer at that place, handling them. Mr. Mack is a public-spirited citizen and deeply concerned in the general welfare, but except for several years' service as school director he has not taken any direct part in public matters. In political association he is a Republican. He is a member of the Lutheran Church in West Wheatfield township, of which his father was one of the founders.

Mr. Mack was married, Sept. 28, 1881, in New Florence, Pa., to Mintie A. Brendlinger, daughter of Joseph and Isabelle (Riddle) Brendlinger, of West Wheatfield township, and six children have been born to this union: (1) Maggie attended schools taught by Professor Stewart and Professor Campbell, at Armagh, receiving an excellent education, and later taught school in West Wheatfield township. She is now the wife of J. Bowser, who is employed by the Scranton International Correspondence Schools, and they reside at Parkesburg, Pa. (2) Lizzie Emma holds a teacher's certificate, but has never taught school. She is now training for the profession of nurse at Mercy hospital, in Pittsburg, Pa. (3) Hazel S. went to school at Mechanicsburg for four years and taught school four terms. She now resides at Homewood, Pa., being the wife of Clyde McCrea, and they have one child, Jay Dean. Mr. McCrea follows the trade of plasterer. (4) Jay Ord is assistant manager of the Real Estate Loan Company of Parkersburg, W. Va. (5) Lida B. and (6) George Riehl, the latter born Oct. 5, 1902, are at home.

WILLIAM JONES KING, a retired citizen of Indiana, Pa., was born near Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Pa., March 18, 1843, and is a son of George Washington and Catherine (Bartholomew) King.

William King, the grandfather of William J. King, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1745, and when a young man became a silk weaver. His father was wealthy and left a handsome estate, but an elder brother inherited all of his property and William entered the British army, in which he was a lieutenant in 1773, and came with his regiment to the American Colonies. On May 21, 1777, he was commissioned second lieutenant in the



4th Foot Battalion. He settled in Northumberland county, Pa. (taking a location at the site of Jaysburg in 1774), where he had married Rachel Tharp, and they became the parents of two children: Sarah, who was born Aug. 22, 1774; and Ruth, born May 23, 1776. About two years after the birth of his youngest child Mr. King started for Jaysburg, leaving his wife and children at Northumberland to follow him, but not long after his departure a number of people, fearing a raid by the Indians, left for the present site of Williamsport, where a stockade, ten feet high, had been erected, the same being about what is now the corner of Fourth and Stephens streets. Loading their family goods, the little party fared forth, and had halted on the third day, at the point where the memorial stone stands, where Fourth street crosses a run coming down Cemetery street, when the Indians came upon them, and a general massacre occurred in which Mrs. King was tomahawked and scalped, expiring (June 10th) in the arms of her husband, who had returned too late to save his loved ones. The children, Sarah and Ruth, aged four and two years, respectively, were captured by the savages, and taken as prisoners to Canada, but Mr. King was able to secure permission from the government and a band of supporters to go to the Indians' rendezvous, guided by a friendly Indian, one Jake Orby, and after some search found his daughter Sarah. She was able to inform the party where her sister had been taken, but it was necessary to use great diplomacy before the latter was secured from her captors. When the little party started back home, provisions had become so short that its members were obliged at one time to eat skunk meat. Ruth King subsequently grew to womanhood and went to her mother's home in New Jersey, where she married a retired mariner and died in comfortable circumstances. Sarah went to Jaysburg with her father and resided with him until his death, Oct. 2, 1802, following which she made her home with a half brother, Joseph, until 1832, and then went to live with John Kelly King, in Tioga county, Pa., where she died in 1850. On May 25, 1779, Mr. King was married (second) to Martha Reeder, who was born Feb. 24, 1763, and died May 16, 1817, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Mary, born Feb. 6, 1781; William, Jr., Aug. 29, 1783; Joseph, Sept. 3, 1786; Martha, Jan. 13, 1792; George Washington, July 14, 1794; John, June 15, 1797; and Reeder, the date of whose birth is not definitely known. Their

descendants lived in Lycoming, Clinton and Clearfield counties.

George Washington King, son of William King, and father of William Jones King, spent his early years in laboring in Howard, Center (then Lycoming) county. Following this he spent a short time in Cherrytree, Ind., but returned to Lycoming county, Pa., and settled in Woodward township, which is now located in Clinton county, and there died July 9, 1855, aged sixty years, eleven months. Mr. King by his first wife, Mary, who died at the age of twenty-six years, had five children: George Washington, Jr., a laborer, died at Canton, Pa.; Wilson died at Lock Haven, Pa.; Francis F., who for years conducted a tavern at Lock Haven, died at that place; Margaret was married and died at Cherrytree, Pa.; Fanny, who married Joseph Shook, died in Clearfield county. For his second wife Mr. King married Catherine Bartholomew, who was born in 1804 in Cumberland county, Pa., daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Bartholomew. Mr. Bartholomew was a carpenter, cooper and millwright, and died in Lycoming (now Clinton) county when eighty-four years of age. The children of George W. and Catherine King were as follows: Bartholomew P., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who died in November, 1908, married a Miss Emery; Catherine, who married James Messhery, died in Clinton county; Joseph R., a Methodist minister, died in 1894 at Benton, Columbia Co., Pa.; James F., who was a carpenter, died at Lock Haven, Pa.; Frances E. became the wife of John Clark, of Williamsport, and died at that place; Henry E. enlisted in the Union army at the outbreak of the Civil war and lost his life in the desperate battle of Fair Oaks; William Jones is mentioned below.

William Jones King, son of George Washington King, was but a boy when his father died, and the family being left in humble circumstances his education was limited to four winter terms of school. He was only fourteen years old when he faced the world on his own account, going out to work among the farmers of his neighborhood, but in the meantime he assiduously applied himself to his books, made the most of every opportunity that presented itself, and was rewarded for his industry and perseverance by the acquiring of a good education. He worked in the sawmills and helped to load and unload boats, and when seventeen years of age began his career as an educator in Keating township, Clinton county, where he taught school each winter until 1864, in

the meantime spending the summer months in work in a sawmill; and in the year mentioned he was made clerk of the board of elections, at the time of Abraham Lincoln's second election as president. On Aug. 11, 1864, Mr. King enlisted in Company C, 207th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, 3d Division, 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, under Capt. James W. Fredericks, Col. Robert C. Cox, and Gen. John L. Hartrauff. He participated in all the battles engaged in by the Army of the Potomac from that time, and at the end of the war received his honorable discharge with a record for bravery and faithfulness that had made him admired by his comrades and respected by his officers.

On his return to the pursuits of peace Mr. King resumed teaching. On June 5, 1865, he married Cordelia A. Hewitt, who was born in Clearfield county, Pa., Feb. 5, 1844, daughter of Thomas and Annie (Shoemaker) Hewitt. After his marriage he established his home at Dunnstown, Clinton Co., Pa., the oldest town in that county, and there continued teaching, farming and sawmill work until 1872. In that year Mr. King moved to New Columbus, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he worked the farm owned by his eldest brother, but the death of three of his children so discouraged him that he decided to seek new fields and accordingly moved to Huston township, Clearfield Co., Pa., where he was engaged eight months each year for the next five years in teaching school. At the end of that time he received and accepted an offer of the principalship of the schools of Driftwood, Pa., where he spent five years, resigning to take the principalship of the Benezett schools in Elk county. Two years later he left this position to enter the employ of William E. Johnston, for whom he was bookkeeper and assistant postmaster, but two years later the store was destroyed by fire and Mr. King again became principal of the schools, a position he continued to hold for the next year. During this time he had been working on a book, known as "Normal Outlines," which he published at Benezett. Leaving that place he became bookkeeper and general manager of the wholesale wall paper firm of A. D. Lundy & Co., at Williamsport. At the end of two years he accepted a similar position with the hardware firm of Kline & Co., with which he was connected until the failure of his health six and a half years later. After he had recuperated he took charge of the books of the Williamsport Hardware and Stove Company, in which concern he subsequently purchased a one-quarter interest, but

his health again failing he withdrew after one year. He spent four weeks in the Philadelphia hospital, and on his return to business life organized the Lycoming Hardware Company, in 1896, being connected with that company until 1902. He then transferred his activities to Johnstown, where for one year he acted as assistant bookkeeper and in other capacities in the employ of the Swank Hardware Company, subsequently becoming traveling representative for the T. J. Fernley Hardware Company, and in the meantime carrying a side line of woodenware, willowware and plumbing and tinners' supplies for W. C. Nimmo & Co., of Baltimore, Md., and C. H. & E. S. Goldberg, of New York City. In 1904 Mr. King became manager for the Reynoldsville Hardware Company, but in August, 1905, resigned his position and moved to Indiana, where he was made bookkeeper of the Indiana Provision Company, an office which he continued to fill capably until he resigned, Jan. 1, 1906. At that time, returning to Reynoldsville, he resumed his position as manager of the Reynoldsville Hardware Company, and ceased active business activities Oct. 10, 1911, upon his retirement from that position.

Mr. and Mrs. King are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has been a Republican since he cast his first vote, for Abraham Lincoln. His fraternal connections are with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, in both of which he has been honored by election to office.

Mr. and Mrs. King have had the following children: Matilda H., who died at the age of seven years; Mary C., who was four years old at the time of her death; Clemma G., who married W. H. McLees, of Williamsport, and has two children, Lillian and William Glenn; Frederick E. and Edward P., twins, who died in infancy; Mary E., who married John O. Doney, of Indiana, Pa., and has two children, William Gerson and J. Frank; and Grace M., who married Prof. H. Healy, of Williamsport.

JOHN ANDERSON McFEATTERS (deceased) was a leading agriculturist and cattle dealer of Brushvalley township, Indiana county. He was born there Nov. 30, 1830, on the homestead where the family now resides.

The McFeatters family is of Scotch extraction, the first of the name in Brushvalley township being James S. McFeatters, who was born Nov. 13, 1795, in Juniata county, Pa. He married Dec. 24, 1829, Rebecca Cresswell, who was born March 29, 1799, in Huntingdon county, Pa. At an early period he

settled in Brushvalley township, Indiana county, where he engaged in farming. His first dwelling was a log house, but in 1835 he built the present brick structure, which was the first of its kind in the township. His death occurred early in 1844, when he was in his forty-ninth year, and he was buried in Manor cemetery, near Greenville, Indiana county. His loving and devoted wife followed him to the grave June 19, 1880, and she also was buried in the Manor cemetery. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. McFeatters: (1) John Anderson was born Nov. 30, 1830. (2) James Cresswell, born in April, 1832, was a soldier in the Civil war, and is now deceased. (3) Matthew, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, resided in Kansas and died in 1909. (4) Mary Ann, now deceased, was the wife of David Findley, of Kansas.

John Anderson McFeatters was educated in the local schools of Brushvalley township, and was still in his teens when his father died. He worked hard from early boyhood to help support his mother and other members of the family, and eventually settled on the homestead and followed general farming. He became one of the largest land owners of Brushvalley township, making stock raising and dealing his principal occupation, and he shipped and drove live stock to the eastern markets, principally to Philadelphia. Although his opportunities for advancement in educational lines were limited, he read a great deal, and being naturally observant and intelligent he became a well-read and well-informed man for his day. Though not particularly strong physically, the excellent business qualities and rare good judgment he possessed were the means of his becoming the successful man and popular citizen he actually was. A devoted father and husband, he was quite domestic in his tastes and took great pleasure in his home. His death occurred on his farm Aug. 23, 1895, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, and he was laid to rest in the Mechanicsburg cemetery. In politics he was a Republican, and served as supervisor and school director of the township. He was a member and elder of the Presbyterian Church, and superintendent of the Sunday school. In his habits he was strictly temperate.

Mr. McFeatters married March 18, 1855, Nancy Roll, who was born Nov. 23, 1833, in Clarion, Clarion Co., Pa., daughter of David and Eve (Potter) Roll. After Mr. McFeatters' death his widow and daughter, Clara E., took

the management of the homestead, conducting it with gratifying success. Mrs. McFeatters is a lady of cheerful disposition, kind and affable, and she has been a most devoted mother, raising a family who have reflected credit on their early training. Mr. and Mrs. McFeatters were the parents of six children, viz.: (1) Franklin Roll, who attended the Millersville State normal school, is superintendent of the Union railroad, and resides in Wilkingsburg, Pa. He married Elizabeth Wilson, of Brushvalley, Pa. (2) Harriison died Nov. 28, 1861. (3) Emma Katherine, who attended Beansville Seminary and graduated from the Clarion normal school, married George Whitmer, Esq., and resides in Clarion, Pa. (4) Clara Eve, who was educated at the Indiana State normal and Clarion State normal schools, has been a teacher in Indiana, Cambria and Allegheny counties, and is now assisting her mother in the conduct of the home farm. (5) Albert Ellsworth attended Slippery Rock normal school in Butler county, conducted the home farm for five years after the death of his father, and was afterward engaged in business as a coal dealer at Swissvale, Pa., where he died in 1903. He married Luella Miller, of Brushvalley, and they had two children, Grace and Rollo. (6) Mary Princetta married Nicholas A. Altimus, and died in Iowa, leaving a daughter, Elda, who is a graduate of the Clarion normal school. Since the death of her mother she has been making her home with her grandmother and aunt, and has followed teaching in Brushvalley township. These ladies are members of the Presbyterian Church. They have cultivated tastes and excellent capabilities.

HARRY E. RUFFNER, D. D. S., has recently become a resident of Indiana, having moved to that borough from Glen Campbell, Indiana county, where he was engaged in the practice of dentistry for over twenty years. Besides being widely known professionally in that section he was a public official of high standing. Born July 22, 1866, in Grant township, Indiana county, he is a son of Joseph R. and Amy Ann (Dougherty) Ruffner, the former of whom died in 1909. He was a farmer and huckster, and one of the well-known residents of his locality, having held various township offices. He was a native of Montgomery township, this county. His widow now lives at Hillsdale, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

Harry E. Ruffner obtained his early education in the public schools, later attending

the academy at Purchase Line, from which institution he was graduated in 1886. In 1888 he took a preparatory course at Marion, Pa., and the same year entered the Philadelphia Dental College, at Philadelphia, Pa., finishing the course in 1890. The same year he settled at Glen Campbell, where he continued to practice until his removal to Indiana in 1913. He established himself firmly in the confidence of a large number of patrons, being busily engaged all the time. But he has never neglected his duties of citizenship, being interested in all things making for the welfare of his borough. He was one of the workers toward the success of the Giant Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, serving as one of the directors of that concern. Some years ago he served as a member of the board of school directors, was subsequently elected burgess, and held the office of justice of the peace for the seven years before leaving Glen Campbell, being elected the last time to serve until 1917. All the local cases came up before him for trial, and his fairness and good judgment made him respected and popular.

Dr. Ruffner is a prominent member of the M. W. A. and the I. O. O. F., being particularly active in the latter organization and encampment. He was secretary and noble grand of the local lodge, and has been representative to the grand lodge.

On Dec. 21, 1891, Dr. Ruffner married Jennie Connor, of Banks township, Indiana county, daughter of Charles Connor, a farmer and lumberman. They have had three children: Alethe Hazel, now the wife of Archibald Williams, agent for the New York Central Railway Company at Clymer, Pa.; Joseph Paul, who is deceased; and Helen Lucile. The family reside at No. 533 Water street, Indiana.

JOHN D. BARRETT, a general farmer of West Mahoning township, was born in that township May 11, 1864, son of Daniel D. and Elizabeth (Lantz) Barrett.

John D. Barrett attended the local schools of West Mahoning township, and was reared in a sensible way to habits of industry and thrift, upon the farm that has always been his home. He has developed into a first-class modern farmer, whose success in his chosen calling is as pronounced as it is well merited. He owns 170 acres of the original homestead, one half of which is in a highly developed state of cultivation.

On March 16, 1887, Mr. Barrett was united in marriage with Serena L. Lowe, who was born near Smicksburg, Pa., daughter of Barnabas and Millicent (Maddock) Lowe, natives of Derbyshire, England, who came to America and settled near Smicksburg, Pa., where they secured and developed a small farm. By trade Mr. Lowe was a shoemaker, and alternated working at his calling and attending to his land. His death occurred in 1885, his widow surviving until 1892.

John D. Barrett and his wife had children as follows: Lorenzo Dow, who died at the age of seven years; Nelson, who died at the age of four years; Luther, who died when two years old; Alfred, who died when four months old; Millicent; Edna; Homer, and Serena.

Always a strong Republican, Mr. Barrett has given his party hearty and valuable support and has been its candidate for various offices, notably that of supervisor of his township, to which he was reelected many times. While on the county board he espoused and saw carried through to successful completion many much needed public improvements. He and his excellent wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church of Smicksburg, where they are as highly esteemed as they are in other circles.

WARD NATHANIEL TIMBLIN, V. S., of Indiana, Pa., has been engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery there for a year and has proved himself well prepared for his chosen calling. He was born July 1, 1888, near Georgeville, this county. His great-grandfather, James Timblin, the first of the family in Indiana county, came to this region in an early day, and eventually settled in Porter township, Jefferson county.

George Reeser Timblin, son of James, was born Sept. 9, 1842, in Porter township, Jefferson county, and lived on the home farm until eighteen years of age, meantime acquiring his education in the local common schools. At that time he went into lumber camps in Clearfield county, Pa., following that kind of work until his marriage, which occurred in Indiana county in December, 1866, his wife being Sarah Jane White. Locating on a seventy-five-acre farm in Canoe township, Indiana county, they remained there until nine years ago, when Mr. Timblin sold out and bought a tract of 135 acres in Plumcreek township,

Armstrong county. This property he has since sold to his son Maurice, for himself buying another farm of fifty-five acres in Armstrong county. He has lived retired for the last seven years, making his home with his children, his wife having died Feb. 17, 1906. She was buried at the Union Church in Canoe township, Indiana county. Mrs. Timblin was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church; Mr. Timblin belongs to the Evangelical Church. Their children, besides the father of Ward N. Timblin, were: Maurice, living in Armstrong county, who married Maggie Thomas; Alverda, who married James Sharrar, of Ford City, Armstrong county; and Bessie, wife of George Cessna, of Armstrong county.

The father of Ward N. Timblin was reared to manhood on the home farm in Canoe township, attending public school until he reached the age of eighteen years, out of school hours and during vacations assisting his father. He continued to work at home until his marriage, after which he and his wife went to live on a place in East Mahoning township, this county, owned by her mother. They remained there four years, thence removing to Glen Campbell, where Mr. Timblin was engaged in construction work for Clark Brothers. For the last fifteen years he has had charge of construction work on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad. Mr. Timblin is a Republican on political questions. He has no church connections.

On Aug. 24, 1887, Mr. Timblin married Lizzie North, of Canoe township, who was born there Jan. 23, 1868, and received a public school education. They have had two children, Ward Nathaniel and Vernon George, the latter born June 22, 1896.

Ward N. Timblin grew up at Glen Campbell and there began his education at the public school, later attending the Indiana State normal school for several years. On Sept. 15, 1909, he entered the Chicago (Ill.) Veterinary College, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1912, and in the meantime he also acquired valuable practical experience, working under Dr. James Arthur Bovett of Chicago for two years. On April 18, 1912, he commenced practice at Indiana, where he is acquiring reputation and fame for conscientious and skillful attention to every animal committed to his care.

John North, Dr. Timblin's great-grandfather in the maternal line, came to this country from Ireland before his marriage to Eliza-

beth Simpson, of Indiana county, Pa. After they were married they lived a few years in Canoe township, this county, and then bought the farm in Young township, Jefferson county, where they made their permanent home. There Mr. North died at the age of seventy-eight years, his widow remaining in Indiana county, where she lived to the great age of ninety-six. Their children were: Nathaniel Simpson; Anna Mary, Mrs. William Simpson; Pogue; Taylor, who settled on the home farm; and Laura, who married David Hamilton and (second) David Allison.

Nathaniel Simpson North was born Sept. 17, 1842, in Canoe township, Indiana county, thence moving with his parents to Young township, Jefferson county, where he grew to manhood. He has been a lifelong farmer, and is now living in Canoe township, Indiana county. During the Civil war he faithfully supported the Union cause, serving in the army from 1861 to 1865, and was twice wounded. He was a member of Company A, 61st P. V. I. Mr. North married Nancy Hamilton, who was born June 10, 1842, in East Mahoning township, this county, and died Oct. 8, 1894. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. North: Lizzie, Mrs. Timblin; Martha Theresa, born in 1870, who died in 1904, unmarried; John Hamilton, born March 1, 1872, now residing on a farm in East Mahoning township, who married Laura Barclay, of Marchand, Indiana county; Taylor Ellsworth, born in 1875, who died in infancy; Clara Irene, born Dec. 1, 1877, who married Benton R. Thompson and (second) Harry A. Borland, of Indiana; and David Clair, born March 4, 1881, who married Ethel Litzinger, of White township.

SAMUEL GRANT ST. CLAIR, engineer at the compressure plant of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Lockport, Pa., was born Dec. 3, 1865, near Little Washington, in West Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., and belongs to an old-settled family of this region.

The St. Clair family is of Scotch-Irish origin, a branch of the St. Clair family of Scotland, which was founded in the middle ages by Sir Walderne de St. Clair, a Norman knight, who married Margaret, daughter of Richard, Duke of Normandy. Their second son, William, settled in Scotland, and one of his descendants, William St. Clair, became prince of the Orkney islands under the king of Norway, and high chancellor of Scotland

under the royal house of Bruce. In 1741 the St. Clairs exchanged their lofty title and island domains for the earldom of Caithness, which they still hold. The name has since become Anglicized to Sinclair. Two of the descendants of one of these earls through a younger son were Gen. Arthur St. Clair and his cousin James St. Clair, Sr., the former of whom was president of the Continental Congress in 1787 and commander in chief of the armies of the United States in 1791.

James St. Clair, Sr., was the great-great-grandfather of S. G. St. Clair. His parents were natives of the North of Ireland, and he was born in 1741 in eastern Pennsylvania. He lived nine miles from York, Pa., where he owned a valuable farm and mill, and he was not only a prosperous citizen of his time but an earnest sympathizer with the Colonial cause, serving throughout the Revolutionary war. His wife's maiden name was Miller. James St. Clair, Sr., died in York county in 1806, at the age of sixty-five years.

James St. Clair, one of the sons of James St. Clair, Sr., was born in York (now Adams) county, Pa., in May, 1774, and passed the greater part of his mature life in Indiana county, Pa. In 1809 he came to Brushvalley township, in 1816 removing to what is now the northern part of White township, where he took up a quarter section of government land and followed farming for many years. He died in Center township, this county, April 8, 1855, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. He was an old-line Whig in politics. He married Jennie Slemmons, who was born in Lancaster, Pa., of Irish descent, and was reared in Washington county, Pa., her father, William Slemmons, removing from Lancaster to Washington county in 1790 and there following farming until his death, which occurred in 1820, in his sixtieth year. Mr. Slemmons was justice of the peace, by governor's appointment, for a period of thirty years, and he was a man of the highest character and of honorable standing. His wife's maiden name was Boggs, and they had several children. Mrs. Jennie (Slemmons) St. Clair died Oct. 15, 1855, aged seventy-one years, a member of the Presbyterian Church. She and her husband had a family of ten children, namely: Margaret, William S., Mary W., James, Samuel, Isaac, John, Robert, Thomas and Hiram.

Samuel St. Clair, son of James and Jennie (Slemmons) St. Clair, passed all his life in West Wheatfield township, following farming on a large tract of land now owned by

James Overdorff. For many years he served as constable. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Jameson, are buried in Bethel Church cemetery. They had fourteen children, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Nicholas, James, Daniel, Archie, Samuel, Hugh, Jane (who married Andrew Aleorn), Catherine, Pollie, John, Rebecca (who died unmarried) and Susan.

James St. Clair, son of Samuel St. Clair, was born Jan. 4, 1836, in West Wheatfield township, where he attended common school. For a time he worked with his father on the farm, afterward learning the trade of butcher, which he followed to some extent, later learning the carpenter's trade. Moving out to Dresden, Ohio, he lived there for fourteen years, engaged as carpenter foreman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. On May 4, 1856, he moved back to West Wheatfield township and established a butcher shop at Bolivar, Westmoreland county, also running a meat wagon. He was an energetic man, always keeping busy. While in Ohio he was also a private detective in the employ of the Panhandle Railway Company; he acted as auctioneer; and besides looking after his other interests bought and sold oil wells in the oil region of Pennsylvania. He was a well-known man, and highly respected. He was a Republican in politics, and during the Civil war gave his services to the Union cause as a member of Company E, 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, being in the army for three years, twenty-six days. He served under Captain Piper and Col. Dick Colder. Mr. St. Clair was a member of the United Brethren Church during his residence in Ohio, but on his return to West Wheatfield township joined the United Presbyterian Church, to which he belonged the rest of his life. His death occurred May 16, 1902.

Mr. St. Clair married Susan Emma Laura Brandlinger, daughter of Joseph and Susan (Walbeck) Brandlinger, and she survives him, making her home with her son Samuel. Four children were born to this union: Jacob Gamble married Amelia Utzler, and they had children, Hugh W. (married Annie Mearley), John Hood (married Gertrude Mack), James Walter (married a Miss Penrose) and Mary Ellen (married Samuel Soxman). Joseph William died when twelve years old. Samuel Grant is mentioned below. Myra Livonia died when seventeen years old.

Samuel Grant St. Clair was an infant in arms when his parents moved to Ohio, and there he received his education, in Madison

township, Muskingum county. Returning to West Wheatfield township with his parents he became engaged in construction work for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, continuing thus for a short time. Then he farmed two years for his father-in-law, after which he went to work for the Gardner Company, in the brick manufacturing business, at Lockport, Westmoreland county. He returned to the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as division foreman, holding that position until 1906, since which time he has been stationary engineer at the company's plant at Lockport. He is a responsible and reliable man, as his long service indicates. Mr. St. Clair is a member of the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief Association, and fraternally is an Odd Fellow, holding membership in New Florence Lodge, No. 558. He is a Republican in political association, and in religious connection is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. St. Clair married Catherine Fulcomer, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stormer) Fulcomer, of West Wheatfield township, and they have had six children, viz.: James Curtis, who married Minnie Burcott and has children, James W., Samuel G., Henry B., Hazel R. and Ralph W.; Samuel Clyde, unmarried, who is employed by the Bolivar Coal & Coke Company; H. Hezekiah, who died when five years old; Gos McKinley, living in Derry township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., who is employed as engine inspector by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Robert Lester, who died when four months, twenty days old; and Fleet Blair, born April 16, 1896.

JOHN H. RODKEY has been a resident of Cookport, in Green township, Indiana county, for several years, engaged in the undertaking business and carpenter work. He has always lived in Green township, where he was born Jan. 8, 1846, son of George and Mary (Learn) Rodkey. The Rodkeys are of German ancestry, but have long been settled in this country, Frederick Rodkey, the grandfather of John H. Rodkey, having been a native of Blair county, Pa. He was killed when his son George was quite young.

George Rodkey, father of John H. Rodkey, was born in Blair county, and came to Indiana county with his mother and stepfather, Godfrey Harpen, the family settling in Green township, where they followed farming. George Rodkey began farming in his early life, and always continued to follow that oc-

cupation, buying a farm in Green township upon which he remained until his death, which occurred Feb. 11, 1907, when he was eighty-seven years old. He married Mary Learn, daughter of John Learn, one of the first settlers in Cherryhill township, Indiana county; he was a farmer from early life. Mrs. Rodkey died Jan. 31, 1898, aged seventy-four years. She and her husband had a family of nine children, of whom John H. was the eldest, the others being: Elizabeth, who is now deceased; George, deceased; Catherine, wife of W. J. Devinney, of Green township; James, a resident of Cookport, Indiana county; Susan, wife of Newton Rodkey, living at Spangler, Cambria Co., Pa.; and three who died in infancy.

John H. Rodkey obtained his education in Green township. As a boy he worked on the home farm, and later continued farming and also engaged in lumbering. For some time he conducted a saw-mill. In 1897 he engaged in the undertaking business in partnership with David Harpen, under the firm name of Harpen & Rodkey, being associated with Mr. Harpen for some time and finally buying his interest. Mr. Rodkey has made his home at Cookport for the last eleven years, and has been actively engaged in the undertaking business and taking contracts for carpenter work, in which line he has built up a fine custom in this section. He is a skillful and thorough workman, and has made a success of his enterprises, now owning his home and other property in Cookport. His industrious and upright career has won him the respect of all who know him.

On July 4, 1863, Mr. Rodkey enlisted from Indiana county for service in the Civil war, joining Company E, 2d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served nine months. He was under the command of Colonel Lininger. He was mustered out at Pittsburg. He is a prominent member of the G. A. R. in this locality, having been commander of Post No. 537, of Cookport.

In 1869 Mr. Rodkey married Sarah Jane Long, who was born in Indiana county, daughter of Frank Long, of Cherryhill township. She died in 1870, and in 1871 Mr. Rodkey married (second) Mrs. Nancy Jane (Barnett) Ober, a native of Cherryhill township, daughter of David and Eliza (Craft) Barnett, both of whom were born in Bedford county, Pa.; they came to Indiana county in an early day, and Mr. Barnett engaged in farming through-

out his life. Mr. and Mrs. Rodkey have no children. They are members of the Baptist Church.

THOMAS WHITE THOMPSON, of Rayne township, Indiana county, occupies the old homestead there formerly owned by his father and belongs to one of the oldest established families in this part of the county.

John Thompson, his grandfather, born March 9, 1761, died Feb. 26, 1838, in his seventy-seventh year. He came to Indiana county in an early day, and from the fact that there was a blockhouse erected on his property was widely known as "Blockhouse John." He cleared up a farm of 160 acres, and in addition to the work incident to the improvement of his home place followed the carpenter's trade in the neighborhood. His wife, Rachel (White), who was from near Philadelphia, Pa., was born Oct. 9, 1761, and lived to her ninety-third year, dying Nov. 7, 1853.

David Karr Thompson, son of John and Rachel (White) Thompson, was born July 8, 1798, in Indiana county, Pa., and died in 1882. He acquired a good education, taught school in winter and farmed in summer, and was one of the influential citizens of this region in his time, serving for years as justice of the peace, and also holding the offices of school director and tax assessor of the township. In 1826 he married Mary McHenry, of White township, Indiana county, who preceded him to the grave, dying in 1879. They had a family of eight children, namely: Margaret Jane, Rachel, Sidney, John R., William M., David V., Thomas White and Mary Ann.

Thomas White Thompson was born May 4, 1840, in Rayne township, and was reared on the farm where he still continues to make his home, now owning the old homestead. He has retired from the active work of its cultivation, however, enjoying a well-earned rest. He and his sister Sidney, who occupy the old home together, and Mrs. Abel Findley, of White township, are now the only survivors of the family.

On Sept. 12, 1862, Mr. Thompson enlisted in Troop B (Company K), 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served for almost three years, being discharged May 31, 1865, shortly after the close of the war. He was promoted to first duty sergeant. He took part in a number of battles in the Shenandoah valley, including the engagement at Winchester and Sheridan's raid. He made several trips West

directly after the war, principally to see the country.

JOHNATHAN DOUGLASS has been settled on his present farm in Green township, Indiana county, since 1880, and has lived in that township most of his life. He was born there April 15, 1840, son of William Douglass, and grandson of Barnabas Douglass, a native of Dublin, Ireland, whose wife was also born in that country. Upon coming to America the grandparents first settled in Philadelphia, later moving to Cambria county, Pa., where they remained about eighteen years. At the end of that time the family came to Indiana county, purchasing a large tract of land in Green township near the Cambria county line, where Barnabas Douglass continued to live and farm until his death. He had a family of five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are now deceased.

William Douglass, father of Johnathan Douglass, was born in Cambria county, Pa., came to Indiana county with his parents, and after the death of his father continued to farm on the place where the family had settled until his death, which occurred Feb. 20, 1886; he was buried Feb. 22d. He married Mary McKissick, a native of Indiana county, daughter of Thomas McKissick, who was born in Scotland and on coming to America settled in Indiana county, Pa., where he bought land in Green township; later he went West, where he remained until his death. He was a farmer throughout his life. He had a family of three sons and four daughters, all now deceased. Mrs. Mary (McKissick) Douglass died on the old Douglass homestead. She and her husband were the parents of nine children, the eldest being Johnathan, a resident of Green township; William is deceased; Martha is deceased; Barnabas lives in Green township; Thomas E. is deceased; Joseph is deceased; John E. is a resident of Green township; Sadie is the wife of John Baker, of Cambria county; Thaddeus lives in Montgomery township, this county.

Johnathan Douglass passed his boyhood and youth on the farm where his grandfather settled. In 1859 he moved to another tract in Green township, which he cultivated for some time, later buying a place in Cambria, which he farmed for three years. Then he bought what was known as the old William Stephens farm, upon which he resided for eight years, at the end of that time purchasing and removing to his present property.



This was in 1880. He has been successfully engaged in general farming, and is one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of his township, where he has long been a trusted official, having served four terms as supervisor.

On Oct. 17, 1864, Mr. Douglass was united in marriage with Martha Pittman, a native of Indiana county, born Oct. 31, 1841, on the old Pittman farm, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Pittman, farming people, who lived in this county from the early days. They had a family of ten children, seven sons and three daughters, of whom only two survive, Zachariah and Mrs. Douglass. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Douglass: Eva, who is the wife of Levi Reed, of Green township; Mary, wife of Morris Ruffner, of Cambria county, Pa.; William B., a resident of Green township; Addie, the wife of Benjamin Duncan, a farmer of Indiana county; Sim and Scott, twins; and Jessie, who lives in Cambria county. There are sixteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass are members of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIS DELOSS HALL, M. D., of Gipsy, Indiana county, physician and surgeon for the Irish Brothers Coal Co. and the Hillsdale Coal Company and also engaged in general practice, was born Feb. 15, 1882, at Keene, N. H., son of James George and Lodine (Pratt) Hall. His father is a locomotive engineer.

Dr. Hall received his early education in the public schools, following with a course at the Booth Preparatory School at New Haven, Conn., from which he was graduated in June, 1906. In September of that year he began the study of medicine at the Philadelphia Medical School of Temple College, Philadelphia, Pa., graduated from that institution in 1910, and the same year located at Gipsy, where he has since followed his profession. As physician and surgeon for the Irish Brothers Coal Company and the Hillsdale Coal Company at that point he at once became well known, and his efficient services and conscientious attention to every demand of his work have established him completely in the confidence of his fellow citizens there. He is building up a creditable practice on his own account, and personally has won high standing in the community. He is a member of the Red Bank Physicians' Protective Association, and fraternally holds membership in the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Gipsy, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at

Bridgeport, Conn. He belongs to the Alpha Alpha College fraternity. On political questions he is a Republican.

On June 5, 1902, Dr. Hall married Cora Weir, of Walpole, N. H., daughter of Rowe Weir, a railroad man. Dr. and Mrs. Hall have had three children, James Rowe dying when three years old; the survivors are Florence Elnora and Bernice Maud.

EDWARD CLARENCE COMPTON, of Blacklick township, is a member of an old and honored family of southern Indiana county, which has been settled there since the time of his grandfather, Reuben Compton.

Reuben Compton was born in Westmoreland county, and was quite young when his father died. He married and settled at Clarksburg, Indiana Co., Pa., where he followed farming and stockraising. His children were: Andrew Jackson; and Mary, who married Richard Donahew and resides in Young township, Indiana county (she had children Mary, Annie and Jack).

Andrew Jackson Compton, son of Reuben, was born in Young township, Indiana county, where he received a common school education. He followed farming, in time buying the Gilbert farm at Clarksburg (now owned by his son Jack), near the Blacklick township line, a property of 135 acres, belonging to his wife's family. Later he bought another farm, near Clarksburg, in Conemaugh township, the place of 140 acres now run by his son Jack. He was a progressive man, and in his farming and stock raising operations kept abreast of the times. He was a Democrat and a Presbyterian, holding membership in the Church at Clarksburg, and is buried in the cemetery of that church. His death occurred Jan. 23, ———. Mr. Compton married Mary Gilbert, daughter of George Gilbert, and she now resides at Clarksburg. They had a family of ten children, and we have record of: George, who married Margaret B. Bergman and is a merchant in Indiana, Pa.; Edward C.; Della, widow of John Trump (who died of a cancer) and now residing in Clarksburg (she had children Mary and Arthur); Jack, who lives with his mother; Ansley; William; Hallie; Gertrude; and one that died young.

Edward Clarence Compton, son of Andrew J. and Mary (Gilbert) Compton, was born Dec. 18, 1866, at Jacksonville, in Blacklick township, Indiana county. When eleven years old he moved with his parents to Conemaugh township, where he farmed with his father

until he started out in life for himself. For nine years Mr. Compton gained experience and familiarity with farm values as a renter and cropper, cultivating several farms. Then, in 1910, he bought and settled upon the Conrad Fritz farm, of 114 acres, where he is now carrying on agricultural operations. He is a man of progressive ideas, which he endeavors to put into practice in his work, and has had good results. His keen business sense and enterprising disposition have led him into other lines which have aided in making him successful. He is a carpenter, and follows his trade in the winter months. He is a stockholder in the Blacklick Township Farmers' Telephone Company. Mr. Compton is a strong advocate of temperance, and like the Compton family generally he is a member of the Presbyterian Church in religious connection, and is a teacher in the Sunday school. His wife and family are also members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. Compton married Stella Dixon, daughter of Erb and Sarah (Hazlett) Dixon, of Conemaugh township, and seven children have been born to them, namely: Irwin Newell, Paul, Sarah, Robert, Glen, Pearl and Viola.

HENRY S. GRIFFITH, of Pine township, Indiana county, was born in that township Oct. 15, 1873, a son of Joseph Griffith, Jr., a former resident of Center township, Indiana county. His grandfather, Joseph Griffith, Sr., was a farmer of Center township. He married Liddie Row, of that township, whose family record can be traced back to the early settlers of Indiana county.

Joseph Griffith, father of Henry S. Griffith, was born in Center township, this county, Nov. 29, 1840, his early life being spent on his father's farm in Center township. At the beginning of the Civil war he was among the men who volunteered to defend the country, enlisting in Company C, 19th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and serving three years. He was in eight pitched battles, besides a number of skirmishes, some of his most important battles being Pittsburg Landing, Bull Run, Corinth, Lookout Mountain, and Stone River, where he was wounded Dec. 31, 1862, the ball entering close to the spine and passing through his body to his right side, taking with it a portion of a rib. It stopped in the muscle of his right arm above the elbow. He was removed to a hospital, where the ball was

extracted while warm with his blood, and he secured it, the bullet being one of the precious possessions of his son Henry S. Griffith. After the expiration of his time in the army Mr. Griffith returned to Pennsylvania, and settled on a farm in Barr township, Cambria county, residing there for two years, and there he was married to Jennie Conner, a daughter of Robert and Nancy Conner, who came to this country from Ireland. Joseph Griffith and his wife had the following children: Lottie, Grant, Henry S., William, Maggie, Annie and Bertha. After his marriage Mr. Griffith returned to Pine township, where he lived the remainder of his lifetime. In politics he was a Republican. He belonged to the Mount Union Methodist Church.

Henry S. Griffith after attending the local schools, at the age of sixteen years started to work in sawmills and in the lumber woods. When twenty-two years old he was married to Adda Kinter, daughter of John and Lillie Kinter, and they have children as follows: Mary, Elsie, William, Stella, Henry, Edwin, Kermit, Boyd and Frank.

In politics Mr. Griffith is a Progressive, having been one of the first Progressives in Pine township. He is a coal merchant, operating or mining coal for the local trade, which vocation he has followed for the last ten years. He is well known throughout Indiana county, and highly esteemed by all who come in contact with him.

HOWARD D. SMITH, justice of the peace at Clymer, Pa., was born in Cherryhill township, Indiana county, August 24, 1876, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Hill) Smith.

Ebenezer Smith, the grandfather, came to Indiana county with his family at a very early day and engaged in lumbering, making the first clearing in Green township.

Benjamin Smith, son of Ebenezer, and father of Howard D. Smith, accompanied his father to Indiana county, and became interested in lumbering on the Susquehanna river, and for several years was a pilot on that river. He now lives retired on the old home place in Cherryhill township. He married Sarah Hill, who was born in Indiana county, and died in the spring of 1909, the mother of five sons and two daughters, as follows: Vinnie, who is the wife of Milton S. Crumblin, of Indiana county; Jesse, who is deceased; John H., who lives on the old homestead; Ebenezer, who lives near Tunnelton, Indiana county; Elizabeth, who is deceased; Howard D.; and Frank P., of Greensburg.

Howard D. Smith was given a public school education in Cherryhill township. For two years he was engaged in the lumber business at Dunlo, in Cambria county, and then went to Somerset county, where he embarked in the transfer business, remaining there engaged in that line for eight years. In 1905 he came to Clymer and entered the grocery business, which he carried on for three years. He was appointed a justice of the peace by the governor, and later was elected to the office, which he continues to hold. He is interested also in the lumber business, in association with his brother John H. Smith, and in addition he operates a coal mine.

In May, 1895, Mr. Smith was married, in Indiana county, to Etta E. Lutman, who was born in this county, a daughter of George Lutman, one of the old and substantial residents here, a carpenter by trade and a public official, having served in the offices of collector and constable. Mrs. Smith has three brothers, Harry, George and John.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had five children: LeRoy, Pauline, George, Benjamin and Robert Francis, all surviving except the eldest. Mrs. Smith is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Smith is an Odd Fellow and is the present financial secretary of Lodge No. 1163, at Clymer.

ALVIN R. PALMER, postmaster at Heshbon, Indiana county, and the proprietor of a general merchandise business in that town, was born May 6, 1872, in West Wheatfield township, Indiana Co., Pa., a son of David Jenkins and Jane (Hadden) Palmer, and grandson of David and Jane (Bell) Palmer. The Palmer family is one of long standing in Indiana county.

David Jenkins Palmer was born in Burrell township, Indiana county, in 1821, and was there educated and reared to the vocation of farmer. After attaining his majority he began farming on his own account, and settled in West Wheatfield township, clearing his farm of eighty-four acres. It was in the wilderness when he went to live there, and he erected a log house and barn, and by hard work put his land in a state of cultivation. Later he replaced the original buildings with a good frame residence and barn, made numerous other improvements, and spent the rest of his life in tilling his fields, dying on the farm in January, 1892, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which he served as steward. In 1864

Mr. Palmer enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company G, 206th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain McCombs and Colonel Brady, and served with that organization for nine months, until the close of hostilities. Later he joined Findley Patch Post, G. A. R., at Blairsville. He and his wife are buried in the Barr cemetery. To them were born children as follows: Margaret Rebecca, who married Porter Campbell; Mary Jane, who married John Hite and resides in Pittsburg; James, a resident of Heshbon, Pa.; David, a resident of Blacklick; Jeremiah, who lives in Los Angeles, Cal.; Henry L., on the old homestead; Ella C., who married William Reynolds, of Brushvalley township; Alvin R., and John Simpson and Caroline, who died young.

Alvin R. Palmer obtained his education in the public schools of West Wheatfield township, and until he was twenty years of age assisted his father in the work of the home farm. At that time he went to Pittsburg and became shipping clerk in a wholesale furniture house, subsequently accepting a position as car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, on the Fort Wayne branch, at Pittsburg. After four years he returned to West Wheatfield and took up carpenter work, and for years was engaged as a builder, but in 1911 turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, establishing himself in business at Heshbon. The same year he was appointed postmaster, after taking the civil service examination. For a number of years Mr. Palmer was a member of the National Guard, and in 1898, during the Spanish-American war, he enlisted in Company D, 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, not being able to qualify, however, on account of defective eyesight.

In politics Mr. Palmer is a Democrat, but reserves the right to vote for the candidate he deems best fitted for office. He is a member of Creseent Lodge, Odd Fellows, and was a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

W. SHERMAN FERGUSON, yardmaster at Josephine, Indiana Co., Pa., for the Josephine Foundry & Coke Company, was born in Blacklick township, this county, Dec. 31, 1865, son of Elliott and Hulda (Clawson) Ferguson, and grandson of David Ferguson.

David Ferguson was one of the pioneer farmers of Blacklick township, where he became the owner of 162 acres of valuable land, the greater portion of which he cleared. He

married Anna Davis, and both died upon their homestead, in Blacklick township. They had the following children: Elizabeth, James, William, Margaret, Mary, Jane, Jehu and Elliott.

Elliott Ferguson, son of David Ferguson, was born in Blacklick township, Indiana county, and was brought up a farmer. In time he became the owner of the homestead, which he operated until his retirement. During the Civil war he proved his patriotism by serving for three years, and was in General Sherman's notable campaign in Georgia and the march to the sea. During his period of service he was in some very important engagements, and was an excellent soldier. Both he and his wife died on the farm, and are buried in the Ebenezer Church cemetery at Lewisville. Their children were: W. Sherman, Larry C., Wilhelmena, Horace (deceased), Caroline, Emeline (deceased) and Roxanna.

W. Sherman Ferguson remained at home until he was twenty-two years of age, meantime securing a common school education in the schools of his district, and learning how to operate a farm. Leaving home he went to Westmoreland county, Pa., where he worked in the coal mines for six years, but returning to his native county attended to the cultivation of the homestead for some eight years. In 1906 he left the farm to engage with the Josephine Foundry and Coke Company, and proved so capable a man that two years later he was made yardmaster. In addition to other interests, he owns the farm that once belonged to his grandfather Ferguson in Blacklick township, now comprising 146 acres of land, but lives at Josephine. Mr. Ferguson has made a success of his work, although somewhat hampered by reason of an accident which occurred in 1905, when he lost his left hand in a corn husker.

Mr. Ferguson married Arabelle Morton, a daughter of John and Nancy (Wineman) Morton. They have had the following family: Oscar E. (deceased), Edna L., Almeda L., Hulda V., John E., Susan J., Charlotte and Dorothy M. Mr. Ferguson holds to the principles of the Democratic party, and has served as road supervisor of Blacklick township and for two terms was poor director of his township. The Methodist Episcopal Church holds the membership of Mr. Ferguson and his family.

JACOB WEISINGER MYERS, a farmer of White township, was born in Cherryhill

township, near Clymer, this county, Aug. 19, 1861, son of John R. and Margaret (Weisinger) Myers, and grandson of Simon Myers. The latter was a farmer of Cherryhill township.

John R. Myers, a son of Simon Myers, was born in Cherryhill township, where he grew up on a farm, and attended the common schools. He spent his life in that township, becoming the owner of 125 acres of land, upon which he died in February, 1898, aged sixty years. His widow survives and lives on the old homestead. She was a daughter of Jacob and Polly (Shank) Weisinger. Mr. and Mrs. John R. Myers had five children: John W.; Mary, who married John C. Strong and resides on the homestead in Cherryhill township; David, who is unmarried, living in Greensburg, Pa.; William, who married Addie Winheimer and resides in the vicinity of Philadelphia, where he is farming; and Truby, who married Flo. Howath and resides in the borough of Indiana.

Politically John R. Myers was a Republican. For many years he was a member of the Wesley Methodist Church, and took an active part in the Sunday school work, serving as superintendent. His wife now belongs to the Disciples Church. Mr. Myers was interred in Harmony cemetery in Cherryhill township.

Jacob W. Myers attended the schools of his district, his first teacher being named Perry. After leaving school Mr. Myers began working for William Stephens in Cherryhill township, being then seventeen years old, and so continued for five and a half years. For the following few years he was engaged in lumbering, farming, harvesting and similar work, according to the seasons, and then coming to White township spent nineteen months in the employ of Matthew Henry, ex-county commissioner. His next employer was Johnson Morehead, of Cherryhill township, and he remained with him for two years, when he went to work for William Stephens, but after six months returned to Mr. Morehead. After another two years in his employ he engaged with A. R. Evans, of Cherryhill township, and after two years, having saved his money carefully, was able to buy his present farm of seventy-five acres in White township, then known as the old William Hamilton farm. On it he erected a handsome frame residence, and a commodious barn, as well as other necessary buildings, and carries on general farming, specializing in the production of butter and eggs.

Mr. Myers was elected a justice of the peace on the Prohibition ticket, but declined to serve, for although active in township affairs he does not feel that he can give proper attention to the duties of public office. His support of Prohibition is earnest and conscientious, for he believes much in the movement. The Wesley Methodist Church of Indiana holds his membership, and he is now superintendent of the Sunday school, like his father believing in its power and influence. For the last two years he has rendered valuable service to the church as a trustee.

On March 23, 18—, Mr. Myers was married to Sarah Helman, daughter of David and Elizabeth (Lydiek) Helman, of Cherryhill township, and they have two children, Violet May and Margaret Elizabeth.

JACOB BARTHOLOMEW, a farmer of North Mahoning township, was born Oct. 15, 1841, on the old Bartholomew home place there, son of Hartman and Dorothy (Sincon) Bartholomew, and a grandson of George and Elizabeth Bartholomew. George Bartholomew, the grandfather, was born in Germany.

Hartman Bartholomew was born in 1799, in Hessen Cassel, Germany, and died in North Mahoning township in 1883, when aged eighty-four years. In 1833 he came to the United States and for two years lived at Zelenople, Butler Co., Pa., then removing to the tract of 154 acres situated in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, which is now owned by Samuel Heitzenrater, who purchased the farm in 1910 from Jacob Bartholomew. In Germany Hartman Bartholomew married Dorothy Sincon, who was born there in 1803, and they continued to live there until after the birth of one child, Dorothea, who is now deceased. She was the wife of John Engler, of Jefferson county. Three sons were born after they came to America: George, whose first marriage was to Dorothea Heflick, and his second, to Mrs. Sayers, a widow; John, who married Christina Stever, both now deceased; and Jacob. In Germany Hartman Bartholomew learned shoemaking, but in America was mainly engaged in farming, retiring from active life about ten years prior to his death. In his political views he was a Democrat, but never desired public office. He was active in the United Evangelical Church at Marchand, in which he was a class leader. He and wife were buried at Zion's Church, below Covode, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Bartholomew attended the district schools in boyhood and helped his father on

the home farm until he was twenty-one years old, then assuming the management of the farm, paying his father his share of the profits up to the time of the latter's death. For eight years longer he remained on the old farm, and in 1891 bought and settled on his present farm of 120 acres. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never served in any public office.

Mr. Bartholomew was married to Margaret Beam, daughter of John and Kitty (Glaser) Beam, and seven children were born to them: John and William, both of whom left home together, but whose whereabouts are now unknown; Mary, who died young; Emma, who married George Stexter, of Clearfield county; Ida, who is the widow of Theodore Wingert; Thomas, who is deceased; and Annie, who is the wife of Charles Work, of Punxsutawney. Mr. Bartholomew's second marriage was to Lena Bishop, daughter of the late John Bishop, of Canoe township, and the following children were born to them: Lawrence M., who lives in East Mahoning township, married Laura Kinter; Walter is deceased; Bessie lives at home; Laura is deceased; Gertrude married Grant Baun, of North Mahoning township; Carl, Paul and Frank all reside at home.

ALEXANDER HUNTER, of Clymer, Indiana county, was one of the organizers of that town and is now serving his third term as street commissioner there. Mr. Hunter is a native of Ireland, born Jan. 28, 1843, one of the three children of John and Mary (Collins) Hunter, the other two of whom are deceased. John Hunter, also a native of the Emerald Isle, was a farmer by vocation. He served as a soldier in the British army under Gen. Sir John Moore, being twice wounded in the battle of Corunna. On completing his military service he returned to Ireland. He and his wife lived and died there.

Alexander Hunter was reared on the home farm and attended public school in his native vicinity, remaining in Ireland until he reached the age of eighteen years. At that time he went to Scotland to make his home with an uncle, and remained in that country until 1879, in which year, feeling that America offered better opportunities for the development of his abilities, he came to the United States. From New York, where he landed, he made his way to Tioga county, Pa., there spending the next twelve years, at the end of which time he removed to Cambria county. After spending fourteen years in the town

of Patton Mr. Hunter came to Clymer, in 1906, and was one of the organizers of the town, where his son erected the first house. In 1909 he was appointed street commissioner, a position which he has since held, so ably discharging his duties that he has been reelected, now serving his third term.

While still a resident of Scotland, in 1863, Mr. Hunter was married to Jane McEwan, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Russell) McEwan. Her parents spent their entire lives in Scotland. Fourteen children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, viz.: John, who lives at home and is a mine foreman for the Victor Company; George, who lives at Clymer; Edward, who is serving as postmaster of the town of Patton; James, living at home; Mary, the wife of John Johnson, of Patton; Hughey and Agnes, twins; Jacob; William, who was accidentally killed on the railroad in Clymer; Jane, deceased; and four children who died in infancy.

With his wife and family Mr. Hunter belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN GIDEON MCCREERY, a farmer, and constable of Pine township, Indiana county, was born April 30, 1856, near Barnesboro, Cambria Co., Pa., son of George McCreery. His paternal grandfather, in company with a brother, came to America from Ireland, and settled in Pennsylvania.

George McCreery married Sarah Petticoord, of Cambria county. During the greater part of his life he was a lumberman, and he died in Westmoreland county, Pa., aged seventy-one years, being buried in the cemetery at Seward, that county. He and his wife had children as follows: William Edward, who married Sarah Penrose, resides at Latrobe, Pa.; Mary Jane, who married James Martin, resides at Youngstown, Pa.; John Gideon is mentioned below; Jackson died at the age of fifty years; George W. Simeon married Elizabeth James, and resides in Westmoreland, Pa.; Viola was burned to death by the explosion of a can of oil when she was eleven years old; S. S. is living in Westmoreland county; Charles F., who married Seely Quarer, resides at Westmoreland; Exena, who married John Williams, resides in Westmoreland county.

John Gideon McCreery was not fourteen years old when he left home and began working among the farmers of the neighborhood. A little later he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and for two years was division repairman, then returning

to farming, and continuing as an agriculturist until he was over thirty years old. Once more he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, being a brakeman for two years, but on Nov. 30, 1888, had the misfortune to lose his left hand through an accident in the Derry yards, in Westmoreland county. After recovering from his accident he went to Cambria county and there for eight years worked as a lumberman. In 1896 he resumed farming operations, upon the property he now owns, buying it April 24, 1905. This property contains 180 acres, and is one of the best in the township, owing to his skill and good management.

On Nov. 21, 1878, Mr. McCreery married Mary Priscilla George, a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Patterson) George, and the following children have been born of this union: Thomas C., who is a carpenter of Vintondale, Pa., married Blanche Shear; Sarah Elizabeth married L. H. Morehead, of Indiana, Pa.; George M. is living at Cleveland, Ohio; Mary M. married J. D. Bennett, of Vintondale, Pa.; John M., who is a member of the Pennsylvania State Constabulary, is stationed at Butler, Pa.; Ora married Edgar Altemus, of Johnstown, Pa.; Netta married Jesse James, and resides at Colver, Cambria Co., Pa.; Dora is at home.

Mr. McCreery is a Republican, has been a school director, and is now serving for the third term as constable. The family belongs to the Lutheran Church at Strongstown.

ZENAS T. WALKER, a farmer of White township, was born in Armstrong township, this county, July 11, 1874, son of Ralph and Ann (Beatty) Walker.

Mr. Walker was educated in the Hilltop district, attending school until he was eight-teen years old. He was brought up to farm work, and remained on the homestead of his parents until the fall of 1911, when he bought his present property of 160 acres in White township, which he has since operated with gratifying success.

On Oct. 12, 1899, Mr. Walker married Cora J. Cunningham, who was born in Armstrong township, this county, Nov. 2, 1880, a daughter of Albert and Sarah Jane (Hunter) Cunningham. Mrs. Walker was educated in the common schools of her district. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Walker are: Albert Ralph, who was born Aug. 3, 1900; Elsie Jane, born May 2, 1903; and Alice Eliza, born March 27, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are excellent people, who stand high in their neigh-

borhood, and have justly won the confidence and respect of their fellow citizens.

ELMER E. DINGER, farmer and stockman of West Mahoning township, Indiana county, living on a tract of land which he has been cultivating for more than a quarter of a century, was born April 23, 1868, in Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa., son of J. L. and Susan (Cuphenaber) Dinger.

Jacob Dinger, his paternal grandfather, was born in Germany, and was the first member of the family to come to the United States. He settled in Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Pa., where he took up a tract of wild land, and spent the rest of his life in cultivating his property and making a home for his family. He was also one of the pioneer music teachers of that section, and in every walk of life was known as a man of the utmost integrity and probity of character. He was active in the work of the Evangelical Church, in which he reared his three sons and three daughters, whose names were as follows: David, deceased, was a resident of Knox township, Jefferson county; Angeline married Solomon Shafer, of Ringgold township; Elizabeth, deceased, married Amos Shafer, of the same township; John L. was the father of Elmer E. Dinger; Hannah married James Mercer, of Somerset county, Pa.; Jacob is operating the old homestead in Jefferson county.

John L. Dinger, son of Jacob Dinger, was born in Ringgold township, and received his education in the public schools of the vicinity of his birthplace. He remained on the old homestead until his marriage, at which time he purchased property adjoining the home place, a tract of uncultivated land. Mr. Dinger has continued to reside on this property, which he has developed from a wild state into one of the best farms of its size in the township, and although somewhat advanced in years he is still actively engaged in the vocation which he early chose as his life work. A Republican in politics, his career was such as to impress his fellow citizens with his integrity, and they demonstrated their confidence in his ability and honest character by making him supervisor, in which office he was retained for seventeen years, also serving as school director for eleven years. Reared in the faith of the Evangelical Church, he was ever active in its work, and reared his children to lead upright Christian lives. His wife passed away Aug. 18, 1900, the mother of four sons and

one daughter: Elmer E. is mentioned below; George, deceased, who followed farming, stock dealing, auctioneering and merchandising in Indiana and Clarion counties, married Anna Saner, and had two sons, Melvin and Claire; John, who has been chief of police of Clarion, Pa., for the last nine years, married Susan Morrison, and has two sons, Irwin and Foster; Charles, a farmer, auctioneer and constable, of Rural Valley, Pa., married Bertha Brown, and has five children, Harry, Leanna, Walter, Virginia and Helen; Effie, of Rimersburg, Pa., is married and has one child, Bertha.

Elmer E. Dinger, son of John L. Dinger, was given the educational advantages offered by the rural schools in Jefferson county, and at the age of sixteen years left the parental roof and came to Indiana county, settling in West Mahoning township, where he secured employment with W. and N. C. Coleman, for whom he worked until they died. He was married Sept. 23, 1892, to Maria Coleman, daughter of Wesley and Martha (Haskell) Coleman, the former of eastern Pennsylvania, the latter of Huntingdon county, this State, and granddaughter of Rev. Elijah Coleman, a Methodist Episcopal minister and early settler of Indiana county. His children were: Henry, who was a farmer of West Mahoning township; Susan, who married Andrew Rankin, of Armstrong county, Pa.; Martha, who married John Lias, also of Armstrong county; Wesley; N. C., who made his home on the old place; Elizabeth, who married John Cochran; and Dorsey B., who married Margaret Poncius, of Johnstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Dinger have had three children: Donald C., Raymond and Martha K., of whom Raymond is deceased.

Mr. Dinger has lived on his present property since 1886, and now has seventy-eight of his ninety-two acres under cultivation, with improvements being made every year. One of the most modern barns in this section was erected by him in 1902, and in 1905 his residence, a structure of architectural beauty and substantial material, was built. Mr. Dinger is to be congratulated for the quality and volume of his mixed crops, for which he has always received the highest prices in the markets. He has the ability, the foresight and the good judgment that make the ideal agriculturist and stockman, and his standing in Republican politics is equally high, as he has served as constable for eight years, as tax collector for a like period, and as school di-

rector for seven years. His religious faith is that of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he and his family are well known in the Smicksburg congregation, Mr. Dinger being trustee and steward and a teacher in the Sunday school, and his wife being active in all religious and charitable work. He has interested himself in fraternal work, and is one of the most popular members of Smicksburg Lodge of Odd Fellows, with which he has been connected for the last eighteen years.

ELMER C. BECK, of North Mahoning township, where he is engaged in farming, was born on the family homestead in that township, Jan. 12, 1885, son of Luther and Ida (Kerr) Beck.

Samuel Beck was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., and came to Indiana county in an early day, establishing the family in this section. Settling in what is now North Mahoning township, he had the distinction of being an early settler there. He married Elizabeth Shaffer, and they developed a fine farm, later moving to Covode, Pa., where they died. Three children were born to them: Freeman, who is living in Trade City, Pa.; Annie, who married Daniel Goheen, of Punxsutawney, Pa.; and Luther.

Luther Beck was born in North Mahoning township, while his wife was a native of West Mahoning township. He grew to manhood in his native place, and attended the local schools. Until 1909, he continued to live in that township, but then moved to the vicinity of North Point, Pa., where he still resides. He has been a farmer all his life. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: Elmer C.; Elizabeth, who lives in Indiana, Pa.; Minnie, who married Mead Wright and lives at North Point, Pa.; Samuel, who is at home; Clark; Alice, and Elda.

Elmer C. Beck has only a common school education, and when fifteen years old began working for others, being in the employ of George Fetterhoff many years. Since 1906 he and his wife have lived on the 115-acre farm belonging to the Fetterhoff estate, carrying on general farming. Mr. Beck, although a young man, has already proved his worth both as an agriculturist and citizen. He votes the Republican ticket, but he is not an office seeker. He belongs to the Lutheran Church of Trade City, Pa., and supports it liberally.

On March 7, 1906, Mr. Beck was married to Minnie D. Fetterhoff, who was born on

the Fetterhoff homestead, daughter of George and Christy Ann (Crissman) Fetterhoff, natives of Huntingdon county and North Mahoning township, respectively. George Fetterhoff was a son of John and Mary (Sprankle) Fetterhoff, of Huntingdon county, who founded the Fetterhoff family in Indiana county, securing land in what later became North Mahoning township as early as 1837. John Fetterhoff died Oct. 6, 1867, aged sixty-seven years, while his wife died Jan. 26, 1882, aged ninety-four years, four days. They had the following children: Susan, who married George Sprankle, of North Mahoning township; Betsy, who married Robert Jordan, of North Mahoning township; Mary, who married Joseph McHenry and (second) John Foust; George; and Sarah, deceased, who married Sharrat Sprankle, of North Mahoning township.

George Fetterhoff died Sept. 24, 1907, aged seventy-six years, while his wife died April 22, 1905, aged seventy-two years. Their children were: Monroe, who is a farmer of South Mahoning township; John W., a farmer of North Mahoning township; Ida M., who died when six years old; Alice, who married E. L. Croasman, of North Mahoning township; Minnie D., Mrs. Beck; Joseph, who is a truck farmer of Glendive, Mont.; Nan-nie, who married Grant Pierce, of South Mahoning township; Daniel, who lives in Charlestown, W. Va.; and Clarence, who lives on the old homestead with Mrs. Beck.

GEORGE M. SHORT, who is engaged in general farming and stock raising in Cherry-hill township, was born in Rayne township, Indiana county, April 9, 1873, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Myers) Short.

James Short, grandfather of George M. Short, was an early settler of Indiana county, coming here from the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and locating in Rayne township, where he purchased land and engaged in farming until his death.

Benjamin Short, son of James, and father of George M. Short, was born near the town of Hollidaysburg, in Blair county, Pa., and was nine years of age when he accompanied his father to Indiana county. After the death of his parents he continued to operate the old home until 1906, at which time he gave up active responsibilities and retired to the town of Indiana. His wife Sarah (Myers) passed away on the old homestead in 1875. They had three sons and two daughters: James H., a resident of Wash-



ington township, Indiana county; Elizabeth, living with her father in Indiana; Ellis, a resident of Pennsylvania; Emma, wife of Ira Shaw, of Mount Pleasant, Pa.; and George M. After the death of his first wife Mr. Short was married (second) to Sarah Stephens, a native of Perry county, Pa., and to this union there were born children as follows: Robert, on the old home place in Rayne township; and Raymond, who is living with his father in Indiana.

George M. Short attended district school in Rayne township, and like other youths of his day and locality divided his time between study in school and work on the home farm. In 1901 he began farming for Mr. Paul, and after one season went to work for Ben L. Stephens. In 1905 he decided to embark in farming for himself and purchased the place he now owns, a well-cultivated tract located on Clymer R. F. D. Route No. 2. He devotes himself to general operations and has obtained satisfactory results from his work.

On Nov. 8, 1905, Mr. Short was married, at Greenville, Pa., to Bertha Brown, who was born in Cherryhill township, daughter of S. F. Brown, and to this union there has been born one child, Clarence Benjamin. Mr. and Mrs. Short are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church at Penn Run.

**HENRY SHEAFFER**, a veteran of the Civil war who is now residing at Shelocta, Indiana county, was born at Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., Nov. 22, 1846, a son of John and Margaret (Sowers) Sheaffer.

John Sheaffer, the father, was born in Westmoreland county, Pa., and died in Armstrong county. His wife was born in Armstrong county, daughter of George Sowers, and they had children as follows: Sarah married William McCracken and (second) Charles Williams; Susanna, deceased, was the wife of William Cogley; Barbara, deceased, was the wife of John George; Margaret married Helfrich Kinard; Lavina married Ira Klingensmith and (second) James Duffy; George served in the Civil war; Henry is mentioned below; David; John is deceased.

Henry Sheaffer attended public school, and when fourteen years old commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith with his father. On Feb. 24, 1864, he enlisted in Company M, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and took part in the battles of White Sulphur Springs (August, 1864), Winchester, Newmarket, Piedmont, Lynchburg, Winchester (again), Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Front Royal, Wild-

wood and Ashby's Gap. At the close of the war Mr. Sheaffer returned home, and resumed his trade, conducting a shop at Elderton, Armstrong county, for fifteen years. Thence he removed to Leechburg, Armstrong county, and in 1891 came to Shelocta, where he has since resided. He is one of the respected residents of that place, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and socially belongs to William Armstrong Post, G. A. R., of Shelocta. Politically he is an adherent of the Democratic party.

In the fall of 1865 Mr. Sheaffer married Isabelle Linsensbiger, who died Dec. 15, 1906. They had the following named children: Mary C.; Lottie; Elliott Wood; Henry Elder, who married Ida Boyer; Mayme Blanch, wife of James Boyer; Leander Cleveland, who married Viola Muckle; and Effie Mary, deceased.

**ELLIOTT WOOD SHEAFFER**, son of Henry and Isabelle (Linsensbiger) Sheaffer, was born July 17, 1879, at Elderton, Armstrong Co., Pa., and obtained his education in the public schools. He learned blacksmithing with his father, and is now engaged at the trade, which he has followed very successfully. He lives at Shelocta. Mr. Sheaffer is unmarried.

**U. S. GRANT McHENRY**, pumpman for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company at Lucerne, Indiana county, belongs to a family which has been in Pennsylvania since the period of the Revolution, and was born in Jefferson county, this State, June 12, 1864.

The first of this branch of the McHenry family to come to this country was Isaac McHenry, who was born in Scotland in 1734, and whose wife's name was Jane Smith or Smythe, likely the latter, as the Scotch often spell the name that way. The first we know of Isaac is his taking the oath of allegiance, with Abraham Leasure and John Stuehall (Dallas Albert's History of Westmoreland County). The name is there spelled McHenry. This was in 1777. Later, before 1800, he settled three miles north of Indiana on what has been known as the James Hamilton farm. Thence he moved to Mahoning township, where he and his wife and two sons died in the fall of 1812, all during the same week, the parents aged about eighty years, the son James aged thirty-three years and the son Samuel aged thirty-six years. They lie in the cemetery at Gilgal Church (this church was organized in 1808). Isaac and Jane Mc-

Henry had children as follows: John married Miss McCord; William, born in 1770, married Sidney Gordon, and they were the grandparents of Squire McHenry, of Spangler, Pa., whose mother was a Row; William was with Anthony Wayne in Ohio in 1793 and 1794, and with him was his brother Isaac, who died in the service; Mary married Patrick Lydiek (they were the great-grandparents of J. A. C. Ruffner, of Indiana, Pa.); James is mentioned below; Samuel married Mary McCall; Joseph married Elizabeth Boyd; Jane married Robert Morrison; Sarah; Hannah married Daniel Morrison.

James McHenry, son of Isaac and Jane McHenry, was born Feb. 15, 1775, three miles north of the town of Indiana. He was a major in the State militia, serving two terms under Governors Snyder and McKean, and took part in the Indian war. He died at the early age of thirty-three years, as already related. In 1795 he married Elizabeth Stuchel (daughter of John, likely), who was born Feb. 15, 1775, and died in 1851. There were born to them the following children: Catharine married Joseph Crossman; Isaac married Catharine McClelland; John, born in 1801, married Martha Jordan; James married Ann Neal; Mary married Asa Crossman; Elizabeth married George Timblin; Jane married William Postlewait. Of these, James and Ann (Neal) had children: Elizabeth married Martin Reits; William married Lucetta Light and (second) Rachel Lantz; Margaret married Austin Welchans; Benjamin married Catharine Beck; Mary married George Goheen and (second) Rev. Uriah Conly; Sarah married John C. Stear.

Isaac McHenry, eldest son of Maj. James and Elizabeth (Stuchel) McHenry, was the grandfather of Grant McHenry. He was born July 4, 1797, in North Mahoning township, and in his early days followed farming in his native township, assisting to clear and operate the home farm, also engaging in lumbering. Later he moved to Jefferson county, first to what is now Punxsutawney, and made the first settlement at Fordham. After his marriage he and his wife lived for a time in Porter township, that county, and subsequently on what is known as the old Bath farm at Whitesville, thence removing to the vicinity of Frostburg, Jefferson county, where Mr. McHenry was engaged in farming for over fifty years. In 1886, however, the farm was sold and the old couple moved—on Nov. 16th—with their son George W., to a farm which had been bought in East

Mahoning township, Indiana county, where Isaac McHenry died Dec. 28, 1886. On Oct. 6, 1825, he married Catharine McClelland, a native of Pennsylvania, whose parents had come from Scotland to America at an early day, and she survived him, dying in March, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. McHenry had children as follows: James W., who married Mary C. Horton; William P., who married Julia A. Ruth; and George W.

George Washington McHenry, son of Isaac, and Catharine (McClelland) McHenry, was born March 3, 1830, at what is now Fordham, Jefferson Co., Pa., and there resided until the removal of the family in 1886 to East Mahoning township. Since 1905 he has led a retired life at Marion Center. Mr. McHenry married Rachel M. Swisher, and (second) Anna Rebecca Keek. The latter was born near Perrysville, Jefferson county, and they became the parents of seven children, as follows: Rachel died at the age of thirteen years; U. S. Grant is mentioned below; Laotta is the widow of W. L. Stewart, a lawyer, of Indiana, Pa.; Ralph F. is practicing medicine at Heilwood, Indiana county; Lelia is deceased; Bessie is the wife of Robert McKee, of Hortons; Walter is a veterinary surgeon, of Waverly, Iowa.

Joseph Keek, the maternal grandfather of U. S. Grant McHenry, was a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent. He was a sawyer by trade and followed that occupation in Jefferson county for some years, also devoting some attention to farming. He married Sophia Spare, and both died in Jefferson county.

U. S. Grant McHenry attended public school, meantime assisting his father upon the farm, and was thus engaged until fifteen years old, when he went West to Kansas. He there found employment with the Chicago Cattle Company, with whom he remained six years, at the end of which period he returned to Jefferson county, Pa. For the next thirteen years he worked for the Big Run Tannery Company, owned by Irwin & Son, and then for seven years was with the Jefferson Traction Company. He has since been at Lucerne, in Center township, Indiana county, having come there Jan. 18, 1910, as electrical engineer, in which capacity he was employed for sixteen months. He has since been pumpman at shaft No. 3, in which responsible position he has given excellent satisfaction to all concerned. He is an intelligent and reliable man, and has made himself valuable to his

employers by efficient service and prompt attention to all his duties.

In 1887 Mr. McHenry was married to Cora H. Stumpf, daughter of Andrew J. and Martha Jane (Stuchell) Stumpf, and they have had three children: J. V., who resides at Dubois, Pa.; John Craig, of Lucerne, Pa.; and L. B., who lives at home.

Politically Mr. McHenry is a Republican. Fraternaly he belongs to the Elks lodge at Punxsutawney, Pa., No. 301.

HARVEY H. FENNEL, a farmer of Armstrong township, was born in Bell township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Jan. 27, 1880, son of John A. and Selina (McWilliams) Fennell.

Mr. Fennell was educated in the schools of Westmoreland county and Armstrong township, this county, the family moving here while he was still a lad. When he was eighteen years old he went to Avonmore, Westmoreland Co., Pa., where he worked in the rolling mills for two years. Later he came back to Armstrong township, and now owns ninety-two acres of good land, on which he is carrying on agricultural pursuits, with commendable methods and satisfactory results.

On Sept. 14, 1900, Mr. Fennell married (first) Mary Emma Fee, who was born on a farm in 1875, daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Allison) Fee. One child, Mary Alice, was born of this marriage. Mr. Fennell's second marriage was to Miss Cora B. Kunkle, daughter of Lemuel Kunkle. Mr. and Mrs. Fennell are the parents of the following children: Blanche Marie, Grace Luella and Martha Belle. The family is well and favorably known throughout the neighborhood, and deservedly respected.

LEONARD K. FASSETT, postmaster at Reed, and manager of the store of the Ridge Supply Company there, was born at Carbon Run, Bradford Co., Pa., Sept. 4, 1878, son of Emory and Jennie (Carey) Fasset.

Emory Fasset was engaged in mining at Carbon Run, Pa., for a number of years, but later on in life moved to Iselin, in Young township, this county, where he is now living, having charge of the supply department of the Pittsburg Gas Coal Company at that point. He was married at Carbon Run to Jennie Carey, who was born at that place, and she has borne him eight children: Leonard K.; Clarence S.; Thomas, who is deceased; John, Elmer, Robert and Earl, all

of whom are residents of Iselin; and May Blanch, who is deceased.

Leonard K. Fasset moved with his parents to Jefferson county and was brought up in Coal Glen, where he was sent to school. Later he engaged as clerk in the store of Abbott & Blake, remaining with that concern for fourteen years, and receiving a salary which ranged from the twenty dollars a month with which he started to the fifty dollars per month which he was receiving when he left in 1904 to come to Indiana county as head clerk for the Ridge Supply Company at Iselin. In 1907 Mr. Fasset was made manager of the branch store at Iselin No. 3 Mines, which position of trust he has held ever since, proving himself capable of discharging the responsible duties pertaining thereto. In that same year he was appointed postmaster at Reed, when that was made a fourth-class office, and has since held the position, increasing the efficiency of the service.

In 1900 Mr. Fasset was married to Laura M. Kerry, of Carbon Run, daughter of William Kerry, and one child, Emory, was born of this union. Mr. Fasset is a member of Blue Lodge No. 431, F. & A. M., at Saltsburg. Politically he is a Republican, and has given his party good service. The Methodist Church has in him a faithful member, he being connected with that denomination at West Lebanon, as is his wife. Not only is he interested in church life, but realizing the importance of the Sunday school he is active in its work and at present serving as superintendent, and is an efficient teacher of one of the more advanced classes.

OLIVER C. FRY, of Indiana, Pa., who has been following the occupation of railway mail clerk for the last twenty-three years, was born in Salem township, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Feb. 12, 1850, and is a son of Isaac and Sybillah (Rimel) Fry.

Henry Fry, the great-grandfather of Oliver C. Fry, was born in Bavaria, Germany, whence he brought his wife and children to America, settling in Lancaster county, Pa., prior to the Revolutionary war, in which he took an active part. His old homestead in Lancaster county, where he died, is still standing, and his clock, which he brought from Germany, is now a possession of his great-grandson Oliver C. Fry. He had two children, Daniel and Andrew.

Andrew Fry, son of Henry, and grandfather of Oliver C. Fry, came to the woods of

Westmoreland county with his brother, and in Salem township built a log house, which is still standing. He and his wife Susan were often compelled to take refuge in the old fort at Hannastown when in danger of attack by the Indians. Andrew and Susan Fry died in the old log house which still stands in Salem township. They were the parents of the following children: Peter died unmarried at the old home; Ann, who married John Kebler, is also deceased; Mattie, who married Philip Klingensmith, is deceased; Lovina, who married George Fry, is deceased; Isaac is mentioned below; Betsey, who married Joseph Bush, is deceased; Joseph, deceased, married Sarah Portser; Andrew, deceased, married Mahala Kepple.

Isaac Fry, son of Andrew, and father of Oliver C. Fry, was born in 1810 on the home farm, and received but two and a half days' schooling in his life, in the little log school-house which was located five miles from his home, the Indians of that section being so active and so hostile that the early settlers were afraid to send their children away from the protection of their homes. Mr. Fry was reared to agricultural pursuits and on reaching manhood bought a farm situated a half mile from the homestead, where he continued to carry on operations until his death, May 9, 1908. He and his wife, who died May 14, 1905, at the age of eighty-four years, were members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Fry was a staunch Democrat, serving in various township offices. They had the following children: Christina, who married Thomas Smaley, of Delmont, Pa.; Martha, who married William Walton, of Westmoreland county; Oliver C.; John, deceased, who married Nance Small; Lucetta, who is unmarried; Calvin, living on the home farm; Jacob, who lives in Pittsburg, married to Elizabeth Elwood; and Jesse, deceased, twin of Jacob.

Oliver C. Fry resided on the home farm until he was seventeen years of age, attending public school at Five Points during the winter months and farming in the summers until he was fifteen and then attending the Millersville State normal school for two years. In the fall of 1875 Mr. Fry came to Indiana and began teaching school at Bairdstown, in the winter season, in the meantime attending the Indiana normal school for six terms. He followed teaching for nineteen years, being engaged sixteen years in White township, and entered the mail service March 1, 1888, be-

ing now numbered among the most faithful and trusted employes in that branch.

Mr. Fry was married Sept. 1, 1887, in Indiana, to Myrtle Weston, of Marion Center, Pa., daughter of John and Hannah (Johnston) Weston, and two children have been born to them: Myra, a graduate of the Indiana State normal school; and Bertha, a student in that institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Fry are members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has been an elder for eight years and a teacher in the Sunday school for twenty years. He is a staunch Republican in his political views, and fraternally is connected with Palladium Lodge, No. 346, I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand. For fifteen years Mr. Fry was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, retiring with the rank of first lieutenant.

ROBERT H. DILTS, station agent for the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Company and agent for the American Express Company at Plumville, South Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in North Mahoning township, this county, in 1886, son of Wilson Allison and Mary J. (Widdowson) Dilts.

William Dilts, the great-great-grandfather of Robert H. Dilts, came in 1800, from the vicinity of Hagerstown, Md., to North Mahoning township, and here spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits. He married Mrs. Nancy (Watson) Keen, and they had one child, Peter.

Peter Dilts, son of William Dilts, and great-grandfather of Robert H. Dilts, was born about the year 1785, and as a youth accompanied his parents to North Mahoning township. He followed in the footsteps of his father, becoming a farmer, acquired one thousand acres of land, and became a well-known man in his section, serving as justice of the peace, county commissioner and associate judge. He died in 1856, at the age of seventy-one years, and was buried in Gilgal Church cemetery. Mr. Dilts was married to Jane Coulton, who died in 1821, and his second marriage was to Jane Kinter. His children were: Elizabeth, who married John Sprankle and (second) Daniel Fair; William, who married Nancy McElhoes; John, who married Margaret Means; Peter, Jr., who married Mary Ewing; James, who married May Hall; Jemima, who married Joseph Shields; Isabella, who married John Lewis;

Henry Kinter; and Sarah J., who married James B. Work.

Henry K. Dilts, son of Peter, and grandfather of Robert H. Dilts, was born on the home farm and after attending the district schools worked on the home place, where he settled. He became the owner of a tract of 250 acres, all of which he put under cultivation, and during the winter months engaged in lumbering, in addition to which he carried on the buying and selling of stock. For some years he followed the last named business as a drover, disposing of his stock east of the mountains. On the home farm, located near Trade City, he made many improvements, and there continued to reside for many years, but eventually moved to Marion Center, where he kept a hotel during his declining years and died in April, 1893, being buried in Gilgal cemetery. Politically he was a Republican. Mr. Dilts was active in the work of the Presbyterian Church. He served as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Brown, and was school director and township superintendent of schools, displaying much executive ability in his official positions. Mr. Dilts married Nancy Allison, daughter of John Allison, and she died Sept. 3, 1912, while on a visit to her son, Wilson A. Dilts, and was buried in the Gilgal cemetery. She was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church. She had a family of nine children, as follows: Wilson Allison; Linus, living in Jefferson county; William, who died in young manhood; Addie, who married Elijah Work; John, who died in young manhood; Sarah Belle, who married Jesse Miller and resides in Pittsburg; Harry, a successful practicing physician; Thomas, residing at Blairsville, Pa.; and Ella, who married Charles Riblett, of Youngwood, Pennsylvania.

Wilson Allison Dilts, son of Henry K. Dilts, was born in North Mahoning township May 26, 1857. He received his education in the public schools and from earliest boyhood worked on his father's farm. He continued to remain under the parental roof, being thoroughly trained in all the details of farming and stock raising, until 1887, in which year he came to South Mahoning township and located on a farm of sixty-two acres, the old Curren property, where he has since been engaged in general farming. For some years Mr. Dilts was a Republican, but at this time he is a staunch supporter of the principles, policies and candidates of the Socialist party. In 1883 he was married to Mary J. Widdowson, who was born at Dixonville, Pa.,

daughter of William Widdowson, and nine children have been born to this union: Lula, who married John Mayo, of Rochester, Pa.; Dora, Mrs. Moore, who was formerly engaged in school teaching; Robert H.; Nannie, a school teacher; Fay, who resides at home; May, also at home; June, who lives at Punxsutawney, Pa.; and Silas and John, who are at home with their parents.

Robert H. Dilts, son of Wilson Allison Dilts, was but two years old when the family moved to White Oak Flats, in South Mahoning township, and there he attended public school. Subsequently he became a pupil in the select school of Prof. Charles Stiffer, and then entered New Bethlehem business college, from which he was graduated in 1905. Returning to his home, Mr. Dilts worked on the farm for two years, and in 1907 entered the employ of the Buffalo & Susquehanna Railroad Company at Mexix Run, Elk Co., Pa. Two months later, in July, 1907, he came to Plumville, to succeed S. C. Mains as agent of the company at that point, and since that time has continued to act in that capacity, in addition being agent for the American Express Company. Mr. Dilts is well fitted to discharge the duties of his position successfully, and his unflinching courtesy and obliging nature have made him a general favorite with the patrons of the road and have given him an assured popularity. Like his father Mr. Dilts is a stalwart supporter of Socialistic issues. He is known as one of the leaders of the younger faction in Indiana county, and their influence has been a distinct factor in the gains that the party has made in Plumville and the surrounding country. Both have given this subject much thought and wide study, and being men of intelligence their opinions carry much weight. In his religious views Mr. Dilts is liberal, his endeavor being to live up to the teachings of the Golden Rule. He is a popular member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows and of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers.

In 1907 Mr. Dilts was married to Lilla May Sager, who was born at Little Washington, Pa., daughter of E. A. Sager, and she died Nov. 23, 1909, leaving two children: Raymond Eugene, who died Dec. 5, 1911; and Nancy Maria. Mrs. Dilts was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church.

JAMES A. HANNA, a farmer and carpenter of Pine township, Indiana county,

was born Nov. 11, 1882, in Banks township, this county, son of James B. Hanna and grandson of George Hanna.

George Hanna resided at Burnside, Pa. He was killed while in the service of his country during the Civil war, and his wife died when their son James B. was eighteen months old.

James B. Hanna was educated at the Brady school near Smithport. When still a child he began to work for his living, being employed on a farm with his uncle, and lived with his grandmother in Pine township. When he was able to buy a farm he purchased sixty-eight acres in Banks township. He also farmed for the Heilwood Company, and was a faithful worker and excellent man. A Republican in politics, he voted his party ticket, but never held office. He was a member of Washington Camp, No. 616, of Gipsy, Indiana Co., Pa., and of the Knights of Pythias at Smithport. In religious faith he was a Methodist.

James A. Hanna attended school at Smithport, Banks township, until he was fifteen years old, when he began working in the lumber woods for Fry & Galey, for whom his father was then foreman, and spent five years at this kind of work. He also assisted his father in operating the Henry Prothero farm near Smithport, where he lived. In 1908 he began learning the carpenter's trade with Blair Hess, of Montgomery township, and upon completing his apprenticeship secured a position with the Heilwood Company, with whom he still continues. Mr. Hanna owns a farm of 125 acres near Heilwood, all of which is cleared except twenty acres of woodland.

On Oct. 19, 1909, Mr. Hanna married Bessie Pearl Steffey, a daughter of George Steffey and his wife Tressa (Gass), of Pine township. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna have had one child, Tressa, who was born Sept. 9, 1910. Mr. Hanna is a Republican, but like his father has never desired office. He belongs to Washington Camp, No. 616, of Gipsy, Montgomery township. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church of Pine township, and he is as much respected in it as he is wherever known elsewhere.

**WILLIAM HARRISON LOWER**, carpenter and builder of Swissvale, Pa., was born on the farm which he now owns in Brushvalley township, Indiana Co., Pa., Oct. 23, 1862, and is a son of Paul and Susanna (Clapper) Lower.

The Lower family is of German origin, and Paul Lower was born in Blair county, Pa., where he grew to manhood. On attaining his majority he came to Indiana county, locating in Brushvalley township, where he purchased from William Rhodes what was known as the Shoemaker farm, a tract of 119 acres. Here he erected a residence and barn, made considerable further improvement, and continued to be engaged in general farming and stock raising during the remainder of his life. He died on this farm and was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and Mr. Lower served as deacon. In his political views he was a Democrat, but was independent in his support of candidates. His wife, a native of Blair county, died at Nolo, in Pine township, and was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery in Brushvalley township. They had a family of nine children: Samuel, Sarah, George, Catherine and John, all of whom are deceased; William Harrison; Addie, who married John Sester; Annie, twin of Addie, who married David Cramer; and Jennie, who married Hiram Strong and lives in Swissvale.

William Harrison Lower spent his boyhood days on the home farm, and secured his education in the Simons school. He remained on the home farm, and when he was twenty-three years of age was married and took charge of the old homestead, which he conducted for a number of years. He subsequently settled on the David Gamon farm, a tract of seventy-five acres in the same township, but after several years spent in farming and stock raising sold out and moved to Homer City, there following the trade of carpenter and joiner until 1911. In that year he came to Swissvale, where he has since made his home, being engaged in contracting and building in Brushvalley township, in partnership with L. S. Shaffer, although he is still the owner of the old homestead. Mr. Lower is an independent Republican in his political views, and while a resident of Brushvalley township served as supervisor of roads. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, but has no fraternal connections, being domestic in his tastes and a great lover of home.

Mr. Lower was married in Brushvalley township to Jennie Murdick, daughter of Chambers Murdick, and she died leaving three children: Mary, who is deceased; Clyde, a resident of Swissvale; and Rowan, at home. Mr. Lower's second marriage was

to Mrs. Effie (Mack) Yonken, daughter of John Mack and widow of Edward Yonken.

DANTE ZANONI, of Creekside, Indiana county, dealer in fresh and smoked meats, was born in Italy July 23, 1865, son of Louis and Louisa Zanoni. His father was a shoemaker by trade, and both the parents died in Italy.

Dante Zanoni learned the trade of stonemason, and followed this calling for a time after coming to the United States, in 1897. In 1905 he embarked in the butcher business at Creekside, which he has carried on ever since with gratifying results. He handles a varied assortment of fresh and smoked meats, and his prices and the quality of his goods have gained him creditable confidence and patronage among the people of Creekside.

Mr. Zanoni is married and his children are: Louis, Idena, Alex, Olga and Harris.

ROBERT ROLLEY, the popular proprietor of a pool and billiard hall and bowling alleys at Clymer, Pa., was born Sept. 19, 1874, at Midway, Washington Co., Pa., son of John and Sarah Rolley.

At an early day the parents of Mr. Rolley removed from Midway, Pa., to Wellsville, Ohio, where John Rolley spent the remainder of his life, passing away in 1900, while his widow still survives and makes her home at Wellsville.

The educational training of Robert Rolley was obtained in the schools of Wellsville, Ohio, and in that city he remained until he was of age. Having learned the barber's trade in his young manhood, he followed that business for some time in Wellsville, and later in East Liverpool, Ohio. In 1910 Mr. Rolley came to Clymer, Pa., where for some time he conducted tonsorial parlors, but subsequently opened a pool and billiard parlor, later added bowling alleys, and finally put in a stock of cigars and tobacco. He is enterprising and progressive in his business methods and thoroughly deserves the lucrative business that has come to his establishment.

While still a resident of East Liverpool, Ohio, on July 2, 1902, Mr. Rolley was united in marriage with Anna McGuires, who was born in East Liverpool, and to this union one child, Pauline, was born. Mrs. Rolley died April 18, 1907, and on April 17, 1911, Mr. Rolley was married (second) to Elizabeth Anderson, also a native of East Liverpool,

whose parents are residents of Mobile, Ala., where her father is engaged in farming.

WASIL ROMANCE, merchant, of White township, Indiana Co., Pa., was born in 1867, in Italy, son of John and Anna Eva Romance, both of whom died in that country.

In 1888 Mr. Romance came to the United States, and like so many of his countrymen has prospered in his new home. Landing in New York City he worked at various occupations, and in different places, until 1902, when he came to Indiana county. There he bought three acres of land half way between the town of Indiana and Ernest, on the turnpike road, and established himself as a general merchant, having a large store, and other good buildings there. He has developed a fine trade.

Mr. Romance and his wife, Katie, have the following children: Anna, Katie, Marie, Wasil, Jr., Eva, John, Joseph, Susie and Catherine. Mr. Romance is an excellent business man, and being genial by nature has made many friends in his township.

DAVID BLUE, a retired farmer of Chambersville, Rayne township, Indiana county, was born in Ireland Feb. 14, 1831, son of John and Elizabeth (Campbell) Blue.

John Blue was born in Ireland in 1788, and grew to manhood's estate in his native land, there attending school and learning the trade of weaver. Becoming an expert in his line he not only worked at his trade in Ireland, but in Scotland as well, thus continuing until 1838, when he felt that he was not making sufficient progress or providing as he wished for his family, so with his wife and children he sailed from Belfast, Ireland, to Quebec, Canada. After arrival there he secured employment macadamizing roads, and later at widening the channel of the Erie canal. This brought him into the United States, and liking conditions here he moved to the Cornelius Campbell farm, three miles outside of Indiana, in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa. For a number of years following his advent into this county he worked hard and well as a farmer, carefully saving his money, and eventually was able to buy a farm of seventy-five acres in Rayne township. This he conducted until his death, in 1866.

John Blue was married in his native land to Elizabeth Campbell, and they became the parents of the following children: James, Cornelius, John, Sarah, Jane and David.

Politically he was a Democrat, but never aspired to public office. Prior to leaving Ireland he was made a Mason. Reared a Presbyterian, upon coming to Indiana county he connected himself with the United Presbyterian Church of this locality. His wife passed away in 1874, aged eighty years, having survived him some eight years. They were people of the highest character and were held in esteem by all who had the honor of their acquaintance.

David Blue attended school in Armstrong township until his father moved to Rayne township, when he entered the Hawthorne school, and there completed his educational training. Following this he was associated with his father in the farm work until he entered the army. This event took place with his enlistment in Company A, 77th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and he served for three years and two months, participating in many of the major battles of the war, as well as numerous skirmishes, among them being the engagements of Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Kenesaw Mountain and Glen Hope Church. Mr. Blue received his honorable discharge on Oct. 1, 1864, and returned home, having done his full duty as a soldier.

On Dec. 1, 1864, Mr. Blue was united in marriage with Margaret Swan, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Marshall) Swan, and they had the following children: John, who married Annie Barbistock, and lives in the State of Indiana; Rebecca; Elizabeth, who married James Getty; Sarah, who married Charles Bell, of Plum creek; Maud, who married Edward Thompson, of Kelleysburg; Samuel, deceased, who was killed on the railroad; Elmer, of Johnstown, Pa., who married Miss Rhoads; Frank, who married Susan Stein, and lives at East Liberty, Pittsburg, Pa.; and Claude, who married Maud Warden, and lives on his father's farm in Rayne township.

Until his father's death Mr. Blue continued to work with him, and then inherited the homestead, which he operated until his retirement, when he purchased a residence at Chambersville, where he has since lived. Politically he is a Democrat, and has held the office of school director, but aside from that has not entered public life. The Presbyterian Church holds his membership, and benefits from his generosity.

John Swan, the father of Mrs. Blue, was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1814, while his wife Rebecca (Marshall) was born in the

same country in 1823. In June, 1853, they came to the United States, settling at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Pa., where Mr. Swan worked at his trade of stonemason and bricklayer. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Swan were: Martha married William Bryson, of Kittanning, Pa.; Robert died in Andersonville prison during the Civil war; John, who is deceased, was a stonemason, working with his father; Samuel, who married Effie Burkart, was an oil driller; Elizabeth died at the age of nineteen years; Margaret is Mrs. Blue. Mr. Swan died at Kittanning, Pa., in 1890, aged seventy-six years, his widow surviving until 1906, when she passed away at Kittanning aged eighty-three years.

ALBERT CLARK KERR, deceased, was born April 27, 1857, in West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Pa., son of John and Mary Kerr.

Samuel Kerr, of West Mahoning township, was the father of John Kerr, and grandfather of Albert Clark Kerr. He married Polly Thomas, also of West Mahoning township, where she and her husband died, having been farming people all their lives.

John Kerr, son of Samuel Kerr, was born in West Mahoning township, as was his wife. They, too, were farming people. The following children were born to them: Samuel, who is living on the old home place; Kate, who married Albert Brewer, of South Mahoning township; Albert Clark; Thomas, who is a merchant at Georgeville, Pa.; and Ida, who married Luther Beck, of West Mahoning township.

Albert Clark Kerr had only a common school education, but was a successful farmer and carpenter, and early in life taught school. He was a man of high principles, and gained and retained friends wherever he went.

On Jan. 9, 1879, Mr. Kerr was married to Mary Jordan, who was born in North Mahoning township, daughter of Robert and Martha (Pounds) Jordan, both of that township, where they always lived. He was a farmer and in early life operated a hotel. His death occurred Dec. 14, 1894, his widow surviving until 1910. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan were: Robert, who is deceased; Margaret, widow of Daniel Laughey, living in West Mahoning township; Samuel, deceased; Martha, who married William Brown, of Indiana, Pa.; James, deceased; John, who is living in Armstrong county, Pa.; Charles, deceased; and Mary, Mrs. Kerr.



Mr. and Mrs. Kerr became the parents of five children: Martha, who married W. Niel and has three children, Claire, May and Hazel; Minerva, deceased, who married Elmer Elkin; Homer, who is a farmer, sawmill man and thrasher, living at home; Robert, deceased; and Albert, also a farmer, sawmill man and formerly a thrasher, who is at home.

After his marriage Mr. Kerr located on the farm that is still the property of his widow, in West Mahoning township, and there he resided until his sudden death, on April 27, 1890. Politically he was a staunch Republican, but never aspired to public office. He did not belong to any fraternal orders, although his sons are Odd Fellows, being connected with the lodge at Smicksburg, Pa. Mr. Kerr was well and favorably known in Indiana county, where he is remembered with the highest regard. He was a member of the United Brethren Church. Mrs. Kerr is a valuable member of the Ladies' Aid Society and takes a great deal of interest in that organization and in church work generally.

HARLAN P. SANDLES, who owns and operates a tract of 125 acres of well-cultivated land in Conemaugh township, was born Dec. 21, 1854, at Saltsburg, Conemaugh township, son of William and Maria (Marshall) Sandles.

Christopher Sandles, the paternal grandfather of Harlan P. Sandles, was born in Ireland and came to the United States in young manhood, settling at Mount Pleasant, in Westmoreland county, Pa., where he followed farming and other laboring all of his life. He died at Mount Pleasant, and there he and his wife and all of their children are buried. The children were as follows: Christopher; John, who lived in Allegheny county; George; William; Pollie; and Sarah, who married James Lemon, and had six children, Van Amberg, Loyal, George, Nathaniel, Rody and another.

William Sandles, son of Christopher Sandles, was born Oct. 1, 1806, and died Feb. 6, 1885. He was married July 11, 1837, to Maria Marshall, who was born in Conemaugh township, Nov. 6, 1820, daughter of Scott and Jane (Wilson) Marshall, and died Feb. 13, 1907. Their children were as follows: Theodore M., born March 26, 1838, as a young man went to California and followed mining and prospecting until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted and served three years in the Union army, after which he followed gold mining until his death, in Utah, Feb. 10, 1881; John, born March 4, 1840,

died Sept. 21, 1841; Marshall G., born Nov. 14, 1841, died March 4, 1907, served in the Civil war, was married in Saltsburg, March 18, 1868, to Levina Wilson, and had three children, Bertha (who married William Lowman), John and Laura; Sarah Elizabeth, born Aug. 3, 1843, married J. N. Coleman, a farmer of Conemaugh township; William Albert, born April 6, 1846, died Oct. 9, 1896, served in the Civil war, was a graduate of Washington and Jefferson Medical College, and practiced medicine for a number of years at Braddock, Pa.; Maria Jane, born June 11, 1848, married B. F. Reed and (second) S. S. McClellan, a farmer and oil developer; a child born Feb. 23, 1851, died March 23d of that year; Mary Ella, born Sept. 30, 1852, died unmarried July 5, 1874; Anna Bell, born Dec. 9, 1858, married D. M. Kier, and now resides at Braddock, Pa., where Mr. Kier is a contractor and builder; Harlan P. is mentioned below.

William Sandles was born and reared near Mount Pleasant, in Westmoreland county, and on first coming to Indiana county worked on the old Pennsylvania canal and boated between Johnstown and Pittsburg. He subsequently became owner of a boat, which he operated himself, and for a time was also engaged in the mercantile line in Saltsburg, in what was known as the S. Robinson & Co. General Store, but in 1860 he sold out, moved to Clarksburg, and purchased the Marshall farm of 300 acres, near that place, where he continued to farm and raise and buy live stock during the remainder of his life. A man of industry, integrity and probity, he won the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens through the exercise of good judgment and honorable dealing, and no man had a wider circle of warm personal friends. In political matters he was a Republican, and his religious connection was with the Clarksburg Presbyterian Church, of which he was trustee for a long period.

Harlan P. Sandles, son of William Sandles, accompanied his parents to Clarksburg when still a small lad, and there attended the independent school. Later he was a student at the academies at Eldersridge and Glade Run, and worked with his parents until his father's death, at which time the home farm was divided between him and his brother Marshall. Mr. Sandles now owns and conducts 125 acres of well-cultivated land and is known as one of his community's progressive and enterprising farmers. He makes a specialty of raising fine horses, conducts a stud, and his

animals bring topnotch prices in the eastern markets. Mr. Sandles is a member of the new Progressive party, but has never been an office seeker, although movements tending to the advancement of morality, education and good citizenship have always found in him a staunch supporter. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World, and a member and trustee of the Clarksburg Presbyterian Church, where for some years he has been teacher of an adult Bible class.

Mr. Sandles was married Oct. 12, 1875, to Mary J. Kier, daughter of William and Margaret Ann (Dixon) Kier, and they have had eight children, as follows: William Claud, born Aug. 19, 1876, married June 12, 1900, Cora B. Anderson; Mark Bennett, born Sept. 16, 1878, married July 20, 1902, Edna Harbison, and is a mill worker at Gary, Ind.; Lisle Marshall, born Oct. 10, 1880, a graduate of Grove City College, finished his law course in the university at Columbus, Ohio, and is practicing law at Columbus (he is unmarried); Harry Porter, born Oct. 24, 1882, a resident of Red Lodge, Mont., where he is a superintendent of coal mines, married Aug. 18, 1909, Caroline Chapman; John Albert, born Oct. 24, 1882, a salesman, is a resident of Derry township; Edith May, born March 12, 1884, married June 22, 1909, Harry L. George, a national bank examiner; Maggie Marie, born Sept. 9, 1886, who has been a school teacher, resides at home with her parents; Anna Lois, born March 18, 1890, married June 12, 1912, John M. McLaughlin, a merchant of Elders-ridge. Mr. and Mrs. Sandles have reared their children in such a manner that they are a credit to themselves and to the communities in which they are now living. They have been well educated, fitted for the places in life they were destined to fill, and are faithfully upholding the best traditions of this old and honored family.

**FRANK RUNZO**, a fruit and confectionery merchant of Indiana, was born in Italy March 17, 1878, son of Stephen and Gertrude Runzo. Stephen Runzo is a shoemaker by trade, and is still living in Italy. He and his wife became the parents of nine children.

Frank Runzo attended public school in his native place. Learning the blacksmith's trade, he followed it until he came to the United States sixteen years ago. Landing in New York City, he went from there to Greensburg, Pa., where he spent eleven months, thence coming to Indiana. For a time he conducted a shoe repairing shop,

later on embarking in his present undertaking, and has become one of the best known Italian business men in Indiana.

Mr. Runzo married Josephine Calcagno, who was born in Italy, and they have four children: Stephen, Augustine, Thomas and Philip.

**HARRY LEVINSON**, engaged in business at Clymer, Indiana Co., Pa., as a dealer in clothing, dry goods and shoes, was born in Russia Sept. 27, 1874, son of Hiram Joseph and Marie Levinson, both of whom died in that country.

Harry Levinson was given an opportunity to attend school in his native land and lived there until eighteen years of age. Coming to America, he landed at New York, and from there went to Blossburg, Pa., where he remained for four years. From there he went to English Center, Pa., at which place he engaged in business with his brother Bernard, continuing to live there four years. Mr. Levinson then went to New York City, embarking there in the notion business and also engaging in manufacturing clothing. He continued in the great metropolitan city until 1906, when he moved to Punxsutawney, Pa., where he was in the wholesale dry goods business for a year. He displayed business enterprise and foresight in coming early to Clymer and establishing himself in the John Hunter building, which was the first erected in the place. Mr. Levinson put in a small stock at first but very soon found it necessary to increase it as his patronage grew with the rapid advance made by the town, and ere long he recognized the fact that larger quarters had become a necessity. Hence he erected his own building and again his business so expanded that an annex had to be made to it. He conducts the only department store at Clymer and does the largest business of its kind in Indiana county.

On Jan. 15, 1907, Mr. Levinson was married to Lena Golubb, who was born in Russia, and they have three children: Marie, Hinman Joseph and Ezekiel. Mr. Levinson is associated with the Odd Fellows at Clymer.

**HENRY CLAY KELLY**, who is now living retired at Pine Flats, Indiana county, in Green township, was born in this county, at Mechanicsburg, Jan. 20, 1845. He is of Irish descent, his grandfather, Patrick Kelly, having been a native of Ireland, whence he came to this country in young manhood. His first location was in New York. Moving to Penn-

sylvania, he took up a tract of land at what is now Homer City, in Center township, Indiana county, and died there. He took part during the Indian troubles in this section. His family consisted of twelve sons and one daughter. Two of the sons settled in Putnam county, Ohio.

John Kelly, son of Patrick, was born in 1791, on the old homestead in Indiana county, learned shoemaking, and followed his trade in the manner customary at that day, traveling around with a kit of tools among his neighbors and more distant patrons. Sometimes he would be away for months at a stretch. He sold his property in Brushvalley township and left these parts in 1849. He married Ann Evans, daughter of Hugh and Elizabeth (Turner) Evans, and they had the following children: Esther, Mrs. Joseph Swartz, who died in Indiana; William, of Mechanicsburg, this county; Hannah, who married Colonel Kane, of the Blair county regiment; Mary Jane, who married Samuel Devlin, a veteran of the Civil war, and died at Apollo, Armstrong Co., Pa.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Jonathan Wilson, who died in Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa.; John E., of Blacklick station, this county, who served during the Civil war in Captain Nesbit's Company, 55th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; and Henry Clay. The mother was a member of the Baptist Church.

Henry Clay Kelly obtained his education in the common schools, attending until twelve years old. When fourteen he commenced to learn the shoemaker's trade with his brother William, and was thus engaged until he entered the Union army. On Aug. 6, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, 135th Pennsylvania Regiment, for nine months' service, went to Washington, D. C., under Col. J. R. Porter, and joined the Army of the Potomac, under Generals Burnside and Hooker. He took part in the battle of Chancellorsville, and was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., in June, 1863. Mr. Kelly reenlisted in the 206th Regiment, becoming a member of Company F, under Captain Green, but was taken sick and never saw service with this command. Mr. Kelly has always been a Republican in political association, and he served his fellow citizens of Green township for years as tax collector and constable. In religious connection he is a Baptist.

On Dec. 8, 1870, Mr. Kelly married Mary Moore Williams, who died Sept. 1, 1889, at Pine Flats, this county.

REV. W. J. WILSON, whose parents came from the North of Ireland in the year 1844, was born at Truittsburg, Clarion Co., Pa., November 13, 1844. In the spring of 1852 he removed with his parents to Richardsville, Jefferson Co., Pa. Having spent nearly two years in the army, in September, 1865, he entered Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pa. Early in his course he left college to engage, in the fall of 1869, to teach school at Richardsville, where he remained a year. After this he entered Iron City Commercial College, at Pittsburg, Pa. In the spring of 1871 he opened a select school at New Bethlehem, Pa., where he remained one year. In September, 1872, he reentered college and was graduated in June, 1873. The following September he entered the Western Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated April 20, 1876. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Shenango, April 26, 1875. On June 14, 1876, he was ordained by the Presbytery of Kittanning and installed pastor of Union and Midway Churches. In October, 1879, he was released from this charge and removed to Malvern, Iowa, and there preached as stated supply for a year. In the fall of 1880 he removed to Callensburg, Clarion Co., Pa., where he remained until 1891, when he became the pastor of Currie's Run and Center Churches. He resigned at Currie's Run in 1907. In connection with Center Church he served the Washington Church until October 1, 1913, when he resigned the pastorate of the Washington Church. He continues to serve the Center Church. Rev. Mr. Wilson has done more pastoral work in the rural districts than any other minister of the Presbytery.

ROBERT BUCHMAN, a leading merchant of Blairsville, came here from across the water in October, 1884. He has engaged successfully in business as a merchant, now owning a very valuable corner property where he conducts his clothing business. He also constructed a fine home on the same property, in which he resides. He is interested in the advancement of educational opportunities and methods and also in civic pride, hence does what he can to further the best interests of the community and town in which he lives. He has a fine family. Mr. Buchman married Pauline Elisashafe, of Germany, and they have four children: Leon H., Abraham S., Gertrude and Jacob Joseph. Leon is a student at Carnegie Technical Institute in Pittsburg and the others are students in Blairsville.









