COMMEMORATIVE

BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD

OF

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA,

INCLUDING THE COUNTIES OF

Centre, Clearfield, Jefferson and Clarion,

CONTAINING

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PROMINENT AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS, AND OF MANY OF THE EARLY SETTLED FAMILIES.

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removed his share of the goods to Ostend, where he carried on a store for four years. In 1868 he erected a store building in Mahaffey, and at this point was an energetic, successful merchant for some time. About 1867 he erected his comfortable and pleasant residence, which is situated on a beautiful building site overlooking the town.

About 1886 Mr. Mahaffey sold a tract of land, on which a tannery was constructed, and same year platted a portion of his land and began selling town lots. Mahaffey is now a thriving village of three hundred homes, with some good brick business houses and four railroads. Mr. Mahaffey owns a good many residences which he rents, and is the owner of a four-story hotel, the "Mahaffey House," which is supplied with all modern conveniences and improvements, and is at present kept by his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Ferguson, whose husband, G. M. Ferguson, died December 23, 1897. He also owns a fine gristmill, splendidly equipped, and a sawmill plant. His realty holdings, in addition to his city property, comprise about three thousand acres of farm and timber lands, and he supervises the management of his lumbering interests, although he takes no active part in the work. His extensive business enterprises furnish employment to large forces of men, and it has been truly said that he who pays wages over his counters to one hundred workmen is more deserving of public gratitude than the commander who leads a company of soldiers. The business activity and prosperity of Bell township is largely due to Mr. Mahaffey, whose resolute purpose and careful management enables him to carry forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

Mr. Mahaffey has been twice married. He wedded Mary McGee, daughter of James McGee, Sr., who located on the Susquehanna river in Clearfield county, about 1826, and erected the first grist and saw mills in this section of the county. Mrs. Mahaffey died, leaving three children, namely: William, a farmer and coal dealer; James, a lumber merchant and the proprietor of the "Windsor Hotel" at Clearfield; and Mary, who was married October 19, 1847, to Mr. Byers. For his second wife, Mr. Mahaffey wedded Mary C. Johnson, who was born in Centre county, December 20, 1826, daughter of George and Sophia (Barnhart) Johnson, the former of Irish and the latter of German descent. Philip Barnhart served in the Revolutionary war, and became a prominent farmer of Centre county, Penn., where he reared a large family. In about 1818, George Johnson located in Clearfield county, when it was an almost unbroken wilderness, and cleared a farm near the present site of Mahaffey. He had to go to Bellefonte for supplies, and had his grain ground at a small mill on Clearfield creek. His skill as a hunter supplied the table with meat, for deer and lesser game was plentiful. His children were: Philip; Mrs. Elizabeth Fullerton; James and George, who follow farming; and Mrs. Mahaffey. The father was a Democrat, and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Protestant Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Mahaffey have had nine children, two of whom died in childhood; those living are: R. F., who follows lumbering; Emery, a miller; Elizabeth G., wife of G. Ferguson, a hotelman; Nancy J., wife of G. W. Jose, proprietor of the "Lajose Hotel" at Lajose; Alice, wife of F. K. Patterson; Harry B., a lumberman and farmer of Mahaffey; and Mrs. Elsie Gallatney.

Mr. Mahaffey was reared in the Presbyterian Church, but now holds membership in no religious organization; his wife, however, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is charitable and benevolent, and the integrity of his business life is above question. His political support is given the Democracy. His life has been one of eminent success, in which perseverance and enterprise have enabled him to make his way from humble surroundings to a position of influence.

JOHN HERSH, a lumberman and farmer of Becaria township, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., October 25, 1818, a son of Martin and Catherine (Hays) Hersh. The father was a native of Lancaster county, but the grandfather was born in Germany. Martin Hersh throughout his life followed farming in the place of his nativity, and was called to the home beyond in 1829. His widow long survived him and left a family of five children.

(1) Henry, the eldest, married Mary Rhodes, of Lancaster county, and for a number of years thereafter followed the cooper's trade. His last days were spent in Juniata county, Penn., where he died, leaving a large family: Susanna, his first child, is now Mrs. McAtee, of Kansas, and has eight children; Fannie is the wife of Mr. Powell, of Patterson, Penn., and has five children; Elizabeth married Samuel Farmer, of Harrisburg, and at her death left four children (her husband was a machinist, and was killed by falling from a scaffold when putting up a smoke stack); John married a lady of Harrisburg, and follows railroading (he has two living children); Joseph is married, and with his family resides in Patterson, Penn.; David, a coal dealer of Patter-
son, is married and has a family; Catherine is the wife of John Steiner, a lumber merchant of Virginia, and they have one child; Henry, who was born in Juniata county in 1848, is now living with his uncle, John Hersh, on a farm in Clearfield county. (2) Martin Hersh, the second member of the family to which our subject belongs, was reared in Lancaster county, and then removed to Missouri, where he was married. He now owns a fine farming property near St. Jo, and has three children—George and Henry, who reside in Kansas, and Mrs. Catherine Bell, who is living in Hiawatha, Kans., near her brothers. (3) Katherine spent her girlhood days in Lancaster county, Penn., and died there at the home of her sister. (4) Fannie is the wife of Michael Musser, and resides on the old homestead in Lancaster county. She has two sons—Christian and Henry. (5) John, our subject, completes the family.

John Hersh, whose name introduces this sketch, removed from Lancaster to Huntingdon county, Penn., at the age of nineteen years, and was employed by John Byers for eleven years, after which he spent one year in the service of Thomas Stewart. On March 30, 1848, in Huntingdon, Penn., he was married to Martha E. Wilson, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Peoples, a Presbyterian minister. In April they removed to Glen Hope, Clearfield county, and located on what is now known as the Glasgow property. In the fall of the same year, Mr. Hersh made a "jumper," and with two horses drove to Lancaster county over the snow. In the spring he purchased a wagon with which he returned to Glen Hope, and in that year, 1849, took up his residence on the Smith farm in Beaver county, where he lived for three years. He then removed to the farm now owned by Clark Patchen, and later spent a year on the Cooper farm, after which he bought one hundred acres of timber land for $6 per acre. On this property he built a little log house, and began clearing the land. From the timber he manufactured square lumber, which he rafted down the river to Lock Haven and Marietta. At the same time, as his land was cleared, he developed it into rich field, and now has one of the most desirable farm properties in the county. In 1861 he erected a large barn, 60x70 feet, and in 1865 built a fine two-story residence with all modern improvements.

Mrs. Hersh has been to her husband a faithful assistant and helpmate. She is a representative of a respected family of Huntingdon county, where her parents resided on a farm near Peters burg. There her father died in 1874, while her mother passed away in 1876. They had eleven children: (1) John S. Wilson, the eldest, married Eliza Stewart, and removed to Armstrong county, Penn.; both he and his wife are now deceased; they left a family of four children. (2) Robert married Jane Stewart, and resided in Huntingdon county; his family numbers five living children, as follows—John C., who is married and with his family resides in Dakota; Mrs. Elizabeth Hamer, of McKeesport, who has four children living; James R., who resides on the old homestead near Huntingdon, and has one child; Mrs. Mary Dougherty, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Bertha Glass, of Altoona, Blair Co., Penn., who has one child; (3) William F. Wilson married Arietta Warfel, and they died leaving three children, the eldest of whom, Henry, is married and resides in Altoona with his wife and three children. (4) W. S. Wilson, who was prominent as one of the orators of the McKinley campaign, married Gussie Huffman, and resides in Altoona; they have five living children, one of whom, a daughter, is married and lives in Altoona. (5) Clarissa is now the wife of Mr. Huffman, a carriage-maker of Tyrone, Penn. (6) Margery became the wife of Mr. Waffel, and died at the age of twenty-two years, leaving a son, who is now an Episcopal minister. (7) Jackson Wilson married Miss Port, and died near Williamsburg, leaving four children, as follows: Foster, who is an engineer on the Broad Top railroad, is married and has one child; Margery, who resides with Foster; Stewart, a traveling salesman; and Mrs. Martha Sheffield, of Toledo, Ohio, who has two children. (9) Louisa, now Mrs. Hamer, resides in Rockford, Ill., and has a large family. (10) James married Carrie Cox, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and has two children—Howard, who married Miss Porter, of Huntingdon, Penn., and has three children; and Harry Sheridan, a practicing physician of Smoke Run, who ranks high in his profession. (11) Mrs. Hersh completes the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hersh have eight children: (1) Margery L., born June 3, 1850, was married in 1866, to B. F. Mechling. They resided on a farm adjoining her father's until 1893, when they removed to Virginia and purchased a large farm of 300 acres near Stephenville. They have had thirteen children—Delia is the wife of Charles Hindman, a saddler, and resides near her parents; Annie is the wife of George Baggett, a native of England, who makes his home in Virginia, but is now studying for the ministry in Ohio; they have three children, Percy, Alice and the baby. The other members of the Mechling
family are Roberta, John, Harvey, Luella, Les
ee, William, Grace and Wallace, all at home, and three who have departed this life. (2) Cath-
erine, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Hersh, was born February 6, 1853, and is the wife of William Semple, who owns and operates a farm in Glen Hope. They have four children—John, Harry D., Oscar and Emma Kittle, all at home. (3) Annie M., born July 25, 1855, was married in 1872, to Robert McMurray, who is engaged in merchandising in Ramey; they had four chil-
dren—Louisa and Martha, at home, and Ella and Grace, deceased. (4) Robert M. Hersh, born July 3, 1858, died in December, 1862, aged four years. (5) Martha W., born June 6, 1861, is the wife of John Smith, an enterprising merchant of West Moshannon; they had two children—Blair N. and Ira, who died at the age of seven years. (6) Emma R., born August 9, 1865, is the wife of Samuel Bartlebaugh, a native of Indiana county, Penn., who now follows lumbering in Coalport; they have one child—John Ray
nond. (7) Fannie M., born May 8, 1868, is the wife of John H. Moore, of Madera, who follows merchandising, and is justice of the peace; they have two daughters—Grace E. and Pearl. (8) Ella, born November 13, 1872, is with her parents.

Mr. Hersh votes with the Republican party. He served as overseer of the poor for two terms, and was elected assessor, but did not qualify for office, having no ambition to serve in public posi-
tions. For many years he has suffered from rheumatism, and for about five years has been forced to go around in a wheeled chair, but he superintends the management of his farm, and notwithstanding his afflictions he controls his business interests with marked success, and is regarded as one of the substantial and progressive men of the community. His wife and children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ellis Irwin. Years of quiet usefulness and a life in which the old-fashioned virtues of sincerity, industry and integrity are exemplified, have a simple beauty that no words can portray. Youth has its charms, but an honorable and honored old age, to which the lengthening years have added dignity and sweetness; has a brighter radiance, as it some ray from the life beyond already rested upon it. To but few is it given to spend ninety-two years in the flesh, as has the subject of this sketch, who, happily, is blessed with mental and physical vigor befitting a man who has not yet reached three-score years. Born June 17, 1805, in Centre county, Penn., near Bellefonte, Mr. Irwin has seen great and significant changes in this region, and he may well take pride in the thought that he has done his share in the work of establishing here the civilization of to-day.

He comes of pioneer stock. His grandfather, John Irwin, was a native of Ireland who crossed the ocean in 1774, his mother and two brothers, Matthew and Nathaniel, coming later, the father having died in Ireland some years before. The other three members of the little band went to Pittsburg and later to Washington county, Penn., but John Irwin settled in Centre county. He was a shoemaker by trade, but quickly took advantage of the opportunity to secure a farm which the sparsely inhabited forests of Centre county then afforded, and his remaining years were spent in agriculture. His death occurred there April 29, 1829. He and his wife, Sarah (Iddings), had four children, whom they reared by precept and example in the serene faith of the Friends Society: William died in Centre county. John, Jr., is mentioned more fully below. Isab
ella, who never married, died at the age of sixty. Sarah died in 1865.

John Irwin, Jr., our subject's father, was born in Chester county, Penn., where he spent some years. As a young man he made his home in Centre county, locating and clearing land for a farm. He also engaged in the manufacture of shoes at Bellefonte, but his later years were spent in retirement. Like his ancestors, he belonged to the Friends Church, and his death occurred in 1879 while attending meeting. His wife, Mary Fisher, was a daughter of William Fisher, an influential citizen and a prominent member of the Society of Friends, who was noted for his manly deportment and high character. The exact nativity is not known, but he probably came from England. He located in Centre county, and improved and cultivated a large tract of land, accumulating a handsome fortune. Ellis Irwin spent his youth in Centre county, where he attended Bellefonte Academy, the best school that the section could then boast of. He was a diligent student, and acquired a good practical education which fitted him to fill creditably his position in life. He was trained to habits of industry, working upon his father's farm and in the shoe factory, and for four years of his early manhood he carried the United States mail through the mountains on horseback. In 1827 he married Hannah Iddings, a lady of intelligence and worth, and then engaged in farming on his own account. In 1829 he moved to Clearfield county and purchased a partially-developed farm at Grampian Hills (now Penn township), where
he spent four years making substantial improvements. He then rented the farm and moved to Curwensville to engage in the hotel business, and while there he was appointed, in 1835, by Gov. Ritter to the combined office of prothonotary, register and recorder, and clerk of the several courts at Clearfield, holding that position for three years. In 1838 he engaged in mercantile business at Clearfield, and continued twelve years. In 1840 he was appointed postmaster at Clearfield, and resigned that office in 1843 to serve three years as sheriff. All these positions he filled with honor to himself and satisfaction to the people. Honest and capable, he won and retained their entire confidence, and in his work he showed special favors to none.

In 1846 he purchased a tract of land on Lick Run, in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, to which he added until he now owns, 3,000 acres. The property is about five miles north of Clearfield, and is admirably adapted to milling. A mill had been partly built and he completed it, constructing a dam at the Susquehanna river, and carried on an extensive lumber business for many years. Two farms were opened up on this land, both well improved, with orchards, good residences, barns and other buildings. He also erected for himself, near the mill, a commodious two-story dwelling and large and convenient barns and farm buildings, making a most desirable home. At various times he has sold portions of his land, but has always reserved the right to the coal which underlies the tract. Through his enterprise a post office was established there, which was named Lick Run Mills, and he has been in charge of it since 1872.

Mr. Irwin's wife was called from earth in February, 1881, after more than fifty-four years of wedded life. Her quiet, gentle disposition and devoted Christian character made her a living example of the faith which she cherished. Her death was deeply mourned by all who had known her influence. She was a descendant of a pioneer family of Centre county. Her father, John Iddings, was a prominent farmer there, and lived and died a consistent member of the Friends Society. Her mother, whose maiden name was Ann Carroll, was a relative of Charles Carroll, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had eight children: Lewis died in 1882; John F. is a merchant in Clearfield; Mary and Henrietta are at home; William E. is one of the enterprising business men of Philipsburg; Joseph R. is a druggist at Curwensville; Melissa died in her youth; and James died at the age of eleven years.

Mr. Irwin was reared in the Quaker faith, to which all his relatives adhere. All Friends were Abolitionists on principle, and his first political record was made upon that question. He was a Whig in early years, but joined the Republican party on its organization, and has ever since given it his support. He was active during the war in securing supplies for recruits, and sent forward three sons to fight for the old flag, all of whom returned home safely after their terms of enlistment expired. Time has dealt kindly with Mr. Irwin, and his mental faculties still work with the precision and clearness which made him a power in business life. He is of medium size and physically strong except for his lower limbs, in which he suffers somewhat from the effects of an attack of "la grippe" a few years ago. His eyesight is unimpaired, and he reads, writes and transacts business without glasses.

MON. ALEXANDER E. PATTON, cashier of the Curwensville Bank, and a leading stockholder in many other important enterprises, is one of the most progressive business men of his section. He seems to possess in a full measure the admirable qualities which, in a man who has been less favored by fortune, are usually attributed to years of struggle with adverse circumstances.

Mr. Patton is a native of Curwensville, Penn., born October 20, 1852. He attended the public schools of that place, Dickinson Seminary, Chester Military Academy, and Andover, Mass., but at the age of nineteen years failing health compelled him to abandon his studies before graduation. Later he began his business career as a clerk in a store, and in 1873 he went west and spent some time upon a farm west of Lyons and Clinton, Iowa. He then purchased an interest in a nursery business conducted by John E. Ennis, forming the firm of Ennis & Patton, which continued until 1877. This was one of the largest enterprises of the kind in the West, 300 acres being kept under cultivation during the continuance of the firm. Having purchased his partner's interest and closed out the business, Mr. Patton returned to Curwensville and accepted the position of cashier in the Curwensville Bank, which incumbency he has since filled in a highly creditable manner. As stated elsewhere, the bank was organized by his father, Hon. John Patton, as a private institution, with a capital of $50,000. The capital was later increased to $100,000 from surplus account, and then to $200,000, and at present there is a $50,000 surplus. It is regarded as one of the strongest
financial institutions of the State, and in its success the ability and energy of A. E. Patton has been a potent factor. Among the financiers of this section he holds an enviable reputation, and his counsel is sought in business enterprises of all kinds. He is president of the First National Bank of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn., which includes among its stockholders Hon. John Patton; George J. Magee, president of the Fall Brook Railroad Company; Dr. D. A. Fetzer; A. G. Palmer, of the Beech Creek Railroad Company; and others.

Mr. Patton is secretary and treasurer of the Chest Creek Land & Improvement Company, with a capital of $600,000; secretary and treasurer of the Patton Coal Company, with $40,000 capital; and treasurer of the Curwensville Building & Loan Association. The town of Patton was named by him in honor of his father. In connection with Gen. Magee, the Hon. James Kerr, and others, it was organized July 4, 1892, and its growth has been phenomenal, the transformation within four years being from a wilderness to a busy community of 3,500 people. It is supported by mining, manufacturing and farming interests, and has every prospect of being permanent under the able management of the gentleman named. Through the influence of Mr. Patton, Hon. James Kerr, Gen. George J. McGee, and others, the Beech Creek railroad was extended to Cambria county, the value of this movement being promptly shown in the development of the territory thus reached. For some time the opening of the new markets for the coal interests of that section has received special attention from Mr. Patton. During the years 1892, 1893 and 1894, Mr. Patton was actively engaged in railroad developments in this section of Pennsylvania, particularly the building of the Clearfield and Mahoning railroad from DuBois to Clearfield, and is now a member of the board of directors of that company, as well as a director in other railroad companies. This was one of the most important connecting railroads in the State, crossing the Alleghany Mountains at a grade, the maximum of which does not exceed one per cent, and is lower than any other point crossed in the State. He is also a member of the firm of Peale, Peacock & Kerr, in New York City, and this firm have a coal yard at Regla, opposite the city of Havana, in Cuba, which they supply with coal from the mines in Cambria county, and others in which they are interested.

While thus prominently identified with business and financial interests, Mr. Patton finds time to take an active part in all local enterprises which promise to benefit the public in any way. Educational movements find in him an ardent and intelligent champion, and for seven years he worked effectively for the improvement of the Curwensville school, as the president of the board of education. He was the first president of the School Directors Association of Clearfield county, and presided over the conventions which elected to the office of county superintendent of schools, B. C. Youngman, and G. W. Weaver, the present incumbent. It would be impossible to name all the projects for local improvement which have been materially aided by him, but the part which he took in securing, for Curwensville, a good water system, demands special notice, as no town in Pennsylvania has a better system, and particularly for fire protection.

Mr. Patton has frequently declined to be a candidate for public office, but he is a stanch Republican, and at times has taken an influential part in State and County Conventions as a delegate, and was twice made a member of the Republican State Central Committee. In the campaign of 1896 he was one of the four Electors at Large from the State of Pennsylvania. In 1888 he was an alternate to the National Convention at Chicago, which nominated President Harrison. He is a member of the board of trustees, appointed by Governor Hastings, of the State Institution for Feeble Minded, situated at Polk, Venango Co., Penn.; this institution, when completed, will not be surpassed by any similar institution in the world. Among the members of this State board are: ex-State Treasurer Jackson, Gen. Wiley, ex-Supreme Court Judge Hydrick, and others.

On December 27, 1875, Mr. Patton was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Wright, a lady of rare culture and refinement, and a devout adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was a member of a prominent family, and the daughter of H. J. Wright, a leading citizen of Lyons, Iowa. The children of this union were: Catherine M., born March 28, 1878, died when three years of age; and Henry J., born October 30, 1880, now a student at St. Paul's School, Garden City, Long Island. The mother of these died May 24, 1884, leaving the impress of a Christian life. For his second wife Mr. Patton was married October 17, 1888, to Miss Mary B. Dill, of Clearfield, whose intelligence and kindliness make her a leader in various lines of social and philanthropic effort. She is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a valued worker in the Sunday school. They have had four children: Edith D., born December 28, 1889; Alexander E., born April 4, 1892; and two that died in infancy.
Mr. Patton is a generous contributor to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. and the F. & A. M. He is a member of Friendly Sons of the Patriotic Order of Philadelphia, and of the Transportation or Business Men's Club of New York.

JOSEPH L. DALE is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Pike township, Clearfield county. He was born May 8, 1840, on the Dale homestead, where he now resides, and which he now owns.

His paternal ancestry is English and Welsh. His mother's family was of Scotch-Irish lineage, and emigrated to Pennsylvania from the North of Ireland a short time after William Penn founded the colony which bears his honored name. The Dales, who were the ancestors of the subject of this sketch, were natives of England. Their history can be traced back almost to the time of the Norman Conquest. Good evidence is produced to determine the fact that, originally, the name was spelled Dahl, and that the family emigrated to England, soon after the Norman Conquest, from Continental Europe. Subsequently, the orthography of the word was anglicised, and has since been spelled Dale.

About 1650 we find the Dale family prominently mentioned in English and Colonial history, some being members of the House of Lords, and others being admirals who commanded fleets of warships during the wars of England with Spain and France. In 1725 three brothers are mentioned, the sons of the Dale who then owned the estates near London. The eldest of these sons, according to English law, inherited the estates which now are included in the City of London, and had become very valuable. He was the father of William Dale, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. The other two brothers emigrated, the one to Londonderry, Ireland, the other to Ayrshire, Scotland. The Ayrshire Dales became noted as manufacturers, their mills being located at New Lanark, near the falls of the Clyde. David Dale, who died in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1806, was the last owner of these celebrated cotton mills. His manager was the distinguished Robert Owen, who married his eldest daughter. Their son, Robert Dale Owen, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1800. He came to the United States in 1827. He was a noted editor, member of the Indiana Legislature, was elected to Congress as a Democrat, in 1843; was Minister to Naples in 1853; and died at Lake George, N. Y., June 17, 1877.

The Londonderry branch of the Dale family has become quite numerous, and members of the family can be found in several of the counties in the North of Ireland.

William Dale's father having died when William was about five years of age, his mother again married. By some means his stepfather succeeded in obtaining control of the estate. Consequently, William, who was the only child, was defrauded of his rightful inheritance. His stepfather then persuaded William's mother to send him to the American Colonies. Accordingly, at the age of fourteen years he was sent to Pennsylvania, arriving in Philadelphia about the beginning of the Revolution. Having friends in Chester county, Pennsylvania, he first went there, but soon left and went to Canada. Here he resided until 1780, when he returned to Pennsylvania, and located in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, near where the city of Williamsport is now located.

William Dale was a member of the Society of Friends, better known as Quakers. Among the Friends he was noted as a man of deep religious conviction, and a preacher of marked ability. Some of his manuscripts show him to have been a man of liberal education, and of marked literary talent. In 1782 he married Ann Bailey, a native of Wales, and whose family had also settled in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county. After his marriage he and his wife located a short distance up Lycoming creek, not far from Williamsport. Here, in what was almost a primeval wilderness, they cleared up a farm, and raised a family of one daughter and eight sons. The following record is taken from the family Bible of William Dale, and shows the names and births of his family: Mary (Mrs. John Ammon), 1784: Joseph, 1787; Daniel, 1788; Jesse, 1791; Levi, 1792; George, 1795; William, 1797; John P., 1799; Tolbert, 1801.

In 1802, William Dale died, and was buried in the Friends cemetery near Williamsport. In 1807, Mrs. Ann Dale came to Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn. She was accompanied by all the family, except the daughter and two or three of the oldest sons. The family soon removed from Philipsburg, and for nearly a year lived at Clearfield, then a small hamlet. Mrs. Dale then located on Anderson Creek hill, about two miles from the present town of Curwensville. This was in Pike township, near the Philadelphia and Erie turnpike, at that time one of the principal roads of the State. Here she built a large stone hotel, which at that time was the finest building in the county. This wayside inn soon became one of the most noted stopping places on the line.
of this much-traveled thoroughfare, and many distinguished persons were entertained there. About the time the stone inn was ready for occupancy, Mrs. Ann Dale married John Wrigley, an Englishman, who had some time previous located in Clearfield. Mr. Wrigley died some years later, and Mrs. Dale-Wrigley was married (thirdly) to Thompson Huey. Mrs. Dale-Wrigley-Huey died in 1844, aged eighty-eight years. Mr. Huey died in 1854.

Of the eight sons of William Dale, only two became permanent residents of Clearfield county. These two were George Dale, and John P. Dale, the father of our subject. They both located in Pike township, and resided there almost all their lives. The other six sons located in different sections of this and other States. At the present time their descendants are living in Mercer, Venango, Forest, Cambria and Warren counties, in this State. Also in Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Oregon and other of the Western States.

John P. Dale, the father of the subject of our sketch, was born in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, in 1799. He accompanied his mother on all her various removals, and when she opened up the stone hotel assisted her in the management of the same. For some time he was mail carrier. The mail was carried on horseback, and the route extended from Bellefonte to Franklin, and two weeks were required in which to make the round trip. Most of the distance was through an almost unbroken forest. At that time the Indian still occupied his wigwam, and the native wild animals howled in the forests through which the road ran. Mr. Dale cultivated the friendship of the Indians living along the mail route, and frequently stopped with them in their wigwams for the purpose of obtaining food, or to warm himself at their cheerful fires of oak or birch logs. Wolves were very numerous at that time, and he frequently encountered large packs of them. On one occasion he counted thirty of these howling denizens of the forest, leaping one after the other across the road in front of him.

When he arrived at manhood's estate, John P. Dale's first business venture was a sawmill. This mill was located on Anderson creek, at the village of Bridgeport, about a mile from the stone tavern. After operating the sawmill for a time, he moved to Curwensville. He then formed a partnership with John McPherson, and entered into the tanning business. Subsequently, he closed out his interest in the tannery, and bought the farm (now owned by the subject of this sketch) from Dr. John P. Hoyt. After residing there for ten years, he sold out and removed to Curwensville. Here he built an iron foundry, which he successfully conducted for twelve years. Next he purchased the stone tavern farm above referred to, where he made his home for another decade, and then traded the same for Western lands. Afterward, he again purchased the Dr. Hoyt farm, and there spent his remaining days.

John P. Dale became a member of the Methodist Church in 1830, and was one of the organizers and founders of the Methodist Church in Curwensville. Ever after his profession of religion, he was distinguished for his deep religious convictions. He took active part in camp-meetings, revivals, prayer and class meetings. At times, when the regular minister was absent, he conducted meetings and exhorted. In his political affiliation he was an ardent Democrat, and voted for every Democratic candidate for the Presidency from Andrew Jackson (in 1833) to Gen. Winfield S. Hancock (in 1880). He filled various township offices, and was once a candidate for county commissioner at the Democratic primary election. He was defeated by a majority of one vote, the issue against him being that he favored locating the county seat at Curwensville instead of Clearfield.

John P. Dale was thrice married. His first wife was Miss Margaret McCracken, a daughter of one of the early pioneers of Ferguson township. Of this union were born five children: William A. Dale, of Curwensville; Tolbert Dale; Mrs. Margaret Brooks; Mrs. Mary Robinson; and Mrs. Angelina Ammon, all of whom are deceased except William A. Dale, who is a merchant in Curwensville, and is now seventy-five years of age. After the death of his first wife, John P. Dale married Miss Margaret McClure, a daughter of Squire Thomas McClure, one of the original settlers of Pike township. She died soon after her marriage, leaving no children. For his third wife he wedded Mrs. Martha Bell, widow of William Bell, and daughter of James and Ann Henry, who were of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and had settled in Centre county, not far from Bellefonte. Of this union were four children: James H. Dale, born in 1835, and now residing at Cherrytree, Penn.; Mrs. Jane Broom, of Curwensville, born in 1838; Joseph L. Dale, residing on the homestead, born in 1840; and Mrs. Martha Hile, of Lumber City, Penn., born in 1842. John P. Dale died in 1883, his wife having died two years previous, in 1881.

Joseph L. Dale accompanied his father on all of his removals, and assisted him in the different employments and businesses in which he was engaged. His early education was obtained in the
Locust Ridge school, which was located near the stone tavern farm. He also attended school in Chautauqua county, N. Y., a part of two years, while he was making his home, temporarily, with his brother-in-law, Rev. John Wriglesworth. While his father lived in Curwensville, he attended the school at that place.

In the early summer of 1862, the great Civil War was raging, and President Lincoln had issued a call for volunteers. Mr. Dale was at this time twenty-two years of age. Forgetting everything but his country’s peril, he immediately responded, and enlisted in a company then being organized in Curwensville. After this company was organized it was called Company B, and was commanded by Capt. (afterward Col.) John Irwin. It formed one of the companies of the 149th Pennsylvania “Bucktail Regiment,” which soon became noted as one of the best regiments in the Army of the Potomac. He saw much hard fighting, and participated in all the battles in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged during the summer and autumn of 1863.

In the spring of 1864, his health gave way, and he was compelled to enter a hospital. Some time later, not being able for active service, he was ordered to Philadelphia, for light duty. While here he became a member of a military band, which had recently been organized in that city. Having finally recovered, he again joined his regiment, at the front, and remained in active service until the close of the war. After the battle of Hatcher’s Run his regiment was ordered to Elmira, N. Y., to perform guard duty. While stationed there Lee surrendered, and the war was over. Soon after he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, and returned to his home.

In August, 1865, Joseph L. Dale was united in marriage to Miss Christina Esau, in the City of Philadelphia, where she then lived. She was a native of the town of Arolson, Province of Waldeck, Germany. Her father was Frederick Esau, of that place, and her grandfather was also called Frederic Esau. He had emigrated from Waldeck to Philadelphia, and had there become wealthy, and with him Christina Esau for some time made her home. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Dale came home, and located on the farm which he now owns. Here they lived for several years, farming for John P. Dale, his father. Mr. Dale also gave some attention to the business of lumbering. During the latter years of his parents’ lives, he took care of them. In 1882 he bought the homestead. Here they lived until May 19, 1894, when death claimed the wife and mother. Mrs. Christina Dale was a faithful and consistent member of the Curwensville Methodist Episcopal Church, and was buried according to the rites of that Church.

Joseph and Christina Dale were the parents of ten children: John A., William L., Joseph, Ida, Harry, Mary, Frank L., Walter, Annie and Paul. Of this number four—Joseph, Ida, Harry, and Mary—are deceased. Of the others, the three eldest sons are married, as follows: John A. Dale to Miss Abbie Hile; William L. Dale to Miss Annie Hagerty; and Frank L. Dale to Miss Alice Hagerty. They all reside in Curwensville. The three youngest—Walter, Annie and Paul—live with their father on the homestead. Of grandchildren, Joseph L. Dale has three—Joseph Thomas, Christina and Evana, all the children of John A. and Abbie Dale.

On April 25, 1893, Mr. Dale was again married. His second union was with Mrs. Clarissa (Cole) Hoover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cole, early settlers in Curwensville, and widow of E. Allen Hoover, late an honored and respected citizen of Curwensville.

The farm where Mr. Dale lives is beautifully located not far from the bank of the Susquehanna river, about two miles from Curwensville, and comprises about 125 acres, more than half of which is under a high state of cultivation. He has made many valuable and useful improvements, which stand as monuments to his thrift, energy, and industry. The orchard yields good varieties of apples, peaches, plums and other fruits, and underlying the farm are good veins of coal and fire clay.

In his political views Mr. Dale adheres to the principles of Democracy as enunciated by Thomas Jefferson, and has always been identified with the Democratic party. He has voted for every Democratic candidate for President from Stephen A. Douglas to William J. Bryan. He has held the different township offices of collector of taxes, school director, assessor, auditor and constable. County office he never desired nor sought. He is a past commander of John Kratzer Post No. 184, G. A. R., and is distinguished for the interest he takes in this organization. For nearly twenty years he has affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is an honored member of Bethesda Lodge No. 821. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dale are faithful and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are well and favorably known throughout the entire community.
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The name of Patchin is inseparably connected with the history of this locality. The great-grandfather of our subject, Samuel Patchin, sailed from his native England to America in Colonial days, and settled in Massachusetts. At the opening of the Revolution he raised a company, and as its captain went forth to aid in the struggle for American independence. He was captured by the British and carried to England, where for some time he was held as a prisoner of war, but later was exchanged and resumed the command of his company. He thus continued in the service until the close of hostilities, and bore a due part in the establishment of the Republic. He then returned to Massachusetts, and subsequently removed his family to Lake George, N. Y. He was prominently identified with the development of that locality.

John Patchin, the grandfather, was born and reared in Massachusetts, and during the greater part of his life followed lumbering. When the forests near Lake George, N. Y., had been mostly utilized for lumber purposes, he removed to Clearfield county, where he made extensive investments in the lumber regions. He married Elizabeth Wright, and in 1845 removed his family to Clearfield county. He had eight children, namely: Samuel Clark, Horace, John Henry, Aaron W., Mrs. Mary E. Walters, Mrs. Emeline Mellick, Jackson G. and George E. All located in the same neighborhood in Burnside township, and established the town of Patchinsville.

Aaron W. Patchin, the father of our subject, was born at Lake George, N. Y., August 15, 1822, died June 11, 1897. He owned large tracts of fine farming and timber land, and was extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits, lumbering and merchandising. In June, 1862, he married Elizabeth Barrett, who was born in Nottinghamshire, England, December 7, 1839, a daughter of George and Frances (Bexson) Barrett, who emigrated to America in 1850, and located in Indiana county, Penn., where her father became a prominent farmer. He is still living at the advanced age of eighty-one years, but his wife died November 4, 1892, at the age of eighty-one. Both were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Patchin had seven children: Frances F., wife of W. J. Duflo; Olive O., wife of John N. Ake; John H.; Emeline E.; Winifred J., wife of J. O. Clark; Raymond C., a university student; and Carl E., at home. The mother of this family is a member of the Baptist Church. The father was a man of noble life and generous impulses, commanding the respect of all.

John H. Patchin was born on the old family homestead in Burnside township, Clearfield county, April 9, 1868, and after attending the public schools of the neighborhood entered Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Penn., and afterward was a student in LaFayette College, Easton, Penn. He displayed that mental alertness that has since made him eminent in politics and business, and was one of the popular students in the college. He held membership in the Phi Gamma Delta Society. On his return home, Mr. Patchin joined his father in his business interests, and is now concerned in the control of one of the most extensive lumber enterprises of Clearfield county. He is also connected with the mercantile and farming interests, and is a wide-awake, progressive business man, whose zeal and energy are turned to good account in the legitimate channels of trade, and have brought to him excellent returns. He is also doing a lumbering business.

In politics, Mr. Patchin is a recognized leader, and since the time he attained his majority he has almost continually been the incumbent of one or other public office. He is unwavering in his support of the tenets promulgated by the Republican party, and in the Republican convention of 1894 was nominated as the representative for the State Legislature. Hitherto Clearfield county had given strong Democratic majorities, but the canvass of that year was well planned, and the strength of the candidate was shown in the election returns when it was found that he was chosen to represent his district. He was one of the youngest members of the Legislature, but was honored by the speaker of the House with appointment to several important committees, serving on the committees on Labor and Industry, Mines and Mining, Fish and Game, and County and Township. He acquitted himself with credit in his high office, and was actively connected with much of the important legislative work of the session of 1894-5. He was also active in the campaign of 1896, and aided in the canvass of his district, his services proving of much practical benefit in increasing the Republican strength.
JOSEPH R. IRWIN is the pioneer druggist of Curwensville, having for thirty-two years conducted his store at that place. His honorable business methods and his energy have brought to him success, and his identification with the commercial interests of the city have been of material benefit to Curwensville.

Mr. Irwin was born in Clearfield county, April 6, 1837, and is the youngest living child of Ellis Irwin, who was born near Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., June 17, 1805. He married Hannah Iddings, a cultured lady, a daughter of John and Ann (Carroll) Iddings, honored pioneers of Centre county. Her mother was a relative of the Carroll who signed the Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Irwin, who was beloved by all who knew her, departed this life in February, 1881, and her death was deeply mourned. Mr. Irwin is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children: Lewis, who died in 1882, leaving a family; John F., who participated in many hard fought battles of the Civil war, and is now a leading druggist of Clearfield; Mary; Henrietta: William, a prominent business man of Philipsburg, Penn.; Joseph R.; Melissa, who died at the age of twenty-eight; and James, who died at the age of eleven years.

Joseph R. Irwin acquired his education in Clearfield Academy, and in 1860 went to the West, spending eighteen months in Iowa, where he read medicine with an uncle, Dr. James Irwin. Returning home, he was employed for one year in the Howard Iron Works of Centre county, Penn., as a salesman in their store. In 1864, when Gov. Curtin called for militia to guard the interests of the State, he joined the 64th Pennsylvania Regiment under Col. Lawrence, and served for three months. He then returned home and entered the banking house of Leonard Finney & Co., of Clearfield, with whom he remained until coming to Curwensville. July 4, 1864, to accept a position in the new National Bank at that place. He continued there until November, when he established the first drug store in Curwensville, having since devoted his attention to its conduct. He has erected his own store and residence, his business block being a large three-story brick, situated on State street. His store is well equipped with everything found in a first-class establishment, and his courteous treatment of his patrons, his energy, and his known reliability have secured to him a liberal patronage.

Mr. Irwin was married, in 1866, to Miss Maria Bard, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of William and Susan (Patton) Bard, honored pioneer people. She died in 1878, and in 1880 Mr. Irwin wedded Miss Kate E. Bard, a sister of his first wife. They have three children: William E., who was born May 17, 1881, and died March 17, 1893; Joseph B., born July 13, 1883; and Frank Carroll, born August 28, 1885. They have also given a home to their niece, Kate Bard, who was born May 8, 1880, and has lived with them for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have long been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has served as class leader, trustee and steward for many years. In politics he is a Republican, and his filled nearly all the township offices. In all the relations of life he is known as a man of sterling worth and high character, and one who deserves and receives the respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOHN PORTER has for seventy-one years made his home in Pike township, Clearfield county, and has been an important factor in the development of the community, promoting its material and moral interests.

Mr. Porter was born June 4, 1821, in Lycoming county, Penn., a son of Robert and Martha (Thompson) Porter, natives of Ireland. In that country they were married, and two children were born to them prior to their emigration to America in 1818. After a short residence in Philadelphia, they went to Lycoming county, where the father successfully followed farming. He died in 1821. Both he and his wife were lifelong members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Robert, born in 1815; Nancy in 1815; George W., born in Philadelphia in 1818; and John. The mother of these afterward married William Hepburn, by whom she had one daughter, Mrs. Catherine Thompson, born in Clearfield county, in 1825. Mr. Hepburn came to that county about 1806, and was one of its first settlers. He married Miss McCracken, and after her death went to Lycoming county, where he married Mrs. Porter. About 1824 they took up their residence upon the farm where Mr. Hepburn had previously located. He transformed the wild land into a valuable property, and built a comfortable home. At that time Indians were still in the neighborhood, and wild game of all kinds was plentiful. He died on this farm in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was long a member. His wife, who was born in 1787, died in 1804, at the age of seventy-seven years.

John Porter remained with his mother and step-father until fifteen years of age, when he
went to Philipsburg to learn the trade of saddlery and harness making. After a year and a half he accompanied his employer, James Alexander, to Clearfield, completing a three-years' apprenticeship, but the business did not agree with his health, and in consequence he secured work as a farm hand. Later he worked in timber lands until 1841, when with the capital he had acquired through his own labors he purchased 134 acres of raw land, upon which he built a cabin. This farm is still his home, and is to-day one of the most desirable farm properties of the neighborhood. In 1845 he was married and erected a better home, after which he applied himself assiduously to the development of his land, having now ninety acres under a high state of cultivation, while the place is improved with a commodious frame residence, large barns and outbuildings and an excellent orchard. The home place now comprises 160 acres, and in 1890 he purchased an improved farm of 102 acres, upon which he has erected a house and made other substantial improvements. In clearing his land he rafted his timber to market, and for twenty-seven years he was engaged in the lumber business.

In 1845 Mr. Porter married Julia A. Bloom, who was born in Pike township, October 28, 1826, a daughter of Benjamin Bloom, a native of New Jersey, and one of seven sons who came with their father to Clearfield county about 1801. William Bloom served through the Revolutionary war, and spent his last days in Pike township. Benjamin Bloom developed a farm in that township, and was one of the leading pioneers and highly respected citizens. He died in 1888, and his wife died September 14, 1868. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church. In their family were eight children: Thomas; William L.; Mrs. Margaret McFarson; Mrs. Mary Rigley; Ross; Lucinda, wife of H. Swan; Mrs. Porter; and Nancy, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Our subject and his wife had eight children: Robert, who died in childhood; Benjamin, also deceased; Nancy, wife of John Coons, a farmer; Sarah, wife of D. Bell, of Washington; Martha, at home; John N., a farmer; Curtis and Florence, at home. The father has long been a resident of Clearfield county, and can remember the time when Curwensville consisted only of a few log cabins, and the township contained but few improved farms. He has taken a prominent part in the work of development, and is numbered among the leading and influential citizens. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, for, without capital, he started out in life for himself, and has steadily worked his way upward, overcoming all obstacles and difficulties by determined purpose, and reaching at length a position of affluence. Now at the age of seventy-five years he is resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He contributes liberally to the support of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is a member. In politics he was a Whig in early life, but since the organization of the Republican party has been one of its stanch supporters.

Abraham Hummel, one of the most progressive, wide-awake and successful business men of Graham township, Clearfield county, is now conducting a store in Sington, which is equipped with a full and complete line of general merchandise. His fair dealing and courteous treatment of customers have gained him a liberal patronage, and the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Hummel was born in Bradford township, January 5, 1819, a son of John Henry and Sarah (Stites) Hummel, both of whom were born and reared in Union county, Penn., whence they came to Clearfield county in 1817, and in the midst of the forest developed a farm. Both parents died in Bradford township, the father at the age of seventy-two years and the mother when sixty-two years old. He was a faithful soldier in the War of 1812, and both were highly respected and honored citizens of the county. In their family were three sons and two daughters, namely: Catherine, who died in Illinois; Henry, who died in the West; Conrad, who died in Bradford township in 1886, upon the old homestead; Polly, who married Henry Kyler, and after his death wedded Alfred Guker, with whom she removed to Illinois, where she still resides; and Abraham.

Mr. Hummel, the subject of this sketch, was reared to manhood in Bradford township, where he was educated in the primitive log school house with its slab seats and hugh fireplace. On starting out in life for himself, he purchased a tract of land in Boggs township, Clearfield county, which was mainly covered with a heavy growth of timber, though it was partially improved. In 1855 he came to Graham township, bought forty acres, a portion of which had been cleared, and upon the place erected a sawmill in 1857, and successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber until 1881. At the present time, however, he gives most of his attention to his mercantile pursuits, in which he is meeting with a well-merited success.
In 1836, in Boggs township, Mr. Hummel was married to Miss Catharine Shime, a native of Boggs township (then a part of Bradford), and a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Wisor) Shime, who were also born in Clearfield county, and belonged to early pioneer families of German origin. Both parents died in Boggs township, and Mrs. Hummel departed this life on the home farm in Graham township, in 1880. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, as follows: Mrs. Lydia Smeal, a resident of Graham township; Mrs. Mary Ann Sykes, of Morrisdale, Clearfield county; Matilda, wife of Thomas Fuge, of Morrisdale; Catharine, wife of Isaac Smeal, of Graham township; Mrs. Anna J. Beattie, of Graham township; Henry P., who died in that township, in 1892; and George W., James A. and John F., all residents of Graham township.

Politically, Mr. Hummel has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and has ever given an earnest support to those measures which will in any way benefit the community. He has borne an important part in the upbuilding and development of Graham township, of which he is one of the oldest pioneers, and in every way is accounted a worthy and valued citizen of the community.

A J. GLASGOW, who for fifty years has been recognized as one of the successful agriculturists of Gilich township, Clearfield county, comes of a long-lived ancestry, and bids fair to emulate them in length of days and pass beyond the ordinary limit of man's life. His grandfather, John Glasgow, and wife came to America from Ireland, in the year 1781, and located in Blair county, Penn., where they purchased wooded land, and cleared and improved it for a farm. They reared a family of children, among whom was a son, William, our subject's father, who was born during the voyage across the Atlantic, and grew to manhood in Blair county, where he married Miss Mary Femalman. He afterward moved to Wooster, Ohio, and then to Cambria county, Penn., locating near the Clearfield county line. For some time he occupied a place known as the John Davis property, but while there he purchased a large tract of land partly "over the line," and cleared a farm which he improved in primitive style, building a log cabin and barn. This honored pioneer died February 7, 1855, at the age of seventy-two, and his wife attained the advanced age of eighty-nine, breathing her last April 17, 1893.

They had eight children, of whom all but two lived to an adult age: (1) Thomas, born in Cambria county, in 1825, married Margaret Wilson, of Saltsburg, Penn., and settled at Osceola, Clearfield county, where he died in 1895, aged seventy-two years. His wife survived him with three children—Frank, a railroad employee, residing at Osceola; G. W., a resident of Saltsburg; and Jane, now Mrs. Armon, of Blair county, Penn. (2) Margaret, born August 15, 1827, married Jackson Wilson, and moved to Missouri, where they purchased property. They had several children who settled in different parts of the West. (3) A. J., our subject, is mentioned again farther on. (4) G. W., born February 25, 1831, married Miss Margaret Shaw, of Blair county, and made his home in Fostoria, Blair county, where he died leaving a widow and five children, namely: George, a railroad employee, who is married and resides at Punxsutawney; Cora, wife of Madison Bressler; and three other daughters, Effie, Minnie and Margaret, who are still at home. (5) Sarah, born April 18, 1833, died at an early age. (6) Elizabeth, born December 15, 1835, in Cambria county, married Sebastian Clo, a native of Germany, and resided in Bellwood, where he died leaving three children—Catharine; John, a railway flagman, who is married and lives in Altoona, Penn.; and A. J., who is married, and is now foreman of the car shops at Bellwood. (7) Martha, born April 13, 1838, married William Charleston, of Houtzdale, Penn., and died about twenty-two years ago, leaving two children—Ann, a successful teacher in the public schools of Fostoria; and William, who is not married, and at present resides at Philipsburg, Penn. (8) Anthony, born October 15, 1840, died in infancy.

A. J. Glasgow was born September 13, 1829, at the old home in Cambria county, and was reared to farm work, receiving the limited education which was commonly accorded to country boys in that day. He married Miss Martha Spangler, of Perry county, Penn., a member of a well-known family of that section, and a daughter of George and Nancy Spangler, who came from Perry county to Clearfield county in June, 1831, and located near Coalport, upon land adjoining the Glasgow homestead. They cleared and improved the place, and resided there during their remaining years. Mr. Glasgow remained at the homestead after his marriage, taking care of his parents as advancing age rendered them feeble. He assumed the obligations still resting upon the new tract of 180 acres, which his father had taken up as vacant land, and has made many substantial improvements, including a fine two-story house and a bank barn. He is noted as a suc-
cessful manager, and his farm is kept in a superior state of cultivation. Lumbering has occupied his attention to some extent, but naturally his agricultural interests have held first place. He is prominent in local affairs and in the Republican party, and has held various offices, serving one term as supervisor and fourteen consecutive years as overseer of the poor.

In religious faith Mr. Glasgow is a Baptist, but his wife is a member of the United Brethren Church. They have had eleven children, seven of whom are living. Each has received a common-school education, and they make a family of which any parent might be proud: Samuel, born December 25, 1858, is a farmer of Cambria county; he married Miss Vene Trier, of the same county, and has four children—A. J., Mary Jane, Frank and Eddie. G. W., born August 14, 1860, died at the age of thirty-three years, unmarried. William, born January 9, 1865, married Miss Annie Lumadue, and resided upon her farm in Cambria county until his death; his wife survives him, with one son, Walter. Hester, born February 2, 1867, married Flem Mulholland, a farmer of Cambria county, and has had six children—Clair, Bessie, Millard, Celia and Maud, all at home; and Effie, who died in infancy. Ida, born December 20, 1868, married (first) Samuel Gallaher, then of Indiana county, Penn., and after residing there some time they spent a number of years in Clearfield and Cambria counties. Mr. Gallaher died in Utahville, leaving one son, Hiram W. His widow subsequently married William Reynolds, a lumberman residing at Glasgow, Cambria county, and they have three sons—Raymond, and Clair and Clyde (twins). John, born March 14, 1871, is not married, and makes his home with his parents. Katie May, born May 15, 1875, married William Kephart, formerly of Blue Ball, Penn., and now residing near Ramey, Clearfield county; they have one child, A. J. Henry, born October 12, 1872, died when five years old. Frank S., born June 6, 1879, is not married, and at present takes much of the responsibility for the work of the farm. Miss Martha M. Glasgow, born March 29, 1882, is at home. Mary Jane, born November 26, 1862, lived to the age of four years.

ANTHONY HILE. There is probably no man in Lumber City wider or more favorably known than Mr. Hile, who came to Clearfield county in the pioneer days, and is recognized as one of the important factors in its progress and development. He was born in Northumberland county, Penn., in 1815, a son of Henry and Mary (Johnson) Hile, whose children were all natives of that county, whither the father had removed at an early day from New Jersey, his native State. Near Sunbury he purchased two farms, but in 1835 he sold out and came to what is now Lumber City, Penn. township, where he bought 450 acres of wild land, on which he erected good and substantial buildings and made all the improvements.

The boyhood and youth of Anthony Hile were passed in the county of his nativity, being nineteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, where he has since made his home. He remained under the parental roof until his marriage, in 1839, to Miss Amelia Bloom, of Pike township, Clearfield county, a daughter of James and Mary Bloom. Six sons and five daughters were born to them, in order of birth as follows: (1) James H., a log scaler, married Mary Hannah Henry, of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Henry. They have two sons—Anthony, who married Maggie Mead, daughter of Henry and Lydia Mead, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and they had one child who died in September, 1895; and Gurney, who is still at home with his parents. (2) D. W., a farmer in Pike township, Clearfield county, married Ollie Peoples, of Centre county, Penn., and has two children—(a) Maud is the wife of Edward Kirk, of Lumber City, and has three sons, all at home—Clifton, Arthur, and an infant unnamed; and (b) Don, aged nineteen, is with his parents. (3) John N., a farmer of Ferguson township, married Eliza L., daughter of William and Jane Wise, of the same township, and has two sons—Clark V., a dentist located near Philadelphia; and Lemoin, at home. (4) Eli B., who is farming on the old homestead in Lumber City, wedded Martha Dale, daughter of John and Martha Dale, of Pike township, and they have two children living—John W., who married Laura Ferguson, of Lumber City, and has four sons; and Ellredge, aged seventeen, at home. (5) Martha J. is the wife of I. D. Guppy, who is engaged in the livery business in Lumber City, and they have two children—Erie, wife of Lam McMasters, a log scaler residing in Lumber City; and Dallas D., a teacher in the public schools at Clearfield. (6) Lewis B., an agriculturist of Ferguson township, married Lucinda, daughter of Michael Wise, of Pike township, and they have three sons and one daughter—Dora married Gus Wolf, of Tyrone, Penn., who died in August, 1894, leaving one child, and Mrs. Wolf now lives with her par-
ents; and Charles, Perry and Frank are still at home. (7) Fanny married Andrew J. McDivit, who was in the oil business, and they reside in Allegany county, N. Y. Of their six children, Frank died in 1891; Emma is the wife of Charles McLaughlin, and resides near Glen Richey, Clearfield county; and James, Len, Wayne and Fanny are at home. (8) Adda married John Hipps, of Chest township, Clearfield county, and they reside in Lumber City, where he is engaged in farming. They have nine children—William, a farmer of Ferguson township, who married Bula Hagerty, and has three children; Emma, wife of Harry Adleman, of Lumber City, by whom she has one child; and Ferman, Zoe, Grover C., Frank, Effie, Martha and Lucretia, all at home. (9) William B., a mail agent, residing in Lumber City, married Alice Spence, of Curwensville, and has two children—Myrtle May and Thornton, both at home. (10) Mary E. wedded A. W. Russel, but both are now deceased. They had three children—Howard, who is in the employ of the "Western Union" of Chicago; Adda, who makes her home with Mr. McMasters in Lumber City, where she is attending school; and George, who is also pursuing his studies at the same place. (11) Amanda L. is the wife of James E. Rorabaugh, a resident of Lumber City, who is now teaching in the grammar school at Ansonville, Clearfield county. They have five children—one son and four daughters—namely: Iva, Ula, Lena and Boyd, all at home, and an infant not yet named.

At the polls, Mr. Hile votes the straight Democratic ticket, and he has served his fellow-citizens in a number of official positions, including those of overseer of the poor, collector, assessor, supervisor, constable for three or four terms and school director for nine years. In religious belief he is a Baptist, while his wife and a number of his children hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of Lumber City, and has been actively identified with all measures calculated to promote the moral, educational and material welfare of the community. At this writing he is eighty-three years old.

James Gallaher, grandfather of our subject, was of Irish extraction, and at a very early day came to Clearfield county, locating on Clearfield creek, where he improved a farm. In 1816 he came to Burnside township, his being the first family to settle in that locality, where he secured 1,200 acres of land, on which not a tree had been cut or an improvement made. There he developed a good farm, and spent his remaining days, dying in 1854 at the advanced age of ninety-five years. He belonged to a pioneer family of Huntingdon county, and in early life witnessed many depredations by the Indians, who were often on the warpath. During such times the settlers would flee to the block-house for protection. James Gallaher was once wounded by the Red-men, for which he afterward received a pension. In his family were eight children: John, Crawford, William, Eli, Benjamin, Hugh, Jane and Nancy.

Crawford Gallaher, the father of our subject, was born in Huntingdon county about 1796, and by his parents was brought to Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood and continued to reside until 1870, when he moved to Virginia, and there died in 1874. He received a portion of his father's land, which he developed into a good farm, and upon the place platted the town of New Washington about 1847. The first store was conducted by John Irwin, of Curwensville. To some extent Crawford Gallaher engaged in lumbering upon his land, but his principal occupation was that of farming. In politics he was originally a Whig, but in 1856 he joined the Democrats, and four years later voted with the Breckinridge faction of that party. He always took an active interest in public affairs, and served as justice of the peace for a number of years, and in other township offices.

Crawford Gallaher was twice married, his first union being with Miss Mary Hallman, a daughter of Adam and Eve Hallman, who spent their entire lives in Huntingdon county, where the father followed the occupation of blacksmithing. Seven children were born of this marriage: Mrs. Eliza A. Neff; William, deceased; Mrs. Margaret Fee; G. W., of this sketch; Mrs. Nancy Horton; Mrs. Sadie Krise; and Mrs. Mary Williamson. The mother, who was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1867. For his second wife, Mr. Gallaher chose Mrs. Jane Linkalet, whose first husband was a carpenter by trade, and also engaged in the manufacture of coffins.

In New Washington, near where he yet resides, G. W. Gallaher was born January 17, 1834, and upon the home farm he early became

G W. GALLAHER, now practically living retired in New Washington, is a worthy representative of one of the leading pioneer families of Clearfield county. His ancestors took a prominent part in the early growth and development of Burnside township, and to them is due in a real measure its present prosperity.
familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, while his education was obtained in the local schools. In connection with farming he also engaged in log jobbing, and throughout his active business life has been variously employed. He has followed butchering, conducted a meat market and dealt in grain, flour and feed, but at the present time is practically living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. In 1861 Mr. Gallaher was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Hallesen, who belongs to an old Pennsylvania family of Irish origin, which was founded in Somerset county, where her father, Samuel Hallesen, died. Her mother, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Stormban, was born in Bedford county, Penn., of German ancestry, and now, at the age of eighty-seven years, finds a pleasant home with her only child, Mrs. Gallaher. She and her husband were both Lutherans in religious belief. Five children have graced the union of our subject and his wife: Mary, now the wife of Joseph Feltwell; Sadie and Sue, at home; William, an electrician by profession; and Ada, at home. All have been provided with excellent educational privileges, attending normal schools, and have successfully engaged in teaching.

At national elections Mr. Gallaher supports the men and measures of the Republican party, but at local elections, where no issue is involved, he votes for the man whom he thinks best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party affiliations. He has served as postmaster of New Washington, and filled many minor offices in his borough and township with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is one of the representative and popular citizens of the community, and his sterling worth and many excellent traits of character have gained him hosts of warm friends. His estimable wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JOSEPH SCHOFIELD. No man in Clearfield county is more worthy of representation in a work of this kind than he whose name introduces this sketch. He has been identified with the agricultural interests of Union township for forty years, and is numbered among its honored and esteemed citizens. Born in Yorkshire, England, in 1812, he was five years of age when brought to the United States by his father, who located in Philadelphia, where he engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods until his death. In the family were six sons, all of whom located in Pennsylvania.

The boyhood and youth of our subject was passed in the Quaker City, where December 1, 1837, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Aiken, and they became the parents of twelve children, as follows: (1) Esther was married in 1856 to John Bailey, by whom she had ten children. (2) Margaret was married in 1868 to J. A. Brubaker, by whom she had three children yet living; she died in 1892. (3) Matilda died in infancy. (4) James E., born in Jefferson county, Penn., enlisted in 1861, as a private of Company C. 105th P. V. I., participated in three or four important battles of the Civil war, and died at Camp Prescott, October 7, 1862, at the age of nineteen years. (5) Mary died in infancy. (6) John A., a native of Jefferson county, is married and has six children; in 1876 he removed to Kansas, where he has since engaged in teaching in the public schools. (7) Anna E. was married in 1871 to James A. Morrison, and with their five children they now reside in Minnesota. (8) Sarah is with her parents. (9) Mrs. Jennie Morrison removed to Michigan in 1878, and died in 1889; one of her two children is still living with her husband in Wisconsin. (10) Nettie. (11) Joseph E. and (12) Arthur L. all reside at home. For several years Sarah and Arthur have been prominent and successful teachers in Clearfield county.

Mr. Schofield continued to reside in Philadelphia until 1847, when he removed to Jefferson county, Penn., where he made his home for five years, and then came to Union township, Clearfield county. After working in the woollen factory at Rockton some five years, he located upon his present fine farm. The family is one of prominence in the community. In politics Mr. Schofield is a Republican, intelligently supporting his party by voice and vote, and has ever taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs. He has been called to serve his fellow-citizens in the capacity of treasurer, supervisor and collector of his township, and in the discharge of every public, as well as private duty, he is true and faithful.

ANDREW J. KING needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume. For many years he was prominently identified with the lumber interests of Clearfield county, and continued connection with that line of industry until disabled in 1895. In that year he had both legs broken on a running slide, and was compelled to have one amputated. He has a pleasant home in Sandy township, where he is now living retired, and no man in the community is held in higher esteem.
Mr. King was born in Armstrong county, Penn., in 1836, and on starting out in life for himself was employed in the iron works in that county until 1856, when he removed to Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn. In the following year he was married in that county to Miss Nancy Jane Grove, who was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1838, and also went to Jefferson county in 1856. For one year after their marriage they made their home upon a farm in that county, and then removed to the village of Brookville, where Mr. King followed teaming for three years. The year 1862 witnessed his arrival in Clearfield county, where for two years he engaged in lumbering.

In 1864 Mr. King enlisted, at Luthersburg, in Company F, 58th P. V. I., and from that place went to Waterford, later to Carlisle and thence to Fortress Monroe. The regiment was next stationed at Aikens Landing, on the James river, in front of Richmond, their camp being on the Chapins farm, and at that place the troops received their army equipments. From September until February, 1865, they remained at that point, and then went on a raid to Fredericksburg, where they captured the teams and tobacco of the Rebel forces. Later, for ten days, they guarded Sheridan’s supplies at White House Landing, while he was in the Shenandoah Valley, and then moved back to Jones Landing on the James river, where they were subsequently relieved and sent to Signal Hill. On the 3d of April they advanced to Richmond, where the regiment did provost duty until July 8, and was then stationed at Staunton, Va., until October 15, 1865, when it was disbanded and its members discharged. Returning to his home, Mr. King resumed lumbering, which he successfully followed until compelled to lay aside active business.

Fifteen children were born to our subject and his estimable wife, of whom twelve are still living, namely: (1) Charles E., a farmer by occupation, married Miss Wright, of Cameron county, Penn., where he resides; (2) Joseph married Elizabeth Cummings, of Clarion county, this State, and has six children; (3) Mary C. is the wife of R. S. Winger, of Clarion county; (4) Panny J. is the wife of L. H. Lyons, of Jefferson county, by whom she has four children; (5) Martha A. is the wife of Eli Dixon, of Clearfield county, by whom she has two children; (6) Annie E. is the wife of Finley Kirkpatrick, of Clearfield county, by whom she has two children; (7) Andrew J., a farmer residing near Du Bois, Clearfield county, married a Miss Nangle, and has one child; (8) James G. married Annie Nangle, of Du Bois, and they also live near that place; (9) Jacob M. married Miss Arnold, of Du Bois, and they make their home in Cameron county, where he is engaged in lumbering; and (10) Ida M., (11) Margaret L. and (12) George R. are with their parents. The eldest son, J. W. King, died in September, 1897.

In his political views, Mr. King coincides with the Republican party, but has had no aspirations for the onerous duties and vexations of political preferment. He is held in the highest regard by the entire population of the township, and looked up to as a man truly honorable and upright in all things, and one whom they can depend upon as a friend. For over forty-eight years, Mrs. King has been a faithful member of the Methodist Church, and like her husband has the respect of all who know her.

Major I. McCreight was born near Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, April 22, 1865, the fourth son of John McCreight and Eliza Uncapher.

The record of his paternal ancestors is traced to their emigration from Ireland early in the eighteenth century, his father being the son of Andrew McCreight and Ann Sharp, who were the first settlers in what is known as “Paradise Settlement,” having removed from Armstrong county in 1832. Ann Sharp was the daughter of Andrew Sharp, of whom we have interesting historical data, related in a letter written by Mrs. Hannah Leason, wherein we find that Andrew Sharp was “a captain of militia and served under General Washington;” was married in 1783 to Ann Woods, and came a few years later to the vicinity of where is now Saltsburg, Indiana county, and located a home. They were soon compelled to abandon this site on account of the hostility of the Indians, and a large flatboat was constructed on which to convey their effects by water to a new homestead on the Ohio river. After a day's navigating on the Kiskiminitis river, in effecting a landing for the night, they were suddenly attacked by a band of Indians in ambush, and Capt. Sharp was fatally shot, bullets passing through both his right and left sides. Although mortally wounded and unable to rise, he asked for his gun, and on its being handed to him, he took deliberate aim at a savage whose body was partly exposed behind a tree, and fired; his victim, “with one expiring yell, fell forward dead.”

The wife, who was smoking at the time of the attack, had the pipe shot from her mouth.
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She cared for the injured husband and piloted the boat during the night and next day, until a party of traders were met returning on horseback from Pittsburg, when one of their number was dispatched back to secure surgical treatment. He was tenderly cared for, and hopes for his recovery entertained, but during the firing of heavy cannon in the celebration of Independence Day, his wounds started bleeding, and he died on the following 8th of July, 1794, and was buried in Pittsburg with the honors of war.

Tracing back the early family record of the mother's side, we find George Ludwick, one of the pioneers of Westmoreland county, a prosperous farmer-merchant, as is evidenced by many books of record, bills, contracts and other curious documents. Susannah, daughter of George Ludwick, became the wife of Adam Uncapher, a merchant in Marion, Ohio, in 18—, where he also held the office of county treasurer. Later they removed to Jefferson City, Mo., where he held important governmental and local city offices. Among his papers are found drawings of the State Capitol building, of which he was the architect, at the construction of which he was accidentally injured by a falling scaffold, the effects of which caused his death in 1844. The family consisted of five sons and four daughters, the third daughter becoming the wife of John McCreight on October 7, 1851. Her brothers became soldiers in the war with Mexico, also in the war of the Rebellion, and two of them were killed. The elder brother, Israel, passed through the entire Mexican campaign, participating in the capture of Mexico, and earned for himself, by distinguished service, the title of "Major"; it was by this incident that our subject, who was named in honor of his uncle, Israel, came to be called "Major" McCreight.

Mr. McCreight received his limited education in the country schools, beginning at the age of five. At the age of sixteen he was, after continued persuasion of his parents, permitted to go to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he entered Eastman Business College for a course in practical business training, graduating in four months, the youngest in a class of twenty, and one of the youngest of about three hundred in the school. In the following year he entered the employ of G. W. Fuller & Bro., in a large general store at Reynolds ville, helping at times in their bank, which was adjoining, and in which he became regularly engaged thereafter. It was here he received his first lesson in handling matters of great responsibility, one that has served him well in later years; he was left during an emergency for several days with the entire management of the bank, without assistance. Having served in the bank about a year, a change in the ownership took place, and in May, 1885, he joined a party of friends in Reynolds ville, who were going to Dakota territory to seek fortunes in the new West, landing at Devil's Lake. Here he soon found congenial employment with Moore & Dodd, large cattle dealers and contractors. His duties were constantly weighted with great responsibility, he having charge of the accounts, collections and finances. The business of the house was of varied branches, such as the supplying of fresh beef to the Indian Mission Schools, to the post traders, and to the officers and garrison at Fort Totten; the furnishing also of the contractors then building the Great Northern railway; the shipping of horses from Oregon; the shipping of large quantities of game and fish to Eastern markets, as well as wheat; and no small part of his duty was the purchasing of buffalo bones, which were brought in by the Indians and half-breeds in great quantities, a single caravan sometimes consisting of forty or fifty loads, each of which were driven on the scales and weighed, and a numbered ticket given to the driver, after which the bones were unloaded, at the shipping station, the empty train of cars re-weighted, and the net sum determined and paid to each in order. This led him to an acquaintance with the Indian customs, and their language to a degree that proved useful later on. A band of Indians in war trappings came into the village determined on satisfaction of a grievance against the horde of hungry settlers who were fast filling up the new country, and encroaching somewhat on their freedom and their heretofore undisputed title to the virgin prairie, when he promptly engaged the chief for a round of entertainment and sight-seeing about town, visiting among other places, the photographer's, where a sitting was had for a picture, a copy of which he presented to the chief. So delighted was he with the treatment, that no difficulty was had in inducing him to lead his band back to his reservation.

Mr. McCreight has among his collection of souvenirs one especially prized, consisting of the peace-pipe and beaded pouch of ex-Chief Wah-Neh-Tah, of the Stonx, who, upon taking final leave on his return east, unbuckled his belt and handed them to him with assurance of faithful friendship and good wishes.

On his return home in the fall of 1886 for a short visit, Mr. McCreight was induced to become interested in the First National Bank of Du Bois, with F. K. Arnold, who was then its president, and after arranging his plans entered the bank in the beginning of 1887 as assistant cashier, Mr.
Arnold retiring shortly after, and succeeded by Hon. J. E. Long. During the month of June following a number of the shareholders of the bank purchased the Du Bois Deposit Bank, and Mr. McCreight was put in charge of its management, receiving deposits of nearly fifty thousand dollars and its established patronage, etc.; but on the 18th, within two weeks thereafter, came the great fire that swept away the building, leaving the vault as the only visible landmark where stood a flourishing town. It was several days of anxiety before access could be had to discover that no valuables were destroyed. Next came a search for somewhere to do business, and after a canvass of the remaining few houses, the opera house ticket office was secured, with a carpenter’s work bench for a counter. Here the new outfit was set up and continued for about six months until a suitable building was erected and occupied in November, the funds and books being carried to and from the improvised and somewhat novel quarters to the vault in a large clothing basket each day, accompanied by armed guards, who watched the vault at night.

The business of the bank rapidly increased, and in 1892 the capital was increased to $75,000, and the institution converted into a State bank, under a new provision of State law, and the corner at Long avenue and Brady street purchased and the present magnificent block erected. In 1895, following the failure of the private “Bank of Du Bois,” a further increase of the capital was made, a national charter obtained, and the bank to-day stands as the Deposit National Bank, with a capital of $100,000, and credit second to none. By his conservative management, and the vigorous policy of progress and improvement which has always characterized his every business transaction, he has watched the growth of the financial record of his bank from an annual business, in 1888, of a million dollars to an amount more than ten times as great.

Mr. McCreight has always taken a leading part in all of the matters concerning the growth and improvement of his town, and has handled successfully probably more transactions involving large sums than any man of his age in the county, and is at present directly identified with and in charge of a great amount.

Mr. McCreight was married in July, 1887, to Miss Alice B. Humphrey, daughter of Richard Humphrey and Mary Slack, of Jefferson county, and has an interesting family of four children: Donald aged nine, Catherine aged five, and twin boys aged nine months, which at this writing have not been named. He resides in his own home at No. 42 East Long avenue.

M. ROSS, M. D., who is now residing in DuBois, is one of the oldest physicians in years of continuous practice in Clearfield county, his identification with the profession covering a period of forty consecutive years. It is a record of self-sacrificing devotion to duty, of continued effort in the line of progress, and of earnest and faithful application in relief of human suffering. Such a life record is worthy of perpetuation.

Dr. Ross is a native of West Virginia, his birth having occurred in Monongalia county, in 1829. His parents were Enoch and Elizabeth (Miller) Ross, natives of Pennsylvania, where they were reared and married. The father was a farmer by occupation, and at an early day removed to Virginia, where he engaged in stock dealing. For some years he resided in Monongalia county, and there died; his wife passed away in the same county, in 1893, at the advanced age of ninety years. They were the parents of children, as follows: Susan, who died in Virginia; Mrs. Harriet Reed, of Monongalia county; Catherine, who died in West Virginia; J. M.; Mrs. Rebecca Hoard, of Monongalia county; Mrs. Mary Ann Reed, of West Virginia; Margaret and Clarissa, who died in childhood; Emma Eliza, now Mrs. Beyer, of Smoke Run, Clearfield county; Justus Fordyce, county surveyor of Taylor county, W. Va.; and Robert, who resides in Monongalia county.

In the place of his birth Dr. Ross spent his childhood days, and in the hot summer sun he worked in the fields, while through the winter season he pursued his education in the schools of Morgantown, W. Va. He took up the study of medicine in Smithfield, Fayette Co., Penn., afterward entered a medical college in Cincinnati, Ohio, and subsequently continued his studies in the Philadelphia Medical College, where he was graduated in 1857. Dr. Ross at once located in Lumber City, Penn., where he continued in active practice for thirty-six consecutive years, responding to the call of the sick and suffering without regard to whether he should receive his regular fee for his services or no compensation at all. He is a man of broad sympathy, and many have reason to bless him for his kindly assistance. In 1893 he came to DuBois, where he has since made his home. He is a member of the National Eclectic Medical Association, and is deeply interested in all that foretells continued progress in the line of his profession.

Dr. Ross was married in Lumber City, in 1860, to Miss Mary H. Ferguson, a native of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wiley) Fergu-
son. Her father was born in Lock Haven, and was a son of John Ferguson, Senr., a soldier of the Revolutionary war, and one of the pioneers of Clearfield county, who, pushing his canoe with a pole, brought his family up the Susquehanna river to Clearfield county about 1805. Here he opened up a farm, which for many years he successfully cultivated. John Ferguson, Jr., died in Lock Haven, in 1875, and his wife passed away in Lumber City some years later. The Doctor and his wife have two children: John Mead, and Tacy Elizabeth, wife of W. C. Pentz, city attorney of DuBois.

The Doctor gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party. He is a valued member of Noble Lodge, No. 480, F. & A. M., of Curwensville, and also belongs to Lumber City Lodge, No. 877, I. O. O. F. He is widely known as one of the pioneer physicians of Clearfield county, and is a worthy citizen, one who has witnessed the full development of this section of the State. He is the inventor and manufacturer of "Ross' Cough Mixture," which is extensively sold in the surrounding counties as well as in Clearfield.

JAMES H. WEAVER, now living retired in Burnside, is properly ranked among the self-made men of Clearfield county, beginning his career at the foot of the ladder in life, with no other resources than his own indomitable will and steady plodding industry. From a humble position he has arisen to that of one of the representative men of a more than ordinarily intelligent community. The greater part of his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits, and when but a boy he became thoroughly familiar with the various employments of the farm. For his future calling he wisely chose that to which he was best adapted by nature and experience, and as a farmer and lumberman he occupied an enviable position among the progressive men of his community.

In Union county, Penn., Mr. Weaver was born December 23, 1816, a son of John and Ruth (Zimmerman) Weaver, both of German descent, and natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Easton, and the latter in Chester county. They were married in Buffalo Valley, and after one or two removals they located in Union county, where the father bought a small tract of land, and in connection with its cultivation also worked at the tailor's trade. In 1827 he came to Clearfield county, locating on the river near McGee's Mills, where he improved a farm in the midst of the forest, and gave his exclusive atten-

tion to agriculture until becoming blind, when he and his wife left the farm and spent their remaining days with our subject. Some of the timber upon his land he rafted down the river to market. He died May 13, 1870, at the age of ninety years and three days; his wife passed away in November, 1874, aged eighty-seven years. They were highly respected people, and devout members of the Methodist Protestant Church.

To this worthy couple were born ten children, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of John Byers, and reared a large family, but is now deceased; Esther, who married T. Logan, and also reared a family, but is now deceased; Samuel, a resident of Burnside; James H., of this sketch; Ruth, wife of J. Hutton, of New Washington, Clearfield county; Eliza, wife of E. Horton; John, who was a prominent and enterprising man, now deceased; Peter S., a resident of Oregon; Amanda, who married A. Wheland, a resident of Illinois; and Mary, wife of H. Wetzel. Six of the family are still living.

Our subject was about ten years of age when he accompanied the family to Clearfield county, and his early life was spent in assisting his father in clearing and cultivating the home farm, and in attending the district schools. He also, from twenty-one to twenty-three years of age engaged in teaching for two terms. In connection with farming he followed lumbering more or less for sixty years, piloting rafts down the river for himself and others. After his marriage he purchased a tract of one hundred acres of but slightly improved land in Burnside township, and there made his home until coming to the village of Burnside in 1888, when he sold the farm, which he had cleared and improved with excellent buildings. Besides his own comfortable residence in Burnside, he has two other residences which he rents.

In 1843, Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Sarah A. Campbell, who was born in Union county, Penn., in March 23, 1822, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Wheland) Campbell, natives of Chester and Northumberland counties, Penn., respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were married in Milton, where they resided many years. In early life he followed the shoemaker's trade, but after his removal to Union county he located on a farm, which he operated, and also freighted by team to and from Philadelphia and Washington. In 1830 he came to Clearfield county, locating on the river above McGee's Mills, where he bought land and improved a farm. His first home here was a rude log cabin with no floor or ceiling; but as time passed this
was replaced by a comfortable dwelling, and the land was brought under a high state of cultivation. The mother of Mrs. Weaver died in 1846, after which Mr. Campbell married a Mrs. Reed, who departed this life in 1858; he died in January, 1864. In politics he was a Democrat. His first wife was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the second of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Weaver is the fifth in order of birth in the family of ten children born of the first marriage, the others being as follows: James A., a farmer; Jacob W., deceased; Mary E., who died in infancy; Jane E., who became the wife of G. Ramsey, and both died in Iowa; Mrs. Harriet D. Wetzel; Thomas, a resident of Illinois; Michael W., deceased; Mary E., the second of that name, who is the deceased wife of Lewis Armstrong; and Mahala R., also deceased. Six children graced the union of our subject and his wife: Henrietta, wife of David Mitchell, a prominent farmer of Clearfield county; Frances E., wife of Thomas Mitchell, a farmer; Mary K., wife of A. Shaffer; Harriet R., wife of J. Breth; John T., who died at the age of fifteen; and James L., a prominent merchant of Burnside.

Since his boyhood, Mr. Weaver has been a conscientious and earnest Christian, a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, to which his wife also belongs as well as his children, and he has filled a number of Church offices. Until within the last four years he was always a Republican in politics, but now supports the men and measures of the Prohibition party. Public-spirited and progressive, his support is given to all worthy enterprises for the good of the community, and he is justly classed among the valued and representative citizens of Clearfield county.

A R. VAN TASSEL. The visitor to DuBois, one of the most important business centers of Clearfield county, looks with interest upon the extensive tannery conducted by the well-known firm of DuBois and Van Vassel Bros. It was established in 1884 in a building 40 x 65 feet with a force of about twenty men, and the product was limited to rough leather. The excellent quality of their work speedily brought an extensive trade, and in 1889 they widened their operations, adding finishing departments. The growth of the business may be judged by a comparison of their plant, one of the largest in the country, with the humble beginning, one building alone, used for currying, being 40 x 320 feet, and five stories in height, and an "L" 112 x 64, also five stories, with the other buildings in proportion, covering seven acres of land. They have a capacity of 2,000 sides per day, and at present employ about 350 men. Their bark is obtained from their own lands in Elk and Jefferson counties.

A R. Van Tassel, who has been a leading factor in the enterprise, has been connected with it from its foundation in 1884, when he first located in DuBois, having been attracted to the place by the superior advantages it afforded for the business. Since making his home there Mr. Van Tassel has identified himself with the best interests of the growing city, his influence being at all times thrown upon the side of progress. The following brief history will serve to outline his life and indicate the varied activities, public and private, to which he has turned his attention.

The Van Tassel family has been established in New York City for many years, and our subject’s father, R. S. Van Tassel, was born and reared there, and became a merchant of that city. His wife, Elizabeth Higgins, a native of New Jersey, died in the same State in 1879. In 1892 R. S. Van Tassel, having retired from business, came to DuBois, where four of his children now reside. The eldest, A. R. Van Tassel, is mentioned more fully below. The second son, E. D. Van Tassel, a member of the firm, resides in Boston, Mass., having charge of the firm’s business in that city. Two daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Wood and Mrs. S. B. Higenbotham, and the youngest son, William Van Tassel, who is also employed with the firm, complete the family.

A R. Van Tassel was born March 31, 1834, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and was educated in that city. He learned the tanner’s trade in Woburn, Mass., and after working for some time in Massachusetts and New York he located, in 1880, in Bolivar, Allegany Co., N. Y., and engaged in business on his own account, remaining there until he removed to DuBois. He was married in Allegany county, N. Y., in 1879, to Miss Jennie Thomas, whose death occurred therein 1884. In 1893 Mr. Van Tassel for his second wife married Miss Alice Henderson, daughter of J. B. and Mary (Bennett) Henderson, prominent residents of Brookville, Penn., her father being president of the Jefferson County Bank at that place. By his first marriage Mr. Van Tassel has a son, Stephen T., now a student in Chettenham Military Academy, near Philadelphia, while a daughter, Blanche, blessed the second marriage.

In politics Mr. Van Tassel is a Republican. He is prominent in various fraternal orders and in general society, being a member of the Aern
A BRAMABALY has for many years been prominently identified with the business interests of Clearfield county. He has been the promoter of many enterprises that have not only advanced his individual prosperity, but have proved of material benefit to the community, and in all his relations with the public, his career has been above reproach.

Mr. Bailey was born November 17, 1819, in Pike township, on the farm where he still makes his home, a son of Daniel and Jane (Passman) Bailey. The paternal grandfather, Calcb Bailey, was reared in Lancaster county, Penn., became a school teacher, and at an early day removed with his family to Clearfield county, taking up his residence near Curwensville, about 1811. There he developed a farm, upon which he made his home until his death which occurred about 1841. His wife survived him a few years. The Bailey family mingle in their veins the blood of English, Scotch and Irish ancestry, and the first American settlers were among the Colonists who came to America with William Penn, and were members of the Society of Friends.

Daniel Bailey, father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., in 1794, and when about seventeen years of age came with his parents to Clearfield county. After his marriage he purchased a farm upon which he lived for a few years, when he sold that property and bought the farm on which our subject now resides, the land having been patented by Mr. Passman, an honored pioneer of the county. He became owner of one hundred acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation, and from time to time added to that property until he owned more than four hundred acres in the homestead. He was a capable business man and successful financer, and by judicious investments accumulated a handsome property. At various times he bought and sold land not only in this State, but also in the West, and his investments were generally profitable. He also purchased timber land, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He also mined coal, and with great energy prosecuted his business interests until he had accumulated a large estate. He also aided his children in getting a start in life, and at his death disposed by will of his property to the value of $10,000. In early life he gave his political support to the Whig party, and later became a stanch Republican, taking great interest in the party. He never sought office, but was frequently called upon to serve his fellow towns- men in positions of public trust. He was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, and always adhered to their beliefs. His death occurred in 1876, and his wife passed away in 1878. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her many excellencies of character won for her the esteem of all. Her father, Abraham Passman, was an honored pioneer of Clearfield county, where he located about 1810. His birth occurred in this State, and in his early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed in Clearfield county in connection with farming. In politics he was a Democrat, but never sought or held office. After the death of his wife he made his home among his grandchildren.

The family of Daniel and Jane Bailey numbered twelve children, namely: Maria, wife of G. Snell; Isaac, deceased; Abraham; Joseph, a prominent farmer of Pike township; Mrs. Ann Ansbach, of Iowa; Ruth, deceased; George, a farmer of Pike township; Calvin, a resident farmer of Oregon; Levi, who died in Iowa; Harrison, who died in Colorado; Lewis, who died in childhood, and Newton, who served through the Civil war, removed to Iowa, and afterward returned to Pennsylvania, where he died, his death resulting from exposure and hardships endured in the army.

Abraham Bailey was reared to manhood in his parents' home, and under his father's instruction was well trained for a business career. In the provisions of his father's will he was given the privilege of purchasing the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead. This he did, and has since retained the ownership of the property, which is under a high state of cultivation and improved with all the accessories of a model farm of the nineteenth century. He owns over 400 acres in one body, and 250 acres are divided into rich fields. His residence is a large and comfortable two-story frame dwelling, and the outbuildings are substantial. There are also two other houses and large barns on the place, and under the whole are mineral deposits of different kinds, including fire clay and coal. He also owns a desirable farm two miles north of Curwensville.

Mr. Bailey has been extensively interested in other enterprises, many of which have brought him excellent returns. After the war he visited the West and invested in large tracts of land in Iowa, which he afterward sold at a good profit.
In 1890 he visited his brother Harrison in Colorado, and through his influence invested in mining property, but this proved unprofitable. In early manhood, in connection with a partner, he built and operated a sawmill, purchased timber lands, and did a good lumber business. After a few years the plant and lands were sold, but they subsequently bought another large mill and lands, and for a number of years did an extensive business in the lumber trade. At one time Mr. Bailey was also connected with a store in Curwensville, but has now concentrated his energies to the conducting of his farm.

In 1842 Mr. Bailey married Miss Nancy Colwell, daughter of Alexander Colwell, an honored pioneer and farmer of this locality. He was a public-spirited man, who in his early life gave his support to the Democratic party, but afterward affiliated with the Republicans, and was honored with several offices, serving as county sheriff and as a member of the State Legislature. He married a Miss Hartshorn, of an old and influential family. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, served as class leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and died about 1884. His children were Hugh, Isabella, Hartshorn, Anna, Jane, Nancy L., Matthew, Margery, Margaret, Jonathan, Samuel and Mrs. Mary Fleming. Samuel served in the Civil war, and when on his way home was accidentally killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have six children: Hannah, wife of William Lawhead, a farmer; Elizabeth, who was killed by a falling tree; Mrs. Frances E. Lochrey, deceased; Samuel D., a practicing physician of Clearfield; Lewis E., a school teacher, and Mrs. Margaret Straw. The parents are consistent members of the Methodist Church; in politics Mr. Bailey has been a stanch Republican since the organization of the party and has held some township offices, but has never been a politician. Nature has dealt kindly with him, and though long past the allotted three-score years and ten, he is in the enjoyment of good health, while his mental faculties are unimpaired.

Judge John Hockenberry has been a conspicuous figure in the development of Clearfield county for many years, and has been prominent in both business and political circles. He is a man of sterling worth, whose fidelity to duty in all the relations of life has won for him the confidence and respect of the public, and made him a valued citizen.

The Judge was born in Clearfield county, October 17, 1827, and is descended from good old Revolutionary stock. His grandfather, Casper Hockenberry, a native of England, took up his residence in America in Colonial days, and served throughout the war of American Independence. Subsequently he removed to Pennsylvania, locating in Clearfield county, when it was the home of the Indian and the haunt of wild beasts. At that time there were only five families living in the entire county. Later he went to the furnaces of Centre county, where he was employed for many years in chopping cordwood; his death occurred near Lumber City. His children were Thomas, Miah, James and Arthur (twins), Joseph, Martin, John, and one daughter.

Martin Hockenberry, father of our subject, was born in Juniata county, Penn., and during his early boyhood came with his father to Clearfield county, where he was reared to manhood. He married Sarah England, and at once began farming. On selling his first farm he removed to Chest township, where he developed another farm, making it his home until his death in 1878. He did some rafting on the river, but devoted his energies mostly to agricultural pursuits. His political support was given the Democracy. By his marriage to Sarah England he had three children: Hannah, deceased; John; and Henry, formerly a lumberman and farmer, but now deceased. The mother of this family dying, the father subsequently married Margaret Bush, by whom he had nine children, namely: Rachel, William, Margaret, Mathias, Ellen, Sarah, Eliza and Catherine (twins), and Harriet.

Judge Hockenberry spent the days of his boyhood under the parental roof. Lumbering and farming have been the principal pursuits of the citizens of Clearfield county, and to those industries he has devoted his time and attention. For thirty years he followed lumbering, at the same time operating a farm. During that period he also conducted a store on his farm for five years. He cleared and improved two tracts of land, and about 1862 sold his first farm, removing to his present home in Chest township, where he purchased 220 acres of timber land. Of this, one hundred acres have been placed under a high state of cultivation, and they yield to the owner a golden tribute in return for his care and labor. He has erected a two-story frame residence, has a large barn and other substantial outbuildings, and keeps everything about his place in good repair. His farm is underlaid with coal, iron ore and fire clay, but as yet he has made no sale of these minerals. He also owns another farm known as the Conley farm, on which he is now making modern improvements.

On August 4, 1854, Judge Hockenberry was
united in marriage with Elizabeth A. Fraley, who was born in Germany, whence during her childhood she came to America with her parents. A few years after his arrival, her father, Frederick Fraley, purchased land and continued the operation of his farm until his death. He voted with the Democracy, and for many years held membership in the Baptist Church. His children were: Catherine, Lena, John, Elizabeth, Mary A., Lydia, and Andy. Judge and Mrs. Hockenberry had four children: George, who is operating the homestead farm; Eliza J., who died at the age of nine years; Sarah E., wife of J. Welch; and Emeline E., wife of G. Lightner. The mother of this family, who was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, died in 1888, mourned by many friends. The Judge was again married, January 24, 1889, the second union being with Miss Cordelia Conley, a lady of culture and intelligence, who belongs to the Methodist Protestant Church. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Needler) Conley. Her father was reared in Cambria county, Penn., was married in Indiana county, and removed to Clearfield county in 1864. He was a blacksmith by trade, and also followed farming. A stanch Democrat in politics, he served as justice of the peace for a number of years, was school director, and held other minor offices. He was a prominent Freemason, a member of the I. O. O. F., and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died December 13, 1892. His wife died August 29, 1889, and like him was a follower of Methodist teaching. Their children were: Frank; Cordelia; Etta, wife of S. Morrison; Alice, wife of W. Billings; William, Ernest and Pearl.

Judge Hockenberry is a warm advocate of Democratic principles, and is well-informed on the issues of the day. His fellow-townsmen have demonstrated their confidence in him by electing him to a number of political offices. He has served as township treasurer two terms, has been a member of the election board, and school trustee, and in 1881 was elected associate judge, the last year in which such an office was maintained in Clearfield county. He is a very popular man, of pleasant, genial manner, and his sterling worth has won him high regard. He has been a great hunter in his time, having killed about one hundred deer.

James W. Spangle, who has taken a most active part in the development of Becaria township, Clearfield county, is a prominent business man, whose energy and perseverance have brought to him success. He conducts his interests with strict regard to the ethics of commercial life, and his fidelity to the trust committed to his care, combined with capable management and resolute will, have brought to him the prosperity which should ever crown honorable efforts.

Mr. Spangle comes of a family that has long been widely and favorably known in this community. His grandfather was a native of Germany, and on coming to this country located in Perry county, Penn., afterward removing to York county. He both cleared and cultivated some of the finest farms in the State. Samuel Spangle, father of our subject, was born in York county, in 1802, and when twenty-six years of age came to Clearfield county, locating near Irwona, on Clearfield creek, where he built a log house. Manufacturing lumber, he rafted it down the river to market. He married Miss Julia Philips, of this county, and purchased 200 acres of timber land two miles from Coalport, where he built a log house and followed farming. In 1856 he sold that property, purchasing eighty acres adjoining Blaine City, which he cleared and transformed into a productive tract. Its first buildings were a log house and barn, but afterward he erected a two-story frame residence, and in 1874 built a large bank barn.

His wife died in July, 1880, leaving many friends to mourn her taking off. Their family numbered nine children: (1) Elizabeth, born on the farm near Irwona, is the widow of H. B. Burket, of Bedford county, Penn., who after his marriage located near the Spangle homestead, where he died in 1876. They had two children—Theresa became the wife of William Whitehead, who died leaving two children who reside with their grandmother; Bertie became the wife of David Stull, and died in 1895, leaving one child, also living with Mrs. Burket. (2) J. D. Spangle, born in Becaria township, in 1846, married Adda Heberly, of that township, and then purchased a tract of land adjoining the homestead. He now has a fine farm there, and an interesting family of five children—Samuel, Tamsen, Ralph, Roy and Essie. (3) S. M. Spangle, born in 1847, married Sarah Hammond, of Becaria, and located on Clearfield creek, near Coalport. He is a stone mason by trade, and follows contracting and building. His children are—Frank, Clara, Mary and Martin. (4) James W. is the next younger. (5) Charles R., born in 1852, wedded Mary Smead, of Becaria, and purchased a farm adjoining his father's home, where he built a fine residence. He has three children—Susan, Julia, and one whose name is not given.
Mr. Spangle exercises his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and has acceptably served in the office of township treasurer for eight years, and was school director one term. He takes an active interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare, and his practical business ideas applied to the public interests have largely advanced the prosperity and growth of the community.

WILLIAM F. MOSSER, proprietor of the large tannery at Westover, Clearfield county, occupies a prominent place in business circles, not alone on account of the brilliant success he has achieved, but also on account of the honorable, straightforward business policy he has ever followed. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily, and is determined in their execution; and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which to-day is his.

A native of Lehigh county, Penn., Mr. Mosser was born in Allentown, August 10, 1860, and is a son of William K. and Lucy A. (Fisher) Mosser, in whose family were three children, two of whom are still living, the other being Mary, wife of Col. H. C. Trexler, of Allentown. The mother is still living in that city, but the father's death occurred in 1874. He was a son of Jacob Mosser, and grandson of David Mosser. The family was founded in America during the Colonial period, and the first authentic record is the purchase of a tract of land in Lehigh county by John Mosser, March 13, 1746, the next being by Sebastian Mosser in 1750.

In 1880, Mr. Mosser, of this review, embarked in the tanning business in Allentown, where he continued operations for four years, and then removed to Williamsport, Penn., where he entered the employ of J. K. Mosser & Co. Having selected Westover as a suitable location for a tannery, he took up his residence there in April, 1890, and at once commenced the erection of his present plant, known as the "Westover Tannage," which is equipped with all modern improved machinery, and has a capacity of 560 sides per day, while employment is furnished to 130 hands. It is one of the most important industries of the county, and has met with well-deserved success. Besides his own beautiful and commodious residence, he has erected suitable houses for his employees in the grove overlooking the plant and railroad, and has done all within his power to advance the interests of those under him.

On March 15, 1881, Mr. Mosser was united
in marriage with Miss Emily Guiley, formerly of Easton, Penn., a daughter of John and Isabella Guiley. They occupy an enviable position in social circles, and have made many warm friends since coming to Clearfield county. Politically, Mr. Mosser is identified with the Republican party. His career has ever been such as to warrant the trust and confidence of the business world, for he has ever conducted all transactions on the strictest principles of honor and integrity. His devotion to public good is unquestioned, and arises from a sincere interest in the welfare of his fellowmen.

BENJAMIN SPACKMAN, a leading representative of the agricultural interests of Graham township, has spent his entire life in Clearfield county. His father, John Spackman, was born in 1800, in Chester county, Penn., but during his boyhood accompanied his parents to Clearfield county, and first located in what is now known as the Moore farm near the city of Clearfield, whence he removed to the Spackman farm on Read’s Ridge. He was united in marriage with Miss Jane Ann Irwin, after which he purchased eighty acres of land at Bald Hill in Girard township, and still later a 100-acre tract adjoining. This he cleared, developed, and improved with good buildings, making it one of the most desirable farms in the locality.

Six children were born to the parents of our subject—five sons and one daughter: (1) Adam S. married Jane Patchin, by whom he had six children, and at first made his home upon a farm in Girard township, which he sold, and purchased a place in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. After living there for a few years, he again disposed of his farm and bought property in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he still resides. (2) Jonathan married Elsie Leonard, a daughter of William Leonard, of Goshen township, Clearfield county, and lived in Girard township upon what is known as the Justin Pie farm, until 1866, when he sold and removed to Freeport, Ill., where he died leaving a widow and six children. (3) Mary Jane is the wife of Mitchell Shope, by whom she had eight children, six of whom yet survive. After living for a number of years upon a farm in Girard township, they purchased a home in Clearfield, where they still reside. (4) Henry enlisted in the Union service during the Civil war, and was taken ill at Camp Curtin, where his death occurred, and where he was buried. (5) Daniel (twin brother of Henry) married Mina Hoover, and resided on the old homestead until his death in 1866; he left one child, who is now the wife of James McDowell, of Ansonville, Clearfield county, while his widow has become the wife of Alexander Murray, of Girard township. (6) Benjamin completes the family.

On August 26, 1852, Benjamin Spackman married Mary Jane Flanigan, a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of eleven children, namely: (1) John W. was married in 1876 to Amanda Turner, of Port Matilda, Centre Co., Penn., who died in 1882; they had three children—Alta, Clifford and Benjamin J. He was married again, in 1891, this time to Katie Glass, of Altoona, Penn., and by this marriage he has two children. They make their home in West Clearfield, where he is engaged in the insurance business. (2) Laura died at the age of two years. (3) James died in 1879. (4) Benjamin Franklin died in 1887. (5) William C. was married December 14, 1887, to Kate Moses, of Karthaus, Clearfield county, by whom he has four children. He is engaged in mercantile pursuits in Berwintendo, Clearfield county. (6) Alta was married June 25, 1890, to George Dale, a farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, and they have two children. (7) Blanche is at home with her father. (8) Alfred and (9) Mary died in infancy. (10) Charles and (11) Bertha are both at home. Mrs. Spackman was called from earth March 24, 1889.

For ten years after his marriage Mr. Spackman engaged in milling in Grahamton, Clearfield county, and then in connection with T. H. Forcey purchased a grist and saw mill in Morris township, same county, where he resided for eight years. Returning to Grahamton, he conducted the mill there for three years, and then purchased his present farm of ninety acres in Graham township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his time and attention with most satisfactory results. He is an able and skillful farmer, whose success is certainly well deserved. Mr. Spackman is of Quaker descent, but in religious belief he and the entire family are Methodists. Politically, he has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs, supporting every movement that has for its object the welfare of the community. For two terms he filled the office of school director.

PHILIP SWOPE is a leading representative of the agricultural and industrial interests of Brady township, Clearfield county, and belongs to one of the old and honored families of the community. His parents, Philip and Eliza-
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bent (Youghes) Swope, were both natives of Germany, and on crossing the Atlantic in 1821 they located in Brady township, where the father worked with Mr. Corb on the pike between Clearfield and Luthersburg. Subsequently, however, he removed to Ohio, where he spent eleven years, and then returned to Clearfield county, purchasing one hundred acres of land southeast of Luthersburg in Brady township. He at once commenced to clear and improve the place, building at first a round-log house and barn, but in 1860 he replaced the log house with a commodious frame residence, where he and his worthy wife spent the remainder of their lives, the former dying at the age of eighty-nine years, eleven months, and the latter when eighty-four years old. Their well-spent lives gained for them the respect and esteem of all with whom they came in contact.

Of their ten children, the eldest died in infancy. (2) Henry, a native of Ohio, married Jane Brisbin, of Brady township; he owned a farm in Bloom township, Clearfield county, but died in 1874, near Troutville, where he was farming for Carlisle & Moore; he left a widow but no children. (3) Katie is now the wife of George Passmore, by whom she has several children, and they reside near Bell's Landing, in Clearfield county; where he follows blacksmithing. (4) Philip is next in order of birth. (5) Louisa married William Wingert, of Brady township, who is engaged in farming and lumbering two miles east of Luthersburg, and they have four children—John: Emma: Ellis, who married a Miss Hartzfeld, and now resides in Brady township; and Louie, at home. (6) Margaret is the wife of Jacob Hileburn, who owns and operates a farm three miles west of Luthersburg, and they have three children—David, May and Blanche (now Mrs. Milton Aurand, living near Luthersburg). (7) Malinda is the wife of Philip Arnold, a farmer of Brady township, and they have a large family of children. (8) David, a native of Brady township, married Maggie Wingert, of the same township, and lives on the old homestead, which he now owns. (9) Samuel, who resides on his farm in Brady township, married Eva Youghes, of Indiana county, Pa., and has two children—Paul and Gertrude. (10) Christian has spent his entire life in Brady township, where he is engaged in agricultural pursuits. He married Charlotte Wingert, of the same township, and has six children—Alice, George, Elmer, Jessie, William, and one whose name is not given.

Philip Swope is a native of Ohio, born in 1843 (his parents at that time living in that State), whence at an early age he accompanied them on their return to Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood, receiving a common-school education. On attaining his majority he returned to Ohio, where he worked for some time, and on again coming to Brady township, he was married to Miss Hannah, daughter of George and Sarah Horn, honored pioneers of Clearfield county, who came here from Centre county, Penn., in 1835, and developed a good farm in Brady township, where the mother died in 1883 and the father in 1886. In their family of eleven children, Mrs. Swope is the third in the order of birth. After his marriage our subject purchased seventy acres of partially-improved land, known as the Jackson Horn farm, where in 1879 he built a large barn, and in 1882 a substantial and comfortable residence. Having added many useful improvements, he has made the place one of the most valuable and desirable farms of Brady township. Four children came to brighten the home: (1) Fannie, born in 1868, died the following year. (2) Maggie, born August 12, 1869, married Perry Aurand, of Brady township, by whom she has two children—Fay and Ray Bryan; they now reside on his farm near Luthersburg. (3) Ida, born in 1871, is the wife of G. W. Shaffier, of Brady township, who now operates his father's farm. (4) Ora, born in 1873, married Samuel Barnacle, of Brady township, and they now live in Caledonia, Elk Co., Penn., where he works for a lumberman.

Mr. Swope gives his political support to the Democratic party, and has held the office of school director for one term, but has never desired political honors. With the Methodist Episcopal Church of Luthersburg, he and his wife hold membership, and they stand deservedly high in social circles. Upright, honest and industrious, he ranks among the foremost citizens of the county, and he does all in his power to promote the cause of the Church, and to advance all interests calculated to uplift and ennoble humanity. His own life is worthy of emulation, and all who know him retain for him the highest regard.

Hon. Charles D. Ames is one of the distinguished citizens of Clearfield county, and his ability, personal worth and popularity have gained for him distinctive preferment at the hands of his fellow townspeople. He was born in Cooper township, then a part of Morris township, Clearfield county, July 26, 1869, a son of Andrew J. and Mary (Deviney) Ames, respected people of Clearfield county. The father was a son of Nathaniel Ames, who was of English descent, and belonged to the prominent New
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England family of that name mentioned in history.
Andrew J. Ames was born in Dover, Maine, in 1834, and came to Clearfield county at the age of sixteen years with Charles and Dudley Blanchard, who owned large tracts of land, and were among the first lumbermen of the county. Mr. Ames worked at the lumber business as an employee, afterward became a jobber for Blanchard Brothers, and had a large force of men. He did the most extensive logging business in the county, cutting millions of feet of lumber annually until his industry had assumed enormous proportions. At length he retired from that industry, and is now engaged in the real estate business. He owns a plat of land below Winburne, and has there founded a town called Ames. His own residence is in Kylerstown, and he is quietly enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He has two children: Zella, wife of Samuel Northamer, a farmer; and Charles D. The mother is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The great-grandfather, Elijah Ames, was a native of Bath, Maine, and his wife, a daughter of Zebediah Thomas, was born in Kennebec, Maine.

Charles Dudley Ames reared in Kylerstown, and at the age of fifteen entered the Edinboro State Normal School. On completing his education he returned home and engaged in the insurance business. In 1887 he entered the University of Lebanon, Ohio, with the intention of studying law; but after one term he became a traveling salesman, and subsequently engaged as special agent with an insurance company of London, England. His work in that line was very successful. After a time he entered the newspaper office of the Clearfield Raftsmen's Journal. He has long taken an active interest in political affairs, and is a recognized leader of the Republican party in this section of the State. In 1890 he was elected secretary of the County Republican Committee for two years, the present State Senator, M. L. McQuown, being then chairman. The executive ability, keen discernment and capable management of these gentlemen won for the party its first success in Clearfield county. In 1892, in connection with his father, Mr. Ames purchased a drug store in Kylerstown, and took a course of study in the National School of Pharmacy in Chicago, since which time he has continued in this line of business.

At the same time, Mr. Ames has been very active and prominent in politics. When only sixteen years of age he stood at the polling place with the poll-book, watching the voters to see that no illegal ballots were cast. Since attaining his majority he has been a member of the local Republican committee, and in 1894 received the nomination of his party for the legislature, and was the first Republican ever elected to the office from Clearfield county. He served in the session of 1895-6, and was a candidate for renomination; but the active part which he had taken in the legislature to advance the interests of the working men led to the corporations combining their strength against him, and he was accordingly defeated. He introduced into the House a bill providing a State board of arbitration and mediation. This was recognized by all fair-minded men as a conservative measure and a peaceful solution of labor difficulties; but it aroused the bitter antagonism of those who would sacrifice individual rights to corporations. He was appointed by the speaker one of the committee of five to attend the International Cotton Exposition held at Atlanta, Ga., an honor which indicates his high standing in the State. He was active in the support of the apportionment measure as against Senator Quay, who was a candidate for State chairman and the opponent of Col. Gilkinson. Mr. Ames canvassed the State in favor of the latter, and did most effective service in his interests. He entertains broad and comprehensive views of the needs of the people, and his loyalty and fidelity to public trust is questioned by none.

In 1890, Mr. Ames married Miss Jessie C. Chappell, the accomplished daughter of Rev. George and Mary (Brown) Chappell, the latter a daughter of Dr. Thomas Brown, a distinguished physician of London, England. The father was also born in England, and was educated for the ministry in Hanover. He engaged in lecturing to some extent in that country, and in 1853 came to America, locating in Brooklyn. He was married in New York, and as a minister of the Baptist Church engaged in preaching in Brooklyn, New York City and Peekskill. After a time he united with the Presbyterian Church, and accepted a pastorate in Johnstown, Penn. On account of failing health he was obliged to leave the ministry, and after locating at Tyrone, Penn., spent one year in Florida, where his health was considerably improved. Subsequently he engaged in preaching for a few years, but is now living retired in Kylerstown. His wife died in 1883. His children are: Jessie C.; Lewis B., a photographer; George B., who is now serving as cashier in a railroad service; Millie; and Maud C.

Mr. and Mrs. Ames have three interesting children: Mary C., Jessie L. and Oliver Russell. The parents are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is trustee. He is a charter
member of the American Mechanics, of which he was trustee three years, during which time the society erected a fine hall in Kylertown. He is also State Inspector for the Board of Public Charities. A man of superior ability in business, of unquestioned integrity in private life, and of unsuvering loyalty in his public career, Mr. Ames is one of the most esteemed and prominent citizens of Clearfield county.

HENRY H. BAUGHMAN, of Woodward township, Clearfield county, is a representative of one of the early families of this section of the State. His paternal grandparents, natives of Germany, located in the Bald Eagle Valley on coming to America, and in 1797 secured a claim of government land whereon improvements were made and fields developed. This farm was located about two miles from the Bald Eagle furnace.

The grandparents reared a family of seven children—six sons and one daughter. Jacob Baughman, the eldest, and the father of our subject, was born in 1799, and on his father’s farm was reared to manhood. In 1822 he married Catherine Womer, who was born in October, 1794. Her people also located in Bald Eagle Valley about the time the Baughmans took up their residence there. During the spring following their marriage, Jacob Baughman came to Clearfield county, and purchased 113 acres of timber land in Decatur township, near Philipsburg. He built there a log cabin and stable, and after clearing away the trees transformed the land into richly-cultivated fields. There he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1854. His wife passed away November 12, 1854, at the age of sixty years.

They reared a family of whom we give the following record: (1) Andy, the eldest, born in Decatur township, in 1823, married Annie Lawford, by whom she had seven children. She died in 1896, having for some years survived her husband. (2) John, born in 1826, married Eliza Kathcart, and died in Knox township, Clearfield county, many years ago; his wife passed away some years before him; their three daughters and one son reside on the homestead in Knox township. (3) Anna Maria became the wife of Joseph Lawford, of Woodward township, who died in 1895, leaving a widow and four children, namely: Mrs. Mary Bush, of Altoona, Penn.; Mrs. Hannah Phillips; Sarah, wife of John Newton (a few months after marriage he was accidentally shot while repairing William Goss’ house, and she died a few months later of a broken heart); and Thomas, who married Miss Chase, and lives on the Lawford homestead. (4) Susanna is the wife of John Reamy, of Decatur township, by whom she has three children—Theodore; George; and Mrs. Annie Kline, of Decatur township. (5) Elizabeth is the wife of Isaac Crowell, a farmer of Mercer county, Penn., and has four children—Allen, Henry, Lucinda and Ashley.

On the old family homestead, Henry H. Baughman was born and reared, assisting in the work of the farm from an early age. After the father’s death the place was occupied by three of the family until 1858, when our subject purchased the interest of the other heirs, and also bought fifty acres of the Philips lands. This property he rented for a number of years to Mr. Kephart, and in 1887 sold the same to Good & Brisbin, of Oseola, who operated the coal interests upon the place. In 1845, Mr. Baughman had purchased 193 acres of heavily-timbered land in Woodward township, and extensively engaged in lumbering. He rafted the square timber down the river for a number of years, after which he sold the timber and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which he has since followed. He has more than one hundred acres of land, and in 1850 erected a log cabin, which he made his home until 1886, when he replaced it with a handsome two-story frame residence. In 1869 he built a fine, large barn, and has at different times erected three barns, one on the Baughman farm in Decatur township, and two on the old homestead, now occupied by his sons, Jeffries and Stacy.

In 1846 Mr. Baughman was married to Miss Rachel Goss, of Decatur township. She proved to him a faithful companion and helpmeet, and ably assisted in the development of their home until 1864, when she departed this life at the age of thirty-seven years. They were parents of eleven children: (1) Jane, born in December, 1846, became the wife of Asbury Chase, and died at their home in Boggs township, Clearfield county, in 1874, at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving a daughter, Jane, who resides in Clearfield with her paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chase. (2) Joseph, born in 1848, died at the age of three months. (3) Jeffries, born in 1851, married Emma Kline, of Woodward township, and resides on a part of his father’s homestead; he has seven children, namely: William; Clara B.; Rachel, wife of Limerick Phillips; Joseph; Jane; Guy and Bessie. (4) James, born August 18, 1853, married Tabitha Phillips, and lived on the homestead until his death, which occurred March 23, 1878.
He had one son, James. (5) Tabitha, born August 11, 1855, married Irwin Alexander, of Unionville, Centre Co., Penn., and has one child living, Bertha. (6) Matilda, born March 17, 1857, is the wife of Thomas Lambert, of Coalport, by whom she has two children, Maud and Roy. (7) Eleanora, born August 29, 1858, died February 15, 1861. (8) Theophilus, born in August, 1860, died at the age of seventeen years. (9) Stacy, born December 30, 1862, married Annie Mills, of Houtzdale, and resides on a part of his father's farm in Woodward township; he has six children—May, Clark, Albert, Tabitha, Warren, and an infant unnamed. (10) and (11) Two children of the family died in infancy. After the death of his first wife, Henry H. Baughman married Mrs. Eliza Phillips, widow of Daniel Phillips, and a daughter of Samuel and Susanna Turner, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, who located there at an early day.

In politics, Mr. Baughman is a stalwart Democrat, and has been honored with several offices. He served for fifteen years as school director, has been overseer of the poor and assessor, and was twice elected justice of the peace, but did not qualify. He adheres to the Protestant faith, while his wife is a member of the United Brethren Church. He has witnessed the greater part of the development of the county, has seen the forests replaced with excellent farms and substantial homes, and has ever borne his part in the work of progress and development.

ADAM BRETH, justice of the peace, is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of New Washington. He was born February 10, 1833, in Centre county, Penn., and is a son of Henry and Mary C. (Martin) Breth, natives of Germany, where they married. About 1829 they crossed the Atlantic, and became residents of Centre county, where the father followed the trades of shoe and wagon making, or worked at anything by which to make an honest dollar, sometimes being employed about the iron furnaces. Coming to Clearfield county in 1833, he purchased land in Burnside township, and improved a farm in the midst of the forest, where he made his home until 1844, when he rented a farm for two years in Bell township. He then bought another place, upon which he resided until called to his final rest, July 4, 1875. In connection with his agricultural pursuits, he engaged in lumbering as long as he was physically able, and also rafted on the river. He obtained a good education, and was well informed on all subjects. Politically he was an ardent Democrat, and by his fellow citizens he was called upon to fill a number of township offices of honor and trust. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died in 1874. To this worthy couple were born nine children: Mary, wife of J. Wagner; Mrs. Margaret Laferty; Mrs. Elizabeth Brilhart; Mrs. Susan Emigh; Samuel, a farmer by occupation; Henry, who is now serving as justice of the peace in Mahaffey; Jacob A., a carpenter; Joseph H., a miller; and Adam, of this review.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were spent in assisting his father in the arduous labors incident to the clearing and improving of a new farm, and his educational advantages were therefore limited to about two years attendance at the common schools; but, by extensive reading and observation in later years, he has become a well-informed man, being a lifelong student. Since 1857 he has mastered short hand and type-writing, also civil engineering; and is very proficient in surveying and drafting, which has claimed his attention to a considerable extent. He is very progressive in his ideas, keeping fully abreast with the times, and he is a fluent conversationalist of pleasing address. Since 1890 he has taken great enjoyment in riding a bicycle.

The early life of Mr. Breth was passed amidst most primitive surroundings, and in infancy he was rocked to sleep in a sugar trough, which served the place of a cradle. At the age of seventeen he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he successfully followed until 1883, since which time he has acted as agent for the Clearfield & Cambria Coal & Coke Co. at New Washington. In 1859 he was first elected justice of the peace, and with the exception of two years has since acceptably filled that position, during which time he has joined in matrimony innumerable couples, and tried many cases for the commonwealth and civil law. In 1863 he was drafted for service in the Union army, but paid a commutation of $500, as that was the right which every drafted man had, by act of Congress.

In 1854 Mr. Breth was united in marriage with Miss Margaret, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Fulton) Lee, honored pioneers of Clearfield county, where the father followed the occupation of farming. He was a native of Centre county, and died at the age of eighty years. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Breth, all died in childhood with the exception of four: Letta, now the wife of H. Baker; James H., a farmer of Bell township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Jennie R. Thompson; and Isaac H., who died at the
William Waring, an industrious and thrifty lumberman of Clearfield county, was born May 17, 1839, on the old homestead in Morris township, where he still resides, his parents being Samuel and Susan (Shimel) Waring.

The paternal grandfather, who was a native of England, emigrated to the United States, in 1821, and took up his residence in Decatur township, Clearfield Co., Penn., on what is now known as the Showalter farm, and there spent his remaining days. The father of our subject was also born in England, and became one of the most practical and thorough farmers of Morris township, Clearfield county, where he purchased 120 acres of partially-improved land, which he soon converted into one of the most desirable farms of that locality. In connection with his farming operations, he also successfully engaged in school teaching and surveying. Of unswerving integrity and honor, he gained the respect and confidence of all who knew him, and made many warm friends. His death occurred on the old homestead in 1851, and there his widow continued to remain until a year prior to her death April 22, 1879. Eight children were born to them, the others being as follows: Catherine, wife of Newton G. Antes, of Philipsburg, Penn.; James, who died in infancy; George, a lumberman of Penn township, Clearfield county; who married Alice Grey; John, who married Millie Dougherty, and lives in Walterville, Oregon; Samuel, who married Margery Long, and is engaged in farming in the State of Washington; Elizabeth, widow of George Wagoner, of Morris township, and now the wife of J. P. Sullivan, of the same township; and D. H., who is married and lives in Morris township.

Upon the home farm, William Waring early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and since reaching manhood has continued to follow the occupation of farming and lumbering with a fair degree of success. In the schools of Morris township he acquired a good education, which has fitted him for the practical and responsible duties of life. Under his able management the homestead farm is made to yield bountiful harvests for the care and labor bestowed upon it. In Centre county, Penn., March 3, 1871, Mr. Waring married Miss Maggie Williams, of Martha Furnace, that county, and they have seven children, whose names and dates of birth, &c., are as follows: Thomas, October 4, 1873, died December 6, 1873; George W., November 6, 1874, was married September 27, 1897, to Mary Ellen Travis; Jessie S., July 8, 1878; Lillie V., March 31, 1881; Nancy B., October 21, 1883; Mabel E., November 11, 1885, died in infancy; and Martha, June 2, 1888.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Waring is a Democrat, and has held the office of school director three terms. He is honored and respected by the entire community, who look upon him as one of their most wise-awake agriculturists and model citizens. Religiously, he is an Episcopalian, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Morrisdale. They are industrious, intelligent people, and well deserve the high regard in which they are universally held.

Rev. Martin Meagher, the beloved rector of St. Lawrence's Catholic Church of Houtzdale, was born in Ireland, in 1846, a son of Thomas and Mary Meagher, who spent their entire lives on the Emerald Isle. There he was reared and began his education. After coming to this country, in 1868, he entered St. Michael's College, at Pittsburg, Penn., where he was a student from 1868 until 1871, and in the latter year was ordained in that city a priest of the Catholic Church.

Father Meagher then served as assistant pastor in a Church in Oil City, Penn., for a few months, after which he went to Potter county, this State, and later located at Conneautville, Penn. In December, 1874, he became rector of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Osceola Mills, and subsequently had charge of
churches in Jonesville, Morganland and Coalport, all in Clearfield county, but since 1878 he has been resident pastor of St. Lawrence’s Catholic Church in Houtzdale. He started the mission at Coalport, and under his pastorate the congregations all constantly grew.

In 1869 a mission was organized at Houtzdale, services first being held in the depot, but in 1876 the present house of worship was erected. During his service here Father Meagher also built a parsonage in 1879, a convent in 1886, which cost $3,500, and in 1892 a two-story frame school building, which cost $4,000. Previous to the erection of the school and convent, the church was divided, a Slav church being taken from the original. St. Lawrence’s Church, which is in a flourishing condition, now has a membership of 175 families. In connection with the buildings put up in Houtzdale, our subject also erected the parsonage in Osceola Mills, and a commodious little church at Madera, Penn., which he still attends.

Father Meagher is a man of good address and winning manners. He is a zealous, active and efficient worker for the Church, and is held in high esteem not only by the people of his own congregation, but by the residents of Houtzdale generally. Preparations for and labors in the priesthood are perfected, exacting, demanding an ever ready sympathy, a broad intellectual and an unwavering fidelity. Scouring sincism and careless irreverence would often be silenced if only the inner life of those who minister in holy places might be laid open for inspection. In Father Meagher is found a most devoted and faithful worker in the Master’s vineyard.

JOHN A. READ. One of the most prominent pioneer settlers of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, was Alexander Read, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born in Maryland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, was married there to Miss Jemima Alexander, and located in Penn’s Valley, Centre Co., Penn., in 1795, where he resided seven years, clearing a farm.

In 1802 he went to Clearfield county and secured a tract of land in Lawrence township, to which he removed his family in the following year. He was the first postmaster appointed in Clearfield county, and was a man of marked influence. He died at the Read homestead in Lawrence township in 1820; his wife passed away in 1840, aged eighty-four years. They reared a large family as follows: Eleanor, deceased; Sarah, born in 1781, married William Dunlap, and died in Pike township, Clearfield county, in 1852; Alexander, born in 1783, in Maryland, died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county in 1843; Thomas, born in 1785, died in Lawrence township in 1851; William, 1788, died in Clearfield county; John Ross, 1789, died in Lawrence township in 1838; Rachel, 1792, married Alexander B. Reed, and died in Clearfield borough in 1873, aged eighty-three years; James A. Alexander, 1795, died in Lawrence township, June 13, 1871, aged seventy-six years, one month and nineteen days; and Amos, our subject's father, born January 15, 1798, died November 9, 1884, aged eighty-six years, nine months and twenty-five days.

Amos Read accompanied his father's family from Centre county to the new home in 1803, and spent his life in Lawrence township, settling in 1830 upon a tract of wooded land which he cleared for a homestead. He was married in Clarion county to Miss Sarah Ardry, a native of Franklin county, Penn., whose father, John Ardry, was born in this State, and after some years of residence in Clearfield county moved to Clarion county, Penn., where he spent his last days. Mrs. Read passed away in 1870, and her husband followed her in 1884. Their children were Margaret A. (Mrs. Benjamin Love), who died on the farm in 1878; William S., married, resides in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; John A., our subject; Alexander, who died January 16, 1897; James C., who died in 1864, in Lawrence township; Sarah E., who resides at the old farm; and Samantha Ann, who died in childhood.

Mr. Read, whose name opens this sketch, was born in Lawrence township, January 28, 1829, on the "Mitchell farm," and was educated in the schools of that vicinity. He remained at home until the age of twenty, and then went to Clarion county, Penn., to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed for more than a quarter of a century. He spent some time in Clearfield county, but also carried on his trade in Stephen son county, Ill., in Monroe county, Wis., and in Mitchell county, Iowa. For many years past he has been engaged in agriculture in his native township, and he owns a fine farm of 119 acres not far from Clearfield, with seventy-five acres cleared and under cultivation. In 1860 he was married in the same township to Mrs. Fiana Bloom Condo, widow of George Condo. She was born in Pike township, Clearfield county, and her parents, William and Mary (Rowles) Bloom (the latter of whom was a native of Clarion county, Penn.) were early settlers in Pike township, Clearfield county. Both are now de-
ceased, Mr. Bloom, who survived his wife by a few years, dying in 1870. Mr. Read’s home was darkened in 1892 by the death of his wife, who was sincerely mourned by all who knew her.

As a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Read has always taken great interest in local progress. His political allegiance was given to the Democratic party, and he was a leading member and an elder of the Presbyterian Church of Curwensville until the organization of the Pine Grove Bethel Presbyterian Church, in May, 1897, to which he transferred his membership, and of which he was elected an elder.

JOHN WEAVER, who departed this life on the 26th of April, 1895, was one of the honored pioneers and most prominent and representative farmers and lumbermen of Burnside township, Clearfield county. He was born in Union county, Penn., February 27, 1825, but when a child was brought to Clearfield county by his parents, John and Ruth (Zimmerman) Weaver, who were born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry. In their family were ten children, namely: Samuel, Sarah, Esther, James, Ruth, Eliza, Peter, Amanda, Mary C. and John.

Upon the home farm our subject grew to manhood, and in early life learned the carpenter’s trade, which he followed to a considerable extent in connection with lumbering. He was one of the best pilots on the river. At the time of his marriage he was engaged in merchandising in Burnside with James McMurray, but three years later he sold out and removed to Illinois, where he purchased a farm which he operated until the Civil war. On disposing of that place he returned to Clearfield county, and located upon a timbered tract, which he at once began to clear and improve. Being in poor health, his physician advised him to travel with the hope of finding some climate that would be beneficial; accordingly in 1871 he went to Colorado and California, returning home by water in 1873. His family had remained in Clearfield county.

Subsequently, Mr. Weaver purchased the farm of one hundred acres on which his widow still resides. But little of the land had been cleared, and only a small house erected. By industry and perseverance he soon had the land under cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings, making it one of the finest homesteads in Burnside township. He also owned another good farm, gave his son another tract, known as the John Korabaugh farm, and had land in Virginia. He was an active business man, enterprising and public-spirited, and, prosperity crowning his efforts, he left to his family a fine estate, though he lost considerably in loaning money. On starting out in life for himself he was without capital, and the success that he achieved was due entirely to his own individual efforts and the able assistance of his wife, who indeed proved a most faithful helper. Although never a robust man, his death came suddenly, and was a terrible shock to his family and many friends. His influence was great and always for good. His sympathy, his benevolence, his kindly greeting will long be remembered. His duties were performed with the greatest care, and throughout his life his personal honor and integrity were without blemish. Although he held membership with no religious denomination, he was a Christian in all his acts, and liberally supported all Churches.

On June 2, 1853, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage with Miss Margaret G. McGee, a lady of intelligence and culture, a daughter of James and Mary (Barnhart) McGee. To this union were born the following children: Ruth, who died in childhood; James M., a prominent farmer of Burnside township; Dow, who died at the age of five years; Sadie, the wife of William Stevenson, a well-known agriculturist; and John H., who resides on the old homestead with his widowed mother. She and her son are active members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

John McGee, the grandfather of Mrs. Weaver, was born in the North of Ireland, and about the commencement of the Revolutionary war in this country, he and a brother left their native heath to join the Americans in their struggle for independence. The vessel on which they sailed was captured by the British, and the young men were made prisoners. On their arrival here the brother escaped and joined the American forces; but John was put into the British army. For a long time they heard nothing of each other, but finally, in battle, when engaged on opposite sides, the Americans were victorious, and among the British that were captured was John. The brothers were then united, and served together for seven years or until the war was over. During the long struggle neither received a wound, and the object for which they had come to the New World was achieved. For bravery and good discipline John was promoted to the rank of colonel. When hostilities had ceased they chose Pennsylvania for an adopted home. The name of McGee is now very general, and the descendants of these brothers have ever been loyal to the cause for which their ancestors struggled. Having lost none of their patriotism, during the
war of 1812, they again enlisted in the American army, but while on their way to the front the war closed. The brothers finally became separated, and John McGee located in Centre county, where he reared a family of children, namely: John, who became a resident of Virginia; Thomas, a Methodist Episcopal minister; James, the father of Mrs. Weaver; Mrs. Mary Barnhart; Mrs. Elizabeth Goodfellow; and Mrs. Margaret Gapin. The parents were both prominent members of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which Mr. McGee served as a local preacher.

James McGee was reared and married in Centre county, and about 1822 came to Clearfield county, securing a large tract of land in Bell township, which he at once began to improve and develop. There was a small corn cracker at Bell’s Landing, but he built the first gristmill in that portion of the county, which was patronized by the early settlers for many miles around. He also erected a sawmill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber; in 1841 he built a larger gristmill, which he still operated. He converted into lumber the timber from his own land, was extensively engaged in that business, and also improved a large farm. In company with Governor Bigler, he opened and conducted a general store, and succeeded in having a post office established, known as McGees Mills. He was appointed the first postmaster, and continued to hold, the position throughout life, regardless of the party in power. The office was created in 1830, and he died in 1854. He was a prominent and influential member of the Democratic party, and at the solicitation of his friends became a candidate for the Assembly but was defeated by a small majority. However he never aspired to office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests, in which he met with such excellent success. He passed away at the age of sixty-five years, and his wife died in 1872, at the age of eighty-four. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and had many warm friends throughout the community.

Philip Barnhart, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Weaver, was of German descent, and a son of a Revolutionary hero who fought for seven years for American independence. The Barnhart family has been a very prominent one in the history of Pennsylvania, one of its members, Henry Barnhart, serving for three terms in the Assembly. Its representatives became early settlers of Centre county, and took an active part in the growth and development of this region. In the family of Philip Barnhart were the following children: Henry; Jacob; John; Mary, the mother of Mrs. Weaver; Mrs. Sophia Johnson; Mrs. Catherine Neff; Mrs. Ann Ross; Mrs. Julia Curtin; and Mrs. Clarissa Neff. All were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

All of the eight children born to James and Mary (Barnhart) McGee grew to maturity, and became widely and favorably known in the localities where they made their homes. They were John, a resident of Kansas; Thomas, deceased; Philip; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Mitchell; Mary, wife of R. Mahaffee; Margaret G., now Mrs. Weaver; and James and Henry, deceased.

JONATHAN SHAFER, a progressive agriculturist and leading citizen of Brady township, Clearfield county, is an active promoter of the business interests of his community, has done much to advance the general welfare, and is widely and favorably known.

Mr. Shafer was born, in 1837, in Lebanon county, Penn., a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Haenzerling) Shafer, who were born, reared and married in that county, whence, at an early day, they removed to Centre county, taking up their residence near Millheim, where they remained some ten years. In 1848 they came to Brady township, Clearfield county, locating about three miles south of Luthersburg, on what was known as the England land, where the father built a cabin and log barn and cleared a small farm, which our subject purchased on reaching manhood. His parents then remained with our subject five years, he becoming their support. At the end of that time they returned to Centre county, and made their home with Jacob, who was then a prosperous farmer, and three years afterward the father died at the age of seventy-five years, three months and ten days. Soon after his death his widow returned to Brady and made her home with Rebecca Snyder; but after one year she (the mother) once more went to live with our subject, and remained there until her death, which took place October 28, 1859, when she was aged eighty-four years, two months, sixteen days.

In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, as follows: (1) Susan became the wife of David S. McCracken, of Lumber City, near which place they resided until her death January 4, 1886; she left a family of eleven children. (2) Solomon, a native of Lebanon county, now resides in Brady township, Clearfield county, on what was known as the Emerick property; he wedded Mary Yeakley, of Centre county, and has nine children—Hiram, who is living in the West; Nettie, wife of George Perdy,
of Du Bois, Penn.; Floyd; James; Henry, who married Joanna McKinney, and lives on a farm in Brady township; Ellen, who died in infancy; John; Perry, who died in early manhood; and Ida. (3) Jacob, a native of Lebanon county, married Susan Gansel, of Centre county, and died on his farm in that county, leaving a wife and family. (4) Lydia (twin sister of Jacob), married Hiram Passmore, of Clearfield, and upon a farm near Bell’s Landing, in Clearfield county, they made their home and reared their family. (5) Joseph, born in Lebanon county, died in childhood. (6) John, born in Centre county, accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood; he wedded Miss Lavina Horn, of Brady township, and located near Luthersburg, where his wife died, leaving three children—Amanda, now Mrs. Jackson Henry, of Redfern, Clearfield county: Clara, Mrs. Zacharia Marsh, of Du Bois, and Willis, who is still with his father. John Shafer was again married, his second union being with Miss Ellen Horn, of Brady township, and to them have been born three children—Harry, Charles and Annie; when Mrs. Shafer died the balance of the family went to live at Redfern. (7) Samuel, a native of Centre county, was reared in Clearfield county, and married Miss Comfort Parker, of Brady township. At his home near Luthersburg his wife died some years ago, leaving a family of children. (8) Rebecca, born in Centre county, is the wife of William Snyder, of Penn township, who now resides near Redfern, in Brady township; they have three children—George, Delila and Lydia.

Jonathan Shafer, who completes the family, was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and received a very limited education in the local schools. In 1864 he married Miss Mary E. Horn, a daughter of Daniel and Nancy Horn, prosperous farmers of Brady township, and they began their domestic life in Salem, where Mr. Shafer purchased two houses, and made his home for five years. In 1870 he bought sixty-two acres of partially-improved land, of G. M. Johnson, and, later, forty-one acres adjoining, of J. H. Bailey. Upon his place he erected a pleasant residence in 1888, and has made many other useful and valuable improvements, so that to-day it is one of the finest farms in Brady township.

Mr. and Mrs. Shafer have eleven children: (1) Elorah Jane, born in 1866, married G. B. Wacht, of Brady township, who now conducts the Du Bois Dairy; they have one son, Thomas. (2) Alva A., born in 1868, is a carpenter by trade, and resides in Du Bois; in 1893 he married Miss Ines Brisban, of Brady township, and has two children—Laura and Hazel. (3) Reuben C., born in 1870, married Zoe Clover, of Clarion county, Penn., and now lives in Richlandville, Jefferson Co., Penn.; they have a daughter, Katie. (4) Maggie K., born in 1872, is the wife of Marsh Hayes, of Brady township, whose home is near Luthersburg, and they have one child, Ruth. (5) George W., born in 1874, married Ida Swope, of Brady township, and resides with his parents. (6) Ada A. Bell, born in 1877, (7) Harvey Q., in 1879, (8) David L., in 1881, (9) Emma M., in 1883, (10) Jonathan E., in 1887, and (11) Lena M., in 1889, are all at home.

Being a strong temperance man, Mr. Shafer gives his unwavering support to the principles of the Prohibition party, and does all in his power to advance its interests. He has held the office of constable of Brady township one term, and has been school director for the long period of fifteen years. Both he and his wife are active workers in and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which several of their children also belong. Mr. Shafer being a man of pleasant disposition and social manner, wins friends wherever he goes, and has the happy faculty of drawing them closer to him as the years pass by. He is liberal in support of both Church and educational institutions, and in fact, gives his aid to every movement for the good of the community.

WILLIAM D. WOODWARD, one of the most thoroughly progressive citizens of Clearfield county, is quite a prominent agriculturist of Huston township, and his valuable farm near Penfield was redeemed from the primitive wilderness by him. As one of the pioneer settlers of that locality he has seen great changes, and his own energy and public spirit have been factors in the various movements through which progress has been attained. As one instance of the trials of the early days, we may note the fact that he had to go to Tyrone or Bellefonte for his supplies—a distance of more than sixty miles!

Mr. Woodward is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in 1830 in Luzerne county. His father, Daniel Woodward, was born in Utica, N. Y., and came to Pennsylvania in early manhood, locating first in Wayne county and then in Luzerne county, where he made his permanent home, and followed farming and lumbering. He was married there to Miss Nancy Eick, who died in 1876, his own death occurring in 1884 when he was eighty-four years old. Of their eleven children, nine reached adulthood, namely: Mary
ALEXANDER READ, Sr., who for many years has followed farming in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county that from the beginning of the century have been identified with its interests. The several members of the family have been industrious, useful and respected citizens. Mr. Read has witnessed almost the entire growth and development of the county, having been born in Lawrence township, August 22, 1813.

Thomas Read, the father of our subject, was born in Centre county, Penn., a son of Alexander Read, with whom he came to Clearfield county in 1802, locating in Lawrence township, on Read’s Ridge. From a tract of wild land he developed a good farm, locating on what is now the James Spackman place, where he built one of the first brick residences in the county, and made many other extensive and valuable improvements. There he resided until his death in 1851. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Mary Jordan, who passed from earth in 1830, after which he wedded Margaret Ferguson, who died in Ferguson township. In Thomas Read’s family by his first wife, were five sons and two daughters: (1) Jordan married Sarah Spackman, and located on the farm which is now the home of our subject, and his last days were spent on the farm where he lived his entire married life; (2) Alexander is the next younger; (3) Isabella became the wife of William Spackman, and died in Lawrence township; (4) Josiah is married and resides in Lawrence township; (5) Jemima makes her home with the subject of this sketch; (6) Thomas is living in the West; (7) William P. is married and resides in Lawrence township.

In the usual manner of farmer lads of that period Alexander Read, our subject, was reared and educated. He early became familiar with all the duties of farm life, and also with the lumber business. He owned a sawmill on the river, which he operated from 1842 until 1882, and then turned his attention to farming. In 1880 he purchased a good farm of eighty acres, which he still owns, and the same is now highly cultivated and yields a good return for the labor that is bestowed upon it. In politics, he is a Democrat. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church at Pine Grove, and is always deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community, and to the promotion of its educational and moral interests. Having witnessed almost the entire growth and development of the county, he well deserves mention among its pioneers.
W. WYNN, the senior member of the Wallaceton Fire Brick Company, at Wallaceton, Clearfield county, is a representative self-made business man and a typical American, his ability, energy and tact in commercial and industrial life being combined with unselfish devotion to his country in war and peace.

Mr. Wynn was born March 19, 1843, in Westmoreland county, Penn., and his ancestors were pioneer settlers in this State. His grandfather, Jonathan Wynn, a Pennsylvanian by birth, was of Irish descent and by occupation a farmer and distiller. His son, James R. Wynn, our subject's father, was a native of this State, and followed agriculture for many years. He entered the army in 1861, was captured by the Confederates, and endured for some time the horrors of Andersonville prison. When finally paroled and sent to Annapolis, he was taken sick and died there in the hospital. His wife, Mary A. Bitner, a lady of German descent, survived him and died in 1886, at the age of seventy-two. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

Their twelve children are living, and hold honorable positions in society. They are: Jonathan, who resides in Westmoreland county, Penn.; George, a farmer; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Austraw; W. H., our subject; Alexander, a telegraph lineman in Westmoreland county; Louisa, Mrs. Snodgrass; John P., a member of the Wallaceton Fire Brick Company, and manager of the brick business at Lock Haven, Penn.; James R., of Westmoreland; Emily, Mrs. France; Robert, a resident of Wallaceton; Samuel, a partner in the Wallaceton Fire Brick Company; and Sarah, Mrs. McHale, of Westmoreland.

Mr. Wynn was reared upon a farm, and had common-school advantages only. He remained at home until he was twenty-one. His first employment was in a brick yard, where he worked for some time. In 1863 he enlisted in the State militia, and volunteered to go to Ohio when Gen. Morgan was raiding in that State, and was there when Morgan was captured. In 1864 he enlisted in the 211th P. V. I., as a volunteer, and served with the Army of the Potomac, taking part in a number of battles. He was not wounded or captured, and on receiving an honorable discharge at Alexandria, Va., he returned home in safety. For some time he was employed as a farm hand, and then he found work in a brick yard again. Later he spent two years in the service of the Pennsylvania railroad as a brakeman.

In 1867, Mr. Wynn was married in Westmoreland county to Miss Margaret G. Ross, a lady of intelligence and a member of a good Scotch family. Her father, Daniel Ross, was a soldier in the British army in early manhood, and after serving three years he came to Pennsylvania and gained a livelihood as a mine boss. (He also served one year in the Civil War.) In 1873, he went to Clearfield county in that capacity, and later he and Mr. Wynn established a store at Woodland, which his sons now conduct. He also owned stock in the Woodland Brick Yard. He was married in Pennsylvania to Miss Margaret McLain, whose parents came to this country from Ireland. Mr. Ross died in Woodland in February, 1892.

Mr. and Mrs. Wynn have had eleven children: Mary B., married Alexander Paterson, of Clearfield; Margaret died at the age of eighteen; Cora married Mr. France; Daniel R. is a stockholder in the Wallaceton Fire Brick Company; John is at school; Arthur died at the age of ten; Lewis A., Ethel, Jessie (and a twin that died in infancy) and Vera are at home.

For a few years after his marriage, M. Wynn made his home in Westmoreland county, but in 1879 he went to Woodland to work in the erection of the Woodland Fire Brick Works. Later he became a stockholder in the enterprise, and worked there nineteen years, the last four as foreman. The business was sold in 1889, and he and two brothers mentioned above bought the Wallaceton Fire Brick Factory. Since that time they have taken another member into the firm, Alexander Patterson, an attorney, who is familiar with the business. They are all workers and are making a decided success, having doubled the capacity of the works since coming into possession of it. Mr. Wynn has the general oversight of the plant, and is admirably fitted for the work of managing the force. The firm manufactures high-grade fire brick, with an output of 14,000 per day, and when running full time employs seventy-five hands. The mines from which their clay is shipped are owned by them, and they find their market at all iron works. The property is a valuable one, and, besides his stock in that, Mr. Wynn owns a fourth interest in the store at Woodland. The firm owns 250 acres of land, and the mineral rights under two other farms.

Mr. Wynn has a comfortable residence in Wallaceton. He and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is steward and trustee. He is naturally of a quiet disposition, and does not care for official honors; but he takes an intelligent and generous interest in all public improvements. He is a Republican, and has filled several minor offices, including that of school trustee, and at present he is treasurer of the borough of Wallaceton.
C. W. REDFERN, editor of the Du Bois Express, Du Bois, Clearfield county, was born in Lincolnshire, England, April 3, 1865. He studied at the public schools and privately under Prof. E. G. Williams, of Westminster, in English branches; and under Rev. John Burrell, B. D., of Durham University, in mathematics. He completed an apprenticeship of four years as teacher under the Misterton School Board on July 4, 1883, qualifying as an assistant master under the British Education Department. He served one year in the national school in Cowes, and one year in the national school at Sandown, Isle of Wight. For over three years he was first assistant in Dr. Barnardo's Copperfield Road schools, London, which employed twenty-five teachers, and had an average attendance of over one thousand pupils. During these years he studied at Toynbee Hall and the London Polytechnic, and did journalistic work. On July 10, 1886, he qualified at the Royal Military Asylum, Chelsea, as an army schoolmaster. In August, 1888, he came to the United States to visit his parents, who had preceded him in 1872. He graduated from the Rochester (N. Y.) Business University in March, 1889.

On April 22, 1889, Mr. Redfern was married at St. Andrew's Church, Rochester, N. Y., to Miss Elizabeth Mary Dormer, of Waltham Abbey, England. Three children have blessed this union: Frances Ethel Dormer, born February 2, 1890, died December 25, 1890; George Henry, born June 5, 1892, and Arthur Dormer, born January 17, 1894. After serving as circulation manager and city reporter of the Du Bois Express for about six months, Mr. Redfern was promoted to the editorial chair in the summer of 1893. He is a versatile writer, and the Express is wide-awake, trenchant and vigorous.

The Du Bois Express was established October 12, 1883, by Hoag, Wilson & Co., as an independent local paper. On January 1, 1887, the firm changed, S. B. Hoag retiring; H. C. Wilson, Frank McMichael, John P. Wilson and C. A. Read formed the new firm known as the Express Publishing Company. This firm was succeeded by H. C. Wilson and F. McMichael. In 1892 Cal. McMichael purchased the interest of H. C. Wilson, and for nearly a year the paper was published by McMichael Brothers. On June 13, 1892, the Evening Express was started, and since that time the office has been publishing a daily and a weekly edition. In the latter part of 1892 David Reams, a wealthy lumberman of Brady township, purchased the interest of Cal. McMichael, and up to June 10, 1896, the office was conducted under the firm name of McMichael & Reams. On that date the plant was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania as The Express Printing and Publishing Company, capitalized at $10,000 in 100 shares of $100 each. The incorporators and stockholders were: Frank McMichael, president; David Reams, treasurer; C. W. Redfern, editor and secretary; Wm. Rademaekers, superintendent, and Joseph A. Terpe. The stock remains as originally issued. The plant is a very complete one. It includes four presses and a folder run by an electric motor; over 300 fonts of type, stereotyping outfit, a ruling machine and a fully-equipped bindery. Its work has a good reputation throughout the central portion of the State. The average daily circulation of the Evening Express for 1897 exceeded 1600 copies, and the Weekly Express has over 3,200 prepaid subscribers on its list.

JOHN H. STEWART, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, has spent his entire life upon the farm which is now his home. It was his birthplace, his playground in boyhood, and has been the scene of his labors in manhood. He was born April 17, 1835, and is a son of John and Jane (Campbell) Stewart.

The father was born in Ireland, was reared and married in the land of his birth, and in 1819 left his native country for the New World. When the voyage of several weeks was ended, he made his way to Clearfield county, and about 1821 purchased a tract of land in Bradford township, where he opened up a farm and established a comfortable home. His last years were spent in retirement from active business life, and, with the comforts which his former labors had procured, he lived at his pleasant home at Clearfield until called to the land beyond. He died on the farm, his wife passing away in Clearfield. He was a Democrat in politics, and was a man well known and highly respected. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart reared a family of seven children, namely: Archibald, who died in 1855, and was buried in Stewart cemetery; Daniel, whose death occurred in Clearfield county; James, who died in Kylertown, Penn., in 1895; Robert, who is married and makes his home in Girard township, Clearfield county; Eliza Jane, wife of W. H. Shiny, of Bradford township; John H., of this review; and Mary, wife of Robert Wrigley, deceased January 16, 1872.

The childhood days of our subject were quietly passed, his time being devoted to play and work in the usual manner of farmer lads. His education was obtained in the district schools, and he received ample training at farm labor.
He assisted in clearing the old homestead, and is now the owner of that property, comprising 210 acres of well-improved land, to which have been added all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century. In 1861, in Bradford township, he married Miss Anna Waring Dale, also a native of that township, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Waring) Dale. Her parents were natives of England, and came to Centre county at an early day; both are now deceased. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are: Elizabeth, George (who is married and resides in Bradford township), Carrie, Roxy, Edmund C., and Olive.

Mr. Stewart and his wife are Methodists in religious belief, and hold membership in the Dale Church. His political support is given the Democracy, and for eleven years he served as district treasurer of his township. His prudent business methods, resolute purpose and reliable sagacity have all combined to make him one of the leading agriculturists of Clearfield county.

CAPT. MATTHEW OGDEN, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a representative of one of the oldest families of Clearfield county, is now successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in Lawrence township. He was born September 27, 1827, where Clearfield borough is now located, and traces his ancestry back to Daniel Ogden, a native of New Jersey, who came with his son Matthew to this county, and put up the first mill within its borders. Here he spent his remaining days.

Matthew Ogden, the grandfather of our subject, was also born in New Jersey, and on coming to the county located on the present site of Clearfield borough, where he purchased land and engaged in farming. He erected a mill on Chincelamoose creek, and later, one at the mouth of Clearfield creek. His death occurred in Lawrence township in 1844. He wedded Betsy Bloom, who was born at Shamokin, Penn., and they reared a family of six sons and eight daughters, as follows: Jonathan, who became a farmer of Brady township, Clearfield county, and there died; William, an agriculturist, who died in Lawrence township in 1879; Abraham, formerly a farmer of Lawrence township, now deceased; Daniel and Matthew, also deceased; David, who died in Lawrence township; Mrs. Massie Hancock, who died in Nebraska; Mrs. Mary Irvin, also deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Rowles, of West Clearfield; Mrs. Ellen Tate, a resident of the same place; Nancy, who is living in Lawrence township; Mrs. Rebecca Brown, deceased; Mrs. Susannah Snyder, who is living in Pike township, this county, and Mrs. Hannah McMullen, of Nebraska.

William Ogden, the father of our subject, was born in Clearfield county in 1805, and on reaching manhood followed agricultural pursuits near what is now Mt. Joy, developing a farm in the midst of the timber. In this county he was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Selfridge, a native of Mercer county, Penn. He departed this life in 1880, and she died sometime later. Seven sons and three daughters were born to them, namely: Matthew, of this review; Mrs. Maria Jane McCullom, of Armstrong county, Penn.; Zenas L., a farmer of Lawrence township; Zachariah, an agriculturist of the same township; G. W., now a resident of Lawrence township, who enlisted in Company K, 84th P. V. I., and served in the Union army for nearly two years; Rachel, wife of J. B. Shaw, of Lawrence township; William, now a resident of Lawrence, who was a member of the same company and regiment as his brother G. W.; John, who was a member of Company C, 101st P. V. I., and died at Tennallytown, D. C.; Henry, who is living in Lawrence township; and Mrs. Sarah Bonsall, who died in Brady township.

Capt. Ogden was reared and educated in Lawrence township, and as a life work took up the occupation which his ancestors had followed for generations, that of farming and lumbering. In 1847 he purchased a wooded tract of 150 acres, which he at once began to clear and improve; he now has 110 acres under a high state of cultivation, and has erected thereon good and substantial farm buildings, making the place one of the most desirable in the locality. During his country's hour of peril he valiantly came to her defense, enlisting in his native county, in 1861, and raising Company K, 84th P. V. I., of which he was commissioned captain on the 13th of September. The company was sworn into service at Camp Curtin, and assigned to the Army of the Potomac, with which it took part in the battle of Winchester. For thirteen months Capt. Ogden remained in the service, and was then discharged at Waterloo, W. Va., on account of disability, after which he returned home.

In Clearfield county, in 1849, Capt. Ogden was married to Miss Margaret Jane Shaw, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of John Shaw, who belonged to one of its pioneer families. Ten children blessed this union, six of whom are still living, namely: R. H. and J. B., both farmers of Lawrence township; Robert Lee, at home; Howard L.; Mrs. Virginia Derrick, of West Clearfield; and Mrs. Flora Blanche
Spence, of Goshen township, Clearfield county. In politics, the Captain adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, and he is a member of Lorimer Post, G. A. R., of Clearfield. He is uniformly the encourager of the enterprises calculated to advance the interests of his township, and is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent pioneer families of the county.

Gainer P. Bloom has spent his entire life in Clearfield county, and is a representative of the first family that located in the county. The family through many long years has been identified with its development and progress, and the subject of this review has also been an important factor in the work of advancement, while at the same time he is a prominent representative of the agricultural interests. He was born in Pike township, in 1834, his parents being James and Mary (Passmore) Bloom, natives of Centre county, Penn. The grandfathers, William Bloom, and his wife were born in New Jersey, and on coming to Pennsylvania located at the old fort in Centre county, whence they afterward removed to Pike township, Clearfield county, residing near the mouth of the river in 1801. Mr. Bloom developed a farm, and largely aided in opening up this region to civilization. In his family were seven sons: Isaac, William, James, John, Peter, Abram and Benjamin, and the daughters were Mrs. Anna Price, who died in Clearfield county; Betsy, wife of Richard Rowles, of Lawrence township; and Mrs. Ogden, who died in Lawrence township.

James Bloom was reared and educated in Pike township, and in 1853 removed to Bloom township, where he purchased the Rodden Hotel, on the Pike, conducting the same for some time. He was also toll-gate keeper and manager of the Susquehanna & Waterford turnpike, now called the Cream Hill turnpike. Subsequently he sold the hotel and removed to the Cook property, where he conducted a hotel. Both he and his wife died in Pike township. Their family numbered the following: William, Abram and Lewis, all of whom are living in Pike township; Gainer P., of this sketch; Emily, wife of Anthony Hiles, who died in Lumber City in 1894; Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, of Michigan; Mrs. A. S. Holden, of Bloom township, now deceased; Mrs. Linas, of the same township; Mrs. John B. Dunlap, of Knox township; and Mrs. Martha Averill, of Du Bois.

Gainer P. Bloom is indebted to the schools of Pike township for his educational privileges. At the age of nineteen he went to Bloom township, and throughout his youth and since attaining his majority he has followed farming. He also conducted a hotel for one year. In 1883 his wife purchased forty acres of land, and they have developed the farm from a rich farm. In 1855, in Pike township, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Leech, daughter of George and M. (Caldwell) Leech, prominent pioneer people of Pike township. Her father served as sheriff of the county for some time, and both he and his wife are now deceased. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bloom were three sons and five daughters, namely: Mrs. Bertha Potter, of Titusville; Ella: Emma, who died in 1881; Mrs. Lucy Johnson, of Bloom township; Lucretia, who died in Bloom township; Alfred, who is married and resides in Elk county, Penn.; Gainer, of Bloom township; and Howard, who resides in Elk county.

Mr. Bloom gives his political support to the Democracy, and has served as justice of the peace, constable and town supervisor. His public duties have ever been discharged with promptness and fidelity, and the obligations of private life have ever been as faithfully met.

M. T. Vogle, D. D. S., the oldest practicing dentist in the borough of Du Bois, Clearfield county, is one of the progressive citizens of that locality, his influence being a factor in various movements which have brought beneficial results to that thriving community.

Our subject was born June 11, 1848, at Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn., of German parentage. His father, Philip Augustus Vogle, came to America in early manhood, and engaged in the tanning business. Being of an inventive turn of mind, he developed a new process of tanning, and the work of placing this upon the market took him to Mexico, Canada, and all parts of the United States. Later he settled at Greensburg, where he followed the business until his death in 1856. His wife, Mary Ann Winesheimer, also a native of Germany, died in Greensburg, in September, 1892. They reared a family of five children: Philip Augustus, a tanner of Greene county, Penn.; M. T., our subject; John L., a printer by trade, who died in Greensburg in 1873; Frank, editor and part owner of the Westmoreland Democrat; and Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. E. D. Strickler, of East End, Pittsburgh.

Dr. Vogle spent his boyhood in his native town, and at the age of sixteen began to learn the blacksmith's trade. In 1870 he went to
Clearfield county, and for five winters worked as a journeyman in New Washington borough. In 1880 he entered Pennsylvania Dental College at Philadelphia, and in February, 1882, received his degree. In July of that year he located at DuBois, where his skill soon secured appreciative recognition. He was one of the sufferers of the fire of 1888, but now has a pleasant home, where he and his amiable wife dispense hospitality to a large circle of friends. Their marriage occurred in October, 1884, in New Washington borough, Clearfield county, the birthplace of Mrs. Vogle, who was formerly Miss Lizzie Neiman. Her father, Reuben Neiman, a native of Pennsylvania, was one of the early settlers of the borough, where he breathed his last in 1876. His widow, Mrs. Rachel (McMurray) Neiman, who was born in Clearfield county, now resides with our subject. Dr. and Mrs. Vogle have had three children: Reuben Neiman; John Hastings, who died in infancy; and Mary Lucile.

Politically, the Doctor is a Democrat. In social life he is prominent, being identified with the Acron Club; the United Workmen; Noble Lodge, No. 480, F. & A. M., at Curwensville; Elk Chapter, No. 230, R. A. M., at Ridgway; Knapp Commandery, No. 40, K. T., at the same place; and Zem-Zem Temple, A. A. O. of M. S., at Erie, Penn. He is a contributor to the "Dental Cosmas," of Philadelphia; the "Items of Interest," New York; the "Ohio Dental Journal," of Toledo; the "Dental Office and Laboratory," of Philadelphia; and the "Dental Brief," of Philadelphia.

HON. J. W. POTTER, M. D., of Clearfield, is one of the best-known citizens of Clearfield county, and has been active in various lines of enterprise—professional, business, and political—meeting with some degree of success in each. Versatile talents are not always conducive to happy results; but when, as in this case, their possessor has a well-balanced judgment, each added capacity becomes an advantage.

Dr. Potter is of Scotch-Irish descent on the paternal side, his grandfather, James Potter, having come from County Tyrone, Ireland, to settle in Pennsylvania, his home, after a few years spent in Chester and Centre counties, being established in Clarion county, where he became a large land owner and farmer, and also kept an old-fashioned inn on the old turnpike, midway between Clarion and Strattonville. He and his good wife, who was a Miss McDaid, reared eight children: Henry, John, Robert, James, Margaret, Nancy, Eve and Catherine.

John Potter, our subject's father, was born in 1797 in Penn's Valley, Centre county, near the Old Fort, whence in early childhood he was taken to Clarion county by his father. He married Miss Nancy Thompson, and a family of eight children were born of this union: Florinda married Matthew Wilson, of Indiana county, Penn., and has two children; Alexander T. lives in Colorado; Margaret married A. Beck, now proprietor of the "Jones House" at Clarion; our subject comes next; Mary Ann (deceased) married (first) John Patterson, who died in the army, and she subsequently wedded Erastus Clough, who survives her; Rebecca is the deceased wife of James Brisben; Arnold P. is a farmer in Clearfield county; and Albert W. is in the oil business in Washington county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. J. W. Potter was born March 6, 1835, in Clarion county, Penn., whence at the age of nineteen he moved to Clearfield county. His first nineteen years were spent upon the farm, his studies in the local schools being interspersed with the "chores" so familiar to every country lad. His practical experience in agriculture not creating for him an enthusiastic desire to make of it a life pursuit, he turned his attention to teaching, as a stepping-stone to the medical profession. While thus employed he took a preliminary course of reading in medicine, and later attended the National Medical College at Washington City, which was broken up in 1861, the building being taken for a hospital. On returning home, Dr. Potter practiced his profession, and also engaged in business as a lumberman and merchant. For about eight years he conducted a store at Pottersdale (named in honor of our subject), in Clearfield county, and in the end the demands of his financial enterprises, which proved profitable, led him to retire from medical practice. He has given some attention to the affairs of the County National Bank, at Clearfield, in which he is a director and stockholder, and his well-known ability as a financier has made him a valued adviser in many important enterprises. In political movements he is also active and influential, and in 1874 he was elected on the Independent Democratic ticket to the State Legislature, where he made an excellent record.

Dr. Potter's wife, formerly Miss A. R. Huffman, is a native of Clarion county, born in 1841. Their home has been brightened by eight children, but four died in childhood, and a daughter, Emily, passed away at the age of sixteen. The survivors are: (1) Roger L., who married Miss Edith Carlisle, and has one child—Emily; (2) William B., who married Miss Emily M. Emer-
ick, and has three children—Bessie, Grace, and J. W., Jr.; and (3) Frank M., who is at home. The family attend the Presbyterian Church, of which the Doctor is a leading member, and in all the varied movements which tend to promote local progress, he has always taken an active part. In 1894 he moved to the county seat from Keewaydin, Covington township, where he still owns a fine farm property.

JAMES A. MAXWELL, M. D. (deceased).
The world has little use for the misanthrope. The universal truth of brotherhood is widely recognized, and man’s usefulness in the world is measured by what he has done for his fellow men. There is no profession or line of business that calls for greater self-sacrifice or more devoted attention than the medical profession, and the successful physician is he who, for humanity’s sake, gives his time and attention for the relief of suffering. Our subject was one of the ablest representatives of this noble calling in Clearfield county, and for nearly thirty years was actively engaged in practice at Curwensville.

Dr. Maxwell was born March 22, 1840, in Newport, Perry Co., Penn., the fifth in a family of six children, whose parents, Andrew B. and Isabella (Smith) Maxwell, were also natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a carpenter and builder, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Their family numbered four children: Mary, wife of Rev. Deterick; James A., our subject; Mrs. Elizabeth Mowry, and Martha, who died in childhood.

James A. Maxwell acquired his education in the common schools, and at the age of twelve years entered the office of the Hollidaysburg Register with the intention of learning the printer’s trade. At the same time he continued his education in the Hollidaysburg Academy. After four years spent in the printing office he returned home, and with the family went to Chambersburg, Penn., where he secured a position in the Franklin Repository, a newspaper, and at the same time attended the academy there. Later he determined to enter the medical profession, and in the spring of 1861 began a course of study under the direction of Dr. A. H. Senseney. For three years he studied in that office, and in the winter of 1863-64 attended a course of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. In April of the latter year he was appointed medical cadet in the regular army, and was stationed at the Post Hospital, in Chambersburg, but was afterward transferred to the McClellan United States Hospital in Philadelphia. There he remained for a year, during which period he devoted considerable time to study, and then returned to the Jefferson Medical College, where he was graduated in the spring of 1866, with the degree of M. D. After his graduation, for one year Dr. Maxwell practiced in Franklin county, then came to Curwensville, where from 1867 until the time of his death he made his home continuously. The high esteem in which he was held in the community was well merited, for he made no distinction between the rich and the poor, giving his services as freely when there was no remuneration to be expected as when he knew that a fair compensation would be received.

In 1869 the Doctor was married to Rebecca L. Ross, a daughter of Thomas and Sarah A. (Jordan) Ross. Her father was a surveyor, born in Clearfield county, and was most widely and favorably known. He and his wife both died in Curwensville. Dr. and Mrs. Maxwell became the parents of nine children, of whom six are living, namely: Irene, Eugene, Ada, Fraut, Mary and James. Dr. Maxwell was identified with the Presbyterian Church, and his wife with the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Grand Army of the Republic. In the line of his profession he was connected with the County Medical Society, the State Medical Society, was examiner for sixteen life insurance companies, and for five years was a member of the U. S. pension examining board. His skill and ability in the line of his profession gained for him marked prestige, and at the time of his death he was one of the most prominent physicians and honored citizens of Curwensville.

JOHN L. LIGHTNER, one of the wide-awake, progressive citizens of Clearfield county, is a leader in business circles in Bexar Township, with whose upbuilding and prosperity he has been prominently identified, and through his own exertions he has become one of the substantial men of the community. His father, John Lightner, Sr., was born in Cumberland Valley, near Carlisle, Penn., but when a lad of thirteen years he left home and soon lost all trace of his family, so that nothing is known of the early ancestors of our subject.

The father finally located in Lancaster county, Penn., where he became a contractor on the tide-water canal, and later built the first bridge across the Susquehanna river at Columbia.
There he remained until his marriage to Miss Ann Groom, who was born in Bucks county, Penn., in 1820, and when quite young removed to Columbia, Lancaster county, with her parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Groom. In May, 1835, she became the wife of Mr. Lightner, and at the age of seventy-seven years is still quite active; she resides on the old homestead in Clearfield county, where most of her married life was passed. She was a faithful helpmeet, sharing with her husband all the hardships and trials of pioneer life in order to make a home for their family.

For a short time after his marriage, John Lightner, Sr., engaged in the grocery business at Columbia, and attended the outlet lock of the Pennsylvania Canal Co. until the spring of 1847, when he removed to Clearfield county, bringing his household goods by canal boat to Water street, where they were loaded into wagons and hauled across the mountains to Becaria township. There he purchased 125 acres known as the Thomas Wilson farm, a few acres of which had been cleared and improved. Here he erected one of the best frame houses to be found in the locality at that day. He at once began the further development of the place, and in connection with agricultural pursuits engaged in lumbering and rafting square timber down the river to market. In the spring of 1862 he removed to Glen Hope, where he bought the hotel property of Harry Green, and converting the same into a fine hostelry he successfully carried it on for two years. He then sold to his brother-in-law, Thomas Groom, and removed to Becaria Mills, where he resided one year. Then returned to the farm, and there remained until his death. About 1859 he and Messrs. Groom purchased six thousand acres of timber land, on Whitmer run, and about 1860 began lumbering, which they carried on successfully until 1872, when they sold the property, and Mr. Lightner retired from active business, save the caring of his farming interests, with which he was connected until his death, May 28, 1890, when he was aged eighty-five years.

To John and Ann (Groom) Lightner were born sixteen children, none of whom died in infancy and seven are yet living, as follows: (1) William, who was born in 1836, in Columbia; Lancaster county, came with his parents to Clearfield county, and on the farm in Becaria township grew to manhood. In 1861 he married Clara Davis, of that township, and soon afterward enlisted in the 105th P. V. I., under Gen. McClellan, and with his regiment participated in many important engagements. At the battle of Fair Oaks he was shot in the hand, and was wounded in the side by a shell, after which he was sent to the hospital at Hartford, Conn., where he subsequently obtained an honorable discharge. He now receives a pension from the government. After coming home he purchased property in Glen Hope and engaged in lumbering, but subsequently bought the Abram Nebling farm in Becaria township, which he also operated in connection with lumbering on Whitmer run. On disposing of that place he removed to the Thomas Washburn property, near the mouth of Whitmer run, where he conducted a hotel for a few years, but now owns and occupies a fine residence in Irvona borough, where he also has other property, and is still engaged in lumbering. He has five children—William (now deceased), who was married and lived in Irvona. Clearfield county; George (now married), who follows lumbering; Harry, also a lumberman, who is married and lives in Irvona; Roby, at home; and Blake, a lumberman, at home.

(2) Martha Lightner, born in 1838, in Columbia, Penn., came with her parents to Clearfield county, where she received a common-school education. She married John W. Davis, of Becaria township, and located on part of the old homestead. There they resided until their house, together with all the furniture, was destroyed by fire. Later he bought sixty acres of land on which Blaine City is now located, but afterward sold to W. W. Mays, and purchased the James Haines property near Coalport, Becaria township, which he has since sold. He now makes his home in Coalport, and is engaged in lumbering and looking after the coal interests of other parties. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have six children—Katie, now the wife of E. J. Conrad, of Rose Bud, Clearfield county; Dora, who died in early womanhood; Carrie, wife of Joseph Boombaugh, of Rose Bud; Ettie, at home; William E., who, after acquiring a good education in the high schools of the county, was admitted to the Bar in Altoona, Blair Co., Penn., and is now engaged in the building and loan business; and John, who is still at home, and is being liberally educated.

(3) Thomas G. Lightner, born in April, 1839, in Lancaster county, grew to manhood on the old homestead in Becaria township, and continued to work for his father until 1860, when he married Martha Price, of McVeytown, Mifflin Co., Penn., and then purchased 640 acres of timber land where the town of Coalport is now located. There he erected a sawmill, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber which he would raft down the creek and river to market; in 1867 he
sold out and removed to Tyrone, Penn., where he purchased a hotel, which he conducted for nine years. Later he engaged in contracting and building in that city, where he made his home for twenty years, during which time he built the stations for the Bell's Gap railroad at Coalport, Irwona, Berwinsdale, Lajose and Mahaffey, Clearfield county. Returning to Blaine City in 1885, he bought a lot and erected a residence, and is still engaged in contracting and building at that place, constructing coal tipples and other buildings. He had ten children—Annie, at home; Samuel, in Alabama; Jennie, deceased wife of Alexander Thomas, of Hollenback, Bradford Co., Penn., by whom she has three children; John, a resident of Dunlo, Cambria county, married to Annie Beers, of Becaria township, and has one child; Edward, who is at present in Burmese India, where he is engaged in the erection of derricks for boring oil wells for the Standard Oil Co.; and Bogle, Clinton, Charles, Karl and Verne, at home.

(4) Ada Lightner, born in 1852, in Becaria township, was educated in the common schools, and married Thomas McQuillan, of Tyrone, Penn., where he is employed at the plasterer's trade. They have five children—Roby, now Mrs. Smith, of Tyrone; and Lola, Edna, Bessie and Ray, all at home.

(5) Alice Lightner, born in Becaria township, in 1854, received a common-school education, and married James M. McClure, of Tyrone, Penn., who now resides at Wilkinsburg, near Pittsburg, Penn., where he is a contractor in plastering and decorating. He first erected a residence in Tyrone, and on selling out some years later built a fine home in Blaine City, where he remained until going to Wilkinsburg in 1890. In the meantime, however, he had lived at Hollidaysburg for two years. In his family are five children, all at home—Mary, John, Zola, Carrie and Eddie.

(6) George Lightner, a native of Becaria township, has throughout life followed the occupations of farming and lumbering, living on a part of the old homestead since his marriage. In 1884 he wedded Emaline Hockenberry, daughter of Judge Hockenberry, of Chest township, Clearfield county, and they have five children, all at home—Minnie, Wain, Flissie, Lizzie, Rhody.

(7) John L. Lightner, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Becaria township, in 1850, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer lads, his early education being limited as he assisted in the farm work during the summer, worked at lumbering in the winter and helped take rafts down the river to market in the spring. He continued working at farming, and at lumbering until the fall of 1867, when he entered the Tuscarora Academy, taking the scientific course and graduating in 1870. Returning home, he again entered the woods, where he engaged as scaler of logs for other parties until the fall of 1871, when he secured a position as teacher in the Blaine Run school, remaining there two terms. After scaling logs the following summer, he taught the Fair View school in Becaria township one term, and the next year was in the employ of McCallum & Co., of Tyrone, keeping books and measuring lumber. In the fall afterward he took a trip through Kentucky and West Virginia, and on his return home engaged in photography for one year; then taught school in Beaver Valley, Cambria county, six months. For two terms thereafter he had charge of the grammar school at Glen Hope, and then learned the painter's trade, which he followed for four or five years during the summer, while the winter was spent in teaching.

In 1877, Mr. Lightner engaged in teaching at Chestnut Ridge, in Pike township, but in the following spring he embarked in the portrait business with a Mr. Bloom, carrying on the same for several summers. He then taught the grammar school at Grampian, Penn township, Clearfield county, and in 1881 became connected with the Coalport Lumber Co. as scaler in their mills. Previously he had studied surveying, and the same year he also began laying out the town of Blaine City, for the firm of Shaw & Dotts. He also acted as their agent, and is still in their employ, in selling lots and making out deeds until 1883, when he purchased two lots and erected a large hotel, which he owns and rents as a licensed house. He also erected other buildings for rent, including a store, and is the owner of much valuable real estate, all of which has been accumulated through his own industry, perseverance and good management. He is still interested in surveying; and beside his other property owns considerable timber land.

Since 1887 Mr. Lightner has served as justice of the peace in Becaria township, and at present is serving his third term as J. P.; he is also acting as agent for the Eastern Building & Loan Association, and for several fire insurance companies. Politically, he has always been identified with the Democratic party, and does all in his power to promote its interests and advance the general welfare of his community. He is public spirited and enterprising, and well deserves the high regard in which he is universally held. At present he makes his home with his aged mother, having been her main support since
AMOS D. ORNER. The men who have made the city of Du Bois are of an admirable type, progressive, energetic and far-sighted, and in this history of the well-known architect and builder we find these qualities active and efficient factors.

Mr. Orner located in Du Bois in 1882, and speedily secured a large business, which keeps from twelve to twenty-five men busy. Among the buildings which he has constructed in the past year is the Du Bois Brewery, and he is the architect of the new L. E. Weber building, corner of North Brady street and Scribner avenue. The Methodist church, the Fourth ward school building, the "National Hotel" and the residences of P. S. and L. E. Weber and M. W. Ryan, are a few of the many buildings he has constructed in the city of Du Bois. As an architect he has won wide recognition. Fine specimens of his artistic designs are numerous in Du Bois, the "Hotel Wayne" and the Express building being especially noted, and he has no rival in that city in this line. His work is by no means confined to this locality, however, handsome structures at Gettysburg, Selins Grove, New Castle and different points in Pennsylvania, and other States as far west as Wisconsin, having been designed by him. In connection with his work as a contractor he has a first-class power carpenter-shop fitted up with the latest improved machinery, and manufactures all kinds of interior and exterior finish, making a specialty of fine hardwood finish, odd furniture, etc. As he is constantly increasing the capacity of this wood-working establishment, he anticipates dropping the contracting business and devoting all his time to architectural work, and to the manufacturing of fine woodwork, which trade has largely increased during the past year.

Mr. Orner was born March 11, 1851, in Indiana county, Penn., the son of a prosperous farmer and lumberman, Daniel Orner. Our subject's father was a native of Adams county, Penn., born in January, 1802, near Gettysburg, and was married there to Miss Oyler, who died leaving four children: Geo. A., now deceased; Daniel J., a resident of Indiana county; Sophia, who died in 1896, and Lucy, now Mrs. Cameron, of Indiana county. After the death of his first wife, Daniel Orner, in 1845, moved to Indiana county, and purchased a farm near Strongtown, and in partnership with his brother George purchased a large timber tract and sawmill in Cambria county.

Daniel Orner was married in Indiana county to Miss Cameron, who died in 1876; his own death occurred in 1887. Their children were: John P., a harnessmaker in Indiana county; Amos D., our subject; Emanuel, who lives in Washington State; Lizzie (Mrs. Campbell), of Johnstown, Penn.; Phoebe (now Mrs. Steffy) and Nancy (Mrs. Volk), both residing at David City, Nebraska.

Like most farmers' sons, Mr. Orner had abundant practice in agricultural work during boyhood, and at the age of eighteen he left the farm to learn the carpenter's trade, at Greensville, Indiana county. He worked as a journey- man for two years after completing his apprenticeship, and then went to Altoona, Penn., where he was employed in a stair factory. From 1874 until 1882, he was engaged in contracting and building at Cherrytree, Penn., where he built a large number of buildings and bridges in Indiana, Cambria and Clearfield counties; but since 1882 he has been identified with Du Bois, where he expects to remain during the balance of his life. He owns a handsome home at No. 500 South Main street, and two other residences which he rents.

In 1873, Mr. Orner was married, at Strongstown, to Miss Joanna Bracken, of Cambria county, Penn., and a daughter of James and Anne Bracken, prominent residents of that county. Six children blessed this union: Franklin F., Hallie Alethea, Anna Elizabeth, Nellie A., Allen Leroy and Amos Vernon.

As a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Orner has always been ready to help any progressive movement in his locality. Socially, he is a member of the Protective Home Circle, and Chivalric Lodge, No. 475, K. of P. In politics he is a Democrat.

ISAAC ZARTMAN, who resides in Brady township, is one of the successful farmers and lumbermen of Clearfield county. At an early age he started out in life for himself, and has since been entirely dependent upon his own efforts; he has met obstacles and difficulties, but has overcome these by determined purposes, and has worked his way steadily upward to prosperity. He is recognized as one of the leading citizens of the community, and is well deserving of the success that has come to him.

Emanuel and Mary Zartman, parents of our subject, were natives of Lebanon county, Penn., where the mother died, but the father's death occurred in Harrisburg, Dauphin county. They left two sons. William, the brother of our sub-
ject, became an engineer on a vessel sailing to California, and during the Civil war he was killed at the battle of Antietam, while fighting in defense of the Union. Being left an orphan at the early age of six years, Isaac Zartman came to Clearfield county to live with his aunt, Mrs. John Overduff, who resided near Luthersburg, where he grew to manhood, receiving a very limited education in the common schools. As soon as large enough to do manual labor, he began working upon farms and in the lumber woods, and by industry, perseverance and economy, he at length accumulated enough capital in this way to purchase his present farm.

In 1852 Mr. Zartman married Miss Sarah C. Dunlap, of Brady township, and subsequently she bought fifty acres of wild land of her brother, D. T. Dunlap. This has been cleared, cultivated and improved with good and substantial buildings, and still makes their home. In his labors Mr. Zartman has been ably assisted by his faithful wife, who has indeed been a true helpmeet to him, sharing alike the hardships and trials as well as the pleasure of their early married life. To this worthy couple were born seven sons: (1) Alvey L., born in 1856, is now engaged in farming in Ohio. He first wedded Lizzie Dunlap, of Williamsport, Penn., who died some years ago, and for his second wife he married a Miss Johnson, of Ohio. He has one son, Howard, now a resident of Williamsport, Penn. (2) Lorenzo, born on the old homestead in 1858, lives on a part of his father's farm. He married Mary Shafer, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and has four children—Cora, William, Isaac and Daniel I., all at home. (3) Jefferson, born in 1860, married Louisa McCracken, of Penn township, Clearfield county, and now follows farming in Sandy township, in the same county. (4) David H., born in 1863, married Mima Ruptel, of Mahaffey, Penn., and lives in Newtonburg, Clearfield county. They have two daughters—Sarah A. and Maudie. (5) John C., born in 1866, is still with his parents. (6) James R., born in 1868, married May Keel, of Sandy township, and lives at home with his parents. They have one daughter—Minnie. (7) Zenas E., born in 1871, is also at home.

Mr. Zartman has always been identified with the Democratic party, and both he and his wife are connected with the Presbyterian Church of DuBois. Although his early life was full of hardships and privations, he is still an active and energetic man, possessing the vitality of one much younger, and his straightforward, honorable course has gained for him the warm regard of many friends.

REV. BERNARD McGIVNEY, pastor of St. Catharine's Catholic Church, Du Bois, is a native of Ireland, his birth having occurred in County Cavan, in 1848. His parents, Bernard and Rose (Riley) McGivney, spent their entire lives in Ireland. Father McGivney remained a resident of his native land until eighteen years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to New York, and soon afterward entered St. Bonaventure's College, in Allegany, N. Y. From 1867 until 1871 he was a student in that institution, having graduated there, then taking a three-years' course in theology at the same institution, and on the 23d of June of that latter year he was ordained a priest of the Catholic Church.

In August, 1871, Father McGivney was given charge of St. Charles Church in New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn., where he remained until December, 1888, and during that period erected both the house of worship and the parsonage. He administered to the members of that Church at the time of the building of the low-grade Allegheny Valley railroad, and in the discharge of his pastoral duties rode for many miles throughout the adjoining country.

On leaving New Bethlehem, Father McGivney came to Du Bois to accept the pastorate of St. Catharine's Church, which was established in 1871 by Rev. James Brennan, who first held services in a house occupied by Patrick Burns. It was first a mission, the pastor residing at Driftwood, and the congregation constituted only about ten families. For some years services continued to be held in residences, and later in Neiman's Hall, which has since been destroyed by fire. In 1877 the first house of worship was dedicated. It cost about $8,000, and is now used as a school building. The first parsonage, now the convent, was erected in 1875, but has since been enlarged.

There have only been two resident priests at Du Bois, Father McGivney succeeding Rev. Brennan. Since locating here he has been very active in promoting both the spiritual and material welfare of the Church. In 1889 he erected the commodious brick parsonage, which cost $5,000, and in October of the same year established the parochial school, which now has a membership of about three hundred children. The new church, which is the finest between Williamsport and Pittsburg, Penn., has also been constructed under his supervision. The cornerstone was laid May 8, 1892, by Bishop Mullen, of Erie, assisted by several other priests, and the building was dedicated by that reverend gentleman on the 8th of September, 1893, the sermon being preached by Rev. Thomas Casey, of Erie.
It is a handsome structure, elegantly furnished, the approximate cost of which was $40,000, and it stands as a monument to the untiring efforts of Father McGivney. Although the Polish Catholic Church of Du Bois has been taken from St. Catharine's Church, the congregation still numbers some three hundred families, and under the able guidance of our subject is in good working order. His remarkable energy and executive ability have been forcibly illustrated by his labors in Du Bois, where he has succeeded in raising over $60,000 for the improvement of the church property. In the pulpit he is especially gifted, his force of character and talents are phenomenal, and he possesses great power for good among his people.

GEORGE E. GEARHART, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Decatur township, Clearfield county, was born there in 1835, a son of David and Sarah (Kephart) Gearhart. The father was a native of Centre county, Penn., born in 1812, in Half Moon Valley, whence in 1824 he was brought to Decatur township, Clearfield county, by his parents, John and Lydia (Shivery) Gearhart, whose births occurred in this State. In the midst of the forest the grandfather developed a good farm, where he and his wife spent their remaining days.

David Gearhart early became familiar with clearing and transforming the wild land into richly cultivated fields, and experienced all the trials and hardships incident to pioneer life. In Decatur township, he was married, and upon a farm which he had improved he began his domestic life. His loving wife passed away in April, 1896, but he is still living, and now making his home in Chester Hill. Our subject is the eldest in their family of eight children, the others being as follows: J. Blake, a resident of Newton Hamilton, Penn.; Lydia, who died unmarried; Mrs. Mary Jane Hartman, living in Virginia; Mrs. Hannah Millard and Edward, who are residents of Chester Hill, Decatur township; Charles, who makes his home in Newton Hamilton; Mrs. Nettie Rook, of Clearfield; and Mrs. Heimach, of Newton Hamilton.

The common schools of Decatur township furnished George E. Gearhart his educational privileges, and upon the home farm he received his training as an agriculturist. At an early age he began the battle of life for himself as a lumberman, and has now served in that capacity for many years. He is also the owner of a good farm of seventy-six acres in Decatur township, near Gearhartville, and under his able management it yields a ready return for the care and labor bestowed upon it.

In Decatur township, Mr. Gearhart was married, in 1856, to Miss Christina Smeal, who was born in that township, a daughter of John Smeal, one of the early pioneers of the township. Fourteen children were born of this union, three of whom are now deceased: Allen, Nettie and David; those living are: Mrs. Sarah Ammer- man, of Decatur township; Mrs. Clara Gunter, a widow living in the same township; John, who is married, and is living in Decatur township; Mrs. Ida Gunter, of Decatur township; Mrs. Ella Simmons, of Cambria county, Penn.; Mrs. Octavie Brown, Mrs. Lydia Lloyd, Mrs. Beulah Millard and Mrs. Gertie Craine, all of whom make their home in Decatur township; and Frank and Campbell, who are still with their parents.

In his political views, Mr. Gearhart is a stalwart Democrat, and earnestly advocates the principles of his party. In religious faith he is an active and prominent member of the Free Methodist Church, and in all the various relations of life he has faithfully performed every duty that has devolved upon him. He therefore merits and receives the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

FRAMPTON BELL, born on the farm where he still resides, is a representative of one of the most prominent families of Clearfield county, whose identification therewith is indicated by the fact that two of the townships, Bell and Greenwood, were named in honor of the father of our subject. In the work of development and improvement he bore a conspicuous part, and was numbered among the most distinguished citizens of the community.

Arthur Bell, grandfather of our subject, married a Miss Greenwood, and was the third pioneer to make a permanent settlement in Clearfield county. In 1790 he made his way up the river in a canoe, and spent the winter as a hunter and trapper. In the following spring he brought his family to Clearfield county, and made a permanent settlement on the river bank, a short distance below the present site of Lumber City, where he improved what is known as the Farweather farm. Game was very plentiful, and was the principal source of food supply for the family. They had to go to Williamsport by canoe and across the mountains to Bellefonte for breadstuffs, and all the experiences of frontier life became familiar to them. In the family were children as follows: Letitia, Rebecca, Rachel, Mary,
Greenwood, William, Greer and Arthur, all now deceased.

Grandfather Arthur Bell aided in organizing the county, was its first justice of the peace, and performed all marriage ceremonies for many years. When Bell township was later divided, the portion that was set off was called Greenwood. From the days of its earliest development representatives of the Bell family have been prominent in its promotion.

Greenwood Bell came with his parents to this locality, and was reared on the old family homestead in Lumber City. He began business as an operator in the coal mines, and building "arks" thus shipped his coal down the river to market. Later he purchased about one thousand acres of land and improved the farm on which our subject now resides, placing an extensive portion of the tract under a high state of cultivation. He erected a commodious residence and large barn, and made other substantial improvements, including the planting of a fine orchard. He also built the first gristmill, soon after erected a sawmill, and was among the first in this locality to ship products down the river. His gristmill received the patronage of an extended territory, the settlers coming for miles around with their grain sacks upon their backs, following the trails, for there were as yet no roads.* When Greenwood Bell was only eighteen years of age he hewed the logs for the first cabin erected in the township which bears his name. In company with John Bloom he started up the river with some barrels of flour in a canoe, but on reaching Chest Falls the water was so low that they could not get over the falls with the flour, and were forced to unload it and carry it around. The old mill stood in the woods where the town of Bellville was afterward established, but at that time the entire country was wild and unimproved, and many were the difficulties and hardships which the pioneers experienced.

Mr. Bell was a Democrat in early life, later a Whig. He was prominent in the organization of Clearfield county, at one time served as its sheriff and in 1828 was elected to represent his district in the legislature. His death occurred in September, 1866, that of his wife in 1850. They had ten children—Arthur, Mary, Deilah, John, William, Julia A., David, Greer, Harvey and Frampton. With the exception of the last two all are now deceased.

Frampton Bell was born on the old family homestead, July 31, 1832, and the sixty-four years of his useful and honorable life have there been passed. His education was acquired in a log school house two miles from his home.

Farming and lumbering interests have claimed his attention from an early age. For forty years he was engaged in the operation of a sawmill, and he still follows that pursuit to a limited extent. He received from his father's estate 350 acres of land, and about one hundred acres of this is devoted to farm purposes, being cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation. Good buildings have been erected, an orchard has been planted, and the sawmill also stands on that portion of the place.

Mr. Bell has been twice married. He wedded Matilda Bloom, a native of Clearfield county, as was also her father, John Bloom. He was a descendant of William Bloom, who came from Germany to America in Colonial days and took up his residence in New Jersey. During the Revolutionary war he joined the Colonial army, and served for six years under Gen. Washington. In 1798 he came to Pennsylvania living in Centre county until 1802, when he came to Clearfield county, and founded the Bloom family, now so numerous. Mrs. Bell died February 9, 1868. She was the mother of six children, namely: Sarah E., who died at the age of seven years; John, who died at the age of sixteen years; Greenwood, a merchant; Jared; Arthur; and Martha, wife of T. Deal. In February, 1869, Mr. Bell was again married, his second union being with Jane Bloom, a sister of his first wife. Four children graced this union: William, Lola, Mary (who died at the age of fourteen) and Julia. Of these, William is a teacher in Clearfield county, conducting a normal school in Greenwood township; he married Maude B. Hoover, of Centre county, and they reside on a part of his father's farm; he is a member of the Baptist Church, while his wife is a Methodist; she is a graduate of Clearfield High School, and was a teacher prior to her marriage. Lola is a teacher in Clearfield county; she is a Methodist in religious faith. Julia is at present attending school in Greenwood township; she is a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Bell affiliates with the Democratic party, and has filled several township offices, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church, and both are highly esteemed people, whose sterling worth and many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence and respect of all.

William Johnston, an old-time agriculturist of large experience, is numbered among the prominent and representative citizens of Morris township, Clearfield county, by whose
people he is held in that reverence and respect tacitly accorded those whose lives have been distinguished by integrity and usefulness.

Mr. Johnston was born in the city of Philadelphia, August 15, 1829, a son of George and Agnes (Goodwin) Johnston. The family was founded in the New World by the great-grandfather of our subject, who came from Ireland prior to the Revolutionary war, in which he served under Gen. Washington, and then located in New Jersey, where his death occurred. The grandfather, William Johnston, a native of the Emerald Isle, came to America when a young man. In New Jersey he worked at the carpenter trade, and there married Mary Marshall, by whom he had four children: Katie, Elizabeth, George and Mary Catherine. He died in Trenton, that State; his wife passed away in Philadelphia.

In Philadelphia George Johnston was reared and married, but in 1842 he brought his family to Clearfield county, and purchased eighty-five acres of partially-improved land in Morris township, where he continued to make his home until called from this life. His wife had preceded him to the world beyond, also dying in Morris township. In their family were five children: Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson, of Port Matilda, Centre Co., Penn.; William, of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of A. C. Dale, of Graham township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Agnes Shipley, of Bald Eagle, Centre county; and Catharine, who was accidentally burned to death at the age of ten years.

The first thirteen years of his life William Johnston spent in his native city, where he began his education, which was completed in the schools of Morris township after the removal of the family to Clearfield county. He was trained to habits of industry, and under the guidance of his father became a thorough and skillful farmer. In 1854 he purchased a farm of 116 acres in Graham township, Clearfield county, which he converted into a highly-cultivated tract, and also improved a valuable place of eighty-five acres in Morris township that is now owned by his sons.

In 1859, in Morris township, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Kyler, who was born in that township, a daughter of John B. and Elizabeth (Cooper) Kyler, natives of Clearfield county, Penn., and Virginia, respectively. Both died in Morris township, where Mrs. Johnston also passed away in 1890, leaving many friends as well as her immediate family to mourn their loss. She was the mother of four children: Mrs. Agnes Shields, of Morris township; George, who is married and lives on the home farm; William, who also resides upon the same place; and Mary, wife of Greighton Hoover, of Cooper township, Clearfield county.

Politically, Mr. Johnston is an ardent Democrat, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. A sincere and conscientious Christian, he is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church of Kylertown, and is a liberal supporter of all measures calculated to improve the moral or material welfare of the community. He holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow townsman, whose confidence he enjoys to a marked degree, and throughout the county he is both widely and favorably known.

A. B. SHAW, one of the most highly respected citizens of the borough of Clearfield, and vice-president of the County National Bank, is a native of Clearfield county, born November 12, 1831.

Richard Shaw, father of our subject, was born February 2, 1792, in County Derry, Ireland, second in the family of children born to Archibald and Mary Shaw, the former of whom first saw light in County Donegal, Ireland, in which country he married Mary Campbell, also a native of Ireland. Soon afterward he and his wife emigrated to America, locating first in Chester county, Penn., thence removing to Mifflin county, and in 1810 to Clearfield county, settling on a farm about two miles north of Clearfield, where they followed agricultural pursuits the rest of their lives. Here Archibald Shaw died at the age of seventy-three; his wife also died there, and the remains of both were interred in the Shaw burying ground. In religious faith they were strict Presbyterians. To them were born children as follows: John, Richard, Robert, Archibald, Margaret, Mary and Jane.

Of these, Richard, as will be seen, was eighteen years old when the family came to Clearfield county. On May 14, 1816, he married Mary Irwin, who was born in Philadelphia, a daughter of Henry Irwin, an honored pioneer of Clearfield county, and after marriage they moved to Bradford township, making their home on a one-hundred-acre tract known as Bird Lands, whereon they lived four years, at the end of which time they moved to the mouth of Montgomery creek, in Lawrence township, from whence, however, they soon moved farther up the river, to the site of the present Leander Denning farm, having purchased extensive tracts of land known as the Shaw lands, on the west side of the river, where he spent the rest of his active life, dying in 1876 at the age of eighty-four years, his wife passing away some
eighteen months before him. In religious faith they were Presbyterians. Mr. Shaw was a farmer, merchant and lumberman, energetic and prosperous, occupying prominent positions in the county, and taking an active part in its early history. In Lawrence township he was a justice of the peace, and was associate judge, his colleague being Dr. John P. Hoyt. To Richard and Mary Shaw were born eight children who reached maturity, as follows: Joseph, who resides in Clearfield; Jane, deceased wife of Dr. Hills, of Clearfield; Mary E., deceased wife of John Patterson; A. Henry, deceased: Richard, deceased; Margaret, wife of William A. Wallace, of Clearfield; William, also a resident of Clearfield, and A. B., our subject.

A. B. Shaw was reared in Clearfield county, and received a liberal education in the common schools and the academy in Clearfield. He then entered his father’s store as a clerk, later engaging in lumbering. In 1853 he removed to Shavville, where he opened a lumber and general merchandise business, which he conducted till 1875, in that year returning to Clearfield. In 1882 our subject was elected vice-president of the County National Bank of Clearfield, organized in February, 1865, which incumbency he is still filling with characteristic ability and fidelity. In Clearfield and Cambria counties he owns about one thousand acres of coal lands, and in all respects he is recognized as a thoroughly representative business man.

In 1859, A. B. Shaw married Miss Agnes Au- rand, who was born in Snyder county, Penn., and children as follows blessed their union: Clara, wife of I. N. Troxell; Bertha, wife of J. Boynton Nebling, of Clearfield (they have two children—Rhoda and Margaret); Jennie, wife of Dr. S. D. Bailey, of Clearfield; Fannie, married to H. B. Fulford, of Clearfield. their children being—Vera, Laura and Agnes; Calvin B., a merchant of Clearfield, married Elva Veil, of Big Run, Jefferson county; Edgar, a merchant in Clearfield county, married and living in Shawville; Agnes, Anna, Charles and Mattie, all four at home; and an infant, deceased. In politics Mr. Shaw is a Democrat; in religious faith he is a member of the M. E. Church.

**HENRY HETRICK,** one of the most enterprising and energetic farmers and lumbermen of Sandy township, Clearfield county, began his business career at an early age with no capital or influential friends to aid him, and by the exercise of his resolute will and persevering industry has accumulated considerable property. His straightforward methods of doing business, and his value as a member of the community, have gained for him a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who have watched his career with interest, and are not slow to acknowledge that he is deserving of all the good that has come to him.

Mr. Hetrick is descended from good old Revolutionary stock, his paternal grandfather having fought for American independence. He became one of the pioneers of Jefferson county, Penn., where he purchased a tract of wild land and transformed the same into a good farm, on which he spent his remaining days. Of his nine children, Frederick, the father of our subject, was the eldest, the others being Philip, Jacob, John, Samuel, Christiana, Abigail, Elizabeth and Katharine, all of whom became early settlers of Jefferson county, and are now deceased.

Frederick Hetrick was born in Erie, Penn., and located in Jefferson county when a young man, securing a farm on Little Sandy. In 1862 he sold his property there and went to Nebraska, buying a farm in Washington county, that State, where he had two sons living. There his death occurred. In early manhood he married Elizabeth Doverspike, who was called to her final rest in 1856. In their family were fourteen children, as follows: (1) Christian died in childhood. (2) Eliza married Darius Carrier, of Jefferson county, where they resided until her death in 1852; her husband died a few years ago, leaving a large family. (3) Eva became the wife of Michael Long, and they also made their home in Jefferson county until their deaths; of their family of six children the three sons reside in the West, and the daughters are married and live in Jefferson county. (4) Magdalene married Andrew Vastbinder, and they spent their marriage life upon a farm in Warsaw township, Jefferson county; they left a family of sixteen children. (5) Margaret wedded Paul Vandervort, a stonemason, and both died in Erie county, where they resided; they had several children. (6) Esther married John Carrier, of Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering during his life; at their deaths they left six children—Hannah, Eliza A., John, Hiram, Lucy and Melvina. (7) Mary Magdalene became the wife of George McAninch, a farmer and lumberman of Jefferson county, where she died in 1897, leaving a husband and eight children—Matilda, Drusilla, Stewart, George, Alvira, Jennett, Catharine and James. (8) Annie is the wife of Othneil Davis, formerly of New York State, and they live on a farm in Warsaw township, Jefferson county; they had eight children—Sylvester, Darius, Thomas J.,
Erastus, Herbert, David S., Esick and Ida Ersula. (9) Susan, born in Jefferson county, married Joseph Conger, of Clarion county, Penn., and they live in Bethlehem, that county; their five children are—Lucetta, Selvina, Susan, Clara A., and Charles. (10) Adam married Miss Maria Hetrick, and resides near Omaha, Neb.; they have six children. (11) Rachel lives in Nebraska with her brother William. (12) Catharine married Morgan Lucas, of Armstrong county, Penn., who was killed in a sawmill, and his widow and five children now live in Wyoming. (13) William, a resident of Washington county, Neb., married Leah Second Gost, and has six children. (14) Hannah married John Custard, of Luzerne county, Penn., who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and died in defense of his country; his widow, who now resides in Chautauqua, N. Y., has three children—Mrs. Adelma Bracken, Miss Florence L. Shafer and Miss Catharine Van Buren Shafer.

Henry Hetrick, who completes this family, was born April 10, 1832, in Jefferson county, where he spent his boyhood and youth, and continued to follow lumbering until his marriage, in 1855, to Miss Mary A. Darrah. She was born in Huntington county, Penn., in 1834, and removed to Jefferson county with her parents, William and Margaret Darrah, who afterward went to Illinois, where they died some forty-one years ago. Upon his marriage, Mr. Hetrick located in Brookville, Penn., where he served as general manager in the woods for T. K. Litch, for about five years, but in 1859 removed to Troy, Jefferson county, and engaged in teaming for one year. The following two years he spent at Mill creek where he operated a sawmill for Bomb & Carrier, and he was then in the employ of James Humphrey, at Port Barnet, on the same creek, for three years. In the spring of 1863 he enlisted at Brookville in Company B, 62nd P. V. I., under Col. Black, and from Pittsburg the regiment went to Ohio to drive Morgan out of that State. On receiving his discharge at Pittsburg, Mr. Hetrick returned to Port Barnet, and subsequently removed to Falls Creek, where for five years he served as foreman for the lumber firm of Bomb, Carrier & Osburn. From that company he purchased 106 acres of woodland in 1863, and at once began clearing and improving his place, which he has converted into one of the most desirable farms of Sandy township. He has eighty acres cleared, and the stumps removed from a large portion of it, while the land has been placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings. There he has made his home since 1868, and has met with more than ordinary success in his agricultural pursuits.

Ten children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hetrick: (1) Silas I., born August 27, 1857, died in 1875. (2) Etta Leota, born June 13, 1860, married Kossuth Bothell, of Indiana county, Penn., and they now reside in Du Bois, where he has worked for John Du Bois for twenty-one years; their children were Bertha, Blake A. and Lawrence E., at home; William Ferrin, who died at the age of thirteen months; and Raymond, at home. (3) Anna Viola, born March 10, 1862, is engaged in dress making in Philadelphia. (4) Minnie M., born February 22, 1864, is the wife of John Crawford, a farmer of Washington township, Jefferson county, by whom she has four children—Henry Guy, Ettie A., Fredie Quay and Harry Hazel. (5) Mary May, born January 16, 1866, died March 26, 1869. (6) William Frederick, born April 2, 1868, resides in Du Bois, and is engineer on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad. He married Miss Elphia Gore, of Sinnamahoning, Penn., and they have three children—Barnard D., Mabel E. and Hazel Adell. (7) Almeda, born October 30, 1870, died September 3, 1882. (8) Charles H., born October 16, 1872, married Miss Nanna May De Larme, of Jefferson county, and they have one child, Francis Henry; they live on a farm in Sandy township, Clearfield county, which adjoins his father's place on the west. (9) Olive Janet, born February 21, 1875, married Charles C. Dunlap, of Adams county, Penn., and resides on his farm near the Jefferson county line, which place also adjoins that of our subject; they have two children—Leota May and Mary Viola. (10) S. Maud, born June 22, 1877, is with her parents.

In politics, Mr. Hetrick is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and has taken quite an active and prominent part in promoting those measures calculated to advance the interests of the community. He has been especially interested in educational affairs, was an efficient member of the school board for sixteen years, was instrumental in securing the erection of good school buildings in Sandy township, and gave part of his own land for that purpose. His estimable wife is a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

Prof. Winfield S. Luther, principal of the Fourth Ward school of Du Bois, is a representative of one of the oldest families of Clearfield county, and the name of Luther is inestimably connected with the history of this locality,
for those who have worn it have been prominent in the work of development and improvement.

Our subject was born in Luthersburg, January 24, 1851, a son of Major Martin H. and Sarah M. (Brisbin) Luther. The father was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, January 31, 1814, and was a son of Lebbeus and Elizabeth (Hoover) Luther. The grandfather was a native of Massachusetts, his wife of Centre county, Penn. In 1800 he located in Clearfield county, where his marriage took place, and in 1820 established a home in Brady township, where he founded the town of Luthersburg. His home being in the midst of the forest, he took a contract for building a section of the Erie turnpike, and did much toward the substantial development of Brady township. He served as the second sheriff of the county. In 1847 he removed to Ridgway, Elk Co., Penn., where he engaged in the hotel business until his death in 1870. His wife survived him until 1883. They had ten children: Martin H.; Mary Ann (Mrs. Horam), who died in Ridgway; Lavina (Mrs. P. T. Brooks), a resident of Ridgway; Jane (Mrs. P. W. Barrett), who died in Ridgway in 1873; David S., deceased in 1897; Eliza (Mrs. Patterson), in Idaho; J. Calvin, living at Tidewater, Penn.; and three who died young.

Martin H. Luther was reared in Clearfield county, and educated in Philipsburg, Centre county. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and developed a fine farm in Brady township. He is the oldest living settler of that township. He was there married in February, 1835, to Sarah M. Brisbin, who died in February, 1896. Their family numbered ten children: Erastus, living in Troutville borough, Clearfield county; Lebbeus T., an artist, who died in Brady township, September 28, 1880; Clarence S., a teacher in Du Bois; Winfield S., our subject; Herbert T. (twin of Winfield S.), residing on a farm one mile east of Luthersburg, in Brady township; Elmyra V. (Mrs. J. W. Gaghan), a widow residing in Du Bois; Theresa E. (Mrs. Jesse T. Spencer), living with her father on the old homestead; and three who died young—Enos B. in 1846; Elizabeth in 1840; and Austin T. in 1859.

Prof. Luther, of this review, early became familiar with the life and work of the farm. He obtained his elementary education in the district schools of Brady township, afterward entered Covode Academy, where he was graduated in 1868, and then matriculated in the State Normal of Edinboro, where he pursued his studies in 1870 and 1871. He has since devoted his energies to teaching, and is one of the most successful educators in this part of the State. He first had charge of a school at West Liberty, after which he remained for several years as teacher in the schools of Luthersburg. He taught there in 1896, and founded the public library. In 1882 he began teaching in Du Bois, and was the first city superintendent of schools. He has since been connected with the educational interests of this place, and is now principal of the Fourth Ward school. He was for five years a member of the school board of the city, and is the oldest member of the Teachers’ County Institute, with which he has been connected since 1867.

Prof. Luther was married in Du Bois, in 1881, to Miss Anna J. Bayh, a native of Troutville, and a daughter of Frederick Bayh, a prominent citizen of this place. Eight children have been born of their union, namely: Thurlow, Lloyd, Martin H., Garland, Austin, Viola, Alice and Lyman. An advocate of Democratic principles, Prof. Luther is well informed on the issues of the day, and from 1887 until 1890 he served as auditor of Clearfield county. He has been most successful in his chosen calling, and his reputation extends far beyond the limits of the county. A man of broad and accurate information, he has the faculty of imparting readily to others the knowledge he has acquired, and this, combined with his kindly manner, makes him one of the popular educators of the State.

A W. RAYMOND, who for twenty years has served as justice of the peace in Cooper township, Clearfield county, is an honored veteran of the Civil War. A native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurred May 22, 1839, at Washington Furnace, Centre county. His grandfather, Anthony Raymond, a Frenchman by birth, served for many years as a general in Napoleon’s army, and met his death at Moscow, Russia, during that terrible campaign.

Jacob Raymond, the father of our subject, was born in the city of Paris, France, and after the death of his mother came to America in 1826, locating first at Pottsville, Penn. After various removals he finally took up his residence in Centre county, and at Mill Hall married Catharine Wonderly, by whom he had eight children, namely: Mrs. Catharine Geist; A. W., of this sketch; Jacob J., who died from wounds received during the war of the Rebellion, and left a wife and seven children; Mary A., wife of J. Schnell; Christine, wife of N. Peifer; Joseph H., deceased; Maggie, deceased wife of G. Hart; and one that died in infancy.

The father continued to follow his trade of
blacksmithing at several places in Centre county, but in 1850 came to Clearfield county, where he bought a tract of wild land, on which he opened up a farm and also worked at his trade. Learning coachmaking, he manufactured many of the old stage coaches then in use in this locality, and also engaged in wagon making. During the Mexican war he enlisted, but on reaching Harrisburg, Penn., found his services were not needed and returned home. His wife died in 1890, and he survived her only about three months, dying in the same year. Both were communicants of the Catholic Church, and in politics he was originally a Whig, but after the Know-Nothing party became quite strong, he affiliated with the Democrats.

Mr. Raymond, of this review, received a liberal education in the common schools of his native State, and during his boyhood and youth rendered great assistance to his father in the shop, where he soon learned the trade. On beginning his business career he engaged in jobbing in the timber, and also worked considerably at blacksmithing. But he was rudely awakened from his quiet dreams of the future by the dark cloud of war which overshadowed our beloved country. On October 7, 1861, he enlisted in Company F, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, was mustered in at Harrisburg, and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He took part in many hard fought battles, and was several times wounded, first at the battle of Black Water, Va., later at Deep Bottom, in the same State, and at Petersburg and Gettysburg. For three months he was disabled after the battle of Petersburg, and for one month after the battle of Gettysburg. Some three years and three months he remained in the service, being honorably discharged at Petersburg, in December, 1864.

In the spring after his return home, Mr. Raymond took a raft down the river to Marietta, and for sixteen years continued to engage in lumbering. In 1866 he purchased 175 acres of raw land, known as the Crawford tract, from which he cleared the timber and prepared the lumber for market. He still owns twenty-six acres of that tract, upon which he has a comfortable home. He is a recognized leader of the Democratic party in his township, and has been called upon to fill many local offices, including that of overseer of the poor, which he held for six years. In 1874 he was first elected justice of the peace, and so acceptably did he fill the office that he has been continuously re-elected, and is the present incumbent. He has joined 173 couples in wedlock, has tried and rendered decisions on 280 commonwealth cases and 600 civil cases. Of

the one hundred appealed to higher courts, not one case has been reversed from his decisions, a fact which reflects credit on his excellent judgment, and indicates a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the case in hand. His decisions are rendered without fear or favor, and have met with approbation by the community.

In the fall of 1865, Mr. Raymond was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Nevil, who was born in Clearfield county, in 1850, a daughter of Frederick and Catharine (Rufely) Nevil, now deceased. She is a devout member of the Catholic Church, but Mr. Raymond holds membership with no religious denomination. They have nine children: Malinda, wife of A. C. Johnson; Agnes and John, at home; Joseph V., a railroad employee; and Elizabeth, Dora, Ella, Anthony and Daniel, all at home.

MATTHEW SAVAGE. Among the representative men of Clearfield county stands prominent this gentleman. As the editor of the leading Democratic paper in the county, Public Spirit; as a leader in the Democratic party, and as an educator, his name is familiar as household words, not only in his county, but throughout the entire great State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Savage was born December 1, 1854, in Burnside township, Clearfield county, a son of James and Delilah (Ross) Savage, and a grandson of Matthew Savage, who was born in Ireland in the year 1800. In his native land Matthew was married, and five children were born to him, only two of whom are now living. Matthew Savage came to this country in an early day, settling in Karthaus township, Clearfield county, Penn., in 1829, after which he came to be known as the ‘wool peddler,’ his business being that of wool with the farmers in exchange for their wool. Of the five children born to Matthew Savage and his wife was one, James, who became the father of our subject. He was born November 3, 1827, in Philadelphia, and married to Delilah Ross, by whom he had three children: Matthew; Anna Barnhart, a successful teacher in Clearfield county; and John, who also taught in the county for a time. The parents are yet living, the father aged seventy, the mother aged sixty-eight. For six years (from 1884 to 1890) Mr. Savage was county commissioner of Clearfield county.

The subject proper of this sketch received his earlier training in the district schools of his native place, which was supplemented with a course of study at the New Washington Academy (New Washington is the present Mr. Savage's native
place). At the completion of his academic course in 1873, he turned his attention to teaching in the Clearfield county schools, continuing in that line some five or six years, at the end of which time he became principal of the Burnside village school, an incumbency he filled three years. In 1879 he was elected principal of the primary department of the Burnside village schools, and in 1880 he took charge of the grammar department of the same schools; in 1881 he was made assistant principal of the high schools, which position he held until 1884. In that year, his reputation as an educator having become widespread and justly appreciated, he was elected county superintendent of schools. Of the 214 votes cast at this election for this office Mr. Savage received 195, and in 1887 he was re-elected to the same position by the unanimous vote of the school directors—a practical recognition of his ability and popularity as an educator. In 1891 Mr. Savage reached a still higher elevation, being elected president of the State Teachers' Association for one year, and enjoys the distinction of being the youngest president of the association since its establishment.

In 1890 our subject turned his attention to the work of a journalist by purchasing, along with Mr. Kennedy, the Public Spirit, a lively Democratic sheet of Clearfield. This partnership continued until 1892, at which time Mr. Kennedy sold out to A. M. Bloom, and in 1897 Mr. Savage, by the purchase of Mr. Bloom's interest, became sole owner and editor of the paper.

After the period in which Mr. Savage was interested in the schools of the county, and had entered upon the newspaper work, he also manifested his ability as a political leader, and in 1890 he received the nomination for State Senator from Clearfield county, without opposition. He, however, declined the honor in favor of P. Gray Meek, editor of the Democratic Watchman, of Bellefonte. In 1890–91 he served as chairman of the Democratic County Central Committee of Clearfield county, and in 1892 he was a delegate to the Congressional Convention when Hon. George F. Cribbs, of Clarion, was running for his second term as congressman of the 28th Congressional District. In 1893 he was appointed, by Gov. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, representative to the Farmers' National Congress held in Savannah, Ga., in December of that year. In 1894 Mr. Savage was nominated for State Senator; in 1893 was elected secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee, a position he filled for several years. In 1896 he was a delegate to the Congressional Conference held at Ridgway, which nominated Hon. J. L. Spangler; in the same year was also elected a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held in Chicago, to represent the 28th District of Pennsylvania.

On January 23, 1876, Mr. Savage was united in marriage with Miss Athelia Belle Bunn, of New Washington, Clearfield county, who was born March 17, 1855, daughter of the late Dr. James M. Bunn, one of the first physicians of the county. Mrs. Savage's literary advantages were similar to those of her husband, she later taking up the profession of music as a teacher of the same in Clearfield county. To this union have been born three children: Edna Vienna; Delilah Helen, and Susan Athelia.

Daniel Goodlander, a leading merchant of Luthersburg, Clearfield county, is one of the public-spirited men to whose encouragement is due the rapid development of that locality, and the establishment of various religious and educational institutions, which attest a regard for the best interests of the people. Mr. Goodlander has had the foresight to invest heavily in real estate in the vicinity, and the wisdom of his course is already apparent in the availability of these tracts as additions to the town.

Mr. Goodlander belongs to an old and respected family, and his father, the late Henry Goodlander, was born in Union county, Penn., March 17, 1805, and grew to manhood in Lycoming county, where he was married May 25, 1826, to Miss Margaret Breon. He then bought a lot and built a home in Washington township, Lycoming county, where he followed the shoemaker's trade until 1837. Disposing of his property and business, he removed to Brady township, Clearfield county, where he had previously purchased a tract of 137 acres (the John Carlile Improvement) on the Punxsutawney pike, south of Luthersburg, known as the George Rockey farm. Here he worked at his trade and also engaged in farming, and as his means increased he made many improvements, erecting a fine house and barn in 1854. In 1855 he sold the farm and bought fifty acres in New Salem, on the pike leading to Brookville, and at this place he conducted the old "Joseph Fulton Hotel" until his death; he died May 8, 1883, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years, one month and twenty-two days. His widow resides at Redfern, and is now in her eighty-ninth year. They had thirteen children, of whom ten lived to adult age:

(I) George B. was born April 27, 1827, in Lycoming county, and came with his parents to
Clearfield county, where he received a common-school education. At the age of sixteen he began to learn the wagon maker's trade with Miles Hartsock, of Curwensville, and on completing his apprenticeship came back to Luthersburg and bought some town property, to which he soon brought a bride, Miss Sophie J. Evans, daughter of Josiah Evans, of Curwensville. He followed his trade until 1860 when, having been elected county treasurer, he moved to the county seat. After serving his term of office, he purchased a half-interest in the Clearfield Republican, and became associated in the management of the paper with D. W. Moore, of Clearfield. From July, 1864, until July, 1865, he held the position of deputy sheriff of Clearfield county, and in the last named year he became sole proprietor of the Republican, which is still recognized as the leading journal of the Democratic party in that locality. Three times during Mr. Goodlander's occupancy of the editorial chair the paper was enlarged. His health failed rapidly in the last two or three years, and the paper has been conducted by James I. Goodlander, nephew of the editor-in-chief, and son of Daniel Goodlander, our subject. On January 24, 1897, George B. Goodlander died, having leased the office first for a year, and by his will the office became the property of James I. and Mrs. Hattie Wallace. He left no children.

(II) Elizabeth, born October 10, 1828, in Lycoming county, Penn., came to Brady township with her parents. She married F. K. Arnold, of that township, who afterward located in Luthersburg and engaged in the lumber and mercantile business. At one time he organized a country bank in the town of Luthersburg, and did quite an extensive banking business. In 1874 he sold out his interests in Brady township and moved to Reynolds ville, where he organized a National Bank, and also made large investments in other branches, having a controlling interest in the woolen-mills there. He also invested in mining stocks in Cripple Creek, Colo. He retired from active life, being in ill health, and died April 19, 1897, aged seventy-two years, eleven months and ten days, his only son, James B. Arnold, taking charge of his large interests. He had three children—James B., Clara (now Mrs. William B. Alexander, of Reynolds ville) and Miss Belle.

(III) Daniel, born August 2, 1830, is mentioned more fully below. (IV) John, born in Lycoming county, Penn., November 3, 1832, died at the age of twelve years. (V) Sarah married William L. Porter, who is now living in retirement at Brookville; they have no family.

(VI) Margaret Goodlander married C. D. Lutz, of Brady township, and died in 1874, leaving several children. (VII) Mary, born May 1, 1839, married Z. J. Shugart, and resides in Luthersburg; they have a family of five children. (VIII) Jane E., born March 16, 1841, on the old homestead, married J. L. Schofield, of Penfield, who owns the "Penfield Hotel," and is one of the cleverest and best landlords in Pennsylvania; his worthy wife assumes the duties of entertaining her guests with true womanly grace and kindness. Their daughter, Mrs. Alice Schaney, resides with her parents. (IX) Catherine, born April 24, 1843, married Joseph Snyder, of Brady township, died in 1872, leaving two daughters—Della and Mabel. (X) Annie M., born March 21, 1845, married Joseph H. Kirk, a farmer of near Luthersburg, and they have nine children, viz.: Harvey L. (who is single, and is engaged in teaching school), Alice (Mrs. Noyer, of Morrisdale), Lorina, Nora, Lizzie, Mary, George B., Charles H., and Ralph. (XI) Charles H., born February 23, 1847, married Miss Mary A. Soliday, who died February 28, 1893, and he now resides on the old homestead; he has two daughters—Emma and Alice. (XII) Sophie E., born March 6, 1850, married G. W. Nolder, who resides on a farm in Brady township; they have a large family of children as follows: Harry E., Charles H., Frank, Ray, Alice, Bessie, Della (now Mrs. Robinson, of Du Bois), and Annie (now Mrs. J. E. Marshall, of the same city). (XIII) Clara, born June 4, 1852, is now Mrs. J. W. Dilly, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has several children.

Daniel Goodlander was a boy of seven when he accompanied his parents to the Brady township home. He attended school during the winter months for some years while assisting on the farm and in his father's shop. In 1846 he joined the Brady Guards, under Capt. P. W. Barrett, as a regular volunteer and remained in the service six years. On September 8, 1853, he married Miss Leah Draucker, daughter of Isaac and Mary Draucker, of Luthersburg, and the first seven years of their wedded life were spent upon a portion of his father's homestead. In 1860, having been elected justice of the peace in Brady township, he bought a dwelling and store in Luthersburg from R. W. Moore, and moved to that town, where he has since resided. In the same year he engaged in the mercantile business, which he still conducts. In 1865 he purchased sixty acres from Mr. Moore, adjoining the town, and has since laid it out as addition, which promises to build up rapidly, the C. & M. depot now occupying a portion of it. In 1866 he bought from
Adam Miles sixty acres of land covered with heavy pine timber, and in 1873 he added to his possessions the John Thompson farm of 115 acres, adjoining Luthersburg, and the James Miles farm of 127 acres. Later he purchased a hotel built by R. W. Moore, and after conducting it for some years as a hostelry, he converted it into a dwelling house for himself and family. Mr. Goodlander has always taken much interest in public affairs, and is a Jacksonian Democrat in his political belief. He held the office of justice of the peace for five years, and has filled a number of other positions.

The family is prominent in social life, and Mr. and Mrs. Goodlander, with their daughters, are members of the Lutheran Church. Of thirteen children all but five are living: (1) Mary E., born May 3, 1854, married J. H. Edinger, of Brady township, now a hardware merchant at Luthersburg; they have the following children: Charles I., Laura L., Fred L., Paul M., Millicent I., Earl E., and Leland G. (2) Christian D., born October 26, 1855. (3) Perry N., born March 27, 1857, is a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Rachel A. Lines, daughter of Jesse Lines, and now resides in the town of Luthersburg; they have four children: Lois Edna, Maude E., Leah L. and Joseph H. (4) Laura J., born July 1, 1859, married H. F. Winslow, agent of the Allegheny Valley railroad, at Du-Bois; they have seven children: Nellie E., Leslie K., Adda S., Leah E., Harold G., Earl D., and Arthur, all of whom are at home. (5) James I., born on April 7, 1861, first attended the schools of Brady township, and later studied at Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Penn. Afterward he entered the office of his uncle, G. B. Goodlander, of Clearfield, and after learning the printer's trade he took charge of the entire business of the office, as stated above. In 1885 he was married to Miss Edith R. McCullough, daughter of the well-known lawyer, Wm. M. McCullough, of Clearfield, and they now reside on Pine street, Clearfield; they have one daughter, M. Arline. (6) Clara E., born April 12, 1863, married J. K. Seyler, who is engaged in the insurance business at Du Bois; they have four children: Nellie, Leah, Chester D., and Franklin A., all at home and attending school. (7) Ida M., born February 12, 1865, married Walter F. Arms, superintendent of the Eleanora Mines, of Jefferson county, Penn; they have three children: Anna, Avice C., and Margaret, all at home. (8) George Willis, born March 10, 1867, died September 12, 1880. (9) Infant son, born March 10, 1870, died March 10, 1870. (11) Erolie E., born June 13, 1871, married A. C. Shea, and now resides at Eleanora Mines; they have one daughter, Helen I. (11) Alice J., born September 17, 1872, died March 23, 1877. (12) Hattie Y., born May 28, 1876, died June 28, 1876. (13) Walter H., born June 30, 1877, is still residing with his parents.

A C. DALE, whose identification with the agricultural interests of Graham township, Clearfield county, covers a period of almost forty years, was born in Philipsburg, Centre county, in 1826, a son of John and Elizabeth (Waring) Dale.

The father of our subject was born in Lancashire, England, July 16, 1796, and with his parents, Joseph and Mary (Rider) Dale, came to America in 1819, the family locating in Philipsburg, Penn. The grandfather was a weaver, bleacher and hatter, but after coming to the United States he developed a farm in Rush township, Centre county, and also opened a coal mine, hauling the product to Bald Eagle Furnace. He made his home on his farm until his death in 1833; his wife died there about 1837. They had twelve children, all now deceased: Mrs. Betsy Nield, who died in Gloucester City, N. J.; Mrs. Martha Dale and Mrs. Mary Millward, who died in Clearfield county; Mrs. Margaret Wanndy, who died in Philipsburg; Joseph, who was killed by a falling tree at a place now called Powelson, Penn.; Luke and Mark, who died in England; David, who died in Philipsburg; James and Mrs. Hannah Dale, who died in Centre county; and Mrs. Susanna Hudson, who died in Philipsburg.

John Dale, the father of our subject, remained in England until twenty-three years of age, and learned the hatter's trade there. After coming to America he was employed as a journeyman in Pittsburg and other places, and later established himself in business as a hatter in Philipsburg. He walked to Philadelphia two or three times to purchase goods, which were conveyed to their destination by wagon. In 1824, in Philipsburg, he married Elizabeth Waring, a native of Herefordshire, England, as were also her parents, William and Gwen (Hancorn) Waring. Her father engaged in farming in different estates owned by the nobility, and in 1821 brought his family to the United States, landing at New York, whence he came to Philipsburg. He developed a farm in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and continued its cultivation until his death. John Dale removed to Bradford township, Clearfield county, in 1834, rented land and erected a shop, in which he followed his
trade. In 1835 he purchased sixty acres of land, and subsequently extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase. He was one of the highly respected agriculturists of the community, and had a wide acquaintance. His death occurred in 1880, that of his wife in 1881. They reared a family of six sons and four daughters, namely: A. C.; John, deceased; Edmund, of Bradford township; Gwen Hancorn, widow of John Graham; Mary, deceased; Ann, wife of John Stewart, of Bradford; David, who is living in Bradford township; William, who died at the age of sixteen years; Elizabeth (now deceased); and George, who died in childhood.

A. C. Dale, whose name begins this review, spent the first eight years of his life in his native town, and then went with his parents to Bradford township, where he acquired his education in the public schools. He was early trained to habits of industry and economy, and the experience thus gained has been of valuable use to him in his business career. He has always followed farming and lumbering, and for many years worked on the river. In 1849 he purchased his present farm, then consisting of a tract of wild timber land. After his marriage he located on that property, and is to-day the owner of 210 acres of valuable land, of which 100 acres are under a high state of cultivation and well improved.

In Morris township, Clearfield county, in 1858, Mr. Dale was married to Miss Elizabeth Johnston, who was born in West Philadelphia, a daughter of George and Agnes (Goodwin) Johnston, the former a native of Philadelphia, the latter of Ireland. They came to Morris township in 1843, and purchased a partially improved farm, upon which they spent their remaining days. Mr. and Mrs. Dale have had a family of two sons and six daughters, namely: Alice, wife of A. A. Murray, of Girard township, Clearfield county; Agnes, wife of A. E. Woolridge, of Woodland, Penn.; George, who is married and resides in Graham township; Jessie, wife of Dr. Shivery, of Woodland; Ida, wife of John S. Chaplin, of West Clearfield; Mary and Carrie, at home; and one that died in infancy.

Mr. Dale is independent in politics, supporting the men whom he thinks best qualified for office. He has served as overseer of the poor, and as a member of the school board, discharging his duties with commendable promptness and fidelity. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which society he is a trustee, and he is a man whom to know is to respect and honor, for his life has been well spent.

GEORGE BURTON SHIVERY, M. D., a practicing physician and surgeon of Woodland, Bradford township, was born in Benner township, Centre Co., Penn., in 1862, a son of Andrew J. and Jane (Wilson) Shivery.

Andrew J. Shivery, the father of our subject, was born in Centre county in 1826, and was a son of David Shivery, a native of Chester county, Penn., and who accompanied his father to Half Moon township, Centre county, at an early day. There the grandfather made his home until his death in 1872. The father of our subject was reared in Half Moon township, and was there married in 1854, after which he removed to Benner township and opened up a farm. In 1881, he went to Bellefonte, where he died in 1891. His widow is still living in that place. She is a daughter of Thomas and Hannah (Downing) Wilson, natives of Half Moon township, Centre county, and representatives of early families in that locality. Both died there in 1879. The Doctor's parents had the following children: David Harry, who is living on the old homestead in Benner township; George B.; and Maggie and Sarah, both living at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

George B Shivery, whose name opens this sketch, was reared on the old home farm, and acquired his education in Bellefonte Academy and the Pennsylvania State College near that place. With the desire to make the practice of medicine his life work, he in 1879 entered the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati, where he did not pursue an uninterrupted course, but was graduated with the class of '86. In the meantime he was engaged in the drug-store business in Bellefonte. He has done all in his power to perfect himself in his chosen calling, and has a broad and comprehensive knowledge of the science of medicine and its application to the needs of suffering humanity. His skill in his practice is shown by the liberal patronage which he receives. He is a member of the Central Pennsylvania Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the National Medical Society. He first located in Fishertown, Bedford Co., Penn., in 1886, and in 1888 he removed to Bigler, Penn.; in 1893 he came to Woodland and bought out Dr. Enigh, and has since been engaged in general practice, receiving from the public a liberal support. He is a contributor to the "Eclectic Medical Journal," of Cincinnati.

In 1891 Dr. Shivery married Miss Bessie Dale, daughter of Clark and Elizabeth (Johnston) Dale, early pioneers of Graham township, Clearfield county, where they are still living. To the Doctor and his wife have been born two sons: George Burton and Andrew Kenneth.
Our subject is examiner for the Northwestern Life Insurance Co., and surgeon for the B. C. R. R. Socially he is connected with Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, F. & A. M.; with the Royal Archanum, of Philipsburg; with the Golden Eagle, of Woodland, and with the American Mechanics Society of Wallaceton. In politics he is a Republican, and gives a commendable support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. His pleasant, genial manner has won him many friends, and he is widely and favorably known in the county.

JAMES W. WILSON, one of the veteran soldiers whose courage and patriotism endured the test of service on bloody battle fields during the Civil war, is a highly respected citizen of Gulich township, Clearfield county. He belongs to a family which has always been ready to prove its loyalty and devotion to the flag. Samuel Kulp, an uncle, served in the Mexican war and during the Rebellion. Two brothers died while in the Union army, and a number of other relatives were in the service, namely: Hugh Wilson, William Wilson, of Mifflin county, James E. Wilson, of Huntingdon, Penn., David and James Funk, cousins, and Martin Funk, a cousin, who was taken prisoner at the battle of the Wilderness and was starved to death at Andersonville. The ancestors of the Wilson family settled in Huntingdon county, Penn., at an early day, and Thomas Wilson, our subject's father, was born there in 1807, and passed his entire life there, his death occurring at the old homestead near Warrior's Mark, December 10, 1883. By trade he was a collier, and was employed constantly at Huntingdon Furnace. His wife, Christina Hoover, died in 1839, leaving six sons, all of whom grew to manhood in Huntingdon county, being as follows: (1) Washington, while working for his uncle, James Wilson, in a colliery at Jack's Mountain, was accidentally killed by a shot from his own gun, which he was handling carelessly. (2) Christopher is a farmer at the old homestead. He married Miss Mary Wheelon, of Centre county, and has five children—Thomas L., a successful physician at Bellwood, Penn., married Miss Regina Henderson, of Warrior's Mark, and has one child; John, who is not married, is a leading physician at Clinton, Ohio; Lizzie married a Mr. Wolf, a grocer at Tyrone, Penn., and has two children; Ellen, wife of Edward Rumberger, residing near Warrior's Mark, has one child; Harry Wilson, who is not married, resides at home; (3) Darius, born June 6, 1840, married Miss Annie Coacanour, of Warrior's Mark, and died December 18, 1896, leaving children—Mary is the wife of William Harris, of Huntingdon Furnace; James, who is now in the employ of a tannery company at Irwona, Penn., married Miss Potts, of that place, and has two children; Flora, Mrs. Nearhoff, residing at the cross roads near Warrior's Mark, has two children; Anna married George Cronister, of Warrior's Mark, but has no family; Miss Bertha is at home with her mother. (4) Abraham, born in 1841, enlisted in 1862 in Company I, 5th Penn. Reserves, and was transferred to Company C, 19th P. V. I. He was captured by the enemy at Weldon Railroad and confined first in Libby prison, then at Andersonville, where he died of starvation in January, 1865. He was not married. (5) Martin, born December 11, 1843, enlisted in January, 1864, in Company I, 188th P. V. I., and was mortally wounded on September 29, 1864, at Port Harrison, in front of Richmond. He died October 5, 1865, while in the Point of Rocks Hospital, on the James river, near Point of Rocks, Virginia.

James W. Wilson was born August 2, 1845, at the old home in Huntingdon county, and was but a youth when he enlisted in Philadelphia in the Heavy Artillery. He went to Fortress Monroe and served three months in the Heavy Artillery, then re-enlisted, in the 188th P. V. I., in which he served till the end of the war. He participated in the engagement at Drury Bluff, May 16, 1864. He was engaged at Cold Harbor June 1-6, 1864; and at Chapin's Farm, September 29, of the same year. The company's first captain, Harry E. Brel, was wounded at Cold Harbor, and died September 11, 1864, and Capt. Keough took command. Our subject was wounded in the right hand at Cold Harbor on June 3, 1864, and after a short stay in a hospital at Washington was given a furlough of thirty days which he spent at home. While there he married Miss Belle Ganoc; but at the end of his leave of absence he returned to Washington and a few days later was transferred to a hospital at West Philadelphia. On November 29, 1864, he rejoined his regiment, in front of Richmond, and remained there all winter. When the campaign opened in the spring they marched down through Fredericksburg, and had some hot skirmishing with Gen. Mosby's men, and then returned to Richmond to take part in the final struggle with Lee. After the surrender they were detailed to work on bridges in that vicinity until July, when they went to Washington to participate in the Grand Review. Later they were stationed at Manchester for a time, then they were conveyed by train to Lynchburg where they spent six days.
A division of the force was made there, small companies being sent to different points and Mr. Wilson's division was ordered to Nelson Court House to gather up supplies and government property, including mail bags, horses, and mules. Mr. Wilson did provost duty for five months, and was not finally discharged from the service until December 19, 1865, when he was paid off at Philadelphia. Not long after his return home he and his wife removed to Clearfield for a year, but returned to Warrior's Mark and began housekeeping. Three years later Mr. Wilson entered the employ of P. & A. Flynn, the lumbermen, for whom he worked twenty years. He resided for some time in Clearfield, and then buying a house and lot in Janesville from his employers, he made his home there until 1896, when he moved into a house belonging to Mr. Ganoe, an invalid brother of Mrs. Wilson, in order to care for him.

Our subject is a stanch Republican and wields great influence in local affairs, his character and ability commanding the confidence of all classes. He has held the office of supervisor for four terms. His wife is an active member of the M. E. Church, and one of their daughters is following in her footsteps. Twelve children were born to them: (1) Walter, born September 26, 1867, received an education in the Janesville schools, and in early manhood engaged in lumbering as an occupation, his home being at Allemanville, Penn. He married Miss Mollie Mulhollan, and has three children—Edith, Harry and Annie. (2) Clarence, born in Janesville, September 11, 1869, died at the age of eleven years. (3) Laura, born September 15, 1869, died in August, 1872. (4) Nancy H., born December 5, 1873, married Amien Lovel, a brick maker at Blandburg, Cambria Co., Penn., and has one son—Russel James. (5) Jennie, born July 3, 1881, is at home. (6) Darius, born August 23, 1883, died in infancy. (7) Mary, born September 29, 1884, was fatally burned when four years old by falling into a tub of boiling soap, and lived but a short time after the accident. (8) Benjamin, born March 21, 1886, (9) Lydia, born July 11, 1887, (10) Ella, born March 12, 1876, (11) Flora, born April 17, 1878, and (12) Emma M., born October 26, 1865, all passed away in infancy.

Mrs. Belle Ganoe Wilson, who was born in Huntingdon county, April 18, 1843, is a member of a well-known German family which is especially noted for the number of able ministers that it has given to the M. E. Church. Two of her brothers are now in that service, and one, Martin L., has been presiding elder of the Altoona district for several years. Four brothers were soldiers in the Civil war: Rev. Martin L., William V., J. D., and B. H. The latter enlisted in February, 1863, in Company K, 11th P. V. I., his regiment being a part of the 20th Army Corps, under Gen. Joseph Hooker. After the battle of Chattanooga it was transferred, on May 3, 1864, to Sherman's command, and took part in the famous march down to the sea, skirmishing all the way through to Atlanta. For one hundred and eight days they were within constant hearing of bomb and shell, and at Peachtree Creek they had a fierce struggle. On reaching Atlanta the exhausted troops rested three days before making an attack, Mr. Ganoe doing patrol duty. The story of their victory over Hood's army, of which they captured a large portion before burning the city, will never lose its interest while our country endures. During the conflict Mr. Ganoe was wounded, and after a short stay in a hospital at Nashville he was discharged, and in July, 1865, returned to his home.

DENTON BEEMAN is one of the substantial citizens of the thriving town of Madera, Clearfield county. Public-spirited and progressive, he takes an active part in movements which promise to advance the educational, social, religious and financial welfare of the town, and his upright character commands the respect of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Beeman comes of New England ancestry, and his grandfather, Ebenezer Beeman, was a native of Connecticut, where he grew to manhood. He moved to New York State and purchased lands on Seneca Lake, but afterward traded them for property in Bradford county, Penn., where he died a few years later. A portion of this estate was inherited by his son, Joseph H. Beeman, the father of our subject, who was born in New York, on Seneca Lake, in 1805. In 1829 he married Mrs. Elizabeth Buck, a native of Bradford county, Penn., born in 1810, and after residing some years upon his property there he bought one hundred acres of woodland, and made a new home for himself, clearing a part of the tract. He followed lumbering throughout life. He died in Bradford county in 1847, leaving seven children, of whom our subject was the eldest. The family remained upon the homestead a few years and then sold it, removing to Camptown, where Mrs. Beeman some years later married Jesse Sturtevant, of Bradford county.

Of the children, the second son, Charles S., moved to South Dakota. He married Miss Carolina Titus, and has two daughters. (3) Minor S., who resides in Iowa, married, and has several children. (4) Eliza married Dr. Daniel Lacy,
then of Bradford county, and later of Janesville, Wis., where he acquired a large practice. In 1894 diphtheria became epidemic there, and the Doctor and his entire family were taken ill with the disease, from which none of them recovered with the exception of one daughter, now residing in Wisconsin. (5) Henry married Miss Rebecca Myers, of Burnside township, Bradford county, and followed lumbering until 1861, when he enlisted in Company M, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, which was assigned to the Army of the West. He took part in all the battles of his regiment until he was captured and taken to Andersonville. When finally exchanged, he was reduced to a mere skeleton, and died at Annapolis, Md., while on his way home. His wife survived him with one child, Homer, who died at the age of four years. (6) Amos, now a resident of East Spring Hill, Bradford county, enlisted in the Union army, and returned home at the close of the war with his health permanently impaired. His first wife (a Miss Montgomery) died, and he married again. He has several children by each marriage. (7) Julia married Andrew Jackson, now residing in Iowa.

Mr. Beeman, our subject, was born in Bradford county, June 2, 1830, and, as the eldest son of his widowed mother, became acquainted at an early age with the serious aspect of life. In 1852, a few years before his mother's second marriage, he went to Clearfield county with William S. Wells, and rented Best's mill on Clearfield creek, where he engaged in lumbering, remaining two years. In 1854 he married Miss Eliza Jane Mc Kee, and moved to Belsena, taking charge of the Wilson mill, which he ran for two years. He then spent one year on the Mosshannon, near Dunbar, conducting a mill for Graffin & Wood; three years at Janesville, in a mill belonging to the Mosshannon Land & Lumber Co.; two years at David Cree's mill, at the present site of Coalport; and two years at the Cambria mills. While he was there the mill burned down, and for some time he worked as a millwright in rebuilding it. In 1858 he took charge of a water mill on Muddy run, near Smoke run, for John L. McCully, remaining four years, when he undertook a logging contract for the Hegartys, which occupied his time for a year. He purchased some timber land from the Hegartys, and engaged in making square timber to send down the river, continuing this and similar work until September, 1864, when he enlisted in the 3d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. They were sent to Fortress Monroe and later to Dutch Gap, on the James river, where they were united with the 188th P. V. I., and assigned to guard duty at Fort Harrison. They went into winter quarters about a mile and a half from the fort, and in February, 1865, Mr. Beeman was taken sick and sent to a hospital at Point of Rocks, near Petersburg, Va. There he remained two months, and was then detailed to work at a saw-mill in manufacturing lumber for hospitals and pontoon bridges. After Lee's surrender his regiment marched to Richmond, and while on the way there was quartered one night in Libby prison. They were on guard duty at Mansfield several weeks, and then returned to Fortress Monroe, and remained until June 12, 1865, when they were discharged from the service.

On coming home, Mr. Beeman conducted the Wilson mill on Clearfield creek for two years, and then rented it and continued the manufacture of lumber some sixteen years. In 1881 he moved to Madera, and ran a mill for Samuel Hegarty two years, and the following year he spent as a railroad boss on the Wallace Branch railroad, and in conducting a boarding house for the men. Returning to Madera in 1884, Mr. Beeman bought a lot and built a fine two-story house with all modern improvements. He has since made other purchases of land adjoining until he now owns seven lots.

In 1891, Mr. Beeman's first wife died, and in 1893 he married Mrs. Tillie Mc Tavish, of Jamesville, who was born in Tioga county, Penn., in 1855, the daughter of Alanson and Lydia Root. There were five children by the first marriage: (1) Daniel W., born at Lost Run, in 1854, graduated at the normal school in Curwensville, Penn., and taught several terms successfully. He is now engaged in business at Madera as a contractor and builder, his ability as an architect being displayed in some of the finest buildings of that vicinity. His influence is strongly felt in local affairs, and he is now serving his second term as justice of the peace. In 1880 he married Miss Becky McDonald, of Bigler township, and they have had three children—Maud and Paul, who are at home; and Ralph G., who died in infancy. (2) Julia, born July 19, 1855, died at the age of eight years. (3) Alice A., born June 25, 1857, married (first) George Barto, of Madera, now deceased, and (second) John L. Wells, of Belsena, an engineer in a mill. She has no children. (4) Maud M., born January 14, 1860, married Charles Whatmouth, a mason at Beulah, Penn., and has had five children—Daniel; Thomas; John; Charlie, who died at the age of six years; and Alice. (5) Katie E., born November 17, 1863, married Thomas R. Anderson, and after residing some time in Madera, moved in 1896 to Big Run, Jefferson Co., Penn. They
have four children—Bertha, Alice, Alfred and Joseph.

Mr. Beeman is a Presbyterian in religious faith, and his wife and one of his daughters also belong to that Church, but the rest of the family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a steadfast Republican, and he has held office of supervisor, school director two terms, and for four years past has been serving as tax collector.

J. H. ROSENKRANS, who was one of the "boys in blue" during the dark days of the Rebellion, is now numbered among the enterprising farmers of Huston township, Clearfield county. He was born in Sussex county, N. J., October 2, 1829, and is a son of A. V. C. and Belinda (Myers) Rosenkrans. The father was born, reared and married in that State, and in 1851 removed with his family to a farm in Luzerne county, Penn., where he made his home until 1866, at which time he became a resident of Penfield, Clearfield county. Here he died in October, 1878, and his wife departed this life in the same year.

Our subject is the second in order of birth in the family of eight children, the others being Wyncoop, who died when young; Mrs. Belinda Potter, now a resident of Aurora, Ill.; Mrs. Arrieta Wetherell, who died in Luzerne county, Penn.; Mrs. Helen Curtis, who is living in that county; John and Peter, both deceased; and A. V. C., whose death occurred in Aurora, Ill. J. H. Rosenkrans spent his boyhood and youth mainly in New Jersey, and in its public schools he acquired his education. At the age of seventeen he went to Luzerne county, Penn., and began life for himself as a farmer. Subsequently he engaged in railroading for fourteen years, being connected with the Pennsylvania Coal Company's road. In 1862, in Luzerne county, he enlisted in Company D, 179th P. V. I., for nine months, went into camp at Philadelphia, and was stationed at Fortress Monroe, later at New Port and Yorktown. When his term had expired he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., in 1863. Returning to Luzerne county, he there remained until August, 1865, when he became a resident of Penfield, Clearfield county, and for a time engaged in teaming. The following year, however, he purchased a farm in Huston township, and has since devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits.

In Luzerne county, on July 17, 1852, Mr. Rosenkrans was married to Miss A. M. Watrous, a native of that county, of which her father, Jonathan B. Watrous, was an honored pioneer. There he died when past the age of eighty years. The following named children were born to our subject and his wife: Allen H. and Frank are both married and reside in Penfield; Mrs. Ella Lewis and Mrs. Clara Lewis both live at Hulton, Penn.; Friend W. is married and resides in Penfield; Ray is at home; George and Howard both died when young.

For two years Mr. Rosenkrans most acceptably served as district treasurer, was tax collector three years and supervisor two years. Politically, he is identified with the Democracy; socially, he is identified with Clearfield Lodge No. 198, I. O. O. F., and Clearfield Lodge No. 305, K. P. He has always taken an active interest in the development and progress of his adopted county, has done all in his power to promote its welfare, and justly deserves a place among its representative and public-spirited citizens.

REUBEN HOLT, a successful teacher, and one of the leading farmers of Graham township, Clearfield county, was born April 5, 1851, in Bradford township, and is a son of John and Priscilla (Smeal) Holt, of Bradford township, Clearfield county.

Thomas Holt (grandfather of our subject), who was a native of England, located in Bradford township on coming to the New World, and purchased a tract of timber land which he cleared, following lumbering throughout the remainder of his life. He was united in marriage with a Miss Meek, of Centre county, Penn., by whom he had four children—two sons and two daughters. She died in 1851, and he afterward married Catherine Watson, who is still living in Bradford township, but the grandfather has passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. By his second union he had two children, one of whom is still living in Philipsburg, Penn. In the family of Thomas Holt were Vincent B., a farmer of Bradford township, who married Nancy Wilson, and has several children; John, the father of our subject; Frank, of Philipsburg, who married a Miss Goodrich; Robert, who married a Miss Barger, of Bradford township, but both have passed away, leaving one child, Rosalie; Isabella, deceased wife of Alexander Murray, a farmer of Girard township, and the mother of Thomas H. Murray, a distinguished lawyer of Clearfield county, who is one of six children; and Caroline, wife of Joseph Goon, a shoemaker of Clearfield, by whom he has seven children.

Of the ten children born to the parents of our subject: George died in 1835; Ellen, in
1850; Mary, in 1850; George, in 1852; and Alfred in 1853. Vincent B. was killed while rolling logs on the clearing by being caught with a chain, and his limb torn and mutilated in such a manner that he died in a few days, at the age of fifteen years; Thomas M., who resides on a farm in Graham township, adjoining the old homestead, married Isabel B. Kephart, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, by whom he had four children, and after her death wedded Mrs. Lucy Turner, by whom he has a daughter, Mamie; Stephen, who is unmarried, resides on his farm in Morris township, Clearfield county; Wilson, also a farmer of Morris township, married Emma Miller, and has two daughters, Cecil and Enid.

Reuben Holt, the subject of this sketch, completes the family. He was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and since attaining to man's estate has engaged in teaching in connection with the operation of the old homestead in Graham township, on which he makes his home, and which is a well-improved and productive farm. The buildings which he has erected are of a neat and substantial character, and all the improvements are made with a view to convenience in his business.

Mr. Holt was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Forcey, a daughter of T. H. and Anna (Leonard) Forcey, the former of whom is one of the largest lumber manufacturers of Clearfield county, and is also engaged in the banking business. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Holt, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: (1) Howard G., July 20, 1875; Clarence P., September 21, 1876; Anna E., January 23, 1878; Clyde F., April 26, 1879; Mabel M., June 10, 1880; Ora B., February 16, 1882; Minnie L., May 21, 1883; Grover C., August 6, 1884; Lloyd M., November 21, 1885; May C., September 24, 1887; Vida N., January 23, 1889; Donald R., May 19, 1890; and Carrie V., February 14, 1892. All are still living and reside at home, with the exception of Donald R., who died September 6, 1890. Howard G. is a traveling salesman, and both Clarence P. and Anna E. are successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools. The wife and mother passed away August 29, 1893, at the age of thirty-eight years, and Mr. Holt has since married Mrs. Ella M. Stillman, widow of H. B. Stillman, a prominent lawyer of Lewiston, Illinois.

Politically, Mr. Holt has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and has held the office of clerk in his township a number of years, supervisor one term, and has also been officially connected with the schools. Religiously, he is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which his wife and seven of his children are also connected. He is one of the influential and enterprising business men of Graham township, whose integrity and honor are unquestioned, and whose word is considered as good as his bond.

ISRAEL SCHUCKER, a representative business man of Clearfield county, has been for over twenty-four years a leading contractor and builder at West Clearfield. Born in Brady township, Clearfield county, in 1838, he has witnessed a wonderful development in all lines of enterprise, and his own well-directed efforts have been an appreciable factor in the improvement of his locality.

George Schucker, his grandfather, was born in 1772, in Lebanon county, Penn., and comes of good old pioneer stock. In early manhood he moved to Madisonburg, Centre county, where he followed the cooper's trade until 1816, when he moved to Brady township, Clearfield county, then a wilderness, and cleared a farm. He died in 1834, but the family is still represented there by some of his descendants. His son Michael, our subject's father, was born in Madisonburg in 1809, and was only seven years old at the time of the removal to Brady township, where he passed his life in agricultural pursuits. He was married there to Miss Barbara Ellinger, a native of Centre county, Penn., who died in 1882, at the old homestead, and his own death occurred three years later. They had eleven children: (1) Rachel, Mrs. Weaver, who for fourteen years past has resided in Huntingdon county, Penn.; (2) Sarah, who died at home at the age of sixteen; (3) Mary Ann, who died at the old home; (4) Peter, formerly a resident of Huntingdon county, Penn., died January 7, 1897, of heart trouble; (5) George, who lives near Troutville, Penn., operates a sawmill and a crane; (6) Israel, our subject; (7) Eli, who died in Brady township in 1862; (8) Michael, a farmer in Huntingdon county; (9) Cornelia, who resides in New Jersey; (10) John, who died in Du Bois, Penn., and (11) Katie, Mrs. L. Schoch, of Troutville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Schucker's early education was obtained in the schools of his native township, where he grew to manhood and engaged in the business of contracting and building. In 1873 he moved to West Clearfield to continue this occupation. He owns 113 acres in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, upon which stone of an excellent quality is found, and he is now opening a quarry there. He was married in Lawrence township July 5,
1866, to Miss Anna Aughenbaugh, a native of that locality, and the daughter of Henry Aughenbaugh, an early settler, now deceased. Ten children were born of this union: Mary Ellen, Percy Newton, William (who is married, and resides in Clearfield), Harry, Warren (now in West Virginia), Michael (in Keene county, Penn.), Martin (at home), and Effie, Virgie and Frederick.

Mr. Schucker takes an active interest in local affairs, giving especial attention to educational matters, and has served as a member of the school board. He belongs to the order of American Mechanics, and, while his family are Lutherans in religious faith, he is a member of the German Reformed Church.

WILLIAM GRAHAM, one of Clearfield county's representative business men, is the owner of a fine farm in Lawrence township, also of valuable milling property in Goshen township, and during his years of active and well-directed labor he has done much to aid in the development of his locality.

His people were among the early settlers of Clearfield county. His grandfather, Robert Graham, was born in Virginia and came to Pennsylvania as a young man, locating first in York county, and then in Huntingdon county upon a farm. In 1803 he went to Lawrence township, Clearfield county, then a part of Centre county, and cleared a farm in the woods. In 1804 he took his family there, and made it his home until 1817, when he moved to Bradford township, Clearfield county, to open up another farm where he and his wife, who was a Miss Walls, passed their last years. They had the following children: John, a farmer of Bradford township, now deceased; William, our subject's father; Jane, (Mrs. Solomon Kline) of Bradford township, now deceased; Polly (Mrs. Henry Buck), who died in Bradford township; Hetty (Mrs. Luzere), of Bradford township, now deceased; Isaac, who died in Clearfield borough; Ann (Mrs. Peter Crafois), now deceased; James (deceased), who was a resident of Bradford township; Minerva (Mrs. George Smith, a widow), formerly of West Clearfield (now deceased).

William Graham, Sr., was born in York county, Penn., in 1793, and after spending the first fourteen years of his life in York and Huntingdon counties, went to Clearfield county. He was married in Lawrence township to Miss Polly Saligh, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., and settled upon a tract of wooded land in Bradford township, where he passed his remaining years.

His first wife died in 1857, and he was married (a second time) to Miss Vanetta, of Tioga county, Penn. She survived him, and after his death in 1864 went to the West, where she died some years ago.

Our subject was one of a family of ten children: Sarah (Mrs. George Wilson) resides in Bradford township; Robert moved to Poweshiek county, Iowa, and died there in 1893; Isaac died in Tama county, Iowa, in 1891; William is mentioned more fully below; Elizabeth (Mrs. Allen Cupler) died in Goshen township in 1888; Emanuel married and went to the State of Washington, where his death occurred in 1893; Jacob resides in Iowa; Washington died in Colorado in 1893; Daniel, who died in Bradford township in 1888, enlisted in Clearfield county, in 1861, in the 84th P. V. I., and served three years in the Army of the Potomac; Lucinda (Mrs. Reams, resides in Poweshiek county, Iowa.

The subject of our sketch was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, February 4, 1824, and grew to manhood there, receiving his education in the subscription schools of that day and locality. In 1847 he was married in Mc-Mean county, Penn., to Miss Polly Housler, a native of Youngwomanstown, Clinton Co., Penn. Her parents, John and Catherine (Chadwick) Housler, were born in New Jersey, but made their home in McLean county in their later years, both dying there. Her maternal grandfather, Elihu Chadwick, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army. After his marriage, Mr. Graham settled in Goshen township upon an uncleared tract of land, and engaged in lumbering, milling and farming. He has good water power and owns a gristmill, a shingle-mill with a yearly capacity of 200,000, and a sawmill which turns out 200,000 feet of lumber annually, and he keeps five or six men constantly employed. In 1871 he purchased an improved farm of 120 acres in Lawrence township, on the bank of the river, and has since resided there.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham have reared a family of six children: Elmira (Mrs. William Hoover, of Oregon), has two children—(a) Elva, Mrs. Oak's, who has one daughter, Claire, and (b) Charley. (2) Lucinda (Mrs. Ira Kramer, of Goshen township) has had six children—Edgar, Florence, Hallie, Millie (deceased), Earl and Carleton. (3) Amor C., who resides at Clearfield Bridge, married Nannie Dixon, and has four children—Cecil, Wayne, Virginia and Adrian. (4) Freeman H., who lives in West Virginia, married Anna Robinson, and has three children—Cora, Laura and Clarence. (5) Nettie (Mrs. John Koozer, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county) has two chil-
WALTER D. SHIREY, a prominent resident of Clearfield, Clearfield county, now retired from active business life, is one of the representative citizens of that county, and a descendant of one of the old pioneer families.

Mr. Shirey, on his father's side, is of German extraction. His grandfather Shirey, a native of Germany, was among the pioneer settlers of Clearfield county, Penn., where he came and made his home in a dense wilderness, locating in what afterward became Lawrence township, where he lived and died. John Shirey, his son, and the father of Walter D. Shirey, was born on his father's farm in 1800. He married (first) Miss Helen Mopes, a native of Lawrence township and a daughter of Richard Mopes, a well-known citizen of that locality. After his marriage John Shirey settled upon a tract of forest land in Bradford township, which he cleared and cultivated. He was a man of influence in Clearfield county, and was at one time a candidate for county treasurer, and held the office of justice of the peace for fifteen years. An independent thinker, he had the courage of his convictions, and became a Republican when there were but few in that section. To his marriage with Miss Mopes the following children were born: Sophia (Mrs. Kyler), of Boggs township, Clearfield county; Isaac, who went to Nebraska in 1860, and died there in 1895; Walter D. (our subject), mentioned farther on; Wesley and Fletcher, prominent residents of Bradford township; Mary L., who died in 1844, and Susan (Mrs. Forcey), of Bradford township. The mother of these died in 1844, and the father was married, in Lawrence township, to Miss Nancy Norris, a native of that township, and a daughter of Moses Norris, an early settler there. To this union two children were born: Russell D., a manufacturer in Philipsburg, Penn., and J. H., who died in Bradford township, in 1891. The mother of these died in 1889, having survived her husband twenty-six years, he dying in 1863.

Walter D. Shirey was born at the old homestead in 1839, and grew to manhood upon the farm. He was educated in the schools of Bradford township, also at the Academy at Clearfield, and later engaged in farming and lumbering. He has seen the once thickly-timbered lands of Clearfield county transformed into farms, his own labors assisting appreciably in the change. In the early days he rafted on the river, and for about forty years was a pilot. In 1868 he bought the old homestead, which comprises 141 acres, and built a new residence and barn. He followed agriculture there until 1895, when he retired and moved to Clearfield. In 1857 he married Miss Martha Ann Irwin, a native of Lawrence township, and a daughter of Joseph Irwin, one of the substantial men of the county, who died in Lawrence township in 1863. To this union one child was born, Elmer, who married Miss Elvira Thompson, of Clearfield county, and resides in Brooklyn, Iowa. They have one child—L. Lloyd.

Our subject and his wife are members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Shirey has always been active and influential in public affairs. He is a Republican in politics, and at present is a member of the West Clearfield Council, while he has held a number of offices in Bradford township, having been auditor, overseer of the poor, member of the school board, supervisor, and inspector of elections.

J. R. READ, who follows agricultural pursuits in Lawrence township, was born there on his father's farm, February 4, 1818, a son of Thomas and Mary Potter (Jordan) Read. Thomas Read was born in 1785, in Penn's Valley, Centre Co., Penn., of parents Alex and Jemima (Alexander) Read, both natives of Maryland, and early settlers of Centre county. In 1802 they removed to Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and located on the Mitchell farm. Both died in this township, the grandfather in 18—, the grandmother in 1849. Their children were Alex, who died in Lawrence township, July 7, 1853; Thomas, who died in 1851; John K., who died in 1861; James, who died in 1871; Amos, who served as county commissioner in 1884, also deceased; Mrs. A. B. Read, who died in Clearfield; and Mrs. Sarah Dunlap, who died in Pike township. Thomas Read came to Clearfield county when a young man, and in 1810 was married in Lawrence township, to Mary Potter Jordan, a native of Centre county, and a daughter of John Jordan, who located in Lawrence township in pioneer days, and there lived until his death. Thomas Read located on the Spackman farm, and, in connection with the cultivation of his land, operated a coal mine. His wife died in 1831, and he afterward married a Miss Fergu-
son, whose death occurred in May, 1832, in Lawrence township. In politics he was a Democrat. He passed away in 1861. In the family were children as follows: Jordan, who died in Lawrence township, in 1889; Alex, who resides in the same township; Isabella, who married William Spackman, and died in 1887; Potter, who is living in Lawrence township; J. R.; William Potter, who is living in Lawrence township; Thomas, who resides in Iowa; and Jemima, who resides in Lawrence township.

On his father's farm J. R. Read spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and was educated in the schools of the neighborhood. In 1840 he began farming on his own account on a sixty-acre tract of timber land, where he built a log cabin. This still stands and forms a part of his present residence, but it has been boarded and otherwise improved. In March, 1840, he was married to Miss Mary Wrigley, a native of Clearfield county, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Kay) Wrigley, who were born, reared and married in England, and came to Philipsburg, Penn., in 1802. The father followed merchandising for a time, but afterward located on a tract of land near Clearfield, and transformed the same into a good farm. He died in January, 1859, in Bradford township, and his wife passed away January 3, 1873. Our subject and his wife began their domestic life upon their present farm, where he to-day owns a valuable property of 287 acres, the greater part of which is under a high state of cultivation. This couple have had nine children, seven of whom are living: Mary is the wife of James Spackman, of Lawrence township, and has two sons and one daughter—Lewis E., Lynn and Helen. (2) Robert W. married Eliza J. Lytle, and is living in Nebraska. Their children are—Verne, Virginia, Alice (deceased), Catherine, Mary, J. R., Kay (deceased), and Idella. (3) Lewis died at the age of sixteen. (4) Alfred M. wedded Alice Lytle, and with their children—Lois, Robert Van Dyke, and Erma—they reside in Nebraska. (5) Kate is at home. (6) Mrs. Anna P. Brown is living in Clearfield, and has five children—Phoebe, Fred, Amanda, Ruth and Mary. (7) Josiah R., of Goshen township, married Eva Mullen, and they have seven children—Stella, Ira, Lewis, Maxwell, Frank, George and Levis. (8) Mrs. Frances McDowell is living in Bradford, and has one child, Homer.

In politics, Mr. Read is a Democrat. He has served as constable, was deputy sheriff one year, and in 1855 was elected sheriff, serving for three years. He and his wife are numbered among the pioneer settlers of Lawrence township, and their long residence there has made them widely known, while their many excellent qualities have gained them the respect and esteem of all with whom they have been brought in contact. Their home is noted for its hospitality, and their friends are many.

ERASTUS LUTHER, the well-known lumberman of Troutville borough, Clearfield county, is a representative self-made man and his success in business life demonstrates the possession of more than ordinary sagacity and enterprise. He comes of a prominent pioneer family, as his grandfather, Lebbeus Luther, a native of Massachusetts, was the founder of Luthersburg, Clearfield county, and took an active part in the movements of his time. As early as 1819 he moved to Curwensville, but did not long remain there, the following year finding him at the present site of Luthersburg, Brady township, where he built the first house. For many years he kept a hotel there known as the "Cream Hill Hotel," and as there was no other house between that point and Curwensville, a distance of thirteen miles, it became a noted landmark. Later he moved to a farm in the same township called Woodside place (now Helvetia), and in 1847 he removed from Brady township to Ridgway, Elk Co., Penn., where he died in 1870. His wife, Elizabeth Hoover, who was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county (then a part of Centre county), survived him, breathing her last at the home in Ridgway, in 1883. Of their ten children, we have record of the following: Martin H., our subject's father; Mary Ann (Mrs. Horam); Lavina (Mrs. P. T. Brooks); Jane (Mrs. P. W. Barrett); David S. (deceased in 1897); Eliza (Mrs. Patterson, of Idaho); and J. Calvin (the youngest son); the others died when young.

Martin H. Luther, the father of our subject, is now the oldest resident of Brady township, Clearfield county. He was born in 1814, and experienced in his youth all the disadvantages of pioneer life. There were no schools near his home, and in 1826 he attended school for a time in Salona, Centre county. In 1827 the first school house in Brady township was erected at Luthersburg, and from that time Mr. Luther received his instruction there. He was a hardy youth, of excellent abilities and much determination and at the early age of thirteen he was sent to carry the election returns of his locality to Curwensville. In 1835 he married Miss Sarah M. Brisbin, of Nittany Valley, Centre county, and settled upon his present farm, where his wife
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died in February, 1896. Our subject is the eldest of a family of ten children, the others being: (2) Lebbeus T., an artist, died in Brady township, September 28, 1880; (3) Clarence S. is a teacher in DuBois; (4) Winfield S. is also a teacher in DuBois. (5) Herbert T. (twin of Winfield S.) resides on a farm one mile east of Luthersburg, in Brady township. (6) Elmyra V. (Mrs. J. W. Gaghan), a widow, is a resident of DuBois. (7) Theresa E. (Mrs. Jesse T. Spencer) resides with her father on the old homestead. (8) Enos B. (9) Elizabeth, and (10) Austin T. died young.

The subject of this biography was born near Luthersburg December 12, 1835, and was reared at the old homestead, attending the local schools and working on the farm. He was married in the same township June 7, 1859, to Miss Mary Ann Kirk, a native of the same locality and a member of a respected pioneer family. After his marriage Mr. Luther settled in what is now Bloom township, Clearfield county, purchasing 248 acres of timber land and engaging in lumbering. He sold out after spending six and one-half years there, and returning to Brady township bought the Rhodes farm, near Troutville, where he followed farming and lumbering. He still conducts the sawmill and shingle mill which he built there, and employs ten or eleven men. On November 25, 1889, he moved to Troutville, having erected there one of the finest residences in Clearfield county, and has since been an important aid in the various public enterprises of that place as he has been in every locality in which he has made his home. He assisted in organizing the borough, and was its first Burgess, serving three successive terms, and he is one of the leading advisers of the Democratic party in that section. While residing in Bloom township, he held the office of township assessor for three years. Socially, he is identified with the K. of P., and was one of the charter members of the local lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther have four children, all living: (1) Austin Kirk, a resident of Troutville, married Charlotte Yoas, and has had three children—Guy, Ruth, and Lulu. (2) Harvey Leroy, a farmer at the homestead, married Lizzie Ed- dinger, and had one child that died in infancy; (3) Blanche married J. E. Kester, a photographer, of Brockwayville, Penn., and has one child—E. Luther. (4) Lafayette is at home, doing photographic work.

Mrs. Luther's ancestors located in central Pennsylvania at an early day, and her paternal grandfather, John Kirk, was born and reared in Centre county. He married Miss Lydia Fisher, and some years afterwards removed to Brady township, Clearfield county, where he died in 1858. His son, William Kirk (Mrs. Luther's father), was a native of Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, born December 4, 1810, and was a young man at the time of the removal to Clearfield county. He was married in Brady township to Miss Barbara Emrich, who was born in Nittany Valley, Centre county, February 4, 1817. He located in the woods near Luthersburg, and cleared a farm which he cultivated until his death, which occurred December 4, 1873. His widow now resides in Burr Oak. They had a large family of children, of whom Mrs. Luther was the first; Joseph H. resides near Luthersburg; Ellis I. is a physician and surgeon at Renovo, Penn.; Brady S. resides in Jewell county, Kans.; Miles A. is a physician and surgeon at Bellefonte, Penn.; Thomas, who is also a medical practitioner, resides in Burr Oak, Kans.; and John died in 1864 at the age of sixteen.

J. C. SCHOOCH. Prominent among the business men of Troutville is the subject of this sketch, who has for many years been closely identified with its history, while his name is inseparably connected with its industrial interests. He is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have brought to him a fair degree of success. Being one of the leading contractors and builders of his section of Clearfield county, his services are always in demand, and he is also filling the office of justice of the peace.

Mr. Schoch was born in 1854, in the village which is still his home, a son of Godfrey and Catharine (Wagoner) Schoch. The father, who was a native of Bavaria, took up his residence in Brady township, Clearfield county, in 1853. He purchased a house and lot in Troutville, where he worked at the blacksmith's trade in connection with farming until 1880, when he laid aside business cares. In that year he was elected supervisor of his township, and was later re-elected, continuing to hold the office up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1890. He long survived his wife, who passed away in 1860. Both were held in the highest regard by all who knew them, and he took a prominent and influential part in public affairs.

To their marriage were born five sons, namely: (1) Lewis, born in 1845, in Germany, came to the United States with his parents, and was reared in Brady township. He is now a resident of Troutville, where he works at his trade, black-
smithing; is also serving as deputy revenue collector. By his marriage to Miss Catharine Schucker, of Brady township, he has seven children, all at home—Ephraim, Cyrus, Mary, Fannie, Miriam, Michael and Milton. (2) Henry W., born in 1847, in Germany, grew to manhood in Troutville, and married Maria Kanarr, of that place, where they continued to reside for three or four years. They now live in Punxsutawney, Penn., where he conducted a hotel for a number of years. They have one son, James W., who is married and resides in Du Bois. (3) Godfrey W., also a native of Germany, spent his boyhood and youth in Troutville, where his death occurred in 1892. He left a widow, formerly Miss Catie Rishel, of Brady township, and five children—Otto, Jennie, Grover, Zoe and Bessie, all at home. (4) J. C., of this review, is the next of the family. (5) John A., born in 1856, in Troutville, was engaged in clerking in Du Bois, died in 1882.

J. C. Schoch received his education in the public schools of Troutville, and in 1870 commenced learning the carpenter's trade with Jacob L. Weber. Having mastered the business he turned his attention to contracting and building, and has erected some of the best residences, business blocks and other buildings in his native place. In 1879, he was married to Miss Cora Gearhart of Brookville, Jefferson county, a daughter of C. C. and Catharine Gearhart. Purchasing a lot in Troutville, he erected a nice home, where he continued to live until 1883, when he sold, and built another residence on Main street, which he subsequently sold to Mr. Dunlap. His present handsome residence is on Main street, but previous to locating here he erected a large house on Walnut street, where he lived for a time. Upon the same street he also built another house, which he sold to John Yoas.

Seven children have been born to the marriage of our subject and wife, namely: Lillie, born in 1880, died in infancy; Verna, born in 1882, and Lola, born in 1884, are both attending school; Armet, born in 1886, died at the age of fifteen months; Paul and Leon (twins) were born in 1888 and died in infancy; and Homer, born in 1890, died in October, 1896. The parents of these are earnest and consistent members of the German Reformed Church, of Troutville, to which Mr. Schoch's father was also a liberal contributor, and was instrumental in securing the erection of the first house of worship.

In politics our subject has always been identified with the Democratic party, and he has been called upon to fill a number of official positions of honor and trust, including those of con-

stable of Troutville, judge of election and inspector at different times. In 1894 he was elected justice of the peace, and is still acceptably serving in that position. Public-spirited and progressive, he gives his support to those enterprises calculated to promote the educational, moral or material interests of his community. Troutville owes much to him, and numbers him among her valued citizens.

Hugh C. Leech, a leading farmer of Bloom township, Clearfield county, is a native of the county, born in 1829, in Pike township. The birth of his father, George Leech, occurred in Lancaster county, Penn., and when a young man, in 1821, he came to Pike township, this county, where he married Jane Caldwell, a native of the township, and a daughter of Hugh and Jane Caldwell, early pioneers of the locality.

By trade the father was a carpenter, but after coming to Clearfield county he gave his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. He was numbered among the influential and prominent citizens, and was elected sheriff of the county in 1840. There his death occurred in 1872; his wife passed away the year previous. They were parents of the following named children: George, who served in the Union army, and is now a resident of Wisconsin; Hiram, of Curwensville, Clearfield county; Hugh C., of this sketch; James, who is living in Bloom township; Elizabeth, wife of G. P. Bloom, of the same township; Mrs. Amelia Horn, of Pike township; Mrs. Mary Jane Dale, who died in Clearfield county; Mrs. Susan Kratzer, of Plum City, Wis.; and Robert, who also served in the Union army in the Civil war, and is now a resident of Penn township, Clearfield county.

The early life of our subject was passed in Pike township, where he acquired his education, and in 1861 he came to Bloom township, purchasing a good farm of eighty acres, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his time and attention until his enlistment in the Union service. In 1864 he laid aside personal interests, and joined Company C, 100th P. V. I., for one year or until the close of the war. He was assigned to the Army of the James, with which he participated in the battle of Fort Steadman, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., in 1865. Returning to his home in Bloom township, he resumed farming, which occupation he has made his life work.

In 1857, in that township, Mr. Lech was married to Miss Sarah Ann Irvin, who was born in Pike township, a daughter of John T. and
Sarah Irvin, early pioneers of that township, both now deceased. Children as follows blessed this union, namely: George, who is married and living in Pike township; Elnora, wife of G. L. Smith, of Bloom township; Jackson, who is married, and is living in the same township; Susan, wife of M. Smith, of Bloom township; Edgar, who is married, and is living in Bloom township; Alice Blanche, deceased; Irvin, of Bloom township; and Walter, at home. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1889.

Mr. Leece uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has taken a prominent part in public affairs, assisting in the organization of Bloom township. He is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, and has been an important factor in the development and progress made by this region. For two years he served as justice of the peace, and has also filled the offices of school director and assessor. In religious belief he is a Baptist, and enjoys the friendship and regard of a large number of the best people of Clearfield county.

J B. HEWITT. The first white settlers of Huston township, Clearfield county, were Ebenezer and Sarah (Bliss) Hewitt, the parents of the gentleman whose name here appears. That township was then a part of Jay township, Centre county, and their home in the woods was thirteen miles from any settlement. Both were of sturdy Scotch ancestry, and were born in New York State, the father in 1796, and the mother about 1800.

About 1816 they left their home in Saratoga county, N. Y., with their family, our subject, their fourth child, being then only two years old. Among their few household effects was a spinning wheel, a necessary article in those times. The journey was made in primitive fashion, and they walked from the vicinity of Driftwood to their destination, carrying the smallest children. A clearing was made, a home built, and in time the spot was transformed into a fruitful farm. The mother died at the age of sixty-five years and the father when eighty-nine. They had twelve children, as follows: Lucinda (Mrs. Bundy) died in Huston township; William B. resides at the old homestead; Jeremiah died in Elk county, in 1894; J. B. is our subject; Thomas W. is a resident of Huston township; Susannah (Mrs. Flanders) died in Minnesota; Caroline (Mrs. Webb) died in Jay township, Elk Co., Penn.; Franklin E. lives in the West; Erminia (deceased) did not marry; Daniel died in Huston township; Louina (Mrs. Brown, a widow) resides in that township.

Squire Hewitt was born in Saratoga, N. Y., in 1814, but his earliest recollections were of the wilderness of Clearfield county, wherein his home was established. He was educated in a private school at Penfield, Clearfield county. In order to make a start in life he ran in debt and, with his brother Thomas, bought a tract of 600 acres of land, all in the woods. This they began to clear, making shingles from the lumber, and hauling their product to Clearfield, from which point they rafted it down the river. They built a blockhouse at Tyler. The Squire at the time of his death owned a farm of 200 acres, and was one of the substantial citizens of his locality, his success in life being the more notable because it was gained through his own industry.

In 1835 Mr. Hewitt was married in Huston township to Miss Aurelia Brown, a native of Susquehanna county, Penn., and a daughter of Asa and Hannah Brown. Her father died in that county; her mother's last days were spent in Huston township, Clearfield county, where she died in 1870. Five children were born of the marriage, one of whom, Curtis, died at an early age; all the surviving four are residents of Clearfield county—Franklin lives in Penfield; and Arvilla (Mrs. Hevener), Charles A. and Eliza Linda (Mrs. Cooker) reside in Huston township. The mother died in 1870. On July 10, 1897, Mr. Hewitt was stricken with paralysis, and October 4, 1897, he died.

In politics Mr. Hewitt was originally a Whig, later a Republican. He served fifteen years as justice of the peace, and was a member of the school board for the same length of time. He was a leading worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mill Run, and took an active part in every movement for promoting the best interests of the community.

ALBERT L. HOY, a leading business man of Du Bois, ranks among the pioneers of that place, by whose public-spirited efforts the one-time village of Rumbarger has developed into a prosperous city. Settling there in 1877, Mr. Hoy engaged in a furniture and undertaking business, purchasing a lot on Booth street (now Long avenue), and building a three-story frame house for a store and dwelling. This contained a large stock when the conflagration of 1888 destroyed the town, but in spite of his losses Mr. Hoy continued his business, and in 1893 built a two-story brick building, 20x60, to accommodate his trade. He now makes a specialty of
undertaking, keeping two hearses, and is prepared to do embalming by the most scientific methods.

Mr. Hoy's grandparents on both sides of the house were early settlers of Centre county, Penn., and his parents, Adam and Elizabeth (Weekerley) Hoy, were both natives of that county. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died there leaving the following children: Rebecca (Mrs. Abraham Sloterbach), of New Bethlehem; Albert L., our subject; John, who enlisted from Clearfield county in the Fifth P. V. I., and met a soldier's death at the battle of ——— Cross Roads; William, who died in New Bethlehem, Clarion county, Penn.; Adam, a resident of New Bethlehem, Penn., and Daniel, who lives at Leatherwood, Clarion county. The mother was re-married in Clarion county, this time to Samuel Lerch, and moved to Ringgold township, Jefferson Co., Penn., where Mr. Lerch died, leaving two daughters: Sarah (now Mrs. Falk), of the same township; and Lizzie (now Mrs. Reamer), of Jefferson county. The mother was married (again) to Mr. Hinderleter, and both died some years ago.

Mr. Hoy, the subject of these lines, was born in 1831, in Brush Valley, Centre county, but was reared and educated in Clarion county. He learned the cabinet maker's trade at New Bethlehem, and then went to Oil City, Penn., where he engaged for a time in building tanks, and in undertaking, later becoming a contractor and builder at Oil City. In 1867 he went to Brockville, Jefferson Co., Penn., and the following year became interested in a planing-mill and furniture establishment at Brockwayville, Jefferson county, where he remained until 1877. His continued residence at Du Bois since that date makes him the oldest dealer in his line at that place.

In 1853 Mr. Hoy was married in Rimersburg, Clarion county, to Miss Catherine Jane Harmish, a native of Centre county, who died in 1865 at Oil City. In 1866 he formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Grezella Smulken, daughter of Thomas Smulken, an early settler in Clarion county. Again his house was bereaved, the second wife dying at Brockville in 1867, and in 1868 he was married in Brockwayville to Miss Tillie Liutenbigler, a native of Armstrong county. She died in 1884 at Du Bois, and in 1889 Mr. Hoy married his present wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Prosious, a native of Jefferson county. He has a numerous family. By the first marriage there were seven children, of whom four are living: Cecelia, now Mrs. Joseph Allen, of Brockwayville; Leuenama (now Mrs. Fireman), of Du Bois; Laura (Mrs. Loren Matteson), of Brockwayville; and Edwin Fletcher, who is married and resides at Salamanca, N. Y., where he is cashier in the First National Bank. One daughter, Zella Kate, was born of the second marriage, and by the third there were eleven children, six of whom are living: James W., who is married and lives in Du Bois; Nora; Ralph T.; Bertha Omeda; Clara Myrtle; and Harry W. By the fourth union there is one son, Emmett Paul.

Mr. Hoy votes the Prohibition ticket, and he has always taken a deep interest in public affairs —national and local. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a member of Garfield Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M., and was one of the organizers of the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Du Bois.

DAVID GEARHART. This venerable pioneer, now residing at Chester Hill, Clearfield county, at the age of eighty-six years, has seen and experienced the vast change from primitive life and surroundings to the civilization and comforts of the present day. There was a time when he had a personal acquaintance with every man in Clearfield county. He has himself cleared wide tracts of forest land, which for more than a generation have been yielding the fruits of cultivation, and he has participated in the work and, happily, in the benefits, also, of the development of the coal industries in this region.

Mr. Gearhart comes of hardy pioneer stock. His paternal grandfather, John Gearhart, a German by birth, settled in Centre county at an early day, and his wife, notwithstanding the hardships of pioneer life, lived to the age of ninety-seven years. Their son, John, our subject's father, was born in Centre county in 1789, and died at the age of eighty-two. He married Lydia Shivery, also a native of Centre county, born in 1792, and at the time of her death she lacked only one month and nine days of her ninetieth anniversary. They moved to Clearfield county in 1820, and our subject's father became the owner of a tract of land there which he cleared and cultivated. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a devout Methodist.

David Gearhart is a native of Centre county, where he first saw the light January 1, 1812, and his early education was obtained in Philipsburg, at the subscription schools of that day. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, much of his time in youth being
given to the clearing of his father's land. In 1833 he married Miss Sarah Kephart, who was born in Philipsburg October 23, 1815, and died May 17, 1896, after a long and happy wedded life of sixty-three years, six months and twenty-four days. She was a noble woman, one who, like Solomon's ideal, looked "well to the ways of her household," and was in all things a true helpmeet to her husband. With manly appreciation of her sound judgment and devoted labors, he has always credited her with the making of half of the fortune which came to them in their later years. They had no capital when they married but clear brains, good health, and a mutual love which made any effort for the other a joyful task.

Mr. Gearhart bought 130 acres of forest land at $5.50 per acre, and there they settled and gradually created a comfortable home. Thirteen long years passed before this land was paid for, but from that time financial rewards were more prompt. At one time Mr. Gearhart purchased 370 acres of land, of which he sold 150, and on the remaining 240 he has two coal mines in operation, one vein being five feet deep, and the other from three to four feet. He has been a coal operator for about fifteen years.

Mr. Gearhart has sixty living grandchildren, and forty great-grandchildren. Eleven children blessed his home, of whom the first died in infancy. (II) George E. married Christina Smeal, and has eleven children. (III) J. Blake married Mary C. Hall, and has eight children. (IV) Lydia E. died at the age of eighteen. (V) Mary Jane married Joseph A. Hartman, and has seven children. (VI) Hannah M. married William H. Millard, and has nine children. (VII) A. Edward married Ella Stephens, and has three children. (VIII) Charles F. married Kate Flegal, and has nine children. (IX) James F. died at the age of sixteen months. (X) Nettie J. married M. G. Rook, and has seven children. (XI) Mattie C. married W. M. Heimach, and has six children; of these, J. Blake, Charles F., and Mattie C. live in Mifflin county; Mary Jane lives in Virginia; Nettie J. lives in Clearfield.

Mr. Gearhart has reason to be proud of his descendants. He has dealt liberally with all his children in giving a start in life to each, and they have taken useful and honored positions in life.

In public affairs Mr. Gearhart has always felt a keen interest, and he has been a steadfast supporter of progress. For many years he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he has also been active and influential in political work. His first vote was cast for Van Buren, and he has deposited his ballot at every general election since. He was con-

stable of Decatur township, Clearfield county, for seven years, and for fourteen years did good service to the cause of education as school director, being president of the school board during the entire time. Recognizing the necessity for placing knowledge within the reach of all, if our country is to safely survive all the dangers to which free institutions may be exposed, he has been in favor of a liberal policy which will attract to our schools the best teachers.

A M. BUZARD, M. D. Go into any village, town or city in this great country of ours; seek out the men who are the leaders in spirit, thought and action; learn the history of their lives; and you will find that there is usually a striking similarity which leads to the inevitable conclusion that like conditions produce like results. The story usually begins "started out in life a poor boy, has made his own way in the world, etc." Now this fact, for fact it is, illustrates most aptly one of the salient features of our American civilization. There is an opportunity offered here under our emblem of liberty for every human being to work out and develop the best there is in him.

To the honored class of self-made and self-educated men, belonged Dr. Buzard, physician and surgeon of Kylertown, Clearfield county. He was born near New Salem, Westmoreland Co., Penn., July 11, 1835, a son of Abraham and Catherine A. (Long) Buzard, the former of French and the latter of German descent, both natives, however, of Westmoreland county. The paternal grandfather, John Buzard, was born in France, and when young came with his parents to America. He was a farmer by occupation, and met his death by a tree falling on him. Henry Long, the maternal grandfather, was also an agriculturist. Our subject is the third in order of birth in the family of six children, the others being: Mrs. Mary Coulter, deceased; Sarah E., wife of T. S. McNutt; Mrs. Alice C. Walton; Mrs. Rachel L. Bortz; and William J., a resident of Apollo, Penn. The mother held membership in the German Reformed Church, but the father was a Lutheran in religious belief.

Until fifteen years of age Dr. Buzard remained upon the home farm, attending the country schools for about three months during the winter season, and assisting his father during the remainder of the year. On leaving home he was first employed by the Apollo Iron & Steel Co., for two years, but as this affected his eyesight, he secured the position of weighmaster with the Westmoreland Coal Co., where he also remained
two years. During this entire time he studied nights, and was thus prepared to enter the academy at Leechburg, Penn., which he attended for a year. Coming to Clearfield county, in August, 1877, he successfully engaged in teaching for ten years, and then embarked in the drug business at Ansonville, which he carried on for three years. During two years of that time he studied medicine, and in 1889 he entered the medical department of the University of Pittsburg, where he graduated March 26, 1891. After his graduation he went to Washington county, Penn., where he formed a partnership with Dr. George S. Graham, a celebrated physician and surgeon, who had been practicing for a quarter of a century. This connection continued for five years, at the end of which time our subject decided to come to Kylertown, and Dr. Graham gave him the highest recommendations for proficiency that could be attained. In February, 1896, he located there, buying out the business of Dr. Buckingham, and is now meeting with excellent success in his new field of labor. He is a thorough student of his profession, skilled in practice, and by attending strictly to the needs of his patrons has gained the confidence of all.

On December 20, 1881, Dr. Buzard was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Wilson, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, who was born May 3, 1860, a daughter of William and Anna E. Wilson. When she was six years of age, she lost her mother by death, and her father dying two years later, she was reared by Mathew Read, for whom she has the greatest affection. Her parents, who were also natives of Clearfield county, made their home near Stonerville, where the father engaged in contracting and lumbering, and lost his life in the woods. He was a man of the highest respectability, and most honorable; he was a member of the Methodist Church, to which his wife also belonged. She used to carry on the farm while he engaged in lumbering. In the family of Dr. and Mrs. Buzard were five children, namely: Alethia M.; Harvey R., who died at the age of twenty-two months; Anna R.; A. M. Vogan and Julius Bryan (deceased).

Dr. Buzard is a prominent Democrat, has twice served as a delegate to the State conventions of his party, once from Washington county and once from Clearfield county, and on the 11th of May, 1893, was made postmaster of Florence, which position he acceptably filled for three years. In 1894 he was also strongly urged to accept the nomination for assemblyman, but refused to become the candidate. He and Mrs. Buzard are members of the Presbyterian Church.

He has not only gained his desire for a good education, but now holds a diploma from the State Department of Education, which entitles him to teach anywhere in Pennsylvania; also has a diploma from the State Pharmaceutical Examining Board, which enables him to conduct a drug store, and his diploma from the medical department of the Western University of Pittsburg establishes his ability to practice medicine.

GEORGE GALE DEWITT, one of the leading agriculturists and lumbermen of Bocaria township, Clearfield county, has descended from patriotic stock, while he himself was born on "Independence Day," in 1831, in Brooklyn township, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania.

Moses Dewitt, his grandfather, of Revolutionary fame, was one of the three men who survived the Wayne county massacre. A resident of New Jersey, he married Margaret Wilson. A son, Aaron Dewitt, was a native of Sussex county, N. J., born June 24, 1794. He, too, was a patriot, entering the army in the war of 1812 at the age of nineteen years. He married Hannah Ammerman, of Sussex county, N. J., and five of their seven children were born in that State. They then moved to Susquehanna county, Penn., buying a farm near Brooklyn, on which they continued to live until called to the other world. The father's death occurred in 1864, when he was seventy-seven years of age, and the mother passed away some years previous at the age of sixty-five. Their children were as follows: (1) Maria accompanied her parents to Pennsylvania, later married Aaron Friderburg, of New Jersey, and they made their home on a farm on the Delaware river, six miles below Port Jervis, N. Y. They had seven children—Moses B., now a resident of St. Paul, Minn.; George, who is married, and resides in Orange county, N. Y.; Henry, a resident of the same county; Charles, a farmer of that county; James A., a teacher in the public schools of Orange county; Theodore, of Orange county, and Catherine, who is married, and lives in that county. (2) Jacob B. married Angeline Churchill, of Port Deposit, N. Y., and they located at Honesdale, Wayne Co., Penn., where he followed contracting and building, and also served as superintendent of the poor farm for a number of years. He has one son, Aaron, still a resident of Honesdale. (3) A. A. married Sarah Brown, of Susquehanna county, Penn., and they removed to near Berwinsdale, in Clearfield county, where he followed farming until his death in April, 1887. He left a widow and large
family of children, who are now living in different parts of the county. (4) Isaac M. married Lucy Spencer, of Susquehanna, and they located upon a farm in Wyoming county, Penn. During the Civil war he enlisted, and served until its close, being wounded in the hand. Returning home he lived on his farm until his death, and there his widow and seven children still reside. (5) Catherine became the wife of Eli F. Roberts, a Methodist Episcopal minister, and both are now deceased. They had two children—Shepard, a merchant and traveling salesman, who married Sarah Jones, of Susquehanna county, and resides in Meshoppen, Penn.; and Mary, who wedded Charles Gay, of Meshoppen, and died leaving two sons. (6) Amos T., born in Susquehanna county, married Louisa Howard, of that county, and resided on the old homestead until after his father’s death, when he removed to Broome county, N. Y., where he followed farming. For some time he served as commissioner of that county, holding the office at the time of his death in 1893. He left a widow and three sons—William, who is married and lives in Rhode Island; Charles, who is married, and is conducting a livery stable in Binghamton, N. Y.; and Morris T., who is married, and is engaged in the manufacture of tobacco in Binghamton. (7) George Gale is our subject, of whom further mention is made.

George G. Dewitt passed his youth on the homestead farm aiding in the work of the fields during the summer months, and attending the public schools of the neighborhood during the winter season. At the age of fourteen he went to the lumber woods of Lycoming county, Penn., where he remained one winter, and then returned home to aid in harvest field during the summer. For some time he continued lumbering and rafting down Pine creek and the Susquehanna to Port Deposit, and also rafted some on the Delaware river. In 1850 he came to Clearfield county, making shingles for Alexander Irwin, on Laurel run, and later worked for Isaac Schofield, in the Green woods. Subsequently he was employed by the Laybords in Union and Brady townships, Clearfield county, and then returned to Pine Creek, where he worked in a mill for one year. On February 18, 1854, he was married to Miss Rachel, daughter of William and Hannah Bloom, who lived near Curwensville, in Clearfield county, and they began their domestic life in Jordan township, where Mr. Dewitt engaged in the manufacture of shingles until 1856, when he removed to Chest township, and followed the same occupation there for one year. Coming to Becaria township, in 1857, he here rented land for six years, and then purchased a tract of timber land of T. W. Johnson at $3.50 per acre (the timber being reserved, but he afterward bought the timber), and at once began to clear and improve the place. In 1863 he erected a commodious frame residence, built his present large barn in 1887, and to-day his farm is one of the most highly cultivated and improved in Becaria township. During the winter months he still follows lumbering and logging with good success. He is one of the oldest and best pilots on the Susquehanna and its tributaries; he ran a raft through the mountains in the night, and he has run a raft out of Moshannon creek by moonlight, two of the greatest feats ever performed in this country. Since 1850 he has taken over one hundred rafts from Clearfield to Lock Haven, Marietta and Columbia, Pennsylvania.

To the union of this couple eleven children have been born, namely: (1) Hannah M., born March 8, 1856, in Chest township, received a common-school education, and married Robert Shoff, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, who now resides on his farm near Madera. They have a family of children. (2) William B., born March 28, 1858, married Mary Lawhead, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and they reside near Pittsburg, Penn. They have three children—Dorsey, Lizzie and Byron. (3) Amos T., born April 4, 1860, was drowned at Glen Hope, April 28, 1878, at the age of eighteen. (4) Nannie F., born March 20, 1862, married Jacob Baker, of Missouri, where his death occurred, and she is still living in Kansas City. (5) George D., born December 1, 1864, married Lina McAlistar, of Jordan township, Clearfield county, who died leaving two children—John and Mary. He has since wedded Mamie Rowles, and now resides on a part of his father’s homestead. By his second marriage he has one son, William. (6) Lewis Z., born November 5, 1866, is at present employed in the oil fields of Virginia. (7) W. A., born September 11, 1869, married Ella Holton, of Irvona, Penn., and resides in West Virginia. (8) Mary May, born May 24, 1871, is the wife of Mr. Hardin, a barber of St. Louis, Mo. (9) Edmund, born April 2, 1874, resides in the oil fields of West Virginia. (10) Katie, born November 16, 1875, died January 3, 1876. (11) Samantha, born March 26, 1879, died in infancy. In his political views the father of these is a Jacksonian Democrat, but has never cared for official positions, though he has served as overseer of the poor two terms, school director two terms and constable three years. He is a Protestant, and although not a member of any religious organization, gives liberally of his
means to the support of all denominations, as well as to all worthy objects for the good of the community.

J. CURRIER, M. D., of Grampian, Clearfield county. Among the medical practitioners of this section of the State, the subject of this sketch holds a prominent place, not only in his profession, but also as a leading enterprising citizen.

Jonathan Currier, grandfather of our subject, was born in England, whence when a young man he came to this country, settling on a farm in Cecil county, Md., where he passed the rest of his life. He married Miss Nancy Craig, of Maryland, and to them were born children as follows: Jonathan, James, William, Jeremiah, Richard, Mary, Grezzile and Nancy.

Robert Laughlin, Dr. Currier’s matrilineal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, coming to America when a young man and settling near Baltimore Md. By occupation he was a sea captain, all his life sailing the Atlantic. He married Miss E. Mahan, and children as follows were born to them: Mathew, and Margaret (mother of our subject).

Jonathan Currier, the father of the subject proper of this sketch, was born in Cecil county, Md., March 3, 1798, and became a life-time farmer. On the death of his father he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, and that was always his home, his death occurring there September 5, 1863. On July 24, 1828, he married Margaret Laughlin, who was born in Maryland, in 1810, and children as follows blessed their union: (1) Henrietta married William Mahan (deceased), of Maryland; they had no children. (2) Rosanna, a twin sister of Henrietta, died aged sixteen. (3) William W. (M. D.) moved to Fairmount, Mo., when he was married, and practiced medicine until his death in 1860. (4) Mathew M. (deceased) was a farmer in Maryland; he married Addie Knight, of Maryland, by whom he had five children; he died in 1863. (5) Granville T., born in 1838, married Mary A. Moore, of Maryland, and they reside in Baltimore, Md. (6) Oliver W., born 1841, married Almueda Ryan, of Maryland, and moved to Seattle, Wash., where he is a contractor and builder. (7) Victor C., born in 1844, married, and is a resident of Custer county, S. Dak., where he served one term as sheriff, being elected on the Democrat ticket in a county strongly Republican. (8) Joseph L., born in 1846, married a Miss Benson, and they reside in Allegheny, Penn., where he is engaged in lumber business. (9) Mary O., born in 1848, married (first) Taylor Hines, of Port Deposit, Md., by whom she had two children, and after his death she wedded William W. Winchester, of the same place; they moved to Chester county, Penn., where he died in 1895. (10) Jonathan is our subject. (11) Theodore W., born in 1854, married, and resides in Cecil county, Md., where he follows the profession of teacher; he has held the chairs of mathematics and elocution in Tomb Industrial School of Port Deposit, Maryland.

J. Currier, whose name introduces this sketch, was born October 28, 1851, near Port Deposit, Cecil Co., Md., and received his elementary education at the public schools of his native place. For some nine years from the time he was eighteen years old he followed the sawmill business, being an expert in setting up and operating machinery in that line. For some time he filled the position of head sawyer for Erastus Luther, of Luthersburg, during part of which period he read medicine with Dr. J. M. Lydie, of Troutville, Penn., and when twenty-seven years old he left the sawmill business in order to devote all his time to the study of medicine, spending one year in Dr. Lydie’s office. He then entered Columbus Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, at the end of a year there taking a course at the Kentucky School of Medicine in Louisville, Ky., where he was graduated in 1881 with the degree of M. D.

About the time of Dr. Currier’s graduation, the Pennsylvania Legislature passed an act making it necessary for a graduate of any medical school outside of Pennsylvania to be endorsed by a medical school within that State before he could practice his profession within its borders. The high grade of work done by Dr. Currier is witnessed by the fact that the University of Pennsylvania endorsed him, and in 1881 he settled in Grampian, where he has built up an enviable practice and accumulated a fine property. He is a typical self-made man in the true sense of the word, as a perusal of this sketch will show, and when he commenced in Grampian he had nothing to start his medical career on except his medical case and a pony, which latter was not even paid for. From the date of his advent in the town of his adoption, he has been forging ahead both as a business man and as a physician, and to-day he owns his handsome brick residence, besides three which he rents; also a thriving drug store which he opened in 1891. In company with S. T. Hepburn, the Doctor put improved machinery into the flouring-mill at Grampian, and later sold the mill to Wood brothers, who now operate it.
Dr. J. Currier has been twice married, first time, in 1873, to Miss Mary E. Yoas, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and children as follows were born to them: (1) Margaret M., who attended college at Chambersburg, Penn., in 1892, and was a teacher of music prior to her marriage with Nathan T. Davis, a teacher and bookkeeper at Gampian. (2) Victor V., a member of the class of '98 at the Lock Haven Normal School. (3) Henrietta L., who is a teacher. (4) Elma M., who is at home. The mother of these died in February, 1891, and was buried in Luthersburg cemetery. In 1892 the Doctor, for his second wife, wedded Miss Addie Johnston, of Curry Run, Clearfield county, a daughter of William and Eliza (Butterbaugh) Johnston, and three children were born to them, namely: Kathleen, Chloe and William J.

Dr. Currier is the present county coroner, the first Republican ever elected to that office in the county—an honor totally unsought or unasked by him, his friends having urged him to accept the nomination. He was president of the Clearfield County Medical Society in 1896 and 1897, and delegate to the State Medical Society, which body met at Bedford Springs in 1887. In 1892 he was a delegate to the Republican State Convention held at Harrisburg. He was the first burgess of Grampian (then known as Pennsville), having been elected to that office February 16, 1886, and was re-elected in 1895. He takes a great interest in education, and since 1882 has been almost continuously a member of the school board, from 1883 to 1886 serving as secretary of the board. Socially, the Doctor is affiliated with the F. & A. M., with the I. O. O. F. No. 821, and of the Royal Arcanum No. 1379, all of Curwensville. In religious faith he is a member of no Church, though at the present time he is president of the board of trustees of the M. E. Church at Grampian.

MILES S. SPENCER, an honored and highly respected citizen of Penn township, has throughout life been identified with the agriculture and lumber interests of Clearfield county. A son of Joseph and Lydia (Moore) Spencer, he was born November 13, 1824, on the old Spencer homestead in Penn township, and was there reared amidst the scenes of pioneer life. In the work of transforming the wild forests into good homes and farms, he has borne an important part, and the present generation owes a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid to the early settlers for the wonderful work they accomplished. On reaching manhood, Mr. Spencer gave his time and attention to farming and lumbering, and purchased a tract of one hundred acres of farm land, which he cleared and improved. In 1848 he and his father erected a good residence, which, in 1889, he greatly enlarged and remodeled.

Mr. Spencer married Lucy Griest, of York county, Penn., and they became the parents of nine children—eight sons and one daughter—as follows: (1) Amos M. grew to manhood on the home farm, and in 1878 went to Kansas, where he followed agricultural pursuits for a few years. At the age of twenty-nine he was drowned in the Neosho river. (2) Espy married Flora Hoover, a daughter of William and Mary Hoover, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and resides on a farm in that township; he also owns property in West Clearfield. In his family are six children—Lucy Ava, Ada, Lewis, Alta, Lovie and John Karl, at home with their parents. (3) James Irwin married Jennie Hoover, also a daughter of William Hoover, and they reside upon a part of the old homestead, having purchased thirty acres of his father. In connection with farming he is also engaged in lumbering. He was born on the old homestead in 1858, and by his marriage has five children, the eldest now twelve years of age; they are: Maud, Lois, William Guy, Howard Irwin and Ethel. (4) Charles L., born in 1861, was reared on the home farm, and in 1889 was married to Amelia Guiher, of Penn township, a daughter of John and Mary Guiher. He resides at Hepburnia, Penn township, and follows jobbing and teaming. In his family are four sons—Amos Lester, aged six years; Harrison W.; Orvis M. and John—and one daughter—Mary Lucinda. (5) Edwin A., born in 1864, was married in 1892 to Mary King, of Ashland, Ky.; he later purchased a place in Penn township, Clearfield county, but in 1895 removed to Ironton, Ohio, where he engaged in the picture business. He has two children—Roy Allen, born in 1895; and Veary Hazel, born in 1893.

(6) Perry J. Spencer, born July 25, 1866, was reared in much the usual manner of farmer lads, and at the age of nineteen started out in life for himself, working for others for two or three years. During the following three years he was employed in his father's sawmill in Penn township, and in 1890 bought the mill property. He has since successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber, buying of Mr. Davis forty acres of timber land belonging to the Hoover estate, and converting the trees into lumber. He is one of the most active, reliable and enterprising business men of Penn township, and as a
citizen takes a leading and prominent part in all local affairs.

(7) William Grant Spencer, born November 9, 1868, remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, and was then engaged in logging in the lumber woods for one year. In 1890 he went to Hepburnia, and became engineer in his brother's mill. He has since extensively engaged in buying and selling lumber, and by his straightforward, honorable dealing has met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings. (8) Frank V., born in August, 1871, spent his boyhood and youth on the farm, and since reaching man's estate has worked in his brother's mill and in the woods. (9) Clara, the only daughter, died in infancy. The mother of these children was called to her final rest in 1875, and her remains were interred in the Friends cemetery in Penn township.

In 1881, Mr. Spencer was again married, his second union being with Miss Lydia Hunter, of Jordan township, Clearfield county, a daughter of John and Eliza Hunter, natives of Scotland. Two children graced this union: Leslie, born August 15, 1882; and Minnie, who died in childhood. The mother of these passed away in 1887, and in 1891 Mr. Spencer married Miss Caroline Hollingsworth, of Glen Hope, Becaria township, Clearfield county, by whom he has three children: Bidwell, born in 1892; Herbert S., born in 1893; and Edith Angelina, born in 1897.

Originally, Mr. Spencer was an Old-line Whig in politics, but on the organization of the Republican party in 1856 he voted for Fremont, and remained in the ranks of that party until 1880, when he voted for Neal Dow, since which time he has been identified with the Prohibitionists. Religiously he favors the Friends Church, of which his wife Lucy was a faithful member. His sons, with one exception, support the Republican party, and Perry and William have always taken an active part in political affairs in the township. The latter was chairman of the Vigilance committee for three years, and while serving in that capacity did effective service in the interests of his party. The family is one of prominence in the community, holding a high position in business and social circles.

DeWITT BAILEY, M. D. Among the sturdy pioneer farmers of Clearfield county who transformed the primitive wilderness into productive fields, Daniel Bailey, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was an honored leader. Of Quaker faith, and possessing the strength of character which is so notable a trait in the descendants of a Scotch-Irish ancestry, he was a man to command respect and esteem. He was born in Lycoming county, Penn., and on moving to Clearfield county settled in Pike township and cleared a farm of 300 acres, where he and his wife Jane (Passmore) passed their later years in well-earned comfort. He died in the autumn of 1876, his wife passing away in 1878. Their twelve children were: (1) Isaac, who died in Pike township; (2) Lewis (deceased); (3) Abraham, our subject's father; (4) Calvin, a farmer near Portland, Oregon; (5) Harrison (deceased), who attended college at Cornell, Iowa, after he was forty-five years old, and is now a minister at Boulder, Colo.; (6) Joseph, of Pike township, Clearfield county; (7) Levi, who died in Scott county, Iowa; (8) (record not given); (9) Newton, who enlisted from Clearfield county in the famous "Bucktail" regiment, and died from an accident received while on furlough; (10) Ann (Mrs. Anspatch), of Ida, Ida Co., Iowa; (11) Ruth (deceased); and (12) Maria (deceased).

Abraham Bailey was born in Pike township in 1820, and has always been engaged in agriculture. At one time he went to Scott county, Iowa, and bought land which he improved and sold. In 1845 he married Miss Nancy L. Caldwell, a native of Lawrence township, and the daughter of Alexander Caldwell, who was born in Pennsylvania, and became one of the leading pioneers of Clearfield county, holding the office of sheriff, and representing his locality in the State Legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bailey are still living at the old homestead. They had a family of six children: (1) Hannah E., who attended the County Normal School at Wrensburg, and is now the wife of William Law-head; they reside on the old Alexander Caldwell farm in Lawrence township. (2) Elizabeth, who was a student at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, became a teacher, and in 1884 was killed in Pike township, Clearfield county, by a falling tree. (3) Frances Ella, who married Hervey L. Laughery, and died in 1878. (4) Margaret Jane, who married Albert Y. Straw, a lumberman of Kerrooom, Clearfield county, and has two sons and four daughters; Mr. Straw is an active member of the Democratic party, and is now a teacher in the public schools of the county. (5) S. DeWitt Bailey is our subject. (6) Lewis Ellsworth, who was a student in the University of Pennsylvania in 1883-85, afterward taught school, is now married, and resides on the farm in Pike township.

S. DeWitt Bailey, whose name opens this sketch, was born at the old family homestead in
Pike township, Clearfield county, June 3, 1856. He was educated in part at the schools of that neighborhood, in part at the County Normal School, Curwensville, Penn., and then taught for eight years in Clearfield county. During this time he took a course of reading in medical science, and in 1881 entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1884. He has ever since been engaged in practice at Clearfield, and is now one of the leading members of the profession in that vicinity. On June 5, 1889, he was united in matrimony with one of Clearfield's attractive daughters, Miss Mary Jane Shaw, who was born March 28, 1864, a daughter of A. B. Shaw, son of a well-known pioneer. She finished her education at the Female College, Bordentown, N. J., completing the Junior year.

Dr. Bailey took a post-graduate course at Jefferson College, which included the science of gynecology, and he also gave special attention to the study of the eye, as an oculist. He is a subscriber to the "Medical Bulletin," the "College Clinical Record," and "Medical Examiner." He is examining physician for the Prudential Life Insurance Co., of Newark, N. Y.; the Union Central Life Insurance Co., of Cincinnati, Ohio; the North Western Co., of Milwaukee, Wis.; the Nederland Co., and the Fidelity Life Association. Politically he is a Republican, and as a representative citizen he takes an active interest in local affairs. Socially he is a member of Clearfield Lodge, No. 305, K. of P.

P. WILSON, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, is the proprietor of a fine farm near Woodland, which under his judicious management ranks among the best in that section, and he comes of a family of successful agriculturists.

David Wilson (grandfather of our subject), a pioneer of Bradford township, opened up one of the first farms there. He was born and reared in Huntingdon county, Penn., and was twice married. By his first wife, who was a Miss Watson, he had three children: David C. (our subject’s father); Nancy (Mrs. Judge Holt), who died some years ago, leaving a family; and Mary (Mrs. Robert Shaw, of Goshen), who also died, leaving a family. For his second wife Grandfather David Wilson married a Miss Porter, a native of that county, with whom he made the tedious journey to the new home some years later, where they passed their remaining days. Children as follows were born to this second marriage: Samuel P. is deceased; Margery (Mrs. James Hollenbeck) died in Kylertown; John L. died in Bradford township; and Matthew is deceased, his widow now residing in Bradford township.

David C. Wilson was born in Huntingdon county, December 16, 1813, but the greater portion of his life was spent in Bradford township, Clearfield county, where in his youth he assisted his father in clearing the home farm. He married there a native of the township, Miss Elizabeth Mayhew, a daughter of Reuben and Mary (Nicholas) Mayhew, who came from New York State to settle in that locality, at an early day. Both died in Bradford township at an advanced age. The young couple made their first home on the Buck farm, but in 1839 our subject’s father bought the present homestead. It was then a tract of forest land, which years of industry transformed into a pleasant home.

David C. Wilson was a leader in local affairs and in the councils of the Democratic party, serving ably as supervisor and as a member of the school board. He was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and was much esteemed by all who knew him. His death occurred in February, 1895, and his wife passed away ten days before, each having been ill only four days. They had eleven children, of whom our subject is the eldest; George W. resides near Bigler; Martin lives in Bradford township; Harvey is a resident of Clearfield; Mrs. Kreise lives in Girard township, Clearfield county; Allen lives on Surveyor’s run, Girard township; Pascalene (Mrs. R. B. Shirey) died in Woodland; and Rebecca, Mary Ellen, Tabitha and Curtin, all four died in childhood.

N. P. Wilson, our subject, was born October 8, 1837, and, as his parents moved to his present farm two years later, he grew to manhood there, acquiring through practical work a thorough knowledge of agriculture. He attended the Pleasant Hill school in early boyhood, and continued his studies at Pine Grove, Centre Co., Penn., receiving good educational advantages for a time. He taught school five winters, commencing when he was twenty-one years of age. Farming for the most part has been his occupation ever since he assumed manhood’s responsibilities, his first venture being upon a tract of partly-improved land which he purchased. He now has 283 acres, all under cultivation and devoted to general farming. The place is well improved, and contains two residences.

On September 10, 1865, Mr. Wilson was married in his native township, to Miss Margaret Hoover, daughter of the late William Hoover and his wife, Elizabeth (Murray), who is still liv-
ing in Bradford township. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have six children, namely: (1) Valetta (Mrs. Graham), of Bradford township, has three children—Paul, Grover and Olive; (2) William, of Surveyor's Run, married Anna Stewart, and has five children—Merrill, Kay, Dudley, Hilda, and Willa; (3) Martha Olive (Mrs. Shirey) has four children—Anna, Millie, Vada and Stanley; (4) Tamson is the wife of Rev. O. M. Wilson, a clergyman of the United Brethren Church, and residing at Bigler; (5) Dudley R. and (6) Mary Jane are both at home.

Mr. Wilson and his wife are prominent members of the United Brethren Church, in which he has been a class leader and trustee for years. He has always taken a hearty interest in all things tending to promote the welfare of the community, and has been active in local politics, holding a number of township offices. He gives his allegiance to the Democratic party.

B. Read, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, has by his skill and ability gained a leading place in the ranks of the medical fraternity in central Pennsylvania. He is a native of Clearfield county, born in 1841, on Reads Ridge in Lawrence township, near Glen Richey, and in the same township, his father, Ross Read, was born in 1807, a son of Alexander Read, a native of Chester county, Penn., who about 1802 located in the midst of the forest in Lawrence township, and there opened up a farm on which he spent his remaining days.

The father of our subject was reared to agricultural pursuits, and throughout life followed the honorable calling of a farmer. In his native township, he was married, in 1832, to Miss Mary Thompson, who was also born in that township, and was a daughter of Ignatius and Mary (Norris) Thompson, natives of eastern Pennsylvania, who also came to Clearfield county at an early day, and here spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Read began house-keeping upon a farm in Lawrence township, where they made their home until their removal to Clearfield in 1872. In that city both died, the father in 1884, and the mother in 1889. They were highly respected and honored residents of the county, with whose interests they had long been prominently identified.

The Doctor is fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Eliza, who died at the age of sixteen years; Martha Jane, who became the wife of William Catheart, and died in Knox township, Clearfield county, in 1892; Mary Elizabeth, who wedded James M. Reed, of Lawrence township, and now resides in Madison, Neb.; Margaret Ellen, wife of J. F. McKennick, of Ebensburg, Cambria Co., Penn.; Alexander Ross, who graduated at Lafayette College, and is now a resident of Portland, Oregon; and Matilda, wife of Thomas Spackman, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county.

Upon the home farm Dr. Read was reared, and he obtained his elementary education in the common schools of the neighborhood, later taking a course at the old academy in Clearfield. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching in Lawrence township, and taught for five terms in that and Pike townships. Subsequently he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. M. Woods, of Clearfield, and in 1864 entered Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, where he graduated three years later. Previous to his graduation, however, in 1865, he had entered upon the practice of his profession at Graham ton, and later opened an office in Bigler, both in Clearfield county; but since 1879 he has been one of the leading and representative physicians of Osceola Mills, and is an honored and popular member of the Clearfield County Medical Society; the State Medical Society and the American Medical Society. A close student of his profession, he is widely recognized as one of the most able physicians and skillful surgeons of this section of the State, and has succeeded in building up an excellent and lucrative practice.

Dr. Read was married in Karthaus township, Clearfield county, in 1865, to Miss Sue A. Reider, a native of that township, and a daughter of John W. and Maria (Schnarr) Reider, who were early settlers of Karthaus township, where their deaths occurred. Eight children were born to the Doctor and his wife, of whom seven are still living, namely: Ralph Maynard, a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Pharmacy, who is married, and is engaged in the drug business in New Castle, Penn.; Paul S., who is married, and also living in this place; Maud, wife of Frank O'Brien, of Osceola Mills; Howard W., a resident of Philadelphia; May, wife of S. W. Hamilton of Osceola Mills; Haskel, who is married, and lives in Clearfield; and Alma, who is a graduate of Irving College, and is at home.

The Doctor gives his political support to the Democratic party, takes an active interest in public affairs, and has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust, being president of the board of health, a member of the school board ten years, burgess two years, and overseer of the poor two years.
Socially, he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county, and has ever been quite active in promoting the educational, moral and material welfare of the community. He is a companionable, genial gentleman, has a host of warm friends and enjoys the confidence and high regard of all who know him.

Adam Knarr. Sometimes a fortunate accident, wisely improved, brings better results than the most carefully prepared plans, and an instance in point can be found in the events which caused the Knarr family to settle in Brady township, Clearfield county, where abundant prosperity has rewarded their efforts.

It was in the year 1831 that George and Louisa (Weisgarber) Knarr, of Bavaria, Germany, came to America with five children, of whom the well-known gentleman, whose name introduces this sketch, was the youngest. They landed at Philadelphia, and purchasing a team of horses and a wagon started for Warren, Penn., traveling by way of Sunbury, Bellefonte, Clearfield, Curwensville and Luthersburg. While stopping for dinner at the latter place, they discovered through conversation with the landlord, an entire stranger to them, that a Mr. Jacob Kuntz, of Germany, lived in Brady township. An old neighbor of theirs of the same name moved to America some time before, and on further inquiry Mr. Knarr found that he was the man spoken of, so sought him out. After some consideration Mr. Knarr decided to remain in Brady township, rather than go on to Warren, and through the advice of Mr. Kuntz he bought, at the present site of Troutville, 181 acres of heavily-timbered land with no improvements of any kind. He built a hewed-log house, 24 x 32, with earth floor, clapboard roof, and stone and wood chimneys, and continued clearing until he had a fine farm under cultivation. Later he built a better residence, and a large log barn. His good wife, who shared all the toil and hardships of those early days, died on August 7, 1865, and he passed away October 23, 1880, at the age of ninety-three, having made his home on the farm until a few years before. They left a family of six children, only one of whom was born in America.

Adam Knarr was born March 17, 1827, and when he left the Fatherland was but a boy of four. He grew to manhood at the new home, and married Miss Margaret Kuhnley, of Paradise, Jefferson county, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer, Frederick Kuhnley, and his wife, Catherine. After his marriage Mr. Knarr continued to reside at the homestead, taking charge of it on shares, and caring for his parents as old age came upon them. In 1890 he built upon the farm a hotel facing the Punxsutawney pike, and in the following year, when the borough of Troutville was incorporated, his entire farm was included within the limits. Of course the land became desirable for building purposes, and after selling a large portion of it, Mr. Knarr sold to two of his sons fifty acres each, on the east and west sides of the borough, reserving sixty acres for himself in the center. From this he has since sold many lots, and on the portion which he retains as a homestead he has made many improvements. In 1890 he built a large two-story house with all the modern conveniences, one of the finest homes in the borough. His barn, which was built in 1876, is 64 x 80 feet, and is one of the largest in Clearfield county. From the start Mr. Knarr has encouraged religious and educational movements in the community, and his influence is always to be counted upon the side of progress. He and his estimable wife are members of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, and have reared their children in the same faith. Politically, Mr. Knarr is a steadfast Democrat, having never wavered in his allegiance to the old party. He is active in local affairs, and has been treasurer of the borough ever since it was organized.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Knarr: (1) John, born October 14, 1848, was reared on the farm, receiving a common-school education. He was a fine musician, and his death at the age of twenty-seven shortened a promising career. He never married. (2) Jacob, born October 3, 1850, married Miss Louisa Keller, of the Bower settlement, and settled at Troutville upon a portion of the homestead, engaging in farming. His four children—Clarence, Luella, Mary and Minnie—are all at home. (3) Annie, born August 1, 1852, married Christian Haag, of Punxsutawney, and died October 4, 1896. Her only son, Christian, died in 1879, at four years of age. (4) Lewis, born February 3, 1855, married Miss Minnie Fackiner, of Punxsutawney, and located within the borough of Troutville. They have no children. (5) Joseph, born February 7, 1857, married Miss Sarah Trexler, of Paradise, Penn., and now resides at Reams Mills, in Brady township. Their two children, Amos and Edith, are at home. (6) Adam, born March 23, 1859, died at the homestead in 1877, aged eighteen. (7) Sadie, born August 3, 1862, was married in 1879 to Charles
C. Hiles, then a resident of Troutville. He was born in Hereford, England, and had royal blood in his veins. Soon after his marriage he located at Dayton, Penn., where he remained a year and a half, and during the next four years he made his home in Minneapolis, Minn., while traveling for a Western firm. His health had become impaired, and being poor he took this mode of securing a change in air and scene. Later he returned to Troutville, where he died in 1887, notwithstanding the care of the best physicians in Philadelphia and elsewhere; his widow has since resided with her parents. (8) Martin, born October 8, 1864, was married in 1886 to Miss Salome Weaver, of Brady township, and made his home in Troutville. They have six children: Mabel, Charles, Grace, Jessie, Bertha, and Paul. (9) Milton, born April 27, 1868, like all the other children received a common-school education, and his business career began in 1890 as a partner with his father in the Bear Brewery at Punxsutawney. After two years he sold out, and returning to Troutville was engaged in the hotel business until March, 1896, when he started upon an extensive trip which included all of the Western States and Canada. Since his return, in the fall of 1896, he has lived at home with his parents.

George and Louisa Knarr have numerous descendants, all of their children having married and reared families. (I) Henry Knarr, the eldest son, came with his parents to this country at about the age of eighteen years, and helped his father to clear land and make the home. He married Miss Catharine Marshall, of Brady township, afterward purchased 150 acres of woodland near Troutville, where he cleared a farm and erected buildings for a homestead, which is now one of the well-cultivated farms of Brady township. He has had fifteen children as follows—(1) Louisa married John Hileburn, of Jefferson county, who located on a farm near Punxsutawney; they have a family of three children—Katie (now Mrs. Zimmerman, of Jefferson county, residing near Craner Station), Lizzie (Mrs. Henry Long, of Brady township, residing on a farm near Troutville), William (who is single, and lives with his parents). (2) George L., who is in the mercantile business in Troutville. His first wife, Miss Lizzie (Zilliox), of Brady township, died some years ago, and he afterward married Mrs. Johnson, of Du Bois. He has two children, both by the first marriage—George (is married and lives in Troutville), and Emma (now Mrs. Rishel, of Du Bois). (3) Simeon married Miss Susan Korb, of Brady township, and now resides in Troutville; they have three children living;

Clara (now Mrs. Lies, of Helvetia, Penn.), and two others, Henrietta and Nellie (who are at home). (4) Caroline married Jacob L. Kunz, and resides in Troutville; they have two children: Milton and Clara (both single and at home). (5) David married Carrie Weaver, and resides in Du Bois; they have five children—Blanche, Edwin, Alice, Virgie and Mabel—all at home. (6) Henry married Miss Mary Buchide, of Jefferson county, and now resides in Du Bois; they have two sons: Silas and Bert, both single. (7) Lorena married Adam Hilburn, and lives in Oklahoma, Jefferson county; they have nine children, of whom the eldest, John, a resident of Jefferson county, is married and has one child; the others—William, Mary, Carrie, Frank, George, Susan, Sallie and Jacob—reside with their parents. (8) Ferdinand married Miss Charlotte Korb, of Du Bois, and died some years ago, leaving a widow and two children, Aaron and Effie K., who reside in Troutville. (9) William married Miss Garrison, of Curwensville, and now resides in Du Bois; they have two children: May, and one whose name is not given. (10) Reuben married Miss Eliza Weaver, of Bloom township, and now resides in Brookville; they have one son, Morris. (11) John A. married Miss Etta Beal, of Bloom township, and now resides in Punxsutawney; their children are Frederick, Minnie, Earl, Charles, and Priscilla. (12) Frederick married Miss Lorena Korb, of Brady township, and resides on his father's old homestead; they have two children: Chester and Ollie, both at home. (13) Samuel married Miss Mary Monks, of Jefferson county, Penn., and settled in Du Bois; they have one daughter, Linnie. (14) Mary, now Mrs. Jacob Brubaker, of Du Bois, has one child, Lila. (15) Katie, Mrs. William Coler, of Jefferson county, has one child, Pearl.

(11) Andrew Knarr (deceased) was born in Germany, and came to Clearfield county at the age of sixteen years. He received a very limited education. He married Miss Barbara Shaffer, of Du Bois, and bought land near Troutville, which he cleared for a farm, erecting a large house and barn and making other improvements. It is to-day a fine estate. He died in 1887, leaving a widow and children as follows: (1) Kate, the eldest, married Jacob Friedline, of Blair county, Penn., and now resides in Bell township on his farm; they have no family. (2) Andrew is single and lives at home with his mother. (3) Eli, a farmer in Bell township, married (first) Miss Louisa Haag, of Bell township, Clearfield county, and (second) Miss Emma Friedline, of Brookville; there were two children by the first union—Annie, who died at the age of fourteen years, and
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John, who died when ten years old; by the second marriage there are three children—Mina. Mabel and Chester. (4) Emaline is single, and lives near the old homestead. (5) Jane married Monroe Askey, of Du Bois, and has six children, of whom the eldest daughter is married to Mr. Heberling, and lives in Du Bois. (6) Peter is single, and resides at the old home with his father. (7) Rachel married James Copenhaver, and resides on a farm near Luthersburg; they have children as follows: Andrew, Charley, Martin, Harrison, Paul, Luella and John.

(III) Charlotte Knarr was born in Germany, and came to this country when a young girl. She married Christian Haag, of Brady township, who afterward bought one hundred acres of woodland adjoining Troutville, where he cleared a farm, making fine improvements. They have three children: (1) Henry, a farmer in Jefferson county, married Miss Mary Harrold, of Punxsutawney, and has six children. (2) Adam, a farmer of near Troutville, married Miss Reisinger, of Sandy township, Clearfield county, and has three children—Frederick (the eldest) married Miss Endline and lives at home with his parents, and the others—William and Bertha—are single. (3) Mary Haag married Henry Weaver, a farmer of Brady township, Clearfield county; she died nine years ago, leaving a family of ten children—(a) Louisa Weaver (married Jackson Bonsall, of Brady township, and now resides on a farm near Troutville; they have three children—Harry, Clair and Susie—all at home); (b) Salome Weaver (married Martin Knarr, and resides in Troutville; they have six children—Mabel, Charles, Grace, Jessie, Bertha and Paul—all at home); (c) Katie Weaver (married Charles Grabe, a farmer of Bell township; they have three children); (d) William Weaver (married Miss Emma Haag, of Troutville, and now resides in Bell township on his farm; they have no family); (e) Lizzie Weaver (now Mrs. Tawalt Price, resides on a farm in Bell township; she has two children—Peal, and one whose name is not given); (f) Christian Weaver (married Miss Mary Kuntz, of Bell township, and resides on his father’s farm in the same township); the remaining members of the family are: (g) George, (h) Emma, (i) Jennie and (j) Florence, all unmarried.

(IV) George Knarr came to Clearfield county when a boy, and grew up on the Brady township homestead. He married Margaret Weaver, of Brady township, and after marriage bought of the Shoemaker tract of land adjoining his father’s homestead on the south side, cleared out a farm, and made a fine homestead, erecting good buildings. He has seven children, of whom the following record is given: (1) Sarah is the wife of Charles Schwem, of Luthersburg; (2) Maria is now Mrs. Henry Schoch, of Punxsutawney; (3) Sophia married Jack Alexander, formerly of Clearfield; (4) Washington, a resident of Brady’s Bend, Clarion county, married Docha Wagner, of Brady township, and has one child; (5) James, who resides at the homestead, married Miss Hanna Oswald, of Brady township, and has the following children: Annie, William, Homer, Malcomb and Frona; (6) Amanda, twin of James) married Joseph Willard, a hotelkeeper in Troutville, and has three children—Helen (now Mrs. Harry Ginter, of Du Bois), George and Frank; (7) Walter, a resident of Punxsutawney, married Miss Emma Ernest, of that city, and has one child.

(V) Adam, our subject, was the next in order of birth. (VI). Caroline was born in Brady township in 1833, and was raised on the old homestead. She married Andrew Weaver, of Jefferson county, and after residing on a farm in her native township for a number of years, they moved to a farm near Penfield. Mr. Weaver died in 1884, and his widow now lives in Du Bois. Of their four children: (1) Joseph, a farmer in Sandy township, Clearfield county, married Miss Annie Reisinger, of that township, and has three children; (2) George, a teacher in the West Liberty schools, married Miss Laura Grube, of Jefferson county, Penn., and now resides in Du Bois; (3) Reuben, a clerk in Du Bois, married Miss Lizzie Reisinger, of Sandy township, and has two sons—Grover and Andrew; (4) Carrie married David Bear, of Apollo, Armstrong Co., Penn., where they now reside. They have two daughters—Louella, and one whose name is not given.

THOMAS W. LONG. Success in any line of occupation, in any avenue of business, is not a matter of spontaneity, but is the legitimate offspring of subjective effort in the proper utilization of the means at hand, the improvement of opportunity and the exercise of the highest functions made possible by the specific ability in any case. Mr. Long eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of Clearfield county who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master the opposing forces of life and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name. Throughout most of his business career he has followed lumbering, and is a prominent resident of Allport, Morris township.

Mr. Long was born January 16, 1828, in Brush Valley, Centre county, Penn., his parents
being Isaac and Catharine (Wolf) Long, the former a native of Rhode Island and the latter of Brush Valley, where their marriage was celebrated, and where they continued to make their home through life. By trade the father was a carpenter. The mother was descended from one of the honored pioneer families of Centre county. She survived her husband a number of years and reared their family.

The brothers and sisters of our subject are as follows: Samuel left Centre county on reaching manhood, and for twenty-five years engaged in the show business in the West and South. On selling out in 1861, he located in Kentucky, where he spent his remaining days. Harriet married Levi Sterrett, of Centre county, and reared a family. Her death occurred in that county. Abbie is the wife of George Haines, of Iowa. John emigrated to Illinois, where he married, but spent his last years in Colorado. Louisa married Joel Morris, of Centre county, where they make their home.

Thomas W. Long was reared and educated in Centre county, and on leaving home went to New Berlin, Penn., where he learned the blacksmith’s trade, at which he worked for only one year. Returning to his birthplace he served an apprenticeship to the cabinet maker’s trade, which he followed for four years, and was then employed in the woods on Pine creek for two years. The following year was passed in lumbering on the Moshannon, after which he joined his brother in the show business, and remained with him for eight years, visiting all of the principal towns and cities in the West and South. While at Memphis, Tenn., in the spring of 1861, they discontinued the business, and on a subject came north to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he joined an Ohio regiment for service in the Civil war. He was first ordered to Beverly, W. Va., was in the battle of Garrett’s Ford, and for one month was stationed at Philippi. While on picket duty at Cheat Mountain, he was taken prisoner by the Rebels, and for three months and a half was confined in Libby prison. He was then transferred to Tuscaloosa, Ala., and was later confined at Salisbury, N. C., for three months, after which he was paroled and sent to Newbern, that State, where he joined General Burnside’s command. He was then sent to New York, and on to Columbus, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged in October, 1862. Returning to Pennsylvania, Mr. Long located in Jersey Shore, and in December, 1862, again engaged in lumbering on Pine creek. In the following March he was married to Miss Mary Lainhardt, and at once took his bride to Mill Run on Pine creek, where he continued to follow lumbering for four years. Subsequently for a year and a half he engaged in jobbing for John Ardell at Beaver Mill, and in 1868 came to Morris township, Clearfield county, where for two years he was in the employ of G. W. Merrell. In connection with John Ardell he then purchased 1,800 acres of land, and commenced the manufacture of sawed lumber, but later sold to C. W. Holt and went to Indiana. After four years in the employ of Hopkins & Irwin, he located on Black Moshannon, and jobbed for G. B. Merrell for three years. Returning to Pine Creek, he followed lumbering three years for J. B. Fowler, of Jersey Shore. He has met with a well-merited success in his chosen calling, and to-day ranks among the most substantial and prosperous lumbermen of Clearfield county.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Long, but Seymour L. died at the age of three months; Kennett Ardell, a railroad man residing in Williamsport, Penn., married Nellie Levi, and has three children—Josephine, aged six years; Mary Evaline, aged three years; and Eleanor E., an infant. Our subject is a prominent and active member of the Republican party. His business interests have been conducted along the old and well-tried methods that ever insure success, and he has taken a leading part in the development of the lumber interests which have proved an essential factor in promoting the material welfare of this community. Mrs. Long is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Allport.

J. SMATHERS, M. D., is the pioneer physician and surgeon of Du Bois, where he has made his home since the 5th of June, 1873, and during the time that has since elapsed he has seen the rise and progress of the “Mountain City,” the metropolis of Clearfield county. On locating here not more than twenty-six families constituted the entire population, which to-day numbers over ten thousand. It was a hamlet in the midst of the forest, inhabited by a few sturdy pioneers, and the country round was a perfect wilderness. There was neither hotel, post office nor trains, the Allegheny Valley railroad was not completed until 1874, and no passenger trains were running until the fall of that year. The place was then known as Rumbarger, the nearest post office, Jefferson Line, was four miles distant, and the roads that had been laid out through this region were very poor. Gradually a thriving city has unfolded and developed from logs, stumps, mud and swamps, almost in-
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numerable, lofty pines and the solemn sough of
the forest, while miles of pavement have been
laid, and churches, schools and homes have
sprung up everywhere. As the country developed,
Dr. Smathers grew into a large practice, and
used to ride away up the creek a score of miles
so or so, back into the log camps. For a long time
he had no competition. Finally other physicians
located here, but all of them have the profound-
est respect for the pioneer who preceded them.

Dr. Smathers was born March 28, 1851, near
Greenville, in Clarion Co., Penn., and is of Eng-
lish, German and Scotch-Irish extraction. His
paternal great-great-grandfather came to this
country from England, and located in Luzerne
county, Penn., about the year 1750, where he mar-
rried a German lady. While serving in the Revolu-
tionary war he had one of his hands shot off by an
Indian. The grandparents, Christian and Susan-
nah (Hariger) Smathers, spent their entire lives in
Clarion county, this State. In that county, the
father of our subject, John Smathers, was born
January 4, 1828, and grew to manhood there.
He was married in Jefferson county, Penn.,
January 31, 1850, to Miss Ann Jones, born
March 9, 1829. In 1852 they took up their resi-
dence in the latter county, where the father fol-
lowed the occupations of farming and stock deal-
ing, buying stock extensively all over the county,
where he was widely and favorably known.
There his death occurred August 23, 1895; the
mother still resides on the old homestead.
In their family were five sons: Wilson Jones, the
subject of this review; M. F., a farmer of Jeffer-
son county; W. S., a merchant of Worthville,
Jefferson county; J. C., a farmer of North Point,
Indiana Co., Penn.; and Charles E., who lives
on the old homestead in Jefferson county with
his mother.

Dr. Smathers spent his boyhood days upon
his father’s farm, and in the public schools of
Jefferson county acquired his elementary educa-
tion, later being a student for three years and as
half in the Union Academy, Dayton, Penn.
During the winter of 1870–71, he engaged in
studying at Summerville, Jefferson county, and in
the following spring began the study of medicine
under Dr. R. B. Brown, at that time an eminent
practitioner in Summerville, Jefferson county.
In the fall of 1871 he entered Jefferson Medical
College, Philadelphia, and was graduated with
the class March 12, 1873, immediately thereafter
locating in Du Bois, where he has since success-
fully engaged in practice. He is a great student
in his profession, pays close attention to its inter-
est interests in every particular, and is a very close ob-
server of the code of medical ethics. It has
always been his ambition to stand at the head,
even back in his school days, and in this regard
his hopes have been realized as he is today one
of the most prominent and skillful physicians in
Clearfield county.

On July 22, 1875, at Smicksburg, Indiana
Co., Penn., Dr. Smathers was united in mar-
riage with Miss Maggie C. Fulton, who was born
in that county, February 16, 1851, a daughter
of Samuel M. and Frances L. (Simms) Fulton,
natives of Centre county, Penn., and Wheeling,
W. Va., respectively. They were early settlers
of Indiana county, where the father died April
26, 1896, at the age of eighty-one years, and
where the mother still makes her home. For
two years during the Civil war he served as a
member of the 78th P. V. I. Dr. W. N. Simms,
the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Smathers, born
April 27, 1798, was a pioneer physician of
Smicksburg, and of the surrounding country for
a radius of twenty miles, and there he spent his
remaining days, dying March 9, 1872. Eleven
children blessed the union of the Doctor and his
 estimable wife, six of whom are deceased, the
others being: Francis C., Margaretta, John
Marion Simms, Bessie Fulton and Dorothy Ruth.
Of these, Francis C., who was born March 23,
1878, is the first and the only native male gradu-
ate of the high school in Du Bois, and is also
the first native male graduate of Du Bois Busi-
ness College. Dr. Smathers, together with
other leading physicians, organized the Du Bois
Academy of Medicine in September, 1894, of
which he has since acceptably served as president.
On the organization of the board of health in
1893, he was made president of that body, and
held the position until resigning in June, 1896,
in order to become a member of the school board,
of which he is now president. On the 11th day
of August, 1897, the first Board of Pension Ex-
amining Surgeons at Du Bois, Clearfield Co.,
Penn., was established, and Dr. Smathers was
appointed as one of the examining surgeons, and
at the organization of the board he was made its
treasurer. He is not only the oldest physician in
Du Bois, but also one of the most able practi-
cioners in the county, and his opinion has great
weight when called in consultation. He is an
honored member of the State Medical Society;
also of the Heptasophs, of which society he is
examiner. He is one of the projectors of the
Citizens Mutual Building & Loan Association,
organized in 1889, for which he wrote the by-
laws, and has since been one of the directors.
His political support is ever given the men and
measures of the Republican party. Mrs.
Smathers is a Methodist, and the Doctor is a

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liberal supporter of that organization. He has always been active in all enterprises which were for the good of the people and the upbuilding of his town, with whose interests his name is inseparably connected. Physically, he is a splendid specimen of manhood, and his sturdy physique betrays his Teutonic origin. The paternal grandmother of Mrs. Smathers was a Mattern, a relative of the Matterns and Grays of Half Moon Valley, Centre Co. Pennsylvania.

R. SPANGLE, a worthy representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of Clearfield county, is a leading business man of Becaia township, where he is successfully operating as a lumberman, farmer and coal dealer. His entire life has been passed in the community where he still resides, his birth occurring January 16, 1856, on the old homestead of his parents, Samuel and Julia (Philips) Spangle, near Coalport. The family has always taken an active and prominent part in public affairs, and been an important factor in the upbuilding and development of the county.

Our subject grew to manhood on the home farm, early becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits, but his literary training was much more limited, as he never attended school more than six months altogether. At an early age he began work in the woods, making timber and cutting logs, and in the spring of the year, he conducted his father's large sugar camp, often making from five to six hundred pounds of pure maple sugar each year. After his marriage he continued on the old homestead, looking after his father's interests until 1890, when he removed to a farm of his own, adjoining the home place. This he had purchased the year previous, and erected thereon a fine two-story residence and substantial and convenient outbuildings. Upon his property he has opened up coal mines, whose products he sells in Coalport and throughout Beccaria township, and he is still interested in farming and lumbering.

In 1884, Mr. Spangle was married to Miss Mary Smead, daughter of Alphis and Katie Smead, well-to-do farming people of Burnside township, Clearfield county. Five children have blessed this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Susan, September 21, 1886; Minnie L., July 28, 1888; Katie H., March 21, 1890; Charles R., January 12, 1893; and Julia M., March 12, 1895. All are still at home with the exception of Minnie L., who departed this life in November, 1889.

Mrs. Spangle is also a member of an honored pioneer family, which was early founded in Burnside township, but was originally established in New York, whence her ancestors later removed to Lycoming county, Penn. In 1837 her paternal grandfather located on the turnpike in Burnside township, between Reading and Washington, about five miles from the latter place. There he cleared a farm and erected good buildings, and in the winter engaged in lumbering. He was twice married, and reared a large family. Of the three sons born of the second marriage, one was Alphis Smead, the father of Mrs. Spangle. For a number of years he remained on the old homestead and then removed to his father's farm near Patchinsville, but in 1883 went to Coalport, where he followed contracting and building for ten years, and since that time has made his home in Akron, Ohio. In his family are ten children, namely: Mary, wife of our subject, who was born in 1867; Mrs. Agnes Estright, of Akron, Ohio; Julia T., wife of Henry George, of Lilly, Cambria Co., Penn.; Matilda L., wife of William Richard, of Akron, Ohio; and Harry, Florence, Alphis, George, Otis and Charles, who are still with their parents.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Spangle is a Republican, but he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. Religiously he and his estimable wife are both consistent members of the United Brethren Church, and contribute liberally to all Church or Educational work, or in fact anything whose object is to promote the welfare of the community.

JOSEPH RIPLEY, a well-known blacksmith of Sabula, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, whose devotion to his country was tested on many a Southern battle field. In his veins flows the blood of patriotic ancestors, his paternal grandfather, a native of France, coming to this country with Gen. LaFayette and serving in the Revolutionary war. John Ripley, the father of our subject, was born and reared in New Jersey, where he wedded Miss Mary Obrien, and subsequently removed to Effort, Monroe Co., Penn., where he purchased sixty-five acres of wild land, which he developed into a good farm. There he died in 1859, leaving a widow and seven children, of whom our subject was the eldest. His four brothers—George, John, Samuel and Patrick—also offered their services to their country during the dark days of the Rebellion, and now fill soldiers' graves.

Joseph Ripley, the subject of this review, was born in Morris county, S. J., in 1828. He married Miss Mary Ardine, of White Haven, Penn.,
where they made their home for a number of years. After their removal to Scranton, Penn., the wife died of consumption, and the children of diphtheria, with the exception of one daughter, who is now Mrs. Urias Washburn, of Scranton. She has a family of six children. After the death of his wife, Mr. Ripley went to New York City, and worked in the navy yard at Brooklyn until the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861. Hardly had the echoes of Fort Sumter's guns died away when he enlisted in Company D, 17th New York City Regiment, under Capt. William G. Fisher and Col. Gore, of New York: His first engagement was at Falling Waters, whence the regiment proceeded to Martinsburg and Harper's Ferry, and later took part in the battle of Bull Run. The Union forces retreated to Fairfax Court House, whence they marched to South Mountain, and in the engagement brought on at that place Stonewall Jackson was killed.

Later Mr. Ripley's command returned to New York City, where he re-enlisted in the same regiment; but many of the Irishmen in the command refused to remain in the service, and during the exciting time in that city over the draft the 17th assumed control there until relieved by Gen. Neil of the Army of the Potomac. Going to Tennessee, the regiment participated in the battle of Nashville; was in the engagements at Huntsville, Ala., Athens and Decatur, where the Union forces burned the bridge, and there the 17th New York Regiment was assigned to Gen. Sherman's army. Having learned the blacksmith's trade under his father, Mr. Ripley was detailed for that work; but he was also engaged in active fighting, taking part in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Bowling Green and Chattanooga, at the last named place fighting in the fog for two hours. The Union troops then fell back to Dalton, and later proceeded to Rome, Georgia.

During his four years and six months of arduous service, Mr. Ripley was six times wounded, first at Harper's Ferry in 1861, and the ball which pierced his leg at that time he still carries. At Decatur, Ala., he was cut in the head with a saber, and captured, but managed to escape and return to his regiment. With Sherman's command he took part in the battles of Buzzard Roost, Marietta, Peachtree Creek, Resaca, Tunnel Hill, and Kennesaw Mountain, and for twenty-four days was in the siege of Atlanta. At the battle of Jonesboro, he was severely wounded, and had to be taken to the field hospital. After six months of intense suffering he was transferred to Jeffersonville Hospital, where he remained until after Lee's surrender, when he was honorably discharged and returned to his New York home.

Subsequently Mr. Ripley removed to Scranton, Penn., where he worked for some time, and then engaged in blacksmithing at Pennfield for three years. At the end of that period he came to Sabula, where he has since made his home. In May, 1889, at the time of the Johnstown flood, the waters of Sandy creek arose and the dam at Du Bois broke, sweeping away the residence and entire property of our subject; but he managed to carry his wife out of danger. In 1878 he had married Miss Eliza Duwere, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, who is now sixty years of age. They reside at a pleasant home which he owns in Sabula, and he still continues to work at his trade. He not only bears an honorable record for brave service in the cause of freedom and union, but in the paths of peace he has also won an enviable reputation through the sterling qualities which go to the making of a good citizen.

AUSTIN CURRY, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Chest township, Clearfield county, has throughout his business career been extensively engaged in farming and lumbering—two of the most important industries of the region where his entire life has been passed. Near his present home he was born August 18, 1836, a son of James and Elizabeth (McKehen) Curry, worthy pioneers of Clearfield county.

James Curry, Sr., the father of our subject, married Rebecca Salierd, of Centre county, where they made their home for a number of years, and where she died, leaving seven children, who became prominent citizens of the communities where they made their homes. They were as follows: William Scott, who died in 1880; John, who died in 1875; Edward, who died in 1894; Rachel, who is still living at the age of eighty-one; James, who died in 1887; Mrs. Eliza Rorabau, also deceased; and Armstrong, who died in 1894. At the time of their mother's death they were all small, and in 1823 were brought to Clearfield county by their father, accompanied by a house-keeper. He located on Morgan's land, where he improved a farm, but afterward took up his residence on Chest creek, in Chest township, on the farm where our subject now resides. Here the father engaged in farming and lumbering until called to his final rest October 26, 1848. When a young man he secured his first start in the business world by cutting cord-wood for a colliery and iron furnace in Centre county, and by industry, perseverance
and good management became quite well-to-do. He was a prominent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from boyhood, and was an ardent Democrat in politics. For a number of years he served as justice of the peace, and also efficiently filled other public positions of honor and trust. As one of the pioneers of Clearfield county he early became interested in lumbering, and on rafting his first lumber to market he sold it at Middletown for two and one-half cents per foot. His brothers, Richard and Robert Curry, also came to Clearfield county at an early day, locating in Knox township.

In Jordan township, Clearfield county, James Curry was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth McKehen, who belonged to one of the honored pioneer families of that county. Samuel McKehen, her father, was of Irish descent, and was reared near Carlisle, Penn., whence he came to Clearfield county at a very early day. In the midst of the wilderness he improved a farm, and became one of the prominent and representative citizens of the community. By his second marriage Mr. Curry had four children, two of whom died in childhood. Those living are Evaline, wife of William Anderson; and Austin, of this sketch. The mother, who was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, departed this life in 1878.

Upon the farm where he still resides, Austin Curry was reared to agricultural pursuits, while his literary training was secured in the public schools near his home. As soon as large enough he commenced lumbering, making square timbers and spars for market and piloting them down the river, which occupation claimed considerable of his attention until within the last few years. In 1861 he married and located where he now lives. Of the one hundred acres that comprised the farm, only thirty had been cleared, and buildings then standing were cheap structures; but these have been replaced by a commodious two-story frame residence, as well as substantial outbuildings, and now sixty acres are under a high state of cultivation. The place is pleasantly situated on the creek, opposite Five Points. He is also the owner of two other improved farms, and the entire property stands as a monument to his thrift and industry. While engaged in the lumber business, he was the senior member of the firm of Curry & Shook, which purchased large tracts of wooded land, from which they cut the timber, and in this undertaking as well as in farming he has met with excellent success.

In 1861 Mr. Curry was married to Miss Harriet Fishel, a lady of intelligence and culture, and a daughter of Frederick Fishel, who was of German descent, and was reared in Lancaster county, Penn. In early life he removed to Cambria county, where he was married, and subsequently took up his residence in Clearfield county, developing a farm in Chest township, where he died March 19, 1863, at the age of fifty-eight years. In connection with farming he also engaged in lumbering from his lands. His wife, who was a member of the United Brethren Church, departed this life October 10, 1891, at the age of seventy-six. They were the parents of nine children: Sarah, who first married A. Pierce, and after his death wedded Joseph Shook; Catherine, wife of I. Woods; Daniel; George; John; James; Harriet, wife of our subject; Jane, wife of H. Pierce; and Roschsa, wife of W. Kitchen.

Of the ten children born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Curry, two died in childhood; the others are Cortes; Ross, a merchant at Five Points; Blair, who is engaged in railroading; Gurna and Austin, at home; Orrie, wife of Dr. Hurd; and Bird and Lilly E., who are successfully engaged in teaching. The mother is a faithful member of the Evangelical Church, of which Mr. Curry is a liberal supporter, although not connected with any religious denomination. He has also acted as trustee of the Church, and was a member of the building committee. Politically he follows in the footsteps of his father, always voting the Democratic ticket, and has taken an active and commendable interest in public affairs. He has been elected to almost all of the township offices, and is now efficiently serving as district treasurer. He is held in the highest respect and esteem in the community where his long and useful life has been passed, and his circle of friends is only equalled by his circle of acquaintances.

Hiram Woodward, to whose foresight and energy the village of Penfield, Clearfield county, may be said to owe its rapid growth, is one of the representative citizens of his section. As a lumberman, agriculturist and general business man, he is widely known, while his influence is no less felt in political affairs.

Mr. Woodward was born in Luzerne county, Penn., May 2, 1827. His father, Daniel Woodward, a native of Utica, N. Y., and for many years engaged in the lumber business in Luzerne county, Penn., died in Wilkesbarre, Penn., in 1884, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, who was born in New Jersey, and whose maiden name was Nancy Eiek, had died, in 1876, in Luzerne county. Of their eleven children, nine
lived to adult age, namely: Mary (Mrs. Trout) died in Williamsport, Penn.; Sarah (Mrs. Roberts) is a resident of Penfield, Clearfield county; Susan is deceased; Mrs. Campbell is deceased; Mrs. Francis Sutton lives in Wilkesbarre, Penn.; Hiram is our subject; William D. resides in Penfield, Clearfield county; Denison died in Luzerne county; and George is deceased.

Our subject was educated in Wilkesbarre, completing his education in Wyoming Seminary. He then engaged in lumbering in his native county, and in 1854 he went to Penfield as agent for Reading, Fisher & Co., lumber dealers of Williamsport, in whose employ he remained over twenty years. He settled in the dense forest and opened up a farm, clearing more than three hundred acres, which he still owns and has brought to a high state of cultivation. He has been indefatigable in the advancement of the interests of the town, and erected the "Penfield Hotel," besides many of the residences and other buildings in the place. There has been a post office called Penfield since 1832, and in 1856 Mr. Woodward was placed in charge; but in 1857 it was transferred to Tyler, its name being changed to that of its new location. Later it was re-established at Penfield, and Mr. Woodward was appointed postmaster a second time, in 1872. A number of other public offices have been held by him, and he was county auditor for one term, beginning in 1862. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and he has been one of the prominent advisers of the party in his locality.

In 1849 Mr. Woodward was married in Luzerne county to Miss Abigail Watrons, a daughter of Jonathan B. and Matilda (Moore) Watrons, pioneer settlers of Wayne county, Penn. Six children were born of this union: George, now a widower, residing in Penfield; William, married and living at the farm; Mahlon, who died at an early age; Meribah, who died unmarried; Alice (Mrs. Comstock), residing in New York City; and Friend, deceased. As a pioneer settler, Mr. Woodward was active in establishing and encouraging religious movements, and he has assisted in building various churches at Penfield. Hiram Woodward and John Du Bois were really the parties who made the establishment of mills at Williamsport a possible success. They cleared Bennett branch of the Sinnamahoning, and drove the first logs down the creek, and they were arrested fourteen times in one day in order to try and prevent them running logs down the stream. Cables were frequently stretched across the water to wreck the ark on the raft. Had not Mr. Woodward and Mr. Du Bois made a success of the driving of logs on the west branch of the Susquehanna, the mills for the cutting of lumber at Williamsport would have been abandoned, and the immense quantities of pine in this region would have been rafted to Port Deposit, at the mouth of the Susquehanna, and there cut up.

Squire Hay traces his descent from a Scotchman of the same name who came to America in the seventeenth century and settled in New Jersey, where many of his descendants reside. The Squire's grandfather, Charles Hay, a hatter by trade, passed his life there. Lemar Hay, the father of our subject, was born and reared in New Jersey, and in early manhood learned the bricklayer's trade, his work in that line leading him into a profitable business as a contractor. He resided for some years at Pottsville, Penn., where his wife, Mary A. (Bretz), a native of this State, died in 1852, aged thirty-eight years, her remains being interred there. He then removed to Kansas, and continued his business until his death, which occurred in 1885, when he was aged seventy-nine years. In religious faith he was a Quaker, and his character and life won the esteem of all who knew him.

Squire Hay was born November 24, 1838, at Pottsville, and was educated in the common schools of that town. At the age of fifteen he left his studies and began an apprenticeship as a bricklayer and plasterer under his father. At nineteen he entered into business on his own account, and continued successfully until the war broke out, when he promptly mustered with his company, the Pottsville National-Light-Infantry, which formed a portion of the famous band of 330 men who arrived at Washington April 18, 1861. Mr. Hay was mustered into the U. S. service as first sergeant, Company D, 25th Regiment, P. V. I., and was on guard duty in that city for two months, after which, by forced marches.
to Martinsburg, Va., he was attached to the command of Gen. Patterson until after the first battle of Bull Run, and as by that time the sanguine hopes of a speedy ending of hostilities had passed away, he helped to organize Company A, 96th Regiment, P. V. I., in which he was enrolled July 25, 1861, as first lieutenant. On the muster-in of Company A, 96th P. V. I., he became its captain, and was assigned to picket duty at Washington, and during the winter of 1861, near Fairfax Seminary, Va., and later took part in all important battles of the Peninsular campaign, in which his corps, the 6th, was engaged, including the engagement at Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg. At the last named he contracted rheumatism, which caused him an honorable discharge to be granted him December 25, 1862.

In the following year Mr. Hay was employed as a clerk at the St. Nicholas colliery, and two years later was promoted to the post of resident manager. The company changed its name to the Girard Mutual Coal Co., and consolidated with the Philadelphia Coal Co., and is now known as the Lehigh Coal Co.; but Mr. Hay was retained through these changes, until employed, in 1879, by the Sandy Lick Coal & Coke Co., of Harrisburg, among the largest shippers of bituminous coal in those days, for whom he located their first mine in 1874. In 1880 he moved to Du Bois, and in 1886 resigned as manager, and then engaged in lumbering until 1889. His ability and his high character soon won the confidence of the citizens, and since 1888 he has held his present office of justice of the peace. He has also demonstrated his fidelity to the public welfare as a member of the school board and as town clerk.

On October 4, 1862, Squire Hay was married in Pottsville to Miss Orelana Bartlett, daughter of Charles and Mary Bartlett, highly respected residents of that town. Mrs. Hay was born there, and was the second in a family of seven children who lived to maturity. Twelve children have blessed this union: Mary, who died in infancy; Frank, a wholesale liquor dealer of Reading, Penn.; Charles, a druggist at Du Bois; Edith (Mrs. H. A. Vosburg), of the same town; William L., a wholesale liquor dealer of Du Bois; Lemar S., now a student in the Pittsburg College of Pharmacy; George B., Stacey M., Margaret B. and Alva J., who are at home; Joseph L., and Lena died in infancy.

Squire Hay is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and is also prominently identified with the Grand Army of the Republic; with the Royal Arcanum; with Shenandoah City Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., and with Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M., of which he is past master. Politically he is a Republican.

JAMES L. SOMMERVILLE. In past ages the history of a country was the record of wars and conquests; to-day it is the record of commercial activity, and those whose names are foremost in its annals are the leaders in business circles. The conquests now made are those of mind over matter, not of man over man; and the victor is he who can successfully establish, control and operate extensive commercial interests. Mr. Sommerville is unquestionably one of the strongest and most influential men whose lives have become an essential part of the history of Clearfield county. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to everyday common sense guided by irresistible will power, are the chief characteristics of the man. Connected with the coal-mining interests of Clearfield county, the place that he occupies in business circles is in the front rank.

Mr. Sommerville was born in Scotland, August 16, 1837, a son of John S. and Elizabeth (Laing) Sommerville. His father came to America in 1846, and in Centre county embarked in the coal business, opening the Snow Shoe mines, which he extensively operated, under contract with the Bellefonte & Snow Shoe R. R. Co. He also conducted a store at Snow Shoe for a number of years; but during his later life he devoted his entire energies to the coal industry, associating with him his son, James L., under the firm name of John S. Sommerville & Son. He died in 1880. His wife died in Scotland, our subject being the only one to come with the father to America. John Sommerville was a stanch Whig in early life, and afterward a Republican; he was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church and served as elder for some time.

James L. Sommerville acquired his primary education in Glasgow, Scotland, and, after coming to America with his father continued his studies in the Bellefonte Academy and at Lock Haven. He then took a course in engineering in Philadelphia. His specialty was civil engineering, becoming very proficient in that line, and for many years was thus employed. He was assistant engineer on the Snow Shoe railroad, and the first engineer from 1865 until 1875, since which time he has devoted his attention to his coal-mining interests. He also operated a tannery at Unionville, and afterward at the Snow Shoe intersection. In 1880 he removed to his
present home in Winburne, and leased nine hundred acres of coal lands, which he has since been operating, his mines yielding from eight to ten hundred tons per day—about three hundred thousand tons annually. A railroad has been built to the mines, and every facility has been secured for mining and shipping the products. His honorable dealing and his fairness to his men have won their loyalty, and no local strike has ever occurred among them. He also conducts a general merchandise store in Winburne, and has been a most prominent factor in the upbuilding of that town.

Mr. Sommerville was reared in the Presbyterian faith, and his family attend the Church of that denomination, in which he has for years been an elder. In politics he is a stanch Republican, deeply interested in the success of his party, but has never sought or desired office, preferring to devote his energies to his business, which has not only brought to him rich returns, but has been of material benefit to the community.

Mr. Sommerville was married in 1860 to Miss Jane M. Harris, of Bellefonte, and their children are as follows: Bond V., assistant engineer of the Fort Wayne railroad; John S., engineer for the coal mines at Winburne; James H., who died in October, 1896; Allen O., manager of the coal mines; Robert, manager of the store; Donald L., assistant engineer of the Beach Creek railroad; Bessie and Mary H.

Mrs. Sommerville is a daughter of James D. Harris, an honored pioneer of Centre county. He was a civil engineer, aiding in constructing the canals in central Pennsylvania, and took a prominent part in engineering works. History gives an account of the Harris family back to an early date. During the reign of Charles II, in 1689, Edward Harris, being driven from Scotland, settled in County Donegal, Ireland, and his large landed estates in the former country were thus lost. He married Flora Douglas, and they had three sons: Edward, Robert and James. John, son of James, emigrated to America in 1752, and located in Pennsylvania, where he established the branch of the family to which Mrs. Sommerville belongs. John Harris was a member of the Provincial council, which met at Carpenter’s Hall, June 28, 1776, and of a subsequent convention July 15, 1776, when he was appointed lieutenant of the county. He served as a member of the General Assembly from 1778 until 1781, and was one of the commissioners who met at New Haven, Conn., in November, 1777, for the purpose of regulating the price of commodities. Although a slave owner, he voted for the act whereby slavery should be gradually abolished in Pennsylvania. He owned 375 acres of land, on which, in 1790, he laid out the town of Mifflin, reserving a portion of the ground for public uses. There he died, in 1794, and his remains were interred in the Presbyterian cemetery. He married his cousin, Jane Harris, and they had six children.

One of this number, James Harris, married Miss Dunlop, and removed to Centre county, where he became an influential and distinguished citizen. His wife was a daughter of Col. James Dunlop, an officer of the French and Indian war, and a colonel in the war of the Revolution. James Harris was a civil engineer, and in 1785 was appointed deputy surveyor of Cumberland county; and in 1789 was made surveyor of Mifflin county. In 1787 he laid out a road from Frankstown to Conowa river. In 1795 he removed to Centre county, and in connection with his father-in-law laid out the town of Bellefonte. He represented Mifflin county in the State Senate, and was senator from Centre county from 1780 to 1788. In connection with his father-in-law he gave lands in trust for the support of public schools, and in 1803 they incorporated Bellefonte Academy, which was then transferred to the trustees. Mr. Harris was a man of fine literary attainments, possessed a large library, and was deeply interested in the cause of education. His wife was also a lady of superior intelligence. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harris were: Jane, wife of Rev. J. Linn, a Presbyterian minister; John H., a physician, and consul to Venice; Eliza, wife of Dr. Dobbin; James D., a celebrated civil engineer; William, county treasurer and State senator; Joseph, who built the iron works at Howard; and Andrew, a civil engineer.

The children of James D. Harris and his wife were: James, who died at the age of twenty-seven years. Thomazine, wife of Dr. G. L. Potter; Nancy D., wife of Rev. J. H. Orbison; Mrs. Sommerville; Eliza D., wife of W. P. Hughes; and Louisa, wife of Judge A. Hoy.

James L. Sommerville acquired his primary education in Glasgow, Scotland, and after coming to America with his father, continued his studies in the Bellefonte Academy and in Lock Haven. He then took a course in engineering in Philadelphia.

C. HINDMAN, M. D. Fortunate is he whose ancestry is honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his line of life is in harmony therewith.

Dr. Hindman is a representative of promi-
commemorative biographical record.

CRAWFORD HINDMAN was reared in Clarion county, and after his marriage removed to Corsica, Jefferson county, where he engaged in business as a contractor and builder. The capital he acquired through his labors was invested in real estate, and he became the owner of several farms, on one of which, located near Corsica, he and his wife still reside. He has greatly improved the place, and has there a comfortable home in which to spend his declining years. He is numbered among the pioneers of the county, and has been an active factor in its development. In his family were eight children, as follows: Rowena, who married J. H. Monks, of Corsica, by whom she has three children—Laura, Lizzie and Myrtle; Albert M., a carpenter of Dubois, who married Jennie Fleming, of Clarion county, by whom he has two children—Blanche and Frank J.; W. W., a merchant of New Bethlehem, Penn., who married Effie McNutt, of Clarion county; C. C., our subject; and Robert T., Konenee R., Anna E. and Ella Agnes, all four at home, managing and caring for the farm.

Dr. Hindman spent his boyhood days in Corsica, and received his literary education in its public schools, and in the Corsica Academy, after which, in 1873, he entered Jefferson Medical College, to prepare for the practice of medicine as a life work. He was graduated in the class of '76, and spent the two succeeding years in practice in Scotch Hill and Cooksburg, Clarion county. In 1878 he established an office in Corsica, where he practiced until 1883, at which time he located in Dubois. He was a member of the Clarion County Medical Society. His practice in Dubois is general, and his patrons include many of the best people of the town and surrounding country. On his removal to this place he erected a building, which he occupied until 1891, in which year it was destroyed by fire; but with characteristic energy he rebuilt it, and is now comfortably situated, having all the improvements and accessories which contribute to success in his chosen calling. In addition to his property here he also owns timber lands, and other real-estate interests in Washington. In Corsica, Penn., in 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Florence Taylor, a native of that place, and a daughter of John and Hannah (Mitchell) Taylor, who were born in Pennsylvania and became pioneers of Jefferson county. Her father died in Brookville, in February, 1881, and his wife departed this life in DuBois, in 1883. The Doctor and his wife have three children: Mary J., Anna B. and Charles C.

Dr. Hindman gives his political support to the Democracy, and for several years he has been an efficient member of the school board. He belongs to DuBois Lodge, No. 951, I. O. O. F., and to DuBois Lodge, No. 199, Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is also a member of DuBois City Lodge, No. 191, I. O. O. (Independent Order of Heptasophs). He is medical examiner for the several lodges as well as several of the old-line insurance companies. His wife holds membership in the Baptist Church. His deep interest in his profession has led to a close study of the science of medicine, and he is thoroughly informed concerning the calling which he chose as a life work. His extensive patronage indicates his ability and his personal popularity.

O. L. SCHOONOVER, a capitalist and extensive real-estate owner, of Clearfield county, with residence at Kylertown, is a native of New York State, his birth having occurred in Tioga county, November 12, 1830. His parents, Peter and Lorana (Luse) Schoonover, were natives of New York and the Lake George region, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Schoonover, was a native of New Jersey, and of Holland-Dutch descent. The parents of our subject had a family of six children: Bryant; Mrs. Frances French, of Virginia; O. L., of this sketch; Mrs. Delia Everst, of Wisconsin; Nicholas, who is engaged with the Brown Manufacturing Company, of Philipburg, Penn.; and Mrs. Emma Mulson, who died in September, 1895.

O. L. Schoonover was a child of five years when he first came to Pennsylvania. After a
time the parents returned to New York, but later again came with their family to this State and established a home in Lycoming county. Our subject acquired his education in the common schools of both States, and when eighteen years of age started out in life for himself, since which time he has been dependent entirely upon his own resources. He was employed at various kinds of labor, doing anything that would yield him an honest living, and with the money he thus secured he helped to pay off some debts which his father had contracted in days before our subject was born.

After jobbing in timber for some time, Mr. Schoonover purchased a tract of land with capital acquired through his own industry and economy, and has since engaged in lumbering on his own account. He floated a hundred rafts of lumber down the river to market, and with the proceeds of his sales he purchased a very extensive tract covered with a heavy growth of timber and underlaid with coal. Having erected a sawmill, he has since been extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He leased the coal right, and receives a royalty on the output. In this section of the county he owns many houses in all the towns, and is also owner of the town site of Munson, and has capital otherwise judiciously invested. In his lumber mills he employs a large force of men.

It is not difficult to determine what manner of man is Mr. Schoonover. In this republican country where merit must win, wealth may secure a start but cannot achieve success in an enterprise where brains and an executive ability are required. Mr. Schoonover did not have even wealth to aid him in the beginning, but placed his trust in the more reliable qualities of enterprise, steady application and unaltering perseverance. Thus he has steadily worked his way upward, and is to-day the possessor of valuable property which stands as a monument to his industry. In early life, he gave his political support to the Republican party; but during the past twenty-five years he has largely supported the Democratic party, and believes strongly in the free coinage of silver, and in bimetalsim.

Mr. Daley immediately took up the task, and in less than sixty days, when Special Postoffice Inspector D. C. Owings came to inspect the work, he declared it to be the best numbered city in western Pennsylvania, and upon his favorable report the Honorable Postmaster General notified Mr. Daley that the service was granted, to take effect the 1st day of April, 1896. He then prepared for the organization of the office, under the civil service, the appointments of which were as follows: L. J. Bing, chief clerk; Miss Annie Daley, general delivery and distributing clerk; Fred A. Casey, mailing and distributing clerk; James P. Housten, Joseph S. Bantz, J. M. Smiley, Harley G. Boring and William M. Trezise, mail carriers. In the selection of this organization Mr. Daley made no mistake, as the proficient manner in which they performed their duties has been highly pleasing to the patrons of the office, and has given Mr. Daley just reason to feel proud of his appointments.

Mr. Daley is a native son of Clearfield county, and was born in Penn township, September 21, 1856. His father, Patrick Daley, was born in County Armagh, Ireland, September 29, 1803. He came to America when a young man, making a tedious voyage of sixty-three days, and took up his residence in Penn township, Clearfield county, where in 1837 he married Miss Ann Johnston. Her parents, Samuel and Hannah Fisher Johnston, were natives of York and Centre counties, respectively, and were honored among the pioneers of Penn township. Mr. Johnston was born
February 17, 1781, in York county, Penn. He was a member of the Quaker Church, and through them could trace his lineage direct from the House of York, England. Samuel Johnston and Hannah Fisher were married in Centre county, Penn., in 1804. Mrs. Johnston, who was also of English descent, a daughter of William Fisher, was born in Chester county, in 1787, and died in 1824, at the age of thirty-seven years. Mr. Johnston died in 1863, aged eighty-two years.

After his marriage, Patrick Daley began the improvement and cultivation of a farm in Penn township, and in connection with his agricultural pursuits was engaged in lumbering. He was one of the leading citizens of that township, and, being highly educated, himself, took a great interest in the public schools, serving as school director for twenty-four years in succession. He also donated the ground where the Fairview school house stands to-day. His wife, Mrs. Ann Daley, was a woman of whom it was an honor to be a friend; none could know her moment without having for her the highest respect. In the sparsely-settled community in which her early life was cast, it was her highest pleasure to be able to administer to the suffering; it was her soft word that calmed the aching heart, her gentle hand that soothed the fevered brow and moistened the parched tongue. Many are they in that community who can look back and remember that it was Mrs. Daley who nursed them from a bed of sickness back again to strong and vigorous health.

Their union was blessed with eleven children, of whom only five are now living—four sons and one daughter: Margaret Daley (interrmaried with John Casey), James J., Lawrence V., Hugh A. and William F. Daley, all of whom are living in Du Bois, Penn., and are among the most honored and respected citizens of the place.

Patrick Daley moved to Du Bois in 1883, where he died four years later in his eighty-fifth year. His wife, Mrs. Ann Daley, who was a native of Penn, township, was born in 1818, and died December 10, 1894, at the age of seventy-six years. To her ancestry can be traced many notable men of Pennsylvania. Ex-Gov. Packer was a cousin of the deceased, Ex-Judge Hewitt, of the Eighth Judicial District of Iowa, was a nephew, and other near relatives have held high positions of trust and honor under the General Government.

W. F. Daley, our subject, was reared on his father’s farm, and assisted him in his agricultural pursuits. He secured a good education in his boyhood years, and was well qualified to enter upon the duties and responsibilities of active business life. During early life he engaged in the lumbering business, and in 1880 moved to Du Bois. Here he embarked in the livery, furniture, undertaking and real-estate businesses, prior to his appointment in 1893. In 1882 he was married to Miss Maud Spackman, a native of Clearfield, and daughter of Mathew Spackman, now a resident of Du Bois. Five children have blessed this union: T. Francis, Miss M. Beatrice, William J., Paul A. and Anthony A.; T. Francis assisting his father in the post office as special delivery boy.

Mr. Daley has proven a most popular official, a courteous and affable gentleman, and has discharged the duties of his responsible position to the entire satisfaction and commendation of the many patrons of the office. The city of Du Bois finds in Mr. Daley a most earnest supporter, doing all in his power to promote its interests and tend to its advancement. He was acceptably serving as a member of the city council when appointed postmaster, and resigned that position to accept his present office. In 1888 he erected the fine brick block in which the post office is located, and the rest of the building is now used for stores and offices. He is an enterprising, progressive citizen, cheerfully giving his support to those enterprises which tend to public development, and has always been foremost in such matters as would tend to public or social advancement.

JACOB EDINGER, one of the leading and representative citizens of Brady township, Clearfield county, has throughout his business career principally followed the occupations of lumbering, farming and milling. The qualities essential to success are numbered among his characteristics, and his industry and enterprise have made him one of the prosperous agriculturists of his community.

John and Maria (Lininger) Edinger, parents of our subject, were both natives of Bavaria, Germany, the former born in 1809 and the latter in 1806. Both crossed the ocean about 1831, and took up their residence in Huntingdon county, Penn., where they became acquainted and were married in 1834. In Huntingdon the father worked at the blacksmith’s trade for a few years, whence he removed to Milton, Penn., and later to Millheim, Penn., where he spent about two years. In 1841 he removed to Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., and engaged in blacksmithing for five years; then removed to Mann’s axe factory in Centre county, Penn., where he remained
until 1848, when he came to Clearfield county, locating two miles west of Luthersburg. Here he purchased forty-three acres of timber land, which he at once began to clear and improve in connection with work at his trade. He first erected a log house and barn, and in 1856 he replaced the former by a commodious frame residence, which continued to be his home until called from this life August 19, 1868, accidentally shooting himself. After crossing the Clarion river in a boat, he reached for his gun, but the hammer caught, discharging the gun and killing him instantly. He had served his adopted country in her efforts to preserve the Union, enlisting March 28, 1863, in Battery H. First Pennsylvania Reserve Artillery, which was stationed at Arlington Heights to protect the city of Washington, and remained there until the war had ended. He was the first man to head the list as a volunteer, at that time of recruiting, from Brady township, and ever proved a faithful and loyal citizen. He left a widow, who had shared with him the hardships of his early life, and three children, of whom our subject is the eldest.

(2) Emeline, the second of the family, was born in Bellefonte, Centre county, March 7, 1843. and came with her parents to their home in Brady township, Clearfield county, where she was reared and educated, attending the common schools near her home. On August 22, 1865, she married Jacob L. Weaver, of that township, and they located upon his farm two miles west of Luthersburg, where she died April 22, 1877. She left a husband and four children, namely: Milton H., now a resident of Pittsburg, Penn., has been provided with an excellent education, and is now engaged in the insurance business; Edwin is successfully following the profession of teaching; William, after educating himself, engaged in clerking in Du Bois for three years, and then went to Colorado on account of his health, which was greatly improved; and Emma is with her father on his farm near Martinsburg, in Blair county, Penn., he having sold his place in Brady township, Clearfield county, some years ago. The family is one of prominence.

(3) J. H. Edinger, the brother of our subject, was born in Centre county, August 4, 1847, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, remaining upon the home farm until eighteen years of age, when he began learning the tinner’s trade with James C. Barrett, at Luthersburg. After serving two-years’ apprenticeship, at $30 first year and $60 second year, he then was taken in as partner for three years. In 1872 he bought out his employer, and has since successfully engaged in the hardware and tinware business at that place. On April 3, 1873, he married Miss Mary Emma, daughter of Daniel Goodlander, a merchant and real-estate holder of Luthersburg, and to them were born nine-children: George N., who died in infancy; Charles I. and Laura Luella, at home; J. Wilbur, who died in childhood; and Fred L., Millicent Irene, Paul M., Earl E. and Leland G., all at home.

Jacob Edinger was born October 8, 1837, in Huntingdon, Huntingdon Co., Penn., and was ten years of age when brought by his parents to their new home in Brady township, Clearfield county, where he spent his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, receiving a good practical education in the public schools. When about nineteen years of age he was apprenticed to Benjamin Rishel, of Brady, to learn the wheel-wright’s trade, at which he worked during the winter at $9 per month, while the summer months were spent in assisting his father in the work of the farm, for which he received $50 per year, serving six years at this rate. The dual occupation he continued for about six years, following his trade in different places. On August 23, 1865, he married Miss Susanna Weaver, of Jefferson county, Penn., a daughter of George A. and Eleanora Weaver, the former a well-to-do farmer and lumberman of that county. For seven years after his marriage he lived upon his father’s old homestead, and in 1872 purchased the Brady steam flouring-mill two miles west of Luthersburg and near the town of Helvetia. He has since engaged in milling, farming and lumbering with most gratifying results, and is now the owner of considerable real estate, including the old homestead, another tract near Troutville, also one tract of land near Stanley, Pennsylvania.

Four children have graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Edinger: (1) William H., born August 14, 1866, on the old Edinger homestead, received a good common-school education, and in early life engaged in milling and farming. He was married March 12, 1891, to Annie L. Schoch, of Brady township, and then removed to Du Bois, where he became a partner in a hose factory. (2) Elizabeth A., born June 30, 1868, on the old home farm, was educated in the public schools, and November 27, 1889, became the wife of Harvey L. Luther, of Brady township, who owns and operates a farm two miles from Troutville. (3) Franklin P., also born on the homestead, June 29, 1870, remained with his parents until grown, and then became connected with the Helvetia Mining Co. as engineer, but since 1893 has been conductor on a street railway in Chicago. (4) M. Elanora, born at the mill property, No-
vember 28, 1877, secured a good education in the local schools, and has since the age of nineteen successfully engaged in teaching, having charge of the Lines school in Brady township during the winter of 1896-7.

Like his father and the other members of the family, Mr. Edinger has always taken an active interest in political affairs, using his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and for two terms he served as school director in Brady township. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, to which Church his wife and children also belong. Their home is noted for its hospitality, and their friends throughout the community are many. Mr. Edinger has always been generous in his support of those measures calculated to benefit the community, has given liberally to the poor and needy, and has done much to advance the cause of education in his community. He is a man of strong convictions, upright in his dealings with his fellow men, and has the respect and confidence of the entire community. His sons are prominent as scholars and business men, and now occupy honorable positions in life.

HON. JOSEPH ALEXANDER, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, has filled many positions of trust to the satisfaction of the public, and at present represents his county in the State Legislature, where his abilities have won for him recognition as one of the leaders of the Republican party. As a descendant of one of the oldest and most influential families in the country, he has the advantage of an honored name, and his career has added new distinction.

The Alexander family is of Scotch-Irish blood, descendants of James Alexander, who served under Gen. Washington during the memorable winter at Valley Forge, Penn., 1777-78, as an officer in the Commissary Department. He settled in Kishacoquillas Valley, in Cumberland county, Penn., part now Mifflin county, Penn. Having heard from John Reed, an old hunter and trapper, a favorable report of the lands lying on Clearfield creek, he in 1784 took out warrants for four tracts of land. The first, which he entered in his own name, cornered on the creek at what was then a small ash sapling; but grew to be a large tree, which was washed away some time in the "seventies." Upon it were legible the letters, "J. A." and "J. K.," which were cut there at that early day as the initials of his own name and that of his friend, John Reed. This ash tree was the oldest land mark on the creek, and had an important part in the court trials concerning lands in that region, because the James Alexander warrant, being the oldest, was the starting point to determine other surveys and warrants. This tract begins at the head of the narrows, and lies mostly on the northeast side of the creek. On the opposite side he located the John McConnell tract, and farther up the creek he located the John McGill and Cullen tracts. His friend, William Brown, located six other tracts still further up the creek, extending to what was called the Crab Orchard.

About midsummer of the year 1783, James Alexander returned again to his lands on Clearfield creek, accompanied by his eldest son, Robert. They went by way of Lock Haven, then Great or Big Island on the Susquehanna river, and procured there a flat-boat which they pushed with poles and dragged partly by means of a horse all the way to Muddy run, a tributary of Clearfield creek. With them they took provisions for a somewhat protracted stay. The exposure endured on this trip is said to have had a serious effect upon the health of James Alexander, though he did not die until six years later, in 1791. John Reed, the hunter, was in their company during a part of the journey, having crossed the mountains by an Indian path to meet them at a point on the Susquehanna river. While ascending the Clearfield creek at a place now unknown, John Reed and Robert Alexander crossed over a hill, while James Alexander kept to the stream with the horse and boat. In crossing the hill they discovered a shining ore, some pieces of which John Reed put in his shot pouch. He afterward reported, that having sent this ore to Philadelphia, the mint had returned a silver coin; many persons saw this coin, which he alleged had been made from the discovered ore. Many a treasure seeker sought diligently but vainly for the spot where the ore was found.

When dividing his lands, James Alexander gave his four younger sons—Hugh, Reed, Joseph and William B.—the four tracts on Clearfield creek. Three of them sold their claims to Sir Henry Philips, a gentleman from England, but William B. not only refused to sell what his father had left him, but secreted himself for two days that he might not be solicited to sign the papers needed to legalize the other sales. His brothers finally induced him to sign their deeds of transfer by promising him his choice of the four tracts of land.

William B. Alexander was born in Kishacoquillas Valley, March 27, 1782. He was named after the lifelong friend of his father, Judge William Brown, who was a very early settler of what is now Mifflin (then part of Cumberland) county,
and a well-known and highly respected citizen. 
In the year 1800, when eighteen years of age, William B. Alexander visited the lands in Clearfield county (then part of Huntingdon county), and made a choice of the tract which his father had entered in his own name. It is worth recording that on this journey to Clearfield he took with him a pint of apple seed from Kishacoquillas Valley, and gave it for planting to an old man who lived several miles from his lands. Nine years later, when he came to settle on his tract, he planted an orchard of trees grown from that seed, now well-known as the old Alexander orchard. After making his choice, and before settling, he made what was then a long journey westward on horseback, visiting West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky. On his return he stated that 200 acres of land, part of the present site of Wheeling, W. Va., were offered him for the horse which he rode, so cheap was land in that section.

On April 23, 1806, soon after his return, William B. Alexander married Miss Nancy Davis, daughter of John Davis, of Kishacoquillas. He then rented a farm, and remained in that Valley three years longer; but in 1809 he moved to Clearfield county, following an Indian path across the Alleghany Mountains, and conveying his wife and two young children and all his effects on pack horses. He settled upon the estate, which he continued to occupy until a few months before his death. To illustrate the inconvenience and discomforts of that early settlement, we need only state the fact that for many years he was obliged to go forty miles across the mountains on horseback along Indian paths to reach a mill. William B. Alexander died at the residence of his son, William B., March 30, 1862, aged eighty years and three days. His wife, Nancy D. Alexander, died at the old homestead, April 1, 1861, aged seventy-three years and six months. They were the parents of thirteen children, eleven of whom lived until after the death of their father. William B. Alexander, Jr., the father of our subject, was a resident of Woodward township, but in the division which resulted in the organization of Bigler township, his homestead was placed within the limits of the latter.

Hon. Joseph Alexander was born on his father's farm, in a log house of the earlier days. He has been extensively engaged in agriculture and lumbering, and as a business man ranks among the best in his locality, his ability and judgment being much above the average. He has an honorable war record, as a member of Company B, 149th P. V. I., of the famous "Bucktail Brigade," in which he enlisted August 14, 1862, and served until the close of the war. He took part in many important battles, and was wounded during the first day of the fight at Gettysburg, in the charge by Gen. Stone's brigade at the railroad cut. He remained on the field all day, and in the evening was carried by some Colored stretcher-bearers of the Confederate army to a barn on the McPherson farm, where he lay upon some straw until July 4, when Lee abandoned the place. In the closing days of the war, Mr. Alexander's regiment was sent north to recruit, and to guard prisoners at Elmira, N. Y. Mr. Alexander was detailed on detached service, was a member of the guard of honor that escorted the remains of the lamented Lincoln from the White House to the Capitol, where the dead President lay in state for some time. Mr. Alexander served the remaining period of his service as orderly, mostly at the Old Capitol prison during the trial of the conspirators who plotted the assassination of President Lincoln, and did assassinate him. Mr. Alexander was discharged from the service June 27, 1865, and in leaving the army was given the following commendation, signed by the officers with whom he had been associated during his detached service:

We, the undersigned, take great pleasure in certifying that "Orderly" Alexander, late of Company B, 149th Pennsylvania Volunteers, since being in special service, has done his duty as a soldier, and conducted himself as becoming a gentleman. We can cheerfully recommend him for any position that he is capable of fulfilling, as a trusty and faithful man, strictly temperate and willing to make himself useful.
Very respectfully, etc. (Signed) Lieut. Walter F. Halleck, Capt. I. H. Bassler, Major George Bowers.

Mr. Alexander has always been an ardent Republican, his first vote having been cast for Lincoln, while he was in the army. Until recent years the Democratic party has had a large majority in his locality, but this is now reversed. Notwithstanding the odds against him in the earlier days, he was chosen to various positions in Woodward township, serving as town clerk, auditor, supervisor and overseer of the poor, and for two terms was assessor; was also a school director in the Madera independent district. On the formation of Bigler township, he was chosen assessor, and held the office three consecutive terms, and one term as school director. In 1880 he was appointed census enumerator for his district, and his work was especially commended by the supervisor of census, J. Simpson Africa. He also served three years as jury commissioner, and with Dr. J. P. Burchfield, his colleague, inaugurated reforms in the selecting of jurors. In 1883 he was nominated for the office of protho-
tary, unexpectedly, and made no canvass; but at
the election time he led his ticket, although his
opponent was no less a personage than the Hon.
James Kerr. His well-proven ability and strict
integrity won for him the confidence of all
classes, his election as representative of his na-
tive county in the legislature indicating his hold
upon the popular regard.

In 1868 Mr. Alexander married Miss Susan-
nah Hegarty, daughter of William and Jemima
(Dunlap) Hegarty, of Becaria township, Clear-
field county, and a descendant of an old pioneer
family, in whose honor Hegarty's Cross Roads
was named. Five children blessed this union:
(1) Minerva attended the common schools of
Woodward township, and later the Normal Uni-
versity at Ada, Ohio. She taught in the com-
mon schools for a time, then continued her stud-
ies in the normal school at Lock Haven: after
which she again attended the Normal University
at Ada, Ohio, where she graduated with honors,
completing her studies with a business course.
She is one of the successful teachers of the coun-
ty, having taught several terms. (2) Hadessa
died January 2, 1881, in her ninth year. (3)
Clinton B. attended the local schools until 1853,
and then studied in the high school in Janesville,
and in the grammar school in Madera. He
spent one term at State College, also two terms
in the State Normal School at Indiana, Penn.,
and taught one term in the school of Karthaus
township, Clearfield county. Returning to In-
diana, he continued his studies one term, then
returned to State College, where he continued his
studies for five years, graduating with honors
June 16, 1897, and is at present head engineer
and assistant manager for the Kohinoor Mining
Co., at Oxford, N. Carolina. (4) Delila died
January 2, 1881, from diphtheria, at the age of
four years, her sister Hadessa dying on the same
day. (5) Amy died August 8, 1889, aged five
years. The mother of this family passed away
September 10, 1885, and in 1889 Mr. Alexander
married Miss Fannie Hunter, daughter of Thomas
and Meriam Hunter, of Bellwood, Blair Co.,
Penn. They have one child, Francis, born Oc-
tober 2, 1897. In religious faith Mr. Alexander
is a Presbyterian, and he and his wife are promi-
nent members of the Church at Madera, Penn-
sylvania. At present he owns and resides on
part of the lands located by his great-grand-
father in 1784.

FREDERICK W. A. AND C. C. SHULTZ,
with their sister, Miss SARAH C. SHULTZ,
well known and prominent citizens of Decatur
township, Clearfield county, are representatives
of an honored family that was established here
over a century ago.

Their father, George Shultz, was born in
Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., September 15,
1806, a son of John George and Rosalie (Barth)
Shultz, natives of Magdeburg, Lower Saxony,
and Strasburg in Alsace, Germany, respectively.
The grandfather was at one time a sailor in the
service of Frederick the Great, and for many
years, till the close of his sea-faring life, followed
the sea on a Hamburg vessel running to Balti-
more, Md. He became a citizen of the United
States under the Constitution, and voted for
George Washington for President in 1788. After
leaving the sea he engaged in peddling through-
out the Eastern States, coming later to Philips-
burg, Penn., where he was numbered among the
first twelve settlers of the locality. In that place
he was married, and in 1796 he there opened the
first tavern, which stood at the southeast corner
of Second and Presqueisle streets. He also
worked for Hardman Philips for a time, and
later began the improvement and cultivation of
a farm in Decatur township, Clearfield county,
where his death occurred in December, 1844: his
wife had passed away two years previously. In
their family were the following children: John,
who died in Clarion county, Penn., August 1,
1886; George, the father of our subjects; Henry,
who died January 15, 1888, in Clearfield county,
leaving a family; Sarah, who died when young;
and Frederick, who died at the age of seventeen
years.

George Shultz was reared amid the wild
scenes of frontier life, and aided his father in the
arduous task of clearing and developing a farm,
which was covered with a heavy growth of tim-
ber. He was a self-educated man, of broad gen-
eral information, and although he never attended
school for a single day, he was conversant with
three different languages, including Greek, which
he mastered by persistent effort. He was also a
skillful workman, thoroughly familiar with sev-
eral trades, including weaving, shoemaking, car-
pentering, tailoring and mouladding. He also fol-
lowed mining to some extent in early life.

In September, 1833, in Decatur township,
George Shultz was married to Mary Nierhoff, a
native of Centre county. He then purchased a
timber tract, and in the midst of the forest be-
gan to clear and improve a farm, where he con-
tinued to make his home throughout the re-
mainder of his life. He died August 27, 1888;
his wife had departed this life May 8, 1861, on
the same farm. They were the parents of seven
children, namely: Sarah C., Frederick W. A.,
C. C., Thomas Jefferson, Isabella Miranda, Elizabeth Amanda, and Israel Putnam. The father cast his first Presidential vote for Andrew Jackson, but later in life became a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks. No man in Decatur township was held in higher esteem or had more warm friends than Mr. Shultz.

Sarah C., Frederick W. A., and C. C. Shultz were born on the home farm in Decatur township, Sarah C., on June 12, 1836, Frederick W. A., on April 9, 1838, and C. C. on February 3, 1840. In the schools of the county they obtained excellent educations, and in November, 1856, the brothers began teaching, which profession they successfully followed in Clearfield and Centre counties until 1891, proving most able and competent instructors. In 1880 they opened up a coal mine upon their farm, which they leased to Witchey & Barlow. With them resides their sister Sarah, who cares for the household. Both gentlemen are great readers, and Frederick possesses one of the finest libraries to be found in the county.

In August, 1862, the Shultz brothers laid aside all personal interests and enlisted in Company C, 136th P. V. I., for nine months' service, and were mustered in at Camp Curtin. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and did garrison duty at Fort Lincoln; also participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. On the expiration of their term of service the brothers were honorably discharged May 31, 1863, and returned home to resume the pursuits of civil life. While in the army, Frederick suffered an attack of varioloid. Like their father they give their unwavering support to the Republican party, and take quite an active interest in public affairs. Courteous and affable in manner, they have made many friends throughout the community, and have the confidence and respect of all who know them.

T. C. TWITMIRE, a prominent physician and surgeon, was born in April, 1858, in Milesburg borough, Centre Co., Penn., a son of Henry H. and Nancy M. (Caldwell) Twitmire. The father, whose birth occurred in the same county in June, 1819, was a son of John and Mary (Haner) Twitmire, the former a native of Hanover, Germany, and the latter of Adams county, Penn. About the year 1812 they located in Centre county, where the grandfather followed his trade of shoemaking, and there made his home until his death, which occurred in February, 1852; his wife departed this life in 1858.

In early life Henry H. Twitmire learned the trades of blacksmithing and carriage making, which he followed for some time in Bellefonte, Centre county, and was also for ten years in the employ of the Snow Shoe railroad. In his native county he was married, in April, 1857, to Miss Nancy M. Caldwell, who was also born in that county, where her parents, Thomas and Mary (Adams) Caldwell, had located at an early day, and there spent their remaining years. Two children were born of this union: Dr. T. C., of this sketch; and William, who died in Centre county, in October, 1861. The wife and mother departed this life in the same year. In 1881, the father removed to Curwensville, Clearfield county, where he engaged in carriage making until 1887, in which year he opened a grocery store at Gallitzin, Penn., conducting the same until moving to Glen Richey, Clearfield county, in 1890. He is now numbered among the highly respected citizens of that place.

The primary education of our subject was obtained in the common schools of Bellefonte, and he completed his literary course in the academy of that place. He began reading medicine at Chest Springs, Penn., and later pursued his studies at Gallitzin under the direction of Dr. G. W. Miller. In 1883 he entered the Western Reserve Medical College at Cleveland, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1885, and at once began practice at Gallitzin, remaining some three and one-half years. For fifteen months afterward he was a resident of Blossburg, Tioga Co., Penn., coming from there to Glen Richey, where he located in 1891. In December, 1897, he removed to Newry, Blair county. His skill and ability soon won for him recognition, and today he is at the head of a large and paying practice.

In June, 1887, in Cambria county, Penn., Dr. Twitmire was married to Miss Mary Ellen Arrowsmith, who was born in Tioga county, and died at Glen Richey, in June, 1891, leaving one daughter, Ethel M. The Doctor was subsequently, in December, 1892, married at Glen Richey, to Keziah M. Rowles, a native of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of Levi and Mary E. (Dunlap) Rowles, still residents of that township. Dr. Twitmire holds membership in the Cambria County Medical Society; and in the Knights of Pythias Lodge, at Glen Richey; in Bloomington Castle, K. G. E.; in Glen Richey Farmers Alliance; and in the Industrial Trade Union. He holds a leading position in the ranks of the medical fraternity, and as a citizen stands deservedly high in the estimation of his fellowmen.
COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

MON. J. P. TAYLOR, formerly a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly from Clearfield county, has been identified with the thriving city of Du Bois since 1877, and has done much to aid in its rapid development. As one of the leading citizens, his biography will be read with unusual interest.

Mr. Taylor is a native of Clarion county, born August 16, 1843, and his grandparents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Lewis) Taylor, locating there in 1825 in the woods amid all the primitive surroundings of frontier life, the family may therefore claim pioneer honors. Both were natives of New Jersey, and both passed their remaining years in Clarion county, where the grandfather died in 1855. They reared a large family of children: Peter died in Clarion county; John, the father of our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Abijah, a veteran of the Civil war, died near Corsica, Penn., in 1880; James, who died in Jefferson county, Penn.; Jacob, who served during the war in the famous Loomis Artillery, died in Clarion county, in 1894; Philip, an ex-soldier, resides in Reynoldsville, Penn.; David lives in Brookville, Penn.; Elizabeth (deceased) married William Brit; and Catherine married Amos Newberry.

The late John Taylor, our subject's father, was born in New Jersey in 1813, and growing to manhood in Clarion county engaged in business there as a lumberman and farmer, clearing up a homestead for himself as a beginning. In 1862 he moved to the vicinity of Brookville, Penn., continuing the same line of business, and later he settled upon another farm in Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, where he died in 1880. He was married in Clarion county to Miss Hannah Mitchell, who survived him six years, her death occurring in Du Bois, January 14, 1886. Both were highly esteemed among their associates. Their family consisted of six children: Mrs. S. Fuller, of Du Bois; J. P., our subject; Elizabeth, who married Rowan Bell, and died in Brookville, Penn., in 1872; Maggie, who married Joseph Etzler, and died in Tullahoma, Tenn., in 1867; John, a resident of Washington State; and Florence, wife of Dr. C. C. Hindman, of Du Bois.

The first seventeen years of our subject's life passed by amid the usual incidents connected with farming experiences, and his education was secured in the schools of his native locality. On leaving the old farm he went to Corsica and engaged in the lumber business with his father; and in 1862 he accompanied the latter to the new home near Brookville, where he followed farming, in connection with lumbering, about eight years. From 1870 to 1877 he was engaged in mercantile business in Brockwayville, Penn., his stock including drugs and general merchandise. In 1877 he located at Du Bois, and resumed the lumber business, to which he has since added real estate and, for a time, an insurance business. At present he has extensive real-estate interests in both Du Bois and Falls Creek.

So able a man could not fail to attract the confidence of his fellow citizen, and as Mr. Taylor is a staunch Democrat he became a leading factor in party management and in local affairs. In 1879 he was elected justice of the peace, but resigned in 1882 when he entered the legislature. He served during one session with signal ability and faithfulness, and on his retirement was appointed postmaster at Du Bois, a position which he filled creditably for more than four years.

Mr. Taylor was married in 1868 at Brookville, to Miss Fannie Ramsay, a native of that city, daughter of one of its leading pioneers, John W. Ramsay, an Irishman by birth, who died at his home in Brookville, in 1869; his wife, Sarah (Ferguson), survived him, passing away on January 1, 1893, at the age of eighty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have had six children, of whom four are now living: Maud (Mrs. Matthews), of Warren, Penn.; Blanche, the wife of Dr. Jay C. Booher, of Falls Creek; Charles F., who is at home; and Harry, now attending school at Brookville. Socially, the family are prominent, and Mr. Taylor is identified with various movements and societies, being a leading member of the Heptasophs and of the Acorn Club.

JOSEPH M. POSTLETHWAIT, who has for more than twenty years been one of the most efficient and successful teachers of Clearfield county, belongs to one of the honored pioneer families of this section of the State. His grandfather, Samuel Postlethwait, who was of English extraction, came in 1829 from his early home in Perry county, Penn., to Clearfield county, and located near Luthersburg. Subsequently he purchased a tract of land now known as the John Y. Smith farm, where he died. His wife passed away several years later, on what is now known as the Moore farm. Six children survived him, and took an important part in the development and prosperity of the county.

Samuel Postlethwait, our subject's father, was born in Perry county, April 7, 1819, and accompanied his parents on their removal to their new home in Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood amid the scenes of frontier life, sharing all the hardships and trials which fall to the lot.
Yours truly

J. P. Taylor
of a pioneer. He married Miss Jane Ellen Thompson, of Luthersburg, who was born September 11, 1826, a daughter of John Thompson, formerly a well-to-do farmer of Centre county, Penn. After his marriage, Samuel Postlewait lived for two years in Curwensville, and then removed to Brady township, Clearfield county, where in 1850 he purchased fifty acres of timber land, which he at once began to clear and improve, erecting thereon a log house. He continued to make that place his home until 1866, when he purchased the Tolbert Dale property about one mile west of Du Bois Junction, on the old Erie turnpike, and cleared the greater part of it. He remodeled and enlarged the house, built a good barn and other outbuildings, and there resided until his death December 8, 1894. His estimable wife, who proved a faithful helpmeet to him, still survives.

Our subject is the eldest in a large family of children, the others being, in order of birth, as follows: (2) Winfield S., born in Brady township, May 23, 1847, married Julia Clayton, of that township, and made his home in Sykesville, where his death occurred November 23, 1895. He left a wife and five children—Benjamin F., Senie May, Ella, Olive and Jennie. (3) Mary A., born in Brady township, December 5, 1848, resides at the old homestead. (4) Alpheus E., born January 11, 1850, died October 2, 1852. (5) Agnes J., born May 21, 1851, married George C. Pifer, of Centre county, Penn., who is engaged in farming and selling agricultural implements at Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn. (6) Flora L., born October 18, 1852, died June 24, 1854. (7) James T., born March 1, 1854, died January 23, 1865. (8) William, born March 11, 1856, grew to manhood upon the home farm, acquiring his early education in the common schools of Brady township. At the age of eighteen he engaged in teaching in Bloom township, Clearfield county, and continued to follow that profession and to attend school alternately until his graduation at the Edinboro State Normal in 1883. He was for several years a clerk in the bank at Ridgway, Penn. In 1886 he married Miss Helen Goodrich, of Corry, Erie Co., Penn., where they now make their home. He is assistant cashier of the Citizens National Bank of that place, and is also serving as city treasurer, having been elected to that position in 1897. He has one son, Archy. (9) Samuel, born May 17, 1857, still resides upon the home farm, and now holds the office of supervisor of Sandy township.

(10) George, born September 15, 1858, pursued his studies in the public schools of Brady township, and assisted in the work on the farm until he had attained his majority. He then spent three years in traveling through Iowa and other States of the West, and after his return to Clearfield county followed lumbering for some time. In 1895 he married Miss Dora Lukehart, of Falls Creek, Penn., where they made their home for a time and then removed to Du Bois. While in the employ of the Berwin-White Coal Co. at the latter place, he was killed in the terrible explosion on March 23, 1896, leaving a widow and a four-months-old son—Edgar Allen. Mrs. Postlewait is now living with her father at Falls Creek. (11) Ida May, born February 22, 1861, is the wife of Peter S. Heberling, of Clearfield county, and they now make their home on his farm near Du Bois. They have two children—Maud E. and Clyde, both at home. (12) Elenora, born February 14, 1862, was educated in the common schools, and taught for one term. In 1882 she married Francis M. Wise, of Jefferson county, who is now engaged in carpentering in Du Bois, where they live with their five children—Frank L., Pearl Ida, Iva E., Fairiebell and Maud E. (13) Charles E., born May 31, 1865, has engaged in lumbering, but now gives his attention principally to the cultivation of the home farm. (14) Newton, born April 28, 1867, was drowned in a well at the old homestead, July 8, 1869. (15) Albert L., born June 15, 1869, was for a number of years a teacher in Clearfield county. He took a course at the Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburg, and also studied shorthand and typewriting at Williamsport, after which he secured a position with the Central railroad of New Jersey. In 1896 he married Catharine Hill, of Elizabeth, N. J., where they made their home until her death, August 28, 1896. She left one child, Catharine H. (16) Jesse S., born December 16, 1870, grew to manhood on the home farm, and in 1893 was married in Clinton county, Penn., to Elizabeth Stitzer. He next purchased property in Du Bois, where he made his home for two years, and then removed to the Van Tassel addition of that place. He was also killed with his brother George in the mine explosion March 23, 1896, and left a widow and one daughter, Jessie C. (17) Blanche Emma, born January 15, 1872, completed her education by two-terms’ attendance at the Lock Haven Normal School. In 1894 she married Michael Heberling, of Jefferson Line, Penn., and they live on a farm in Sandy township, Clearfield county. They have a daughter, Mildred B. (18) Rosa Alice, born December 29, 1874, acquired her primary education in the common schools, and in 1894 attended the Lock Haven Normal for one term. She was
Henry Hamlin is prominently identified with the industrial and commercial interests of Graham township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home for almost forty years, during which time he has taken an active part in its upbuilding and progress. His straightforward, honorable course has won for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

Mr. Hamlin was born in Mifflin county, Penn., in 1832, but in 1849 he was taken to Lawrence county, this State, by his parents, Isaac and Nancy (Burress) Hamlin, who came to Clearfield county in 1837 and located in Graham township. From a wooded tract the father developed a good farm, the same upon which our subject now resides, but subsequently he removed to Wayne county, Ohio, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. His wife passed away several years ago in Wayne county, Ohio.

To the parents of our subject were born children as follows: (1) Isaac was accidentally killed while assisting in a house-raising. (2) Harriet married Christian Pace, of Dauphin county, Penn., who came to Clearfield county and engaged in lumbering for a number of years, then removed to Ohio, where he followed farming. They now make their home in West Virginia. (3) Sarah is the widow of Benjamin Chance, of Lawrence county, Penn., who came to Clearfield county, where he followed lumbering and farming until his removal to Ohio. He was killed by being thrown from a load of hay. (4) Margaret wedded Henry Smeal, of Graham township, by whom she had four children, and after his death she was married to John Lytle. To them was born one child; they now reside at Winburne, Clearfield county. (5) Simon enlisted in 1861, at Clearfield, and after going to the front participated in two or three battles. He was then taken ill with typhoid fever and sent to the hospital in Cumberland City, where his death occurred. (6) Mary A. is the wife of Samuel Cowder, and lives on a farm in Bradford township, Clearfield county. (7) Jonathan married a Miss Ambrose, and after engaging in lumbering in Graham township for some years, he migrated to Ohio, and thence to Missouri. (8) Henry is the subject of this review.

Henry Hamlin acquired a good practical education in the schools of Mifflin county, where he remained until seventeen years of age. From Lawrence county he came to Clearfield county in 1853, and located upon the farm in Graham township, where he still resides. It is a highly cultivated tract and improved with all modern conveniences, making it one of the model farms of the township.

In 1858, in Graham township was consummated the marriage of Mr. Hamlin and Miss Susan Lytle, and to them were born five children, namely: Martha M., who died at the age of thirteen years; John married Emma Record, by whom he has three children, and they reside on a farm in Cooper township, Clearfield county; Rebecca Jane is the wife of William Green, of Graham township, by whom she has three children, and they live in Kylerstown, Clearfield county; William I. is at home; and Mary is the wife of Wesley Lansbery, and they reside with our subject.

In connection with his agricultural interests, Mr. Hamlin also conducts a general store upon his farm, in which line of business he is meeting with good success. The Democratic party finds in him a strong supporter, and he has ever taken a prominent and active part in local affairs. He has efficiently served as supervisor of his town-
ship, and whether in public or private life his
duties are always discharged with promptness
and fidelity. He and his family are consistent
members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY LITZ has frequently been called to
positions of public trust, wherein he has
faithfully served his fellow townsman. He is
now supervisor of Lawrence township, and in the
discharge of his duties he labors earnestly to ad-
vance the best interests of the community. Pub-
lic-spirited and progressive, all enterprises cal-
culated to prove of benefit to town or county
receive his support, and he is a valued citizen of
the locality.

Mr. Litz was born in 1854, in Lawrence
township, a son of Abram and Margaret (Hen-
derson) Litz. His father was born March 28,
1820, in Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn. The
grandfather, Abraham Litz, was a native of
Pennsylvania, and his father, also named Abra-
ham, was of German lineage, and belonged to one
of the early Pennsylvania families. The grand-
father came to Lawrence township, and here im-
proved a farm, which he continued to cultivate
until his death, about 1865. He had a family of
five sons: Andrew, who died in Lock Haven;
John, who was drowned in the memorable John-
town flood; Abram; Rudolph, who served through
the war in the Union army, and died in Iowa;
and Robert, of Lawrence township. The daughters
of the family were Katie, who lived and died in
Lock Haven; and Mrs. Eliza Rowles, of Lawrence
township.

Abram Litz, the father of our subject, came
to Lawrence township in 1848, previous to which
time he had worked in a woolen factory at Lock
Haven. On May 1, 1851, he married Margaret
Henderson, a native of Chambersburg, Penn.,
and they began their domestic life on the farm
which is now the home of Henry Litz. The fa-
ther engaged in farming and lumbering, and died
on the old homestead June 13, 1874, while his
wife died on June 14, 1878. Their children were:
William, who resides in Clearfield; Henry
Hartswick, who died in Knox township; David,
of Boggs township; Robert, who died in Burn-
side township, in 1889; Ellsworth, who died in
December, 1873; Abram Earl, who is living in
Clearfield county; Charlotte, wife of James Mer-
ritt, of Pennsville; Sarah, wife of Earl Rennard,
of Clearfield; and Mrs. Mary Jane Wiley, of
Penn township.

Henry Litz was reared in Lawrence town-
ship, and is indebted to its public schools for his
educational privileges. Throughout his life he
has engaged in farming and lumbering. In his
youth he assisted his father in those occupations,
and since attaining his majority has followed the
same pursuits in his own interest. Energetic
and persevering, his labors have been crowned
with a fair degree of success, and he is now in
comfortable circumstances. In 1881, he was
elected town supervisor, on the Democratic
ticket, and again in 1882. Once more he was
elected in 1894, and is now serving his fourth
term in that office. He was married in Lawrence
township, May 26, 1881, to Miss Maria Jane
Ogden, a native of the township, and a daughter
of Capt. Matt Ogden. She died in Lawrence
township, March 11, 1886, and Mr. Litz was
again married in 1894, his second union being
with Lillie May Ogden, who was: born in
Lawrence township, where her parents, Zach
and Elizabeth Ann (Bailey) Ogden, were early
settlers. By the first marriage there were two
sons: Ray Bixler, and Espy Mitchell, while by
the second marriage there is one child, Frank
Smith. The father of these is a member of the
American Mechanics Lodge, No. 281, of Clear-
field, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle Lodge,
No. 318, Clearfield. He is a representative of
one of the oldest families of the county, is wide-
ly and favorably known, and has many friends
among those with whom he has been acquainted
since his youth, a fact which indicates an up-
right honorable career.

JOHN G. GOSS, who occupies the responsible
position of mine foreman for the Clearfield
Brick Company at Grampian, is one of the pro-
goressive and wide-awake business men of that lo-
cality. His well-spent life has gained him high
esteem, and in the history of the county he well
deserves mention.

Mr. Goss is a representative of one of the
country families of the community, the Gosses
having located here many years ago. His grand-
father, Abraham Goss, cleared the farm near
Osceola which still bears his name, also the John
Goss farm two miles from Osceola, and another
near Blue Ball, known as the Joseph Goss farm.
In the work of development and progress he took
a very active part. His son, David Goss, was
reared to manhood in Decatur township, and
made his first purchase of land there, becoming
owner of 300 acres of land near Blue Ball. This
he cleared and improved, and afterward added to it sixty acres. He married Sallie Gear-
hart, and they reared a large family. His death
occurred in 1884, but his widow is still living on
the old homestead. To this couple were born
seven sons and two daughters: (1) Levi, the eldest, married Lottie Shaw, of Bell's Mills, Blair Co., Penn., and resides in Decatur township. They have three children—Calton, Doyle and Cressie, all with their parents. (2) William L., who resides at Blue Ball, in Boggs township, married Sarah Smith, of Janesville, Clearfield county, and they have two children—Clark and Mrs. Annie Lumadue, both married and living in Blue Ball. (3) Abraham married Isabel Smeal, and resides in Boggs township. He was a soldier of the 100th P. V. I., and at the battle of Fort Steadman was wounded, but remained with his regiment until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. He has three children—Flora, Harry and Mrs. Ella McCartney, all of Blue Ball. (4) Lydia Jane is the wife of Timothy Young, a tanner of Curwensville, Clearfield county, and they have seven children—Mrs. Alice Hoover, who lives east of the mountains; David, who married Margaret Millender, and resides in Curwensville; Martha, wife of George Millender, of Curwensville; William; Clarence and Walter at home; and an infant. (5) Edward, of Glen Hope, Clearfield county, is engaged in jobbing for the Clearfield Lumber Company. He married Susie Garner, of Huntingdon, Penn., who died in 1884 leaving five children—Ira, Blair, Stella, Creeke and Ernest, all at home. (6) Joseph, who resides on the old Goss homestead in Decatur township, wedded Mary Phillips, of the same township, and has a large family, all at home with the exception of Harvey, who is now in the gold mines of the West. (7) Sarah is the wife of Charles Blake, of Maine, and they have three children—Edward, Susie and Gertrude. The daughters are married, and also reside in Maine. (8) David wedded Mary Walters, of Maryland, in which State he is engaged in lumbering. They have three children living in Maryland, and a daughter who is married and resides in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

John G. Goss, of this sketch, followed lumbering in his early business career, being thus engaged until 1864, when he enlisted in Company E, 45th P. V. I., at Philipsburg. He was mustered in at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Penn., joined his regiment at Annapolis, and met the enemy in the battle of the Wilderness. The engagement lasted three days and was a most severe one. The company to which Mr. Goss belonged lost heavily, and on all sides of him his comrades were slain, while his captain, James Campbell, was shot directly in front of him. At the next engagement, at Spottsylvania, the Union troops attacked the Rebel works for seven days and caused their evacuation. A two days' battle followed at Briar's Hill, whence Mr. Goss with his company marched to Cold Harbor, followed by the enemy, where an engagement was brought on. Although the boys in blue lost heavily they drove the Rebels back and won the battle, after which they went to Petersburg, where they drove the Confederate troops from their first line of works, which the Union troops then occupied until spring. Company E, of the 45th, performed picket duty, and also was engaged in the battle at the blowing up of the fort. Transferred to Fort Hill, the men there remained until the capture of Petersburg. During the engagement Mr. Goss was wounded and taken to the hospital at City Point, where he remained for about a month, when Lee's army surrendered to Grant. After recovering from his wounds he rejoined his regiment, and by boat went to Alexandria, where he was mustered out of service, receiving an honorable discharge at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. For some time after his return north Mr. Goss was unable to engage in any kind of labor, but as soon as he had recovered his usual health he turned his attention to his business interests, and now occupies a responsible position at the Clearfield Brick Works. His success in life is all due to his own efforts. He was married April 10, 1878, to Nancy J. Williams, and resided in Houtzdale for five years when his wife died, leaving a daughter, Maudie, who is now the wife of G. L. Wood, a merchant of Grampian. In April, 1884, Mr. Goss wedded Eliza A. Williams, of New Washington, Clearfield county, and removed to Blue Ball, where he remained about five years. In 1896 he erected a good residence in Grampian, where he expects to spend his remaining days. He is a stanch Republican, and has held the office of school director for four years. He was councilman for two terms, and is occupying that position at present; he is also assessor, to which position he was elected for a three-years' term. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he served as class-leader for about five years, and he is at this time a trustee. He manifests a laudable interest in all measures designed to prove of public benefit, and is a valued citizen of Grampian.

Alden L. Tozier. The romance and glamour which popular thought, assisted by much cleverly written literature, has connected with the early settlement of California, may not have been apparent to the men who braved the manifold dangers of the long trip, and the no less real perils of the mining camp in their
first logs down the Moshannon river to Lock Haven, and later made that town his business headquarters. In 1854 he went to California, via Nicaragua, and engaged in mining; four years later taking a trip to British North America with nine other men. At Victoria he bought a "dug-out" from the Indians for $60, and started for the gold regions 300 miles up the Frazer river, where they remained for about three months, paying a mining license of $5.00 per month. Each man started with 300 pounds of provisions, and finding the boat too small it was agreed that three of the party should go by steamer with their share of the baggage and the bulk of the provisions, Mr. Tozier being one of the three. The fare by the steamer to Fort Langley was $75, and when they arrived there they had to wait six weeks for the boat with the remainder of the party. They then went to Fort Yale, with a party of miners, where they encamped, waiting to go up the river. Three members of another party were killed by Indians, and the three who had gone up by steamer decided to turn back. Each had left on hand seventy-five pounds of provisions, and sold the remainder for a dollar a pound to those who were determined to go farther up the river. Mr. Tozier reached San Francisco with $15,624, all that was left of $1,000 in gold with which he had started. He returned to a mine operated on the hydraulic principle, in which he owned a one-tenth interest, and soon afterward sold out and came back to Pennsylvania. In this California expedition Mr. Tozier was accompanied by two others, one of whom, Isaac Otis, went with Mr. Tozier from Pennsylvania; he married in California, and died there some years later.

In 1860, Mr. Tozier went to Lock Haven and resumed his lumber operations on an extensive scale, in partnership with Wright Brothers and a Mr. Woods; but in the following year he went again to California, where he remained until 1865. The next two years he spent in Lock Haven, the firm of Tozier, Wright & Fleming operating a planing mill there, and then Mr. Tozier withdrew and engaged in the lumber business with his brother Thomas in Elk county. Later he went to Luthersburg, where he operated a mill in partnership with William A. Drummond, who was with him on the California trip; and in 1882 he located at Du Bois, then an unincorporated village, and purchased fifty acres of land, of which only four acres were cleared. Twelve acres of this tract are now included in the Fourth ward, the glass plant being located upon land adjoining the borough line. In 1893 Tozier's addition was laid out, and it has proved a success,
many lots having been sold. Mr. Tozier owns three residences in the city (one being over borough line), besides his other investments, and as a self-made man he may take pride in the sagacious and energetic efforts by which he has won success. In 1864 he made a third trip to California, visiting old friends there with Wm. A. Drummond. As a citizen he is progressive and public-spirited, giving his support to all projects for local improvement. Politically he was first a Douglas Democrat and later a Republican. Since going to Du Bois he has served as street commissioner, and in 1889-90 he was burgess of the city.

JOHN H. SEYLER, a leading citizen of Luthersburg, Clearfield county, now retired from active business cares, is one of the men who make old age seem the better portion of life. He belongs to a good old Colonial family of German origin, which had its representatives in the Revolutionary war, his grandfather having borne his part in the struggle for independence. Michael Seyler, the father of our subject, was born in Dauphin county, Penn., in 1796, and was there reared, but in early manhood removed to Centre county, where he married Miss Polly McCray. Making his home near Salona, he there followed the tailor's trade until 1836, when he came to Brady township, Clearfield county, where he purchased a place known to-day as the Solomon Sheiffer farm. Clearing the land, he made many improvements, including the erection of a good house and barn, and there resided until called to his final rest in 1849. His wife had died after a short married life, and he was always true to her memory, having never married again. There were only two children, the brother of our subject being Joseph, who was born in Centre county, in 1815.

Mr. Seyler, whose name introduces this sketch, was born January 23, 1817, near Salona, in Centre county, and there received a good practical education. After coming to Clearfield county, in 1836, he commenced teaching in the free schools, and successfully followed that vocation in Brady township for eight years. He was there married, in 1841, to Miss Sarah Kirk, a daughter of John and Lydia Kirk, formerly of Centre county. Her father was a prosperous agriculturist, and one of the prominent citizens of his community. For a short time after his marriage, Mr. Seyler lived on his father's farm, and then bought a partially-improved tract one mile east of Luthersburg, and to its further development and cultivation devoted his time and attention for many years. He erected a large two-story residence and substantial barn, making also many other improvements which added to its value. Removing to Luthersburg in 1891, he bought what is known as the Samuel Arnold home, which subsequently burned down, and he then built one of the most handsome residences in the place—a large two-story frame structure of modern architecture. There he is now living retired from active business cares, surrounded by many comforts and luxuries obtained through his former years of toil.

Mr. and Mrs. Seyler are the parents of twelve children, six of whom are deceased; those living are: (1) James H., born in 1842, in Brady township, grew to manhood upon the home farm, attending the local schools until sixteen years of age; later he pursued his studies in Meadville College for a number of terms. He then took a course of lectures in the La Fayette Medical University of Pennsylvania, and after his graduation removed to Preempton, Mercer Co., Ill., where he is still successfully engaged in practice. He married Loretta Cresswell, of Illinois, but formerly of Clarion county, Penn., and they have three children—Sarah F., born in Illinois in 1876, is attending a young ladies' seminary in Iowa; John H., born in 1884, is with his parents; and Mabel E., born in 1887, is a student in the home school. (2) Joseph, born in 1843, on the home farm, where he was reared, also attended the common schools of Brady township, and after his marriage to Frances Brockbank, of Union township, Clearfield county, he located upon a farm adjoining the old homestead, where he engaged in the manufacture of pottery ware in connection with the cultivation of the place. He has eight children—Emma, who is at present clerking in a dry-goods house in Du Bois; Bertha, wife of Henry Kirk, a resident of Luthersburg, by whom she has two children, Frank and Phoebe; Bernice, who is clerking for W. A. Seyler, in Du Bois; and Olive, Elzicr, Charles L., Edgar and Harbison, all at home. (3) Ferdinand, born May 6, 1848, married Sarah, daughter of Henry and Rachel Whitehead, worthy farming people of Union township, Clearfield county. He then purchased of Reuben Moore, a farm north of Rockton, in Union township, and still resides upon that place; his wife died in 1893, leaving six children—Stella, now Mrs. George McDonald, of Home Camp, Union township; John H., Mary L., George E. and Alta D., who are still with their father, and Sadie M., who lives with her grandparents in Luthersburg. (4) W. A., born August 5, 1850, obtained his elementary education in the common schools,
and at the age of eighteen entered the Iron City Commercial College, Pittsburgh, where he graduated. After his return home he married Miss Ella Merrell, of Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., a daughter of Rev. Merrell, a Methodist Episcopal minister. They make their home in Dubois, and he is numbered among the leading merchants of that place. Their only daughter, Annie, is now the wife of Albert Wayman, who is employed at his father’s foundries in New Kensington, Penn. (5) Lydia J., and (6) Elizabeth, are living with their parents in Luthersburg.

As a Democrat, Mr. Seyler has ever taken quite an active interest in political affairs, and he has faithfully discharged the duties of the office of county auditor one term, school director a number of years, and township auditor several terms. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian, and his wife and one grandson are also consistent members of the same Church. He is one of the substantial and prosperous citizens of the community, and has freely given of his means to educational and religious institutions, and for all charitable purposes. He has been a long and honorable career, filled with deeds of usefulness, and he deserves the respect and esteem which is so freely accorded him. Youth has its charms, but an honorable and honored old age, to which the lengthening years have added dignity and sweetness, has a brighter radiance, as if some ray from the life beyond already rested upon it.

JESSE E. DILLENS is one of the honored pioneers of Clearfield county, who has witnessed much of the growth and development of this region, seeing the wild forests replaced by productive farms, while thriving towns and villages have sprung up and all the advantages and improvements of modern civilization have been added. In the work of progress he has ever borne his part, and has been closely identified with the development of this region.

Mr. Dillen was born June 14, 1829, in Becaria township, Clearfield county, a son of George and Eliza (Hoover) Dillen. The father was born in Ireland, and on coming to America resided for some years in Philadelphia, Centre Co., Penn., where he took a contract for building a part of the State turnpike from Lewiston, through Tyrone and Philipsburg, to Curwensville. He afterward removed to Mt. Pleasant, Clearfield county, and bought 130 acres of woodland, on which he erected a log house and barn. He at once began clearing the place, planted the fields, and threshed his grain with a flail. He

then carried it across the mountains to Birmingham, a distance of twenty miles, where it was ground into flour. If the flour supply was exhausted his wife ground parched corn in a coffee mill, and from this made cakes for the family. In 1855, Mr. Dillen erected a two-story residence, in the building of which our subject assisted. It continued to be his home until his death.

George and Eliza Dillen had six children, namely: (1) Henry, born and reared on the home farm, learned the carpenter’s trade and did various kinds of woodwork. He died at the age of twenty-six. (2) Rebecca, after attending the primitive schools, married Daniel Crowell, of Decatur township, Clearfield county. They lived for a number of years on the Samuel Hegarty farm, and then resided on the John Dillen farm until Mr. Crowell’s death. His widow is still living. She had six children—Eliza is the wife of James Spanglie, of Rose Bud, and has a large family; Betsy is the wife of Isaac Ricketts, proprietor of a hotel in Utahville, and has a large family; Mary is the wife of John Stugart, of Rose Bud, and has four children; Jane is now Mrs. Powers, of Rose Bud, and has three children; George is married, and with his family lives in Rose Bud; and Rebecca died at the age of sixteen. (3) John B., born and reared on the homestead, wedded Mary Davis, who was born in March, 1841, a daughter of Miles and Mary A. Davis, of Becaria township. He purchased the William Wright property, on which stood a log cabin, which he afterward replaced by a substantial two-story residence, also built a bank barn, and made other good improvements. He has three children—George, at home; Susan, wife of William McNaule, of Coalport, Penn., by whom she has three sons, Oscar, Blair and Logan; and John, at home. (4) Mary A. Dillen, born on the family homestead, was killed when about five years of age by being accidentally struck with a stone while attending school. (5) George W., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

Jesse E. Dillen, of this sketch, attended school for a three-months’ term in the winter, and walked a distance of three miles to the school house. His educational privileges were limited to the opportunities there obtained. He remained with his father until after his marriage, when he bought 126 acres of timber land, near Utahville. On the small cleared portion stood a log cabin, but the place was otherwise unimproved. In 1858 he erected a large frame barn and other necessary outbuildings, and continued to clear the place until he had eighty-five acres under cultivation. In 1869 he built a beautiful
and commodious residence on one corner of his farm and within the corporation limits of Utahville, and has since made it his home. He also erected a large store building there, and for three years carried on merchandising, but has since devoted his energies to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. To himself and his wife were born ten children, namely: (1) Mary Catherine, born May 10, 1856, obtained a common-school education, and in 1874 married Jester Herdman, locating on the Herdman homestead in Becaria township. They have eight children—Eleta, wife of Fred Stephens, of Burwood, a conductor on the Bell's Gap railroad; Frank, Carrie, David, Verna Dora, and Ernest at home; Freddie, who died in infancy; and Madeline, who died in childhood. (2) David, born February 7, 1859, was reared to farm life, educated in the common schools, and since 1889 has been in the employ of the Western & Bell's Gap Railroad Company. (3) Thomas V., born January 7, 1861, died October 4, 1885. (4) George M., born November 9, 1863, died September 18, 1865. (5) Carrie A., born in Utahville, July 17, 1869, attended the common schools, acquired a good musical education under the direction of Professor Hunter, and is now engaged in dressmaking. (6) Myrtle M., born April 26, 1871, was educated in the public schools, and is now carrying on a dressmaking establishment in connection with her sister, Mrs. Plummer. (7) Agnes B., born August 30, 1873, in Utahville, is the wife of Alvin Plummer, a native of Johnstown, Penn., now employed on the railroad and residing in Altoona. (8) Susie E., born October 7, 1875, is also interested in the dressmaking business in Altoona. (9) Blanche, born March 13, 1878, was educated in Utahville, received excellent instruction in music, and has engaged in teaching that art. She resides with her parents.

In politics our subject is an independent Republican, and he and his wife, also their children, belong to the Baptist Church. They are most highly esteemed people, true to all the duties and obligations of life, and have many friends.

CLARK BROWN, a well-known resident of Clearfield, Clearfield county, is a representative of one of Pennsylvania's pioneer families which have been identified with Lancaster county from Colonial times.

William Brown, grandfather of our subject, was born there of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and passed his entire life in the same locality. Andrew Brown, the father of our subject, was also a native of that county, and was married there in 1808 to Miss Sarah Clark, who was of Irish birth, and accompanied her father, William Clark, crossed the ocean to a new home in the then wild portions of Lancaster county, where he settled in the woods and cleared a farm. Andrew and Sarah Brown removed to Lawrence township, Clearfield county, in 1839, arriving at their destination March 31, after a toilsome journey of two weeks across the mountains with a one-horse wagon and a larger wagon drawn by a team of five horses. They located upon a tract of land near the present site of Clearfield. Mrs. Brown lived to enjoy her home in what was Lawrence township, for about a quarter of a century, passing away a few years before her husband, whose death occurred in 1871.

They reared a family of eight children, of whom our subject is the fifth in order of birth. William, the eldest, married in Lancaster county, and going to Clearfield county, in 1839, settled upon the Reed farm. He died in West Clearfield in 1882. James, after the removal to Clearfield county, was married to Miss Rebecca Ogden, and located in Lawrence township, where his wife died in 1868, his own death following thirteen years later. Andrew married in Lancaster county, and made his home in Columbia. He was a railroad man, and was killed by an accident at Pittsburg in 1844. David married Miss Deborah Spackman, and resided upon a farm in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, which he traded for one in Pike township, where he died in 1887. His widow now resides in Olanta, Pike township, Clearfield county. Samuel is married, and resides in Lawrence township. Martha, who died in Clearfield, in February, 1888, married Hon. Aaron C. Tate, a prominent citizen, at one time prothonotary of Clearfield county, and who also served as a member of the State Assembly. He died suddenly in 1876 in the prime of life, while attending a funeral at the cemetery at Curwensville. Catherine (Mrs. Hamilton Reed), died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, in 1859.

Clark Brown was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, January 6, 1822, and consequently was but seventeen years old when he came to this section, where many changes have taken place under his eyes. He was educated in the schools of his native county, also in the academy at Clearfield, and in early manhood engaged in agriculture. In 1846 he and his brother Samuel purchased 130 acres of timber land, upon which Mr. Brown settled in the following year, undergoing the usual experiences of a pioneer farmer before the estate was cleared and improved. On November 12, 1850, he was mar-
ried in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, to Miss Eliza Dougherty, a native of the township, and a daughter of John and Mary (Hamilton) Dougherty, who came from Ireland, and after passing a few years in Delawar and Centre counties located, in 1830, "in the woods" of Lawrence township, and passed their remaining years in farming. Mrs. Brown died May 14, 1873, and in 1875 our subject formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Mrs. Nancy Gayler, who was born in New Jersey, the daughter of John and Margery (Dougherty) McLaughlin, both natives of Ireland; they located in New Jersey on their arrival in America, but in 1832 moved to Clearfield, where their last days were spent.

No children were born of the second marriage, but the first was blessed with six sons and five daughters: (1) Emma married Walter Read, of Lawrence township, but removed to McKean county, Pa., and has had ten children, of whom seven are living: Clark, William C., Paul, Frederick, Gussie, Ida and Fanny. (2) Albert died at the age of eighteen months. (3) Lewis C. married Anna Read, and lives at West Clearfield; their children are—Phoebe, Fred, Ruth, Amanda, and Mary. (4) A. I. married (first) a Miss Chaplin, who died leaving no children; for his second wife he wedded Miss Jennie Giles, and they had the following children—Paul Clair, Clark, and James. (5) John married Miss Minnie Livingstone, and has had one child—Mabel. (6) Ida is a clerk in a store at Clearfield. (7) Anna and (8) Amanda are at home. (9) Paul resides at Elkins, W. Va.; (10) Harry is a tailor in Clearfield; (11) Mary (Mrs. J. Murray) lives at Clearfield. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Catholic Church of Clearfield.

Mr. Brown followed agricultural pursuits for many years, and although now retired from active business he owns 140 acres of land, eighty of which are cleared and improved, there being upon the place a good barn and a substantial and pleasant residence. In 1888 Mr. Brown took charge of the "Mansion House" at Clearfield, which he conducted for twelve and a half years. He has always been active in local affairs and in political work, and has been many times chosen on the Democratic ticket to offices of trust and responsibility. In 1868 he was elected county auditor, and in 1873 was elected county commissioner, to which office he was re-elected in 1875; in 1884 he was again elected to that position, making twelve years in all that he has served as a county-official. He is the first commissioner to hold a second term in that county, and the only one to hold the office a third term. He has held all the offices in Lawrence township except those of justice of the peace, and constable, and for years has been a member of the school board. Such lasting popularity among those who know him best is an unmistakable evidence of sterling worth of character.

JOHN ROOP. The thriving little village of Munson has its full quota of energetic, persevering business men, among whom is the subject of this sketch. In 1888 he located here, and has since been actively identified with its business and commercial interests, for a time being a member of the firm of J. P. & C. L. Roop, general merchants.

Our subject was born in 1851, near the city of Bellefonte, in Centre county, Penn., a son of John and Rachel (Ralph) Roop. The birth of the father occurred in 1806, in Dauphin county, Penn., but at an early day he was taken to Centre county by his parents, Jacob and Sarah (Stroyer) Roop, who located at Roopsburg. The grandfather owned all the land now comprised within that village, and there worked at his trade of a gunsmith for some time. His death occurred in Indiana. John Roop, the father, was reared to manhood in Roopsburg, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits throughout life. He died upon his farm in 1879, and, in 1887, his wife came to Munson, Clearfield county, where she passed away in 1893. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Thomas resides in Birmingham, Huntingdon Co., Penn.; Mrs. Susan Terry lives in Indiana; Mrs. Mary Roan died near Roopsburg, in 1867; Jacob, who enlisted in Centre county, in 1862, in Company B, 148th P. V. I., was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, May 10, 1865, and was buried on the battle field; Margaret is the wife of William Taylor, of Birmingham, Penn.; Joseph died when young; John is next in order of the children; D. W. has made his home in Munson since 1883, and was in the mercantile business for a time; and Jeremiah died in infancy.

The boyhood and youth of our subject was passed upon the home farm in Centre county, near Roopsburg, and in the local schools he acquired his education. In Half Moon Valley he learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he continued to work until coming to Munson in 1888.

In 1879, in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, he was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Ellenberger, a native of that place and a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Ross) Ellenberger, who still reside in Half Moon Valley. Two children bless
their union, Terry and Elva. The father of these is one of the reliable and esteemed citizens of Munson, and is looked up to as one of its most influential men. His adherence to the dictates of honor in all his business transactions, his spotless private life, and his public-spiritedness in all matters for the benefit of the community, have elevated him to a high pinnacle in the minds of his fellow citizens. In politics he is a Republican, a strong believer in the progressive principles of that party, and seeking in it a perpetuation of the principles of free government. Socially, he is a member of Half Moon Lodge, No. 845, I. O. O. F., of Stormstown, Centre county.

Joseph Troxel. is a wide-awake, enterprising merchant of Smoke Run. Clearfield county, whose diligence and systematic management of his business interests have brought to him a well-merited success. He is a representative of one of the old families of Pennsylvania, and in Becaria township is numbered among the most valued citizens.

His parents are Abram J. and Nancy (Glass) Troxel, the former of whom was born in Altoona, Blair Co., Penn., in 1805, and was a farmer by occupation. In 1828 he married Miss Glass, and removed to White township, Cambria Co., Penn., where he purchased and cleared a farm of fifty-six acres, making all the improvements thereon. He died March 9, 1848. Of his family Joseph was the eldest; and a brief record of the others is here given: (2) Ady died at the age of twenty-one years. (3) Mary is the wife of John Burns, of Osceola, Penn., who is employed as engineer in one of the mills at Eureka Mines; they have two daughters and one son living, the latter being Harry Burns, who has served on the police force of Osceola for a number of years. (4) Alexander married Matilda Gates, of Cambria county, Penn., by whom he had ten children. His home is a farm adjoining the old family residence. During the Civil war he enlisted in the three-months’ service, and afterward joined the 110th P. V. I., participating in all the battles of his regiment until honorably discharged at the close of the war. He was a valiant soldier, and is a respected citizen. (5) Caroline is the wife of George Koon, by whom she has six living children, their home being on a farm adjoining the Troxel place, in Cambria county. Mr. Koon served throughout the war in the 96th P. V. I., and participated in all the engagements of his regiment. (6) George W. married Becky Gates, and resides on a farm adjoining the home of Alexander Troxel, in Cambria county, his family numbering ten children. During the Civil war he enlisted at the three-months’ call, and afterward re-enlisted in the 110th P. V. I. He participated in the battles of Winchester, Gettysburg, and many other important engagements, and was one of the daring men of his company. At Gettysburg he was seriously wounded, and still carries the Rebel lead. (7) Abraham, the youngest of the Troxel family, enlisted at the age of sixteen in the 84th P. V. I., and died of fever after the battle of Antietam.

Joseph Troxel, the subject of this review, was reared on his father’s farm, and in 1850 married Hannah M. Herey, of Becaria township, Clearfield county. They began their domestic life on the farm where Mr. Troxel’s brother George is now living, and there remained for about two years. In 1859 they removed to Becaria township, where our subject purchased 100 acres of timber land, which he transformed into a rich and productive tract. It is now one of the most desirable farms of the locality, and is improved with a substantial two-story-frame residence, barns and other necessary outbuildings. Mr. Troxel superintends the management of this place, and at the same time conducts his store in Smoke Run, where he carries a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, and receives from the public a liberal patronage.

His business efforts were interrupted, however, in 1864, by his enlistment in the Union army on the 14th of September. He served under Capt. Welkerston, in the Heavy Artillery, and went to Fortress Monroe, where, after spending about five days, he was taken ill with bilious fever and diarrhea. He was then sent to the Port Hospital, where he remained fourteen days. After recruiting he was detailed as hospital cook and took full charge of the cuisine, having from eighty to one hundred men to cook for. An accident caused serious injury to him while thus employed, he receiving a rupture in the left groin, and he was too weak, not having gained strength, and to add to his weakness the heat was too strong for his eyes, one of which was entirely destroyed, and the other was badly injured. Mr. Troxel cooked the first meal for Jefferson Davis after he was imprisoned at Fortress Monroe. The Confederate President refused to partake of the food furnished, but was glad enough to accept the second offered. After an honorable discharge, Mr. Troxel returned to his home, and has since been identified with the business interests of Becaria township.

Our subject and his wife have reared a family who do credit to them, for they are now respected members of society: (1) Henry A., the
eldest, is engaged in the lumber business in Dunlo, Cambria county. He married Sadie Hartman, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, and has a family of ten children. (2) Mary is the wife of Rule Root, of Smoke Run, a farmer and butcher of Becaria township, and one of the enterprising business men. They have four children, all living. (3) Catherine is the wife of Martin Nole, a resident of Becaria township. (4) Alexander married Lizzie Stephens, of Cambria county, by whom he has six children, and now resides on his father’s farm in Becaria township. His children are: Hannah, Ferdinand, Giles, Joseph. Mary Alice and Blair, all at home. (5) Abraham, who is a conductor on the supply train of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, married Keziah Tipton, of Becaria township, and resides in Allegheny, Penn. They have one child. (6) Ella, twin sister of Abraham, is the wife of William M. Curry, who formerly followed farming and carpentering, but is now engaged in the butchering business in Smoke Run. They have four children—Hannah E., Rule E., Abram R. and Joseph T.

Mr. Troxel has long been an intelligent and active worker in the ranks of the Republican party, but has never been an aspirant for office. In 1856 he and his wife became members of the United Brethren Church, but afterward joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in Utahville. Subsequently, however, they returned to the Church of their first choice, and with four of their children are now connected with that society in Utahville.

MILO E. PARK, M. D., located in Westover, is one of the most successful physicians and surgeons of Clearfield county. The talent and culture of this gentleman have gained for him an honorable position in the medical profession, and he enjoys an extensive practice.

Dr. James K. Park, the father of our subject, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., where he was reared upon a farm and obtained a good literary education, which enabled him to successfully engage in teaching for some time. Subsequently he studied medicine, becoming a skilled physician, and for thirty-five years he enjoyed a lucrative practice. From the county of his nativity he removed to Armstrong county, Penn., where he owned and operated a farm in connection with his professional duties. His death occurred in 1886. A popular and distinguished citizen, he was twice the Democratic candidate for the legislature, but as his district was strongly Republican, he was defeated, though by but a small vote. He was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ludwick, of Westmoreland county, a daughter of a prominent farmer, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Robert B., a teacher by profession; William C., a physician; Harry L., an undertaker; Milo E., of this review; James A., who died in childhood; Delnora, wife of Dr. J. Kelley; Hannah A., who died at the age of twenty-one; Kelly O., a physician; and Mary E., wife of J. B. McKee, a merchant of Westover.

Our subject was born February 13, 1859, upon the home farm in Armstrong county, where he was reared to habits of industry. His primary education, which was obtained in the public schools, was supplemented by a course of study at Elderton, and he later graduated at Atwood. At the age of twenty he began reading medicine under the direction of his father and Dr. J. A. Kelley, and two years later entered the medical department of the Western Reserve College at Cleveland, Ohio, from which he graduated with the class of 1884. Previous to this, however, he had successfully engaged in teaching. He now opened an office in Utahville, Clearfield county, where he remained for two years, and the following year was located at Kelly Station, Armstrong county; but since the fall of 1887 he has successfully engaged in practice in Westover. His skill and ability were soon widely recognized, and he rapidly acquired a large and distinctive patronage, which he now enjoys.

In the fall of 1884 Dr. Park married Miss Emma E. Rishel, a cultured lady, and the daughter of Peter K. and Maggie (Miller) Rishel, natives of Montour and Lycoming counties, Penn., respectively. The paternal grandfather, H. H. Rishel, who was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry, was a tanner by trade, while Joseph Miller, the maternal grandfather, was a farmer by occupation. Peter Rishel now finds a pleasant home with the Doctor and his wife in Westover, where he still follows his trade of blacksmithing. In religious belief he is a Methodist. Five children constituted his family, namely: Charles, Henry, Emma E., John George and William.

To the union of Dr. Park and his estimable wife have come two children: Odessa, born December 14, 1885; and Claude L., who died at the age of two years. As a Democrat the Doctor takes an active part in political affairs, and has twice efficiently served as Burgess of Westover. As a physician he has the honor of being a peer of any in Clearfield county, is a close and thorough student, a man of deep research, a reader of the “Medical Brief” and of
the "Medical Herald" of Ohio. His investigations into the science of medicine, and his skillful application of the knowledge he has thereby obtained, have won for him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity.

J. P. BURCHFIELD, M. D., a well-known physician and surgeon of Clearfield, Clearfield county, has for many years held a place among the leaders of his profession in this region. The ancestors of our subject were early settlers in Pennsylvania, and his grandfather, James Burchfield, was a leading pioneer in his day, in Juniata county. William Burchfield, the doctor's father, was born in Juniata county, but spent the greater part of his life in Huntingdon county, where for some time he was the manager of the Pennsylvania Furnace Co. He owned two farms, and in his later years he settled upon one, located in Ferguson township, Centre county, where his death occurred in 1872. His first wife, Susan (Petriken), born in Paris, France, was brought at an early age to Pennsylvania by her relatives, who settled in Huntingdon county, which was then but thinly settled. She was married there and after a few years of wedded life died in 1835, leaving three children: Mrs. Bridge, of Clearfield; J. P., our subject; and William Ellis, a resident of Philipsburg, Penn. For his second wife the father was married in Centre county to Mrs. Coverly, widow of Dr. Coverly, and daughter of Col. Johnson. She died in Centre county in 1838, and the only child of this marriage, George W., died at the age of seventeen.

Dr. Burchfield was born in 1834, and after a few years passed in Huntingdon county, his home was made in Centre county. For some time he attended school at Shade Gap, Penn., but on the organization of Pine Grove Academy, in 1853, by William Burchfield (his father), William Murray and Thomas Patton, our subject entered that institution, and remained until 1855 when he went to Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Penn., and took an advanced standing in the Sophomore class in the college there. After graduating in 1857 he taught during the winter term at Pine Grove Mills, Centre county, and then began the study of medicine with Dr. Smith. In 1858 he went to Elmira, N. Y., to continue his studies with Dr. T. H. Squires, and while there he taught language and mathematics three hours a day. Returning home in 1859, he remained but a short time, and then entered the medical department of the University of Michigan. On the breaking out of the Civil war he abandoned his studies temporarily, and in 1861 enlisted, in Centre county, in Company H, 7th P. V. I., for three months. He served until his discharge in July, 1861, and then went home, and in October of that year he resumed his studies at Ann Arbor, where he received his diploma in 1862. He began the practice of his profession at Philipsburg, Penn., but three months later, when a call was made for assistant-surgeons in the army, he offered his services. Going to Philadelphia, he took the prescribed examination before the State board, and was appointed assistant-surgeon of the 53d P. V. I., by Gov. Curtin. He joined the regiment at Harrison's Landing, Va., and April 12, 1863, he was promoted to the post of surgeon of the 83d P. V. I., which he held until the close of the war, receiving his discharge June 28, 1865. After a short stay at home, he resumed his professional work, locating in October, 1865, in Clearfield, where he has met with great success in his chosen specialty of surgery.

In March, 1863, Dr. Burchfield was married, in Mifflin county, Penn., to Miss Eva Maria Nourse, who was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Rev. James Nourse and his wife, who was a Miss Harvey, natives of Pennsylvania; both are now deceased. Her father was a Presbyterian minister at Milroy, Penn., and was well and widely known for his devoted labors, and as the author of various religious works. In 1864 Mrs. Burchfield died, leaving one son, James Nourse Burchfield, who is at present in the car shops at Roanoke, Va. In 1867 Dr. Burchfield was married, in Clearfield, to Miss Emily Jane Alexander, a native of that town, and the daughter of James and Phoebe (Burchfield) Alexander. Her grandfather, William Alexander, was prominent in Clearfield county in the early days, and held the office of sheriff of Centre county, Penn. His death occurred at Clearfield. James Alexander, who was born in Mifflin county, Penn., was a saddler by occupation. He died at the residence of Dr. Burchfield, and Mrs. Alexander passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Spackman (now deceased), wife of Dr. R. V. Spackman, of Luthersburg, Clearfield Co., Penn., now of DuBois, Penn. Four children were born of this second marriage: Phoebe Anna; William A., who died at the age of sixteen; Chauncey P., who died when fourteen years old; and Katie Bridge. In 1881 the Angel of Death again visited the Doctor's home, taking away the mother of this family, and in 1882 he formed a third matrimonial union, Miss Edith Belle Wilkinson, of Clearfield, becoming his wife. She is a native of Centre county, Penn., and a descendant of one of the oldest families of the
locality. Her father, Joseph Wilkison, resides at Kerrmoor, Penn. The children of this union, Lillie May, Gertrude, Frederick Myron, and John Patton, are all living.

In religious faith the Doctor is a Presbyterian, and he is an active worker in many lines of effort. Politically he is a Democrat, and in 1830 and 1831 he served as chairman of the county committee. He was a delegate to the State Convention which nominated Gov. Pattison the first time, and was made a member of the State Central Committee for that campaign. He is interested in fraternal society work, being a member of the Order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; also of the F. & A. M., Clearfield Lodge No. 314, of Clearfield Chapter No. 228, and of the Commandery at Philipsburg. He also belongs to the G. A. R. Larimer Post, No. 179, has held the rank of surgeon and commander, and was medical director of the Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., one year. As a member of the State and County Medical Societies, he has been a leading worker, having held every important office in the latter, and he is medical examiner of students commencing the preparatory course for admission to the profession. He is president of the Board of Health of Clearfield, and surgeon at Clearfield for the Rochester & Pittsburg R. R. He is also secretary of the board of pension examiners of Clearfield county, and secretary of the Clearfield Board of Trade.

ROBERT M. SHOFF. The Shoff family of Clearfield county is numerously represented in Bigler and Becaria townships, its members occupying positions of honor and usefulness in their respective communities. The founder of this branch of the family was Christopher Shoff, the grandfather of the well-known citizen whose name introduces this memoir.

A native of Germany, Christopher Shoff came to this country, and after spending some time in Clinton county, Penn., settled in Bigler township, Clearfield county, on what is now known as the Thomas Lord farm. He and his wife, Elizabeth Sides, reared a family of eleven children, of whom our subject's father, Samuel Shoff, was the sixth in order of birth: (1) Abram died at Mill Hall, Clinton Co., Penn. (2) Christopher, who was born at Mill Hall, married Miss Lydia Packer, of Clinton county, and made his home in Becaria township, Clearfield county, buying land "in the woods," and clearing it for a farm. They had ten children—George, Martha Ann, Abram, Samuel, Christopher, John, Hannah, Frederick, Aaron and Lydia Ellen. (3) Elizabeth married Abram Keagy, of Glen Hope, and has had children as follows: Barbara A. (Mrs. Byers); Susan E. (Mrs. Edmunson); Walker, who died in Glen Hope, unmarried; Mary (Mrs. Jerry Cooper); Becky (Mrs. John Byers), of Muddy Run; Sarah (Mrs. Horace Green), of Glen Hope; Catherine, who married William Dotts, of the same town; Fannie (Mrs. Parker Strong), of Berwinsdale; Jane, who married Samuel Lynn, formerly of Huntingdon, Penn., now of Iowa; Addametta (Mrs. Philip Tubbs), of Marion Centre, Penn; Sophie, who married William Mullen, residing near Glen Hope, and has one child, Ella; and Christopher J., who married Miss Susan Bakestraw. (4) Martha married Benjamin Wright, a farmer near Glen Hope, and had six children—Elizabeth, who married James White, of Glen Hope, both now deceased; Mary Katharine, who married Samuel Atkins, formerly of Glen Hope, but now a resident of the State of Indiana, had three children; William, who married a lady of Luthersburg, and resides near that place; Ellen (deceased), who did not marry; and Frank, who married a Western lady, and died a few years ago. (5) Susan married John McCord, a farmer of near Berwinsdale, and both now deceased, leaving no family. (6) Samuel, our subject's father, comes next. (7) John, a resident of Hegarty's Cross Roads, married Miss Hannah Glasgow, of Cambria county, Penn., has ten children—Elizabeth J., who married William Wells, agent at Osceola, Penn., for the Adams Express Company; John G., who married Miss Rachel Goss, and lives in Osceola; Fannie, now Mrs. Stoneroad, of Des Moines, Iowa; Emily, who married Matthew McCully, and resides near Pittsburg; C. S., now residing on the old Shoff homestead, near Hegarty's Cross Roads with his wife, formerly Miss Mary Flanders, and their three children, Charlie, Josephine and Leslie; Edward, a resident of Huntingdon county, Penn., who married Miss Sarah Gossage, of that county, and has several children; Mary, who married Harry Parks, of Punxsutawney, and has several children; Frank, a resident of Osceola, who married a Kentucky lady, and has a family: Calvin, who moved to Texas, and was married there; and Sarah, who married Joseph Hegarty, a farmer of near Berwinsdale, and has no children. (8) Sarah comes next in the order of birth. (9) Fannie married Joseph Smith, a farmer of Hegarty's Cross Roads, and has six sons—Josiah (who lives in Becaria township), A. I., Monroe, Levi, Abram and John. (10) Frederick, who resides on the old Shoff homestead, married Miss Wilhelmina Ginter, and has seven children—Maria E., Christopher James, Martha, Henrietta,
Hannah, Delilah and Sarah, all of whom are married and have families. (11) Andrew, a resident of Mt. Pleasant, Clearfield county, married Miss Sarah Ginter, and had the following children—Amelia (widow of David Smith, who died in the army), Rebecca (Mrs. Copenhaffer), Andrew Martin, Sarah Jane (Mrs. J. H. Wells), Wilhelmina (Mrs. A. Davis), Susie (Mrs. H. Eckerd), and Abram.

Samuel Shoff, the father of our subject, was born November 17, 1806, at Mill Hall, Penn., and grew to manhood in Clinton county. He accompanied his father to Clearfield county, and made his home at what is known as the Thomas Lord farm until his marriage, May 16, 1833, to Miss Jane Hegarty, daughter of Robert and Sarah Hegarty, of Becaria township. He then purchased 100 acres of woodland in the Wheatland settlement, in Woodward township, and cleared and improved it for a permanent residence. He died there October 26, 1881, in his seventy-fifth year, and his wife, who was born May 19, 1812, passed away July 24, 1883.

Ten children were born to them, all of whom are living: (1) Sarah, born February 18, 1834, married George W. Stitt, of Cambria county, and they now reside upon a farm near Madera. They have the following children—(a) James Alexander, who married Miss Sarah Miles, and has three children; (b) Frank, who is not married; (c) Samuel, who married Nora Marks, and has three children; (d) Lizzie, who married Mr. Muchburg, and has three children, Lizzie, Grace and George; (e) Ella, who married Mr. Miles, of Madera, and has two children; and (f) Anna, who is at home. (2) Elizabeth S., born June 2, 1835, has never married, and resides with her brother, Robert. She has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for thirty-nine years, and is one of the most highly respected residents of the community. (3) Christopher C., born September 16, 1837, resides near Amesville upon a farm which once belonged to his father. He married Miss Elizabeth Stitt, of Cambria county, and has seven children—S. T. married Miss Bessie Marks, of Port Matilda, and has no children; Emma married Andrew Colwell, of Amesville, and has one child; Jay F., a resident of Amesville, married Miss Ora Marks, of Port Matilda, and has two children: Willis, Luther, James and Lena are still at home. (4) Susanna, born August 4, 1839, married Asa Byers, formerly of Becaria township, Clearfield county, but now a resident of Atchison county, Kans. They have eleven children—Mary, Samuel, Christina, David, Jane, Melissa, Martha, John, Alfred, Louis and Melba. (5) Rebecca, born July 3, 1841, married S. B. Dunlap, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and has had seven children—Samuel; Jane, who died at the age of eighteen; Sarah, now Mrs. John Evert; Robert O.; May; Cornely and John E. (6) Isabella, born June 10, 1844, married Josiah Lamborn, a farmer of Jordan township, Clearfield county, and has five children living—Jane, who is at home; Samuel, who married Rose Freeman, and has one child; and Hattie, Robert and Frank, all at home. (7) Robert M., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (8) Abram C., born April 16, 1849, is a resident of Madera. He married Miss Cynthia Lukens, of Philipsburg, Penn., and has seven children—W. O., Charles S., Edna, Benton, Earle, Clayton and Wilhelmina, who are all at home. (9) James W., born June 12, 1851, lives in Madera. He married Miss Mary Paterson, of Jordan township, Clearfield county, and has six children—Jane, Margaret, Ellen, John, Clair and Sylvester, all at home. (10) Hannah, born December 22, 1854, married James Stitt, of Madera, and has three children living—two daughters and one son: Eva, a teacher in the Madera high school; Rosa, at home; and Clyde, attending school.

Robert M. Shoff, our subject, is one of the leading citizens of Bigler township, where for many years he has been engaged in farming and lumbering. He was born November 27, 1847, and grew to manhood on the farm near Madera, which he now occupies. It was once the property of his maternal grandfather, Robert Hegarty. He received a common-school education, and in early manhood turned his attention to agriculture, working for his father until he was thirty-one years old. He married Miss Hannah M. De Witt, daughter of George and Rachel (Bloom) De Witt, of Iriona, Penn., and their home is brightened by nine children: Jane E. (a teacher), May, Samuel A., George Clyde, Cam W., Myrtle F., Everett D., Nellie, and Thomas, born February 12, 1898. Although Mr. Shoff is a staunch supporter of Democratic principles, he has never sought political distinction. He is active in fraternal society work and is a leading member of Lodge No. 1669, I. O. O. F., at Glen Hope. In religion faith he is inclined to the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife and sister are both valued members.

JOHN DILLEN. In the history of Clearfield county prominent mention should be made of this gentleman and the family to which he belongs, for representatives of the name have been long and honorably identified with the growth and development of the community. His
grandfather, Henry Dillen, a native of Ireland, emigrated to America in 1804, he and his wife Mary and family taking passage on a sailing vessel, which during a storm was blown entirely out of its course. It also lost its masts, and was so badly disabled that it drifted hither and thither for three months. In the meantime the food supply was exhausted, and one day or evening lots were cast as to who should be killed to satisfy the hunger of the passengers; but next morning New York harbor was sighted, and all on board were saved.

Henry Dillen landed with his wife and family at New York, and after remaining there for a time they went to Philadelphia, and on to Pittsburgh, Penn., where Hardman Phillips had located lands. He then brought his wife and two sons to the home which he established in Becaria township, having purchased 260 acres of land, which he cleared and developed into a good farm, making it his home until his death. He had four children: John, George, Abbie and Betsy. The first named was the father of our subject. He was born in 1797, in County Derry, Ireland, and was therefore seven years of age when the family came to America. When his father was drafted for service in the war of 1812, he held himself in readiness to go in his place; but before he was called to active duty the war ended, and his services were not needed. He, however, aided in the work of developing and improving the farm, and September 19, 1820, he married Miss Hannah Patterson, a lady of Scotch-Irish descent, her ancestors locating in Jordan township, Clearfield county, at an early day. Mr. Dillen and his bride began their domestic life in a log cabin situated on his father's farm, remaining there for a number of years, during which time he cleared 125 acres of land. In 1856 he erected a fine two-story frame residence and a large barn, 72 x 60 feet, one of the best in the county. Into the new home he removed his family, and there remained until his death in February, 1861. His wife died in October, 1860.

John and Hannah Dillen had eight children.

1 Mary, born August 4, 1823, married James Glasgow, of Cambria county, Penn., and lived on her husband's farm, near Utahville, until her death. She left one son, who in the Civil war enlisted in 1861, and was killed at Fair Oaks, June 1, 1862. 2 Jane, born September 21, 1826, was married, in 1840, to James Ray, of Jordan township, where they lived on a farm. She died in 1848, leaving one son, John D. Ray, who married Martha McGarvey. They both died some years ago, and their only child died in infancy. 3 Elizabeth, born October 4, 1828, married William Fleming, of Indiana county, Penn. They located on a farm in Cambria county, given her by her father, and Mrs. Fleming died some years ago, leaving seven children, namely: Mrs. Hannah Dingie, who died in California, leaving two daughters who returned to Cambria county and married; George, who died on the homestead; Mrs. Jane Aikens, of Cambria county; Mrs. Katie Troxel, of Cambria county: Anna M., who became the wife of Charles Troxel, of Cambria county, and died some years ago, leaving one child; Curtis, who is married and lives on the homestead with his father; and Susie, who died at the age of sixteen years. 4 Rebecca, born July 14, 1829, died in infancy. 5 Margaret, twin sister of Rebecca, married John Smith, of Indiana county, and located in Beaver Valley, Cambria county. They afterward sold that property, and returned to her father's homestead, where Mrs. Smith died in March, 1862. Her husband and three children afterward removed to Iowa. 6 Rebecca, born September 25, 1832, married George Pierce, of Bradford township, Clearfield county. They resided in White township, Cambria county, until 1863, when they purchased the S. K. Hegarty farm, near Becaria Mills, and later bought the Grandfather Dillen farm in Becaria township. On selling the last named property they went to Jordan township, where Mrs. Pierce died in June, 1864, leaving nine children—John A., who married Mary Filer, of Bradford, and has two children, lives on the farm near McCartney. George, who married Keturah Matthews, of Utahville, and has two daughters, is now a merchant of Utahville. Abram, a car repairer for a coal company in Ansonville, married Emma Davis, and has two children, Ellen and Winfield. William married Miss Coudreif, of Cambria, and has two children. Hezekiah married Miss Johnson, by whom he has two children, and lives in Irvona. Jefferson is married, and lives in Irvona. Elise married Tillie Earheard, of New Millport, and lives on the homestead at McCartney. Hannah M., is the wife of Samuel Mays, of Irvona, and has two children. Adeline is the wife of Ole Ray, and resides near McCartney. 7 George Dillen, born September 3, 1834, wedded Miss Mary Hurdman, and resided on his father's farm until his death; left a widow and one daughter, Jane, now the wife of Henry Hegarty at Warrior's Mark, Huntington Co., Penn., by whom she has one child. 8 Sarah Dillen, born February 11, 1837, died in 1860.

John Dillen, the well-known lumberman and farmer of Becaria township, Clearfield county, was born December 31, 1839, and spent his boy-
hood on the home farm. On September 18, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, 53rd P. V. I., under Capt. John S. McKernan, went to Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, and from there to Baltimore and Washington. The regiment spent the winter at Camp California, near Alexandria, and after breaking camp in the spring marched to Manassas Junction. Returning to Alexandria, the troops then went by boats to Yorktown, where they met the enemy and followed them until bringing on the engagement at Fair Oaks. The 53rd regiment lost ninety-six men there, and four of the company were killed and three wounded, but they succeeded in driving the Rebels from the field. For a month they remained at that point, and then in a seven-days' retreat went to Harrison's Landing, where they remained until September, when on transports they were taken to Alexandria and participated in the second battle of Bull Run. Mr. Dillen's regiment then covered the retreat to Bailey's Cross Roads, thence went to Georgetown, to Frederick City and to Antietam, meeting the enemy in battle at Stone Bridge, near that place. They repulsed the Rebels with heavy loss, spent three days in caring for the dead and wounded there, and on the 20th of September started for Harper's Ferry. In October an engagement was brought on at Fredericksburg, resulting in heavy losses to both sides. The Union troops remained in camp at Fredericksburg until March, and then went to Chancellorsville, where a two-days' engagement occurred, after which they returned to the old camp at Fredericksburg. In June they marched to Gettysburg, and participated in the ever-memorable battle at that point. In the second day of the fight, Mr. Dillen was wounded in the left leg, just above the knee, by a minie ball. Of fifteen men of his company eleven were wounded, and of 153 men of the regiment only twenty-two were able for duty after that engagement. Mr. Dillen was taken to University Hospital in Baltimore, where his wounds opened afresh, and he almost lost his life, on account of hemorrhage of an artery. In September he received permission to return home, where he spent two weeks, then reported in Philadelphia, but after examination there he was declared unfit for the field duty, and remained in the Invalid Corps until the expiration of his three-years' term when he was discharged and returned home in November, 1864.

In 1866, Mr. Dillen married Ellen, daughter of Philip and Catherine Braniff, of Becaria Mills. They located on the Dillen homestead, and have remained there to the present time. Children have been born to them, as follows: George, born October 25, 1866, died February 9, 1867. Sarah A., born December 7, 1867, and educated in the common schools, was married, in 1887, to James Newton, of Coalport, and with their two children, Lula and Geraldine, they reside on the Bell's Gap railroad near her father's farm. Martha L., born January 13, 1870, is the wife of Porter Oschell, of Becaria township, who resides on the Bell's Gap railroad; they have an adopted son, Thomas. John C., born October 4, 1871, is at home. Francis B., born February 6, 1873, died on the 16th of May following. Hannah R., born March 23, 1874, is the wife of Benjamin Myers, of Cambria county, who follows farming near her father, and they have two children, Charlie and an infant. Ashley, born December 14, 1876, Ellis, born September 25, 1877, Harvey, born June 4, 1879, Catherine, born June 2, 1882, and Claude, born April 17, 1885, are at home.

In politics, Mr. Dillen is a Jeffersonian Democrat. He has held the office of school director six years, was assessor two terms and overseer of the poor for three terms. He is a man of intelligence and enterprise, carefully managing his business interests, and is as true to his duties of citizenship in times of peace as when he followed the old flag as a defender of the Union.

G D. BENN, a well-known and successful merchant of Coalport, has done much to promote the commercial activity, advance the general welfare and secure the material development of Clearfield county. As a business man he has been enterprising, energetic and always abreast with the times, and the success that he has achieved is assuredly well merited.

Our subject comes from a family that was early established in the New World. His grandfather, John Benn, was born in Albany, N. Y., of German parentage, and on leaving that city located at Pine Creek, Tioga Co., Penn., where he purchased a large tract of timber land, which he transformed into a good farm, improved with excellent buildings. Throughout his active business career he followed the occupations of farming and lumbering. He reared a family of six children, as follows:

(1) Annie Benn married Horton Falkner, of Tioga county, Penn., and resided on her father's old homestead, taking care of her parents until they were called to their final rest. Mr. and Mrs. Falkner had four children—John, who is married, and lives in Clymer township, Tioga county; Square, who is married, and resides on a farm in the same county; Lemuel, who is married, and is
engaged in farming and lumbering in Tioga county; and Mrs. Amanda Holburt, of the same county.

(2) Catherine Benn became the wife of Sylvester Davy, of the same county, and they are now both deceased. They had seven children, namely: (a) George was educated in Pennsylvania, and taught in the high school of Mill Hall, Centre county, but after his marriage removed to Utah, where he remained for several years, and is now a resident of Idaho. (b) Edwin married a New York lady, and later enlisted in the Civil war as a member of the 45th P. V. I.; although he was wounded he remained in the service until the close of the war, and then located near Westfield, Tioga county, where he has since followed farming. He has reared a family. (c) Henry married, and lived for a number of years in Port Allegany, where his wife died, leaving four children; he has since married a widow lady, and resides in Tioga county. (d) E. C. is married and has five children; he makes his home near Emporium, Cameron Co., Penn., and follows the occupation of lumbering. (e) Richard is married, and resides in Tioga county. (f) Elmyra married Erastus Hill, a soldier of the Civil war, and they make their home in the Empire State. (g) Esther became the wife of Daniel Barrett, of Tioga county, who engaged in lumbering near Saginaw, Mich., for a number of years, and then returned to Tioga county, purchasing a farm near Westfield, where he and his family still reside.

(3) Mary Benn, a native of Tioga county, married William Hunt, of New York, and they now reside in Ladona, Potter Co., Penn. They have had three children—Thomas, who was accidentally shot while out hunting and died from his injuries, leaving a widow and two children: Jennie, who is married and lives on Marsh creek, and Annie, at home.

(4) Sarah Benn, born in Tioga county, married Squire Higgins, and resides on a farm near Lawrenceville, Tioga county. They have two daughters, who are graduates of the Mansfield Normal School, and are now engaged in teaching in the public schools of Tioga county.

(5) J. B. Benn, a native of Tioga county, married Nancy Head, of New York, and they first located on Pine creek, where he followed lumbering many years, and also rafted the lumber down that stream. He built the first tram road in Tioga county, if not in the State, in 1850, and also conducted a hotel at Sabinsville until 1875, when he came to Clearfield county, locating in Houtzdale, where he purchased several lots and erected buildings thereon, includ-

ing the hall, which now bears his name. Previous to this he had conducted the "Alleghany Hotel" in Clearfield for a few years, and his wife, later, died in that city while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. George Leipold. He died at the same place a few years later at the ripe old age of eighty-one. In his family were four sons and one daughter, as follows: (a) Banister, born in Tioga county, married Agnes Odell, of Clearfield county, and they have spent a part of their married life in the West, but now reside in Wallaceton, Clearfield county, where he follows veterinary surgery, and his wife is engaged in the practice of medicine, being a graduate of the Minneapolis Medical College. They have one son, Odell, who is at present engaged in clerking in Pittsburg, Penn. (b) Annie is the wife of George Leipold, who is the present owner and proprietor of the "Alleghany House," of Clearfield; they have three children—Burt, an exceedingly bright young man, who graduated with the highest honors from the Pennsylvania University Medical College, and is now successfully engaged in practice in Clearfield; and Frank and Maud, who are both graduates of the Clearfield high school. (c) Eugene, a native of Tioga county, completed his education at the Academy Corners, near Knoxville, that county, and in 1871 married Ellie Goodel, of Tioga county. He then entered his father-in-law's store, remaining with him after the removal of the family to Grinnell, Iowa, but is at present sergeant-at-arms in St. Peter, Minn. He has one daughter, Lena, who married a merchant of the latter State. (d) C. M., born in Tioga county, married Mary Segars, of that county, and is engaged in contracting and building at Westfield; they have one daughter, Annie. (e) Leroy, a native of Tioga county, wedded Ella Hill, of that county, and they are also residents of Westfield; in their family are four children—Blanche, John Ray and Ida May (twins), and an infant as yet unnamed.

(6) William Benn, the father of our subject, was born in Gaines township, Tioga county, where he grew to manhood on the home farm. After his marriage to Charity M. Head, he located in Clymer township, where he engaged in farming for a number of years, and in 1852 he contracted to cut cordwood from fifty acres of land for the Erie Railroad Co. Subsequently he returned to his farm in Tioga county, but in 1854 sold the place and removed to Lasalle county, Ill., where he remained one year. Returning to Pine creek, Tioga county, he engaged in farming and lumbering until 1860, when he purchased a farm in Clymer township, but in 1868 disposed of that property and bought the present home-
stead. In 1871 he followed lumbering for E. C. Davy on the Driftwood branch of the Sinnamahoning creek, where he remained for three years, but has since given his entire time and attention to agricultural pursuits. His wife has been a true helpmeet to him, aiding him in every possible way, and cheerfully bearing with him all the hardships of their early married life.

To this worthy couple were born three sons and four daughters, namely: (1) Norman, born in Tioga county, in 1844, grew to manhood on the home farm, and married Sarah Sutton, of Chatham, that county. He purchased a tract of timber land, which he has transformed into a fine farm and improved with good buildings, which stand as monuments to his energy and perseverance. In his family are four children—William, who is married and follows farming in Michigan; George, who is married, and is now employed in a mill belonging to our subject in Cambria county, Penn.; Lettie, wife of Thomas Baker, a farmer of Tioga county; and Mary, at home. (2) Nancy D., born in Wellsville, N. Y., in 1852, was educated in the common schools of Tioga county, Penn., and is now the wife of W. A. Griffin, a farmer of that county. (3) Emma, born in Tioga county, received a common-school education, and married George Smith, of New Jersey, who moved to Susquehanna county, Penn., after his marriage, and followed farming a few years. He then engaged in lumbering and farming in Tioga county until 1889, when he removed to Cambria county, and is now working in our subject’s mill. In the Smith family are three children—Ben, who is married and resides at our subject’s mill; Della, married to J. J. Mitchel, of Indiana county; and Harry, who was born in Cambria county, and is at home. (4) James, a native of Tioga county, attended the common schools, and after reaching manhood married Miss Blue, of Tioga county, by whom he has one son, Marshall, at home. James Benn is now engaged in contracting and building in Potter county, Penn. Two daughters of William Benn—Mary Matilda and Sarah—are deceased.

G. D. Benn, who completes the family, was born in 1846, in Tioga county, where he passed the days of his boyhood and youth, early becoming familiar with the lumber business, but his school training was much more limited. In the spring of 1864 he drove logs to Williamsport, and was then employed in one of the large mills of L. Taber until the establishment closed down for the winter, after which he attended the Tioga schools for one month. Going to Williamsport, Penn., he worked as settler in a mill for two years, and then obtained a position in the Sampson mill at Snow Shoe, where he remained for some time. Later contracted to stock the mill, but in 1867 sold his interest in the contract, and took charge of the Huntersdale mill. While at that place one of his men, George Miller, was thrown on the saw and literally cut to pieces.

In the same year, Mr. Benn went to Michigan, where he engaged in the sawmill business for one year, and then returned to Tioga county, working at milling and in the lumber woods for two years. In 1869 he was there married to Miss Delcena King, of that county, and they began their domestic life in Westfield, where he was employed in the sawmill of D. S. Graves for one year. In 1870 they removed to Emporium, Penn., where he acted as foreman for his father for one year, and then took charge of the West Creek Manufacture & Mining Co.’s planing-mill, at Beechwood, Cameron county, remaining there until 1872, when he migrated to Storm Lake, Iowa, to grow up with the country. After losing all his money, he returned to Pennsylvania in the following spring, and for one season operated a mill for J. R. Buckwalter.

In 1874 Mr. Benn came to Houtzdale, Clearfield county, where he served as superintendent of the mill of Reed Brothers until 1876, when he entered the employ of Lowther & Flynn in the same capacity, remaining with them until 1885. He then located at Dysart, where he purchased a mill and continued to manufacture lumber for P. & A. Flinn for a year and a half. He has since engaged in the same business for the Creston Clearfield Coal & Coke Co. during which time he has manufactured about thirty-four million feet of lumber. At the time of the Johnstown flood he lost about $1,500. In 1889 he took up his residence in Coalport, purchasing the George Bigler property, consisting of a large and pleasant residence and good outbuildings. Here he has since made his home, and in May, 1896, in company with C. P. Pannebaker, he embarked in business, dealing in ready-made clothing and gentlemen’s furnishing goods. They carry a large and complete stock, and by fair and honorable dealings have succeeded in building up a good trade. After coming to this place he sold his property in Houtzdale, and has invested his money in real estate in Coalport.

Having no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Benn took to their home a little girl, Christina Herron, who was born in Maryland, and was living in Houtzdale at the time of her adoption. She was a diligent student while attending the common schools, and was later educated in the higher branches by the Christian Endeavor Society, graduating from the Northfield. Massa-
SAMUEL M. CURTS, a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Cooper township, Clearfield county, was born July 16, 1838, in Lycoming county, Penn., where he was educated in the common schools and reared to the occupation of farming. He is of Irish origin. His grandfather, Michael Curts, was a native of Ireland, whence, when nine years of age, he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the New World, and with them took up his residence in New Jersey, where his father later became a peach-grower. He married Susan Wolf, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Curts, Sr., the father of our subject, grew to manhood in Lycoming county, where he worked at the trade of shoemaking for a time, and later purchased, cleared and improved a farm. After several removals he purchased a house and lot in Kellersburg, Armstrong county, Penn., where his death occurred. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican. For his first wife he wedded Susan Guthrie, who died in 1842, leaving three children: Mrs. Catherine Guthrie, Samuel M., and Mrs. Sarah Parmer, who were reared by their step-mother. There were eight children by the second marriage: Ella, George, Jane, Anna, Joseph, Martha, Ambrose and John.

Our subject remained with his father until the Civil war broke out, when he enlisted in Lycoming county, in April, 1861, for three months' service, and was mustered in at Harrisburg, Penn., whence he was sent to Bedford and later to Hopewell, W. Va. On the expiration of his term he re-enlisted, becoming a member of the Fifth Reserve, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He assisted in building fortifications around Washington in the fall of 1861, and went into camp at Pierpont. The first engagement in which he participated was the battle of Gainesville, and later was in fourteen hotly-contested fields. At Fredericksburg he was wounded in the face, but as soon as able he rejoined his command, continuing in active service until the battle of the Wilderness, when he had a slight flesh wound in the right leg and right arm. Although for three months he was unable to perform active duty, he would not go to the hospital. He was never taken prisoner, and on the expiration of his three years was honorably discharged July 11, 1864, and mustered out at Harrisburg.

Returning to Lycoming county, Mr. Curts was employed by the month in the lumber woods, and for twelve years continued the business, in the meantime coming to Clearfield county in 1866. For seven years he was in the employ of Governor Bigler, in Clearfield borough. Since 1876 he has engaged in farming, making his home in Cooper township for the past twelve years. In connection with agricultural pursuits he also conducts a livery, and runs a hack to Philipsburg twice a week. In 1867, in Clearfield county, he was married to Miss Rachel Hall, who belonged to a prominent pioneer family of the county. Her father, William Hall, cleared and improved a farm in Graham township, where his death occurred in 1867. His faithful wife, who still survives him, is the mother of five children: William, George, Catherine, Rachel and Cyrus. Three children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Curts, as follows: Harry, now a resident of Woodland, Penn.; and Samuel H. and Martha, at home. On the evening of December 9, 1897, Mrs. Curts was taken ill with blood poisoning, and on the evening of the following day (December 10), just twenty-four hours after she was taken ill, she passed peacefully away. She was born February 26, 1849, in Morris township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Politically, Mr. Curts affiliates with the Republican party; fraternally he is a member of the American Mechanics. He is a frank, open-hearted; hospitable man, has made many warm friends since taking up his residence in Clearfield county, and is held in the highest regard by all with whom he comes in contact.

R. JIMESON, a well-known and highly-esteemed citizen of Munson, was born January 29, 1800, in Brady township, Clearfield county, a son of John and Harriet Best Jimeson. The birth of the father occurred May 18, 1829, near Parnassus, Westmoreland Co., Penn., where he grew to manhood. In 1835 he located
in Brady township, Clearfield county, and purchased property in the town of Luthersburg. He had a contract for carrying the mail from Luthersburg to Punxsutawney, Penn. He served as constable of the former place for five years. Subsequently he emigrated to Kansas, but after a year's residence in that State, returned to Clearfield county, locating in Du Bois, where for three years he engaged in the flour and feed business; he served as tax collector of the place for two years. He has now laid aside active business cares and finds a pleasant home with our subject.

John Jimeson was twice married, his first union being with Miss Daugherty, by whom he had two children, namely: John W., a resident of East End, Pittsburg, Penn., married and has six children; and Amanda is the wife of Samuel Skillen, and with their four children they reside on Butler street, Pittsburg. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Jimeson was married to Harriet Luther, of Brady township, and to them were born three sons: E. E., who is engaged in merchandising in Morrisdale Mines, Clearfield county, married Carrie Mons, of Kylerstown, and has two children; W. W., the owner and proprietor of a large hotel in Charleroi, Washington Co., Penn., married Grace Deviney, of Philipsburg, Penn., and has two children; and R. L., who completes the family.

R. L. Jimeson, whose name opens this review, was reared and educated in Brady township, Clearfield county. On attaining manhood he was married in Armstrong county, Penn., to Miss Catharine D. Rugh, a daughter of Samuel Rugh, an early pioneer of that county, where her birth occurred. To them were born four children: Ida L.; Clyde E.; William McKinley, who died in infancy; and Carrie E.

After his marriage Mr. Jimeson located on a farm near Kylerstown, Clearfield county, which he operated for three years, and then removed to Morrisdale Mines, where he assisted his brother in the store until 1801. In that year he came to Munson, where he purchased the mercantile establishment of E. T. Roan, and successfully engaged in business for six years. He next bought the "Moshannon Hotel," but after conducting it for one year sold to O. L. Schoonover, and at present is engaged in the hotel business in Clearfield. He has been very successful in his undertakings, which may be attributed to his enterprise, industry and good management, for since starting out in life for himself, he has been dependent upon his own resources. He is a careful, conservative business man, whose fair and honorable dealings have won the confidence of all. He assisted in organizing the Republican party in Munson, has served as a member of the County Central Committee, of which he has been chairman, and is one of its most earnest advocates. His excellent wife is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in the social circles of the community they hold an enviable position.

W. S. GILLILAND, M. D., of Karthaus, Clearfield county, is a successful physician whose long experience, thorough knowledge of his profession, and continued progress in the line of his chosen calling, have brought to him prosperity and a well-merited reputation. His devotion to the interests of his patients is proverbial, and he has secured a liberal clientele.

Dr. Gilliland was born in Potter township, Centre Co., Penn., December 9, 1842, and is a son of John and Lydia (Smith) Gilliland. His father was born in Centre county in 1808, and was a son of Joseph and Margaret (Cowden) Gilliland, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, and at an early age crossed the ocean, taking up his residence in Lancaster county, Penn., where his wife was born and reared. After their marriage they became pioneers of Centre county, and in Potter township the grandfather developed a farm, upon which he spent his remaining days.

John Gilliland, father of our subject, was reared on the old homestead in Potter township, and was a well-known citizen of that community. In 1836 he moved to Salt Lick, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1888, and the community mourned the taking away of one of its best citizens. His wife died in Salt Lick in 1889. They reared a family of four sons and two daughters: Hannah and Mary, who reside in Karthaus township; Joseph, who is married, and lives in Potterdale; William S., the subject of this review; Edward, who lives in Karthaus township, and Robert, a resident of Snow Shoe, Centre county.

In the county of his nativity Dr. Gilliland spent the days of his boyhood and youth, his time being occupied with play and work in the usual manner of lads of that period. His literary education was acquired in the public schools, and in 1858 he came to Karthaus township, Clearfield county. With the desire of entering the medical profession and making the practice of medicine his life work, he, in 1864, became a student in the office of Dr. Potter, and under his direction continued his reading for two years. In 1866 he entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in 1868 he began practice at what was then known as Central Point. Few physicians in this section of the county have
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In 1870, in Girard township, Clearfield county, Dr. Gilliland was united in marriage with Miss Martha A. Murray, a native of that township, and a daughter of Alexander and Isabella (Holt) Murray, pioneer settlers of that locality, who are now deceased. The Doctor and his wife have had a family of thirteen children: Cora, William and Alexander, who all three died in Keewaydin, Clearfield county; Isabella and Edward Bruce, both deceased; Blanche; Harry; Alda; Mabel; Julia; Fannie; Jennie, and Paul.

The Doctor is a stanch Calvinist in religion, although not a member of Church; in politics he is a Democrat of the Jefferson and William J. Bryan school. He has long witnessed the development and advancement of Clearfield county, and has seen the progress that the years have brought. In the work of improvement he has ever borne his part, and is known as a public spirited citizen, who has given substantial aid to interests concerning the public welfare.

W. H. SHIREY. The fertile soil of Clearfield county attracted at an early day the attention of an energetic and industrious class of settlers through whose arduous labors the wilderness was made to blossom like the rose. Among the first of these was George Shirey, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who was a native of Germany. He located in Lawrence township during the latter part of the 18th century, and followed farming and lumbering throughout the remainder of his life. His death occurred there, and his widow afterward married Jacob Goss, of Decatur township, and spent her last years in that section. By the first marriage there were eight children, none of whom are now living. William died in Bradford township, in 1886; John is mentioned more fully below; Jacob died in Bradford township in 1865; George in Columbia, Penn., when on the river, being but a young man; Margaret married Mr. Swatsworth, of Lawrence township; Mary was the wife of Isaac Southard, of Clearfield; Jane married Orris Hoyt, of Lawrence township; Eve married John Graham, of Bradford.

John Shirey, our subject's father, was born in Lawrence township on January 30, 1799, and spent his boyhood there and in Clearfield. He was married in Lawrence township to Miss Hannah Mapes, and settled in Bradford township in 1822 as a farmer, purchasing a tract of forest land which he cleared and improved. He was a good marksman, and game being plenty in those days, would frequently go out and bring in a venison before breakfast. On one occasion he was waked up in the night by a disturbance among the hogs. Looking out at the window, it being a bright moonlight night, he saw a bear. Dressing himself quickly, he took down his gun and hurried out just in time, as the bear was climbing into the barn floor (it being low down) with a pig in his possession. Following closely he got into the barn floor shortly after the bear got out into the meadow beyond. Bringing his trusty rifle to his face he took deliberate aim and brought old bruin to the ground, the ball having taken him in the back part of the head. He then summoned his neighbors to help dress the animal, which proved to be a very large and fat one, weighing about three hundred pounds, distributing the meat among the neighbors. He was also one of the early and successful pilots on the Susquehanna river. He was a man of unusual independence and force of character and was influential in shaping the destinies of the community. In the building up of the United Brethren Church of that locality he was an active worker, being the first class-leader and the first superintendent of the Sunday-school. In political affairs he was no less influential, first as a Democrat and later as a Republican, and he served as justice of the peace for fifteen years. His first wife died in 1844, being forty-three years old and, in 1847, he married Miss Nancy Norris, daughter of Moses and Sarah Norris, who were early settlers of Lawrence township. John Shirey passed to his eternal reward in 1863 at the home which his own industry had prepared, and Mrs. Shirey survived him only a few years, her death occurring in Bradford township in 1870.

Our subject was one of nine children by the first union: (1) Israel was so burned when one year old that he died from the effects of his injuries. (2) Sophia married John W. Kyler, of Boggs township, Clearfield county. (3) Isaac married Barbara Ellen Leonard, of Goshen, in 1847, and settled in Bradford township. Both are now deceased, his death having occurred in Nebraska in 1895, and their family is scattered. (4) Walter D. resides in West Clearfield. (5) Matilda lives in Lawrence town-
ship. (6) W. H. is the subject proper of this sketch. (7) Ellen died at the age of six years. (8) Susan was married in 1864 to William E. Forcey and lives in Bradford township. (9) J. F., of Bradford township, who married Rebecca Woolridge. Two sons were born of the second marriage, namely: Russell B., who married Pascaline Wilson. Russell B.'s first wife died in 1877, and he subsequently married Martha Hoover, and resides at Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn.; and James H., who died in 1889. He married first Miss Emma Tate, of Goshen, and after her death he formed a second union, with Elizabeth Holt, the widow of Alfred Holt.

W. H. Shirey was born in 1836 at the old home in Bradford township, where he availed himself during boyhood of the educational advantages afforded by the neighboring schools. He was teamster on the home farm during the farming season and worked in the woods during the winter. Feeling that he needed a better education, and having gathered a little money, he took two terms of school at the Pine Grove Academy, in Centre county, Penn., in 1859-60. The school was under the management of Prof. J. E. Thomas. He taught school in 1861, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in Company E., 140th P. V. I., one of the famous Bucktail regiments, and was sworn in at Harrisburg. His regiment became a part of the Army of the Potomac, and its gallant record is familiar to all. Among the engagements in which Mr. Shirey took part were: the battle at Chancellorsville and all the battles of the campaign of 1863. He was in all the battles of the Wilderness campaign of 1864 from the 5th of May to the last of June, at Petersburg, Va. Was on the famous Weldon Railroad raid, 1st and 2d Hatcher's Run: then his regiment was detached for special duty at Elmira, Auburn and other points in New York State, remaining there until the close of the war. He missed no fight in which his regiment was engaged and remained in the service until the close of the war. June 29, 1865, he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, and on July 1, 1865, he was formally mustered out at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

He returned to his native place, and on the 12th of October of the same year he was married to Miss Eliza Jane Stewart, a former schoolmate. Her parents, John and Jane (Campbell) Stewart, came from Ireland in 1822 and settled in the woods in Bradford township, where they made in time a comfortable home. Mr. Stewart died there in 1879, aged eighty-five, and his wife passed away in 1873, at Clearfield, in her seventy-second year. Mr. and Mrs. Shirey have had the following children: H. Ord Shirey, married Anna B. Boid, daughter of Robert and Tillie Boid, of Lawrence township, and resides near Woodland, Bradford township; a child who died in infancy; Tessie E., Mrs. Reese Undercoffer, of Woodland; Roy, still at home; Doyle, who married Elizabeth Brown, and resides in Woodland, Bradford township; Irene and Lois, who are at home; John, who died in July, 1892, in his sixteenth year; Dean, Effa and Boaz, youngest three, who reside with their parents; and one not named who died in infancy.

Not long after his marriage, Mr. Shirey purchased the old Dennis Crowel farm near Woodland, upon which he now resides. It contains 114 acres and was already improved, and Mr. Shirey's skillful management has brought it to a high state of cultivation. Local affairs receive from Mr. Shirey that careful attention that good citizenship demands, and his personal popularity has often been a helpful factor in the success of the Republican ticket in his locality. He was the first member of his party elected to the school board, the first Republican auditor and the first Republican justice of the peace, the latter office having been held by him for more than twelve years. He belongs to Lorimer Post, No. 179, G. A. R., and to the United Brethren Church at Pleasant Valley, in which he is an active worker as class-leader, teacher in the Sunday-school, superintendent, trustee, etc. His house is never closed against anyone, even peddlers and tramps are given something to eat when in need, and shelter in a stormy night.

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J. F. REED comes of a family whose history is inseparably connected with that of Falls Creek, Clearfield county. He is now recognized as one of its most prominent citizens, and his efforts have proved an effective agency in promoting its best interests.

Born in 1835, in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, Mr. Reed is a son of John L. and Sarah (Snyder) Reed. His grandfather was one of the pioneers of Clarion county, Penn., and there resided for many years. His father was born in Clarion county, in 1829, and when a young man removed to Warsaw township, Jefferson county, where he lived for many years. His wife was a native of Northumberland county, and came to Jefferson county in her maidenhood. After their marriage they located in the midst of the forest, and Mr. Reed developed a farm in Warsaw township, whereon he resided for some years.
He afterward embarked in merchandising, and in 1873 took up his residence in DuBois. The following year he removed to Falls Creek, Clearfield county, where he was successfully engaged in the lumber business until 1881, when he opened the first store at Falls Creek, Clearfield county. He was successfully engaged in merchandising there until 1894, and was the first postmaster of the town, conducting the affairs of that office until succeeded by our subject. He is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of a well-spent life. Mr. and Mrs. John L. Reed have a family of eight children, namely: D. W., who resides in Colorado; S. C., who is living in Falls Creek; Caroline, wife of James Beachtel, of DuBois; J. F.; E. G., who is living in DuBois; R. B., who makes his home in Bradford, Penn.; Mary E., now Mrs. Rogers, of Falls Creek; and Mrs. Anna McDonald, of Big Run, Jefferson Co., Pennsylvania.

J. F. Reed, whose name introduces this review, was reared in Jefferson and Clearfield counties, and obtained his education in the public schools near his home. He entered upon his business career in Clearfield county, and is now the oldest merchant in Falls Creek. He established a store here in July, 1885. In 1894 he erected a good two-story brick and stone building, which is filled with a large and well-selected stock of everything found in a first-class general store. His business methods are most honorable, and, combined with his courteous treatment, have secured to him a very liberal patronage. He is now his father's successor in the post office, and in the management of its affairs has won popular favor. On November 26, 1884, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Amanda Craft, who was born in Jefferson county, a daughter of Joseph Craft, an honored pioneer of the county, now deceased. They have a family of five children, namely: Clarence E., Willie E., Minnie E., Anna M. and Wilda. The father of this family has always been a staunch advocate of Democratic principles, and from the establishment of a post office in Falls Creek he has been connected therewith, serving as assistant until 1884, and since then as postmaster. He has been a member of the school board for eight years, of which time he was secretary six years, and two years its president. He is deeply interested in the cause of education, which has been materially advanced through his efforts. He is a member of Garfield Lodge, No. 559, F. & A. M.; and of Falls Creek Lodge, No. 937, I. 0. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, and served as representative to the Grand lodge. He is widely known throughout this section of the county, and the part which he has taken in the development of Falls Creek has engraven his name indelibly on the pages of its history.

George S. Gearhart, proprietor of the West Clearfield Furniture Factory, was one of the first to recognize the business possibilities of the borough of West Clearfield, and to identify himself with its growth and development. A native of Clearfield county, he has always been thoroughly loyal to her interests, and his energy and business ability have been so directed as to contribute to the prosperity of his locality.

John S. Gearhart, his father, is descended from one of the early pioneer families of Clearfield county. He was born in April, 1818, in Decatur township, where he grew to manhood. Later he removed to Boggs township, and cleared and improved a tract of land upon which he and his wife, formerly Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Bercaria township, still reside. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has always been influential in local affairs. Our subject is the eldest of eight children: (2) Wesley is a farmer in Boggs township; (3) Samuel resides at West Clearfield; (4) A. C., is a farmer in Boggs township; (5) Lydia, now Mrs. Lydia Ricketts, lives at Utahville; (6) Charles died at the age of eighteen years; (7) James is at home with his father and mother, who are still living on the old farm; and (8) Lewis is married and resides in West Clearfield.

George S. Gearhart was born at the old homestead January 10, 1833, and his youth was spent in Boggs township, with the experiences in school and farm life which are familiar to most country boys. At the age of twenty-one years he went to work in the lumber business for Hoover, Hughes & Co., near Philipsburg; then after a short time went into the employ of J. T. Plympton in the machine shop at West Decatur. In 1875, he removed to West Clearfield, then a new settlement; here he went into partnership with W. F. Plympton, and continuing with him until 1878, when he built his present factory, in which he employs from six to ten men in the manufacture of book cases, desks, sideboards, mantels, and all kinds of furniture to order; also a line of hardwood stairs and porches.

In 1873 Mr. Gearhart was married in Tyrone, Centre county, to Miss Emma Plympton, a native of Huntington county, Penn., and to this union eight children were born: Earl, Frank (deceased), Ray, Agnes, Charles (deceased), Meda, Ruth, and Mary (deceased). The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which
Mr. Gearhart is a trustee. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Hiawatha Castle No. 315, and his political sympathies are with the Democratic party.

GREEN W. BELL. The intelligence and education of the citizens of Greenwood township, Clearfield county, have in this gentleman a worthy representative: one who keeps himself well posted on matters of general interest, and has served in many positions of trust and responsibility. He is a native of the township where he still makes his home, born March 12, 1860, and is a son of Frampton and Matilda (Bloom) Bell, in whose family were the following children: Sarah E., who died at the age of seven years; John, who died at the age of sixteen; Greenwood; Jerred; Arthur; and Martha, wife of T. Deal. The mother, who died February 9, 1868, was a daughter of John Bloom, who belonged to an honored pioneer family of Revolutionary fame.

Our subject was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and his early education was such as the common schools afforded, supplemented, however, with a course at the Lumber City Normal, and by extensive reading and travel in later years. In early life he taught two terms of school; but his time was principally passed in assisting in the work of the home farm and in lumbering. He piloted rafts on the river for both himself and others, and in this way obtained the money wherewith to pay for his education. In March, 1883, he embarked in general merchandising at Bells Landing, and has since erected a store building, which is well stocked with everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. In connection with his mercantile pursuits he deals in railroad ties. He married Miss Mamie Newcomer, a lady of intelligence and culture, who was born in Greenwood township, and reared in Clearfield and Clarion counties. Her parents are John and Elizabeth (Smith) Newcomer, the latter a daughter of William Smith, who died December 26, 1896, at the ripe old age of eighty-two; in early life he was a successful farmer and lumberman. Of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bell seven sons have been born: Nace C., Ord F., Ferris N., Fred E., Earl and Enloe (twins), and Purcell A.

A public-spirited, enterprising citizen, Mr. Bell was instrumental in having a post office established at Bells Landing in 1883, and was commissioned the first postmaster by W. Q. Gresham. During Harrison's administration he was out of office three years, but was again reinstated during President Cleveland's last term. In the spring of 1890 he was elected justice of the peace, and after serving three years resigned in order to accept the position of postmaster again. He has been township auditor three years, school director five years, president of the School Directors Association of Clearfield county one year, and his duties have ever been discharged with the utmost promptness and fidelity. In 1886, he was a delegate to the National Postmasters Convention at Washington, D. C., and has been secretary and treasurer of the County Postmasters Association. A recognized leader in the Democratic organization in Greenwood township, his name was presented to the convention as a candidate for State representative, and he came within a few votes of receiving the nomination. He has many times been a delegate to county conventions of his party, and was a member of the State Convention at Allentown, in 1887. He takes great interest in politics, is well posted on the important issues and questions of the day, and is an earnest advocate of the free coinage of silver.

As a business man, Mr. Bell ranks among the ablest in Clearfield county, and has taken an active and prominent part in business conventions. He was the originator and promoter of the plan for the erection of the iron bridge across the river at Bells Landing, and, being justice of the peace at the time, swore in the committee, carried the plans before the county commissioners and secured the grant. All enterprises for the benefit of the community have received his earnest support and hearty co-operation, and he has, therefore, been an important factor in the development and prosperity of Bells Landing. He is the owner of considerable town property, including his own fine residence and the old homestead of David Bell. Socially, he affiliates with the Masonic fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and served as district deputy grand master in 1891 and 1892, a delegate to the grand lodge and senior deacon of the Masonic lodge. He takes a great interest in apiculture, having an apiary of eighty colonies of Italian bees, and raises honey by the thousand pounds. He is a member of the National Beekeepers Union.

D. GINGERY, one of the substantial and progressive business men of Clearfield county, and the present sheriff, was for many years a leading merchant at Woodland, and his pur
chase of the property of the Clearfield Milling Co., at Clearfield, which he recently sold, brought him further success.

Mr. Gingery's ancestors were early settlers in Pennsylvania, and his grandfather, Joseph Gingery, a farmer, was a native of Lancaster county, whence in early manhood he moved to Juniata county, but his last years were spent in Half Moon township, Centre county.

Our subject, an only child, was born March 10, 1851, on the farm in Centre county, and he remained at home until he attained his majority. He then spent four years in mercantile business at Port Matilda, Penn., and in 1876 moved to Woodland, where he bought the mercantile business of the Woodland Fire Brick Co., and continued same until 1894, enjoying an extensive patronage. In 1892 he purchased a flouring-mill at Clearfield, and operated that with gratifying success some four years. For some time he was in the square-timber business, rafting the lumber down the river to Lock Haven. He also owns a sawmill in Centre county, and he is now the owner of 280 acres of land in Clearfield county, besides six dwelling houses in Woodland, which he rents.

In June, 1881, Mr. Gingery was married in Woodland to Miss Ida E. Blattenberger, a native of Perry county, Penn. Her grandfather, George W. Blattenberger, was born in Lancaster county, but spent the greater part of his life in Perry county, where his death occurred. Her parents, Julius and Carrie (Hines) Blattenberger, were both born in this State, and settled in Osceola, Penn., after their marriage. The father died there in 1875, but the mother passed her last days in Woodland.

Mr. Gingery is not only prominent in business circles, but he takes an influential part in local affairs and in the Republican organization of Clearfield county. He has held several positions of trust, including the offices of auditor and treasurer of his township. On November 2, 1897, he was elected sheriff, and January 3, 1898, was qualified for the three-year term. Socially, he is a member of Clearfield Lodge No. 314, F. & A. M., and of Clearfield Chapter, R. A. M. His residence in Woodland is one of the finest in his section.

THOMAS M. LAMBERT, a representative business man of Coalport, is prominently identified with the industrial interests of the place as a blacksmith, and is a member of a well-known family of Clearfield county. His father, Samuel Lambert, was born in Lycoming county, Penn., in 1830, a son of William and Susan (Nevil) Lambert, the former a native of England and the latter of Lycoming county, where the grandfather located at an early day. There he purchased a wooded tract within nine miles of Muncy, and cleared and developed a good farm near the present site of Hughesville.

Upon that farm were born the nine children of the family: (1) Jane married Nelson Morris, and for some years resided in Clearfield county, near Clearfield Bridge, after which they removed to Los Angeles, California. (2) Sarah, born in Lycoming county, married Alexander Fields, and removed to Danville, Penn., where Mr. Fields was employed in the rolling mills; they have a large family. (3) Caroline is the wife of Elijah Youkin, who is engaged in the sawmill and lumber business in Williamsport, Penn.; they have four children, namely—Birse, a machinist, who is married and resides in Williamsport; Michael, a college graduate and a bright young man, who died at the age of twenty-two; Alice and Annie, both residents of Williamsport. (4) John enlisted in the Union army in 1863, was killed at Norfolk, Va., and was buried in Lycoming county. (5) Charles, after attaining his majority, came to Clearfield county, and married Annie Miller, of Stoneville; he then located in Williamsport, where he has since followed the sawmill business; they have two children: (6) Catherine is the widow of Charles Buck, of Lycoming county, and the mother of several children. (7) Henry married, and removed to Harrisburg, where he still lives with his family. (8) Alice is the wife of David Boyer, who owns and operates a farm in Woodward township; they have six children—Stella, Harry, John, Dick, Samuel and Susie.

Samuel Lambert, who completes the family, remained upon the home farm until he was nineteen years of age when he started for the West, making his way on foot to Detroit, Mich., where he engaged in lumbering. The Indians were then very numerous in that State, but were usually very friendly with the white settlers. At one time Mr. Lambert accompanied some of them on a fishing trip, when becoming offended with him, they tried to drown him by upsetting the canoe. However, he swam to shore, almost a mile distant. In his Western home he had with him a companion, Frederick Burns, of Lycoming county, and they remained in Michigan until 1848, when Mr. Lambert took up his residence on Clearfield creek, working for Thomas Ralston in the lumber woods. While there he formed the acquaintance of Miss Eleanor M. Ralston, and they were married in 1850. Enter-
Lambert, born on the homestead in 1862, was married in 1883 to Minerva Westover, of Coalport, and located on the old farm in Boggs township, where he now resides; his wife died in 1895, leaving a son, Willie. (7) John born in 1864, died of typhoid fever in 1876. (8) G. W. Lambert, born in 1867, and reared on the old homestead, learned the blacksmith's trade with his brother Thomas, in Coalport; he married Laura Esch, of Beaver Valley, Cambria Co., Penn., and now resides in Spangler, Pennsylvania.

Thomas M. Lambert, whose name introduces this sketch, was born August 5, 1852, and in the usual manner of farmer lads spent the days of his boyhood and youth. His educational advantages were limited, and in 1872 his father apprenticed him to Thomas Riley, of Clearfield, to learn the blacksmith's trade. After a short time he entered the service of Henry Kerns, of Curwensville, with whom he remained two years, completely mastering the business. He afterward spent one year at Reads Cross Roads in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and then worked near Stoneville until 1876, when he, too, was stricken with typhoid fever. During the following year he worked for the Sandy Lick Coal Co., in Du Bois, and then was employed in Brockwayville, after which he entered the service of the Rochester Coal Co., in Du Bois, while the miners were on a strike. Subsequently he carried on a smithy in Decatur township, on Morgan run, and after his marriage located at Hoover's Mills, where he remained for a year, when he came to Coalport, and in 1880 purchased some lots in this town. Here he erected a fine residence, which he made his home until 1889, when he removed to Unionville, Centre county, working at his trade for a year. At the expiration of that period he returned to Coalport, erected another shop and handsome dwelling, and now occupies one of the finest homes in the place.

Mr. Lambert was married February 5, 1880, to Tillie Baughman, of Woodward township, Clearfield county, daughter of Henry and Rachel Baughman. While they were residing in Centre county there was born to them September 2, 1881, a daughter, Maud, who has displayed special aptitude in her school work, and has also a fine musical education for one of her years. Roy, their second child, born October 28, 1883, is attending school. Foster died December 31, 1888. In politics Mr. Lambert is a stanch Republican, and has held the office of councilman of Coalport for four years. He has the confidence and high regard of his fellow townsmen, and is a progressive citi-
zen, deeply interested in the welfare of the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, as well as their children, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

C S. SCHRUBB, a member of the Watts Milling Company, of Kerrmoor, Clearfield county, is a practical and experienced miller, and is now acting as general manager for the firm, having the entire supervision of the business. He owns a one-third interest in the mill, which was erected about 1891 by Samuel C. and John P. Watts, who started it as a shop-mill, but in the winter after our subject became connected with the enterprise, they put in rollers and improved machinery, converting it into a first-class flouring-mill. Mr. Schubb gives it his personal attention, buying the grain from the farmers and selling the manufactured products to the merchants. He has been very successful in its operation, and keeps on hand a fine grade of flour and feed of all kinds, for which he finds a ready sale at the highest market prices.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Schubb was born December 25, 1860, in Meadville, Crawford county, was there reared upon a farm and educated in the common schools. His father, Gabriel Schubb, was a native of Germany, whence he came to America with his stepfather, Mr. Apple, and the other members of the family, in 1851. Locating in Crawford county, Penn., he first obtained employment in a sawmill, but throughout most of his active business life followed the stonemason's trade, erecting many important buildings in Meadville and Titusville, and throughout Crawford county, including the County Home. There he purchased a tract of raw land which he improved and converted into a good farm, making it his home until his removal to Cleveland, Ohio, where he is now living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He obtained a good education in his native land, and is a well-informed man. His political support is given the Democratic party.

Gabriel Schubb was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Stull, a native of Bedford county, Penn., whose father was of German descent and a farmer by occupation. She accompanied her parents to Crawford county, where she was married. Seven children graced this union: Frank, a sawyer, residing in Cambria county, Penn.; Maggie, wife of F. Johnson; James, a cigar manufacturer; Mary, who died when young; C. S., of this sketch; Tillie, who is unmarried; and Rosa, who died in childhood. The parents are devout members of the Catholic Church.

In the place of his nativity C. S. Schubb was reared and educated, remaining with his parents until eighteen years of age, when he began learning the cooper's trade, which he subsequently followed in Meadville for three years. Going to Oil City, Penn., he worked for one year at making oil barrels, and in 1884 he came to Clearfield county, for eight seasons being in the employ of Lewy & Mitchell, shingle manufacturers. He then accepted a position with the Watts Milling Co., of Kerrmoor, and soon afterward purchased a one-third interest in the business, with which he is still connected. Here he purchased two acres of land, and erected thereon a commodious and pleasant two-story frame residence, where he still continues to make his home.

In October, 1886, Mr. Schubb married Miss Hattie Bloom, the adopted daughter of F. B. and Mary J. (Danval) McCracken, who reared and educated her. Her father, Mathew Bloom, was a descendant of Mathew Bloom, who came from Germany and located in New Jersey at an early day. There he enlisted in the Continental army, and for six years was a brave and valiant soldier during the Revolutionary war. In 1795 he came to central Pennsylvania, and in 1802 took up his residence in Clearfield county. Five children bless the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Bessie, Nina, Edna, Florence and Walter S. The parents are both consistent members of the Presbyterian Church; politically, Mr. Schubb is an ardent Republican. A pleasant, affable gentleman, he has a large circle of warm personal friends, and has won the respect and high regard of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

R EUBEN HACKMAN, a well-known citizen of West Clearfield, Clearfield county, a painter by trade, and a prominent figure in local affairs, is a descendant of one of the pioneer families of central Pennsylvania.

Ephraim Hackman, his father, was born in Schuylkill county, but settled in Centre county in early manhood, and followed the stone mason's trade for many years. He was married in Union county, Penn., to Miss Mary Magdalena Orwig, who died in Snyder county, Penn., in 1865, and his own death occurred in 1877 in St. Joseph county, Mich. They had eight children: (1) William, who died in St. Joseph county, Mich.; (2) Lavina (Mrs. Letzel), who died in Centre county, Penn., in 1895; (3) Matilda, the widow of the late Homer Shull, of Dauphin county, Penn.; (4) Henry, a resident of Dauphin county; (5) Samuel, who died in Elkhart, Ind., in 1883;
(6) Elias, who died at the age of fourteen years; (7) Reuben, our subject; and (8) George, a farmer in St. Joseph county, Michigan.

Mr. Hackman was born in Miles township, Centre county, in 1831, and was educated in the schools of that locality. He has followed his trade since early manhood, and in January, 1861, he removed from Snyder county, Penn., to West Clearfield, where his skill as a workman and excellent qualities as a man have won a high reputation. In July, 1863, he was married in Clearfield, to Miss Philopena Korb, a native of Germany. Her mother died there, and her father, Christian Korb, came to Clearfield, many years ago, but returned to the Fatherland, where he died in 1871. Six children were born of this union: Emma married Mr. Stahl, of Baltimore; Charles is married, and resides in Clearfield, where he conducts a grocery; Carrie died at the age of nineteen; Clinton is married, and is engaged in business at West Clearfield, as a buyer; Laura is at home; and Edith died at nine years of age. The family attend the Lutheran Church, of which Mrs. Hackman and the children are members. Mr. Hackman is deeply interested in public affairs, and has watched the development of this section with loyal satisfaction. While he votes the Democratic ticket on national issues, he is an independent in local politics. He has held the office of assessor of West Clearfield.

DAVID COPELIN. Few men can show a record for as great loyalty to their country as is contained in the life review of Mr. Copelin. He is a veteran of two wars, and all through the years of peace he has discharged his duties of citizenship with the same fidelity to duty that he manifested on the field of battle as a defender of the Stars and Stripes.

Mr. Copelin was born in Wooster, Ohio, April 21, 1826, and is a son of Richard and Nancy (Fairfield) Copelin. The father was born and reared in Pennsylvania, and at an early day removed to Wooster, where he followed the mason's trade. Some years later he returned to Huntingdon county, Penn., and his death occurred in Tyrone, Penn., in 1863; his wife died in Centre county, in 1857. They reared a family as follows: Willis enlisted in the Mexican war at Lewistown, Penn., served for two years, and afterward went to California, joining a regiment of that State, and again serving two years. He died in Illinois. David is the second in the family. Caroline died in Blair county, Penn. John resides in the West. Charley enlisted at Tyrone, Penn., in Company B, 110th P. V. I., and served until the close of the Civil war, being twice wounded. He now resides in California. Hugh, who makes his home in Tyrone, Penn., was a member of the 6th Regiment of Regulars. Isaiah enlisted in the 110th P. V. I., and is now a resident of Philipsburg, Penn. George, who was a member of the 6th Regulars, resides in California. Mrs. Electa Post is living in Texas. Mrs. Elizabeth Rennard resides in Altoona, Penn. Mrs. Catherine Gunter (a widow) is living in Philipsburg. Richard resides in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Copelin, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Huntingdon county, upon a farm, and continued to assist in the cultivation of the fields until 1846, when he joined a regiment raised for the Mexican war. He served two years, and participated in the battles of Chepultepec and Mexico City under Gen. Shields. When the war was ended, he returned to the North, and in 1858 located in Decatur township, Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of timber land. He has made farming his life work, and is now the owner of a valuable place of seventy-six acres under a high state of cultivation and well-improved with excellent buildings. He also owns property in Philipsburg.

Throughout his business career he has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, but during the period of the Civil war, he put aside all personal considerations, and at Warren Works, Huntingdon county, in September, 1861, joined Company K, 110th P. V. I. He then came to Decatur township as a recruiting officer, and enrolled forty-eight men in that township, and in Rush township, Centre county. He joined his regiment at Camp Crossman, and was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg with the rank of second lieutenant. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and ordered to Hancock, where Mr. Copelin was asked to take control. He was promoted to first lieutenant in 1862, and had command of the company most of the time. He participated in the battles of Winchester, Fredericksburg, where he was wounded, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. On account of illness he was then sent to Baltimore, and was in the hospital five weeks, after which he rejoined his regiment at Washington Springs, where he was given command of company K. At Kellogg's Ford, he was again taken ill, and sent to Washington, D. C. At Georgetown, he was honorably discharged in January, 1864, and thus was ended his military career, which was characterized by valor and unquestioned loyalty.

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Mr. and Mrs. Copelin have eight children: Marmaduke, who is married and resides in Philipsburg; Perry, who is married and makes his home in Decatur township; Mrs. Electa Leeman, of Philipsburg (her children (triplets) are all living); Charles, who is married and resides in Belsena Mills, Clearfield county; Myra; George (married), agent for the Pennsylvania railroad at McCartney, Penn.; Mrs. Fannie Walters, who died in Decatur in 1893; and Willis, who died at the age of thirteen years.

Mr. Copelin is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and has served as supervisor and overseer of the poor. He is a member of John W. Geary Post, No. 90, G. A. R., of Philipsburg, of the Veteran League, and of the Scotch Legion.

ISAAC D. REITER, a well-known enterprising business man of Karthaus, Clearfield county, is one of the successful general merchants of the place, where he is also extensively engaged in the manufacture of shingles. He has been an important factor in promoting the industrial and commercial interests of the community, and in advancing his own prosperity has materially aided in the upbuilding and welfare of the village.

In Covington township, Clearfield county, Mr. Reiter was born June 4, 1852, and in its country schools obtained his education. His grandfather, Michael Reiter, a native of Germany, was an honored pioneer of this section of the State, first locating in Centre county and later in Clearfield county, but his death occurred in the former. John M. Reiter, the father of our subject, was born in Karthaus township, in 1822, and has mostly made his home in Clearfield county. He bought a tract of wild land in Covington township, which he has developed into a fine farm, whereon he still lives at the age of seventy-five years. Throughout his entire business career he followed lumbering and farming, and is still quite active—able to manage the affairs of his farm. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Methodists.

In Clearfield county, John M. Reiter was married to Miss Nancy, daughter of William and Rosanna (Shank) Bridgens, who were of Scotch-Irish descent, and were numbered among the earliest pioneers of Karthaus and Covington townships, where the father opened up a farm in the wilderness. He died in 1873, aged eighty years; his wife passed away in Hardin county, Iowa, December 18, 1896, when aged eighty-three years. To Mr. and Mrs. Reiter were born eleven children, of whom Mary L., Rosanna, Ellen and Elizabeth, all died of diphtheria, their ages being from three to twelve years; the others are: Mrs. Angeline Maurer; Isaac D.; William F.; Sarah A., wife of E. Pinder; Samuel (married); Robert; and Jesse, who is still with his father.

During his boyhood and youth, Isaac D. Reiter early became familiar with farming and lumbering upon the old homestead, and continued under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. On starting out in life for himself, he worked as a day laborer, and later engaged in contracting in lumber, which he would take down the river to market. He also owns and operates a shingle mill, and in 1895 he purchased the general store of Mr. Heckendorf, in Karthaus, which he has since successfully conducted. He owns his residence property in that village, and also a good farm in Covington township, but has never made his home thereon. In 1884, he wedded Miss Mary E. Etzweiler, of Clearfield, a daughter of David F. Etzweiler (of whom further mention will presently be made), and one child has blessed this union, Carrie, born February 12, 1886.

In politics our subject is a strong Democrat, seeing in the principles of that party the true administration of a free government, "of the people, by the people, and for the people." He takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and has served as auditor of his township. Socially he belongs to the Odd Fellows Society. His wife is a member of the Episcopal Church. They are surrounded by many friends and acquaintances who esteem them highly for their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character.

David F. Etzweiler was born February 15, 1824, near Harrisburg, Penn., a son of George and Mary (Felmlee) Etzweiler. At an early day he located in Clearfield, Clearfield county, where he engaged in merchandising for several years. In 1871, under Senator Wallace, he served as clerk in the Senate; from 1863 to 1869 he was prothonotary of Clearfield county; later he invested in a plantation in the South, where he resided some ten years. Returning to Clearfield he made that place his home. In Harrisburg, Dauphin county, he married Miss Anna Amelia Pool (daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Houser) Pool), born June 26, 1826, died February 27, 1881, in Buckingham county, Va., and
CHAT C. HOWE. Jesse Howe, grandfather of our subject, a native of New York State, was an early settler in Philipsburg, Penn., where he engaged in lumbering, and he died there in 1865. His son Robert, our subject's father, was born in New York State in 1824, but was reared in Centre county, Penn., and became a prominent lumberman and millwright there. He was married at Philipsburg to Miss Julia Phillips, a native of Decatur township, Clearfield county. Her parents, William and Eleanor (Jones) Phillips, were born in England, and on coming to this country they settled upon a tract of forest land near Philipsburg, which became in time a valuable farm. Many members of this family reside in Clearfield county. Mr. and Mrs. Howe had six children: Electa (Mrs. Leavy), of Allport, Clearfield county; Lawrence, who is married and resides in Blair county, Penn.; Eleanor (Mrs. Dr. Emigh), of Philipsburg; Linda (Mrs. Harris), of Irwona, Clearfield county; Chat C., our subject; and Ira, who lives in Philipsburg. The father died in Philipsburg, November 21, 1876; his widow still resides there.

Chat C. Howe, our subject, was born in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., June 1, 1860, came to Clearfield county in 1868, and was reared in Kylertown and Morris township. He was engaged in the lumber business for a time, and then spent ten years in clerical work at Kylertown. In 1862 he was appointed to the office of commissioner's clerk, and in November, 1803, he received the appointment as first steward of the County Home, which incumbency he is filling with ability and efficiency. On July 1, 1885, he was married in Kylertown to Miss Alice Stewart, who was born in that place in 1868, the daughter of James L. Stewart (now deceased). Four children were born of this union: Elva E., Grover S. (who died in infancy), Orvis V. and Ruth Rea.

Politically, Mr. Howe is a Democrat, and in addition to the offices already mentioned he has held those of district treasurer, auditor and school director in Cooper township, Clearfield county. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, while his wife adheres to the Presbyterian faith. On December 31, 1896, Mr. Howe, in company with George E. Owens, purchased the Clearfield Republican (Democratic), the oldest paper in Clearfield county (established in 1827).

MILES WRIGLEY. Among the citizens of Mahaffey who keep the wheels of trade in active motion, and by promoting commercial interests add to the prosperity and general welfare of the community, is Mr. Wrigley, the leading hardware merchant of Clearfield county. The age has long since passed when it was thought that the professional man was possessed of a higher order of business ability than he who devotes his energies to trade. The successful representatives of commercial activity must possess certain qualifications, among which are mental alertness, keen discernment, executive ability and unflagging energy. It is these characteristics which have won for Mr. Wrigley the conspicuous position he now occupies in business circles.

He was born in the town of Clearfield, September 17, 1858, a son of Robert and Mary (Stewart) Wrigley, who were reared and married in Clearfield county. The father was a son of Robert Wrigley, Sr., who was born and married in England. He obtained a fine education and was especially noted for his penmanship, so that county officials often found it to their advantage to secure his assistance in their work. He located in Clearfield county at an early day, followed the occupation of farming, and here reared his family of seven children: namely: James, Kay, Robert, Sarah, Phoebe, Nancy and Rebecca.

Robert Wrigley, father of our subject, is one of the self-made man of Clearfield, who followed farming and lumbering from an early age. After his marriage he located on a tract of raw land one mile and a quarter from Clearfield, where he improved a valuable farm. He was a most extensive fruit producer in the county, and was successful in the cultivation of all other cereals. Throughout his active business career he also followed lumbering to some extent, but is now living retired in the town of Clearfield, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He lost his wife January 17, 1872. Both were long members of the Presbyterian Church, and Robert Wrigley is a stanch Republican, who has acceptably served in a number of township offices, including that of tax collector. His children are John; Allen; Miles; Alice, wife of E. A. Hoover, of Clearfield; Annie, wife of R. Kennard; Mary, wife of George M. Dimeling, ex-county treasurer; Curtis, an agriculturist; and James, who operates the old homestead.

Reared on the farm and educated in the country schools, Miles Wrigley, at the age of eighteen years, turned his attention to the tinner's trade, at which he served a three-years' apprenticeship. Through another three years he continued with his first employer as a journeyman, and in 1880

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He was born in the town of Clearfield, September 17, 1858, a son of Robert and Mary (Stewart) Wrigley, who were reared and married in Clearfield county. The father was a son of Robert Wrigley, Sr., who was born and married in England. He obtained a fine education and was especially noted for his penmanship, so that county officials often found it to their advantage to secure his assistance in their work. He located in Clearfield county at an early day, followed the occupation of farming, and here reared his family of seven children: namely: James, Kay, Robert, Sarah, Phoebe, Nancy and Rebecca.

Robert Wrigley, father of our subject, is one of the self-made man of Clearfield, who followed farming and lumbering from an early age. After his marriage he located on a tract of raw land one mile and a quarter from Clearfield, where he improved a valuable farm. He was a most extensive fruit producer in the county, and was successful in the cultivation of all other cereals. Throughout his active business career he also followed lumbering to some extent, but is now living retired in the town of Clearfield, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He lost his wife January 17, 1872. Both were long members of the Presbyterian Church, and Robert Wrigley is a stanch Republican, who has acceptably served in a number of township offices, including that of tax collector. His children are John; Allen; Miles; Alice, wife of E. A. Hoover, of Clearfield; Annie, wife of R. Kennard; Mary, wife of George M. Dimeling, ex-county treasurer; Curtis, an agriculturist; and James, who operates the old homestead.

Reared on the farm and educated in the country schools, Miles Wrigley, at the age of eighteen years, turned his attention to the tinner's trade, at which he served a three-years' apprenticeship. Through another three years he continued with his first employer as a journeyman, and in 1880
established a small tin shop and hardware store of his own in Mahaffey. Close application to business, honorable dealing and courteous treatment of his patrons soon secured him an increased patronage, and from time to time, to meet the growing demands of his trade, he has enlarged his stock until he has the most completely equipped and extensive hardware store in the county. In addition to all kinds of shelf and heavy hardware he carries a full line of paints, oils, etc., and takes contracts for plumbing, iron and tin work. He also deals in agricultural implements, and has a wagon and carriage repository, and his trade extends to all sections of the county. His store occupies a large three-story brick block on the most conspicuous corner in Mahaffey, and in addition he has a large warehouse, both buildings being among his real-estate holdings.

In 1888, Mr. Wrigley married Ida Byers, who was reared and educated by her grandfather, Robert Mahaffey. She was born December 28, 1870, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Mahaffey) Byers. Mr. and Mrs. Wrigley have two interesting children: Robert, born May 12, 1892; and Helen, born October 9, 1896. Mrs. Wrigley is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and to Church and benevolent institutions Mr. Wrigley is a liberal contributor. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and gives an intelligent support to the Republican party, but his attention is directed chiefly to his business interests, in which he has met with signal success.

ELIHU DIXON. Few men have been more earnestly engaged in the work of developing the natural resources of this favored region than the subject of this sketch, a well-known citizen of Clearfield county, residing near Du Bois.

Mr. Dixon was born in 1843, in Warsaw township, Jefferson Co., Penn., and is of pioneer stock, his grandparents having located in the county at an early date. Our subject's father was born and reared there, and in early manhood married Miss Jane Reed, sister of John Reed, of Falls creek, Penn., their home being established in Warsaw township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and opened up a farm, but later he returned to Jefferson county, where he and his wife breathed their last. Of their numerous family of children, the eldest, Calvin, served three years in the army, was a good soldier and is a strong Republican; John and Washington reside in Du Bois; Hiram and Nancy are deceased; Mrs. Beck lives in Washington township; and Mevin moved to West Virginia.

The subject of our sketch was in early manhood engaged in business as a farmer and lumberman. In 1869 he was married to Miss Emily Wayne, whose parents, William and Ann Wayne, were natives of England, coming to this country and locating first in Philadelphia, thence moving to Sandy township, Clearfield county, and settling in the woods where there was but one house where the thriving town of Du Bois is now situated. Mr. Wayne cleared and improved a homestead where Mr. and Mrs. Dixon now reside. Their home was brightened by two children: Clarence and Rosa.

In 1882 Mr. Dixon opened a coal mine which keeps from three to six men employed, and his enterprise and judgment, as shown in this and other ventures, are favorably commented upon in business circles. As a citizen he is public-spirited, taking an interest in all measures which promise benefit to the locality.

S. M. THOMPSON. The thriving little city of Du Bois numbers among its most beautiful residences some which demonstrate the skill and taste of the well-known contractor and builder whose biography is given here. Mr. Thompson ranks among the leaders in his profession in that locality, but he is not content with even that field for he has lately erected a factory in which he finishes all sorts of wood work required in building, making a specialty of stair rails, mantels, doors and window frames.

Mr. Thompson is a native of Elk county, Penn., born August 16, 1851. Reuben Thompson, his father, was born in Centre county, September 16, 1818, but was reared in Elk county, where his father, Robert Thompson, one of the early settlers, spent a long life. Reuben Thompson, was married in Elk county to Miss Margaret McIntosh, a native of Ireland, and a few years later, in 1863, removed to Winslow township, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he settled upon a partly-improved farm. In 1884 he went to Du Bois to reside, and he died there in 1891. His widow still makes her home in Du Bois. Of their four children: Mary C. died at the old home in Jefferson county; Lizzie resides in Du Bois; and Robert died in Elk county at an early age.

S. M. Thompson was educated in the schools of Jefferson county, where his youth was spent. On removing to Du Bois, in 1885, he learned the carpenter's trade and became engaged in contracting and building, in which he speedily
won success. Among the residences built by him are those of Robert Jones, on Weber avenue; John James and John Holmes, on South avenue; and others of note. His mill, which was built by him in 1891, is a model of convenience. In 1889 he was married in Du Bois to Miss Martha Clydesdale, a native of Scotland. Her parents, James and Martha (Crawford) Clydesdale, came to this country some years ago, locating in Arnot, Penn., where Mr. Clydesdale died. His widow now resides in Du Bois. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have two attractive children: Reuben and Hazel. As a citizen Mr. Thompson is thoroughly progressive, and can be relied upon to forward any beneficial project.

W L. ANTES. Germany has sent to this section many thrifty, industrious, law-abiding people, who have been most helpful factors in the work of clearing and cultivating the fertile acres, and among the earliest of these peaceful invaders were Philip Antes and his wife Susan Antes, the grandparents of the subject of this sketch. They came to Pennsylvania at an early date, locating first in Centre county, near Curtin Furnace, where Mr. Antes conducted a gristmill for many years. In 1825 he moved to Clearfield county and followed farming in what is now Boynton, and his death occurred in Lawrence township about 1830; his wife died in 1827. Of their children none are now living: Frederick died in Centre county, Penn.; John in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Henry in Harrisburg; Philip is mentioned more fully below; Susan, the wife of John Patton, Jr., of Curwensville, died at that place; Mary (Mrs. Isaiah Goodfellow) died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Moses Boggs.

Philip Antes, our subject's father, was born in Centre county in 1800, and accompanied his parents to Clearfield county in 1825, locating permanently in Lawrence township. He was married there in the following year to Miss Mary Coldwell, a daughter of Hugh and Jane Coldwell, early settlers in that locality, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, Penn. After their marriage our subject's parents settled upon a tract of unimproved land, of which by industry and perseverance they made in time a productive farm, and there the father followed agriculture and lumbering throughout his life. His wife passed from earth in 1872, and his death occurred a year later. They had eight children, of whom five are now living, namely: Susan. Mrs. Allen Mitchell, of Clearfield; W. L., our subject; J. A., a farmer of Lawrence township; M. G., also of Lawrence township; and Elizabeth (Mrs. McPherson), of the same township.

W. L. Antes was born May 24, 1833, in Lawrence township, and was educated in the schools of that township. Engaging in the lumber business in early manhood, he followed it until his enlistment in August, 1862, in Company E, 149th P. V. I., the famous "Bucktail Regiment," at Clearfield, "for three years or during the war," and was mustered into service at Harrisburg. The regiment formed a part of the Army of the Potomac, and Mr. Antes saw some severe fighting, notably at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. In the latter engagement he was wounded with a gunshot, which confined him for some time in hospital at Gettysburg, Harrisburg and Little York. In 1864 he received an honorable discharge at Washington, D. C., and returned home. Since that time he has been extensively engaged in lumbering and farming, and for some time he was also interested in the manufacture of pumps. He was married, in 1872, to Miss Anna Bailey, of Lawrence township, a daughter of Solomon M. Bailey and his wife, Mary Ann (Shaw), who were prominent among the early residents of the township. This happy union terminated all too soon in the death of Mrs. Antes in 1874.

By his hearty sympathy with progressive movements in the locality where his life has been spent, Mr. Antes sustains well the reputation for public spirit and patriotism which his record as a soldier established. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a leading member of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church.

H A. DALY, who is engaged in the real-estate business in Du Bois, is a man of marked individuality, of high personal character and of strong business qualifications. His life record will bear the most rigid examination, for his career has been characterized by a fairness of intention that has neither sought nor required disguise. The prominent part which he has taken in the upbuilding and development of Du Bois makes him one of its most honored citizens.

A native of Penn township, Clearfield county, born in 1854, Mr. Daly is a son of Patrick and Nancy (Johnson) Daly. His father was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and when twenty-four years of age sailed from Belfast for the New World, where he arrived after a voyage of six weeks. Making his way to Grampian, Clearfield county, he located in the midst of the forests and followed farming and lumbering. He
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owned and operated a sawmill there, and in his business dealings met with success. He was married in Penn township to Nancy Johnson, a native of that township, and a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Fisher) Johnson, who were natives of York county, Penn., and of Quaker stock, and she could readily trace her ancestry back as relatives of William Penn, the founder of Philadelphia. At an early day they located in Clearfield county, where the mother died; the father spent his last days in Iowa. After his marriage, Patrick Daly devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits, and was the owner of 800 acres of land, which he ultimately sold to a coal company, and then took up his residence in Du Bois. For twenty years he served as school director, and was also tax collector. He died in Du Bois in 1887 at the age of eighty-four; his wife passed away in 1893, aged seventy-seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Daly were the parents of ten children: Mrs. Margaret Ann Casey, of Du Bois; Frank, who died in 1856: J. J., of Du Bois; John, who died in Penn township in 1866; Lawrence, of Du Bois; Mrs. Elizabeth Burgoon, who died in Brookville, in 1886: H. A.: William F., of Du Bois; Mrs. Mary Sullivan, who died in Washington, D. C., in 1890; and Anna, who died in Penn township, at the age of five years.

H. A. Daly was reared in Penn township, and early became his father's assistant in the work of farming and lumbering. For some years he was engaged in rafting lumber on the west branch of the Susquehanna river, and in 1883 came to Du Bois, where he has since engaged in the real-estate business. In connection with his brother, L. V., he built the Daly block on Long avenue, and in partnership with his brother, J. J., he in 1884 purchased the "Gordon Hotel," which was destroyed by fire June 18, 1888. In partnership with his brother, J. J., he owns a large amount of land in Sandy township, adjacent to Du Bois, and will soon be included in that borough. In 1888 he bought the "Exchange Hotel," which was also burned the same year, and at that time he lost a livery barn and three residences in the fire which destroyed much of the city. This would have utterly discouraged many a less resolute man, but with characteristic energy Mr. Daly has continued his business, and prosperity has attended his well-directed and persevering efforts. He owned a block on Long avenue, which was destroyed by fire January 12, 1897, but with characteristic energy he rebuilt. He has some valuable property in the town, and has been one of the most important factors in the substantial development of Du Bois.

Mr. Daly was married in Penn township, in 1876, to Margaret Cooney, a native of Ireland, and they had one son, Sheridan J., who is now studying law in the office of W. C. Pentz, of Du Bois. The mother died in Grampian in 1880, and Mr. Daly was married in Du Bois, in 1888, to Johanna McMahon, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Michael McMahon, who at an early day located in Du Bois, where he spent his remaining years. This marriage was blessed with four children: Faber H., Regina J., Mary A. and Edgar J. In politics Mr. Daly was a Democrat, and for five years—from 1885 until 1891—served as street commissioner. He at present holds the responsible position of water commissioner, and has full control of the Du Bois borough water department. When twenty-one years of age he was elected a member of the school board of Penn township. He and his wife are members of St. Catherine's Catholic Church, and he takes an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community.

D. H. KORNMAN, of Allemanville, Clearfield county, is a well-known contractor and builder, of whose skill many notable examples are to be seen at various points in that region. Thoroughly reliable in all things, the quality of his work is a convincing test of his own personal worth, and the same admirable trait is shown in his conscientious discharge of the duties of different positions of trust and responsibility to which he has been chosen in business and political life.

Mr. Kornman is of German descent, though remotely, his grandfather, Andrew Kornman, having been born in America of German parentage. His father, Jacob Kornman, was born near Aaronsburg, Centre county, on a farm where he was reared to manhood. He then went to Centre Hall, in the same county, and was married there to Miss Jane Coats, who became our subject's mother. A few years later he moved to Spring Mills and then to Millheim, where he conducted a sawmill for some time. His first wife died there, and he formed a second union, this time with Miss Jane Snively, of Centre county, afterward removing to Allemanville, Clearfield county. In 1876 he sold his property there and returned to Spring Mills, where he died in 1886.

His second wife, who survives him, has no children, but there were eight children by the first marriage, all of whom were born in Centre county, our subject being the third in order of
birth: (1) Maria married a Mr. Wagoner, of Lewistown, Penn., and died a number of years ago leaving a husband and several children. (2) Sarah married Jacob Gilbert, of Centre county, and at present resides at Millheim; they have a family of children; (4) Eliza married John Messenger, of Centre county, and after residing for some time near Centre Hall moved to a farm near Joliet, Ill.; later they bought a farm near Lincoln, Neb., and made their permanent home there. (5) Hester married Jacob Frier, of Coburn, Centre county, and has thirteen children. (6) William moved to Clearfield county in 1870, and married Miss Minerva Conrad, of Gulich township; they reside in Alleman, and have three children—Eliza, Mary and Florence. (7) Mary married Matthias Weagley, and resides near Spring Mills; they have two children. (8) Maggie married (first) Henry Sinkabin, and they resided in Gulich township, Clearfield county, at No. 1 Mills, where he died in 1878, leaving two children—Mary and William. After his death, Mrs. Sinkabin returned to Centre county, where she again married, and she now lives at Penn’s Cave, Pennsylvania.

D. H. Kornman was born February 23, 1849, at the old home near Centre Hall. He was a bright, clever youth, and his limited educational advantages were far from satisfactory, but as circumstances compelled him to enter the ranks of the bread winners, he learned the carpenter’s trade, serving an apprenticeship of three years with Michael Nofske, of Spring Mills, who afterward employed him for two years. Mr. Kornman then assisted his father and James Kemley in building the Presbyterian Church at Janesville, Penn., and on the completion of that work returned to Centre county, and later found employment at lumbering in Union county, on White Deer creek, near Buffalo Valley, Union county. In the following spring he re-entered Mr. Nofske’s employ, remaining until fall, when he determined to secure a better education. That winter was spent in study in the schools at Spring Mills, and the summer saw him enrolled as a student in a summer school at Penn Hall. Thus prepared, he entered a classical school there, and passed a winter in the study of the higher branches. In 1872 he returned to the home of his father, who was then married a second time, and resided in Clearfield county. - In the spring of 1873, Mr. Kornman spent a few months in working at his trade in Lloyds ville, Penn., for Mr. Myers, of Hollidaysburg, but in July he resumed his studies, entering the county normal at Centre Hall. Returning to Clearfield county in the fall, he took charge of the Ginter school in Gulich township for the winter, and in the spring he began work on his own account as a contractor and builder, in the same locality. In this he won a substantial success, his business extending in all directions to the neighboring townships.

In 1878 Mr. Kornman married Miss Libbie Alleman, of Allemanville, and soon afterward bought a two-acre lot at that place, where he built a fine residence and made other improvements. Six children brighten his home—Raymond, Katharine, Ivan, Rosa, Egbert and Idella. Mr. Kornman and his wife are Lutherans in religious faith, and three of their children are also members of the Church. The confidence which Mr. Kornman’s high character inspires is shown in many ways. Three years ago he was chosen to administer the estate of Henry North, of Cambria county, Penn., and that duty was discharged most satisfactorily to all concerned. His father-in-law, the late Henry Alleman, stated some time previous to his death that he desired his estate to be administered by Mr. Kornman and a son of the deceased, Clare Alleman. At his death the heirs repeated the request, all realizing that the extensive business interests would be ably managed, and a just and impartial division made of the proceeds of the estate. In public life this confidence has been frequently displayed with like results, Mr. Kornman filling creditably a number of local offices. He served as school director one term by appointment and one by election, as supervisor one term, overseer of the poor one term, and for the last eight years he has been serving as assessor, having been once appointed and afterward kept in office by successive elections.

In politics Mr. Kornman was formerly a Democrat, but of late years has affiliated with the Republican party. Socially, he has been a member of the I. O. O. F., of Allemanville, No. 900, since the night of its institution, March 11, 1875, and has served as secretary continuously for the past eighteen years; has also been representative to Grand Lodge sessions at York, Lancaster, Reading, and Philadelphia, and Orphanage at Sunbury.

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Mr. Beers is a son of John and Sophia (Sowers) Beers. His father was born on the Bush farm on Little Clearfield creek, near Forest Bridge, in 1807, a son of Robert Beers, who located in Boggs township at an early day. After his marriage, John Beers located on the turnpike between the Blue Ball and Clearfield creek, where he cleared forty acres of land and developed a good farm. In 1849 he located on the Thomas Mullen farm in Becaria township, purchasing 150 acres of partially improved land. Of this he cleared about seventy acres and erected a fine residence and other buildings, but in 1869 sold out and removed to Grinnell, Iowa, where he purchased a farm, whereon he lived until his death in 1880. His wife died in 1894. They had ten children: (1) George S., born in Boggs township, in 1837, married a Miss Buck, of Clearfield, and with their six children now resides in Chicago. (2) John, born in Boggs township, in 1839, enlisted September 19, 1861, in Company B, 53rd P. V. I., and was in all the battles of his regiment. (3) William, born in Boggs township, in 1841, entered the Union army with the 111th P. V. I., was with Sherman on the march to the sea, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. He married Mollie Oschall, of Cambria county, Penn., and with his bride went to Iowa, and later to Wisconsin, where he took up a government claim and followed farming sixteen years. He then sold and returned to Cambria county, purchasing a farm in White township, where he still makes his home. He has four children. (4) Lewis T., is the next of the family. (5) Catherine, born in 1846, went to the West with her parents, and is now a resident of Kansas. (6) Herman, born in Boggs township in 1848, went with the family to Iowa, where he married and reared a family. He bought a farm, whereon he yet resides. (7) Alfred, born in Boggs township, in 1850, is a resident of Iowa. (8) Ellen, born in 1853, went West with her parents, and married Mr. Simpson, of Chicago, but both are now deceased. (9) Philena, born in Becaria township, in 1855, married Mr. Fords, of Iowa, who died leaving a widow and one child now living in that State. (10) Thomas, born in Becaria township, in 1858, is now a resident of Chicago.

On the old homestead in Boggs township, Lewis T. Beers was born in August, 1844. At the age of six he accompanied his parents to Becaria township, and worked on the farm during the summer while in the winter he attended the public schools. His patriotism prompted his enlistment in the Civil war in 1861, and he joined Company D, 53rd P. V. I., under General McClellan. With John S. McKernan in command, the company went to Harrisburg, was mustered into service and assigned to J. R. Brooks' regiment in Fourth Brigade, First Division, Second Army Corps. The marched to Manassas, drove the enemy from Alexandria, and by boat went to the mouth of the York river, where they were employed in building corduroy roads. After causing the Rebels to evacuate Yorktown they marched to Williamsport and on to Fair Oaks, where the regiment participated in its first pitched battle. In 1863 they relieved the Pennsylvania Reserves at Gainesville, and the next morning after burning their camp formed in line of battle a mile away, the Second Corps being held to cover the line of retreat. By a heavy fire they drove the enemy back and that night retreated to Peach Orchard, where the next day they succeeded in checking Lee's advance. The next night they retreated to White Oak Swamp, burning the bridge after them. and from there joined the main army at Malvern Hill, where they defeated Lee's forces. The Union loss was twenty-four thousand and the Confederates still greater. The Northern troops then marched to Harrison's Landing, and to the relief of Pope.

Mr. Beers was at that time lying wounded in the hospital, but in the spring of 1863 he rejoined his command, crossed the Rappahanock and participated in the battle of Chancellorsville, where Hooker was repulsed with heavy loss. They then marched to Snicker's Gap, in the Shenandoah Valley, to meet Lee, and left that at place on the 1st of July, marching sixty miles in one day and night, and reaching Gettysburg at nine o'clock in the morning. In the second day of the battle there, Mr. Beers was wounded in the left leg and lay on the field for two days and nights. In the field hospital his wounds were dressed, after which he was sent to a hospital in Philadelphia. On recovering in the spring of 1864, he joined the army then under Grant at Culpeper, and participated in the battle of the Wilderness followed by the engagement at Spottsylvania. That night a part of the Second and Fifth Corps and the Third Corps marched into the center of Lee's army and took a prominent part in the victory there. Mr. Beers was again severely wounded in the left arm and from Fredericksburg was sent to Little York Hospital and afterward to Pittsburgh, where he remained in the hospital until fall, when he joined Grant's army at Petersburg. He participated in the battle of Hatcher's Run and the engagements until Lee's surrender. On the last day of the battle he was wounded in the right hip and remained in the
regimental hospital, but was out in time to participate in the grand review in Washington, and was discharged at Harrisburg, June 30, 1865.

After his return home, Mr. Beers followed lumbering on Clearfield creek, jobbing for Isaac Gates. In 1874 he married Elizabeth Mays, daughter of Jonathan and Julia Mays, of Ansonville. He then purchased a tract of land of Warren Bell and erected a house, but later sold and removed to Westover, where he bought a shingle mill and manufactured shingles one year. In May, 1881, he purchased lots in Rose Bud, erected four houses and has since been a resident of that place. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as a member of the board of election a number of terms. The children born to this couple are as follows: Ida, born in Ansonville, in 1875, and educated in Rose Bud, is at home. John W., born in Ansonville, in 1876, is now in Fort Russell, Wyom. Emma E., born in Gazzam, in 1878, is the wife of Milan Brink, of Irvona, and is living in Worcester, having one son, Myrvice. Mollie, born in Ansonville, June 5, 1881, is attending the high school of Blaine City. Thomas and Richard, (twins) died in infancy in 1887. George H., born in Rose Bud, January 24, 1890, is attending school.

A M O S K L I N E, a prosperous farmer and lumberman of Sandy township, is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Clearfield county, with whose interest they have been prominently identified. At a very early day his grandparents, Solomon and Rachel Kline, left their home in Indiana county, Penn., and became residents of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where the grandfather purchased 310 acres of land, which he afterward divided as follows: To his son Mitchell he gave 200 acres; to his son Martin 50 acres; to his son Alexander 50 acres, and to his grandson Solomon he gave 10 acres. He and his wife occupied what is now known as the Mt. Joy Ridge farm until called to their final rest, about the year 1856.

In the family of this worthy couple were nine children—four sons and five daughters—all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Mrs. Mason: (1) Mitchell, the eldest, was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where he resided for a number of years. He died near Rockton, in Union township, Clearfield county. His wife died in 1890, leaving a large family. (2) Martin wedded a Miss Owens, and they both died upon their farm in Lawrence township, leaving a family of children, (3) George, born in Lawrence township, married a daughter of Daniel Ogden, of the same township, and both died some years ago leaving two children. (4) Alexander, the father of our subject, was the youngest son. The daughters were Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. Betsey Mason, Mrs. Rachel Barger, Mrs. John Stone and Mrs. Henry Croswell.

Alexander Kline was born near Clearfield, in Lawrence township, and married Miss Elizabeth Burns, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Burns, well-to-do farming people of Union township, Clearfield county. They began their domestic life in Lawrence township, where they remained until their children reached years of maturity, and then removed to Du Bois. The father's death occurred; the mother is still living, and is now making her home in Kansas. Five children were born to this honored couple, namely: (1) Amos, our subject; (2) Lavina Lane, born in 1853, married William Chambers, now a resident of Penfield, Penn., and they have three children—Edward, Alice and Elmer. (3) Mary E., born in Lawrence township, in August, 1855, is now the wife of Bowman Ames, of Maine, and they make their home in Blanchard, that State. (4) Delila, born in 1858, married De Walt Hess, of Boggs township, Clearfield county, where their four children still reside. (5) Clara, born in 1863, married a Mr. Price, and lives in Kansas City.

Amos Kline was born March 1, 1851, in Union township, Clearfield county, but during his infancy he was taken by his parents to Lawrence township, where he grew to manhood, only receiving about four months' schooling. At the early age of fourteen years he left home to begin the battle of life for himself, and was first employed in clearing land for his uncle, Ellis Burns, in Union township. Later he worked for Jacob Burns in Brady township, Clearfield county, and subsequently spent three and one-half years in the employ of Elijah Burns, in Huston township, same county.

On March 26, 1870, Mr. Kline married Miss Ellen Wilson, of Clarion county, Penn., where her parents, Thomas H. and Nancy Wilson, were prosperous agriculturists. They began their married life near Sabula, in Huston township, where for twelve years Mr. Kline operated his uncle Elijah Burns' farm on shares. In 1879 he commenced jobbing for John Du Bois in the woods on Sandy creek and Coal run, and since the death of that gentleman has continued with his successor, John E. Du Bois. He still continues his agricultural pursuits, however, and in 1882 bought sixty-six acres of John Du Bois. After clearing about forty acres, he erected thereon a
good two-story frame residence and a large barn in 1884, and made other valuable improvements amounting in all to about $8,000. He removed the stumps from much of the land, and placed it under a high state of cultivation. In 1892 he purchased of W. Burns sixty-one acres adjoining his homestead, and has made many improvements upon that place, including the building of a good barn. This place is now occupied by his son Samuel. Mr. Kline has also invested largely in city property, in 1883 buying eleven lots in Du-Bois, some of which he has since sold. In 1884 he also erected two good houses there for rent-ing, and in 1892 bought of Sidney Fuller twelve lots in the town of Falls Creek. He also pur-chased, in 1890, sixty-five acres of coal and timber land in Elk county, Penn., and in 1893 twenty-nine acres of land adjoining his farm on the east of John E. Du Bois. Having erected good buildings and made other necessary improvements, his son Harvey there made his home until the death of his wife in 1893. As a member of the Du Bois syndicate, Mr. Kline in 1896 bought a twelfth interest in thirty-one lots in the city of Buffalo, N. Y. He is a progressive, far-sighted business man, whose successful struggle with adverse circumstances in early life shows what can be done by industry and economy, and he assuredly deserves the reward that has crowned his efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline have four children, namely: (1) Samuel S. born in Brady township, Clearfield county, October 13, 1872, was reared upon the home farm, and received his early education in the common schools, but later supplemented this by two terms' attendance at the County Normal, at Mahaffey. He resides with his parents. (2) Harvey T., born June 6, 1875, in Huston township, also grew to manhood on the homestead in Sandy township, receiving a good common-school education. In 1894 he married Miss Katie Dwyer, of Sabula, daughter of Terry Dwyer, of that place. They resided upon the farm adjoining his father's, until her death in December, 1895. Their two children, Harvey S. and Mary E., now reside with their paternal grandparents. (3) Amos G., born May 17, 1878, is at home. (4) Lottie, born October 5, 1884, is still attending school.

Mr. Kline is independent in politics, but takes quite an active part in the political affairs of his county, and has served his fellow citizens as supervisor four terms, and school director three terms, holding the latter office at the present time. He is an honored and prominent member of the Masonic Order, having taken the degree of the Mystic Shrine, and its noble principles have been exemplified in his life. He is a member of the Elks of Du Bois, also of the Grange Lodge of Sandy township. Esteemed and repected by all, there is no man in Clearfield county who occupies a more enviable position in business circles, not only on account of the wond-erful success that he has achieved, but also on account of the honorable, straightforward policy he has ever followed.

WILLIAM A. HOOVER, of Bradford town-ship, Clearfield county, whose farm near Woodland is one of the best in that vicinity, is a descendant of a well-known family of agriculturists.

Jacob Hoover, his grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania and became an early settler in Bradford township, Clearfield county, whose farm he purchased, in 1811 and spent his life there. He was married in Girard township, Clearfield county, to Miss Elizabeth Murray, who was born in that township. Her parents, John and Mary (Ewing) Murray, were both na-tives of this State and early settlers in Clearfield county, where their deaths occurred. After his marriage our subject's father purchased a partially improved farm in Bradford township, where he made his permanent home. He was one of the leading citizens of his locality, a prominent Republican, and at various times was called upon to serve in township offices. He died in 1855, but Mrs. Hoover is still living at the old home-stead at the age of eighty-two. They had eleven children, namely: Mary Jane, Mrs. Woolridge, of Woodland; Aaron, who died at home; Mrs. Shirey, of Philipsburg; A. M., of Bradford township; Marg-aret, Mrs. Wilson, of Bradford township; Wil-liam A., our subject; Zachariah, of the same township; Elizabeth, who died at home; Barbara Ellen, who died at an early age; and John and Sarah, who both died in infancy.

Our subject was born in 1845, at the old homestead, and was educated in the schools of his native township. He has always been engaged in agriculture and now owns the old home, which has been greatly improved under his judicious management. The place contains 160 acres, and is devoted to general farming. Mr. Hoover was married in Decatur township to Miss Mary Boughman, a native of that township. Her parents, Andrew and Ann (Lofford) Bough-man, now deceased, settled there in early times. Seven children have blessed this union -- Wavia Zell, Victor M., William Lloyd, Andrew Clifford, Edgar Noon, Sarah Erma; John Clayton, who
died at the age of two years; and Vera Natalia. The father of these is a firm friend of progress, and is always ready to encourage any movement for local improvement. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a prominent member of the United Brethren Church, holding the office of trustee.

DANIEL WALTZ. Our German-American citizens whose conservatism is tempered by an unquenchable love of liberty, gave effective support to the government during the Civil war, and many a name denoting Teutonic blood became distinguished for gallant service in the field. The subject of this sketch, who was born November 22, 1839, in Wurttemberg, Germany, and came to America at the age of thirteen years, proved his loyalty to his adopted country by devoting several years of his early manhood in her defense.

In 1853 Daniel Waltz, Sr., the father of our subject, brought his family to the United States hoping to find better opportunities for advancement. He was a linen weaver by trade, but that work being difficult to obtain he secured employment in Columbia, Lancaster county, laying pipes around furnaces. His first wife, Barbara Bentler, our subject's mother, to whom he was married July 17, 1836, was a native of Wurttemberg, born June 29, 1818, and died in the Fatherland, April 6, 1846, leaving several children. Our subject's father, married, in 1846, a second wife, Mary Volz, a German by birth, who accompanied him to this country. In 1862 they moved from Pennsylvania to Saginaw, Mich., with the children of the second union, and the father died there some years later, his wife surviving him with several children. The seven children of the first marriage were: (1) Dora, born December 28, 1837, is the widow of Louis Landenburger, a laborer at Columbia, Penn., who died in 1893. They had the following children: Harry is married and lives in Columbia; Elizabeth married Albert Weaver, of Columbia, and has four children; Maggie Mrs. Cooper resides in Columbia; Annie married Homer Lawyer, of Safe Harbor, Penn.; Katie married Levi Leonard, of Middletown, Ohio, and has two children; Daniel, a resident of Harrisburg, Penn., is married and has three children; John, who lives in Columbia, is married and has one child; William is married and resides in Lancaster City, Penn.; Amanda married Mr. Sowers, of Columbia; Charles, who resides in the same city, is married and has one child; George and Christopher are single and make their home in Columbia. (2) Daniel, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Barbara, born December 15, 1840, died February 10, 1841. (4) Barbara Jane, born December 19, 1841, died May 2, 1847. (5) Catherine, who was born February 2, 1843, in Germany, grew to womanhood at the new home in Lancaster county. She was married there to Henry Shaub, of Columbia, Penn., and moved to Mountville, in the same county, where her husband died in 1894. She has a large family all residing in Lancaster county. (6) Conrad, born May 11, 1844, in Germany, enlisted in 1864 in the Independent Battery, and remained until the close of the war, participating in all the engagements of his regiment. After his return he married Miss Yost, of Lancaster county, and located upon a farm there. He was killed, in 1892, by a fall in his barn, leaving a widow and nine children who reside in Lancaster City. (7) Anna, born April 6, 1846, died July 26, of the same year.

Our subject's father had twelve children by his second wife, of whom three were born in Germany, and the others at Saginaw, Mich. (1) Miss Anna B., resides in Saginaw with her mother. (2) Christopher, now a resident of Saginaw, Mich., is married and has one child. (3) John enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, from Saginaw, Mich., and spent some time in the service. He was killed a few years ago in a mill, and left a widow and several children. (4) Miss Mary A., born March 23, 1854, is at home with her mother. (5) Michael S., born December 7, 1855, is married but has no children. He is a successful educator now residing in Winona, Minn., and has been principal of the public schools there. (6) Anna M., born April 7, 1858, married Henry Skelton, of East Saginaw, Mich., a veteran of the Civil war, and has six children. (7) Jacob, born September 8, 1860, now a resident of Winona, Minn., is married and has two children. (8) Carrie D., born May 16, 1863, married August Venner, of East Saginaw, and has two children. (9) Miss Paulina, born July 17, 1865, lives at home. (10) Lewis Oscar, born June 16, 1867, (single), is now residing in California. (11) Sarah Louisa, born October 10, 1869, married James Cudney, of East Saginaw, and has one child. (12) Miss Jennie M., born January 30, 1872, resides with her mother.

The subject of our sketch, after coming to Pennsylvania, remained at the Lancaster county home until 1839, when he went to Woodward township, Clearfield county, and worked on a farm for Samuel Hegarty. On March 9, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, 67th P. V. I., at Phil-
On July 18, 1863, bloody Pennsylvania, Skirmish in rejoining county. and duty. In the fall the regiment was transferred to Harper's Ferry, and later to Bolivar Heights and Berryville, where they guarded the ferry. Their next station was at Winchester under Gen. Milroy, and there on June 15, 1863, there occurred a battle during which Mr. Waltz was taken prisoner. For three days he was held with others in an old fort without any food, and on being taken to Staunton, Va., they were each given a pint of flour for their first meal. Later Mr. Waltz spent three days in Libby prison and thirty-five days in Belle Isle, when he was paroled and taken to Richmond, and placed in a tobacco warehouse, remaining until the following day. From Richmond they went to City Point and then to Camp Parole in Maryland, arriving July 20, 1863. The formalities of the parole were not completed until October 1, 1863, and then nine of the number, including Mr. Waltz, took "French leave" for their homes in Pennsylvania, traveling on foot. Mr. Waltz remained at Columbia only a few days, then reported at Philadelphia for duty and was given a pass back to his regiment, which he rejoined at Bealton Station, Va. On the morning of the next day, October 29, 1863, they fought a battle with the Rebel force under Birney, driving him back, and soon afterward they met another force at Kelly's Ford, where they were again victorious. They went into winter quarters at Bragg Station, and in the spring of 1864 Mr. Waltz, whose term had expired, re-enlisted in the same company. Returning home on a furlough, he received a bounty of $300 in Monroe county, and then went to Michigan to visit his father. In April he came back to Pennsylvania and on the 28th of the month was married to Miss Annie Mullen, of Woodward township, Clearfield county. May 3d he went to Lancaster county and on the 7th he reported at Philadelphia for duty. The 20th found him at Washington, and then he went to Belle Plains and to Frederickburg where he rejoined his regiment, and later to Port Royal, Bowling Green, and Charles City, Va. At the last-named place they had another engagement with the Rebels after which they guarded the wagon train to White House Landing and passed on to Fortress Monroe, Baltimore, and New Market, Va., where a skirmish took place on the 9th of July. From the Relay House in Maryland they went to Washington arriving July 13th, and as all communication was cut off they were sent to open the roads again. On July 16, they were taken to Leesburg, Va., and then to Snicker's Gap, returning to Washington with one brigade, which later proceeded to Rockville and Clarksburg. At this place they were met by the enemy and driven back with heavy loss. On July 29, they reached Harper's Ferry where they remained, except for a short stay at Frederick City, until August 10, and then marched to Hallstown. There on August 29th, a victory was won over the Rebels, followed by a fight at Berryville, and a bloody encounter at Winchester, in which the company of which Mr. Waltz was a member had seven killed and thirty-nine wounded. The Rebels were, however, forced to retreat to Strasburg, being kept "on the run" all the way. This done, the regiment was sent to Front Royal, Va., rejoining the Army of the Potomac. On October 19, 1864, they were at Cedar Creek when the historic battle occurred under that heroic leader, Gen. Sheridan, with heavy loss to both sides, and on October 22 they defeated the enemy, at Fisher's Hill, attacking their breastworks and pursuing them, when driven out, to New Market. Later they went to Martinsburg as a guard for the wagon trains, and then moved to Kernstown, Harper's Ferry and City Point. Their quarters that winter were at Fort Fisher, and the opening of the last year of the fratricidal struggle found them eager for the decisive movements which brought it to a termination. On March 23, 1865, they charged the Rebel lines at Petersburg and were driven back; but another attack on April 2d proved successful, our troops pursued the fleeing Rebels to Sailor's Creek where they captured the wagon train and 1,100 prisoners. Then came the march to Richmond and the surrender of Lee, soon followed by a march to Danville to support Sherman's forces. After Johnston's surrender they marched to Washington and participated in the Grand Review with Sherman's army. They encamped at Bald Hill until mustered out on July 14, 1865, and, on the following day, were transported to Philadelphia, where on the 20th of July they were paid and honorably dismissed from the service.

Mr. Waltz returned to Clearfield county and made his home at a farm which he bought in Gulich township, near Ramey, known as the Lisle McCulley farm. Not long afterward he removed to Ramey and worked for some time in a sawmill for D. K. Ramey & Houtz, Reed & Co. In 1868 his first wife died, and on November 5, 1871, he married Miss Susan A. Franklin, of Glasgow, Penn., daughter of Joseph and Mary Franklin and a descendant of a pioneer family of Cambria County. For the next five years Mr. Waltz was employed at a mill near Houtzdale belonging to McCauley and Louther, and since
retiring from that position he has resided at his farm, following lumbering and agriculture. The estate has greatly improved under his care. When he purchased it there were but few improvements and no buildings except an old house. It is now a model farm, with but little uncleared land, and with substantial buildings. In 1884 he erected a fine two-story residence, a wagonshed, and other structures, and in 1896 he added a commodious bank barn. He is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of his township, and is a leader in the local Republican organization with which he has been identified for a number of years. He is an able worker in various movements of public interest, and has held positions of trust, being now in his second term as supervisor. In religious affairs he is prominent also as a member of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Waltz, however, belongs to the Presbyterian Church, at Ramey.

By his first marriage Mr. Waltz had one son, Daniel M., born May 22, 1866, who received a common-school education, and now resides at Shirley, Cambria Co., Penn., where he is employed in a sawmill. He married Miss Ida Keough, of Gulich township, Clearfield county, and has three children: Grace E., Ernest S., and Anna Gertrude, all at home. There are five children by the second union: (1) Mary Alice, born November 14, 1872, attended the common schools during girlhood, and is now the wife of Edward Miller, a lumberman of Gulich township, Clearfield county. They have two children—Paul, born May 15, 1893, and Edward, born August 27, 1894; (2) John Franklin, born January 4, 1874; (3) Conrad W., born February 22, 1877, and (4) Catherine May, born April 12, 1879, have all received the benefits of a public-school course, and are still at home with their parents; (5) Lydia E., born April 6, 1893, is the pet of the home circle.

S. KNARR, is one of the most extensive real-estate dealers of Du Bois, and it is not difficult to conjecture what manner of man he is. In a republican country, where merit must win, we can tell much of his life. Wealth may secure a start; but it cannot maintain one in a position where brains and executive ability are required. Our subject did not have wealth to aid him in beginning his business career. His reliance has been placed in the more substantial qualities of perseverance, untiring enterprise, resolute purpose and commendable zeal, and, withal, his actions have been guided by an honesty of purpose that none have questioned. He is a true type of American progress and enter-

prise. His intellectual energy, strict integrity, prudent business methods and reliable sagacity, have all combined to make him one of the ablest business men of central Pennsylvania.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Knarr was born in Luthersburg, Brady township, February 21, 1853, and is a son of Henry and Catharine (Marshall) Knarr, both natives of Germany. When eighteen years of age the former crossed the Atlantic with his father, George Knarr, who became a pioneer of Brady township, Clearfield county, where he died in 1884, at the advanced age of ninety-one years. The mother of our subject was sixteen when she accompanied her father, Adam Marshall, to the New World, and they also became pioneer settlers of Brady township, where he spent his remaining days. Henry Knarr had been provided with an excellent education in his native land, and on locating in Brady township he engaged in teaching for a time. There he later opened up a farm of 125 acres, on which he made his home until called to his final rest in 1886. His father took up a tract of government land where the village of Troutville, is now located. In that place the mother of our subject is now residing, but is still the owner of the old homestead farm in Brady township.

Mr. Knarr, the subject proper of this review, is seventh in the order of birth in a family of fifteen children, as follows: Mrs. Louisa Heilburn resides in Jefferson county; George L. is a merchant of Troutville; Mrs. Caroline Kuntz lives in Troutville; Simon is a stock dealer in Troutville; David S. is a resident of Du Bois; Mrs. Lorena Heilburn resides in Bell township, Clearfield county; Henry S. is our subject; J. Adam is a real-estate dealer in Punxsutawney, Penn.; William; Reuben is superintendent of a mill in Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn.; Ferdinand operated a shingle-mill in Du Bois, where he died in 1891; Frederick; Mrs. Mary Brubaker lives in Du Bois; S. A. is a resident of Du Bois; and Mrs. Catherine Kohler lives in Anderson township, Jefferson county.

H. S. Knarr passed his boyhood in much the usual manner of farmer boys, on the old homestead in Brady township, near Luthersburg, and obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. On leaving home he began learning the tailor’s trade at Brookville, Jefferson county, with William Thompson, and having mastered the business, he worked for a time at Reynoldsville, Penn., but in July, 1876, he came to Du Bois, which at that time was called Rumbarger. Here Mr. Knarr also engaged in tailoring, beginning business where the bank building now stands,
later carrying on operations on Long avenue and Brady street. He successfully followed merchant tailoring until 1882, and gave employment to sixteen men and women. On disposing of that business he turned his attention to real estate, and has been remarkably successful in his investments. In 1882 he platted an addition, known as Knarr’s addition, to Du Bois, and in 1890 platted a second addition. He has sold houses and lots to eleven hundred people, and is still the owner of thirty-five dwelling houses, which he rents. He also owns three business blocks in Du Bois, which he also rents.

In 1876 Mr. Knarr erected his first buildings in Du Bois, a cigar factory and boarding house, and the following year added a hardware store, \(20 \times 140\) feet, to which he made an addition in 1879, \(20 \times 50\) feet, two stories in height. This was burned, however, in 1886, and he then built a brick block, costing $26,000, which was destroyed in the great fire of 1888 which swept the town. With characteristic energy, however, he the same year put up his present handsome two-story block, also of brick, having a 66-foot frontage on Brady street. The lower floor is divided into three good store rooms, while the upper is used for offices and the Young Men’s Christian Association rooms. In 1889 Mr. Knarr erected a brick block on Long avenue, with an eighty-foot frontage, which is made into four store rooms below and four dwellings above.

In Brady township, in 1880, Mr. Knarr was married to Miss Mary Buckheite, a native of Jefferson county, Penn. Her father, Frederick Buckheite, was an early settler of that county, making his home in Henderson township, and he was drowned there while rafting. Two children bless the union of our subject and his estimable wife: Silas P. and Burt E.

Mr. Knarr has ever taken a prominent part in the public affairs of his adopted city, for three years was a member of the council, was elected tax collector in 1886, and in 1888 made the assessment after the fire, and divided the city into four wards. He has been actively identified with the growth and development of DuBois from the very beginning, and has done much to promote its welfare and prosperity. To-day he enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability he has been enabled to secure an ample fortune. Systematic and methodical, his sagacity, keen discrimination and sound judgment have made him one of the most prosperous real-estate dealers in central Pennsylvania. He gives his support to all worthy enterprises for the good of the community, and is especially liberal in his donations to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, of which he is a faithful member. In politics he is a Democrat, and his popularity in DuBois was substantially evinced by his election, in the spring of 1897, to the office of burgess, by a majority of 450, although the city is strongly Republican.

David Hitchings, who occupies an influential and prominent position among the agricultural population of Bradford township, Clearfield county, is a native of the Keystone State, born in 1831, in Lehigh county, a son of William and Elizabeth (Thomas) Hitchings. The father was born in 1798, in England, while the mother was a native of Wales. They were married in 1827, in England, and sailed for the New World, their destination being Lehigh county, Penn., where Mr. Hitchings worked as an iron filler until 1831, when he moved to Hanna Furnace, Centre county. Two years later, however, he came to Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he purchased 100 acres of timber land near Shiloh church, and there made his home, though he continued to work in the iron furnaces. His wife would often walk to Hanna Furnace and back in a day, and in the same way would go through the forests to Grahamton to market. The husband died on the farm in 1876, the wife having preceded him, passing away at the same place in 1862. Of the five children born to them, James died on the home farm in 1844; Jane, who became the wife of John Woolridge, died in 1865; Eliza, wife of William Welker, died in Bradford township, in 1873; and Mary Ann is the wife of N. H. Maines, of Bradford township.

Of that family our subject is next to the youngest. Since the age of two years he has made his home in Bradford township, and in the schools of Shiloh obtained a good practical education. Since starting out in life for himself he has followed agricultural pursuits, and has met with a fair degree of success in his undertakings. In May, 1863, he purchased from Isaac Lines his present farm of 106 acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

In 1856, in Bradford township, our subject was married to Miss A. M. Cowder, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., and a daughter of John Cowder, one of the early settlers of Clearfield county. Seven children blessed this union, namely: W. W., who is married and living in Huntingdon county, Penn.; John C. (deceased), whose widow has been dead for eight years: Jen-
COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

A. P. MOORE, a justice of the peace at Clearfield, is certainly entitled to be considered not only one of the honored pioneers of Clearfield county, but also one of its respected and valued citizens. With the history of the Clearfield county the Moore family has long been identified, and its representatives have always borne an important part in promoting its interests.

In the town of Clearfield, where is still his home, A. P. Moore was born April 27, 1833, and he is a son of John Moore, a native of the Old Dominion. His paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of John, was born in Ireland, whence early in life he crossed the Atlantic, and took up his residence in Virginia, where his death occurred. At the beginning of the present century, the father (John Moore) removed to Centre county, Penn., where in 1830 he married Mary Moore, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Hamilton Moore, one of the early settlers of Centre county. Two years after their marriage the young couple came to Clearfield (or Old-town as then known), where Mr. Moore worked at the gunsmith's trade until 1851, when he purchased an improved farm in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, on which he died in 1870 at the mature age of sixty-eight years. His wife long survived him, dying in the same township, in 1891, aged eighty-nine years. To this worthy couple were born seven children, namely: Fletcher Moore, who died at the age of five years; A. P., of this sketch; Samuel and John, who both died in Lawrence township; Isaiah G., who is still living in that township; William H., who resides on the old home farm of John Irvin, two miles below Clearfield town; and Margaret Ann, who died in Lawrence township, at the age of twenty-three years.

In the town of his birth A. P. Moore was reared to manhood, acquiring a good education in the old academy of that place. After leaving school, he engaged in teaching for some time, in the counties named, being first employed in Spring township, Centre county, in 1853-54, later for one term in Clearfield, and for four terms in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with a fair degree of success. In 1857, in Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Penn., he married Miss Sarah A. Latchaw, a native of that county, and a daughter of Samuel Latchaw. Six children blessed this union: Mary M., now the wife of a Mr. Dunkle, of Tyrone, Penn.; Elmer Woods, of Lawrence township; Blanche, wife of Henry Metzler, of West Clearfield; I. H., also of West Clearfield; Charles F., a resident of Nevada; and Margaret E., at home.

During the trying days of the Civil war, Mr. Moore served as enrolling officer, in 1863, which he soon found was not a very enviable position; also as census enumerator, in 1890, for a portion of Lawrence township, under the Harrison administration. Since the organization of the party he has been an ardent Republican, and has taken quite an active interest in political affairs. Socially, he affiliates with Clearfield Lodge, No. 305, K. P., and in religious faith he is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is creditably filling the office of justice of the peace, and his decisions are marked by fairness and impartiality, being well calculated to serve the ends of justice. He holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow townsmen, whose confidence he enjoys to a marked degree. In 1897, at the advanced age of sixty-four, Mr. and Mrs. Moore took an extended trip of ten months through the West, and in visiting their youngest son, who resides in Nevada, it proved to be one of unusual interest.

FRANK D. BUSH, a prominent and enterprising farmer, and assessor of Boggs township, is a native of Clearfield county, born March 16, 1838, in Bradford township, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Otis) Bush.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany, but the birth of the father occurred in Reading, Penn., and on coming of age he removed to Centre county, Penn. In 1828 he married Elizabeth Otis, a native of England, where her father died, and she was brought to America by John Morris, her grandfather, who located on a farm in Clearfield county. While a resident of Centre county, Joseph Bush engaged in teaming, but after his marriage came to Clearfield county, where he worked at his trade of blacksmithing, both
in Grahamton and Wallaceton. He also purchased a tract of land in Boggs township, which he cleared and developed, making a good farm, but later sold that and purchased the place on which our subject now resides. In 1861, he entered the Civil war, serving in a regiment of Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years, then returned home. Later, however, he re-enlisted in the same regiment, but six months later was taken ill and died at Washington, D. C., and his remains were interred at Altoona, Penn. At one time he was slightly wounded by a sabre. His widow who still survives him, now makes her home in Iowa.

In the family were nine children, namely: (1) Mary J. married (first) G. W. Shimel, and (second) Émanuél Lumadue. (2) John is living in Iowa. (3) Elizabeth is the wife of Jacob Bush, a farmer. (4) Frank D., of this sketch, is the next in order of birth. (5) William was a member of an Iowa regiment during the Civil war, and spent one year in Libby Prison. (6) James also was in the Union service, and, after his first term of three years had expired, he re-enlisted and faithfully served until the close of the war, after which he joined the regular service and was stationed out West three years. He was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. (7) Perry is engaged in railroad work at Altoona, Penn. (8) Emma is the wife of W. Stott, a merchant and stockman of Iowa. (9) Loretta is deceased. Religiously the mother is a member of the Church of England, and, in politics, the father was a Democrat.

Frank D. Bush, whose name introduces this review, was reared upon a farm, receiving his education in the country schools, and as soon as old enough began lumbering on his own account. In 1860 he commenced piloting on the river, which occupation he has since followed every spring with one or two exceptions. After his marriage he purchased his present farm, a tract of 100 acres, of his father, which he has cleared and improved and now has under a high state of cultivation. His residence is a commodious two-story frame structure, and his barns and outbuildings are neat and substantial. His farm is pleasantly located in Boggs township, near the Decatur township line and four miles west of Blue Ball. In 1861, he was married to Elizabeth Coulter, an intelligent and refined lady, belonging to an honored pioneer family. Her parents, John and Mary (Meriman) Coulter, were both natives of Centre county, where they were married, and later purchased land in Woodward township, Clearfield county. During the summer the father engaged in farming, while through the winter months he was employed in lumbering. He retired ten years before his death, August 18, 1892. His wife had died previously. Both were members of the United Brethren Church, and in politics the husband was a Republican. Six children were born to them (only three of whom are now living), namely: Mrs. Susan Stott, Mrs. Elizabeth Bush, Mrs. Sarah J. Henson, Mrs. Catherine Merritt, Mrs. Nancy Hampton and Mrs. Emma Merritt. Of the ten children born to our subject and wife, two died in infancy; the others are: John and Charles F., farmers; Perry, at home; William B., a clay miner; and Melissa, Emma A., Morris and Dowell, all at home. The parents and all the children are consistent members of the United Brethren Church; while in his political views the father is an earnest Democrat, taking an active interest in public affairs. He has been called upon to fill several township offices, and for the past eleven years has most acceptably served as assessor.

REV. F. J. WAGNER. There is no position held by man more important than that of pastor of a Church; nor is there a position that has attached to it greater importance or responsibility when properly conceived and conscientiously discharged. This is more especially the case with the clergymen of the Roman Catholic faith, for he is held more as an instructor and guide, not only in religious matters, but in moral and social conduct, by his congregation. There are few men by character and education better fitted to preside over a people in all these relations than the reverend gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.

Father Wagner is the pastor of St. Severinus Catholic Church of Cooper township, which was established in 1852, although for several years previous services had been conducted in a log house near where the church now stands. Benedictine priests coming from St. Mary's a distance of fifty miles, and also from Clearfield and Bellefonte. A Mr. Ruple donated 100 acres of land to the Church, and thus a start was made. The Benedictine Fathers resided here from 1852–1864. Then the secular priests resided there, and in 1877 Father E. Franck took charge of the congregation, who presided over the congregation for thirteen years. He was followed by Rev. S. Assenmacher, who was in charge until the coming of our subject. Father Wagner took charge of the congregation in 1894, and has since retained the good will and best of cooperation of his people. This year the new church, begun
nie, wife of Ed Schunk, of Viaduct, Clearfield county; Alice, a resident of Jersey Shore, Penn.; Mrs. Grace Peters, who died in 1804; Wallace, who lives on the home farm; and Mamie, a resident of West Clearfield.

In politics, the father of these children supports the principles of the Democratic party, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director, supervisor of his township, and assessor for five years. He has been prominently identified with all works of public improvement in his section of the county, is public-spirited and enterprising, and both he and his estimable wife are highly respected by all who know them.

A. P. MOORE, a justice of the peace at Clearfield, is certainly entitled to be considered not only one of the honored pioneers of Clearfield county, but also one of its respected and valued citizens. With the history of the county the Moore family has long been identified, and its representatives have always borne an important part in promoting its interests.

In the town of Clearfield, where is still his home, A. P. Moore was born April 27, 1833, and he is a son of John Moore, a native of the Old Dominion. His paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of John, was born in Ireland, whence early in life he crossed the Atlantic, and took up his residence in Virginia, where his death occurred. At the beginning of the present century, the father (John Moore) removed to Centre county, Penn., where in 1830 he wedded Mary Moore, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Hamilton Moore, one of the early settlers of Centre county. Two years after their marriage the young couple came to Clearfield (or Oldtown as then known), where Mr. Moore worked at the gunsmith's trade until 1851, when he purchased an improved farm in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, on which he died in 1870 at the mature age of sixty-eight years. His wife long survived him, dying in the same township, in 1891, aged eighty-nine years. To this worthy couple were born seven children, namely: Fletcher Moore, who died at the age of five years; A. P., of this sketch; Samuel and John, who both died in Lawrence township; Isaiah G., who is still living in that township; William H., who resides on the old home farm of John Irvin, two miles below Clearfield town; and Margaret Ann, who died in Lawrence township, at the age of twenty-three years.

In the town of his birth A. P. Moore was reared to manhood, acquiring a good education in the old academy of that place. After leaving school, he engaged in teaching for some time, in the counties named, being first employed in Spring township, Centre county, in 1853-54, later for one term in Clearfield, and for four terms in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. He then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he met with a fair degree of success. In 1857, in Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Penn., he married Miss Sarah A. Latchaw, a native of that county, and a daughter of Samuel Latchaw. Six children blessed this union: Mary M., now the wife of a Mr. Dunkle, of Tyrone, Penn.; Elmer Woods, of Lawrence township; Blanche, wife of Henry Metzler, of West Clearfield; I. H., also of West Clearfield; Charles F., a resident of Nevada; and Margaret E., at home.

During the trying days of the Civil war, Mr. Moore served as enrolling officer, in 1863, which he soon found was not a very enviable position; also as census enumerator, in 1890, for a portion of Lawrence township, under the Harrison administration. Since the organization of the party he has been an ardent Republican, and has taken quite an active interest in political affairs. Socially, he affiliates with Clearfield Lodge, No. 305, K. P., and in religious faith he is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is creditably filling the office of justice of the peace, and his decisions are marked by fairness and impartiality, being well calculated to serve the ends of justice. He holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow townsfolk, whose confidence he enjoys to a marked degree. In 1897, at the advanced age of sixty-four, Mr. and Mrs. Moore took an extended trip of ten months through the West, and in visiting their youngest son, who resides in Nevada, it proved to be one of unusual interest.

FRANK D. BUSH, a prominent and enterprising farmer, and assessor of Boggs township, is a native of Clearfield county, born March 16, 1838, in Bradford township, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Otis) Bush.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany, but the birth of the father occurred in Reading, Penn., and on coming of age he removed to Centre county, Penn. In 1828 he married Elizabeth Otis, a native of England, where her father died, and she was brought to America by John Morris, her grandfather, who located on a farm in Clearfield county. While a resident of Centre county, Joseph Bush engaged in teaming, but after his marriage came to Clearfield county, where he worked at his trade of blacksmithing, both
in 1892, was finished, making it now the nicest church in this vicinity.

Under his ministrations the Church has prospered, and the Sabbath-school has been built up, while he has also succeeded in establishing a post office near the house of worship where one mail is received daily. The congregation, which is in good working order, numbers fifty families.

Father Wagner was born December 26, 1866, in Erie, Penn., a son of Peter J. and Elizabeth (Huffman) Wagner, both natives of Germany, the former born at Frankfort on the Rhine, Prussia, and the latter at Fulda, Hesse. They were married in Erie, where the father worked as a laborer. His death occurred in 1889, but the mother is still living at the age of sixty-five years. In their family were the following children: George; Mary (deceased); John; Annie (deceased); Peter; Elizabeth; F. J.; Antoine; Kate; Valentine; and Ottila (deceased).

Father Wagner began his education in the common schools, but later was a student in St. Vincent's College in Westmoreland county, Penn., for nine years, taking the full classical course and also philosophy and theology, and graduating in 1891. After his ordination he was located at McKean, Erie county, where he remained for three years, and was then, in 1894, transferred to his present charge. Since November, 1896, he has been a resident of Morrisdale Mines, and attends St. Severinus Church from that point, the same as when he resided there. Since 1894 he has had charge of St. Severinus, Cooper township, and St. Agnes Church, Morrisdale Mines. St. Agnes is a congregation started within the last ten years, and is located on the railroad. The Catholic population of various nationalities numbers about ninety families.

DANIEL KOOSER. The ancestors of the Kooser family, now so prominent in this section, came to Pennsylvania in Colonial times, and their descendants have shown in every generation the pioneer spirit which prompts the search for new and unbroken fields of enterprise. John Kooser, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Berks county, Penn., but made his home, in manhood, in Jenner township, Somerset county, where he owned about 800 acres of land, and for many years followed the trade of a millwright. His death occurred there in 1827. His wife, Mary Vicegarber, to whom he was married in Bedford county, Penn., lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. They had eight children, and all but three died in Somerset county. Elizabeth (Mrs. Putnam), Mary (Mrs. Tedrow) and Rebecca (Mrs. James Flick) all lived and died there; Daniel was a pioneer settler in Ohio, and died near Columbus; Peter married in Somerset county, and moved to Fayette county, Penn., near Connellsville, to spend the remainder of his days; John is mentioned below; Jacob lived and died in Somerset county; and Samuel made his home there at the old farm, where he was accidentally killed while building a barn.

John Kooser, our subject's father, a farmer by occupation, was born at the old homestead in 1792, and was married in his native township, in 1816, to Susan Friedline, who was born in the same county in 1798, the daughter of Peter and Mary (Miller) Friedline. Her ancestors were early settlers there, and her father was born and reared upon the same farm where he died. In 1829 John Kooser moved to Indiana county, Penn., to pass his remaining years, dying there in March, 1850, and his widow departed this life in 1867, in Kansas. They had ten children: Mrs. Lydia McCloskey died, in Indiana county, Penn., in November, 1893; Rebecca (Mrs. Thomas Davis), of Lumber City, Clearfield county, died in 1893; Maria married Thomas Robinson, who died in 1867, and she died in Lumber City two years later; Sarah married Sanford Roberson, of Gulich township, Clearfield county; Elizabeth is the wife of Jonas Kelley, of Belsena, Clearfield county; Josiah has resided since 1834 at the old homestead in Indiana county; Daniel is the subject proper of our sketch; Jacob is a lumberman in West Virginia; Hiram lives in California; John was drowned in 1851, at the age of twenty-two, in Chest creek while engaged in lumbering.

Mr. Kooser has passed the allotted term of three-score years and ten, having been born July 12, 1820, in Somerset county, and he has seen many changes in his section. He was nine years old when he went to Indiana county, where he remained until November 15, 1854, when he moved to Clearfield county. There he rented a farm in Ferguson township, and followed agriculture and lumbering for fifteen years, and then went to Lawrence township, and engaged in farming. In 1881 he moved to Clearfield borough, and conducted a boarding house on Reed street for nearly thirteen years. He then retired from active business and returned to Lawrence township, where he built a fine residence in which to enjoy the fruits of his past labors.

On June 5, 1845, Mr. Kooser was married in Indiana county to Miss Amanda Kimple, who was born in Essex county, N. J., the daughter of John and Mary Ziegler Kimple, both natives of
Yours truly,

Daniel Fraser
New Jersey, who settled in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1838, and later moved to Indiana county. Her father rented the Kelley farm for some time, after which he spent ten years on the Stanard farm, and then bought a tract of land in Mahoning township, which he cleared and improved. He died there in 1878; his widow in September, 1892.

This worthy couple had eighteen children: Philip went to Wayne county, Iowa, in 1853, and now lives in California; Mrs. Maria Repine died in Mahoning, Indiana county, in 1869; George enlisted in Wayne county, Iowa, served throughout the Civil war, but died soon after his return to Iowa, in 1865; Amanda married Mr. Kooser; Mrs. Elizabeth Wegley, a widow, resides in Allerton, Iowa; Sarah (Mrs. David Griffith) died in Indiana county; Jacob is a farmer at Allerton, Iowa; William is a farmer in Indiana county; Mrs. Hannah Marshall lives in Mahoning township, Indiana county; Mrs. Martha Hall lives near Allerton, Iowa; Jane and Nancy died in childhood; Mrs. Nancy Thompson lives in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Lydia died in childhood; Ann married (first) Mr. Davis, and (second) Mr. All, and resides in Indiana county; Mrs. Rebecca Freck lives at the old homestead; John and one other died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Kooser have passed their golden wedding anniversary. They have had seven children: Mrs. Susan Bloom lives in Clearfield; Mary Jane died at the age of seven; Samuel, a farmer in Burnside township, Clearfield county, is married and has nine children; Mrs. Martha Burchfield resides in West Clearfield; John and Peter live in Lawrence township; and Albus, the recorder and register of Clearfield county, lives at the county seat. In politics, Mr. Kooser is a Democrat, and he and his wife are leading members of the Lutheran Church.

ZEDWIN WASHBURN, a prominent agriculturist of Sandy township, Clearfield county, was one of the ‘‘brave boys in blue’’ during the dark days of the Rebellion, and comes of a family noted for its patriotism and loyalty. When the Colonies resolved to throw off the yoke of British oppression, his paternal grandfather joined the Continental army and participated in the memorable siege of Yorktown, while his father took up arms against the mother country in the war of 1812. A brother of Mrs. Washburn, John Barley, was a member of the Union army during the Civil war.

Our subject’s father was born, in 1790, in Massachusetts, and in early life removed to the State of New York, where in 1829 he married Mrs. Nancy Sherman, nee Stuart. They continued to reside in that State until 1837, when they emigrated to Ridgway, Penn., where for two years the father worked as a millwright. He then purchased the Jacob Burns farm in Sandy township, Clearfield county, where he continued to make his home until called to his final rest in
1876, and his worthy wife survived him only two years. In the family were only two sons, the brother of our subject being Joseph Washburn, who was born in Allegany county, N. Y., in 1831, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Ridgway, and later to the homestead in Sandy township, one mile east of Sabula. On reaching manhood he married Miss Catherine Smeltzer, of Elk county, Penn., where he followed lumbering for a number of years, but they now reside on the old homestead. They have four children—Esther, now Mrs. James Nynecoop, who resides near Sabula; Daniel, who was born on the old farm, and since his marriage to Miss Della MacIntyre, of Tioga county, Penn., has lived on a farm adjoining the village of Sabula and near our subject's home; Amanda, now the wife of A. W. Dunlap, of Brady township, who resides one mile west of Sabula; and Elizabeth, who married M. S. Dunlap, and died at the old home in 1893, leaving no children.

The subject of this sketch is also a native of the State of New York, born in 1833, and during his boyhood and youth attended the common schools for three months during the winter, and assisted his father in the work of the farm during the summer season. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, 172nd P. V. I., the company being formed in Clearfield county, and commanded by Capt. J. H. Heasley. After the organization of the regiment at Camp Curtin, it was sent to Newport, and from there marched to Fort Yorktown, where Mr. Washburn was detailed for guard duty. There he remained until July, 1863, when with his command he went by boat and rail to Frederick City, Md., where they were assigned to the Eleventh Army Corps at Punkstown, under Carl Schurz. The regiment then followed Lee's army to Williamsport, and on the return march passed to the west of Hagerstown and through Middletown. They crossed the Potomac river four miles below Harper's Ferry, and, by the way of New Baltimore and Warrington Junction, continued to follow Lee's command. They lost a large number of their comrades on this march, including Isaac Brown, of Sabula.

In August, 1863, with his company, Mr. Washburn was mustered out at Camp Curtin, and returned home. For a number of years he was engaged in lumbering and railroad contracting, building six miles of the Allegheny railroad east and west of Sabula, and also sixteen miles for the Winslow company on the same road. For six years after his marriage he resided on his father's old homestead, but at the end of that time sold his interest in the place, and in 1862 purchased a small tract of woodland of John E. DuBois, which he has converted into a good farm, and still makes his home thereon.

In 1884 Mr. Washburn was married to Mrs. Mary Leonard, née Burley, who was born in 1855 in Canada, and removed to New York in 1869 with her parents, Elector and Cornelia Burley, also natives of Canada. In the State of New York she married Mr. Leonard. By her second marriage she has become the mother of six children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Annie, in January, 1885; Robert, in December, 1887; Cora, August 4, 1889; Syrena, November 11, 1891; Charles T., July 14, 1893; and Willis E., October 17, 1896. All are still living with the exception of the youngest, who died December 24, 1896.

Politically Mr. Washburn is a free silver Democrat, is well posted on all the leading questions of the day, and takes quite an active interest in public affairs. For four years he held the office of supervisor of his township, and had the honor of being the first postmaster commissioned under President Grant's administration. Mr. Creswell being Postmaster General at that time. Through his persistent efforts a weekly mail route was established between Rockton and Penfield, and an office at Sabula. He has ever taken an active and prominent part in promoting the interests of his locality, and well deserves the high regard in which he is held. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sabula.

Reuben Caldwell has for many years successfully operated his fine farm in Knox township, Clearfield county. The place with its tasteful and substantial buildings, its neat fences and its general air of thrift and comfort, forms one of the most attractive spots in the landscape of the township. As a citizen and a business man Mr. Caldwell stands high in the esteem of his neighbors. In the various enterprises inaugurated for the advancement of the community he has been a cheerful and ready assistant, and takes a lively interest in the progress of the people around him.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Caldwell was born June 1, 1828, in Pike township, and is a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families, who bore an important part in the upbuilding and development of this region. His paternal grandparents, Hugh and Jane (Boyd) Caldwell, the latter a daughter of Edward Boyd, were natives of Ireland, and in early life came to the United States, where their marriage was celebrated. In Lancaster county, Penn., they
reared their family of nine children: Elizabeth, Matthew, Alexander, Samuel, J. Baxter, Margery, Hugh, Jane and Mary. Four of the sons came to Clearfield county at a very early day in its history, and later the other members of the family followed.

Matthew Caldwell, the father of our subject, who was born June 13, 1787, took up his residence here in 1819, and helped to cut the first road from Curwensville to Bloomington, on which he purchased a tract of wild land and improved a farm, it being in Pike township, where he spent the remainder of his life, chiefly engaged in farming. He was also interested in the lumber-business to some extent, and was among the first to build arks and float coal down the river to market. His death occurred April 24, 1869. Politically he was a stanch Democrat, and religiously both he and his wife were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder for many years.

In Clearfield county, Matthew Caldwell was married to Miss Mary Bloom, born September 25, 1792, a daughter of William Bloom, who came to America during Colonial days and located in New Jersey. For six years he valiantly served under General Washington in the Revolutionary war, and on the close of that struggle returned to his New Jersey home, where he resided until 1795, when he moved with an ox-team to Centre county, Penn. In 1802, however, he came to Clearfield county, where he organized Pike township, and there reared his family of seven sons and three daughters, from whom are descended all bearing the name of Bloom in this section of the State.

Twenty children were born to Matthew Caldwell and wife, of whom nine died in infancy. The others are Mrs. Elizabeth Clark; Annie, wife of R. McClure; Mrs. Jane Wise; Mary, wife of W. McClure; Isaac, who died in 1871; Bishop, a resident of Virginia; Reuben, of this sketch; Margaret, Mrs. J. Owens; Harriett, wife of D. Reams; Theresa, who died at the age of ten years; and James R., who still resides on the old homestead in Pike township. The mother of these passed away May 17, 1877.

The only opportunities afforded Reuben Caldwell for securing an education were such as the country schools furnished, but his training at farm labor was not so limited. On attaining his majority he left home and traveled throughout the West, but in the fall returned to his native county, where he was employed in lumbering during the winter of 1851. He then purchased 108 acres of land on which he still resides, and later added to his original purchase until he now has a valuable farm of 350 acres, of which 180 acres he has placed under a high state of cultivation. The place is pleasantly situated two miles south of New Millport, is fine mineral land, and one coal mine is now in successful operation.

In 1857, Mr. Caldwell wedded Miss Mary F. Johnston, a lady of intelligence and culture, who comes of a highly respected family of Clearfield county. Her father, Robert Johnston, accompanied by his brother James, came from their home in Scotland to America in 1829, and first located in Pottsville, Penn., where they engaged in coal mining. While at that place, Robert Johnston married Miss Mary Cameron, and in 1833, they came to Clearfield county, locating in Jordan township, where the brothers purchased land, and in the midst of the forest developed fine farms. James had married previous to his immigration to the United States. The Johnston family has for many generations been identified with the Presbyterian Church. Nine children were born to Robert Johnston and wife: R. M.; Mary F., wife of our subject; John C.; Isabel, wife of I. Bloom; James W.; William; David; Mark; and Elizabeth, wife of S. Withrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have become the parents of six children: Mark A., a farmer; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Wise; Mary E., wife of J. Bachdel; Robert M., who is now residing in the West; Priscilla J., wife of W. McNeal, and Annie I., a milliner at Altoona. The parents were both reared in the Presbyterian Church, to which faith they closely adhere and are benevolent and charitable people, who enjoy the esteem of all who know them. In his political affiliations, Mr. Caldwell is a Democrat, and although he has filled some minor offices, he cares nothing for political distinction, but always faithfully performs every duty of citizenship.

ASHLEY STEWART is numbered among the stalwart and substantial citizens of Bradford township, Clearfield county, who devote their time and attention to the cultivation of the soil, and, in his chosen field of labor, he has met with a well-deserved success.

Mr. Stewart is the owner of an excellent farm of one hundred acres, upon which his grandparents, John and Jane (Campbell) Stewart, located on emigrating to this country from Ireland—their native land. It was then covered with the heavy growth of timber which the grandfather at once began to clear, and soon had a portion of
the place under cultivation. He was well known throughout the county, and was held in the highest respect. His death occurred upon the farm in 1879, but his wife passed away in Clearfield. In their family were the following children: Archie, who died in Bradford township; David, the father of our subject; Robert, a resident of Girard township, Clearfield county; James, who makes his home in Kyler; John H., of Bradford township; Mary, who wedded Robert Wrigley, and died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; and Eliza Jane, wife of W. H. Shirey, of Bradford township.

David Stewart was born in Bradford township, in 1823, and was indebted to its district schools for his educational privileges. Throughout his active business career he was principally engaged in farming and lumbering, and also owned and operated a mill in Bradford township, near where our subject now resides. In that township, he was united in marriage with Jane Lines, a native of Brady township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of Joseph and Jane Lines, who were born in Huntingdon county, Penn., but at an early day came to Clearfield county, locating in Brady township, where both died. After his marriage, Mr. Stewart opened up a farm in Bradford township, where he made his home until his removal to Clearfield in 1882. His death occurred in that city in 1890, and there his widow still resides. He took an active and prominent part in public affairs, and always supported the Democratic party by his ballot. To their marriage were born six children, namely: Mary Ellen, who became the wife of Martin Wilson, and died in Bradford township, in 1882; J. Ashley, of this review; John C., a resident of West Clearfield; S. C., a practicing physician of Clearfield; B. M., who also makes his home in that city; and one who died in infancy.

J. Ashley Stewart was born in 1850, in Bradford township, and was there reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys. He was married in that township, in 1875, the lady of his choice being Miss Clara Albert, who was born in Bradford township, a daughter of George and Sophia (Kyler) Albert, also natives of Pennsylvania. At one time her father owned the present site of Woodland, Clearfield county, and was the first man to locate there and establish business. Finding an excellent grade of clay in the locality, he organized the Fire Brick Company, of which he was a member, and also engaged in merchandising at that place, where his death occurred in 1888. He was a prosperous, energetic and reliable business man, and with his brothers, William and Henry, held a prominent place in the business circles of the county. His widow still makes her home in Woodland.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart began their domestic life in Clearfield, where for a time he was engaged in the clothing business, but in 1879 located upon his present farm, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his time and attention. That he is a thorough and skillful agriculturist is shown by the neat and thrifty appearance of his place. Five children have come to brighten the home: Blanche, Minnie, Newton G., Albert and Bada.

Politically, Mr. Stewart affiliates with the Democratic party, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called upon him to serve in a number of local offices, including township clerk and assessor. Socially, he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He takes a warm interest in the welfare of his community, and conscientiously performs every duty of citizenship.

JAMES McGEE was born in Bell township, Clearfield county, April 11, 1829, on the farm where his death occurred October 10, 1895. Throughout his life he was a prominent citizen of the community, distinguished for his fidelity to duty and his irreproachable character. He was descended from honorable ancestry, and his grandfather, John McGee, won distinction as a soldier of the Patriot army.

Mr. McGee was born in Ireland of Scotch descent, and about the time of the outbreak of the Revolution started for America to join the Colonial forces and aid in the struggle for independence. Accompanied by his brother he embarked in a westward-bound vessel which was captured by the British, and all the young men on board were made prisoners. They landed at a New England harbor, where the brother succeeded in making his escape, joining the Colonial army. John McGee was forced into the British service, but in the first battle the Americans were victorious, and he was among the British soldiers captured. By this means he was re-united to his brother, and for seven years they remained in the Patriot army, where the meritorious service of John McGee led to his promotion to the rank of colonel. At the close of the war the brothers located in Pennsylvania, where they followed farming. During the war of 1812 they again enlisted; but hostilities ceased while they were on their way to the front. Col. McGee located in Centre county, where he reared a large family, his children being John, who located in Virginia; Thomas, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal
Church; James, father of our subject; Mrs. Mary Barnhart; Mrs. Elizabeth Goodfellow; and Mrs. Margaret Gapin.

James McGee, Sr., the father, removed from Centre county to Clearfield county in 1826, taking up his residence on the west branch of the Susquehanna, near the present site of McGee's Mills. He was born in 1790. Having located a large tract of land, he erected the first gristmill in his section of the county, and for miles around came patrons to the new industry. He also built a sawmill, which, in connection with the gristmill, is still in operation. He improved a farm, and in connection with Governor Bigler, opened a general mercantile store and established Chest post office. From the beginning through the various changes of administration he served as postmaster, occupying the position from 1830 until his death in 1854. He was a staunch Democrat, a public-spirited citizen, and on one occasion his friends placed him in nomination for representative to the General Assembly; but he was defeated by a small majority. He had always refused to become a candidate, having no desire for political honors. He died at the age of sixty-five, and his wife, who survived him seventeen years, passed away in 1872, at the age of eighty. They were long members of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which he was licensed to exhort and afterward to preach. His earnest labors resulted in much good, and his noble Christian life furnished a worthy example to all who knew him.

Rev. James McGee wedded Mary, daughter of Philip (or Jacob) Barnhart, an honored pioneer, who served for seven years in the Revolutionary war. He belonged to a notable family, whose representatives occupied many distinguished official positions. His children were: Henry, Jacob, John, Mrs. Mary McGee, Mrs. Sophia Johnson, Mrs. Catherine Neff, Mrs. Ann Ross, Mrs. Julia Curtis, and Mrs. Clarissa Dopp. Eight children were born to James McGee, Sr., and his wife, namely: John, of Kansas; Thomas and Philip, both deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth A. Mitchell; Mary, wife of R. Mahaffey; Margaret G., wife of J. Weaver; and James and Henry, deceased. All reached mature years, and followed in the footsteps of their honored parents.

James McGee, whose name introduces this review, was reared under the parental roof, and spent his entire life on the farm, where his widow now resides. He early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and with the work of lumbering. In summer he gave his attention to the farm, in winter to the lumber business, and was a very industrious and energetic man. He became possessed of his father's old homestead, a large and valuable farm, upon which he made many excellent improvements. He was a leader in the social and moral development of the county, and his life was ever upright and noble. At the age of fifteen he united with the Methodist Protestant Church, and was ever an active and consistent worker in its interests, both as an exhorter and minister of that Church. He believed in the practical Christianity which relieves the needy and comforts the distressed, and his religion became a part of his every-day life.

In 1856, James McGee married Adaline Orr, who was born in Cumberland county, Penn., May 20, 1835, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Baker) Orr. Her parents removed from Cumberland to Clearfield county in 1843, locating on Chest creek near the site of the Mahaffey Mills, where Mr. Orr purchased a large tract of wild land and improved a farm. He also built a sawmill, and was extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber. His father, Thomas Orr, was born, reared and married in Ireland, and on coming to America located in Cumberland county, Penn., where he followed carpentering. In 1850 he came to Clearfield county, where he continued his trade until his death. Both he and his wife were prominent in the Methodist Church, and died in Clearfield county. Their children were: Mrs. Mary A. Beck; Harriet, wife of Dr. White; Mrs. Talitha Coffman; Mrs. Peggy McQuilkin; Mrs. Maria Bruner; John; and James, who died in childhood.

The maternal grandparents of Mrs. McGee were natives of Germany, and took up their residence in Dauphin county, Penn., where they reared their family on a farm. They had four children: Mrs. Elizabeth Orr; John, who died in Clearfield county; George, deceased; and Mrs. Mary Greggs. Mr. and Mrs. John Orr had a family of children, as follows: Mary J., wife of G. Kaufman; Mrs. McGee; Thomas, who was killed at Bull Run in the Civil war; Mrs. Emily Estriker; William H., of Virginia; Mrs. Annie Moorhead; Elizabeth, wife of W. Evans; and James Orr and Hattie Orr, of Mahaffey, Pennsylvania.

To Mr. and Mrs. McGee, were born the following named: Sadie, wife of W. Campbell; Molly; John T., at home; Harriet, wife of Dr. Bell; Mrs. Sophia Gutelius; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Agnes, a nurse in Warren Hospital; Dopp, at home, and James R., who is still at school.

Mr. McGee was reared in the faith of the Democratic party, but later in life became a
stanch Prohibitionist. He was an obliging neighbor, a faithful friend and a loving husband and father. His many acts of kindness will long be remembered, and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to those who knew him. Like her husband, Mrs. McGee is a faithful member of the Methodist Church. She resides on the old family homestead, and is an estimable lady whose friends are many.

JACOB RINEHART, a progressive and enterprising farmer and lumberman of Graham township, Clearfield county, was born January 8, 1834, in Lycoming county, Penn., a son of Carl and Catharine (Grove) Rinehart. The latter is still a resident of Lycoming county, but the former returned to Ireland, his native country, whence he came to America in 1830.

Our subject is one of a family of eight children, the others being as follows: S. L., a merchant in Big Run, Jefferson Co., Penn.; William, David, James and Daniel, all residents of Lycoming county; Mrs. Annie Weaver, of the same county; and Mary, wife of Alexander Ross, a farmer of Bradford township, Clearfield county. Jacob Rinehart, of this sketch, grew to manhood in Lycoming county, and in 1855 came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where he worked in the lumber woods until 1858, when he purchased fifty acres of wild land, which he has converted into a valuable and productive farm. He has made all the improvements found thereon, and has the land under a high state of cultivation. He was married to Miss Elizabeth McDowell, who was born in Graham township, March 8, 1838, a daughter of David and Maria (Smeal) McDowell. She has one brother and four sisters, namely: John, a farmer of Graham township, who is married and has one child; Mrs. Sarah Lytle, who has six children, and lives upon a farm in Graham township; Mrs. Eliza Jane Bush, who has six children, and lives in Clinton county, Penn.; Mrs. Katie Powell, who has seven children, and lives upon a farm in Graham township; and Delia, wife of A. Y. Williams, of Centre county, Penn., by whom she has nine children.

Of the six children born to Jacob Rinehart and wife, John F., the eldest died in infancy. (2) W. I., a farmer of Graham township, married Sarah Taylor, of the same township, and has five children, all at home. (3) J. B., who follows engineering and the stone mason’s trade in Punxsutawney, Penn., married Laura Moore, of Cooper township, Clearfield county, and has four children. (4) M. Catharine married George Aughenbaugh, of Clearfield county, by whom she had five children, two still living. Since her death, which occurred January 11, 1892, one of the children, Adam C., has resided with the grandparents. (5) Martha Rosanna married David Hoover, of Bigler, Bradford township, Clearfield county, and died December 31, 1893, leaving two children—M. C., who resides with our subject, and the other living with Albert Smeal. (6) Albert R. is still living with his parents.

Politically, our subject has always been identified with the Democratic party, and has acceptably filled a number of official positions, being school director for nine successive years, assessor two terms, town clerk one term and judge of elections a number of times. He is one of the valued and representative citizens of the community, and enjoys the confidence and high regard of all who know him. His excellent wife is a member of the United Brethren Church, to which his two daughters also belonged.

JOHN LIVINGSTON. Among the stalwart and sturdy agriculturists of Bradford township, Clearfield county, whose place of birth was the Emerald Isle, is numbered the gentleman whose name introduces this personal history. Born in County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1834, Mr. Livingston is a son of Andrew and Eliza (Porter) Livingston, who were also natives of the same place. In 1850 they sailed for the New World, and it was three months before they reached Clearfield county, Penn., where they decided to locate. By occupation the father was a farmer, and died on his farm in Bradford township in 1870. There his wife still continues to reside at the advanced age of ninety-two years, but is still very active. This worthy couple reared a family of children, namely: Alexander, who resides in Clearfield, Penn.; Elizabeth Ann, who died in Pittsburg, Penn., in 1848; Mrs. Jane Graham, of Girard township, Clearfield county; John, of this sketch; Robert, who enlisted in 1861, in Bradford township, in Company C, 84th P. V. I., and died in Washington, D. C., the same year; William, who is married and lives in Clearfield, and Mary, who died from a snake bite in 1852.

The first sixteen years of his life John Livingston passed in the land of his nativity, and acquired his education in its public schools. He accompanied his parents on their removal to the United States, and on starting out in life for himself chose the occupation to which he had been reared—that of farming. In 1863 he purchased
his present farm, which is now a valuable tract of 150 acres of well-improved land, made so by his unremitting toil and careful supervision. It plainly indicates to the passerby that the owner is a man of thrift, energy and progressive spirit. In 1858 in Bradford township, he was married to Miss Catharine Gill, a native of the township, and a daughter of Angus M. and Mary (Mattern) Gill. The father was born in 1806, in Huntingdon county, Penn., and was a son of John and Margaret (McDonald) Gill, natives of England and Scotland, respectively, who, on coming to America, located in Huntingdon county. John Gill left the English army, with which he had come to the New World during the Revolutionary war, and took up his residence in Huntingdon county, where his marriage was celebrated. There his wife died in 1868, and the same year he removed to Clearfield county, locating in Bocaria township, where his death occurred. In his family were eight children, all now deceased: James, John, Samuel, George, Martha, Mary Ann, Angus M., and Margaret.

Angus M. Gill was reared at Spruce Creek, Huntingdon county, and in 1837 came to Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he opened up a farm. He departed this life in 1879, and his wife passed away in 1871. They had children as follows: Margaret, who married Joseph Taylor, and died in Bradford township; David, who died in infancy; M. L., who is married and resides in Cambria county, Penn.; Mrs. Livingston; Mrs. Mary Munce, of Cooper township, Clearfield county; George L., who died in Bradford township at the age of twenty-seven years; John C., who died in the same township, in 1844; Susannah, wife of John Antes, of Woodland, Penn.; Samuel, who died in Bradford township, in 1889; and Mrs. Emma Mills, who died in Philipsburg, Penn., in 1889.

Twelve children have been born to our subject and his wife: Samuel, who is married, and living in Woodland; J. Porter, who is married, and living in the same place; Mary; Mrs. Margaret Ashcroft, of Decatur township, Clearfield county; Helen; Mrs. Emma Gearhart and Mrs. Jennie Kyler, both of Bradford township; Myrtle; Robert; Effa; George, who died at the age of four years and a half; and Ira.

In connection with his farming operations, Mr. Livingston has also engaged in lumbering. He has watched with interest the many changes that have taken place since locating in Bradford township, and has always cheerfully borne his part in all works of public improvement. His political allegiance is always given the Democratic party, and in the Presbyterian Church of Bigler he and his estimable wife hold membership. They are widely and favorably known throughout the community, and have hosts of warm friends.

WILLIAM STRAW is well known throughout Jordan township and vicinity as one of the most progressive and energetic farmers and lumbermen of Clearfield county, where his entire life has been passed.

Born April 22, 1836, Mr. Straw is a son of Nicholas and Sarah (Little) Straw, and belongs to a family that was early established in Clearfield county. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of Germany, and crossed the Atlantic prior to the Revolutionary war, in which he served. At its close he took up his residence in Pennsylvania, spending his last days in Clearfield county, where he and his wife are both buried. Christian Straw, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., and on coming to Clearfield county at a very early day, located on the river in the McClure neighborhood, where he opened up and improved a good farm. He and his wife were both Lutherans in religious belief, and their remains were interred at the Lutheran Church in New Millport. In connection with farming he also worked at the potter's trade. Four children constituted his family: Joseph; Nicholas; John, a resident of Bocaria township, Clearfield county; and Mary A., who died unmarried. By a second marriage Christian Straw had ten children: George, Christian, Henry D., William, Elizabeth, Mary J., Rachel, Margaret, Ann, and Catherine.

Nicholas Straw, the father of our subject, early in life learned the potter's trade, which he followed previous to his marriage, and then operated a rented farm for a few years. Subsequently he purchased 150 acres of heavily timbered land in Jordan township, and engaged in lumbering and improved a fine farm—the present homestead of our subject. There he continued to make his home until called to his final rest, in 1870. With the Baptist Church he and his wife held membership. She was a daughter of Charles Little, who was born in Clearfield county of Scotch parentage, and was a shoemaker by trade. In his family were children as follows: James; William; Samuel, who died in childhood; George H.; John; Jane, wife of C. Straw; Elizabeth, wife of R. Miller; Maria; Mary; Martha; Nancy; and Sarah. To Nicholas Straw and wife were born eight children: Samuel, a farmer; William, of this sketch; Mrs.
Eliza J. Estor; Mrs. Matilda Jones; Mrs. Caroline Summers; and Reuben, Alfred and John, all farmers.

William Straw pursued his studies in the country schools near his boyhood home, and since twenty years of age he has spent his winters in the lumber woods, while the summer months have been passed in agricultural pursuits. He and his brother Reuben purchased the interests of the other heirs in the old homestead, which they still own and operate, having separate residences upon the place. In 1869 William Straw was married to Miss Letitia, daughter of William and Catherine (Stewart) Magarvey, who were both natives of Ireland, but came to America previous to their marriage, which was celebrated in Philadelphia, where the father worked in a lint factory. Removing to Huntingdon county, Penn., he secured employment at an iron furnace, but after coming to Clearfield county, in 1841 or 1842, purchased land and improved a farm in the midst of the forest, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1893, at the age of eighty years. His wife died in 1877. They were members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the parents of eight children, namely: William; John; Paul; Letitia; Mary A., wife of Anson Williams; Mathew; Robert; and David.

To our subject and his wife have been born seven children: Sarah C.; Ann E., now the wife of C. Witherow; Heber H.; William N.; Samuel L.; Mary M.; and Paul S. All have been provided with excellent educational privileges, and the oldest son has attended a commercial college for two terms. One room of their comfortable residence has been fitted up for the use of their children in study hours, and they have been given every advantage necessary to fit them for the responsible duties of life. The family is one of prominence in social circles, and the mother and children are all active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His political support is given the men and measures of the Democratic party. He is a true citizen in every respect, and has an excellent reputation as a straightforward and upright man.

William H. Edwards, M. D., whose beautiful home at Janesville, Clearfield county, commands a charming view of that picturesque locality, is a busy and successful physician, his practice extending many miles in all directions. Choosing the arduous labors of a country practitioner in preference to other branches of professional work which are usually deemed more desirable, he has faithfully held to his choice, and in summer's heat and winter's snow has traveled many miles uncomplainingly at the call of duty.

Dr. Edwards began life as a boy in a family of moderate means, and worked at various callings to obtain the money for his professional education. He comes from some of this country's best Colonial stock. He is a lineal descendant of John Edwards, who settled at Haverhill, Mass., in 1703.

John Edwards had a son, John, Jr., who was born at Haverhill, Mass., November 10, 1713, and married Elizabeth Crockett, by whom he had among other children a son Samuel, the Doctor's great-grandfather. Samuel Edwards was born at Haverhill, February 16, 1749, and became a soldier in the struggle for our national Independence. He lived at Gorham and Groveville, Maine, and was thrice married. He was the father of nine children, all by the first marriage, and all girls save one, John Edwards, the Doctor's grandfather, who was born April 30, 1778, at Gorham, Maine, where he continued to reside after his marriage to Miss Eunice Smith (a granddaughter of the Elizabeth McLellan, portrayed in Kellogg's "Good Old Times, or Grandmother's Struggle For a Homestead"), and there their third child, Bryce Smith, the Doctor's father was born, September 17, 1806. Bryce was married, March 6, 1830, to Abigail Flood, born July 12, 1802, at Gorham, Maine. She was also from old New England stock, one ancestor, Calvin Lombard, having the credit of being the first man who fired on the British, at the siege of Portland, Maine, during the Revolution. Bryce Smith Edwards had seven children: Dr. William H.; John C. (deceased, formerly of Chelsea, Mass.: Luther F., of Madison, Maine; Rev. Bryce M., of Brunswick, Maine; Sylvester (deceased), formerly of Gardiner, Maine; Mrs. Susan Vaughan, of Boston, Mass.; and Mrs. Adrianna Butler (deceased), formerly of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin.

Dr. William H. Edwards was born November 28, 1842, at Industry, Franklin Co., Maine, and was reared upon a farm, receiving a common-school education. In November, 1860, he came to Clearfield county, and that winter he spent in teaching school near Madera. During the summer he worked at the carpenter's trade, but he secured a position as teacher for the following winter at Janesville. In the spring of 1862 he returned to his native State, and in September of that year he enlisted at the call of nine-months' men as a private in Company H, 24th M. V. I. On December 11, he was promoted to the rank of orderly sergeant of Company H, his regiment
being then a portion of the Nineteenth Army Corps, under Gen. Banks, in the Department of the Gulf. On August 4, 1863, the Doctor became a second lieutenant in his regiment, and held that rank until his discharge, by reason of illness, on August 25, 1863. During his term of service he took part in all the engagements of his regiment, and was at Port Hudson throughout the siege. On May 21, 1863, when a call was made for volunteers to reconnoiter the position of the Rebels, two men from each company, he was one of the men to step forward. This band was afterward christened "Banks' Forlorn Hope."

In November, 1863, Dr. Edwards returned to Clearfield county, but after teaching four months in Becaria township he went back to Maine, and began to read medicine in the office of Dr. Gould, of Madison. His health began to fail, however, and after six months he again came to Clearfield county. He taught school for eighteen months, two terms in the Weld neighborhood, two months at Mt. Pleasant, and eight months at Glen Hope, then returned to Maine. In 1865 he resumed his medical studies in the office of Dr. Dyer, of Farmington, Maine, and later he entered the medical department of Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. After one course of lectures there, he took a second course at the University of New York, and returning to Bowdoin College he completed the prescribed studies, graduating in the spring of 1868. Locating at Mount Vernon, Maine, he began practice; but the attractions of this region were sufficiently strong to bring him to Clearfield county as a permanent resident, and in November, 1868, he opened an office at Janesville. He succeeded from the first, and as his finances permitted he bought a lot and built a comfortable and tasteful residence in the village. Later he sold this to John Flynn, Jr., and purchased a tract of land, from Daniel Fulkerson, on the summit above Janesville, where he has erected an elegant two-story dwelling with all modern improvements, including a greenhouse, and a well-planned barn, the grounds being laid out in a most artistic way.

On August 7, 1869, Dr. Edwards married Miss Lydia E. Whittier, of Madison, Maine, daughter of John and Lydia ( Twitchell) Whittier, and a sister of Dr. G. M. Whittier, a well-known physician of Clearfield. John Whittier, father of Mrs. William H. Edwards, was born in Cornville, Maine, a son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Robinson) Whittier. He was a descendant of Thomas and Ruth (Green) Whittier (the common ancestor of nearly all those having this name in America, including John G. Whittier, the poet), who came to America in ship "Confidence" in 1638. Three of her direct ancestors were soldiers in the Revolutionary war—Moses Twitchell, Sr., and Jr., of Gray, Maine, and Josiah Everett, Jr., of New Portland, Maine; three in the French and Indian war—Josiah Everett, Sr., William Bullard, and Ebenezer Farrington, all three of Dedham, Mass.; and one in Queen Anne's war—Samuel Thorpe, also of Dedham, Mass. On the maternal side her grandfather was a member of the Twitchell family, pioneers of Gray, Maine, and her grandmother was a descendant of several of the earliest (1636) settlers of Dedham, and Roxbury, Mass.; among whom were: Richard Everett, John Dwight, Jonathan Farrington, William Bullard, Robert Pepper, Nathaniel Whiting, Anthony Fisher, William Avery, Joshua Child, James Thorpe, and Francis Newcomb. Dr. Edwards and his wife have three sons:

ERNEST G., born December 5, 1870, attended the Janesville schools until the fall of 1886, when he entered the Bloomfield Academy in Perry county, Penn., and remained a year and one-half. Returning home, he pursued his studies with Rev. William Gimmell, of Ramey, also with Joseph Rhodes, of Houtzdale, and in 1888 he taught schools at the Mountain School in Gulich township, Clearfield county. During the following winter he taught in Janesville, both winter and summer terms, and in June, 1890, he was census enumerator for the locality. In the fall of the same year he entered the Pennsylvania State College, in Centre county, and five months later he went to Lafayette College at Easton, Penn., where he was graduated in 1894 with the degree of B. S. The opening of the next collegiate year found him enrolled as a student in the medical department of the University of Western Pennsylvania, at Pittsburg, graduating in the honor class, 1897. In the summer of '97 he took a special course on diseases of eye and refraction at King Optical School, New York. He did considerable work as an athlete during his student days, serving for three years on the foot-ball team while at Lafayette College, and in 1894 he was its captain; he also belonged to the lacrosse team. In the seasons of 1894 and 1895 he coached the foot-ball team of Washington and Jefferson College, which won the championship, two successive years, over all the college teams of western Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. He held various class offices, and was prominent in fraternity work. At State College he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi Society, from which he resigned while at Lafayette College to enter the Delta Upsilon. He was also a member of the Sophomore fraternity, Theta Nu
Epsilon of Washington and Jefferson College, and of the Phi Beta Pi, medical fraternity of University of Western Pennsylvania. In 1893-94 he served as editor-in-chief of "The Lafayette," one of the founders of "West Penn Clinic," West Pennsylvania Medical College, of Pittsburgh, Penn., and for some time was college correspondent from Lafayette for the Associated Press. He has compiled a "List of Descendants of John Edwards, of Haverhill, Mass., and Their Ancestry" in ms., and a genealogical chart of ancestry of Josiah Everett, and Moses Twitchel, of New Portland, Maine, published in 1895. In November, 1897, he took the examination before the State Board of Medical Examiners, of Maine, and received second place in a class of eighteen. He is now located at New Sharon, Maine. He is interested in natural history, and has large collections of stuffed birds and animals, bird eggs, botanical specimens, and Indian relics. On December 24, 1894, Mr. Edwards was married at Steubenville, Ohio, to Miss Louisa A. Wood, of Mercer, Maine, daughter of David and Lucy (Vaughan) Wood, and they have two sons—Everett Wood Edwards, born May 5, 1896, at Janesville, Penn.; Gard Vaughan Edwards, born January 31, 1898, at New Sharon, Maine.

(2) Leno W., born March 19, 1873, attended the common schools of Janesville, until he was sixteen, when he entered Bloomfield Academy, Perry county, Penn., and spent four months. He then went to Franklin and Marshall Academy at Lancaster, Penn., where he was graduated in 1890. In the spring of 1895 he completed a four-years' course in Lafayette College, receiving the degree of A. B. and at present he is non-resident post-graduate student for the degree of Ph. D. While at Lafayette College he joined the Delta Upsilon fraternity, and was chosen to different offices in his class. After leaving college he taught two terms in the Robison School at Gulich township, Clearfield county, and in the spring of 1896, he was elected clerk of Gulich township. In August of the same year he began the study of law in the office of W. C. Miller, of Clearfield, and he is at present teaching in the public schools in addition to his other duties.

(3) Girard B., born June 9, 1875, studied in Janesville schools until he reached the age of sixteen, when he went to Mercer, Maine, to secure special instruction in music for which he has decided talent. He remained six months, and on his return to Pennsylvania entered Easton Academy, Easton, Penn., where he was graduated in 1891. In 1892 and 1893 in Gulich township, Clearfield county, he taught two years, one at the Mountain School and one in the Ginter district, and during two summers took lessons in shorthand, at Pott's school, in Williamsport, Penn. In the fall of 1895 he entered the Latin Scientific course at Washington and Jefferson College, where he is now pursuing his studies. During the two years there he has been a member of the football team, and he was also the manager of the college baseball team, terms of 1897 and 1898, and the Junior Annual, 1898. He holds the college championship for Western Pennsylvania for the one-quarter mile run. Fraternally he belongs to the Beta Theta Pi and Theta Nu Epsilon (Sophomore Fraternity).

Dr. William H. Edwards, during his professional career, has been the preceptor of a number of medical students who have achieved success, among whom may be mentioned: Dr. G. M. Whittier, of Clearfield; Dr. L. F. Worthley, of Altoona; Dr. B. J. Fulkerson, of Tyrone; Dr. Z. B. Ogden, of Pittsburg; Dr. H. Clay McGee, of Hockstown, Ohio; and Dr. John Edward Vaughan (deceased), of Brisbin, Penn. As an old soldier, the Doctor is, of course, interested in the G. A. R., and he is now commander of William H. Kinkead Post; No. 293, of Houtzdale. He is an ex-surgeon-general of the Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R.; an ex-vice-president of the Society of Honorably Discharged Soldiers of Clearfield County, and one of the members of the board of pension examiners of Clearfield county. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, to the Knights of Malta, to the Patriotic Order of the Sons of America, and to the I. O. O. F., in which he is a past grand. Politically he is a Republican, but has never aspired to office. His keen interest in education has led him to serve as school director in his township for a number of years, his influence being used effectively for higher wages, more competent teachers, and longer terms. Religious work has always received his hearty support, and according to his increasing prosperity he has enjoyed the privileges of aiding in such movements. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. The Doctor has considerable ability as an impromptu speaker, and is always in demand for that office at G. A. R. reunions, political meetings, etc.

THOMAS M. MCKELVEY, an honored veteran of the Civil war, has, after years of labor and sacrifice, secured a comfortable home in Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he is surrounded by and enjoys the esteem and confidence of his neighbors. Mr. McKelvey was
born September 23, 1846, in Perry county, Penn., where his parents, Thomas J. and Maria (Swartz) McKelvey, still reside upon a farm. They are also natives of that county, and the parents of four children, only two of whom are living, namely: Thomas M., and Catharine, wife of Henry Perry, of Monticello, Ill. The father was a Union soldier during the dark days of the Rebellion, enlisting in 1864, in Perry county, in Company K, 83rd P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He faithfully served until the close of the war. Having always been a great reader, he is a well informed man, and is a valued and representative citizen of the community where he makes his home.

In the county of his nativity our subject was reared and educated, and, on leaving the parental roof, he worked on the canal until his enlistment in the Union army. In 1864, he joined the Federal forces in Lycoming county, Penn., becoming a member of Company A, 76th Pennsylvania Zouaves. At Williamsport he was mustered in, and the company was assigned to the Second Brigade, Tenth Army Corps, under Gen. Terry. He participated in the battles of Fort Fisher and Bentonville, N. C., and was with Gen. Sherman all through the Carolina campaign. At Raleigh he was mustered out on July 18, 1865, and started north by boat from Beaufort, N. C., his destination being Baltimore, but the ship was wrecked off Cape Hatteras. He was picked up by a man-of-war, and was finally discharged August 6, 1865, after which he returned to his home in Perry county. Shortly afterward, Mr. McKelvey went to Kansas City, Mo., where he remained until the spring of 1866, when he again went to Perry county, but in the fall of that year secured work in the lumber woods near Snow Shoe, Centre county. After one winter there passed he engaged in lumbering in Sugar Valley until 1869, when he purchased a timber tract of forty acres in Bradford township, Clearfield county, and has since made that place his home. In Morrisdale Mine, he was married to Miss Johanna Flegal, a native of Graham township, Clearfield county, of which locality her parents, Samuel and Sarah (Sneal) Flegal, were early pioneers, but both are now deceased. To our subject and his worthy wife have been born eight children: Ralph, Hope, Scott, Blanche, Grant M., and three who are deceased.

Politically, Mr. McKelvey is a pronounced Republican, and he is an earnest advocate of the principles of his party. Fraternally, he is a member of John W. Geary Post, No. 90, G. A. R., of Philipsburg, Penn., and, for disability incurred in the service during his country's hour of peril, he now receives a pension of $12 per month. He was a faithful defender of the stars and stripes, and in days of peace he is just as true to the duties of citizenship.

E. E. OWENS. The motto "merit always commands its reward" is well exemplified in the career of our subject. He early learned that knowledge is the key with which the poor boy on the farm could open the store house of the world and cull its choicest fruits. The result is that he is now one of the most successful agriculturists of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, and is essentially the architect of his own fortune.

Mr. Owens was born March 17, 1831, in the township where he still resides, a son of Thomas and Emaline (Hile) Owens. Peter Owens, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Wales, and came to America in the 18th century at the age of seven years, locating on the river in what is now Clearfield county, where he spent the remainder of his days. In his family were six children: Aaron, John, Moses, Robert, Caroline and Thomas, from whom sprang the Owens family now so numerous in Clearfield county. In religious belief its members have been mostly Methodists, and, in politics, Democrats.

Thomas Owens, the father of our subject, spent his entire life in Clearfield county, and throughout manhood followed the occupations of lumbering and farming. After his marriage he located in Ferguson township, where he developed a farm from the wilderness and passed forty years of his life, and where his death occurred in 1860. Politically he was first a Whig, later a Know-Nothing, and on its organization joined the Republican party, which he ever afterward supported. He and his estimable wife were faithful members of the United Brethren Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Her father, Henry Hile, was a native of Germany, and became one of the early settlers of Clearfield county. To the parents of our subject were born ten children: Robert; Lorenzo; Carl; Henry; Lucy, wife of J. Ferguson; E. E.; Alfred; Perry; Lyman; and Nora, wife of Peter Bradley.

E. E. Owens was fourteen years of age when his father died, and he continued with his mother until she, too, was called to her final rest, when the family became scattered. At the early age of fourteen years he was thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood. His early education had been obtained in the country school, and with his first earnings he paid his own expenses
As a pioneer he was successful and prominent, and became widely and favorably known throughout this section of the State. His death occurred in Burnside township, after surviving the mother of our subject a number of years.

The early educational privileges of James Gallaher, Jr., were limited to two terms of three months each in the district schools, but by his own exertions he acquired a good practical education, which ably fitted him for the responsible duties of business life. He continued with his father until his first marriage, when he began life in earnest as a lumberman and farmer, continuing the former occupation up to within ten or twelve years of his death. For a time he also successfully engaged in merchandising, but his last years he spent in retirement from active labor, leaving the work of the farm to hired help.

Mr. Gallaher married Miss Sallie Lee, a daughter of Jacob Lee, a farmer; and who belonged to an honored pioneer family that came to Clearfield county from Centre county at an early day. A record of their children is as follows: Evaline, who became the wife of Joseph Neff, is now deceased; Elizabeth and Thirzah, who both died unmarried; Joán, who died at the age of ten years; James, who died at the age of six; and Margaret A., wife of Dr. Samuel McCune. The mother of these children passed away in 1858. In 1860 Mr. Gallaher was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary L. Kelly, a lady of rare intelligence and excellent business ability. She was born in Athens, Ohio, May 13, 1826, and at the age of five years was taken to the State of New York, where she was reared and educated. Her parents, Isaac C. and Rose (Fonston) Horton, were natives of that State. Thomas Horton, her grandfather, was a patriotic, loyal citizen, whom every one honored, and during the Revolutionary war he aided the Colonies in throwing off the British yoke. He belonged to that sturdy class of American agriculturists upon whom the prosperity of the country so largely depends. In 1837 Isaac Horton removed to Tioga county, Penn., where he followed farming until his death, which occurred in January, 1860. His wife long survived him, dying in September, 1884, at the ripe old age of eighty years. Both were consistent members of the Baptist Church. In their family were seven children, namely: Mrs. Abigail Wilcox, who is still living; Mrs. Sarah A. Kilburn; Mary L. (now Mrs. Gallaher); William, a druggist; Susan E., wife of Joseph Hutton; Mrs. Jane Dodge; and Rose, wife of M. Tomb.

Miss Mary L. Horton first gave her hand in marriage to James Kelly, a native of New York,
and in 1848 they located in Burnside township, Clearfield Co., Penn., where the year previous he had invested in land. Here he successfully engaged in lumbering, and was the first man to drive logs on Chest creek and the river, which undertaking his friends thought to be an impossibility; but he succeeded, and the driving became popular. He also engaged in farming, also conducting a general store, and he met with a well-deserved success in all his enterprises. His political support was given the Republican party. He died June 26, 1857, leaving three children, namely: William, who died in the State of Washington in 1890; James H., a leading attorney of Clearfield; and Harry, who died in California in 1890. By her second marriage, Mrs. Gallaher became the mother of six children: John, a prominent citizen of Burnside township, who is now serving as justice of the peace; Rose, wife of William Carlisle; J. Lincoln, who died at the age of sixteen years; Virginia, a trained nurse now employed in a Homeopathic hospital; George, who is engaged in merchandising in Fairport, Ohio; and May, who died in infancy. Mrs. Gallaher still resides on the homestead farm in a comfortable two-story residence which overlooks the village of New Washington. She is a faithful member of the Missionary Baptist Church, and is surrounded by many warm friends and acquaintances who recognize her sterling worth and many excellent traits of character.

On attaining his majority, Mr. Gallaher supported the Democratic party, but later became a strong Abolitionist, and in 1856, on the organization of the Republican party to prevent the further extension of slavery, he joined its ranks. Although often solicited to accept office, including that of representative, he always steadfastly refused, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his family and business interests. In religious belief he was a Methodist. His benevolence was unostentatious and genuine, and there was nothing in the story of his life to show that he ever for a moment sought to compass a given end for the purpose of exalting himself. He championed measures and aided men, and accepted as his reward that thrill of delight which always accompanies victories achieved. Endowed by nature with a sound judgment and an accurate, discriminating mind, he feared not that laborious attention to the details of business so necessary to achieve success. This essential quality was ever guided by a sense of moral right which would tolerate the employment of only those means that would bear the most rigid examination by a fairness of intention that neither sought nor required disguise. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness, his duties were performed with great care, and during a long life his personal honor and integrity were without blemish.

HENRY MUMPER, a prominent agriculturist and lumberman of Galich township, Clearfield county, is a representative of the best class of American citizenship, his patriotism being proved by his service at Antietam, Frederickburg and Chancellorsville in the dark days of the Civil war.

Mr. Mumper is a native of Pennsylvania, born September 4, 1839, in Toboyne township, Perry county. His family became identified with that locality at an early day. Henry Mumper, Sr., his father, was born there in 1812, and has there made his home throughout his life time, following agricultural pursuits, first upon a farm of his own in Toboyne township, which he purchased soon after his marriage, and later upon rented farms belonging to Thomas Adams and others. At present he is living in retirement with a daughter, Mrs. Bowserman, of the same county, having attained the advanced age of eighty-four years. He married Miss Elizabeth Rheeder, of Perry county. They had nine children: (1) William, born in 1837, was educated in the common schools of Perry county, and, being reared to farming, followed that occupation there until his death in 1864. He left a widow, formerly Miss Sarah Stahl, of Cumberland county, and one child. (2) Henry, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (3) Arnold was born and reared at the old homestead, and was engaged in farming in the same county for many years, his death occurring in 1887. His first wife, a Miss Coyeck, died leaving children, and his second wife, a Miss Kesler, of Perry county, survives him. They had no children. (4) Margaret E., who died in 1864, of smallpox, was not married. (5) Jeremiah died at the age of eighteen from the same disease soon after his sister. (6) Sarah A. married Samuel Allison, of Lancaster, Penn., who located in Perry county, but later removed to Iowa, where he is employed in running an engine. They have several children. (7) Matilda married Conrad Schwartz, formerly of Perry county, and now a farmer at Berlin, Iowa. They have children, among whom are - Luella, Francis, and Lizzie. (8) Boyd grew to manhood in Perry county, and in 1890 went to Clearfield county to engage in business as a barber. In 1893 he moved to Mahaffey, where he is now employed in a hotel.
ried Miss Sue Allison, of Perry county, but they have no children. (9) Katie married Martin Bowserman, a farmer in Horse Valley, Perry county, and they have one child.

Henry Mumper learned the details of agricultural work at the home farm where he remained until his enlistment in August, 1862, in the Union army. He joined Company K, 133rd P. V. I., and after being sworn in at Harrisburg, was taken to Washington, and then marched across the Potomac to Fairfax Seminary, where they remained under instruction. Serious business awaited them at the front, and they soon received orders to march back to Washington, proceeded to Antietam, and there they became a part of McClellan's forces and helped to drive the Rebels beyond the Rappahannock. The next engagement was at Fredericksburg, where they met the enemy in the center of the town and drove them out of their first breastwork. At the second they were less successful, and after fighting all day they fell back at night into the town. They remained there the next day; and, during the following night, retreated across the river. Mr. Mumper's company, which was in the Irish brigade, lost many of its members, killed or wounded, only thirty-five able-bodied men being left to join in the retreat. They went into winter quarters at Stoneman's Station, but joined in Burnside's muddy march above Fredericksburg, during their stay there. In the spring they were assigned to the forces under "Fighting Joe Hooker," and participated in the battle of Chancellorsville, returning afterward to winter quarters. Mr. Mumper's term of service expiring in May, 1863, he returned to Harrisburg, and, receiving an honorable discharge, went back to his home in Perry county. On August 28, 1866, he was married near New Germantown, Penn., to Miss Jemima Stump, and coming to Centre county settled near Powellton. There he followed lumbering a few years, then, removing to Dunbar, Clearfield county, he worked one year in a sawmill. He made a number of changes of location before he finally settled at his present home near Ramey, some years being spent at Osceola and Brisin, where he bought a lot and built a house, but sold soon afterward to buy another lot upon which to build. He occupied this place for one year, and then spent three years in Houtzdale and three in West Moshannon and Webster. Since then he has resided in or near Ramey. For two years he was engaged in the grocery business, and later he conducted a drug store and a meat market. In 1893 he purchased some land from George W. McCulley and built his present handsome residence, a two-story frame house, fitted up with all the modern improvements.

Mr. Mumper is prominent in business circles and in local affairs. His ardent belief in the legal suppression of intemperance has led him to identify himself in late years with the Prohibition party, and he is regarded as a leader in the organization in his locality. He has held various offices, having served as supervisor two terms, school director two years, street commissioner one term, and at present he is assessor of Ramey borough, having been elected for a term of three years. He is an active member of the Lutheran Church, but his wife is a Presbyterian in faith. To Mr. and Mrs. Mumper have been born two children: (1) Charles W., born May 23, 1868, received a common-school education, remaining at home until his marriage, in January, 1894, to Miss Georgiana Callon, of Ramey. They resided in that town until March 1896, when they moved to their present home in Vandalia, Audrain county, Mo. They have a daughter—Laura, at this writing one year old. (2) Annie E., born October 10, 1871, at Dunbar, Penn., was educated in the public schools, and, on February 26, 1895, married George C. Evans, of Ramey, a carpenter by trade, who is now working with his father in contracting and building. Mr. and Mrs. Evans reside at the commodious Mumper homestead, and they have one son—Charles M., born in 1896.

Mrs. Mumper is of patriotic stock, her father, William Stump, having been a soldier in the war of 1812, and a number of her near relatives serving in other wars. Her grandfather Stump, who was born in Maryland, died in Perry county, Penn. William Stump, her father, was born and reared in York county, Penn., and his death occurred in Perry county in 1861. Her mother, Catherine Stump, died in Franklin county, Penn., in 1881. Mrs. Mumper was one of a numerous family of children. One brother, David M., now a resident of Illinois, was a soldier in the Mexican war, and he also served over three years in the Civil war, as the captain of a company from Avon, Ill. He married and has one child living. Henry Stump, another brother, enlisted in the Union army from Westmoreland county, Penn., and was probably killed in the Battle of the Wilderness as he was never heard from afterward. Michael Stump, a resident of Newville, Penn., served one year as a soldier in the Civil war. He married and has four children. Jessie M. Stump married and has three children. Simon Stump married Miss McClure, who died some years ago at Chambersburg, Penn., and soon afterward he disappeared, and
nothing has ever been learned of his movements. Barbara Stump married Henry Stevens, of Perry county, and moved to Kansas City where Mr. Stevens died, and she has since remarried, her husband being a farmer in Kansas. She has no children. John Stump enlisted in the Union service from Perry county, and spent one year at the front. On his return home he married Miss Elizabeth Graham, and settled in Perry county where he died in 1878. His wife and three children survive him.

BLAKE W. McCracken, a leading merchant and justice of the peace of Mahaffey, is one of the self-made men of Clearfield county, who by the exercise of his resolute will and persevering industry has gained a prominent place in the business world.

Mr. McCracken was born December 29, 1857, in Lumber City, but at the age of eight years was taken to Greenwood township, where he grew to manhood and obtained his primary education in the public schools. After attaining his majority he attended a commercial college at Williamsport, Penn., paying his own tuition and graduating from that institution in the class of 1886. James McCracken, Sr., was born in mid-ocean in the ship that brought his parents from the Emerald Isle to the United States; his sixth son, Daniel McCracken, the grandfather of our subject, located in Ferguson township, Clearfield Co., Penn., where he reared a family of seven children, namely: Greenwood, John, James, Samuel, Ross, Thomas (father of our subject), and Ellen (wife of Joseph Wilt). Thomas McCracken spent his entire life in Clearfield county, and after his marriage lived on a farm in Ferguson township for a time, but later removed to Lumber City, where he served as postmaster for a number of years, and subsequently engaged in merchandising in partnership with Benjamin Harts horn. He also engaged in the lumber business. In that city his death occurred in 1862. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Henry, was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Moore Henry, both natives of Ireland, and prominent pioneers of Clearfield county. By her husband’s early death, Mrs. McCracken was left with three small children to support, namely: Laura E., now the wife of John S. Johnson; Blake W., of this sketch; and Ketubah, wife of J. Ace Johnson, a brother of her sister’s husband. With the hope of keeping her little family together the mother removed to Greenwood township, where she worked in Johnson’s woolen-mill. Her daughters are still residents of that township, where their husbands are successfully engaged in farming. The mother was an earnest Christian, a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, and was beloved by all who knew her. She was called to her final rest in 1889.

Blake W. McCracken grew up under his mother’s watchful care. She made a noble effort to keep her family together, and succeeded as none but a good mother could. As soon as large enough our subject began work in the woolen-mill, attending school a part of the time through the winter season, and as time advanced his steady application to his work secured him the confidence of his employers, who intrusted him with the sale of their goods and the purchase of wool and other supplies. In that capacity he traveled through the country, and subsequently when the mill was sold he became interested in the business, remaining one of the stockholders until 1888. After his marriage, in 1887, Mr. McCracken came to Mahaffey, where he built his residence and has since made his home. For about a year he was employed in the tannery, later clerked for a time, and in 1889 began business for himself with a small stock of groceries. The following year he erected a store building, where he carried on business until the winter of 1893-4, when, in partnership with another gentleman, he built the large double store which he now occupies. Together they engaged in general merchandising for a time, but Mr. McCracken is now sole owner. He occupies one store room while he rents the other for the post office, and also rents the other story for residence purposes. His success has come as the just reward of earnest labor and good management, and is certainly well deserved. His wife was Miss Annie L. Richards, who was born in 1866, and is a daughter of Christian R. and Mary (Miller) Richards, both of German descent. When a young man Mr. Richards left the Fatherland to come to America, and has now for many years been in the employ of the Reading railroad, with headquarters in Philadelphia. His first wife died in 1872, leaving two children: Annie, wife of our subject; and John W., a resident of Connecticut. By his second marriage, Mr. Richards has two children: Ida and William. In religious belief he is a Methodist, as was also his first wife. After the death of her mother, Mrs. McCracken was reared by strangers. She has proved a faithful helpmeet to her husband, encouraging him in his labors and aiding him in every possible way. Four children have come to brighten their home: Thomas R., born October 27, 1887; Ivan H.,
born May 31, 1890; Blake D., born September 4, 1891; and Nellie A., born April 4, 1893.

As a popular and influential citizen and a stalwart Democrat, Mr. McCracken has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust, having filled almost all of the offices in his borough. He was the first assessor of Mahaffey; was appointed by the court to fill a vacancy as tax collector; also served as member of the council, and is now justice of the peace. He takes considerable interest in civic societies, and holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and Knights of the Golden Eagle.

JAMES ANDERSON, a leading blacksmith and farmer of Union township, Clearfield county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Germantown, Perry county, in 1832, and is one of the ten children born to William Anderson. The grandfather, James Anderson, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to America made his home in Perry county, Penn., where he reared his family.

In the county of his nativity our subject learned the blacksmith's trade, and on leaving that place he went to Westmoreland county, this State, where one year was passed. Coming to Clearfield county, in 1853, he worked at his trade in Luthersburg, where, in 1857, he married Miss Abigail Caldwell. Two years later he removed to Curwensville, where his wife died in 1861, leaving two children: Mary, wife of Robert Addleman, who with their children live on a farm above Curwensville; and Edith, deceased wife of Frank Dranker, of Curwensville, by whom she had five children.

For a year after his wife's death, Mr. Anderson continued to reside in Curwensville, and then removed to Lumber City, Penn., where he worked at his trade until 1864, when he enlisted in Company F, 93rd P. V. I. Until the 2nd of April the command was stationed in front of Petersburg, where they engaged in battle with Lee's army, and then followed that general to Appomattox, where he afterward surrendered. They next marched to Birchville Station, and on to Danville after the capture of Jeff Davis. The regiment then did guard duty on the Kalesh railroad to Danville until May 24, 1865, and from there was sent to Richmond; but three days later it was ordered to Washington, D. C., and the men were finally discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., July 2, 1865.

After his return home, Mr. Anderson was unable to resume work until September, on account of illness, and then went to the oil regions in Venango county, Penn., where he remained until the following spring, when he returned to Curwensville. He was married at that place in 1869, his second union being with Martha Lytle, of Clearfield county, whose father came to the county from Penn's Valley, Centre county. She is one of a family of eight children, all of whom are still living either in Pennsylvania or in the West. Two of her sisters married sons of Sheriff Reed, of Clearfield county, and removed to Nebraska. John makes his home in Glen Richey, Clearfield county; James lives at Rockton; and Mrs. Arnold Bloom and Mrs. Irvin Thompson live in Curwensville. By his second marriage Mr. Anderson has no children, but has an adopted daughter, Alice McFadden, whom he and his wife reared. At the age of eighteen she married Melvin Bailey, and now resides on the old Bailey homestead in Union township, Clearfield county.

After his second marriage, Mr. Anderson again removed to the oil regions of this State, where he remained for two years and then removed to Clearfield county, locating on Anderson creek, where he engaged in blacksmithing for Philip Blanchard. Later he went to Sabula, where he worked for Mr. McFadden for a year and a half, and then took up his residence in New Jersey. In June, 1895, however, he came to Rockton, Clearfield county, where he purchased his present farm of seventy acres on Anderson creek, and has made many valuable and useful improvements thereon. He is an influential citizen, one who takes an earnest interest in public affairs, and by his honest and efficient discharge of every duty devolving upon him has gained the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. He is a firm Democrat in his political views, and has served his fellow citizens as school director. With the Lutheran Church of Rockton his wife and daughter Alice hold membership.

J. B. McFADDEN, one of the oldest and leading journalists of Clearfield county, is now editor and proprietor of the Leader-Courier, of Osceola Mills, which was established in 1872, as the Reveille, by Brisbin Brothers, and was under their management until 1876. It was then conducted under the firm name of Reveille Publishing Company, of which our subject was manager until 1880, when it was discontinued. In 1888 he established the Leader, and, purchasing the Courier three years later, he gave the paper the name of the Leader-Courier, which it

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still retains. It is a well-edited sheet, filled with general and local news, and under the able management of Mr. McFadden is on a paying basis, having a large circulation as well as a large advertising list. In connection with the publication of his paper, he also does all kinds of job work, and has one of the best-equipped offices in the county.

On the 11th of June, 1850, Mr. McFadden was born in Bedford, Bedford Co., Penn., and is a son of T. W. B. McFadden, whose birth occurred in Cumberland (now Franklin) county, this State, while the grandfather, Peter McFadden, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and was of Scotch descent. The father was reared in Shippensburg, Cumberland county, but at an early day located in Bedford county, where he engaged in the practice of law, having been admitted to the Bar in Fulton county, in April 1834. He successfully followed his chosen profession in Bedford, Fulton, Blair, Huntingdon and Somerset counties, Penn., and in 1854 was elected county superintendent of schools in Bedford county, but was compelled to resign on account of ill health. In Schellburg, that county, in 1849, he was married to Miss Charlotte Reed, a native of that place and a daughter of Michael Reed, an early pioneer of Bedford county, where he died in his eighty-fourth year. In that county Mr. and Mrs. McFadden began their domestic life, and there he engaged in the practice of law until his death, which occurred in Schellburg, in 1859. She is still living at White Sulphur Springs, Bedford county, and is now the widow of Abram May. To the parents of our subject were born four children, namely: J. B.; O. E., a resident of White Sulphur Springs; Julia, wife of Rev. Dr. McDaniel, of Springdale, Allegheny Co., Penn.; and Peter, who is with his wife in Bedford county.

In the public schools of Bedford, J. B. McFadden began his education, and was, later, a student in the Allegheny Male and Female Seminary in Rainsburg, Bedford county. Going to Chambersburg in 1868, he began learning the art of printing in the Franklin Depository office with McClure & Stoner, and remained there four years. He next went to Pittsburg, where he was in the office of Stevenson & Foster, a large book house, until coming to Osceola Mills in February, 1870, since which time he has been principally connected with the paper of which he is now editor.

On August 23, 1883, in Osceola Mills, Mr. McFadden was married to Miss Lavina McCully, who was born in Gulich township, Clearfield county, and is a daughter of Matthew and Sarah (Byer) McCully, pioneers of the county, and now residing at Osceola Mills. Four children grace this union: Sarah Charlotte, Edith Lina, Caroline and Lavina Pauline.

Since casting his first vote, Mr. McFadden had always been a stalwart Democrat in politics until 1896, when he gave his allegiance to the party which supported the gold standard. For fifteen years he has acceptably served as auditor of Osceola Mills, and has also held the office of town clerk. Religiously, he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and, socially, is connected with Osceola Lodge, No. 202, A. O. U. W.; with Umbria Castle, No. 233, Golden Eagle; and with the Knights of Malta. He was one of the promoters of the Umbria Cemetery Association, of which he is still a stockholder and director. He is one of the most public-spirited and enterprising citizens of Osceola Mills, giving his support to all worthy undertakings, which have for their object the general welfare of the community or the betterment of mankind. Wherever he is found he is a social, affable, genial gentleman, whose friends are legion, and all honor and esteem him for his many virtues and genuine worth.

GEORGE M. DIMELING, ex-treasurer of Clearfield county, is a young man whose able and energetic management of public duties and private business affairs has established for him an enviable reputation, and his present popularity points to a future in which his abilities may be given still wider recognition.

Mr. Dimeling is a native of Clearfield county, having first seen the light in Boggs township, September 12, 1862. His paternal great-grandfather, Jacob Dimeling, came from Wurttemberg, Germany, in pioneer times, and became one of the early settlers at Philipsburg, Centre county. Our subject's grandfather, Jacob Dimeling, was born in Philipsburg. The late George Dimeling, the father of our subject, was a native of Decatur township, Clearfield county, born May 24, 1823, and became a successful business man, and a prominent Democrat. For some years he was engaged in the iron business in Venango county, Penn., but later he followed lumbering on Clearfield creek and the Susquehanna river. He was married in Clearfield county to Miss Catharine Dungan, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1836, and nine children blessed their union, five of whom lived to adult age, viz.: Alice, George M., Gertrude, John, and Edith. John Dimeling is now serving as deputy treasurer of Clearfield county. The father died April 2,
1886; the mother did not long survive, her death occurring May 16, 1891.

George M. Dimeling was reared in his native township, attending the local schools in his youth. At an early age he began the business of lumbering, and has been connected with the lumber trade in some capacity for more years than would seem possible for so young a man. Becoming acquainted with the details of the business, and with its leading representatives in this section, it was not long before he was recognized as a shrewd and reliable operator, and he now ranks among the leaders in this line in Clearfield county. On February 9, 1892, he married Miss Mary Wrigley, who was born in Clearfield county, January 15, 1872.

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P. FRY. We are now permitted to touch briefly on the life history of one who has retained a personal association with the affairs of Clearfield county for a number of years, and has been an important factor in promoting its growth and prosperity. The life of this gentleman has been one of honest and earnest endeavor, and due success has not been denied him. He is one of the leading and representative citizens of Chest township, where for the past twenty years he has acceptably served as justice of the peace.

Mr. Fry was born June 9, 1830, in Johnstown, Penn., and when one year old was taken by his parents, Daniel and Sarah (Priestly) Fry, to a farm in Cambria county, where he was reared, his education being obtained in the country schools of the neighborhood. He comes of a family that was for many years prominently identified with the history of York county, Penn., where his grandfather, John Fry, spent his entire life. By occupation he was a farmer.

Daniel Fry, the father of our subject, was a native of York county, whence on reaching manhood he removed to Johnstown, where he was married, subsequently taking up his residence upon a wild tract of land in Cambria, and living there until 1849, when he came to Clearfield county. Locating in Chest township, he engaged in lumbering for three years, and then purchased a partially-improved tract, which he transformed into a fine farm, making it his home until old age compelled his retirement from active labor, when he sold to Mr. McEwen. His last days were quietly passed at the home of our subject, where he died in 1883 at the ripe old age of seventy-nine years. Originally he was a Whig in politics, and later supported the men and measures of the Republican party. He had the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

Mrs. Sarah Fry belonged to an honored family of Johnstown, Penn., where her father, Jonathan Priestly, spent his last days; the mother, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, died in Cambria county, at the home of Mrs. Fry. She had a family of six children: Mary, Sarah, Shepley, Thomas, Hannah, and Elizabeth. To Daniel Fry and his wife were born five children, as follows: J. P., of this sketch; John; Mrs. Sarah J. McCulley; Elizabeth H., wife of John M. Westover; and Mary A., wife of W. Hewitt. The parents were faithful members of the Baptist Church, and were widely and favorably known.

Mr. Fry, whose name introduces this sketch, early became familiar with the occupations of farming and lumbering, and remained at home with his parents until his marriage, in 1852, to Miss Sarah E. Westover, who was born in Frankstown, Blair Co., Penn., January 16, 1834, and has proved to her husband a most worthy helpmeet. Her paternal grandfather was Oliver Westover. In 1839, her parents, Jonathan and Mary (Ketner) Westover, came to Clearfield county, and in the midst of the forest the father opened up and developed a fine farm, following the occupation of lumbering and farming throughout his active business career. He spent his last days in retirement in the village of Westover, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. His death occurred in 1893; his wife had passed away previous to his leaving the farm. Both held membership in the Baptist Church; in politics he was actively identified with the Republican party, and held almost all of the township offices to the satisfaction of all concerned. In his family were twelve children: Enos, John, Sarah E., Joseph, Mary, Tobias, Naomi (wife of William Siberts), Ellis, James, Samuel, William and Webster. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fry, one died in infancy; the others are as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Millard Brenneman; Mary J., wife of R. Dunbar; Naomi, wife of L. Blake; Daniel W., a farmer by occupation; Minnie C., wife of R. Williams, a Baptist minister; Amanda B., wife of D. Lloyd, an agriculturist; Freeman S., who died at the age of twenty-two; Aaron P., a lumberman; Julia; and Zoad.

After his marriage, Mr. Fry located on a portion of his father's 700-acre tract and improved a farm, working jointly with his father for a few years. Throughout his business career he has principally engaged in farming and lumbering, but three different times has embarked in mercantile pursuits, disposing of his last store in the winter of 1895-6. He has dealt extensively in
real estate, and has been very successful in his business ventures, being now numbered among the substantial and prosperous citizens of Westmore, where he has erected a good and substantial dwelling and store building, in which he carried on merchandising for a number of years.

Mr. Fry has been an influential factor in the political affairs of his locality, being a stalwart Republican, and he has served with signal ability in many township offices. Since 1874 he has served as justice of the peace, during which time he has joined many couples in wedlock, and tried many civil cases, of which few have ever been appealed to the higher courts. His decisions are marked with the utmost fairness and impartiality, and his course has thus gained the commendation of the entire community. Socially, he is deservedly popular, as he is affable and courteous in manner, and has the faculty of making friends readily and of strengthening the ties of all friendships as time advances. He and his estimable wife hold membership with the Baptist Church.

P. F. TOOLE, manager of the "Kyler House," Kylertown, is a popular business man, and is widely and favorably known throughout Clearfield county. He was born near Broad Top City, Huntingdon Co., Penn., March 11, 1862, a son of Felix and Julia (Maheri) Toole, both natives of Ireland, the former born in County Louth, and the latter in County Tipperary.

On completing the course at the national school of Ireland, at the age of seventeen years, Felix Toole emigrated to America, landing at New York, January 1, 1852, and immediately proceeded to Cambria county, Penn., where he worked on the Old Portage railroad and the Galitian tunnel. After the opening of the coal mines in the Broad Top coal region, Huntingdon county, he there obtained employment as a miner, and while at this place he married Julia Maher, daughter of Thomas Maher, who was superintendent of the mines. She had been brought to the United States when three years old, and was reared in Cambria and Huntingdon counties. After his marriage, Mr. Toole was made foreman at the mines, and about 1860 he also embarked in merchandising, which he continued at Broad Top until 1879, and then turned his attention to the hotel business for five years. In 1884 he removed to Portage, Penn., where he again engaged in the coal business, continuing that occupation up to the time of his death in December, 1893. His wife was called to her final rest in 1883. Both were devout members of the Catholic Church, in which faith they reared their family, which constituted the following children: P. F., of Kylertown; Thomas J., of New York City; Augustine, deceased; Margaret, married to John J. McDonnell, of Portage, Penn.; Richard; Felix; William; James, of Portage, Penn.; and two who died in infancy.

Our subject attended the common schools until eleven years of age, when he began to assist his father in his mining and mercantile pursuits through the day, at the same time attending night schools. At the age of nineteen he entered St. Francis' College, Loretto, Penn., where he completed the prescribed commercial course in ten months, being one of the three in a class of twenty-four who received diplomas as "master of accounts," in 1882. On the completion of his years at college he resumed mining with the Rock Hill Coal Mining Co., with whom he remained nine months, and in April, 1883, with the advent of the Beech Creek railroad into Clearfield county, he came to Kylertown to accept a position in the "Kyler House." After one year, he was established manager of the hotel by the proprietor, L. Kyler, and has since ably conducted it, receiving liberal patronage from the traveling public. He is also a member of the firm of Kyler & Toole, in the lumbering business.

Mr. Toole had just attained his majority on assuming the management of the hotel, and he cast his first vote in Kylertown, since which time he has been a stalwart supporter of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and advocates the free coinage of silver. He takes a prominent and active part in politics, is a leader of his party in Cooper township, is serving his second term as district treasurer in his township, and served as alternate delegate to the Scranton and delegate to the Williamsport Democratic State Conventions, and also as a delegate to the County Conventions several times. He was a member of the Congressional Conferences, held at Ridgway two years in succession: attended the Allentown Convention in 1896. Reading, in 1897, and served as assistant secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee. In the Catholic Church both he and his wife hold membership. On May 1, 1888, he married Miss Maggie May Kyler, a lady of intelligence and culture, who was born May 12, 1871, a daughter of Leonard and Mary E. (Eisenhauer) Kyler. Three children graced their union: Anna J., born October 2, 1889; Charles F., born July 29, 1891; and Leonard A., who died when seven days old.

Leonard Kyler, the father of Mrs. Toole, is
one of the most enterprising business men of Cooper township, Clearfield county, and a worthy representative of one of its prominent pioneer families. His grandfather, Leonard Kyler, was born near Carlisle, Penn., of German parentage, and when a young man removed to Centre county, where he married Sarah Brown, and where most of his children were born. In 1823, however, he took up his residence in Cooper township, Clearfield county, where in the midst of the unbroken wilderness he developed a farm. He died at the advanced age of ninety-two, and his wife was ninety years of age when she passed away. Their children were as follows: Katie; Sarah; Eliza; John B., the grandfather of Mrs. Toole; and Thomas, who is still living at the age of seventy-six.

John B. Kyler remained at home until his marriage with Miss Elizabeth Cooper, a daughter of David Cooper, who located in Clearfield county in 1821, becoming one of its honored pioneers. Here he reared his family of eight children: Ann, Elizabeth, Pauline, Mary, Keziah, Jemima, Susan, and Richard, who died when young. After his marriage, John B. Kyler bought a tract of land and opened up a farm, but later sold and purchased another tract which was still in its primitive condition. After making many improvements upon his place, he again sold out and bought the old Cooper homestead, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying in June, 1834, at the age of seventy-nine years. In 1836, upon the last named place, he laid out the village of Kyler town, where he built a store room, and there carried on general merchandising for a time; he also established the post office at that place. He was a strong Democrat in politics, took an active interest in public affairs, and filled a number of township offices. Religiously, he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. His family numbered eight children: David: Leonard: Abram: John: Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson: Thomas: Mrs. Mary E. Holenback; and Aaron; five are still living.

Leonard Kyler was born March 30, 1812, in what was then Morris township, but is now Cooper township, Clearfield county. His primary education was obtained in the subscription schools, and later he attended the public schools. After attaining his majority he left home and engaged in merchandising in Kyler town, where he did a large and lucrative business amounting to from $50,000 to $60,000 annually. He also handled lumber, which he often took in exchange for goods, and for thirty years piloted rafts down the river. On selling his store, he continued the lumber business until 1870. He purchased the interest of the other heirs in his father's homestead, to which he added other lands, and yet owns 500 acres adjoining the village of Kyler town, 130 of which are under a high state of cultivation. In addition he also owns an improved farm of 450 acres, one of 100 acres, 500 acres of timber land in Clearfield county, and 500 acres of timber land in Elk county, Penn. Under most of his land is found a good quality of coal and fire clay, and upon his home farm has been opened up a mine. In 1876, Mr. Kyler erected a large hotel in Kyler town, where he makes his home, and continued to give his attention to his extensive business interests, in which he has been remarkably successful.

In 1870 Mr. Kyler was united in marriage with Miss Mary E., daughter of Sebastian and Margaret Eisenhauer, who were natives of Germany, and who on coming to the New World first located near Carlisle, Penn., but later removed to Zanesville, Ohio, where Mrs. Kyler was born. They next took up their residence in Elk county, Penn., and finally located in Cooper township, Clearfield county, where Mr. Eisenhauer died. He was a business man and followed many vocations, including hotel-keeping. In religious faith he and his wife were communicants of the Catholic Church. In their family were six children: Adam: John: Joseph: Mary E.: Anna and Rebecca.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kyler, one of whom died at the age of four years; the other is Maggie, wife of Mr. Toole, whose name introduces this sketch. Mr. Kyler holds to the faith of the Presbyterian Church in which he was reared, while his wife is a devout Catholic. They are prominent in the social circle of the community, and their pleasant, courteous manners have attracted to them many friends. In the development and progress of Clearfield county, Mr. Kyler has borne an important part.

STEVEN FUGATE, M.D., who is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Dr. Bois, Clearfield county, has by skill and merit worked his way upward to an honorable position in his chosen calling. The possession of advantages is no guarantee to success in professional life, nor can success be achieved without earnest effort, close application and skill. These qualities the Doctor possesses in an eminent degree, and is therefore enjoying a clientele which is at once evidence of his ability.

Dr. Fugate was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, in 1851, a son of John A. J. and
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Elizabeth (Baer) Fugate, the former a native of Centre county, and the latter of York county, Penn. The mother was of German descent. The father was reared in Centre county, and devoting his life to agricultural pursuits opened up a farm, on which he made his home until his removal to Reynoldsville, Penn., in 1883. In 1862, he responded to the call of his country, and enlisted in Centre county as a member of the 148th P. V. I. His service was with the Army of the Potomac, and he was honorably discharged in June, 1865. His wife died in Jefferson county, Penn. They were the parents of seven children—five sons and two daughters—namely: Steven; George, who resides in Fayette county, Penn.; William, who is living in Illinois; James, a resident of Kansas; Robert, who makes his home in Jefferson county, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Notter, who is living in Du Bois; and Anna, who died in Reynoldsville, in 1883. The father of this family is now a resident of Du Bois.

Our subject spent his boyhood days in Centre county, Penn., acquired his education in the public schools, and was reared to farm life; but his tastes seeming to incline to professional life, he resolved to make the practice of medicine his life work. He did his first reading under the direction of Dr. George L. Potter, of Bellefonte, and in 1875 matriculated in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Mich., where he was graduated in the medical department with the class of 1877. He then began practice in Centre county, but in 1879 returned to his alma mater, where he pursued a post-graduate course. He has also spent eighteen months in the Philadelphia Polyclinic and College for graduates, and at Will's Eye Hospital, being one of the first physicians in this section of Pennsylvania to take that course of study. He has done all in his power to perfect himself in his chosen calling, and his knowledge of the science of medicine is most comprehensive and active. He continued his practice in Centre county until his removal to Reynoldsville, and in 1883 he took up his residence in Troutville, where he remained until 1894, since which time he has been practicing in Du Bois. He is a member of the State Medical Society, also of the Clearfield County Medical Society, and takes high rank among his professional brethren.

In 1879 Dr. Fugate was married to Miss Mary Ella Weston, a native of Centre county, and a daughter of Thomas and Lucinda Weston, also natives of that county, where they still make their home. Dr. and Mrs. Fugate have five children: Thomas, Benjamin, Chester, Edith and Victor. Socially, the Doctor is a member of Troutville Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is a Republican in politics. He considers the duties of his profession abundantly worthy of his best efforts, and has therefore never sought political office or taken an active part in public affairs, save to support those interests which he believes will benefit the community.

ALFRED JEFFERSON BOOTH, a member of the city council of Du Bois, Clearfield county, represents effectively the young and progressive element in municipal affairs. He is also a successful business man, his work as a contractor and builder including some of the best structures erected recently in his vicinity.

Born in Brady township, Clearfield county, March 11, 1862, Mr. Booth has watched the rapid growth and development of recent years, and is thoroughly in sympathy with the spirit of the movements which have brought the change about. His father, the late T. J. Booth, one of the pioneer settlers of Du Bois, was born and reared in Venango county, Penn., receiving a practical education. He went to Jefferson county as a young man, and learned the trade of blacksmith and wagon maker, which he followed a number of years at New Salem (now called Redfern). On April 1, 1867, he removed to the present site of Du Bois where he had built, at the corner of Main street and Long avenue, the third residence erected in the village. He also built a blacksmith shop there, and continued his former business. Possessing unusual mechanical skill, together with an inventive turn of mind, he produced some valuable results, and a stump machine, known as the Booth machine, was patented by him. These interests did not prevent him from engaging also in lumbering and farming, and he was regarded as one of the leading business men of the locality. Politically he was a Democrat, and he was identified with the I. O. O. F. at Luthersburg, Penn. His widow, who still resides in Du Bois, was formerly Miss Margaret Rebecca Kritzer, and previous to their marriage, which took place in Brady township, Clearfield county, she was married to Wilson Keister, since deceased. She is a native of Clintondale, in the Nittany Valley, Clinton Co., Penn., and a daughter of John and Margaret Kritzer, who removed to Brady township, Clearfield county, and settled in the woods to clear a homestead. The father, who was prominent among the pioneer farmers of that township, died there in 1874, and his wife passed away November 27, 1890, in Jefferson county, at the age of eighty-two. Our subject is the eldest of four children. Anna mar-
ried Mr. Samuel Enterline, and resides in Lindsey, Penn.; Alice married George M. Caylor, of Clearfield, Penn.; Blanche married Charles Kurschner, and lives in New York City. By Mrs. Booth's first marriage there were three children, viz.: Josephine, now Mrs. George Whitmore, of Sandy township, Clearfield county; Mrs. William G. Irwin, of Du Bois; and Roscoe, also a resident of Du Bois.

A. J. Booth spent the first five years of his life at his birthplace, where Redfern now stands, but has since had his home in Du Bois. His education was begun in an old log school house near his early home, but later he had the advantage of attending the schools of Du Bois. He became familiar with the details of business while in the employ of Mr. Du Bois, also in the lumber yard belonging to Mr. Prother, and later worked in a planing-mill for Mr. Foringer, who placed him in charge of his retail lumber business. Mr. Booth finally decided to learn the carpenter's trade, and has now been for some time engaged in contracting and building.

Mr. Booth is active in local affairs, political and non-political. He belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and in religion inclines toward the Lutheran faith, his family being identified with that Church. He is an earnest believer in the principles of the Republican party, and his ability, energy and public spirit have given him unusual prominence in the local management. In February, 1895, he was elected to the council from the Fourth ward, and his efficient service in the office has won the approval of his constituents.

MATHEW COWEN, a representative and prominent farmer and lumberman of Becaria township, belongs to a family that has long been identified with the agricultural and industrial interests of Clearfield county. His father, Stewart Cowen, a native of Ireland, on coming to the New World first located in Philadelphia, where for three years he worked at the carpenter's trade, and then followed the same occupation for a similar period in New York City. On the expiration of that period he went to British America, where he engaged in carpentering for a time, and later worked at his trade in Nittany Valley, Centre Co., Penn., until his marriage. He wedded Miss Margaret Tate, of that place, and soon afterward came to Clearfield county, locating at Hegarty's Cross Roads, where he purchased one hundred acres of timber land, erected a log house and barn, and at once commenced clearing and improving his land. As his house burned down a few years later, he removed to Philipsburg, Penn., where he assisted in building a gristmill for Hardman Phillips, but one year later returned to his farm, having built another dwelling. He cleared and placed under cultivation many acres of land, and was numbered among the prosperous and well-to-do citizens of the community. His death occurred in 1863, leaving a wife and eight children to mourn his death.

(1) Thomas Cowen, the eldest, grew to manhood on the home farm, and, enlisting in the Union army during the Civil war, he was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. He left a widow, who in her maidenhood was Elizabeth Fenalman, of Cambria county, Penn., and to them had been born six children—John, Margaret, Nancy (deceased), Eva, Millard and Linn. (2) Hannah J. Cowen was born and reared at Hegarty's Cross Roads, and received a very limited education in the schools of the neighborhood. She married Abram Mathews, of Cambria county, who bought a tract of timberland near Whitmer run, in Becaria township, Clearfield county, and developed a farm on which they reared their three children—Eliza A., now the wife of Isaiah Gates, of Cambria county, by whom she has four children; John, who married Miss Rickets, and with his wife and four children resides on his father's old homestead; and Catharine, wife of George Herdman, of Utahville, Becaria township, by whom she has two children. (3) Eliza Cowen, born at Hegarty's Cross Roads, married Jerry Lord, a native of England, and after their marriage they located in Jordan township, Clearfield county, where he worked at his trade of blacksmithing for some time, and then purchased a farm in Knox township, Clearfield county, operating the same until his death in 1894. His wife had died one year previous, leaving ten children, namely: George, who was the inventor of the Lord cant hook, which is used all over the country by log men, removed to California in August, 1896, and was there killed by a log train; Thomas is married and works in the machine shops at Altoona, Penn.; John is a lumberman; James is married, and resides near Bloomington, Pike township, Clearfield county; Joseph is married, and lives in Madera, Clearfield county; Asbury is married, and lives at the same place; Sarah is the wife of Court Bloom; Margaret is a Mrs. Bloom; Calvin makes his home in Tennessee; and Robert, a lumberman, at the present time foreman for the Kramer Lumber Co., of Beaver Valley, Cambria county; he lives in Coalport, is married to a Miss Bloom, and they have two children. (4) Stewart Cowen, born at Hegarty's Cross Roads, mar-
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ried Hannah Coldwood, and lived in Becaria township until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he joined a cavalry company under Gen. Sherman, and participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part. On the close of the war he returned to Becaria township, but in 1868 removed to Tyrone, Penn., where he has since followed railroad work. His wife died in August, 1868, leaving four children—Gideon B., a resident of Bigler township, Clearfield county; Stewart, who is married, and engaged in railroading at Tyrone; Mary A., wife of Robert Morris, of Punxsutawney, who is also engaged in railroading; and John, who is married and is employed in a paper-mill in Tyrone. (5) Robert Cowen, born at Hegarty's Cross Roads, married Hannah Huncharger, of Becaria township, and they began their domestic life upon a farm near Whitmer run. During the Rebellion he enlisted in the Union army, and served until hostilities ceased. Returning to Clearfield county, he purchased a farm on Muddy run, where he remained for four or five years, and then sold and bought a farm in Lawrence township, near Clearfield. After living there for about seven years, he moved to California, where he has since successfully engaged in lumbering and farming. In his family are the following children—Edward, who married a Miss Lloyd, and lives in Bigler township, Clearfield county; Bertha, who is married, and with her husband and child lives in Marble Rock, Iowa; John, who married Miss Orr, of Clearfield, and now lives in California; Mary, wife of John Tanver, of California; Maggie, who married Hugh Galaher, of Cambria county, Penn., and lives in Bigler township, Clearfield county: Harriet, who is with her parents in California; Emma, wife of John Rowells, of California; Annie, wife of B. Alexander, of Madera, Clearfield county; and Floe, Nettie, Sallie and Ralph, who are still with their parents in California. (6) James Cowen, who was born and reared on the farm at Hegarty's Cross Roads, and after his marriage with Rachel Warrack located upon the old homestead. In 1862, he enlisted in the Union service, and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville. He left a widow and one son—Isaiah, a resident of Janesville, Clearfield county, who married a Miss Kingston, and has one child. (7) Lavina Cowen, born at Hegarty's Cross Roads, married A. P. Shoff, of Bigler township, and they make their home on his father's old farm in that township. They have one daughter—Ethel. (8) Mathew Cowen, whose name introduces this review, was born February 23, 1830, on the old homestead at Hegarty's Cross Roads, and as soon as large enough began to assist in the labors of the fields. His educational opportunities were therefore limited, as he only attended school about fifteen months throughout his boyhood and youth. In 1855 he was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Koon, of Cambria county, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Koon, well-to-do farming people of White township, that county. The father was of German descent and the latter of Scotch parentage. The family is one of the highest respectability, and, with the exception of Mrs. Cowen, all of the nine children continued to reside in Cambria county. After his marriage, Mr. Cowen purchased 108 acres of wooded land, known as the George Wallace farm, which he greatly improved, and there engaged in lumbering and farming until 1868, when he sold to Mr. Flanagan, and bought eighty-five acres of partially-improved land, on which a log house and barn had been erected. The house was subsequently destroyed by fire as well as most of the furniture contained therein, after which Mr. Cowen erected a little shanty, in which the family lived until their present substantial two-story residence was built in 1886. He also has a large bank barn and other good outbuildings, the stumps have been removed from his cleared land, and all the conveniences and accessories of a model farm are found thereon. Mr. and Mrs. Cowen have become the parents of the following children: John, born in 1836, grew to manhood on the home farm, and received a common-school education. He wedded Mary Noal, of Cambria county, and located on Whitmer run, near the Cambria line, where he still engages in farming; he has two children—Anthony and Ella H. (2) Joseph, born April 3, 1838, was provided with a good common-school education, and is at present managing the home farm. (3) Jane, born in 1840, became the wife of William Noal, of Cambria county, and there she made her home until her death in 1861; she left two children—Anna Mary, who is with her father in Cambria county; and Hannah Ethel, who lives with our subject. (4) Samuel, born in 1842, remained at home until his marriage with Miss Susan Younkin, of Cambria county, and for some time they lived in that county, but now reside in Coalport, Clearfield county. He is engaged in lumbering. (5) Henry, born December 7, 1847, is an excellent scholar having completed his literary course at the normal school of the county, and he is now one of the most proficient teachers of the county. During his vacations he lives with his parents. (6) Hannah, born in 1860, remained at home until her marriage to Jonathan Dunlap, of Indi-
ana county, Penn., and they now reside near Gettysburg. (7) James I., born in 1876, was educated in the common schools of Becaria township, and is a barber by trade.

Mr. Cowen uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director two terms; supervisor one term, and judge of election. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, to which he is still inclined, and has led an upright, honorable life, which in many respects is worthy of emulation.

DAVID DALE, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, is one of the leading agriculturists, and holds an influential position in both business circles and local affairs. His family is one of the oldest and most highly respected of Clearfield county, his grandparents, Joseph and Polley Dale, natives of Lancashire, England, having located at Philipsburg, in 1819, to make their permanent home.

Their son John, our subject's father, was born in Lancashire, England, in 1796, and as a young man accompanied his parents to America. He was a hatter by trade, and followed that occupation at Philipsburg for some time. There he met and married Miss Elizabeth Waring, a native of Wales, whose father, William Waring, had brought his family to the United States years before, and had cleared a farm near Philipsburg. He died in Morris township, Clearfield county. Our subject's father settled in Bradford township not long after his marriage and although he continued to work at his trade, he purchased a tract of fifty acres of forest land which he cleared and improved. As he prospered, he added to his possessions until he became the owner of nearly 500 acres. He was prominent in public movements in his locality, and held a number of township offices. In politics he was a Democrat until the war, when he became a Republican, and in religious faith he was a Methodist. His death occurred in Bradford township, December 8, 1880, and his wife passed away in the following year.

They had ten children: A. C. resides in Graham; John died in Bradford township at the age of fifty-two; Edmund resides in Bradford township; Gwen, the widow of John W. Graham, who was drowned in 1865, resides in Bradford township; Mary died aged seventeen years; Ann is the wife of John H. Stewart, of Bradford township; David is mentioned more fully below; Elizabeth died at the age of fifty-three years; William died at the age of seventeen; and George P. died at four years of age.

David Dale, our subject was born in 1838, and he has always resided at the homestead, his education having been acquired in the schools of the township. He now owns the old home, with 200 acres of land, 100 of which are cleared and devoted to general farming. He has also given much attention to the preparation of square timber for market, and to rafting on the river. The locality has been developed rapidly in recent years, and he has taken an active interest in the work of improvement. In 1869 he purchased the first mowing machine ever brought to the township, and his sound judgment and foresight are thoroughly appreciated in his community. He is a valued counselor in the Republican party, and has held the offices of supervisor, school director and township auditor. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and he is a trustee of the Bradford Church.

TYLER. The Tyler homestead, a beautiful estate of 764 acres in Huston township, Clearfield county, is the largest farm in that township, and one of the largest in this section. The village of Tyler, named in honor of the family, was located upon it in 1876, and among the natural advantages of the place are extensive and valuable coal mines. The founder of this great patrimony was the late David Tyler, the father of the gentleman whose name open this sketch, and one of the most prominent pioneers of Clearfield county. He was born in Vienna, Oneida Co., N. Y., March 19, 1809, the son of Martin and Elizabeth (Alfoot) Tyler, who were natives of Connecticut and early settlers of Bradford county, Penn., where both spent their last days. Of their eight children none are now living.

David Tyler passed his youth in his native county, receiving his education there, and when a young man went to Northumberland county, Penn., to engage in building the West Branch canal, and where he was married, in January, 1830, to Miss Isabella Mahaffey, a native of Lycoming county, Penn. They then went to that county, where they remained until 1848. Her father was a leading citizen of Lycoming county, and her mother was Margaret Clendenning, whose father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and witnessed the execution of Major André. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-one years, passing away at the old home in Lycoming county.

In 1848, David Tyler went to Huston town-
ship, Clearfield county, as a lumberman in the employ of John DuBois, and he was not slow to take advantage on his own account of the opportunities which he saw around him. Securing the tract of land above mentioned, he began clearing and improving it, and in 1860 built the fine brick residence in which the family still reside. He was a man of great ability, thoroughly progressive in his ideas, being the first in Clearfield county to purchase a sewing machine and a machine for mowing and reaping. He also invented the first log slide ever made. His interest in the public welfare was evidenced in many ways, and he was known and beloved throughout his section. He was prominent as a Methodist and, later, as a Presbyterian, and was influential in political affairs, first as a Republican and, later, as a Democrat. Although he did not especially care for public office; he was justice of the peace in Lycoming county, appointed by Gov. Shultz and Gov. Ritner. His death occurred in 1882 at the homestead; his widow still survives, and is now in her eighty-seventh year. She is one of the oldest of the early settlers of Huston township who are now living, and her reminiscences cover the entire range of the marvelous development which that locality has seen. The estate belongs to her, but is conducted by her sons.

She was the mother of ten children, namely: Mary (Mrs. Packer, of Clinton county); John C., who died in Allegany county, N. Y.; Roxy Jane, who, died in Huston township, Clearfield county; Margaret (Mrs. William Schryver, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county); Martin V., who resides at the home farm; Martha B. (deceased); James A., who is mentioned more fully below; Phoebe R., at home; Emma (Mrs. Charles Coryell), who died at the homestead in 1875; and David, who died in Centre ville, Penn. The post office at Tyler, which was established in 1865, has always been conducted by some member of the family, with the exception of one term, and is now under the charge of Miss Phoebe Tyler.

James A. Tyler, one of the most prominent business men of Huston township, has an excellent opportunity to exercise his administrative ability in the work of the home farm, 260 acres of which are cleared. The land is underlaid with coal, but has not yet been opened up.

Mr. Tyler was born December 2, 1840, at Trout Run, Lycoming county, and was eight years old at the time of the removal of the family to Clearfield county. He attended school at Mill Run during his boyhood, and later engaged in farming and lumbering which he has followed for many years. He takes great interest in local improvements, encouraging every project which promises to benefit the community. In politics he is a Republican, and he has held the office of township assessor.

David Price, who is engaged in the livery business in Karthaus, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, and a man whose fidelity to duty makes him one of the valued citizens of Clearfield county. He was born in Karthaus township, in 1839, a son of Isaac and Diana (Harris) Price. The father was born in Llandovery, Carmarthenshire, South Wales, and the mother was also a native of that country, where they were married. Coming to America, they took up their residence in Luzerne county, Penn., where they conducted a hotel for a time. In 1836 they removed to Karthaus township, Clearfield county, and Mr. Price was keeper of the iron furnace for four years. Subsequently he went to Tioga county, Penn., where he constructed an iron furnace, and then returned to Karthaus, giving his attention there to agricultural pursuits, and opening up a farm. There he continued his residence until his death in 1868; his wife died in the same township in 1856. They reared a family as follows: John, who died in Olean, N. Y., in 1873; James, who died in 1877; Isaac, who died in Karthaus, in 1871; William, who enlisted in Brookville, Penn., in 1864, and was killed in battle; Mrs. Margaret Starn, of Woodland, Penn., and David, of this review.

David Price, our subject, spent his boyhood days in Karthaus township, and is indebted to the public schools of the neighborhood for the educational privileges he enjoyed. Since arriving at man's estate he has followed farming and lumbering much of the time. During the Civil war his patriotic nature was aroused, and he responded to the President's call for volunteers, enlisting in Company E, 35th Pennsylvania Reserve, for three years. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and he participated in the battles of New Creek, Drainsville, Mechanicsville, Gaines Hill, New Market Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, and Harrison Landing, Richmond, Bull Run, Antietam, Mine Run and Fredericksburg. He was captured at Fredericksburg, confined in Libby prison ninety-three days, and afterward exchanged, returning then to Annapolis, and rejoining his regiment in Washington. Later he participated in the battles of Gettysburg, Rappahannock and the Wilderness. He was wounded in the right knee and left foot, and slightly wounded in the left
shouder. At Harrisburg, Penn., in June, 1864, he was honorably discharged, having valiantly served his country for three years.

Mr. Price was married in 1872, in Karthaus, to Miss Margaret Heise, a native of Covington township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of John and Christine (Schnars) Heise, natives of Pennsylvania. They located at an early day in Covington township, but both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Price became the parents of nine children, six of whom are living: Clara (who died in Centre County, in November, 1890), Dora (who died in 1893), Mattie, Bertha, Frank, Nettie, Anna, and John L. Mr. Price exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party. He has served as tax collector nine years, and was constable for nine years, and has always discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, manifesting the same loyalty to every trust reposed in him that he displayed on Southern battlefields when he followed the stars and stripes to victory.

WARREN W. BELL. Among the enterprising and successful agriculturists and business men of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, this gentleman is especially worthy of notice. He is a representative of one of the most honored and influential pioneer families of the county.

Arthur Bell, grandfather of our subject, first came here as a hunter and trapper in 1790, from Lycoming county, Penn., and after spending the winter brought his wife and children; being the third family to locate in this portion of the country. Indians were still numerous in the locality, and game of all kinds was plentiful, furnishing the early settlers with many a meal. Mr. Bell located on the river below the present site of Lumber City, on what is now known as the Farwell farm, which he opened up from the wilderness. His source of supplies were obtained by going down the river in a canoe or over the mountains on foot, carrying his provisions on his back. For blacksmithing, he often went as far down the river as Lock Haven. After raising a little corn, he beat it into meal with some rude implements of his own construction. In common with the early settlers he endured all the hardships and privations of frontier life in order to secure for his family a good home. He was a prominent factor in the organization of the county in 1804, was the first man to serve as justice of the peace within its borders, and was the most popular squire for many years, performing nearly all of the marriage ceremonies. Bell township was named in his honor. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian. He married a Miss Greenwood, by whom he had eight children, namely: Greenwood, William, Grier, Mary, Letitia, Rachel, Rebecca and Arthur.

Grier Bell, the father of our subject, grew to manhood amid the primitive scenes of pioneer life upon the old homestead, and after his marriage operated that farm for a number of years. He then purchased a large tract of timber land, upon a portion of which our subject now resides, and developed a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life. General farming received most of his attention, but to some extent he engaged in lumbering for a time. In politics he was a Jackson Democrat, and an ardent advocate of the principles of his party. He served as commissioner and in other township offices, and was a Baptist in religious belief, but never joined any Church. At his death, in 1886, he left 300 acres of valuable land, 100 of which had been cleared, and improved with good and substantial buildings, and this property he disposed of by will. Grier Bell married Miss Hettie Roll, a daughter of John Roll, of Armstrong county, Penn. She was called to her final rest November 3, 1868. In their family were nine children, three of whom died in infancy: Angeline, the wife of John S. Curry, deceased; Emaline died at the age of twenty-two; Hortensia died at the age of sixteen; Cortes is a farmer by occupation; Josephine married Samuel Hagerty; and Warren W. completes the family.

On June 25, 1833, our subject was born in Jordan (now Ferguson) township, Clearfield county, and was reared upon the farm where he yet resides, his education being obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood. Until he had attained his majority he remained at home, and then worked in the lumber woods during the winter season, and at carpentering in the summer. After his marriage he obtained forty acres, to which he later added eighty acres, of which he has placed thirty under a high state of cultivation, and erected excellent buildings thereon, including a comfortable two-story frame residence. He held his timber, not allowing it to be cut until lately, when he sold the sawed lumber from eighty acres for $11,600, and yet owns some fine timber. The land is underlaid with a good grade of coal and fire clay, and he has also purchased the mineral rights from other lands which he is holding.

In 1867, Mr. Bell was united in marriage with Miss Miriam Snyder, a daughter of Abram and Susan (Ogden) Snyder. The father was an hon-
JOHN H. MOORE, a successful young merchant of Madera, Clearfield county, is deserving of credit for the manner in which he has surmounted the difficulties in his path. Beginning his career as a clerk, he did not establish an independent business until eight years ago, when he made the venture with $300 capital. He now owns a fine store and a dwelling house in Madera, and has gained in the meantime a reputation as an upright, reliable citizen, which is "rather to be chosen than great riches."

Mr. Moore is of English birth and ancestry, and his grandfather, James Moore, was a sergeant in the British army. John Moore, of Amesville, Penn., the father of our subject, was born in England in 1821, was educated there, and for many years was engaged in business at Hexham, County of Northumberland, England, as an importer of goods. His first wife died leaving four children, and he then married Miss Hannah Southern, who became our subject’s mother. In 1865 he came to America with his family, landing in New York. His first employment was, as foreman of a mine at Port Carbon, Penn., but after one year there he located at Madera, Penn., and engaged in lumbering. Later he removed to Moshannum, Penn., entering the employ of the Moshannum Coal Co., and on his retirement from that position he purchased a lot in Houtzdale, and built a residence. He has accumulated a fair fortune, and as his tastes inclined him to a quiet life, he bought two tracts of land in Bigler township, Clearfield county, and now resides upon one of them, situated near the thriving little village of Amesville.

Of the four children by his first marriage, the eldest, James, is engaged in mining at Horatio, Jefferson Co., Penn. He married Miss Lizzie Jopling. (2) Alexander went back to England when twenty years old, and married a Mrs. Askey, a widow, with two children. On his return to America he settled in Jefferson county, Penn., where he died in 1891, his wife and five children surviving him. (3) Robert remained at home until the age of twenty-five, when he married Miss Annie Bush, of Johnstown, Penn., and located in that city, engaging in the manufacture of bone phosphate, and in the rag and paper business. He was fortunate in escaping from the great flood of June, 1890, but all his property, including the furniture of his house was swept away, leaving him to begin life anew. He resumed his former line of business, and is now one of the substantial citizens of Johnstown, owning three valuable pieces of property. He has no children. (4) Elizahbeth married Benjamin J. Lewis, formerly of Brisbin, and later of Horatio, Penn., where he was employed for six years as foreman of a mine belonging to the Berwin-White Coal Co. After opening up the mine he resigned and accepted the position as superintendent for the Elk Horn Coal Co., in McDowell county, W. Va., where he still resides. He and his wife have a family of seven children.

John H. Moore, the only child of the second union, was born in the county of Durham, England, February 2, 1863, and was a year and a half old when he crossed the Atlantic. He attended the common schools near his home for several years, at the age of ten beginning to work in the mines under his father’s direction. For about seven years he continued this work, in the meantime attending a night school. He studied so diligently as to master Brook’s arithmetic, and acquire a goodly store of knowledge in other branches. At seventeen he was apprenticed to a carpenter, with whom he spent a year and a half, and then entering the Madera grammar school he pursued his studies there for three months. His inclinations pointed toward a mercantile life, and his employment at this time by Whitehead & Co., as a clerk in their general store at Houtzdale, Penn., did much to shape his career. He remained with them seven years, his ability and faithful discharge of duty being rewarded by promotion until he was made manager of the store. After holding this re-
sensible position for two years, he resigned in 1887, in order to go into business on his own account at Houtzdale, where he spent two years. Since that time he has conducted his store at Madera. For some time past he has also been managing the coal interests of John I. Butts, of Philadelphia, under Roland Shope, as attorney.

Mr. Moore's wife, formerly Miss Fannie M. Hersh, is a daughter of John and Martha Hersh, well-known residents of Becaria township, Clearfield county. Two attractive daughters, Grace and Pearl, brighten their home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore are active in religious and philanthropic work as members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In local politics, his ability as an organizer is highly valued, and he is one of the leading Republicans of his township. For two years he has been a member of the auditing board, and since February, 1891, he has held the office of justice of the peace. On December 28, 1897, he was appointed to the office of mercantile appraiser for Clearfield county, which incumbency he has filled and is filling with great credit to himself and much honor to the county.

JAMES CURRY, who passed away on the 8th of November, 1887, was mourned by all who knew him, and honored by all who love justice and integrity. For many years he was prominently identified with the agricultural and industrial interests of Chest township, Clearfield county, and was recognized as one of the most esteemed and valued citizens of the community.

Our subject was born at Buffalo Run, Centre Co., Penn., May 18, 1818, a son of James and Rebecca (Salliard) Curry, who were married in that county, and where the mother died. In 1823, with his housekeeper and family of small children, the father came to Clearfield county, first locating on Morgan's land, where he improved a farm, and later opened up the place in Chest township now owned and occupied by his son Austin. After coming to Clearfield county, he married Mrs. Betsy McGeehan, by whom he had two children: Austin, and Evaline (now Mrs. Anderson). There were seven children born of the first marriage: William Scott, who died February 14, 1880, at the age of seventy-three, and left a family; John, who died March 18, 1873, at the age of sixty-five, and left three children; Edward, who died July 11, 1864, at the age of eighty-one, and left five children; Rachel, who married B. Wood, and is still living at the age of eighty-one; James, whose name introduces this sketch; Eliza, who married S. Korabaugh, and is also deceased; and Armstrong, who died December 13, 1894, leaving five children. The entire family bore an active and prominent part in the development and progress of Clearfield county, and held a high position in the esteem of their fellow citizens. The father was called to his final rest October 26, 1848.

In March, 1846, James Curry, Jr., was married to Miss Elizabeth Pierce, who was born December 7, 1826, and they began their domestic life upon a farm in Chest township where she still resides. He had previously purchased the place, and before his death had over one hundred acres of the 150-acre tract under a high state of cultivation, and improved with the most convenient and elegant buildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. It is pleasantly located on the opposite side of Chest creek from Five Points, and the railroad which runs past the place was completed about the time of his death. From an unbroken wilderness he watched with interest the development of this region, in which he bore an important part, and many a wild tract was transformed into beautiful farms by his hands. For several years he successfully engaged in the lumber business in connection with his agricultural pursuits, and he became the owner of much valuable property, some of which he gave to friends and an improved farm to an adopted son, whom he had reared from infancy. Upon his homestead he erected a store building, where for a time he also engaged in merchandising.

In his daily life and action, Mr. Curry was ever genial and affable. Intelligence and goodness, alone, were his tests of merit. Neither wealth nor power could make him oblivious to principles of right or duty. He enjoyed the popularity which comes to those generous spirits who have a hearty shake of the hand for all those with whom they come in contact from day to day, and who seem to throw around them in consequence so much of the sunshine of life.

MRS. CURRY is a daughter of Moses and Sarah (Blackman) Pierce, of Philadelphia, and was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., on the Delaware river, where the birth of her father also occurred. There he engaged in farming and lumbering for many years, but in 1844 he came to Clearfield county, Penn., purchasing land in Chest township, where he followed the same occupations until 1856, when he sold out and removed to Boone county, Ill. Upon a farm there he died December 12, 1870, and at the same place his wife passed away January 4, 1886. Both held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and were people of the highest respectability. In their family were eleven children—six sons.
and five daughters—all of whom reached years of maturity, namely: Aaron died in 1861, leaving a wife and four children; Mrs. Curry is next in order of birth; Joseph laid down his life on the altar of his country while serving in the Civil war; Phebe became the wife of J. Byers, who went to California in 1848, leaving his wife with four children whom she took to Illinois, and reared and educated in a most creditable manner; Moses died in Dakota; Hannah is the wife of George Shurley; Jane is the wife of C. Perkins; Mary is the wife of J. Daniels; Jonathan died in Colorado; Vavaser P. is a resident of Wyoming; and Wesley makes his home in Broken Bow, Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Curry had no children of their own, but reared and educated four orphans, who were provided with every privilege they would have given their own children. They are as follows: D. W. and J. P. Michael, brothers; Annie M. Bloom, now the wife of C. W. Arthurs; and Mary Bennett, widow of Samuel Owens, who was a soldier of the Union army, and died from the effects of his treatment in Libby prison. Their children all think more of “Grandma Curry” than any one else, and she takes great delight in them. Her many acts of charity and sterling worth have endeared her to all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance, and now in her declining years she is surrounded by hosts of warm friends. A conscientious and earnest Christian, she is a leading and devoted member of the United Brethren Church, and takes an active part in all work which will advance the moral or religious welfare of the community. To the poor and needy she has ever proved a friend, and gives liberally to all worthy enterprises. She is a constant reader of the Bible, and during the last half century has worn out three Holy Books by use. She was born on the Delaware river, in Sullivan county, Penn., a daughter of Moses and Sarah (Blackman) Pierce. Her grandfather, Aaron Pierce, was a pioneer of Sullivan county.

Lewis C. Bloom, the popular landlord and owner of the “Central Hotel,” at Curwensville, Clearfield county, is descended from an honored pioneer family of that county, of Revolutionary fame.

William Bloom, great-grandfather of our subject, a native of Germany, came to the New World in Colonial days, and located in New Jersey, where he entered the Continental army, and for six years served under Gen. Washington, not laying down his arms until independence had been achieved. Prior to 1798, by ox-teams, he and his family migrated to Centre county, Penn., but in 1798 came to Clearfield county, where they made a permanent settlement. At that time some of his family were grown and married, but all located on or near the west branch of the Susquehanna river, in what is now Pike township, though the county had not yet been organized. The country was one vast wilderness, where many wild beasts and savages roamed at will, and it required courage and strength of will to establish a home here; but these Mr. Bloom possessed to a remarkable degree. Upon the farm which he established he spent his remaining days. In his family were eleven children, namely: Isaac, William, John, Abram, Benjamin, James, Peter, Annie, Sarah, Nancy and Mary.

William Bloom, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, wedded Mary Roll, and, of their thirteen children, John R. was born in Clearfield county, in 1809, and was reared upon the home farm. On reaching man’s estate he engaged in the lumber business, conducting a sawmill for some time, and then embarked in mercantile pursuits in Clearfield. Later he erected another mill, which he operated until laying aside business cares, and also ran coal “arks” down the river to market. Politically he was a strong Democrat. He married Sarah M. Peters, who belonged to an honored pioneer family of Centre county, a daughter of Casper and Helen (Bullock) Peters, he of German descent, she of English, who had removed to Centre county from Philadelphia. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bloom, five of whom died when young; those still living are Adeline, wife of T. Doherty; and Lewis C., the subject of this sketch. The father died in 1843.

Our subject was born in Clearfield, Clearfield county, January 20, 1838, but after his father’s death, the mother moved into the country, locating in Pike township, later going to Centre county, where she died in 1845. At the age of nine years, however, Lewis C. Bloom returned to Pike township to make his home with his grandfather Bloom, and in the schools of that locality acquired a fair education. Early in life he began the struggle of life for himself, his first employment being in the lumber woods and rafting. This he continued from the age of thirteen years until becoming a pilot on the river. In 1859, he married Miss Sarah Miller, who belonged to an honored family of Lancaster county, Penn., a daughter of James Miller, who was of German descent, while his wife was of Irish origin. Both died in Lancaster county. To Mr. and Mrs.
Bloom were born six children: James H., who died at the age of five years; John R., a grocer of Curwensville; Wirr E., who is married, and assists his father in conducting the hotel; Claude, who died at the age of twenty-two; Ralph V., of Clearfield; and Grace, at home. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, died May 11, 1894.

After his marriage, Mr. Bloom located in Curwensville, but later removed to Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where he engaged in lumbering and farming, and also sold sewing machines and school supplies. In 1880 he embarked in the hotel business in Curwensville, conducting the “Susquehanna House” for three years; but in 1884 he erected his present hotel, which he is now successfully carrying on. In 1892 he also opened a store at Clearfield, which at the end of two years he sold out, and has since given his attention exclusively to the management of his hotel, which is one of the best and most ably conducted houses in the county.

Mr. Bloom is interested in the Building & Loan Association of Curwensville. He has always been a stalwart Democrat in politics, and has served in a number of local offices, including that of county auditor, which he filled for one term to the satisfaction of all concerned. In the Masonic Lodge, with which he is connected, he has served as master.

Michael McMahon, who has acceptably served as tax collector of Houtzdale since 1887, is one of the representative and prominent citizens of that place. He is a native of Ireland, having been born in County Limerick, in 1832, a son of Thomas and Catharine (Hanrihan) McMahon, who spent their entire lives in Ireland, where both died in 1886. Three of their sons crossed the Atlantic and became residents of Pennsylvania, but John is now deceased, while the other brother of our subject, Thomas, makes his home in Du Bois, Clearfield county.

In the schools of his native land, Michael McMahon acquired his education, and continued to remain at home until nineteen years of age, when he went to England and subsequently to France. He has traveled extensively, and during the Continental war was engaged in railroad ing in Russia. In 1856, on the Island of Alderney, in the English Channel, he was married to Miss Mary Fennelle, also a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of six children: Michael, who died in Alderney; John, who died in Houtzdale; Mrs. Ellen Saupp, who is a resident of Houtzdale; Mary, at home; Daniel, who died in St. Marys, Elk Co., Penn., and Margaret, who also died in Elk county, and was buried in Centreville.

It was in 1862 that Mr. McMahon landed in the New World, and he at first took up his residence in St. Marys, Elk Co., Penn., where he made his home for some time. On first coming to Clearfield county, he located in Houtzdale, where for many years he was connected with the mines as coal car shifter. Since becoming an American citizen, Mr. McMahon has given his unwavering support to the Democratic party, and on that ticket was elected to his present position. He has also served as burgess of Houtzdale, and as a member of the school board, with credit to himself and satisfaction of all concerned. He is an upright, reliable citizen, who has the best interests of the community at heart, and does all within his power to advance its interest and promote the general welfare.

S. Norris, of Woodland, Clearfield county, the efficient and popular justice of the peace in Woodland precinct, Bradford township, has been for a quarter of a century identified with the progress of that thriving community, having gone there in 1872 to enter the employ of the Woodland Fire Brick Company. Like many of our substantial citizens, he is of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, Archie Norris, was born in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and came to the United States in early manhood, settling in Mifflin county, Penn., and, after his marriage to Sophia Gray, remaining a resident of this State. He moved to Westmoreland county in 1816, and opened up a farm in the Ligonier Valley, where his death occurred in 1849.

Thomas Norris, our subject's father, was born April 1, 1806, in Mifflin county, but the greater part of his life was spent in Westmoreland county, where he cleared and cultivated a farm. He was married there to Miss Mary Stuart, a native of Bedford county, Penn. Her father, Charles Stuart, a soldier of the war of 1812, had removed to Westmoreland county during her childhood, and his last days were spent there. Three children were born of this union, of whom our subject was the youngest. Archie died in 1861, in Alabama, and Sophia, Mrs. John Galbraith, lives in Westmoreland county. The mother of this family died October 15, 1878, and the father passed away December 26, 1879.

Squire Norris was born July 4, 1831, in Fairfield, Westmoreland county, and was reared in Ligonier Valley, receiving his literary education in the local schools and acquiring at home a prac-
tical knowledge of farm work. In 1863 he enlisted in Company B, First Pennsylvania Cavalry, for one year, and was assigned to scout duty in the Middle Division. He re-enlisted, in 1864, in Company I, 21st P. V. I., for one year, or during the war, and served in the Ninth Corps, taking part in many important engagements, including those at Dutch Gap, Hatcher's Run, Weldon Run, Fort Steadman and the struggle which ended in the capture of Petersburg, Va., where he received a gunshot wound in the left side. He was confined for a time in the hospital at Petersburg, and was then sent to the United States general hospital at Baltimore, Md., and on June 6, 1865, he was honorably discharged, his papers stating that he was permanently disabled from wounds received in action. He held the rank of orderly sergeant during the latter part of his term of service. He returned home and remained in Bolivar, Westmoreland county, for some time before his removal to Woodland, where he was employed as bookkeeper for the Woodland Fire Brick Company, the firm being then composed of William George and Henry, Albert and John McMath and Isaac Reese, of Pittsburg. The business was established in 1869, and is still conducted under the same name. After working for some time in the office Mr. Norris took charge of the company's store until 1876, when he became postmaster. He held this office nine years, but resigned in March, 1885, under Cleveland's first administration. From time to time he was engaged in clerical work, and, in 1899, he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, which he has since filled with entire satisfaction to the community. In his political views he is a stanch Republican.

In 1853, in Westmoreland county, our subject was married to Miss Elizabeth Johnston, a native of that county. Six children were born to this union, namely: Jennie, Mrs. J. P. Wynn, died in Lock Haven, Penn., in 1893; Thomas H., married and resides in Philipsburg, Penn.; Maggie (Mrs. C. F. Albert), deceased, lived in Woodland; and Minnie, Maud and James are at home.

B. POTTER, who follows general merchandising in Karthaus, Clearfield county, is a typical self-made man, and in the record of his career there is much that is worthy of emulation. He has placed his reliance in the substantial qualities of industry and perseverance, has made the most of his opportunities, and has worked his way steadily upward. He began merchandising on his own account in 1886, and now carries a large line of dry goods, groceries and all commodities found in a general store.

Mr. Potter is a native of Clearfield county, Penn., born in 1863, at Mulsonburg, and is a son of Dr. J. W. and Alamanda (Hoffman) Potter, the former of whom was born in Clarion county, Penn., and at an early day cast his lot with the early pioneer settlers of Covington township, Clearfield county, where he engaged in the practice of medicine and lumbering. Both he and his wife are still living. Our subject spent his early childhood days in Karthaus township, and during his youth also lived in Covington township, Clearfield county. He was educated in the public schools, and reared on the home farm, where he early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He remained at home until embarking in business at Karthaus, where he is now the oldest merchant that has been continuously connected with commercial interests there. The building in which he carries on operations was erected in 1884, and is a one and one-half story structure, 24 x 50 feet. Its owner was Mr. Potter's father, who, with his son, R. L. Potter, conducted mercantile business there until 1885, when our subject purchased his father's interest, and for one year was in partnership with his brother under the firm name of Potter & Potter. In 1886 our subject purchased his brother's interest, since which time he has been the sole proprietor. In 1892 he raised the building to a two-story structure, and has it supplied with a large stock of general merchandise, while from the public he receives a liberal patronage that has been secured by honorable dealing, and courteous treatment of his patrons. He is also the owner of the "Potter House," a three-story building erected in 1884, and which is a leading hotel in Karthaus.

Mr. Potter was married in Karthaus township, in 1887, to Miss Emma, daughter of George Emerick, one of the honored pioneers of the township, where she was born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Potter have four children: Bessie, Grace, J. W. and Dudley. Their home is noted for its hospitality, and they occupy an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Potter is a Democrat in politics, and in 1885 was appointed postmaster of Karthaus, serving in that capacity four years. In December, 1893, he was again appointed, and is now acceptably filling that position; he has also served as township auditor. Socially he is a member of Driftwood Lodge No. 352, F. & A. M. He has a wide acquaintance in Clearfield county, is well liked, and ranks high in commercial circles.
NEDWIN W. GRAY and EZRA S. GRAY, of the Du Bois Courier. This paper was established in January, 1879, by Butler & Horton; it was purchased by J. A. Johnston in June, 1882, and a half interest was purchased by E. W. Gray in 1884. Two years later Mr. Johnston retired from the business, the politics of the paper was changed from Independent to Republican, E. W. Gray became the head of the publishing firm, and has so continued ever since.

The Daily edition was started January 1, 1888, and is a seven-column folio at the present time. It is the oldest paper in Du Bois, and is advantageously located for wielding an influence in a larger field than its own county.

E. W. Gray, who has, since 1886, been at the head of the publishing firm, and general manager of the business, was born in Pennsylvania in October, 1857. His boyhood was spent in Elk county; his district school advantages were supplemented by a high-school course at Ridgway, the county seat of Elk county. He went from school to the office of The Elk Democrat, where he served the apprenticeship of a printer. He followed his trade up to the time he became interested in the Courier, and became thoroughly equipped with knowledge of the printing and publishing business, and also fitted in the school of experience for all-around editing as the work has been done on his own paper, and others with which he was previously connected.

E. S. Gray, the present editor of the Courier, is a brother of E. W. Gray, is two years his junior, and is a native of Iowa, although a Pennsylvanian from the beginning of conscious existence. Like the elder brother, he was reared in Elk county, and quit the pursuit of a school-room education early. He came to the Courier, after clerking a few years in a general store, at the solicitation of his brother to learn newspaper work. He never set about becoming a practical printer, but took up reportorial work, and succeeded to the editorial management of the paper in 1886, when it was made a Republican journal, and has since retained that position.

E. W. and E. S. Gray are sons of A. W. Gray, who came from a Bradford county, Penn., family, descending from New England stock, grandparents on both sides of the house serving in the Continental army throughout the entire period of the Revolutionary war.

P. J. CURLEY, the postmaster of Williams Grove, and a well-known and highly-respected citizen of Bradford township, was born in New Brunswick, March 8, 1827, a son of John and Catharine Glennan Curley, natives of Ireland.

In that country they were reared and married, and in 1827 emigrated to New Brunswick, thence in 1834 removing to Clearfield county, Penn. The father was a millwright by trade, but locating in Covington township, amid the wild forest, he opened up a farm, whereon he made his home until his death in 1860; his wife passed away the year following. They had a family of five sons and one daughter, namely: James, who died in Covington township; Peter, who enlisted for the Civil war in 1861, and served throughout the struggle, his home being now in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; John, who joined the Union army in 1863, and is now living in Philadelphia; Daniel, who enlisted in Company C, 5th Pennsylvania Reserves, serving three years, and is now a resident of Graham township; P. J., of this sketch; and Mary, wife of David Lounsbury, of Lawrence township.

P. J. Curley has resided in Clearfield county since early boyhood, and after obtaining his elementary education in the common schools he continued his studies in Philadelphia, and in Georgetown College, in Washington, D. C. Thus he became well fitted for life's practical duties. He was married, in 1847, to Lavina Leonard, of Girard township, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Spackman) Leonard, the former a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., and the latter of Chester county, of Quaker ancestry. Both died many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Curley began their domestic life in Bradford township, removing sometime afterward to Williams Grove, where Mr. Curley carried on business as a dealer in dry goods and agricultural implements for over twenty years. He has also been express agent at that point since the building of the railroad, and is the oldest in this service in the division. In 1874 he was appointed postmaster of the Williams Grove post office, which was established in 1850. He has since served in that capacity, with the exception of the period of President Harrison's administration. In politics he is a Democrat, and has held several local offices, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He belongs to the United Brethren Church.

In 1890, Mr. Curley was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 22nd of February. They were parents of seven children: W. L., who is serving as justice of the peace in Clearfield; Laura, wife of Abram Hummel, of Bigler; Minnie, wife of Charles Foster;
Leonard, who died in Clearfield county; Roy, who was killed on the railroad in 1893; James, who is married and resides in Bigler; and Virgie, at home. Mr. Curley has witnessed almost the entire development of his county, and is numbered among its honored pioneers. Almost sixty years have passed since he located here, and in the work of progress and advancement he has ever borne his part. His well-spent life and his many excellent qualities have gained him high regard.

WILLIAM A. PORTER. Among the successful business men of Clearfield county, the subject of this sketch, a well-known resident of Clearfield borough, holds a prominent place. As a lumber dealer his operations are extensive, and he is one of four men who purchased 19,000 acres of land in West Virginia, of which all but 300 acres have since been sold. He still owns valuable timber lands in that State, and in partnership with his brother owns 500 acres in Clearfield county.

The family is of Irish origin, and were natives of County Tyrone, Ireland, where the paternal grandfather of our subject passed his entire life, and died there leaving a widow and six children, who came a few years later to Clearfield county, Penn., where the mother died. William, the eldest son, was the first to embark for America. He was then a young man, unmarried, and on his arrival in Clearfield county engaged in the lumber business, becoming one of the substantial men of his locality, and a director in the County National Bank. His death occurred August 12, 1895. The others are: Jane, now Mrs. Ralston, a widow residing at Clearfield borough; Eliza, the widow of the late Andrew Livingston, of Bradford township, Clearfield county; Robert, our subject's father; John, who is not married and lives in Clearfield; and Sarah, who also resides at Clearfield.

Robert Porter, father of our subject, was born in 1812, and left his old home in Ireland at the age of eighteen years. On coming to Clearfield county he settled in Lawrence township, and engaged in lumbering and rafting on the Susquehanna river. He was married there July 21, 1844, to Miss Jemima Read, a native of the township and daughter of John Read, who was born in eastern Pennsylvania and moved to that locality at an early date, crossing the mountains on horseback. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are both living, and of their eleven children nine reached adult age: Elizabeth married Ross McPherson, who is engaged in the milling business in Clearfield; Emma married Alexander Holden, of Coalport, Clearfield county; William A. is mentioned below; Miles is a farmer at the old home in Pike township, Clearfield county; Frank is a lawyer in Kansas City, Mo.; James went to Kansas, and is engaged in farming; Florence is at home; John died at the age of twenty-four; and Helen is at home.

William A. Porter was born March 5, 1851, in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and was reared there upon his father's farm, which he helped to clear. He was educated in the schools of the neighborhood, and taught five terms in Clearfield county. As a young man he engaged in the lumber business, which he has since followed continuously. In 1895 he removed to Clearfield, and in September of that year was elected a director of the County National Bank. He was married in Sandy township, Clearfield county, in 1883, to Miss Lizzie Liddell, a native of Brady township and daughter of Andrew Liddell, who came to Clearfield county from Ireland in the early days. Seven children were born of this union: Robert, Mary, Ruth, Marguerite, Elizabeth, William, and Sarah.

Mr. Porter is a Presbyterian in religious faith, and on political questions is a Democrat. He is a member of the F. & A. M., Curwensville Lodge No. 480, of the R. A. M., Clearfield Chapter No. 228, and of Moshannon Commandery, at Philipsburg, Penn. He takes an active interest in all movements which promise to assist in the development of the county.

GEORGE F. KORB. Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Clearfield county more deserving of success than Mr. Korb, whose career has been marked by an honorable, straightforward business policy which commands the confidence of all. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution: and his close application to business and excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity which he to-day enjoys.

Mr. Korb was born February 28, 1843, in Brady township, Clearfield county, a son of Adam and Rebecca (Shafer) Korb. The father, who was a native of Germany, a son of George Korb, on attaining his majority came to the United States with his father, they taking up their residence in Brady township, Clearfield county, Penn., where the grandfather opened up a good farm, and there spent his remaining days. In that township the father was married to Rebecca Shafer, who was born in DuBois, Clear-
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Field county, where her parents, George and Catherine Shafer, natives of Centre county, Penn., were early settlers. Her father built and carried on the "Rumburger House," and died at DuBois, in 1849; his wife passed away at the same place. For some time Adam Korb engaged in agricultural pursuits in Jefferson county, Penn., whence he removed to a farm in Brady township, for years lived at Helvetia, and one year was passed near Luthersburg. In 1860 he came to Bloom township, where two years later he purchased a timbered tract, and erected a log cabin thereon, making that farm his home until his death, August 28, 1883; his widow passed away on the old homestead in Bloom township, June 15, 1897, aged eighty years, one month, and three days. In their family were the following children: Barbara, living at Ridgway, Elk Co., Penn.; George, on the old homestead; Jacob, of Brady township; David, in Indiana; Tobias, of Bloom township; Adam, of Union township; Daniel, of Kerrmoor, Clearfield county; and Samuel, of DuBois.

In Brady township George F. Korb was reared and educated, and since attaining to man's estate he has devoted his time and attention to farming and lumbering, carrying on the latter occupation at Falls Creek for some time. From 1864 until 1874 he was making square timber and delivering to Pittsburg people, when the failure of Robert Osburn came and our subject lost over $7,000. Nothing daunted, he made a new start in business, and at once (in 1874) took charge of the old homestead. He is now the owner of fifty-eight acres of arable land, besides three town lots, VanTassel Addition to DuBois, and one in DuBois. His wife owns two lots, VanTassel Addition to DuBois, and 118 acres of timber-land. In 1882 he erected a good steam sawmill on Wimter run, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber until July 2, 1896, when his plant with over eight hundred thousand feet of lumber was destroyed by fire. With characteristic energy he at once set about to repair the loss, and within seventy days was ready to resume operation. This branch of his business has proved a profitable one, and to-day he is numbered among the substantial citizens of Bloom township.

In 1871, in Jefferson county, Penn., Mr. Korb was united in marriage with Christiana Wingert, a native of that county, and a daughter of Henry and Louisa (Smith) Wingert, who were born in Germany and spent their last days upon a farm in Jefferson county. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Korb, six of whom are still living, namely: Eli Martin, Isaac Milton, Margaret Charlotte, George Edward, Jesse Leven and Amos Sylvester. Etta May died October 31, 1893, at the age of nineteen years, nine months; Delia Amanda died November 24, 1893, at the age of sixteen years, nine months, nineteen days; the cause of death of these two daughters was diphtheria; William Franklin died at the age of eleven months, eighteen days; and Emanuel Peter died at the age of eight months, ten days. The father of these gives his political support to the Democratic party, and has ever taken a commendable interest in public affairs. He served as judge of election for three years; was a member of the school board seven years; then was appointed school director. In 1880 he was appointed to collect the county and State tax, and for the past nine years has served as tax collector of his township. He is prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty, whether public or private, has proved a most popular official, and as a business man and citizen his life has been above reproach. In religious faith he holds membership in the German Lutheran Church.

U. S. N. CROUSE, one of the representative and prominent citizens of DuBois, is now serving as storekeeper for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad.

Born July 25, 1846, in Chambersburg, he is a son of Valentine and Maria (Shafer) Crouse, natives of Germany and Chambersburg, Penn., respectively. In 1828, when a child of four years, the father was brought to the United States, locating first at Baltimore, Md. As soon as old enough he began learning the tailor's trade in Chambersburg, Penn., which occupation he followed until 1855, when he embarked in merchandising, carrying on that business for two years. In 1858 he took charge of a hotel in Huntingdon, Penn., which he successfully conducted until his enlistment in the Union army in August, 1862, for nine months, becoming a member of Company H, 125th P. V. I. He participated in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, was twice wounded, and on the close of his term was honorably discharged in June, 1863. Returning to Huntingdon, he remained there until the following September, when he removed to Clinton county, taking charge of a hotel in Renovo, where his death occurred in February, 1881. He was a member of Bucktail Post No. 142, G. A. K., which our subject had the honor of naming. The mother departed this life on the 29th of April, 1879. The other children of the family are James, a resident of Anderson,
Our subject is a worthy representative of a very patriotic and loyal family. Besides his father and himself, who were in the Union service during the dark days of the Rebellion, he had several maternal uncles, who took part in the struggle. Jacob Shaffer enlisted in Franklin county in the 126th P. V. I., and lost his life at the battle of Fredericksburg. In April, 1861, soon after the firing upon Fort Sumter. John Shaffer enlisted in the 13th P. V. I., for three months; later he re-enlisted in the 102nd P. V. I., for three years, under Col. Rowley, and on the expiration of that term, he again re-enlisted in the same regiment, serving until hostilities had ceased. He was honorably discharged in September, 1865. Although he participated in all of the important battles of the Army of the Potomac, he was never wounded. George was in a Confederate brigade, and for a time was stationed at Fort Gibson, Miss. William Shaffer was in the Confederate service, and did duty in West Virginia with Jack Moseby.

In Huntingdon county, our subject was reared and educated. In 1863 he went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in the drug business until he enlisted June 17, 1864, as hospital steward on the United States steamer "James Adger," serving under Thomas H. Patterson. He remained in the navy, the vessel on which he sailed cruising along the Atlantic coast, the Gulf of Mexico and the West Indies, and also serving as flag ship off Charleston, for a time. On account of disability he was honorably discharged May 13, 1865, and returned home.

In Renovo, Clinton Co., Penn., Mr. Crouse learned the machinist's trade, which he successfully followed for twenty years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, a part of the time being foreman of the lathe shop. He then conducted a skating rink at Washington, D. C., for a time, was later with the Camden & Atlantic railroad with headquarters at Camden, N. J., and then he located at Rochester, N. Y., becoming general store keeper at that place for the railroad company with which he is still connected. On coming to Du Bois, he first served as general foreman until July 1, 1893, when he became interested in other business, but on February 1, 1897, he accepted his present position.

In 1879, at Renovo, he was married to Miss Lavina E. Kendig, a native of Franklin county, Penn., who died in July, 1877. In August, 1879, he was again married, his second union being with Miss Ella J. Shaffer, who was born in Shippensburg, Franklin county, a daughter of Jacob Stouffer, an early settler of Renovo. Politically, Mr. Crouse is an ardent Republican, and he is now serving his third term as a member of the school board of Du Bois. During his incumbency the Third ward school building was erected, and also an addition made to the Fourth ward building. He has always taken an active and prominent part in civic societies, was one of the organizers of the Grand Army Post of Renovo, and served as its first adjutant. He holds membership in Garfield Lodge, No. 339, F. A. M., of Du Bois; and Elk Chapter, No. 230, R. A. M., and Knapp Com mandery, No. 40, K. T., both of Ridgway. He also belongs to Moulthrop Camp, No. 142, Sons of Veterans, of Du Bois, and he was a charter member of Camp No. 88, P. O. S. of A., of Renovo, Penn., which was organized February 22, 1868. In 1873 and 1874 he served as State master of forms and ceremonies of the last named order, was defeated for the position of State president the following year, and in 1883 he was nominated for State secretary, running against H. Stager, who had filled the office for seventeen years. He was defeated by only twenty-seven out of the three hundred and fifty votes cast. With his wife, Mr. Crouse is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has ever taken an active part in Church and Sunday-school work, teaching a class of from eight to thirty-eight since 1890, and serving since January 1, 1891, as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, giving his liberal support to all worthy objects for the good of the community.

A. VOSBURG is one of the leading and energetic citizens of Du Bois, where he has successfully engaged in general merchandising since 1892, and the business interests of the city are well represented by him.

In Driftwood, Cameron Co., Penn., Mr. Vosburg was born in 1864, a son of George R. and Ophelia J. (Robinson) Vosburg, who were born, reared and educated in New York State, whence they removed to Driftwood at an early day. There the father engaged in lumbering for a time, and for ten years served as express agent, freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., also was proprietor of a large general store, and was postmaster at that place. In 1866 he became superintendent of the business of John Du Bois, at Williamsport, Penn., where he remained until 1878, when he came to Du Bois, still serving as general superintendent for that gentleman, with
whom he has now been connected for over thirty-one years. He is one of the honored and highly respected citizens of the community. His wife departed this life at Portland, Ore., in 1894. In the family of this worthy couple were six children, namely: George R., now a resident of Kansas; J. L., a farmer and surveyor living near Oregon City, Ore.; E. Fred., manager of the Vosburg Drug Co., of Du Bois; H. A., of this sketch; Maud, wife of Rev. Van Water, an Episcopal minister of Portland, Ore.; and Ralph, who died in Du Bois in 1888.

Our subject's early educational privileges were such as the common schools of Williamsport afforded, and his business training was received in the store of John Du Bois, at Du Bois, whose service he entered in 1879, tying up the packages for fourteen clerks. There he remained until 1883, when he went to Philadelphia, being in the employ of a lumber firm at that place for two years. He then located at Winterburn, Clearfield county, where, as a member of the firm of Vosburg Brothers & Co., he purchased the general store of Mr. Blanchard, conducting the same until coming to Du Bois in 1892. Business is now carried on under the firm style of H. A. Vosburg & Co., and the store on Du Bois avenue is stocked with a good grade of general merchandise. From the public they receive a liberal patronage, and in business circles have won an enviable position by their straightforward, honorable course.

In Du Bois, in 1887, Mr. Vosburg was married to Miss Edith M. Hay, a native of Schuylkill county, Penn., and a daughter of Lamar S. Hay, justice of the peace at Du Bois. Three children bless this union: Florence, Harry A. and Emily Maud. In religious belief Mr. Vosburg is an Episcopalian, and in politics he is a stalwart Republican. On first locating in Du Bois the place was known as Rumbarger, and contained but three or four stores. With its commercial activity he has been prominently identified, and gives an earnest support to all measures calculated to upbuild or advance the general welfare of the community. Always courteous and genial in manner, he has gained many warm friends, and well deserves the high regard in which he is held.

C. JENKINS, M. D. The space between what a man is and his ideal is his opportunity, and he who realizes this truth and takes advantage of it is he who wins success. Dr. Jenkins is to-day numbered among the leading physicians and surgeons of Clearfield county, and it is his utilization of opportunity, advantages and the ability with which nature endowed him, that has enabled him to gain his high standing in professional ranks.

Dr. Jenkins was born in Hanover, York Co., Penn., August 13, 1853, a son of Samuel and Anna C. (Crist) Jenkins. The grandfather, James Jenkins, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and in the old country the name was originally spelled Junkin. Samuel Jenkins was reared in Pennsylvania, and in early manhood engaged in merchandising in York county. Subsequently he removed to Frederick, Md., where he followed the same pursuit, and on coming to Clearfield county, in 1867, he engaged in merchandising. Here he purchased timber lands, operated a sawmill and rafted his lumber down the river to market. He also conducted a store, and managed his business interests with success. His death occurred in 1882; his wife survived him until 1895. His political support was given the Democratic party, and he filled a number of township offices, including that of justice of the peace, in which he served for several years. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Three children came to bless this union, two of whom died in infancy.

Our subject, who is the only survivor of the family, came to Clearfield county when eight years of age, and was reared on his father's farm. He began his education in the public school, but at the age of ten years went to Pittsburg, Penn., where he pursued his studies for three years. He then went to Baltimore, where he also attended school. Later, he was a student in Columbia Academy and the State Normal School, of Millersville, Penn., and thus with a broad general education he was well fitted to enter upon a line of special study, which he did at the age of twenty years, in the office of Dr. Crouch, of Curwensville. In 1874 he matriculated in the Medical University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he pursued a thorough four-years' course, and was graduated in 1878. Immediately afterward he returned to his home in Curwensville, where he has since engaged in practice. His strong mentality and sound judgment enable him to take a comprehensive and accurate view of the science of medicine and its possibilities, and in the prosecution of his profession he has met with most enviable success.

On January 5, 1881, the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Alice J. Herr, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., and a daughter of Benjamin Herr, of Columbia, Lancaster county. Her father is still living at that place, where for many years he has carried on general merchan-
CHRISTOPHER C. MERRELL was born in the town of Clearfield in 1834, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county. His name is inseparably connected with its history, for in the work of development he has ever borne his part, and has done all in his power to aid in its progress. His father, Samuel Merrell, was born and reared in New Jersey, and learned there the trade of carpentering. When a young man he came to Clearfield county, where he followed his trade, and in connection with Isaac Sothers erected the old academy. He was married in Philipsburg, Penn., to Hannah Taylor, a native of Centre county, but he made his home in Clearfield county. In 1844 he took up his residence in Morris township, where he engaged in the sawmill business and purchased 400 acres of timber land, which forms the present site of Munson. Our subject cut the first tree on this tract. The father died in 1884, and the mother departed this life in Munson in 1885.

This worthy couple were the parents of the following named: William, who served as justice of the peace, and died in Kylertown in 1892; Joseph, who enlisted in the 2d Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died of smallpox in Washington, D. C., in 1864; Christopher C., of this sketch; Henry, who enlisted in Company C, Pennsylvania Reserves, and who died in Philadelphia in 1864; John, who died in Munson, in 1886; Samuel R., who died in Philipsburg; Mrs. Estavilla Mays, of Tioga county, Penn.; Mrs. Sarah Swartz, of Morris township; Emily, wife of Samuel Spanogle, of Graham township, Clearfield county; and Clara, wife of A. Spanogle, of Morris township.

Christopher C. Merrell spent the first ten years of his life in the place of his birth, and then removed with his father to Morris township, where he aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm. Throughout his entire life he has carried on agricultural pursuits, and is to-day the owner of a nice house and lot. He has made excellent improvements upon the place, and these stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. His life has been one of industry and honest toil, and the success that he has achieved is the merited reward of his own labors. In 1858 he was married in Philipsburg, Centre county, to Miss Julia White, a native of that county, where her parents, John and (Shunel) White, located at an early day; they are both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Merrell had a family of eleven children: Lawrence, who is married and resides in Jefferson county; Frank, who is married and makes his home in Cambria county; Henry; Stanley; Roy; Mrs. Ida Dixon, of Becaria township; Mrs. Elizabeth Kitchen, of Jefferson county; Mary, who is engaged in teaching; Mrs. Ethel Horton, of Munson; Susan, who is engaged in teaching; and Stella, a teacher at Hawk Run.

In his political adherency, Mr. Merrell is a Democrat, is a member of the school board, has always taken an active interest in education, and gives a loyal support to all measures calculated to promote the public good. He is the oldest pioneer of Munson, his identification with its interests being long and honorable. His sterling worth has gained for him the esteem of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and he is both widely and favorably known in Clearfield county.

WILLIAM R. CAMERON, who for the past six years has been the assistant superintendent of the Berwin-White Coal Mining Company, is one of the reliable young business men of Houtzdale, where he has made his home since 1874. He was born in 1864, in Fall Brook, Tioga Co., Penn., a son of Peter and Christina (Pollock) Cameron. After attending the public schools of Houtzdale for some time, he was for one year a student in the Wellsboro schools, and for the same length of time pursued his studies in the Indiana State Normal. He then began his business career with his father in the engineer's office, and for two years served as assistant engineer, after which he accepted his present responsible position, and has secured the confidence of the company, as his duties are always promptly and efficiently performed.

In June, 1891, W. R. Cameron was married in Oakdale, Allegheny Co., Penn., to Miss Lillie M. Carvey, and to them have been born two children: Glenn-Marr and Peter. By his ballot,
Mr. Cameron always supports the principles of the Republican party, and takes quite an active interest in political affairs. He occupies an enviable position in both business and social circles, and being a courteous, genial gentleman well deserves the high regard in which he is held.

Peter Cameron (the father of our subject), who was called from the scenes of this life June 17, 1896, was one of the most honored and valued residents of Houtzdale, and his private life, as well as his business career, was well worthy of emulation. He was born in West Muir, near Glasgow, Scotland, July 26, 1828, of which country his parents, Peter and Annie (Richardson) Cameron, were also natives. In July, 1848, the family crossed the Atlantic and located in Blossburg, Penn., where Peter Cameron, Jr., with his father and younger brothers, worked in the coal mines, and were all experts in that line of business. Among his brother were David, an attorney of Wellsboro, and the late James R., a capable mining engineer and superintendent of coal mines in Clearfield county, and also in Colorado. The father was a man of many sterling qualities of mind and heart, and will long be remembered by the early settlers of Tioga county, Penn.

At Blossburg, June 8, 1853, Peter Cameron was united in marriage with Christina Pollock, a daughter of Alexander Pollock of that place. Of the twelve children born to them, ten are still living, namely: Peter, a resident of West Newton, Penn.; Jennie, wife of G. S. Ramsey, of McKeensport, Penn.; Alexander, of Manor Station, Penn.; Annie; William R., whose name introduces this sketch; Christina, a teacher, of Clearfield; Katharine, a teacher, of Greensburg; Susie, who is teaching in the Woodward high school; and Samuel and John, both of Houtzdale.

The father was mainly a self-educated as well as a self-made man, having alone mastered the studies of arithmetic, algebra, geometry and trigonometry. After working for seven years for the Blossburg Coal Co., he removed to Fall Brook in 1860, and later was connected with the mining interests of Morris Run and Arnot, in this State, but in 1874 he took up his residence in Houtzdale, where he passed the rest of his days. Here he opened up what has become one of the most productive and valuable bituminous coal fields in the world. He began operations here in June, 1874, and continued to discharge his duties as mining engineer and superintendent up to the hour of his death. He had just returned from his rounds for the day, and fell while alighting from his buggy at home, dying from heart disease, from which he had suffered for several years. The vacancy which he left in the home, in the community, and in the Church, as well as in the place he filled with the Berwin-White Company, can never be refilled; yet it is a satisfaction to know that his sons, who gained much from his private and business life, are capable and well worthy to follow in his footsteps. His widow, a most estimable lady, still resides in Houtzdale, and has the love and respect of all who know her.

In the discharge of his professional duties, Mr. Cameron added to the practical knowledge, gained by active mining, much that he had acquired by reading and study of the science, and was therefore ably qualified to fill the important position which he held for so many years. Few if any engaged in mining engineering excelled him in knowledge of the science or in its skillful application, and he was also a geologist of high merit. He not only knew where to look for coal, but learned how to get it out to the best advantage. He thoroughly understood every branch of the business which he made his life work, and, relying on his good judgment, his employers would invest large sums of money with most satisfactory results. During his able management the Berwin-White Company became one of the largest miners and shippers of bituminous coal in Pennsylvania.

Although always a very busy man, Mr. Cameron found time to read extensively in general literature, especially history, sacred and profane. He devoted much time, as did also his father and his wife's father, to the study of the Holy Scriptures, and was one of the pillars in the Presbyterian Church of Houtzdale, of which he was a devout and faithful member. He ever took an active part in Church work, especially in the Sabbath-school, of which he served as superintendent for many years.

Mr. Cameron was a lover of music, which he taught, and he also trained Church choirs. Sacred music was to him a refined expression of religious thought and devotion. He himself played the violin. In the work of the Church he found great consolation. He loved the house of God, and bore testimony to his religious fervor in his every-day life. His charities were systematic and liberal, and his heart overflowed with love for his fellow men. The last time he left home was to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Saratoga, N. Y. Young and old, rich and poor, had for him the greatest love and admiration, and his influence for good was felt throughout the entire community. He was not only a temperance man in the commonly accepted meaning of that term, but was temperate in all things, was a kind and indulgent father.
P. REESE is one of the leading and representative business men of Kylertown, Clearfield county, where he is successfully conducting a large general mercantile establishment, and is also serving as postmaster. He was born in Centre county, Penn, August 4, 1835, a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Evans) Reese. His paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of Christian, was a native of Germany, and crossed the Atlantic to America during the Revolutionary war, in which he participated. When peace was restored he located in Centre county, becoming one of its honored pioneers, and, being a miller by trade, at one time conducted the mills at Philipsburg, on Moshannon creek. In his family were four sons and two or three daughters, the names of the sons being John, Henry, David and Christian.

The last named was reared in Centre county, where he followed the blacksmith's trade during early life, but later he purchased a farm, which he operated until life's labors were ended. He married Elizabeth Evans, who still resides upon the old homestead in Centre county, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. Her father, Capt. Eleazer Evans, who was born in Philadelphia, was reared in Chester county, and in early manhood came to Centre county in the capacity of carpenter and millwright. Being pleased with the country, he here spent the remainder of his life. To the parents of our subject were born eleven children: Mrs. Catherine Burket; O. P.; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Jerome, also deceased; Aaron W.; Joseph E., who is now a resident of Missouri; Mrs. Joanna Twinn; Mrs. Alice Hoover; Emma, at home with her mother; and two who died in infancy.

Upon the home farm O. P. Reese spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he obtained his elementary education. Later he was a student at the Fillmore Academy, in Centre county, attended a school at Warrior's Mark, Huntingdon Co., Penn., and completed his literary course in the Pine Grove Academy. He was thus well fitted for almost any line of business which he might choose, and all through his own efforts, as he had paid his own way through those institutions either by teaching or by farm work. After reading medicine for one year under Dr. J. B. Mitchell, of Bellefonte, Penn., he attended the Ann Arbor Medical College, at Ann Arbor, Mich., for one term, and in 1861 opened an office in Kylertown, where he engaged in practice for about three years. On completing another course of lectures at Ann Arbor, he graduated, and returned to Kylertown, but after practicing for two years became dissatisfied and gave up the profession.

For a time Mr. Reese engaged in clerking in that place, but in the meantime, having purchased a farm, he removed thereon in 1872, and for four years continued to devote his attention to agricultural pursuits. The following five years were passed in Centre county, but in 1881 he returned to his farm, where he remained until 1890, when he purchased an interest in his present store. On selling his farm he bought the entire business, including the building, and now carries a large and complete stock of general merchandise. He has built up an excellent trade, which is constantly increasing, and well deserves the liberal patronage which is accorded him.

In 1862 Mr. Reese was married to Miss Martha Hunter, a daughter of William Hunter, who was of Irish descent, and a worthy pioneer of Pennsylvania. In early life he engaged in freighting by team from Philadelphia, but later located on a farm in Clearfield county, where his last years were spent. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church, and a Democrat in politics. Ten children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Reese: Mrs. Laura Shope; Jennie; Harry, a merchant of Kylertown; Charles, deceased; Alfred, a resident of West Virginia; Josephine, who is engaged in teaching; Leonard, at home; Winfield, who died in infancy; and Mary and Carl (twins), the latter of whom died at the age of three years. The faithful wife and mother was called to her final rest January 21, 1892.

Politically Mr. Reese supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and at the beginning of President Cleveland's second administration was appointed postmaster of Kylertown, which position he is still acceptably filling. Fraternally he is a member of the Masonic order. He may truly be considered a representative man; he has a fine character; his motives are governed by elevated tastes and aims, and he stands well with his fellow men.

PHILIP REESE. A family which sent to the defense of the Union every one of its four sons deserves a place upon the roll of honor.
The subject of this sketch, a member of the distinguished quartette, is now one of the substantial business men of Clearfield, Clearfield county, and the patriotism which stood so severe a test then has been constantly shown in less notable ways in private life.

The Reece family is of English origin, the ancestral home being at Hereford, England. John Reece, our subject's grandfather, passed his entire life there, and his son, Elijah, the father of our subject, was born there January 1, 1800. He learned the currier's trade at Bath, England, during his youth, and before coming to America was married to Miss Mary Ann Blamford. They sailed from Liverpool in 1833, and on landing at Philadelphia started without delay for Clearfield county, traveling partly by water and taking a stage at Lewistown. Mr. Reece bought a tract of forest land from Hardman Phillips, and there built a log cabin and commenced the work of clearing and improving, which in due time made his estate a valuable farm. He took great interest in public questions, and in politics was a Democrat. His wife died at the old home October 13, 1874, and his own death followed on November 11, 1883. They had been members of the Church of England in youth, but after coming to this country they identified themselves with the United Brethren. Of their ten children: (1) John enlisted, in 1861, in the First Pennsylvania Artillery for three years; he died November 12, 1887, in West Virginia. (2) Elijah enlisted from Clearfield county in the 82nd Pennsylvania Infantry, and spent three years in the service; his death occurred in Decatur township, Clearfield county, November 4, 1885. (3) Philip's record is given below. (4) Arthur enlisted, in 1863, in the 100th Pennsylvania Infantry, and served until the close of the war; he died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, in 1878. (5) Silas resides in Philipsburg. (6) Clara and (7) James died in early youth. (8) Anna died in her fourth year. (9) Celivia married Walter Morgan, of Delaware. (10) Ada married Rev. Henry Shaw, a Presbyterian minister at Huntingdon, Penn., who died in 1893.

Philip Reece was born December 20, 1837, in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and as is usual with country boys, he became familiar in early life with farm work, receiving his education in the neighboring schools, and at the age of sixteen he engaged in lumbering. In 1861 he enlisted, in his native township, in Company K, 82nd P. V. I., for three years, or during the war, and went into service at Harrisburg. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and he took part in the battle of the Wilderness; was also at Richmond, and in the campaign of the Shenandoah Valley. In 1864 he re-enlisted in the same company, and remained until the close of the struggle, being present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House. On July 15, 1865, he was discharged at Philadelphia, and returning home engaged again in the lumber business. In 1870 he went to Minnesota, where he spent two years, and then came back to Clearfield county, removing later to Somerset county, Penn., where he remained until 1876. Since that time he has made his home in Clearfield, where he owns valuable property, including several residences. His attention has been given to the real-estate business, and to looking after his interests in coal lands.

On February 27, 1873, Mr. Reece was married in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, to Miss Sarah Jane Brown, a native of Lancaster county, Penn. Her father, William Brown, was also born there, but moved to Clearfield county soon after his marriage to Miss Mary Ann Allison, who was born in Chester county, Penn. Both are now deceased. Mr. Reece is an adherent of the Democratic party, and is active and influential in local affairs. He served eight years as a member of the West Clearfield council, and has never failed to encourage any movement tending to continue the development of the county. Mr. Reece is a member of the M. E. Church of Clearfield.

ROBERT J. WALKER, one of the representative and prominent business men of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, is a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., born December 11, 1842, and is a son of Alfred and Lavina (Butterfield) Walker, whose births occurred in Indiana county, this State. The father, who was a plasterer by trade, died in Saltsburg, Penn., about 1845, and the mother departed this life, in Westmoreland county, in 1863. In their family were five children: Giles B., who came to Clearfield county and died in Greensburg in 1893; Mary, also deceased; Mrs. Sarah J. Knappenberger, a resident of Greensburg, Penn.; Robert J., of this sketch; and Thomas H., who makes his home in Ohio.

Robert J. Walker was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and throughout his business career has principally engaged in lumbering and milling, meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. On coming to Osceola Mills, in 1872, he and his brother, G. B. Walker, embarked in the planing-mill business, with which our subject has since been connected. On
the present site of his plant they erected a mill 40 x 65 feet, with an addition 30 x 40 feet, all two stories in height. This was destroyed by fire May 29, 1875, and they immediately rebuilt; but again, in 1887, the plant was consumed by flames. Nothing daunted, however, Mr. Walker the same year erected his present commodious mill, which is 40 x 60 feet, with a wing 40 x 40 feet, and an engine room 16 x 45 feet. On beginning operations, he first engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, and in 1881 shingles was added to the list. Under the name of Walker Bros. the firm continued to do business until 1885, when the brother of our subject removed to Greensburg, where he owned a planing-mill, which he operated until his death, in 1894. Since 1885, R. J. Walker has been alone in business, has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative trade, and furnishes employment to a number of men. His success has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly-balanced mind, and by honorable business principles. He has made the most of his opportunities, and has secured a comfortable competence. Previous to coming to Osceola Mills, he had operated a planing-mill at Latrobe, Westmoreland county, where he established business in 1868.

Feeling that his country needed his services, Mr. Walker resolved to join the Union army during the dark days of the Rebellion, and accordingly, in September, 1861, he enlisted in Company K, 11th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered in at Harrisburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. With that command he participated in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Thoroughfare Gap, and the second engagement at Bull Run, where he was wounded, and was confined in the hospital in Washington, D. C., until honorably discharged in January, 1863. He returned to his home in Westmoreland county, but on regaining health again enlisted, in March, 1864, in the Signal Corps, U. S. A. After spending a short time at the Signal Camp of Instruction in Washington, D. C., he joined Sherman's army at Chattanooga, and served in the Army of the West under Gen. John A. Logan, but was later transferred to the Army of the Cumberland, under Gen. Thomas. After the surrender of Gen. Lee, he was special messenger for Gen. Sheridan, who was then sent to New Orleans, and remained with him until discharged at Brownsville, Texas, May 12, 1866.

The signal service of the United States army played a most important part in the war of the Rebellion; for in this way most important information was conveyed from one part of the army to the other, and in the face of the greatest danger, and was the only means of communication at very critical times. While in this service at Kenessaw Mountain, Georgia, Mr. Walker assisted in sending the famous dispatch, on which has been founded that thrilling song "Hold the fort, for I am coming." Our subject relates the incident as follows: "On the evening of October 3, 1864, we first discovered the movements of the Confederates near Lost Mountain. This was signalled to Gen. Sherman at Atlanta, who replied to watch closely as Hood was passing round Sherman's right going north. We lost sight of the column, but found them in the old line of works near Big Shanty, a few miles north of Kennesaw. The distance from Kennesaw to Atlanta was about twenty-one miles, and to Allatoona Pass seventeen miles. In signalling to Atlanta we were compelled to signal across the Chattahoochee river and the camps near by, making it a very difficult matter. We had great difficulty in reaching Allatoona Pass, as the Confederates were between us and the pass, and were burning the railroad and other property that fell into their hands. Allatoona was in imminent danger, only garrisoned by a brigade, and about to receive the attack of one of the largest divisions of Hood's army—that of French. Gen. Corse at Rome had been ordered by signal to move his division at Allatoona, but there was some doubt that the order had reached him."

"On October 4 we signalled the following: "Commanding officer Allatoona, Kingston and Rome: Enemy moving on Allatoona; thence to Rome. Gen. Sherman." At 8:30 P. M. the following message was sent: "Commanding officer Allatoona: Gen. Sherman says hold fast; he is coming. Signed Gen. Van dever."

"October 5 dawned upon us in all the glory of an immense fog that hung around the brow of Kennesaw. Gen. Sherman came on to the mountain early and requested news from Allatoona. At 8 A. M. the fog lifted a little. We asked for news; the reply came at 10:30 A. M.: 'We hold out; Gen. Corse is here.' At this time the battle was raging around Allatoona. We could hear the roar of cannon, and with our telescope could see the charging Confederates. Allatoona Pass, on which so much depended, the place where Gen. Sherman had stored a vast amount of rations, ammunition and clothing, was besieged by vastly superior forces, and we were the only means of communication. On our ability to dispatch and receive messages by the signal flag depended the fate of Allatoona. To say that to the officers and men of the signal corps on Allatoona and Kennesaw belonged great praise, is say-
Joseph A. Shoff, a leading merchant of Madera, is a member of a family that has for many years been prominent in Clearfield county, and his own successful career reveals the characteristic enterprise and energy of his pioneer ancestry.

Christopher Shoff, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Lancaster county, Penn., but came to Clearfield county in the early days, locating first near Glen Hope, later purchasing a tract of timber land in Woodward township, where he cleared a farm and followed agriculture and lumbering. He married Miss Lydia Pack, and reared a family of ten children: (1) George W. was a farmer and lumberman near Madera, and was influential in local affairs, serving for a number of years as justice of the peace; he married Elizabeth Davis, and had nine children. (2) Abram married Sarah McKee, of Clearfield county, and has four children. (3) Martha A. married Lemuel Root, a farmer of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and has seven children. (4) Samuel P. comes next. (5) John A., a resident of Amesville, Clearfield county, married Miss Rebecca Smiley, and has eight children. (6) Hannah married Nelson Packer, of Amesville, and died some years ago leaving six children. (7) C. J. (deceased) was extensively engaged in lumbering on Clearfield creek at one time, and resided at Osceola Mills; he married Miss Mary Whiteside, of Gulich township, Clearfield county, who survives him with two sons. (8) Frederick R., who resides in Cambria county, Penn., married Miss Annie Lummus, of that county, and has a large family. (9) A. P., a lumberman and farmer in Bigler township, Clearfield county, married Miss Lavina Cowen, of Becaria township, and has one daughter, Ethel. (10) Ellen married Samuel Bush, formerly of Indiana county, Penn., and they now reside near Mahaffey; they have two children living.

Samuel P. Shoff, the fourth child of Christopher and Lydia (Packer) Shoff, and the father of our subject, was born at the old home in Woodward township, and in early manhood purchased 135 acres of woodland there, which he cleared for a homestead of his own, building a log cabin and living in primitive style for many years. In 1851 he married Miss Ruth Ames, by whom he had nine children: (1) William P. completed the course of study offered in the local schools, and then attended the normal school at Curwensville, where he prepared for teaching, with the view of entering the ministry later. At the age of twenty-one he began teaching, and after several years of successful work he was
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FRANK N. IRWIN, M. D., although young in years, is one of the leading and most successful practicing physicians of Clearfield county. He is at present serving as physician and surgeon to the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation, and is also surgeon of the Beech Creek railroad, with office at Peale.

Dr. Irwin was born in Reading, Penn., August 8, 1865, a son of La Fayette and Emma (Newton) Irwin. The family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and was founded in America at an early day in its history. The Doctor's grandfather, Samuel Irwin, was a noted contractor, prominently connected with the construction of the Reading railroad, and many other public enterprises. For many years La Fayette Irwin has been a well-known insurance agent of Reading, is an influential member of the Republican party in his locality, and has taken a prominent part in public affairs, filling many offices of honor and trust. The maternal grandfather of our subject, John Newton, a native of England, was also a highly respected citizen of Reading. Our subject is the second in order of birth of three children, the others being Clara, and Elizabeth, wife of A. Brooks Celias, a civil engineer by profession.

After completing the common-school course, Dr. Irwin attended the high school of Reading, and later accepted a position with a large insurance company of Philadelphia, in order to obtain the money with which to further pursue his studies. While thus employed, he spent his evenings in preparing for college, and in 1890 entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated three years later. In the Presbyterian and Episcopal hospitals of Philadelphia he obtained a good practical knowledge of the science of medicine, and thus was well fitted to enter upon his professional career.

In 1894 Dr. Irwin married Miss Emma M. Zimmerman, an intelligent and cultured lady, a native of Lebanon, Penn., and a daughter of Henry W. Zimmerman, one of the proprietors of the Reading Times, the oldest daily Republic-
Richard Hughes. It is quite interesting to observe, in noting the various members of a community, how they are gathered together from different countries and localities and how well, usually, they combine to form an intelligent and prosperous community. The subject of this sketch, a representative pioneer and prominent citizen of Decatur township, Clearfield county, is a native of England, born in Herefordshire, November 23, 1819, a son of William and Mary (Morgan) Hughes, whose births occurred in the same county, he born in 1787; they were married May 23, 1811.

By trade, the father of our subject was a stone mason. In 1832, with his family, he set sail from Bristol, England, and after a long and tedious voyage of seven weeks landed at Perth Amboy, N. J., where he remained one week and then proceeded to Philadelphia, but soon afterward went to Huntingdon county, Penn. In 1833, however, he took up his residence in Decatur township, Clearfield county, where he purchased one hundred acres of timber land, which he at once began to clear and cultivate. In connection with his farming operations he also worked at his trade, and became a prosperous and well-to-do citizen of the township, where he was widely and favorably known. There his wife died March 1, 1847; he passed away May 7, 1869. In politics he was a Democrat, and faithfully served in various township offices. Of his five children, four grew to years of maturity, namely: John, who died in Decatur township; William, who died in the same township, December 14, 1849; James, a resident of Morris township, Clearfield county; and Richard.

Mr. Hughes, the subject proper of this review, was about thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to America, and in the schools of Decatur township he completed his education. He has always followed the occupations of farming and lumbering throughout his business career, and at the present time is also successfully engaged in the operation of a coal mine. At different times he has also worked three other mines, which have proved quite profitable. A man of sound judgment and good executive ability, he has succeeded in accumulating a handsome competence, being now the owner of over two hunred acres of valuable land, besides other real estate. He has erected thirteen houses, which he has either sold or rents, and this has also proved a profitable investment.

On June 30, 1844, in Decatur township, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Nancy Kephart, a native of the township, and a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Smith) Kephart, who were born, reared and married in Penn's Valley, Centre Co., Penn. At an early day they came to Decatur township, Clearfield county, where the father followed farming throughout life. About 1837 he was lost in the mountains near Sandy Ridge, while returning to his home from Centre county. His wife had died a few months previously.

Mrs. Hughes is one of a family of twelve children, the others being David, who died in Decatur township; Mrs. Margaret Hamer, also deceased, departing this life in Huntingdon county, Penn.; Henry, who died in Iowa; Mrs. Mary Nearhoof, who died in Centre county; Andrew and Mrs. Ellen Kephart, who both died in Decatur township; George, who was accidentally killed in that township; Mrs. Barbara Crane, who died in Blair county, Penn.; William, who died in Kansas; Mrs. Charlotte Crane; and Stephen, who died in Decatur township.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have been born the following children: (1) William H. is a farmer of Decatur township. (2) Edward L., who makes his home in the same township, married Anna Dunlap, and they had twelve children, none of whom are still living—Charles (who married Margaret Crane), Richard (who married Anna Starling), May, Lloyd, Carrie, Grace, Anna, Benjamin, and Olive. (3) Alice is the wife of David Burkett, of Bradford township, Clearfield county. (4) John, of Decatur town-
McKeehen was married in Cambria county, Penn., to Miss Mary A. McCoy, whose ancestors were of Irish origin and early settlers of that county. She passed away in 1886, at the age of seventy-four years, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, of which she was a consistent member. By her marriage she became the mother of the following children: Margaret, the wife of L. Bloom; James, of this sketch; David P., who died in childhood; Mrs. Isabella Gilligan, deceased; and Samuel and J. O., who still reside on the old homestead.

James McKeehen, our subject, was reared to habits of industry upon the home farm, and obtained his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. He has always resided in Jordan township, living with his parents until twenty-six years of age, and aiding his father in the operation of the farm. In 1864 he took up his residence upon the farm where he still lives, buying 300 acres of A. D. Knapp, seventy-five of which had been cleared. At the present time one hundred acres are under cultivation, and the well-tilled fields, comfortable two-story residence, good out-buildings and fine bearing orchard testify to the thrift and industry of the owner, who is numbered among the most energetic and progressive citizens of Jordan township. In 1873 he embarked in general merchandising, carrying on business for about two years, when he sold out; but since 1885 he has again followed that pursuit with good success. In addition, he still looks after his farming interests.

In 1863 Mr. McKeehen was married to Miss Mary J. Glasgow, a lady of culture belonging to an honored pioneer family that founded the Glasgow settlement in Cambria county, Penn., in 1816. John Glasgow, Sr., the first of the family to locate there, developed a farm from the unbroken wilderness, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. His son, John Glasgow, Jr., the father of Mrs. McKeehen, never left the old homestead in Cambria county, and was widely and favorably known throughout that locality. Politically he was a Republican, and religiously was a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belonged. He was of Scotch descent, while she, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Leamer, was of German extraction. Eight children constituted their family, namely: Mary J., wife of our subject; George L., a merchant of Glasgow; Mrs. Annie E. Schoff; Catherine, wife of J. A. Gates; Sarah, wife of J. M. Traxell; Laura E., wife of J. McCartney; Luther, who resides on the old homestead; and Hudson, a merchant at Fallen Timber.
Mr. and Mrs. McKeen have four children: Lavinia (Mrs. C. D. McMurray); Harry D.; John B.; and Joel, who is employed in a bank in Curwensville. Of these, John B. was married December 18, 1896, to Isabella Straw, daughter of Enoch Straw, of Ferguson township, Clearfield county. The mother is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, of which Mr. McKeen is a liberal supporter, but he holds membership with no religious denomination. The Democratic party finds in him an earnest advocate, and he takes an active and prominent part in promoting enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare of the community.

Frank Orcutt is successfully engaged in the hotel business in Grampian, conducting one of the most popular hosterries in Clearfield county. For almost a third of a century he has been connected with the lumber and other business interests of this section, and is recognized as one of the most valued citizens of the community.

Mr. Orcutt was born in September, 1843, in Penobsot county, Maine, of which State his parents—Ezra (born July 1, 1817,) and Sarah (Sawyer) (born July 14, 1820,) Orcutt—were natives, and they still reside upon a farm. The paternal grandfather was a native of Vermont, but the maternal grandfather was a native of Maine, where he worked at the carpenter's trade throughout life. He was a conscientious, earnest Christian, taking an active part in all Church work. Of the eleven children born to the parents of our subject, all are still living, with the exception of one: (1) Angelina, the eldest, became the wife of Cedate Bickmore, and died in Maine, May 7, 1862, three years after her marriage, leaving two children—Adda and Angelina, who are both married and have families. (2) Harriet is the wife of George Pearl, a farmer of Penobsot county, Maine, and they have eight children. (3) Flora married Henry Blackstone, a lumberman of Piscataquis county, Maine, by whom she has two daughters. (4) Marshy wedded Elono Bachuro, a farmer of Maine, and they have a family. (5) Ella married George Turner, who is engaged in the sawmill business in Maine, and they have a family. (6) Annie is the wife of Mark Skellett, a farmer of Maine, and they have children. (7) Lena married Leslie Burrell, of Maine, and has one child. (8) Edgar, who is engaged in lumbering and resides near Corsica, Penn., married Miss Howe, of Jefferson county, this State, and has a family. (9) Eugene, a farmer of McKeen county, Penn., married Miss Stolle, and has a family. (10) Roscoe married Etta Martin, who died in about 1885, some four years after her marriage, leaving no children. He afterward married again, and resided in McKean county, Penn., but has now returned to Maine; by his second marriage he has three children. (11) Frank completes the family.

In 1865, Frank Orcutt left his native State, coming to Bloom township, Clearfield Co., Penn., where he worked in the woods on Anderson creek for George and Paul Merrill, and in the spring drove logs down that stream. After one year he obtained employment with Samuel Kirk in Cameron county, Penn., driving a team for six months, after which he returned to Clearfield county and worked on the farm of A. S. Holden. On June 23, 1867, he married his employer's daughter, Miss Mary E. Holden, of Bloom township, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. James Clary. After his marriage our subject worked in the woods for Samuel Kirk of Cameron county until the spring of 1868, when he purchased a team and operated his father-in-law's farm during the summer. He then purchased 135 acres of timber land, on which he engaged in lumbering and farming for thirteen years, but in 1873, in connection with A. S. Holden and Hugh Lee, he bought the mill property of Mr. Stronich, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber for three years, when the property was destroyed by fire, and as it was without insurance the loss was very heavy. Our subject then returned to his farm, which he sold in the spring of 1881 to Mr. Hartfelt, and the same spring commenced logging for Eliot Arnold, of Curwensville, on Anderson creek, and with his family removed to Camp, where they remained three years. He then bought a hotel property in Grampian, which his wife took charge of, running a temperance house, while he followed logging. In 1890 he contracted with Norris & Irwin to cut three million feet of lumber on Poplar run, and in this business formed a partnership with William Russell under the name of Russell & Orcutt. Later he cut the timber from a large tract for Leavy & Mitchell, and drove the logs down the river, and in 1892 contracted with the Curwensville Lumber Co. to put in several million feet of hard-wood lumber, completing that work in the following year. In 1893 he sold his hotel to Fred Smith, and erected a fine residence in Grampian, which he occupied until the spring of 1895, when he repurchased the hotel, where he now resides, while his son lives in the private dwelling.

Mr. and Mrs. Orcutt have three sons: Stanley, born January 14, 1868, was educated in the common schools of Grampian and grew to man-
JOHN DALE. M. D., was born October 16, 1865, in Bradford township, Clearfield county, where his parents, Edmund and Eliza J. (Hunter) Dale, still reside.

Upon that place the Doctor was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and after attending the local schools for some time, he entered the Millersville State Normal School, of Lancaster county, Penn., from which he graduated with the class of 1888. For one year he successfully engaged in teaching in that county, and then followed the same profession for one year in Clearfield county. He later spent six months in clerking in his brother's store at Madera, Clearfield county, and in the winter of 1889-90 was bookkeeper for a railroad company in Tennessee. In September, 1891, he accepted a government position in Washington, D. C., which he held for four years. In the meantime, however, he entered the medical department of Columbian University, from which he graduated in April, 1895, and in the following June passed
C. WATTS. "The art preservative of all arts" finds a fitting home in the office of the Clearfield Monitor, its enterprise and progressive editor, whose biography we now present, having secured an unusually fine equipment for his work. A 5-horse power engine furnishes the power for the plant, and the telephone connection, the rapid presses, the complete assortmen of type, the special facilities for binding, and a type-setting machine (the only one in Clearfield county), display the purpose of the owner to keep in advance of all competitors. Everything is on the ground floor, and five assistants are regularly employed.

The Monitor was founded by Mr. Watts in September, 1892, at Curwensville, Penn., but was transferred to Clearfield, January 1, 1894, and it has never faltered in the advocacy of the principles of the Prohibition party. It is a popular home paper, unequalled in the county for the volume and excellence of its correspondence, and its policy has always been to vigorously exclude from its columns anything of a questionable nature. Those journalists who claim that the public demand for news of that sort compels them to supply it, may take note of the fact that the Monitor has steadily increased its circulation from the first. Three times it has been enlarged.

The Monitor is a recognized factor in the prosperity of the town, and in the work of the Prohibition party in this section; but its able editor also finds time to aid both in other ways. He is a member of the State Executive Committee of his party, and since 1886 has been chairman of the County Committee. As a citizen he has always been active in non-political movements, and is a leading worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the executive committee of the County Sunday-school Association.

We cannot close the sketch of one so well known without reference to his ancestry and early career. He was born November 11, 1857, in Ferguson township, Clearfield county, where his father, Martin Watts, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., located as a young man, clearing and improving a farm in the midst of the forest. Martin Watts became a leading citizen of his locality, and married a daughter of Dr. John P. Hoyt, a prominent pioneer physician and a business man of Clearfield county, and at one time associate judge of the county.

Our subject was reared upon the farm, and acquired habits of industry in his youth through his labors at home and in the woods. After completing the course offered in the public schools, he attended the academy at Lumber City, Penn., to pursue higher branches. His school days ended, he engaged in the lumber business in partnership with his brother, J. P. Watts, and continued several years before giving it up to undertake the wider work in which he has met such marked success.

H. M. PARDONNER, car inspector for the Pennsylvania railroad, is one of the prominent and influential citizens of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war. He was born May 19, 1844, in Cassville, Huntingdon Co., Penn., and is a son of George and Rachel (Fink) Pardonner. The father, who was a native of Germany, came to the New World when a young man, and was married in Huntingdon county, this State, where he engaged in wagon making until his death in 1875. The mother departed this life in June, 1868.

In the family were six sons and one daughter, in order of birth as follows: Jonathan E., now a resident of Missouri, enlisted in Huntingdon, in Company B, 110th P. V. I., during the Civil war, but in 1862 was transferred to the 6th Regular Cavalry. H. M., of this sketch, is the second. Benjamin enlisted in the 40th P. V. I., with which he served three months, and is now a resident of Chicago, Ill. Mary Catharine is the wife of a Mr. King, and is a resident of New Jersey. Daniel, who was in the regular army, died in New York, in 1857. Charley now makes his home in Chicago. Walter is living in Indiana.

H. M. Pardonner was reared and educated in Huntingdon county, and, being a close student of the events of the times, watched the gathering of the dark cloud of war which threatened to bring destruction upon the Union. He manifested his loyalty by enlisting at Huntingdon, in August, 1862, in Company H, 123th P. V. I., for nine months' service. The regiment was mustered in at Harrisburg, and assigned to the 12th Army Corps, a part of the Army of the Potomac.
With that command our subject participated in the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville, and then re-enlisted for six months, this time becoming a member of Company A, 22d Pennsylvania Cavalry, with which he took part in many skirmishes. On February 3, 1864, he enlisted in Company K, 22d Pennsylvania Cavalry, for three years or during the war, the division being commanded by Gen. Averill. Mr. Pardonner was in the battle of Snicker's Gap, Va., and was with Sheridan in all the engagements in the Shenandoah Valley. The war having ended, he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, October 30, 1865. Returning to Huntingdon county, he there made his home until his removal to Osceola Mills in 1867. He was first in the employ of the Moshannon Land & Lumber Co., and then became connected with the Pennsylvania railroad, accepting his present responsible position as car inspector, January 14, 1882. He has faithfully served the interests of his employers, and is everywhere recognized as a business man of more than ordinary ability and sound judgment.

Mr. Pardonner was married at Osceola Mills, November 18, 1868, to Miss Marietta Goss, who was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Abram and Catharine (Gearhart) Goss, honored pioneers of that township. Mrs. Pardonner's father died in Osceola Mills, September 16, 1891, aged eighty-one years, and his death was widely and deeply mourned. Mrs. Goss is still living, now (1898) eighty-three years old. They had ten children—six sons and four daughters—in the order of birth as follows: Annamaria, Rachel, Harry, Loyd, John, Cyrenus, Abram, Marietta, Allen and Idella, all yet living except John and Cyrenus; John died in Duluth, Minn., where he was engaged in the lumber business, etc., and Cyrenus died when a child. The eldest three sons were all serving in the Civil war at the same time, and were all honorably discharged at the close of hostilities. Mrs. Pardonner's grandfather Goss was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

In politics, our subject is a stanch Democrat, and is one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens of Osceola Mills, whose interests he does all in his power to promote. He is a prominent member of Osceola Lodge, No. 202, A. O. U. W., Osceola Lodge, Knights of Malta; and Private Joseph McLaren Post, No. 553, G. A. R., of which he is the popular commander, being elected in December, 1895. The post was named for Joseph McLaren, who was killed in the first battle of Winchester. Mr. Pardonner discharges every duty of citizenship with the same loyalty and fidelity that was shown on Southern battle-fields when he followed the old flag to victory, and has the confidence, respect and esteem of the entire community.

Rev. M. J. Desmond, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church at Osceola Mills, was born in Meriden, Conn., in 1866, a son of Michael and Mary (Killigan) Desmond. The father died in Portland, Conn., in 1886, but the mother still makes her home in that State. Father Desmond obtained his primary education in the public schools, and in 1882 entered a Catholic college in Montreal, Canada, in September of the following year becoming a student in St. Bonaventure College in Allegany, N. Y. He was ordained to the priesthood at Erie, Penn., on the 20th of July, 1890, and for a few months served as assistant to Rev. Wienker, in Brookville, after which both were transferred to Punxsutawney, Jefferson county.

In November, 1890, Father Desmond was given charge of the Catholic Church in Coalport, Clearfield county, and during the six years he resided there also had charge of the congregation at Janesville, and Morganland, Clearfield county, and Lloydsville, Cambria county. On assuming his duties at Coalport, he found the Church in debt; but he soon cleared this and erected a parsonage. Since coming to Osceola Mills, in April, 1896, he has expended $2,000 in beautifying and refurnishing the Church, and has devoted himself to the welfare of the congregation, which has constantly increased under his pastorate. By the laity it is hard to comprehend the mental struggle and the spirit of unselfish devotion that must animate the man who gives up all that he has, and all that he hopes to be, to the service in the great vineyard of life, seeking reward only in that realm "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." Father Desmond has consecrated his life solely to the work of the Master, and not only has the love and respect of the people of his parish, but is honored and esteemed by all who know him.

Rev. Thomas Tracy became the first pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church at Osceola Mills, at which time it was but a mission, and on the 2d of September, 1867, a contract was made for the erection of a church to cost $1000; but the expenses exceeded this amount by $28.50. On the 11th of July, 1868, an addition was begun, the second contract being given to John Loonis, who was to complete it for $450. Father Branigan became resident pastor February 21, 1869, and
had charge of the congregation until transferred to Sharon, Penn., when he was succeeded by Father Henry, who was succeeded by Father Meagher, in November, 1874. The same year he erected the parsonage, at a cost of $2,000. In September, 1877, he was transferred to Houtzdale, where he still has charge of the Catholic Church, and Rev. B. Lynch became pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, and erected the present church building. In May, 1887, he was succeeded by Rev. Peter Brady, who died at Osceola Mills, December 25, 1895, and Father Desmond, of this review, assumed the duties of the pastorate. Under his charge the congregation has grown until it now numbers one hundred and fifty families. When Father Branigan located here the parish included the congregations at Houtzdale, Philipsburg, Janesville and Morganland, and as no railroad had yet been constructed in this region, he traveled through his circuit on horseback.

REV. M. A. MILLER, rector of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, of Frenchville, Clearfield county, was born on the 10th of November, 1871, a son of Clemence and Lena (Richards) Miller, of Archbald, Lackawanna Co., Penn. The father died when our subject was quite young. Father Miller began his education in the public schools of his native place, and at the age of fifteen left home to enter St. Xavier College, on Sycamore street, Cincinnati. After pursuing his studies there for some years, he became a student in St. Bonaventure’s Seminary, at Alleghany, New York.

On the 24th of March, 1895, Father Miller was ordained to the priesthood, and at once entered upon his duties as an assistant of Father Shenaan, in Clearfield, but on the 18th of November, of the same year, he was sent to Fryburg, Clarion Co., Penn. He returned to Clearfield December 31, 1895, and since February 18, 1896, has had charge of St. Mary’s Church, of Frenchville. He is a man of good address and winning manners, is a zealous, active and efficient worker for the Church, and is held in high esteem, not only by the people of his own congregation, but by the people at large. In politics he is broad and liberal in his views.

BENJAMIN F. CHASE. The legal fraternity of this section has contained so many distinguished members, and gained such a high reputation for learning and ability, that the ambition to enroll one’s name upon the lists and contest for place and honors is in itself a sign of worth, and a generous interest is felt in all who succeed in the brave attempt. Among the younger members of the Bar who have established an enviable reputation in their honorable and acting calling is the subject of this sketch, a well known attorney of Clearfield.

Mr. Chase comes of good old Yankee stock, his paternal grandfather, Benjamin Chase, having been born in Massachusetts, although he came West about 1819, and after spending two years in Ohio, settled in New York State, where his remaining years were spent. Rev. John M. Chase, the father of our subject, was born in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, March 11, 1820, and in early manhood came to Clearfield county, where he was married September 18, 1845, to Miss Tabitha Williams, a native of Centre county, born April 12, 1824. Her father, William Williams, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, but settled in Centre county in pioneer times. Our subject’s father located in Woodward township, Clearfield county, and engaged in the lumber business, in which he built up a large and profitable trade. During the Civil war he enlisted from Clearfield county in the 149th P. V. I., was first commissioned first lieutenant, afterward was commissioned regimental quartermaster, but after nineteen months’ service he was discharged for disability, caused by an attack of typhoid fever. In 1871 he entered the ministry of the Baptist Church, and after almost twenty years of devoted work in the cause of Christ he retired, and with the faithful helpmeet who for more than half a century has shared his joys and sorrows is now residing in Clearfield. Of their children nine lived to adult age, viz.: William A., an attorney at Clearfield; Cornelia, wife of D. H. Barnett, of Knox township, Clearfield county; John M., Jr., a resident of Clearfield; D. Austin, who died in 1888; Maggie, wife of C. E. Hoover, of Clearfield; Mary, who married Albert Kline, of the same city; Katherine, wife of W. W. Moore, of Barnesboro, Cambria county; Joseph R., a merchant in Clearfield; and Benjamin F., our subject, who was born in Clearfield county February 1, 1869, and has always made his home there. After completing a course in the common schools and in Leonard Graded School, Clearfield, Penn., and teaching school one year, he began the study of law with Gordon & Gordon, of Clearfield, and later entered the law department of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, where he was graduated in May, 1891, with the degree of LL. B., and was admitted to the Bar in Washington county, Michigan, May 29, 1891, and the Supreme court of Michigan, June 1, 1891. He

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began the practice of his profession in Clearfield county, September 28, 1894, and has continued with growing success. He is secretary of Clearfield Law Library Association and Clearfield County Law Association. Possessing good abilities, he has also the somewhat rare faculty of putting them to effective use, and few practitioners of his age have as good a business as he.

In politics he supports Republican principles, and he is a member of the Baptist Church and of various fraternal orders, including Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, F. & A. M., Clearfield Chapter, No. 228, R. A. M., Moshannon Commandery, K. T., at Philipsburg, and Zem Zem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Erie, Penn. He is unmarried.

James J. Daly. So many men find it difficult to make a complete success of one business, that more than ordinary interest attaches to the few who are so amply endowed with sagacity and energy that they can profitably engage in various lines of effort. This distinction is enjoyed by the subject of this sketch, a leading resident of Du Bois, Clearfield county, whose biography shows his rare versatility as a business man, in addition to other admirable qualities.

Mr. Daly is of Irish origin, and his father, the late Patrick Daly, came from County Armagh, Ireland, at the age of twenty-two, to found a home in this fertile and picturesque region. He bought a tract of timber land in Penn township, Clearfield county, near the present site of Graham, and clearing it secured a fine homestead. For many years he followed farming and lumbering; but when old age drew on he gave up active work, and in 1883 he retired to Du Bois, where he died in 1887. After his arrival in Penn township he married Miss Ann Johnson, a native of the locality and a daughter of the well-known pioneers, Samuel and Hanna Johnson. She survived him a few years, breathing her last at Du Bois in December, 1894. They had the following children: Margaret, now Mrs. Casey, of Du Bois; Frances, who died at the homestead at the age of thirteen; James J., our subject; John, who died at the old home when sixteen years old; L. V., of Du Bois; T. Elizabeth, who married John Birgoon, of Jefferson county, and died at Brookville, November 14, 1886; Hugh A. and William F., both residents of Du Bois; Mary, who married Jerry Sullivan, and died June 20, 1896, at Washington, D. C., while on her way home from Asheville, N. C.; and Anna, who died in April, 1867.

James J. Daly was born at the old farm in Penn township, Clearfield county, May 17, 1844, and grew to manhood there, the local schools, with a term at St. Vincent's College in Westmoreland county, Penn., furnishing him his educational opportunities. His first business venture was made as a partner of his uncle, Elah Johnson, in the purchase of a tract of timber land on Curry run. They built a sawmill and engaged in lumbering, continuing about five years. On selling out, Mr. Daly bought a farm adjoining the old homestead, and remained there until his removal to Du Bois in 1883. While cultivating this place, he was also engaged in real-estate business, and since going to Du Bois he has followed it extensively. The town contained only one thousand inhabitants, and he has seen and taken part in the progress which has resulted in the handsome and thriving city of to-day. He purchased twenty-two acres of land in the First ward, where he makes his home, and proceeded to find use for his energies in real-estate business, cigar manufacturing, and the furniture industry. He built a business block on Long avenue, and also became, with his brother, H. A. Daly, the owner of two hotels—the "Exchange" and the "Gordon." The fire of 1888 burned both these buildings, but in the same year was built the "Central House," on the site of the "Gordon." In 1892-93, our subject was engaged in the hotel business for about nine months, with his son, but he does not now give personal attention to it. He is, however, a member of the millinery and dry-goods firm of Daly & Martin, and since 1893 he has been operating the Exelior stone quarry at Grove Summit, Jefferson county, in partnership with I. B. Norris, of Curwensville.

On January 16, 1866, Mr. Daly was married in Clarion, Penn., to Miss Mary A. Burgoon, a native of Clarion county. Her parents, Leo and Catherine (Kuhn) Burgoon, were both born in this State, and after a long residence in Clarion county are now spending their declining years in Brookville, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Daly have a pleasant home and an interesting family of children. Their eldest son, Francis, died in Du Bois, April 25, 1883. Of the others, Louis married Mary Kenan, and resides in Buffalo, N. Y.; Bernard also lives in that city; while John, Annie, Bernadette, Rose and Peter are with their parents. In politics Mr. Daly is a Democrat, and his popularity with all classes has made him successful as a candidate for different official positions, including those of justice of the peace in Penn township, mercantile appraiser of Clearfield county and assessor and tax collector in the city which he has chosen for his residence.
A. MURRAY, M. D., a prominent physician of Clearfield, Clearfield county, is one of the leading authorities in this region on the diseases of women, and also on diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat; while his success as a general practitioner is recognized both in the profession and by the general public.

As an ardent student of Medical Science, he keeps well abreast of the advance lines of thought, and his original investigations in special line, embodied in various papers read before the American Medical Association, the State Medical Society, or published in Medical journals, have attracted wide attention.

Dr. Murray is a native of Jefferson county, Penn., and a son of John P. Murray, who was born September 20, 1827, in Ireland. His grandfather, John Murray, was also a native of the Emerald Isle. John P. Murray came to America in 1847, and located at McGee's Mills, Penn., where for a time he engaged in lumbering. Later he purchased a tract of land in Jefferson county, and continued in that industry, at the same time clearing up his land and adding thereto. He was a man of ability and a representative citizen of his day. On June 27, 1857, in Jefferson county, Penn., he was married to Elizabeth Winslow, a daughter of Joseph and Christina (Long) Winslow, pioneers of Jefferson county. Joseph Winslow was a native of New England, and a direct descendant of the English family of Winslows who came to America in the "Mayflower." To John P. Murray and his wife were born eight children, our subject being the eldest. The record of the others is as follows: Julia Maud, married G. A. Warrell, and died in Clearfield county in 1890; Caroline G., of Punxsutawney, is the widow of Dr. Elliott C. Hunter, late of Clearfield county, Penn.; Mary married John Johnson, of McGee's Mills; G. Murray resides in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county; V. A. Murray, is a physician of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn.; R. G. Murray resides at Punxsutawney, Penn., and has charge of the old farm in Jefferson county, Penn.; and Harold H. resides at Punxsutawney with the mother. The father of this family died December 9, 1886.

The public schools of Jefferson county and of New Washington, Clearfield county, furnished our subject his elementary education. For five years he followed teaching in Indiana and Clearfield counties. He was then examined by a committee for a State permanent certificate, which was assigned him by E. E. Higbee, at that time State superintendent of public instruction of the State of Pennsylvania. He then took up the drug business with Joseph M. Beyer, of Punxsutawney, Penn., making a thorough study of the business. He now holds a State pharmaceutical certificate, and is a registered pharmacist. Our subject then studied medicine two years with Dr. W. F. Beyer, of Punxsutawney, Penn., and in the records of the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, we find that our subject entered that institution in 1883, and was graduated from the medical department thereof in 1885. This course was supplemented with a post-graduate one at the Baltimore Polyclinic School.

Dr. Murray began the practice of medicine at Ansonville, Penn., and later moved to Mahaffey, where he remained until 1892. The records of Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia show that in 1892 Dr. Murray entered that institution, and remained there one year, giving special attention to the diseases of women, and graduating in 1893. The records of Philadelphia Polyclinic and Post-Graduate Medical School show that Dr. Murray did special work in that institution on the eye, ear, nose and throat. Since 1892 he has been engaged in his profession in Clearfield, Penn. His natural adaptability to his chosen profession, together with his extensive preparation for his work, makes him truly a specialist on the diseases of women, while as an oculist he is equally proficient. The Doctor is United States pension examiner for this district. He is also a member of the order of American Mechanics, and of the I. O. O. F., Mahaffey Lodge No. 1023. He is president of the Clearfield County Medical Society, member of the State Medical Society and of the American Medical Association. The latter organization appointed him delegate to the Pan-American Medical Congress which met in the City of Mexico in November, 1896; and also to the International Medical Congress which met in Moscow, Russia, in August, 1897. Politically the Doctor adheres to the principles of Democracy.

E. F. HAND, a prominent merchant of Du-Bois, Clearfield county, is by no means an old man, and one cannot gain a clearer view of the rapid march of civilization in this section than by listening to his description of the changes that have taken place within his own recollection. He helped to clear a portion of the land upon which Du Bois now stands, and it was at one time cultivated as a farm by his maternal grandfather, Jacob Heberling, the well-known pioneer, who purchased the tract from the original warrantor, a Mr. Shaffer. Jacob Heberling died in Brady township in 1874, but before his death he sold
this particular tract to his son David, from whom it passed to John Rumbarger. Mr. Hand’s reminiscences of his early life on a clearing in the woods convey a vivid impression of the difficulties undergone, even in recent years, in opening up the country for settlement.

Mr. Hand was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., in 1848, and his parents, John and Anna Maria (Heberling) Hand, were both natives of that county. They removed to Clearfield county, in 1834, locating upon unimproved land in what was then Brady (now Sandy) township, about a mile from the present site of Du Bois. John Hand was engaged in farming and lumbering for many years, and was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the locality. His wife died February 21, 1882, aged sixty-two years, and in January, 1888, he followed her to the unseen world. Our subject was the youngest of a family of three children, the others being Simon, a well-known farmer and lumberman in Sandy township, Clearfield county; and Lucy, who married Mr. Weaver, of Bloom township, in the same county, and died there in 1890.

As Mr. Hand was only six years old when he left Schuylkill county he was reared at the new home, his education being secured in an old-fashioned log school house, furnished with slab seats, and vastly different in all respects from the tasteful and comfortable school buildings of today. In early manhood he became interested in agriculture and lumbering, which he followed some years with marked success. In September, 1893, he gave up these occupations to engage in a general mercantile business in Du Bois, where he built a handsome frame store building on Main street. He carries a large and well-selected stock, complete in all the leading lines, and enjoys a due reward in a profitable trade among the best classes of people.

Mr. Hand’s public spirit has been manifested in many ways, and he can always be depended upon to lend a hand to any worthy project. He is a director in the Du Bois Deposit Bank, and his advice is valued by his associates in this and other enterprises. In politics he is an Independent, declining to make his personal convictions subject to any “party whip.” While never an office-seeker, he has served as overseer of the poor of Sandy township. In March, 1873, he was married in Sandy township, Clearfield county, to Miss Lavina E. Wayne, a native of Brady township, in the same county where her father, Thomas Wayne, an Englishman, settled at an early day and cleared a farm. He died there in 1892, and his wife, Margaret Ellen Mix, a native of Clarion county, Penn., passed away in 1893, Mr. and Mrs. Hand’s family consists of two children: John A. was married in Big Run, Jefferson, Co., Penn., to Miss Lydia Davis, and now resides in Du Bois; Miss Luella Hand resides with her parents.

ARON PACKER SHOFF. The Shoff family of Clearfield county, of which our subject, a well-known agriculturist and lumberman residing near Madera, is a leading representative, has been identified with this section for many years. Of German descent, they show, in their industry and thrift, their sound and conservative judgment and their regard for all that concerns the welfare of the community to which they belong, the most desirable characteristics of that race. Before proceeding to the history of our subject, we will outline that of the family since their settlement in America.

Christopher Shoff, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany in 1769, and came to America in early manhood, settling in Lancaster county, Penn., where he married Miss Elizabeth Sides, in 1796. They continued to reside there for some years, and then he purchased a farm in Centre county, near Milesburg, the first land he ever owned. In 1828 he sold this and moved to Clearfield county, locating on what is now known as the Thomas Lord farm. Later he bought the John Gill farm, now known as the old Shoff estate, where he remained until a few years previous to his death, in 1835. His wife died in 1832. They had eleven children: (1) Christopher Shoff, Jr., the father of our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (2) Abram married Elizabeth First, and resided at Nittany Hall, Centre county, where he died, leaving a widow and two children—Elizabeth and Abram. (3) Samuel married Jane Hegarty and resided near Madera until his death in 1881; his wife died in 1883. They had a family of ten children—Sarah married G. W. Stitt, and resides in Bigler (they had seven children, two of whom are deceased); Elizabeth (unmarried) resides on the homestead; C. C. married Elizabeth Stitt, and resides in Bigler (they had eight children, one of whom is deceased); Susanna married Asa Byers, and lives in Kansas (they have a large family); Rebecca married S. B. Dunlap, and lives in Huntington county (they had six children, one of whom is deceased); Isabella married Joseph Landborn, and lives in Jordan township (they had six children, one of whom is deceased); Robert married Hannah Dewitt, and lives on the old homestead (they have eight children). A. C. married Cynthia Lukens, and lives in Ma-
dera (they have seven children); James W. married Mary Patterson, and lives in Madera (they have six children); Hannah married James Stitt, and lives in Madera (they have three children). (4) Susanna married John McCord, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county. They resided at Whitmore, and both died at the old homestead; no children survived them. (5) Sarah married Joseph Hegarty, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and resided near Berwinsdale. They died some years ago, leaving no children. (6) Mattie married Benjamin J. Wright, of Glen Hope, and has six children—Elizabeth A. is now Mrs. James White; Mary K. married Samuel Atkins, and moved to Ohio; Ellen (deceased) never married; William, now residing near Grampian Hills, married Miss Annie Sterling, and has children: Henry A., of Glen Hope, married Miss Sarah E. Smith and has three children; and Frank married and has children.

(7) Betsy married Abram Keagy, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and has had the following children—(a) Barbara A. married Abram Byers, now of Wisconsin, and has a large family of children. (b) Susan E. married Samuel Edmunson, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, and has three children, of whom Walker Edmunson (unmarried) resides in Potter county, Penn. (c) Mary married Matthew Bloom, and has children. (d) Rebecca Keagy (now deceased) married John Byers, who resided on Muddy run, and they had five children. (e) Mary, a twin of Rebecca, married Jerry Cooper, of Glen Hope, and had seven children. (f) Walker died in early manhood. (g) Sarah (now deceased) married Harrison Green, of Glen Hope, and had four children. (h) Catharine (now deceased), a twin of Sarah, married William Dotts, of Columbia county, Penn., and had two children, who lived to adult age. (i) Fannie married Parker Strong, a farmer of Jordan township, Clearfield county, and had six children. (j) Jane married Samuel Lynn, and moved to Fulton county, Penn. (k) Adair, now dead, married Philip Tubbs, of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, and had eight children. (l) Sophia married William Mullen, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and died in 1869, leaving one child. (m) Christopher J., a resident of Glen Hope, married Miss Susan Rakewell, of that town, and has four children. (n) Fannie married J. M. Smith, and reared a family of five sons.

(8) John (deceased) married Hannah Glasgow, and resided near Hegarty’s Cross Roads. His widow now resides at Osceola, and of their family of nine children the following account is given—(a) Elizabeth J. married William Weld, of Osceola, and has two children. (b) John G., married Rachel Goss, and died at his home in Osceola, leaving six children. (c) Fannie married Lewis Stoneroad, formerly of Osceola, now of Iowa, and they have four children. (d) Emily was the wife of Matthew McCully, of Philipshurg, who died in 1893, leaving a family of five children, and she now resides in Williamsport. (e) C. S., who lives near Hegarty’s Cross Roads, married Miss Mary Flanders, and has three children. (f) Frank, who resides at West Moshannon, married Miss Hattie ———, of Kentucky, and has five children. (g) Edward married Miss ——— Gossage, and resided in Huntingdon, Penn., until her death, three children surviving. (h) Mary married Harry Parks, formerly of New York State, now of Ridgway, Penn., and they have seven children. (i) Calvin resides in Texas, and was married there, but has no children.

(10) Frederick married Wilhelmina Ginter, and had seven children. (a) Elizabeth married Solomon Byers, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and has four children. (b) Christian J., now residing in Ferguson township, Clearfield county, married Miss Annie Glasgow, of Cambria county, and has a family of eight sons and one daughter. (c) Mary M. married (first) Henry Witherow, of Knox township, Clearfield county, who died leaving two children, and (second) wedded John Johnson, of Ansonville, by whom she has one child. (d) Henrietta married Thomas Mullen, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and has had children. (e) Hannah married Archie Witherow, and resides on the old homestead near Hegarty’s Cross Roads, their family consisting of four children. (f) Delilah married Frank Dunlap, and they occupy a portion of the old homestead, one child blessing their union. (g) Sarah married Mr. West, of Buffalo, N. Y.; they have no children.

(11) Andrew, who resided in Becaria township, Clearfield county, married Sarah Ginter, and reared a family of eight children— (a) Amanda married (first) David Smith, who enlisted in the Union army during the Civil war, and died from effects of wounds received in the service; she afterward wedded John Davis, of Becaria township. There were two children by the first marriage. (b) David also lost his life in defense of the Union. (c) Rebecca married Jacob Copenhaffer, of Becaria township, and had a family of ten children. (d) Jane (now deceased) married John H. Weld, of Becaria township (who died first), and had five sons. (e) Martin, a resident of Becaria township, married Miss Rose Dunlap, and has had children. (f) Wilhelmina married A. P. Davis, of Becaria township, and has one
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(c) Rosellia married Alonzo
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(d) W. F., a resident of
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Mrs. Adda
Morton,
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but
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children.  
(4) Samuel P., born March
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of
Miss
Ruth
A. Ames, of
Kephart,
of
Clearfield
county,
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(5) C. J., born July 1, 1830,
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(d) Ira, a
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of
Altoona,
Penn.,
mother
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B. Durkey, of
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children
(A)

(3) Abram K., born May 29, 1826, mother
Sarah
McKee, of
Knox
township,
Clearfield
county,
and
located
first
at
Eureka
mine,
No. 22,
near
Hegarty's
Cross
Roads,
purchasing
and
clearing
a
tract
of
land.
Later
he
moved
to
Bradford
county,
Penn.,
but
sold
out
after
a
short

locating
the
property
and
returned
to
Clearfield
county;
he
now
resides
near
Cumberland,
Md.,
not
far
from
the
Pennsylvania
line.
He
had
four
children—(a)
Asaph
(now
deceased)
lived
near
Mahaffey,
Clearfield
county,
mother
of
Miss
Elva
Packer,
but
had
no
offspring.  
(b) Almira
married
John
Hoover,
of
Centre
county,
and
has
three
creek,
and
had
no
offspring.  
(c) Rosellia
married
Alonzo
Neff, former
ly
of
Osceola,
now
of
Hastings,
and
has
seven
children.  
(d) W. F., a resident of
Madera,
mother
of
Mrs. Adda
Morton,
of
Banion,
but
has
no
children.  
(4) Samuel P., born March
29,
1828,
mother
of
Miss
Ruth
A. Ames, of
Kephart,
of
Clearfield
county,
and
both
are
now
deceased,
a
family
of
seven
children
surviving.

(5) C. J., born July 1, 1830,
mother
of
Miss
Mary A. Whiteside, and
resided
for
some
years
at
Amesville,
where
he
followed
lumbering.
He
lumbering
and
of
W.
residents
of
this
sketch
is
the
youngest
son:  
(1) George
W.,
born
in
1822,
mother
of
Miss
Elizabeth
Davis,
of
Blair
county,
Penn.,
and
after
residing
for
a
time
upon
a
farm
adjoining
the
old
homestead,
purchased
a
large
tract
of
land
on
the
opposite
side
of
the
creek
from
Belsena.
For
some
years
he
made
his
home
there,
engaging
in
lumbering
and
mercantile
business,
and
then
moved
to
Madera,
where
he
bought
a
part
of
the
William
Alexander
estate,
and
followed
lumbering
for
a
number
of
years.
Later
he
settled
at
the
mouth
of
Muddy
creek,
and
in
September,
1875,
was
drowned
in
Clearfield
creek,
near
the
junction
of
the
two
streams;
his
widow
survives
him
with
ten
children
—(a)
Lavina
married
Daniel
Keplart,
and
has
four
children.  
(b) Albert,
who
resides
in
Madera,
mother
of
Miss
Mary
Curry,
and
has
three
children.
(c) Emma
married
Howard
Conpels,
of
Belsena,
and
had
eight
children.  
(d) William
Bigler,
also
of
Madera,
mother
of
Miss
Margaret
Carson,
and
has
nine
children.
(e) O. D.,
who
resides
at
Smoke
Run,
mother
of
Miss
Sarah
Thurston,
of
Ferguson
township,
Clearfield
county,
and
has
four
children.  
(f) Clara
married
Joseph
Dickey,
a
farmer
of
Glen
Hope,
and
has
six
living
children.  
(g) Elizabeth
married
Nicholas
Frye,
of
Cambria
county,
now
residing
at
Banion
Station,
and
has
five
children.  
(h) James
A.,
who
resides
near
Seattle,
Wash.,
mother,
and
has
two
children.  
(i) Margaret
lives
with
her
mother
in
Madera.  
(j) Effie
married
Joseph
Hoover,
of
Madera,
and
has
three
children
living.  
(2) Martha
A.,
born
in
1824,
mother
of
Lemuel
Root,
and
resides
on
Muddy
run,
neat
Byers'
mill,
has
two
sons
and
five
daugthers.
George, (b) Cordelia, (i) Firman A., and (j) Pearl, are all at home.

(7) Hannah E., born in August, 1835, and died in November, 1888, married Nelson Packer, of Centre county, and now resides at Amesville; they have had six children—(a) Ely, unmarried, is in the lumber business in Potter county, Penn. (b) Isaac (unmarried) is at home. (c) Calvin G., who resides in Amesville, married Mrs. Annie Gorman, of Centre county, but has no children. (d) Zella M. married Ellis A. Howe, of Amesville, and has seven children. (e) A. A. (unmarried) is at home. (f) S. S., a resident of Amesville, married Miss Lucy Packer, and has four children. (g) Frederick R., born June 1, 1838, resides in Cambria county. He married Miss Annie Lunadue, of that county, and has eight children—Roby A., F. Blair, Bertha, Lydia E., Violet, May, Ruth and Annie G., all still at home. (h) Lydia Ellen, born June 12, 1845, married Samuel A. Bush, of Reynoldsville, Penn., and now resides near Maffey. They have two children—Allison I., who married Miss Rose McArdle; and Annie who is at home.

Aaron P. Shoff, the ninth child of Christopher and Lydia Shoff, and the subject proper of this biography, was born November 28, 1840, upon the farm where he now resides. When he was about sixteen years old the death of his father brought the care of the homestead upon his inexperienced hands; but he bravely met the emergency, his successful management gaining him a high reputation as an agriculturist. On September 28, 1875, he married Miss Margaret L. Cowan, and their home is brightened by one daughter, Lydia Ethel, born March 11, 1877, now teaching in the Bigler township public schools. Mrs. Shoff is descended from an old Clearfield county family, and her father, Stewart Cowan, was a well-known resident of Bircia township. Her mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Tate, was the daughter of Robert Tate, and his wife Hannah (Gilliland), a native of Ireland, who were married in Centre county in 1796. The former lived to the age of one hundred and two years, and the latter to ninety years and ten months. Mrs. Shoff's grandfather, Robert Tate, was a soldier of the war of 1812, and her great-grandfather, Edw. Tate, fought against the Indians in the early days of the Revolution.

As a citizen Mr. Shoff can always be relied upon to uphold the best interests of his locality, and is especially active in educational work, having served as school director in his district. He is a leading member of the Methodist Epis-
copal Church, to which his wife and daughter also belong, and for five years he was superintendent of the Sunday-school. Politically he is a Democrat.

HENRY ALLEMAN (deceased), the founder of the thriving town of Allemanville, was a man whose energy, foresight and public spirit made him one of the leaders in the development of his section. In him the ability to plan with wisdom was combined with the power to carry out his ideas promptly, vigorously and effectively, and his name as a promoter of an enterprise gave promise of its success. But, notable as were his achievements in business life, his real character may be most clearly seen in his devotion to the higher interests of life.

A thorough Christian, he brought his faith into his thought and action, and many a kind and generous deed gave token of his warm and sympathetic heart. His nobility of character commanded the respect of old and young, and his good deeds still live in influences whose power to stimulate others to a better life cannot be estimated. To the last he was deeply interested in religious work. He helped to found the Lutheran Church at Glasgow, Penn., and gave it liberal support in after years. Although his home was three miles from the Church, he was a constant attendant, and during the last five years of his life he had the satisfaction of seeing a resident pastor with weekly services. In 1855 he organized a union Sunday-school, from which originated the first M. E. Church at Allemanville. At the time of his death, in 1890, he had been an official in the Church at Glasgow for more than forty years, and for thirty years had held the arduous post of superintendent of the Sunday-school. His work in the cause of education should not be forgotten, as the first school house in Galich township, Clearfield county, was built upon his land in 1855, with the assistance of Joseph Fry and Daniel Fallkerson. It stood upon or near the present site of the Oak Grove school house, and two buildings have in turn replaced the original one.

Mr. Alleman was born in Franklin county, Penn., October 23, 1823, the son of Henry and Catherine, Holler Alleman. He grew to manhood upon his father's farm, receiving a very limited education, and in 1851 settled on the borders of Clearfield and Cambria counties, at the place which now bears his name, the boundary line running through his house. His first purchase was from Robert Potter, who had made
a small clearing upon the tract and built a log cabin, of which Mr. Alleman made use by adding improvements from time to time, until he was able to build a better home. In 1870 he erected a large two-story residence, with all the modern improvements, making one of the finest homes in that region. Naturally, being a millwright by trade, and with the timber at hand, Mr. Alleman turned his attention to lumbering on first settling at Allemanville, and he continued for many years, doing an extensive business especially in the sawing of shingles and lumber. At one time he rented the Cambria mills and moved his family there, remaining two years. He had full charge of the mills, and in addition to his work there built five or six houses on contract. After his return to Allemanville he formed a partnership, in 1859, with P. Sneringer, and established a large general store in the village. He owned a half interest at first, but later purchased the entire business, which has since been continued without interruption, his son and daughter taking charge of it since his death. Some years ago Mr. Alleman bought a large tract of coal lands in Cambria and Clearfield counties, and the estate now comprises over seven hundred acres and an interest in properties in Franklin county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Alleman was active in political management, as in all movements of public concern, and was a staunch Republican. In 1868 he secured for Allemanville its first post office, and for twenty-eight years he held the position of postmaster, being considered by the department at Washington a thoroughly efficient officer. For twenty years he served as school director, and he also held for a considerable period the offices of treasurer, assessor and tax collector. He was prominent in the F. & A. M., Tyrone Lodge No. 494, and in the I. O. O. F., being a charter member of Lodge No. 900, of Alleman's, in whose room his death occurred February 15, 1896, a few moments after concluding an interesting address upon the work of the Order. Both societies joined in the solemn and impressive ceremonies attending his burial. From a local paper of about that date we glean the following loving tribute:

A sad and impressive scene occurred in the Lodge room of No. 900, F. & A. M., Alleman, Clearfield county, Penn., on Saturday evening, February 15, 1896, in the sudden death of Henry Alleman, seventy-two years of age, one of the most loved and honored members of the Order at that place. The usual business of the meeting was in progress. Mr. Alleman had just been speaking, seemingly rather brighter and more cheerful than usual; he had not resumed his seat many moments when a Brother noticed him lean forward, and caught him before he fell to the floor. The family physician, Dr. Edwards, was present in the room, and all that human aid could do was rendered, but without avail. His spirit had gone to its heavenly home, and to the rest and reward he so richly deserved. A sad and sorrowing group of Odd Fellows, including two sons, who were also in the room, and two daughters, who were lastly summoned, kneeled around the loved form, and in the beautiful Lodge room, in the house he had built, they watched the last breath. A more peaceful death has never occurred since death came into this sinful world.

Mr. Alleman's kindly nature made his home life charming. On April 22, 1852, he was married to Miss Catherine Shoemaker, daughter of David and Elizabeth Shoemaker, well-to-do residents of Franklin county, Penn., residing upon a fine farm. At the time of their marriage Mrs. Alleman was but nineteen years old, and she shared the hardships, labors and anxieties of his first years at the new home, assisting him in every way; and as his life broadened she remained close to him, cheering and inspiring him by her sympathy and helpful counsel. She passed away October 22, 1881, leaving six children: (1) Libbie M. began her education in the local schools and later attended Tipton Seminary. She married David H. Kornman, formerly of Centre county, and now a contractor and builder at Allemanville, where he has erected a handsome home. They have six children—Henry Raymond, born in 1879, now attending the high school at Spring Mills, Penn.; Katherine A., born 1881, who attends the local schools; Ivan, born 1885; Rosa, born 1888; Egbert, born 1890, and Idella, born 1892. (2) Ida studied in the common schools, and then attended the normal school at Curwensville for one term. She taught in the public schools for three terms, and in 1881 was married to Dr. B. J. Fulkerson, of Gulich township, Clearfield county. He located in Tioga county and practiced medicine some fourteen years, and in 1895 moved to Tyrone, Penn., where they now reside. They have three children—Catherine, born in 1882; Eleanor, in 1884; and Dan, in 1889. (3) Miss Ella May Alleman, a lady who combines rare business tact with womanly charms, was educated in the common schools, and is now associated with her brother Clarence in the management of the store left by their father. She has also succeeded the latter as postmaster, and the duties of that office were never more ably discharged than by her. (4) Harry D. S. attended the local schools during his youth, and choosing agriculture as a pursuit located about six years ago upon one of his father's farms in Cambria county. He was married in 1891 to Miss Eliza Hasman, of Cambria county, and has one son—George. (5) John Egbert received the usual public-school opportunities, and has also chosen farming as an occupation, taking charge of the homestead in company with his brother. In 1895 he married Miss Em-
ma Rush, of Janesville, Penn. (6) Clarence V. Alleman is an exceptionally bright business man, educated in the village schools, and is active in administering his father's estate. Having been a clerk in the store for some years, he became familiar with all the details of the business, and since the death of his father he and his sister, Miss Eliza, have conducted it with marked success.

The Alleman family were pioneers of Dauphin county, Penn., and later became identified with Franklin county, where Mrs. Catherine Alleman, our subject's mother, died in 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-three. They were of French descent, and came into Germany as the Alamaniac tribe; and with the Goths laid war to that part of the German Empire lying along the Rhine, since when no trace can be found for a period of time. Then our subject's great-great-grandfather, John Christian Alleman, came to America with two brothers (Hiram and Frederick) from Hamburg on the ship "Leathley," commanded by Capt. John Sickley, and took the oath of allegiance to the then government, on September 19, 1733. He settled in what was then Swatava township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Allen, grandfather, was born in Berks county, Penn., and settled in what is now Lower Swatava township, where he became a prominent farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and helped to build the first Lutheran Church at Middletown, Dauphin Co., Penn. His wife was Miss Julia Long, of South Annville township, Lebanon county, Penn. He died in the year 1829, and was buried on the Boop farm. His family consisted of eight sons and two daughters, some of whom settled in Ohio, two (Henry and Christian) in Franklin county, Henry being the father of Henry Alleman, of Allemanville, Clearfield county. Henry Alleman died January 13, 1861, and was buried at Pleasant Hall.

At the time that Mr. Alleman settled at the present homestead his brother David also located there, and built the first house in the projected village. For some time he followed the millwright's trade in partnership with our subject, but later removed to Virginia where he died. The eldest brother, John, went to California in 1849, during the excitement over the discovery of gold, and engaged in stock raising, by which he accumulated a fortune. He died there in 1888, and as he was not married Mr. Henry Alleman went to California and took charge of his estate, dividing it among the surviving brothers and sisters. Of these: Elizabeth, widow of Jefferson McNeel, of Franklin county, had two children. Nancy, now Mrs. Daniel Snoke, of Steelton, Dauphin county, has five children. Peter, who lives on a part of the old homestead in Franklin county, is married and has eight children. Benjamin, who occupied a portion of the Franklin county home, is married and has three children. Etta, Mrs. McKee, of Franklin county, has nine children. Another sister, Catherine (now deceased), married a Mr. Strike, of Franklin county, and on his death some years ago went to Kansas, where she died soon afterward. Her remains were brought back to Franklin county and buried beside those of her husband. They had no children.

The Allemans came of a strong and hardy race of people, and the Henry Alleman of our sketch was a man of exceptionally good health until a few years before his death. His appearance was engaging, and his face shone with benevolence. He understood and was a great lover of music, and was never happier than when leading his Sunday-school in songs of praise to the Creator he loved and served so well. His death was caused by apoplexy, and he was buried in the Allemanville Cemetery beside his wife, to await the last roll call when among Clearfield's grandest and best sons will be the name of Henry Alleman.

J. C. SMITH. This gentleman is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising business men of Clearfield county, and has for sixteen years been identified with the interests of West Moshannon, successfully conducting a general store at that place. A man of broad capabilities, he carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He is now the oldest merchant in West Moshannon, where he established business in 1881, and in 1886 erected his present two-story frame building, 22 x 35 feet, with an addition 16 x 22 feet. This he has stocked with a full and complete line of general merchandise, and by his fair and honorable dealing has secured a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. Smith is a native of Clearfield county, born in Becaria township, in February, 1837, a son of Amassa and Susan (Spangler) Smith. The father was born in the same township, in 1826, his parents being Amassa and Sidney (Davis) Smith, who were born in Pennsylvania of English ancestry. The grandfather became one of the honored pioneers of Becaria township, where he opened up a farm in the midst of the forest, and there died in 1871; his wife passed away in the same township, in May, 1881. In their family
were six children: Amassa, the father of our subject; John, a resident of Tipton, Penn.; Mrs. Sidney Ann Cree, of Becaria township; Mrs. Sarah Wright, of Glen Hope, Clearfield county; and Abram and Isaac (twins), who reside in Becaria township.

Amassa Smith, Jr., the father of our subject, has spent his entire life in Becaria township, where he has followed the occupation of farming since reaching man's estate. He has been called upon to mourn the death of his wife, who died in that township in 1889. They were the parents of six children, namely: Benjamin Franklin, a resident of Becaria township; Amassa, who resides at home, and is engaged in lumbering; J. C., of this sketch; Mrs. Anna Owen and Martha, who live with their father; and Samuel, who lives in Irvona, Becaria township.

In much the usual manner of farmer lads, J. C. Smith spent the days of his boyhood and youth, assisting in the labors of the farm and attending the district schools. He also learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until about nine years ago, since which time, however, he has given his exclusive attention to his commercial interests in West Moshannon. In 1881, in Becaria township, he married Miss Martha Hersh, who was born in that township, a daughter of John and Martha (Wilson) Hersh, natives of Lancaster and Huntingdon counties, Penn., respectively. In the latter county they were wedded, and in 1848 they came to Becaria township, Clearfield county, where Mr. Hersh rented land for a few years, and then purchased a timber tract, which he cleared and developed into a good farm. He and his wife still live in that township. They have seven daughters, who are still living, as follows: Mrs. Louise Mechling, of West Virginia; Mrs. Catharine Semple, of Glen Hope, Clearfield county; Mrs. Anna McMurray, of Ramey, Clearfield county; Mrs. Martha Smith; Mrs. Emma Bartlebaugh, of Coalport, Becaria township; Mrs. Fannie Moore, of Madera, Clearfield county; and Ella, at home. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, but only one is now living, Blair N.

In his political views, Mr. Smith strongly adheres to the principles of Democracy. He is one of the active and progressive men of the county, and takes great interests in all matters calculated to enhance its value or benefit his fellow man.

Asaph Kirk, a leading agriculturist of Penn township, Clearfield county, is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of that locality. His father, Jason Kirk, was the first of the family to locate there, but a short time afterward the grandfather, Thomas Kirk, also took up his residence near Clearfield. He and his wife, Hannah Kirk, died there and were laid to rest in the old cemetery in South Clearfield.

By trade Jason Kirk was a stone mason, but made farming his principal occupation throughout life. He was born in York county, Penn., September 28, 1779, and died April 22, 1868. In the fall of 1811 he came to Clearfield county, locating on the Susquehanna river at or near Lumber City, where he purchased one hundred acres of partially-improved land. Upon the place was a very rude log cabin, the roof having no nails but held on by weights. He at once began the further development and improvement of his land, and experienced all the hardships and trials incident to frontier life. To obtain flour or meal he had to go down the river to Ogden's Mill, at the mouth of Clearfield creek—a distance of about twenty miles. He married Miss Mary Spencer, of Centre county, Penn., a daughter of John and Susan Spencer, of Virginia, who, on coming to Centre county, took up their residence upon a farm in Half Moon township. Mrs. Mary (Spencer) Kirk died April 11, 1827.

Twelve children were born to the parents of our subject, namely: (1) Susan, born June 16, 1806, died December 11, 1806. (2) David, born September 7, 1808, died March 4, 1873, never married, and followed the carpenter's trade and worked on the home farm until his death. (3) John, born July 18, 1810; no record of death. (4) Thomas, born October 15, 1812, died March 16, 1866, followed the trade of a millwright throughout life. (5) Asaph, born February 19, 1814, is our subject. (6) Jason, Jr., born February 1, 1816, died November 27, 1880, engaged in milling in Centre county for a number of years, and later followed farming in Clearfield county until his death. (7) Isaac, born April 20, 1817, died March 18, 1873, lived on the homestead, and followed farming all his life. (8) Hannah, born October 4, 1818, died June 11, 1870, became the wife of William Cleaver, of Centre county, Penn., and resided in Lumber City for a number of years, after his wife's death he removed to a farm near Grampian, and died a number of years later. (9) Mary, born January 31, 1820, is the widow of James Spencer, who was a lumberman and farmer of Lumber City, and they had six children. (10) Samuel, born April 28, 1822, died December 16, 1883, comes next, and a sketch of him will be found elsewhere. (11) Eliza, born January 24, 1824, married John Russell, of York county, Penn., who
erected a tannery in Grampian, which he operated a number of years; on selling out he made his home in Lumber City ten or twelve years, and then removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he died in February, 1892; his widow is still living in that city; they had a family of nine children, of whom Kirk is now superintendent of the Lake Shore railroad between Cleveland and Chicago, and two sons are in the railroad office in Kalamazoo, Mich. (12) Joseph, born July 13, 1826, is yet living; he married Louisa Terpe, of Germany, and resided on a farm near Lumber City for a number of years, after which he removed to Du Bois, Penn., and later to Buffalo, N. Y.; eight or nine of his children are all living, and his sons are engaged in the printing business in Buffalo.

Our subject early became familiar with agricultural pursuits upon the home farm, where he remained until his marriage with Miss Eliza Wall, of Penn township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Jonathan and Jane Wall. He began his domestic life upon a tract of 151 acres given him by his father, known as the John Kirk farm, of which he has cleared seventy-five or eighty acres. The log cabin into which he moved was replaced in 1861 by a substantial and commodious two-story residence, and a large barn was erected in 1877. Many other valuable and useful improvements have been added to the place, making it one of the most desirable in the locality.

Five children graced the union of Mr. Kirk and his estimable wife, namely: (1) Mary, born May 10, 1836, is the wife of Julius Terpe, a native of Germany, who is now engaged in the grocery business in Du Bois. Of their twelve children, the following are living—William, who married Jennie Butts, of Brady township, Clearfield county; Joseph, a resident of Brady township, who married Julia Mead; James, who married Miss Rymer, of Du Bois; George, of Brady township, who married Miss Snyder, of Salem, Penn.; Jennie, who married John Hilldiger, of Du Bois, and resides in McKeansport, where he is manager for the Armour Meat House; Nora, who married Edward Fair, of Du Bois, chief engineer of the B. K. & T. railroad, and has two children; Ella, wife of John Heller, master mechanic of the Du Bois Machine Shops, by whom she has two children; and Blanche and Alice, who are still with their parents. (2) Jonathan, born May 21, 1839, married Martha Norris, of Pike township, Clearfield county, and resided with his father on the old homestead until his death, August 24, 1892. His wife had died in 1885, leaving three children—Mary, who died in 1862; Valentine, wife of William T. Thorp, who operates the Kirk farm for our subject; and Corliss, who is now seventeen years of age and lives with his grandfather. (3) Jason, born October 7, 1840, died March 21, 1884, married Miss Elizabeth Edwards, of Stark county, Ohio, who is now living in Brooklyn, N. Y. He followed the miller’s trade until his death. (4) Lewis, born December 19, 1844, is a miller, of Alliance, Ohio; he married Hannah M. Spencer, daughter of Joseph Spencer, of Penn township, Clearfield county, and they have had six children. (5) Jane, born November 9, 1846, married William Hoover, of Greenwood township, and four children blessed their union. Mr. Kirk has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife who died July 18, 1890, after a happy married life of over sixty years, and was laid to rest in the Friends cemetery at Grampian.

Politically, Mr. Kirk is identified with the Republican party, and has served his fellow citizens in the offices of school director and supervisor one term. A man of strong religious faith and strict integrity, he is a prominent member of the Society of Friends, and his honorable upright life has gained for him the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

James Irvin Goodlander. The journalistic profession demands talents so varied that success confers an indisputable title of distinction in intellectual circles. As editor of the Clearfield Republican, Mr. Goodlander had an excellent opportunity to demonstrate his abilities, and his success met the expectations of the many friends who watched his career.

Mr. Goodlander was born in Luthersburg, Clearfield county, April 7, 1861, the third son and fifth child of Daniel and Leah (Drucker) Goodlander, highly respected residents of that place. As his father was a merchant and farmer, there was always plenty of work to be done, and while attending school in winter Mr. Goodlander assisted in summer at the store and farm, incidentally gaining lessons of value in practical affairs.

In the early part of 1879 he entered the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Penn., but returned home in the fall and remained until the following spring, when at the earnest solicitation of his uncle, the late G. B. Goodlander, then editor and proprietor of the Clearfield Republican, he went to Clearfield to test his powers in the field of journalism. He began at the bottom, and after mastering the mechanical portions of the work, was assigned to the local department. Soon afterward he was promoted to the post of associate editor, and in
George and Eliza (Hoover) Dillen. His grandparents, Henry and Mary Dillen, natives of Ireland, emigrated to America in 1804, taking passage on a sailing vessel, which during a storm was blown out of its course, its masts were lost, and it was so badly disabled that it was at the mercy of the waves drifting hither and thither at their will. So it went for three months, and in the meantime the supply of food became exhausted, and lots were cast as to who should be killed to satisfy the hunger of the passengers; but on the following morning land was sighted, and all were soon safely landed in New York harbor. The family from New York went to Philadelphia for a time, thence to Philipsburg, where a Mr. Philips had located lands. They became the first settlers at Mt. Pleasant, in Becaria township. The grandfather purchased 260 acres, erected a log house and barn, and transformed the land into richly cultivated fields. His cabin home was afterward replaced with a modern two-story residence. George Dillen, the father of our subject, was three years of age when the family came to America. He was born in 1800, in County Derry, Ireland, was reared to manhood on the old homestead, and took an active part in its development and improvement. Succeeding to its ownership, he continued to make it his home until his death. When twenty-three years of age he married Miss Eliza Hoover, who was born in 1805, and both lived happy lives. He died November 24, 1882, his widow surviving him one year and four months, they dying at the ages of eighty-five and eighty-one years respectively.

Their family numbered four sons and two daughters: (1) Henry J. Dillen, born April 14, 1823, died at the age of about twenty-five years. (2) Rebecca Dillen, born December 25, 1824, married Daniel Crowell, of Decatur township, Clearfield county; they resided on different farms for a number of years, conducted a hotel in Utahville for a few years, and then removed to the John Dillen farm, where Mr. Crowell died. They had six children—Eliza A., wife of James Spangle, of Rosebud; Mary, who is now Mrs. Stagart, of Rosebud, and has a family: Jane, wife of A. W. Poet, also of Rosebud; George, who is married and lives in Coalport; and Betsy, wife of Isaac Ricketts, of Utahville, by whom she has six children living. (3) John B. Dillen, born August 16, 1826, was reared on the old homestead, wedded Mary Davis, of Cambria county, and purchased a part of the Henry Everly farm, in Becaria township, where he now resides. He has three children—George H., at home; Susanna, wife of William McNaul, of Coalport, by whom
she has three sons; and John A., at home. (4) Jesse E. Dillen, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. (5) Mary A. Dillen, born February 25, 1830, was accidentally killed at school.

(6) George W. Dillen, the youngest in the family, spent his boyhood on his father’s farm, where he assisted in the development of the fields. His educational privileges were limited to a short attendance at the public schools during the winter. He afterward engaged in the manufacture of square lumber, which he rafted down the river and transported to the Eastern markets. He was married January 31, 1856, to Miss Catherine Youngkin, of Cambria county, an estimable lady, whose devotion to her family and friends won her the respect of all. She died November 10, 1872, leaving to her husband the care of their children: (1) Susan E., the eldest, born May 4, 1857, is the wife of Joseph Feister, a traveling salesman residing in Coalport, and they have one child—Willie. (2) Mary A., born November 23, 1858, is the wife of James J. Gill, who owns and operates a farm near Utahville; they have six children—Edward, who died in infancy; and Emma, Frederick, Walter, George and Arthur, all at home. (3) David H., born December 23, 1860, married Annis, daughter of Lionel Weld, of Utahville, where he was formerly engaged in general merchandising; he now deals in agricultural implements, and is constable of Becaria township; they have three children—George B., Emma and Lewis. (4) Rebecca Jane, born April 27, 1863, is the wife of Benjamin Oschell, of Rosebud, who is employed by the Irwona Coal & Coke Co.; they have five children—McClelland, Mary Effie, Susan E., Esther, and Oneida. (5) John A., born September 11, 1865, followed railroading for a number of years in Pennsylvania, and afterward in West Virginia; he married a Miss Moore, of Rosebud, and then located in Virginia, where he followed lumbering. (6) George Samuel, born July 16, 1868, followed railroading for a number of years, and then engaged in coal mining until his death; he was crushed by a car in the mines, and died at the age of twenty-six. (7) William Daniel, born August 13, 1870, married a Miss Wicker, of Altoona, and is now telegraph operator in Bower, Penn.; they have one child—Valah. (8) Catherine E., the youngest in the family, died in infancy.

In 1885, Mr. Dillen was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Catherine Mann, of Gulich, Clearfield county. She was born December 25, 1843, in Greensville county, Va., a daughter of Joshua and Elizabeth Barnes, of that State. Her father died in 1844, and Mrs. Dillen lived with her mother until 1860, when she married Paylon Maitland. They resided in Greensville county until 1861, when her husband enlisted under Gen. Fields, and was killed while on picket duty at Culpeper Court House. His wife was then serving as a nurse in the Hospital Medical College at Richmond, and followed the Southern army as a field nurse until the close of the war. She then accepted a position as housekeeper, and in September, 1865, married Edward C. Mann, a native of Maine, who served in the Union army. After their marriage, he worked in the lumber woods in Clearfield county until 1867, when he removed to St. Augusta, Cambria Co., Penn., where he followed logging. In 1870 he bought a lot at that place, erected a house, and made it his home for about fourteen years. He then removed to Lloydville, Penn., and in 1876 went to Texas, where his death occurred about five years later. During their residence in the “Lone Star State,” Mr. and Mrs. Mann made a trip to Mexico. After her husband’s death she returned to Allensville, Penn., and for a year acted as housekeeper for Mr. Fry. She then went to Virginia, where she remained one year, when with her mother she returned to Clearfield, and purchased a house and two lots in Allemanes, where she remained three years. On November 9, 1885, she married Mr. Dillen, and came as his wife to their home in Becaria township. Her mother lived with her until her death in 1892.

Mr. Dillen comes of a family long identified with the Democratic party, and he, too, is an advocate of its principles. He was elected and served as return judge, but has never been an office seeker. In the faith of the Presbyterian Church he was reared, but is not a member. His wife belongs to the Catholic Church, and both are widely and favorably known in this locality.

GEORGE H. WINGERT. Thrift, industry and sound judgment have been so constantly shown among the numerous representatives of the Fatherland who have settled in this country, that we naturally look upon these qualities as characteristics of the race. Among the individuals in whom they certainly exist in a marked degree is the well-known real-estate dealer of Du Bois, George H. Wingert, whose name will always be associated with the early development of that thriving borough.

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\nAs George H. Wingert was nearly eight
years old when he first went to Brady township,
his father, Christian Hartzfeldt, came to
Brady township to make his home, and died there
at sixty years of age. Two daughters have
blessed this union: Miss Mary Margaret, at
home; and Catherine Lorena, now Mrs. Schoch,
of Brady township. Mr. Wingert is always inter-

STEPHEN H. WING, who is worthy of more
than a mere mention in a work of this nature,
is a leading farmer and lumberman of Union
township, Clearfield county, as well as one of its
most highly respected citizens. His birth oc-
curred in the Pine Tree State, of which his par-
ents, Nathaniel and Esther Wing, were also na-
tives. The father continued to follow the occu-
pation of farming until the last thirty years of his
life, when he was afflicted with blindness. After
his death the widowed mother came on a visit to
Clearfield county, where she remained a year,
and then returned to her old home in Maine,
where she subsequently passed away. In her
family were four children: Loantha, the eldest,
was born in Maine and married R. Cummings,
by whom she had one child; she died November
20, 1874, and he is now living in Pennsylvania;
Jane is the wife of M. Cleveland, of Maine, by
whom she has one child; Charles died in Maine, at
the age of sixteen years; Stephen H. completes the
family.

Mr. Wing was born in Somerset county,
Maine, in 1843, and there remained until he was
about twenty years of age, when he came to
Clearfield county, Penn., first locating in Cur-
weus ille, where he obtained work in the lumber
woods with Dudley Blanchard. In the follow-
ing spring, however, he returned to Maine, but
after a short time he once more came to Clear-
field county, where for four years he was in the
employ of Philip Blanchard, a lumberman, and
subsequently for a year was with Merrill Broth-
ers on Clearfield creek. During the Civil war,
Mr. Wing enlisted, in the fall of 1862, in the
Union service becoming a member of Company
D, 24th Maine V. I., but was discharged in the
following January on account of disability, and
returned to his home.

On June 28, 1869, Mr. Wing was married
to Miss Hannah Bowersoc, of Union township,
one of Clearfield county's teachers, and to
them were born three children, namely: Guy, who is now fireman at a tannery in Curwensville; Myrtie, who is engaged in teaching in the public schools of the county; and George, who died in infancy. After his marriage, Mr. Wing was engaged in lumbering for the late John DuBois for years, and then located upon his present farm which is under a high state of cultivation, and improved with good and substantial buildings. He and his family are highly respected and honored by a wide circle of acquaintances, and are representative people of Union township. In Bradford township, Clearfield county, Mrs. Wing united with the M. E. Church in her youth, Mr. Wing after marriage, and both held offices in the Church. Miss Myrtie has been and is at present organist, while Guy assists in the choir—all belonging to the Church.

H. DALE, M. D., of Houtzdale, Clearfield county, is a general practitioner of marked ability and fine reputation. Coming to the study of his profession with a mind disciplined by successful work as a teacher, he had a distinct advantage over one who lacks the widened sympathies and knowledge which such contact with the world supplies, and a number of years in the drug business formed another desirable preparation for his chosen calling.

Dr. Dale was born in 1861, in Bradford township, Clearfield county, and attended the local schools in the county until he had completed the course offered. He then pursued his studies in the State Normal School at Millersville, Penn., and on leaving that institution he taught for seven terms. In 1886 he bought a half interest in Dr. Vaughan's drug store at Brisin, and after two years bought the other half interest and moved it all to Iriona. He conducted it for five years, but his success in these lines of work did not entice him from his chosen profession; for in 1892 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., where he was graduated in 1895. A prospecting tour through the West revealing “no place like home,” he returned to Clearfield county to practice, locating in 1896 at Ramey, later removing to Houtzdale. He is prominent socially as well as professionally, and while he is not a politician, he is a steadfast supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

On May 23, 1888, Dr. Dale was married in Shaysville, Penn., to Miss May Wood, a native of Goshen township, Clearfield county. Her parents, C. H. and Adelia (Parrott) Wood, were both born and reared in Elmira, N. Y., and moved to Goshen township in 1872, locating upon a farm. They now reside in Clearfield borough. Dr. Dale and his wife have three bright children: Boyd, Bessie and Benson.

The Doctor is a member of one of the old families of the county, and is of English descent. His great-grandparents, Joseph and Mary (Rider) Dale, were both born in Manchester, England, the former on March 3, 1764, and the latter on November 11, 1766. In 1819 they came to America, locating first at Philipsburg, where Joseph Dale followed his trade as a weaver, bleacher and hatter. After a time he moved to Rush township, Centre Co., Penn., where he developed a farm and opened a coal mine, the output from the latter being hauled to Bald Eagle Furnace. His death occurred at the farm in 1833, his wife surviving him four years. The names of their children with dates of birth are as follows: Betty, May 30, 1786; Martha, March 30, 1788; Mary, December 25, 1789; Peggy, August 6, 1791; Susannah, August 30, 1794; John July 16, 1796; Joseph, May 3, 1798, died in Pennsylvania: Hannah, January 8, 1801; Samuel, March 6, 1803, died in 1815; David, March 4, 1806; James, June 19, 1808; and Lula, December 19, 1810, died in 1815.

John Dale, grandfather of our subject, learned the hatter’s trade in England, and at the age of twenty-three crossed the Atlantic to make his home in Pennsylvania. For some time he worked as a journeyman in Pittsburg and other places, and then engaged in business in Philipsburg on his own account. Transportation was of a primitive sort in those days, and on two or three occasions he walked to Philadelphia to order goods which would be delivered by wagon. In 1824 he was married in Philipsburg to Miss Elizabeth Waring, a native of Herefordshire, England, whose parents, William and Gwen (Hancorn) Waring, came to America in 1827. Her father had been a farmer on different estates owned by the nobility, and he followed the same occupation in Decatur township, Centre county, where he cleared a large tract of land.

John Dale removed from Philipsburg in 1834 and settled in Bradford township, Clearfield county, renting land and building a shop for his business, and in the following year he purchased sixty acres of land, to which he afterward made extensive additions. He died in 1880, and his wife in 1881. They had ten children: A. C., a farmer of Clearfield county; John, deceased; Edmund, our subject’s father; Gwen Hancorn, widow of John Graham; Mary, deceased; Ann, wife of John Stewart, of Bradford; David, of Bradford township; William, who died at the age
of sixteen years; Elizabeth, who died November 8, 1866; and George, who died in childhood.

Edmund Dale, Dr. Dale's father, was born October 1, 1829, in Philipsburg, and is now a prominent resident of Bradford township, Clearfield county, his occupation being lumbering and farming. In 1856 he married Miss Eliza Jane Hunter, of Morris township, and the following named children were born to them: Wilbur F., merchant and postmaster at Madera, Penn.; Wallace H., practicing medicine at Houtzdale, Penn.; Alfred W., deceased; John, practicing medicine at Morrisdale Mines, Penn.; Andrew C., engaged in coal business at New York city, N. Y.; Roland E., a farmer in Bradford township; William E., a school teacher in the county; Earnest H., in business at Philadelphia; and Mary M., at home with her parents.

SAMUEL A. CALDWELL. The roll of members of the famous "Bucktail Regiment," the 149th P. V. I., held the names of four of the Caldwell family of Clearfield county, all brothers of the gentleman whose name appears above, and a brother-in-law lost his life while a member of the same gallant band of fighters. Another brother, John M., served in a Pennsylvania regiment, and still another, Alven I., who was too young to enter the service during the Civil war, enlisted in 1872 in the United States army, and served on the frontier as a sergeant until his death.

Irish blood predominates in the family, both the grandfathers of our subject having been natives of the Emerald Isle. Hugh Caldwell, the grandfather on the paternal side, came from Scotland about 1760, and located in Perry county, Penn., whilst his wife came from Tyrone, Ireland. James B. Caldwell, the father of our subject, was born in the latter locality in 1796, and in 1826 married Miss Fienna Mullen, his home being established subsequently in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where he purchased ninety-six acres of woodland. This he cleared and improved, erecting comfortable buildings, but in 1867, about the time of the oil excitement, he sold the place to Goodfellow & McCullough, and removed to the Amos Reed farm in the same township. His first wife had died in 1861 at the old home, and after his removal he married a second time; but his last years were spent at the residence of a daughter, Mrs. Stambaugh, where he passed away in 1871.

Of the eleven children by his first marriage: (1) Susanna, born August 11, 1827, died May 17, 1847. (2) Martha Jane, born June 6, 1829, married A. J. Lanich, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and died November 26, 1851, leaving a son, James, who did not live to adult age. (3) Mary E., born August 11, 1832, married Christopher Lanich, of Pike township, Clearfield county, and died soon afterward, leaving a son, who did not long survive her. (4) John M. (twin of Mary E.) enlisted in the Pennsylvania regiment in 1861, under Capt. Lorain, but after one year's service was discharged for physical disability. On his return from the front he engaged in mercantile business, first in the West and then in Canada, but is now located at Detroit, Mich. He is married. (5) Samuel A. is mentioned more fully below. (6) William J., born August 17, 1836, followed lumbering in early manhood, working in Union township, Clearfield county, for Phil Blanchard. He then moved to Du Bois, and afterward purchased property at Coalport, where he now resides. His first wife, Miss Sarah Miller, of Mifflin county, Penn., died leaving six children—William, Fannie, Ruth, Earl, Edward and Maggie. By his second wife, Miss Maggie Hartshorn, of Curwensville, Penn., he has three children—Kate, a successful teacher; Howard and Rose. (7) Melissa E., born April 16, 1839, married (first) Alexander Stambaugh, of Lawrence township, a contractor and builder by occupation. He enlisted in 1861 in the "Bucktail Regiment," under Capt. (afterward Col.) Ed A. Irwin, and took part in all the engagements of this regiment until he met his death in the battle of the Wilderness. His widow has since married E. Shaw, formerly of Goshen township, Clearfield county, and now a resident of the borough of Clearfield. By her first marriage she had one son, Orin Stambaugh, who is married and resides in Huston township, Clearfield county. Three children were born of the second union—Howard and Homer (twins), the former of whom died in childhood, and the latter resides at home; and Raymond, a bright young man now employed in the office of the Raftsmen's Journal at Clearfield. (8) Matthew J., born August 16, 1841, enlisted in 1861, from Clearfield, in the "Bucktail Regiment," under Col. Irwin, and served throughout the war, participating in many severe battles in which they were assigned to the points of greatest danger. When hostilities ended he was discharged with the remnant of the historic band. After his return he married Miss Jane Read, daughter of Jordan Read, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and now resides at Coalport, where he follows painting as an occupation. They have three children living: Ala-
meda, Roland and Olive, all at home, and also
an adopted daughter, Ida. (9) Frederick B.,
born February 24, 1844, enlisted from Clearfield
in the "Bucktail Regiment" for three years, and
on the expiration of his term re-enlisted. He
was wounded in the battle of Fredericksburg,
and lost an arm, causing his retirement from the
service. He attended school on his return home,
preparing himself for teaching, and for a num-
ber of years taught in the public schools of his
section. He married Miss Bertha Graff, of Cur-
wensville, and has made his home there with the
exception of fourteen years in Kansas and a few
years at Julian, Centre Co., Penn., where he was
employed as a telegraph operator. At present
he is living a retired life. He has four children
—Anna, Harry and Stephen, who were born in
Curwensville, and Byrl, who was born in Kan-
sas. (10) Hiram L., born October 11, 1847,
enlisted, in 1863, at the age of sixteen in the old
"Bucktail Regiment," and remained in the serv-
ice until the end of the war. He married Miss
Letitia Porter, of Grampian, Penn., and makes
his home in Curwensville, following the trade
of contractor and builder. He has two living
children—Alice, now Mrs. Wike, of Curwens-
vie; and Van, who is at home. (11) Alvin A.
J., born August 20, 1850, received a common-
school education, and then learned the painter's
trade. In 1872 he moved to Ohio, where he en-
listed in the regular army. While stationed at
Los Pinos, Colo., he was promoted to the rank
of sergeant. He died in 1881, after four years
of service, in which he helped to suppress the
Indians during several outbreaks.

Samuel A. Caldwell was born in Lawrence
township, Clearfield county, February 13, 1834,
and passed his youth at the old homestead, re-
ceiving the usual educational advantages obtain-
able in the district schools of the day. At the
age of twenty-six he married Miss Eliza Jane
Barger, and located in Bradford township, pur-
chasing a tract of timber land and engaging in the
preparation of square timber. He followed this
business about twenty years, rafting the lumber
down the river to the Eastern markets. In 1880
he engaged in mercantile business in the town of
Bradford, Bigler township, Clearfield county,
and continued for two years, when he resumed
his former occupation. From 1888 until 1894
he was prop inspector in the mines of Berwin,
White & Co., and on leaving that employment
on account of failing health he retired from active
work and settled in Ramey. He has always been
identified with the Democratic party, and has
done much to increase its influence in his local-
ity. He has held several important offices, serv-
ing as county auditor three years and as justice
of the peace five years, while he has served two
terms as school director and overseer of the poor.
In religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and is a
prominent member of the Church at Ramey, to
which his wife and one daughter also belong.

Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell have six children: (1)
Herbert L., born in Bradford township, October
7, 1860, was educated in the public schools of
that neighborhood, and for seven years past has
been conductor for the Beech Creek Railroad Co.
He married Miss Lizzie Moyer, a daughter of
Adam Moyer, a wealthy merchant of Philipsburg,
and has two sons, Gordon and Samuel A. (2)
Florence E., born March 4, 1862, supplemented
her common-school education with a course in
the normal school at Curwensville. She taught
in the public schools for several terms, and in
1892 married Dr. A. R. Markle, a dentist, at
Tyrone, Penn.; they have two sons, Robert and
Edgar. (3) Helen H., born August 11, 1863,
completed her education in the Curwensville
normal school, and after teaching for one term
was married, December 20, 1882, to John B.
Douglas, of McConnellstown, Penn., a trusted
employee of Berwin, White & Co. For some
time after his marriage he was their bookkeeper
at Brisbin, and now holds the position of general
dispatcher at Osceola. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas
have two children—Leroy C. and Florence A.
(4) Francis C., born July 31, 1866, attended the
common schools until the age of thirteen, and
then entered the printing office of the Curwen-
vie Review. Later he spent three years on the
Pacific coast, and on his return took a position
as editor on a Houtzdale paper. On resigning
that post he again visited the Pacific coast, re-
main ing one year, and on returning east he passed
the summer of 1893 in Chicago, at the World's
Fair. He has since been engaged in running the
He is married to Miss Lily McFarland, of Utah-
ville, Penn. (5) Ralph E., born April 15, 1870,
received a public-school education, and for eight
years has been general clerk at Ramey for the
Eureka Supply Co. He is single, and resides
with his parents. (6) Charles A., born March 31,
1872, attended the schools of Bradford town-
ship during boyhood, and after the removal of
the family to Houtzdale clerked for a year in a store
for William Gould. His ability, as shown in that
position, gained for him the post of bookkeeper
in the coal office of Ricketts & Co., at Glen
Campbell, Indiana Co., Penn., where he re-
main ed three years. He is now clerking for the
Eureka Supply Co. at Ramey, and makes his
home with his parents. He is married to Miss
Nora Buffner, of Glen Campbell, Indiana Co., Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Caldwell is a member of a well-known pioneer family. Her father, the later Joseph Barger, served with credit in the war of 1812. He was a native of Berks county, Penn., and in 1822 he located in Clearfield county, where his integrity, industry and unfailing kindness to all gained him a high place in the esteem of his neighbors in Bradford township. For more than forty years he was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, and as the fatal character of his last illness became apparent he expressed no fear of death, but waited patiently for release for his spirit from the bonds of the flesh that he might enter upon the sure blessings of the life beyond. His sufferings, which were intense, were borne with cheerful resignation. His devoted wife, Mrs. Catharine (Herman) Barger, survived him.

They had nine children, of whom, Mrs. Caldwell is the youngest: (1) Mary married Robert Lansbury, of Bradford, and reared a large family. (2) Jacob, a resident of Boggs township, Clearfield county, married Miss Maria Shimel, but had no children. (3) Joseph, who never married, made his home with his brother Jacob until his death, July 13, 1891. (4) George married unmarried, and lived at the old home with his mother until his death, in 1867, at the age of thirty-eight. (5) Sarah married Andrew Smeal, of Graham township, Clearfield county, and has a large family. (6) Margaret married James Miller, formerly of Ohio, and now of Lansing, Mich. They have several children. (7) Rosanna married Francis Campbell, who died some years ago in Ohio, where they located in 1866. She died in 1893, leaving five children. (8) Catherine married (first) George Peters, of Boggs township, Clearfield county, and after residing in Ohio for a number of years, they returned to Clearfield county and settled in Bigler, where Mr. Peters died, leaving four children. Later his widow married James Guthrie, and now resides upon a farm which was given her by her father. She has no children by her last marriage.

Edward McGowan, a prosperous merchant, and the postmaster at Hawk Run, Clearfield county, is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and has inherited the traits of industry, thrift and economy peculiar to that people, which always brings to them success in their various occupations. He was born in Ireland in February, 1839, a son of Archibald and Agnes (McCormick) McGowan, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Scotland. In the land of hills and heather both parents spent the last years of their lives, and there our subject was reared and educated.

In Scotland, in 1861, Mr. McGowan, our subject, wedded Miss Mary Lowry, who was a native of that country, and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Mrs. Catharine Gregg, a resident of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn.; John, who is married and lives in Oseola, Clearfield county; Mrs. Agnes McAverey, of Hawk Run, Penn.; Charles, who is living in the West; and Edward and Mary, at home. In 1876, with his family, Mr. McGowan came to the United States, and first located at George's Creek, Md., in the following year coming to Morriston Mines, Clearfield county, where he became one of its pioneer settlers. In 1882 he took up his residence at Hawk Run, where he has since made his home, and is one of the most progressive and public-spirited men of the place. He has been very successful in his business ventures, and is now the owner of a good store, which is liberally patronized by the people of Hawk Run and surrounding country.

For nine years Mr. McGowan has acceptably served as postmaster at Hawk Run, to which position he was appointed in 1888, and has proved a most popular official. In politics he is a Democrat. He is an esteemed resident of the community, and has always taken an active interest in its prosperity, aiding in all beneficial schemes tending to develop its business resources, and improve its moral, educational or social status.

Peter Pifer is a worthy representative of the industrial interests of Grampian, Clearfield county, where he is engaged in business as a wagon maker and wheelwright. He was born in France, August 6, 1839, a son of Peter and Annie (Albert) Pifer. In July, 1848, the family came to America, locating near St. Mary's, Elk Co., Penn., where the father purchased land. He there followed his trade of cabinet making until 1863, when he removed to Kylerstown, Clearfield county, making it his home until his death in 1876. His wife died in September, 1848, soon after coming to this country, and the grandfather survived her arrival for a very short period, while an aunt of our subject, who started with the party, died on the journey between Paris and Havre de Grace, and was buried at the latter place. She was then eighty-one years of age.

Peter Pifer remained in St. Mary's until twelve years of age, and then went to Ridgway,
Elk county, where he worked for Isaiah Cobb for four years. He then came to Clearfield county and began lumbering, which he followed for five years. On the expiration of that period he went to Bridgeport, where he learned and followed the trade of wagon making until 1861. With interest he watched the events which culminated in the Civil war, and hardly had the smoke of Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when he offered his services to the government, enlisting at Curwensville, April 24, 1861, as a member of Company K, 42nd P. V. I., known as the "Bucktail Regiment." He went to Harrisburg, Penn., and from there to western Virginia, where the regiment was equipped, and thence proceeded to Harpers Ferry. They marched to Georgetown, where they went into winter quarters, and about the first of May, 1862, proceeded to Alexandria and on to Manassas Junction. While engaged in picket duty along Cedar creek, Mr. Pifer was taken ill, and for a week he remained at Manassas Junction without any attention, having nothing to eat or drink. He was then sent to the hospital at Alexandria, where on account of his disability he was honorably discharged.

Mr. Pifer then returned to his home in Curwensville, Penn., but for a year thereafter was unable to follow his trade on account of his health. In July, 1863, he went to the oil country, where he spent about a year, and then returned to Curwensville, where he married. After that event he purchased a lot in Grampian, erected a good home, and for thirty years has there resided, devoting his time and attention to the business of wagon making. He has met obstacles and difficulties, but has overcome these by persistent purpose, and has won a well-merited prosperity as the reward of his labors. He was married April 24, 1866, to Miss Mary Curran, of Clearfield county, who emigrated from her native Ireland to New York, where she remained nine years. Her parents died in Ireland; she has one sister living in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Pifer have had five children: May and Frank J., at home; Cecelia, wife of Morris Smith, of Gazzam, Clearfield county, who is a section boss on the railroad; Regina E., at home; and Agnes, who died at the age of four and a half years.

In his political views, Mr. Pifer is a Democrat, and is deeply interested in the success and growth of his party. He has been honored by his fellow townsman with local office, having served for four years both as overseer of the poor and as town councilman, and is still acting in the latter capacity. He and his family are members of the Catholic Church, and he is a reliable citizen whose devotion to the public welfare is marked and commendable. His military record is one of which he may be justly proud, and his private life is above reproach.

Col. James Miller (deceased) was one of the distinguished officers from Pennsylvania in the Civil war, and was a man whose private life and public career were alike above reproach. He was honored by all who knew him, and his memory remains as a blessed benediction to his many friends.

Col. Miller was born on the old family homestead in Henderson township, Jefferson Co., Penn., April 15, 1833, of the marriage of Henry and Ann (Shaw) Miller. His father followed farming and lumbering there until his death in 1859, and the mother passed away on the old homestead in 1862 while Col. Miller was away in the war. The Colonel obtained a common-school education, and was early trained to habits of industry on the farm. When a young man he went West, where he followed agricultural pursuits for about three years, and then returned to his native county. He was married in 1857 to Louisa D. Farnsworth, and located on Big run, in Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering until the fall of 1861.

Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, Mr. Miller then joined Company K, 105th P. V. I., and was mustered in at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, whence he went to Washington and from there to the front. He was mustered in as first sergeant, was commissioned second lieutenant March 26, 1862, and at the battle of Auburn, Va., on the 13th of October, was severely wounded. He was promoted to first lieutenant of Company K, by order of Col. Craig, and was again wounded, this time at the battle of the Wilderness, and in the left elbow. When he had recovered he was again promoted, being made captain June 20, 1864, his commission to date from November 10, 1863. He was promoted to major, January 4, 1865, to rank as such from October 28, 1864, and May 11, 1865, was made colonel, his commission to date from the 23rd of April. After the battle of Chancellorsville, he and a comrade of Company K received the Kearney cross for gallant conduct displayed on the battle-field. At the engagement at Sailor's Creek, in front of Petersburg, April 6, 1865, his horse was shot from under him, but he never faltered in the charge, leading his regiment on until they had captured sixteen officers and one hundred men. He ever shared with his command all the perils and hardships, and his own bravery and zeal inspired them to noble effort. With those who had sur-
vived the many conflicts he returned to Washington, where he was mustered out July 11, 1865, and with the gallant boys who had followed him on Southern battlefields he went to Camp Reynolds, at Pittsburg, where the troops were paid off. Bidding his followers adieu, he then returned home with a military record which made him distinguished as one of the most brave and loyal officers of Pennsylvania. His promotion came not through influence, but as the reward of meritorious service. He was respected by his superior officers, and beloved by the men of his regiment.

In 1868 Col. Miller removed to Grampian Hills (now Grampian), where he engaged in lumbering, having purchased of Thomas Daugherty 141 acres of land in Penn township, adjoining the borough, and in connection with lumbering followed farming. He also dealt in coal, and in 1891 leased a large tract of his coal lands which is still in operation.

Col. and Mrs. Miller were the parents of eight children: (1) Florence C., the eldest, born June 27, 1858, was the wife of W. E. Goff, of Penn township, and died in Kansas, August 21, 1893, leaving two children who now reside with their grandmother, Mrs. Miller. (2) Clara S. is the wife of James D. Wall, who resides in Penn township, near Grampian. (3) John S. born April 28, 1866, died at the age of three years and four months. (4) Katie B. is the wife of H. S. Osborn, a grocer of DuBois; they have three children living, and one is deceased. (5) S. Blanche, born November 27, 1870, is engaged in artist work in the city of Philadelphia. (6) Jessie M., born May 12, 1873, is at home. (7) Lillian L., born October 8, 1875, and (8) Donald D., born December 9, 1877, are still with their mother.

In politics Col. Miller was a Republican, and acceptably served as justice of the peace for a number of years. He was one of the worthy and esteemed citizens of Penn township. He held membership in the Baptist Church, to which his widow also belongs, and five of their children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. While driving in the summer of 1866, his horse, it is supposed, became frightened, ran away, and being thrown from the road cart, the Colonel sustained injuries which resulted in his death July 1, 1896. No better account of the esteem in which he was uniformly held by those who knew him can be given than by quoting from letters of sympathy which were written at the time. From S. A. Craig, who was with him through the war, came the following: "To the friends of my comrade, Col. James Miller, I have just heard of the Colonel's death, and desire to extend my sympathy to his loved ones in this their great loss. May I not say with propriety, having known his worth and many prominent qualities of mind and heart through years of trying ordeal not only to the country but to himself, that through it all he bore himself so kindly and justly that he endeared himself personally to all of us; so prompt in response to every call of duty, so courageous in the many battles in which he was engaged that he constantly was held by us in the highest admiration, yet withal he was so modest and unassuming that we all thought him a model and exemplary soldier. I regret exceedingly that I cannot be at his funeral, but cannot refrain from sending some little token of my love and appreciation of his character and services. It should be a matter of great pride and satisfaction to his family and friends, now that they have lost him, that he will be remembered by the 'boys' by proper proceedings at their next reunion at Brockwayville. May the consolation of the noble life he led be ever present with his old associates and his own loved ones at home."

From Dr. R. C. Crawford, also a military comrade of the Colonel's, Mrs. Miller received the following: "It is with profound sorrow that I write you on this occasion. I saw the sad news in the Pittsburg Times of the death of your husband, Col. Miller. I knew him intimately in the army, and as a private soldier, corporal, sergeant and commissioned officer, even to the colonel of the regiment, he was the same brave, honest man and patriotic citizen. I cannot say more than that he filled his place well. Just thirty-three years before, he was fighting for his and our country at Gettysburg; but such is God's way of dealing with us, and we should try and say 'The Lord's will be done.' He doeth all things well to those who love and serve him, and I hope the God of the widow and the fatherless will care for you and yours."

Mrs. Col. Miller was born March 6, 1837, in Armstrong county, Penn., a daughter of John and Susannah (Smiley) Farnsworth. When she was a child of twelve years her parents moved to Big Run, Jefferson county, where she attended the local schools; later she was a student in the Elizabeth Furnace graded school, near Bellwood, Penn. This was followed by a term in the Glade Run Academy, Armstrong county. For a short time prior to her marriage July 2, 1857, she was a teacher in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Miller's father was of English extraction; he was born in Pennsylvania, July 26, 1786. He was twice married, the first time to Elizabeth Diven, by whom he had four children, their
names and dates of birth being as follows: Susannah, February 16, 1813; Joseph, August 5, 1815; Mary Jane, June 16, 1817; Enoch, March 6, 1820; the last two are still living. The mother of these dying, Mr. Farnsworth for his second wife wedded, October 24, 1824, Susannah Smiley, who was born January 2, 1793, in Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and children as follows were born of this union: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Dr. S. Rowe, formerly of Iowa, now of Michigan; Henry, who also lived in Iowa, but is now deceased; Nancy (deceased), who was the wife of Martin R. Cooley, an attorney at law, also now deceased (they had one child): John, a resident of Indiana county, Penn.; Louisa D., the widow of our subject; and David S., who lives in Nebraska. The father died October 15, 1852, the mother on October 12, 1855.

Mrs. Miller’s grandfather, Henry Farnsworth, was of English birth. Mrs. Miller’s maternal grandfather, Samuel Smiley, was born in Ireland, where he married Elizabeth Bailey. Coming to this country, they in 1810 settled at Mt. Pleasant, Clearfield county, where they both died at an advanced age, the parents of four children: Elizabeth, David, Susannah and William, all now deceased. Mrs. Miller’s mother was twice married, and by her first husband, John H. Turner, she had four sons: Daniel, John, Samuel and Joseph, all now deceased.

G W. McCULLY. Few citizens of Clearfield county, outside of public life, are as well known as is the subject of this sketch, a wealthy agriculturist of Gulich township residing near Ramey. A life of quiet usefulness, already extending beyond the allotted three score years and ten, has won him the esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances, while his devotion to religious work in his community has an influence that cannot be estimated either in its degree or extent.

The McCully family is of Irish origin, and Lisle McCully, the father of our subject, came with his mother and her seven children—Joseph, Margaret, Robert, Lydia, George, Susan, and Mathew—from County Derry, Ireland, in 1815, landing at Philadelphia. The little band of emigrants remained in the city a few weeks, and then starting on foot for Clearfield county made their way through the deep forests with nothing but an Indian path to guide them. The youngest child was then three years old, and doubtless all found the long journey of 175 miles a tedious one; but they finally arrived at their destination, and made a home near the mouth of Muddy run. Soon after their arrival Lisle McCully purchased one hundred acres of woodland from Hardman Phillips, and began clearing a farm, building a log house and barn, and making other improvements. In 1820 he sold this property and moved to Arch Spring, Huntingdon county, Penn., where he followed his trade of linen weaving until 1836. He then removed to the vicinity of Tyrone Forges, and engaged in burning charcoal and clearing land for the Tyrone Iron Co. In 1836 he returned to Clearfield county and purchased 156 acres of land in Gulich township, which he cleared and improved. He died there in 1870, and our subject’s mother, Mrs. Margaret T. (Edmonson) McCully, a woman of more than ordinary ability, passed away in 1861.

To Lisle and Margaret McCully were born nine children, as follows: (1) John L., born in 1821, grew to manhood on his father’s homestead, which he helped to clear, and then engaged in the lumber business, purchasing a large tract of land on Muddy run and erecting a sawmill. He married Mrs. Nancy Lord, widow of James Lord, who was killed by the falling of a tree. Mr. McCully died at his home at Smoke Run, and his wife survives him with six children. (2) G. W., our subject, comes next. (3) Isabella, born in 1824, married James Morrison, of Whitmore, and resided upon his farm in Jordan township, Clearfield county, until her death. She had five children, of whom two are now living—(a) Alice, is the wife of C. H. Edwards, formerly of Osceola, Penn., and now of Missoula, Mont., where he edits the “Montana Fruit Grower;” they have no children. (b) John, who is not married, resides on a ranch in Montana, and as a business follows prospecting for minerals, owning a controlling interest in a number of silver mines. (4) Robert B., born in 1827, engaged in lumbering in early manhood, purchasing a tract of land between Madera and Belsena, and making his home there. For some years he rafted logs and square timber down the river, and then moved to Janesville to conduct a hotel. He died in 1888 leaving a widow, who afterward made her home in Altoona, where she died in 1893. They had two daughters—(a) Sarah Jane, now Mrs. Kane, of Hagerstown, Md., and (b) Margaret, who married W. A. Whiteside, formerly of Madera and now residing at Chesterfield Court House, Va.; they have three living children. (5) Matilda S., born in 1829, married William S. Wells, then of Bradford county, Penn., an expressman at Osceola. She died two years after her marriage, leaving no children. (6) Sarah J., born in 1830, died at the age of eleven. (7) Margaret E., born in 1832, lived at home until her brother Lisle moved to Kansas.
when she accompanied him and engaged in the millinery business there. Some years later she went to Lincoln, Nebr., where she is still living. (8) Lisle F., born in 1834, remained at the old home until his enlistment, in 1861, in Company A, 110th P. V. I. His regiment was composed of good fighters, and saw much severe service, Mr. McCully taking his full share. In 1863 he was made lieutenant in the Ambulance Corps. He served throughout the war, returning, after Lee's surrender, to his old home, where he followed farming principally for a number of years, having charge of his father's farm. For some years past he has resided in Coffeyville, Kans., where he is conducting a hotel and livery stable. He was married, in 1866, to Miss Eliza A. Miller, of Warrior's Mark, Penn., and has five living children—(a) Paul is a newspaper correspondent at Tacoma, Wash. (b) Herbert is engaged in the insurance business in Texas. (c) Raymond is a blacksmith at Coffeyville, Kans., and two daughters are at home, Maude and Lottie. (9) Matthew C., born in December, 1836, married Miss Emily Shoff, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and continued to reside at the homestead for some years. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and engaged in contracting and building in Clearfield county, and, later, in Pittsburg, Penn., where he died in March, 1895. His wife survives him.

The subject of our sketch was born at Arch Spring, Penn., May 21, 1822, and accompanied his parents to Tyrone, and, later, to Clearfield county, where he has resided since the age of fourteen. Much of his time during boyhood was spent in clearing the home farm. There were no schools in that section, and, except for his mother's instruction, he had no educational opportunities whatever. In 1846 he married Miss Mary E. Strong, daughter of Charles Strong, a native of New Jersey, who settled in Ansonville, Penn., with his wife, Elizabeth Beers, at an early day. After his marriage Mr. McCully purchased from his father 107 acres of woodland adjoining the homestead, and built a log cabin in which to begin housekeeping. The cabin was not of first-class construction, and much hard labor lay before the young couple before the place would be a comfortable home; but they cheerfully undertook the task, and to-day they have one of the finest homesteads in Clearfield county. In 1867 Mr. McCully built a large two-story house with all modern improvements, including an excellent system of heating, and his commodious and well-planned barn and other improvements show his intelligence and energy in management. Although Mr. McCully lacked the usual advantages of schooling, he has gained a good practical education through keen and accurate observation. For some years he spent his summers in clearing and cultivating his own lands, and engaged in lumbering in the winter seasons; but of late he has retired from the lumber business, his farm, with other interests, requiring all the time that he cares to devote to business.

Mr. and Mrs. McCully have two children: (1) Florence, born January 30, 1848, was educated in the local schools and in Birmingham Seminary at Huntington, Penn. On August 31, 1867, she married Rev. A. H. Holloway, then the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Danville, N. J. Six years later he took charge of the Church at Mt. Bethel, Penn., but in 1879, his health having failed, he purchased a farm in Clay county, Minn., and settled there, devoting his attention to agriculture. His health returned, and he is now preaching for the Congregational Church, at Sabin, Minn., but continues to reside at the farm and superintend the work. They had three children—Helen H., born August 22, 1868, is a graduate of Albert Lea College, and is now teaching in the public schools at Hawley, Minn.; George Ernest, born August 21, 1871, at Danville, N. J., was a bright young lad of ten years when he went west with his parents. He attended McAllister College, and displayed marked ability as a student, and, later, proved himself an able helper in his father's work at the farm. His promising career was accidentally cut short May 15, 1889, in his eighteenth year, while he was engaged with others in blasting timber with powder, on his father's farm; Alfred T., born at Mt. Bethel, Penn., July 18, 1879, received a common-school education in Minnesota, and at present has charge of his father's farm of six hundred acres, his management showing unusual judgment and skill. He is not married. (2) Winfield Scott McCully, born October 31, 1849, grew to manhood at the homestead in Gulich township, Clearfield county, attending the neighboring school in winter and working upon the farm in summer. He now resides at Philipsburg, Penn., and is employed as a locomotive engineer on the Beech Creek railroad. In 1871 he married Miss Margaret E. Miller, of Warrior's Mark, Penn., and they have two children—Glenn, born June 3, 1876, and Mary Ethel, born June 16, 1879, both of whom are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. McCully and their children are all members of the Presbyterian Church, and are active in its work. Mr. McCully made profession of his faith when a young man, and has made the interests of the Church and Sunday-school his constant thought, as is shown by his
effective work among the children of the miners by which they have been brought into the school. For many years he has been an elder, and he helped to found three churches in his township, at Janesville, Beulah, Ramey and Houtzdale, the one at Ramey being one of the finest country churches in the county. A cheerful giver, Mr. McCully's assistance can always be relied upon in support of a worthy cause. Politically he is a Democrat, and while he is not an office seeker he has served acceptably as school director, auditor and collector.

Since the above was written, the following has been added: On the 14th of July, 1897, Mr. McCully died suddenly of heart failure. In order to prevent the breaking up of the old home, and for the purpose of taking care of Mrs. M. E. McCully, now old and infirm, Rev. A. H. Holloway arranged his business affairs in the West and on the 17th of December, 1897, returned to Ramey with his wife (daughter of Mr. McCully), his son, Alfred T. Holloway, and took possession of the old homestead. Mr. Holloway also preaches in the Beulah Presbyterian Church at Ramey, of which he was the first pastor about thirty years ago. Marvelous changes have taken place both in the people and in the face of the country. The first settlers are nearly all gone; the splendid growth of pine timber has disappeared; half a dozen mining towns have grown up, whilst numerous railroads now wind around the hills, carrying away to distant markets the coal dug from the mines.

GEORGE B. HENNIGH, M. D., who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Troutville, Clearfield county, has been identified with the profession for seven years, in which time he has worked his way steadily upward until he is now known as one of the most capable and successful physicians of the county. He was born in Marchand, Indiana Co., Penn., January 5, 1862, a son of George S. and Eva B. (Smitten) Hennigh. His father was a native of Centre county, Penn., born in 1823, and was a son of Daniel Hennigh, of Dauphin county, Penn., who removed to Centre county at an early day, and in 1833 located in Gaskell township, Jefferson Co., Penn., where in the midst of the forest he developed a farm, now occupied by S. North. There he made his home until his death in 1849. Daniel Hennigh and his wife (née Kramer) were of German origin, the Smittens being of Scotch-Irish extraction.

George S. Hennigh was reared on the above mentioned farm, and learned the blacksmith's trade, after which he followed that occupation in Marchand. In 1884 he enlisted in the Union army, as a member of Company C, 206th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged. He and his wife now reside in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county. They have eight children, of whom six are now living and two are deceased, viz.: Luther, who resides in Burnside, Clearfield county; John S., a resident of South Dakota; Jennie, who died in Punxsutawney; Mrs. John G. Jenks, of Punxsutawney; Charles, who is living in the same place; George B., the subject of this sketch; William, of South Dakota; and Mary, who died in Benner township, Centre county, in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. George S. Hennigh celebrated their golden wedding July 27, 1896.

Dr. Hennigh was reared in Canoe township, Indiana Co., Penn., to farm life, and obtained his education in part at the public schools, in part at Covode Academy, Covode, Penn. He afterward engaged in teaching in Indiana, Jefferson and Centre counties; but desiring to enter the medical profession he began his studies in the Baltimore (Maryland) Medical College in 1887, and was graduated with the class of 1891. He at once located at Sykesville, Jefferson county, where he engaged in practice until 1893, since which time he has been ministering to the needs of suffering humanity in Troutville. He has a broad and accurate knowledge of the science of medicine, and his practical experience has made him a skilled physician, well deserving of the liberal patronage which he receives.

The Doctor was married in Centre county in 1884, to Miss Nora B. Cox, a native of Jacksonville, and a daughter of John and Catherine (Zeigler) Cox, the former of whom was born in Centre county, in 1828, and died in 1869, while the latter passed away in 1896. Our subject and his wife have two children, Belle and John. The Doctor is a member of Mingle Lodge, No. 753, I. O. O. F., and of Sykesville Lodge, No. 185, K. of P.; is also a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society. He has contributed articles on surgery to the "Medical Brief," of St. Louis. In politics Dr. Hennigh is a Democrat, and is now serving as a member of the school board of Troutville. In religion he is a Protestant, and belongs to the German Reformed Church of Troutville, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM P. HARPSTER, justice of the peace of Houtzdale, Clearfield county, was one of the brave defenders of the Union during the Civil war, and in days of peace has also
manifested his loyalty to his country by faithfully discharging every duty of citizenship. He is a native of Centre county, Penn., born in 1840, and is a son of John and Leah (Sellers) Harpster. The father, who was a son of Samuel Harpster, was born December 26, 1812, in Pennsylvania, and at an early age took up his residence in Stormstown, Centre county, where he engaged in carpentering throughout his active life. He now makes his home with his eldest daughter, near Port Matilda; his wife died in that county in 1888.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in the family of twelve children, the others being as follows: Mary Ann, who died at the age of sixteen years; Mrs. Elizabeth Woodring, a resident of Centre county; Daniel B., who enlisted in Centre county in September, 1861, in Company E, 45th P. V. I., and died at Salisbury, N. C., in 1864; Joseph S., who enlisted in Centre county in 1862, in Company G, 148th P. V. I., with which he served until the close of the war, and now resides near Port Matilda; Isaiah P., who died in 1873; Mrs. Nancy J. Woodring, of Centre county; Mrs. Sarah C. Weaver, of Cambria county, Penn.; Mrs. Fannie Williams, of Centre county; Lucetta, who died in Centre county, in 1874; John, who died when young; and Mrs. Dora Williams, of Centre county.

Mr. Harpster, of this review, spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. On President Lincoln's first call for troops he laid aside personal interests, and, in Stormstown, Centre county, enlisted, April 18, 1861, in Company H, 7th P. V. I., for three months. He was sworn into the United States service at Harrisburg, and on the expiration of his term was there mustered out. In August, 1862, he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company C, 148th P. V. I., which was a part of the Army of the Potomac. During his three-years' service he participated in many skirmishes and important engagements, including the battles of Chancellorville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and also took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C. He was honorably discharged in Harrisburg, June 1, 1865, and returned home. In 1867, he removed to Philipsburg, Centre county, where he engaged in carpentering and teaching until 1876, which year witnessed his arrival in Houtzdale. During his twenty-years' residence at this place he has also followed those occupations with good success. In Philipsburg he was married, in 1864, to Miss Mary Goldman, who was born in Spring Mill, Centre county, a daughter of George and Amelia (Triester) Goldman, residents of Philipsburg. Two children grace this union—Ida and Nellie.

Mr. Harpster has always taken quite an active interest in political affairs, casting his ballot with the Republican party, and in 1889 was appointed postmaster at Houtzdale, which office he acceptably filled until 1894. Recognizing his worth and ability, his fellow citizens have elected him to other official positions of honor and trust, which he has also capably filled. He has been a member of the school board and city council, is now serving as auditor, and in 1893 was appointed justice of the peace, to which office he was elected the following year, and is still filling. Fraternally he holds membership with Lieut. William H. Kinkead, Post No. 293, G. A. R., of which he is adjutant. Throughout his entire life he has been identified with the interests of Centre and Clearfield counties, has witnessed much of their development, and is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families. His life has been such as to gain him a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his sterling worth and many excellent traits of character.

LEWIS C. DYER. Among the prominent and progressive young business men of Clearfield county is the subject of this review, who is now the efficient and trusted superintendent of the Osceola Tannery, and is also the popular county treasurer. He was born in Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Penn., September 10, 1866, a son of Willis N. and Caroline (Lovette) Dyer, both of whom were born at Cape Elizabeth, Maine, near the city of Portland. The latter is a daughter of John Lovette, in whose family were Frank, Edward, Simon, Daniel, Joseph, Ellen and Amelia, all living in Portland, Maine. The father of our subject was one of a family of eight children, the others being John W.; Charles; Emerson, who died in California, leaving a wife and two children; Evaline, Sarah, Mary and William, who are all single and reside on the old homestead near Portland.

In 1861, Willis N. Dyer came to Pennsylvania, first locating in Somerset county, where he entered the employ of Coolbroth & Hastings, in the coopering business, which he continued to follow at various places until 1880. He did an extensive business, and while located at Hollidaysburg, until 1869, he had branch establishments in Lumber City, Glen Hope, Luthersburg, Du Bois and Turkey Hill. In 1871 he took up his residence in Clearfield, and three years later
removed to Curwensville, still carrying on the same line of business until 1880, when he embarked in lumbering on Clearfield creek for Col. Ed Irwin. In 1882 he began looking after the timber interests of John B. Alley & Co., and is still in their employ.

The early educational privileges of our subject were such as the common schools afforded. He attended the schools of Clearfield until 1873, when he entered the old academy at that place for one term. During the winters of 1880 and 1881 he pursued his studies in the public schools of Curwensville, and after working the following summer in a tannery, he, in October of the latter year, entered Gray's Commercial College of Maine, remaining there until July, 1882, when he returned to his home in Curwensville. On the 31st of the following August, he accepted a position with the John B. Alley Tanning Co., of Osceola, at $1.25, and in November, 1883, his wages were increased to $1.50. On January 1, 1886, he was made inside foreman at $50 per month, and as the company appreciated his efforts in their behalf he was given his present responsible position on the 1st of July, 1892, making him superintendent of their entire business. He has increased the capacity of the tannery from sixty-two to two hundred and twenty hides daily, and under his able management the company is now doing a profitable business. He has the confidence of his employers, as well as the friendship and esteem of all under him.

In 1888, Mr. Dyer was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Kerns, a daughter of Henry and Mary A. Kerns, of Curwensville, whither her father removed from Dauphin county, Penn. By trade he is a blacksmith. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dyer: Frank A., who died in September, 1896.

With seven opponents already in the field, Mr. Dyer commenced the canvass of Clearfield county for the office of county treasurer in February, 1896. The primaries were held June 27, and when the convention opened on the 30th, he had the support of nineteen and a half delegates. He was nominated on the seventh ballot by a vote of sixty-four to thirty-eight and a half. Making a thorough canvass, he was triumphantly elected treasurer in one of the strongest Democratic counties in the State, and his opponent was one of the most influential men that the party could place in the field. Mr. Dyer's election testifies to his popularity, and to the confidence and trust his fellow citizens place in him. Genial and pleasant in manner, he is a great favorite among his many friends. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, and he was reared in that faith, his father being an elder in the Church of that denomination in Curwensville for a number of years.

S J. WATERWORTH, M. D., located in Clearfield, Clearfield county, in August, 1894, after spending some time at Walston, Jefferson county, as assistant surgeon for the Pittsburgh Iron and Coal Co. He is a native of Baltimore, Md., a son of the late James Murray Waterworth, who was born in that city in 1835, and passed his life there in business as a merchant, a manufacturer of sheet iron, and a commission dealer. He was married in 1868 to Miss Catherine Lee, a native of Baltimore, who died in 1880, and they had two children: S. J. (our subject), and James Murray, who died at the age of nine years. The father passed away in 1890; the widowed mother now resides with her surviving son.

Dr. Waterworth was born in 1869, and his youth was spent in his native city, where he attended the public schools; and later pursued a course of private study. In 1890 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and on graduating, in 1893, he at once began his professional work in Jefferson county. Since moving to Clearfield he has been engaged in general practice, and has built up an extensive business. The Doctor is not married.

G EORGE W. WARREN owns and operates a farm of 103 acres in Decatur township, Clearfield county, which he purchased of G. F. Goss in 1885, and which was improved by that gentleman's father, Jesse Goss. To its further development and cultivation our subject has since devoted his time and attention with results which cannot fail to prove satisfactory. The place is supplied with good and substantial buildings, and, in fact, all the accessories.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Warren was born in 1849, in Boggs township, his parents being Nathaniel A. and Catharine (Shimel) Warren. The birth of the father occurred in 1820, near Unadilla, in the State of New York, where he was reared and educated. In 1839 he came to Clearfield county and located on Laurel run, in Boggs township, where he erected a sawmill, operated by water power, and also opened up a farm. In connection with farming and milling, he also carried on blacksmithing with little or no success. His death occurred in 1885 in Boggs township. His estimable wife, who still survives him, makes her home near Wallaceton, in that
Of the eleven children born to them, seven are still living. The children are as follows: Sarah Ann, who died at the age of eleven years; Margaret Ellen, who died when one year of age; George W., of this review; John Henry, who is married and living in Stonewall, Boggs township; Mary, wife of John Lender, of Curwensville, Clearfield County; Phida Jane, wife of Isaac Koss, of Huntingdon County, Penn.; Laura Ann, wife of Milton Owens, of Lawrence Township, Clearfield County; Daniel, a resident of Boggs Township; one whose name is not given, who is married and is living in Curwensville; Ella, wife of Charley Waple, of Salem, Boggs Township; and one whose name is not given.

The early life of George W. Warren was spent upon the home farm, he assisting his father in its cultivation, and attending the district schools of the neighborhood. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in lumbering in the employ of Hoover, Hughes & Co., and for twenty-one years did all kinds of mill work in sawmills at Philipsburg, Bruson, Curwensville and Snow Shoe, Penn. On discontinuing that he purchased his present farm in 1885, and has since given a part of his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. On December 27, 1876, in Morris Township, Clearfield County, he was married to Miss Eliza J. Shinell, a native of that township, and a daughter of William and Catherine Shinell, who were early pioneers of Morris Township, where both died. Mr. Shinell long survived his wife, dying at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Warren now have eight children: Charles F., Grace, Harry Alfred, William, Gertrude, Lillie, Bertha and Gussie Edna. In their political affiliations, Mr. Warren is a Republican, but takes very little interest in public affairs, being content to remain a common citizen of Decatur Township.

James E. Lewis is a prominent agriculturist of Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, residing near O'Shanter. Although a new comer, comparatively, he holds an influential position in the community, and has become identified with its best interests.

He belongs to an old Pennsylvania family. He was born in 1843, in Jefferson County. David Lewis, his father, a native of Indiana County, Penn., was born in 1804, the son of John Lewis. David Lewis grew to manhood in that county. He became a teacher and taught public school, also the singing schools which were so popular in the early days. He was a fuller by trade, which he followed until the business was destroyed by the manufacture of cotton and ready-made clothing. He was married in Armstrong County, Penn., to Miss Elizabeth McAllister, a native of that county, and he made his home in Jefferson County for many years, but spent his last days in Clearfield, his death occurring at New Millport on January 13, 1880. His wife had passed away September 23, 1855. They had the following children: Reuben died in Armstrong County, May 27, 1858; Sarah, Mrs. McClelland, died in Jefferson County, March 29, 1859; Miss Maggie Lewis; Dr. John J. settled in the West; Mary married the late Dr. W. A. Means, of DuBois, Penn., who died in September, 1891, and her own death occurred November 28, 1895; James E. is more fully mentioned below; M. R. is a blacksmith, and a resident of New Millport, Penn.; and Mrs. C. R. Dotts, a prominent teacher, lives in Potter County, Pennsylvania.

James E. Lewis was reared and educated in Jefferson County, and at an early age he began to follow his present occupation of farming. In August, 1864, he enlisted in his native county in Company B, 206th P. V. I., for one year, and was sworn into the service of the United States at Camp Reynolds. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the James and stationed at Bermuda Hundred and Spring Hill, and later it was sent to the vicinity of Fort Harrison, where they remained until April 3, 1865. His was the first organized regiment to enter the city of Richmond. In May the men were transferred to Lynchburg, Va., returning after a time to Richmond, where Mr. Lewis received an honorable discharge. The company was “paid off” at Camp Reynolds, and arrived home (Perrysville) July 4, 1865. On resuming the life of a civilian, Mr. Lewis spent some time in Minnesota, Iowa and Kansas, and, in 1871, he came to Clearfield County and located at New Millport, following the carpenter’s trade, until in 1880, when he purchased his present home, containing 130 acres in a good state of cultivation. On October 14, 1880, he was married in Pike Township, Clearfield County, to Miss Nancy Elizabeth Snyder, a native of the township and the daughter of Abram Snyder, a well-known agriculturist, who was born in Mifflin County, Penn., and went to Clearfield County in early manhood, and was married there to Miss Susan Jane Ogden. He died July 10, 1894, but Mrs. Snyder is still living at their old home in Pike Township. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have had five children, namely: Cash A., Carl K., Cyrus J., an infant who died December 15, 1891, and Milo Grant. In his political views, our subject is a Republican, and he
has always taken great interest in a quiet way in all public questions. He and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ferdinand A. Mignot (deceased) was in his day one of the leading business men of Girard township, Clearfield county. He was widely known and honored, and in his death the community, whose interests he so much advanced by his enterprise, has lost a valued citizen. His integrity of character, unbounded benevolence, and never-failing courtesy, made him beloved by all who had his acquaintance.

Augustus Leconte, maternal grandfather of our subject, purchased 800 acres of land from Mr. Keating, in Paris, France, and in 1832 came to the United States to take possession of his property. On his arrival in New York, he came at once to Girard township, his land being located in both Girard and Covington townships, and engaged in merchandising in Girard township. Later he removed to the farm on Deer creek, where he erected a residence, also a grist mill, and continued to successfully engage in lumbering, milling and merchandising up to his death, which occurred June 24, 1873. For two years his widow continued the business, and then removed to the city of Clearfield, where she purchased a home.

Mr. Leconte married Miss Caroline Sharon, of Normandy, France, whose parents were farming people of that province. Of the three children born of their union, Mrs. Mignot, the mother of our subject, was the eldest. Eugenia was married, in 1861, to Edmund Beausiegneur, by whom she had three children, and they made their home with her parents. Fannie is the wife of C. A. Wood, of Altoona, Blair Co., Penn., by whom she had three children, two still living. Mr. and Mrs. Wood took up their residence in Harrisburg, Penn., where he engaged in railroading, later moving to Philadelphia, and from there to Altoona, Penn., where they still reside.

The birth of Charles Mignot, the father of our subject, occurred in Sarreterre April 12, 1818, and on coming to this country he first located in Centre county, Penn., where he worked in the Curtin Iron Works until 1835, at which time he came to Karthaus, Clearfield county. After working for five years at the furnace for Peter Karthauser, he located on a farm in Covington township, and for seven years was in the employ of Mr. Leconte, his father-in-law. By trade he was a blacksmith. On the 8th of January, 1850, Charles Mignot was married to Caroline A. Leconte, and to them were born two sons, Ferdinand A. and Ernest.

Ferdinand A. Mignot was born upon the old home farm in Girard township, November 12, 1850, and began his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of fifteen he entered St. Vincent's College, in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he remained for a year and a half, later taking a course in surveying at St. Francis College, in Cambria county, this State, where he was graduated. After his return home he made a trip to Europe, remaining there three months, leaving Paris just two days before the breaking out of the Franco-Prussian war. In the following year he was appointed deputy sheriff under Mr. Pie, which office he creditably filled for one term. He made his home with his grandparents until 1875, when in May of that year he became connected with his brother in the mercantile and lumber business, which they successfully conducted until his death.

Mr. Mignot was married June 30, 1887, to Miss Annie Briel, of Covington township, Clearfield county, and they became the parents of two children: Amelia, who is now seven years old, and Ferdinand C., who was born August 13, 1893. They continued to reside on the old Leconte homestead on Deer creek until the death of Mr. Mignot, which occurred January 8, 1894, and his widow has since moved to Frenchville, where with her children she still resides. She is a most estimable lady, whose friends are many throughout the community. Her parents, John and Margaret (McConigal) Briel, made their home in Mulsonburg, where her father followed blacksmithing.

Politically Mr. Mignot was a Democrat. He held the office of treasurer of Girard township for seventeen years, and was elected justice of the peace in 1892. He took an active interest in the schools and all local affairs, and gave liberally of his means toward the support of all worthy enterprises which were for the benefit of the community. In religious faith he was a consistent Catholic, and was one of the strong supporters of the Church.

Jacob Moose, the well-known mail contractor of Brady township, Clearfield county, was one of the brave men who devoted the opening years of their manhood to the defense of the country from the internal foe who sought her dismemberment. The Moose family is of German origin, and was founded in eastern Pennsylvania during the Colonial period, its members becoming devoted and loyal citizens of the land.
of their adoption. The paternal grandfather of our subject aided the Colonies in achieving their independence in the Revolutionary war.

Eli S. Moose, the father of Jacob, was born in Germany, and on coming to the United States first located in Centre county, Penn. Here he married Miss Babshaba Low, of Livermore, Westmoreland Co., Penn., and in that county they continued to make their home for some time, the father operating a distillery. Most of his life, however, was devoted to farming in Indiana county, where he passed away in 1890, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and his faithful wife, who is still living in Indiana county at the age of eighty-four years, is a Methodist in religious belief. This worthy couple had seven children, as follows: (1) Elizabeth, like the others, was born in Indiana county, where she continued to reside after becoming the wife of William Strout, of that county, who in 1862 enlisted in the Union army and died in the service, of fever, the following year, leaving a widow and five children. Mrs. Strout afterward married George Kramer, and they now make their home in Missouri. (2) James joined the boys in blue from Indiana county, becoming a member of the Heavy Artillery, and is now living near Penn Run, Penn. He married Elizabeth Stake, of Indiana county, and has ten children. (3) Lucy married (first) Hugh Kelly, of Indiana county, and after his death she become the wife of Joseph Bailey, of Clearfield county. By her first marriage she had six children: E. W., a resident of Luthersburg, who married Della Lines, of that place, and has four children; Mary, wife of Scott Bailey, by whom she has two children; Edward, who is married and lives in West Clearfield; Samuel, who is married and lives in Curwensville; and John and Ollie, who are still with their mother in Curwensville. (4) Elias, of Indiana county, married Jennie Reynolds, of Westmoreland county, Penn., and has eight children. (5) Mary is the wife of Edward Johnson, of Missouri, who is engaged as a railroad engineer and now resides near Omaha, Neb. They have six children. (6) John married Sarah Fetterman, and they resided in Indiana county until their deaths. They left five children.

The birth of Jacob Moose, who completes the family, occurred in Indiana county, in 1844. When ten years old he accompanied the family on their removal to Westmoreland county, where he became a driver on the Pennsylvania Canal in the employ of William Pike, of that county, and remained in that business for seven years.

At the early age of seventeen he offered his services to his country and became a member of Company C, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry, under the command of Gens. Custer and Phil Sheridan. After being mustered in at Pittsburg the regiment started for the front, and at Sandy Hook took part in their first engagement, which was followed by the battle of Leesburg, Md. They were next in the raid at Point of Rock, on the Potomac, and the engagement at Snickers Gap, and later were with Sheridan at the battle of Winchester, White Springs on the Potomac, and Hillsboro, which was followed by the engagements at Yellow House on the Weldon Railroad and Poplar Spring Church. This ended the campaign of 1864, and the troops went into winter quarters. The first battle of the following spring was at Cedar Creek. Later the regiment was in the Apple Jack raid at Hillsboro, N. C. Returning to Petersburg, an engagement was brought on at Yellow House, which lasted two days, during which time Mr. Moose was never out of the saddle. At the battle of Hatcher's Run the Union forces captured 5,000 of Fitzhugh Lee's cavalry. Losing his horse, Mr. Moose traveled 110 miles on foot, back to Camp Stoneman, where he was remounted and proceeded to Winchester. The regiment then proceeded to Reams Station, then followed Lee to Appomattox, fighting all the way, and after his surrender, in 1865, it was stationed at Malvern Heights until the review at Washington, D. C., in which it participated. Returning to Lynchburg, Va., the soldiers turned over their horses and equipments to the government, then proceeded to Pittsburg, Penn., where, on July 1, 1865, Mr. Moose was honorably discharged.

After remaining one year at his home in Indiana county he went to Iowa, where for the same length of time he was in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad. He then returned to Pennsylvania, locating in Clearfield, where he worked for William Mahafey for two years, and at the end of that time obtained employment in a shoo k shop at Chambersville, Indiana county. During the following four years he was engaged in the same line of business in Luthersburg, and has since made his home in Brady township, Clearfield county, being now employed in carrying the mail from Luthersburg to the railroad.

In 1873 our subject was married to Miss M. E. Heiges, daughter of Samuel and Maria Heiges, prosperous agriculturists of Brady township. They have children as follows: Cora E., born in 1874, is the wife of John Lines, a farmer of Brady township, and has two children—Grace and Mary. Stella M., born May 14, 1875, is
the wife of Milton Lies, formerly of Stanley, now a farmer of Brady township, and they have one son, Cleveland. Anna T., born August 20, 1876, married William Lies, of Brady township, who is now engaged in merchandising in Stanley. James Willis, born March 10, 1878, is now employed by Adam Schoof, of Brady township. Charles W., born September 22, 1880, Edwin L., born in 1882, George C., March 12, 1884, Alice A., February 12, 1886, Margaret H., November 1, 1888, Alta A., October 2, 1890, and Harvey E., June 1, 1893, are still with their parents. The father of this family uses his right of franchise in support of the principles of the Democratic party, and he has been called upon to serve as supervisor of his township for three terms. His genial temperament, sound judgment and well-proved integrity have brought to him the esteem and friendship of a host of acquaintances far and near.

MIRAM H. HUMMEL. The weight of seventy years has fallen lightly upon the subject of this memoir, a well-known agriculturist of Clearfield county, who now holds the office of justice of the peace in Gulich township, and is actively interested in all public movements in his locality.

Squire Hummel was born January 12, 1827, in Dauphin county, Penn., a son of David and Susannah (Herr) Hummel, who were both born in Pennsylvania, the former on May 6, 1800, and the latter in December, 1806, in Dauphin county. They resided in Dauphin county for some years after their marriage, and then removed to Lebanon county, Penn., where Mrs. Hummel died in 1839. Eight children blessed the marriage, all now dead excepting Hiram H. The father afterward married Miss Mary Nye, and to the union were born ten children. The wife died in 1858, and in 1860 Mr. Hummel was again married. this time to Miss Polly Haines, who was born April 12, 1828, and to them were born four children, three of them now living. Of the children by the second marriage four are still living. After this marriage the father settled in Greenwood township, Juniata Co., Penn., where he purchased property. He taught school for thirty-five years in Dauphin, Lebanon, Juniata, Snyder and Perry counties. His death occurred June 28, 1878, when aged seventy-eight years.

At this new home our subject grew to manhood, and for four seasons he drove a horse on the Union canal, beginning at the age of eleven years. Later he served in other capacities, finally as a captain of a canal boat, quitting the canal in 1831. In 1850 he was married to Miss Mary Spangle, a native of the county. In the following year, March 10, they moved to Clearfield county, and for a year engaged in farming. He next drove a six-mule team for a year. He purchased land near Alleman's, taking possession in the fall of 1853. Mr. Hummel built a house and barn, and cleared all the land, making improvements from time to time until he had one of the best farms in that locality. In 1854 he began sawing lumber in Clearfield and Blair counties, and was so engaged until 1884, with the exception of the time spent in the army during the Civil war. In 1864 he left his home and his beloved wife and two children, and went to the front as a corporal in Company D, 192nd P. V. I. They were sworn in at Camp Curtin, and sent by way of New York and Baltimore to Harper's Ferry, and then to Martinsburg, where they encamped for the winter. In the spring of 1865 they marched to Charleston, and were there detailed to follow Mosby guerillas. Later they marched to Stony Point and Staunton, Va., to prevent Lee's army from going into Tennessee, and they remained at the latter place until August, 1865; when they marched back to Maryland Heights. While there they were ordered to march to Washington, but the welcome command was recalled and they returned to Maryland Heights. In September, 1865, they were taken to Harper's Ferry and mustered out of the United States service, and soon afterward they were paid at Harrisburg and given their final discharge by Colonel Stewart.

Mr. Hummel's brother, Absalom, also served in the Union army, his experience being unusually severe. He enlisted in 1861 in response to the first call for three-months' men, and at the expiration of the term re-enlisted for three years. He participated in a number of important engagements, and was taken prisoner at the battle of Seven Pines. He was sent to North Carolina and exchanged, but was again captured and this time was confined in Libby prison. On being exchanged again he rejoined his regiment, but in an engagement on the Weldon Railroad he was wounded and again taken captive. After a period of privation and suffering at Andersonville, he was exchanged and sent to White Haven. On recovering his health somewhat he went back to his regiment and remained in the service until discharged on account of his wounds. He died February 2, 1874, leaving a widow and seven children, who reside in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Squire Hummel is a prominent worker in the Democratic organization in his locality, and he has held the office of supervisor, inspector of re-
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turns, judge of elections, and served as chairman of the township committee. In 1894, he was elected justice of the peace for the term of five years, and his able discharge of the duties of that office has won him commendation from all classes. He belongs to the United Brethren Church, of which his wife, who died July 23, 1896, was a devout and consistent member. She was born June 24, 1831, in Snyder county, having descended from two pioneer families, which had a notable record for patriotism and valor. Her maternal grandfather, Colonel Holes, was an officer in the Revolutionary Army. The grandfather Spangle died July 27, 1787; his wife passed away in October, 1809. George Spangle, the father of Mrs. Hummel, a member of a well known family of Pennsylvania, served in the war of 1812. He came to Clearfield county from Perry county in May, 1851. Mrs. Hummel was not only the wife of a soldier during the Rebellion, but she had two brothers and four cousins in the Union army.

Squire Hummel has two sons, namely: (1) Harry H., born July 14, 1859, was educated in the common schools near his father's farm. On leaving home he resided for some time in Alleman's, but he now lives in Bercaria, where he is engaged in mercantile business. His first wife, Miss Clara Root, of Jansville, Gulich township, died in February, 1892, leaving five children—Harry, David, Andrew, Maud and Fred, all of whom are at home. By a second marriage with Miss Ethel Smith, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, he has one daughter, May. (2) George B. McClellan, born December 6, 1863, was educated in the local schools, and now resides in Tyrone, Penn., where for ten years past he has been employed in the Pennsylvania railroad yards, as car inspector. He married Miss Jennie Kinney, of Blair county, Penn., and has four children—Mary, Roy, Josephine and McClellan, all at home.

AMOS HUBLER follows farming in Graham township, and for many years has been identified with the agricultural interests of Clearfield county. He is one of the honored pioneers of the community, and has witnessed the progress and development which have wrought so many changes here. The part which he has taken therein entitled him to mention among the best citizens of the county. Mr. Hubler was born July 8, 1822, in Decatur township, Clearfield county. His parents were Jacob and Susanna (Smeal) Hubler. The father was born in Northumberland, Penn., where he remained until twenty years of age. Abraham Hubler, the grandfather, a native of Pennsylvania, took up his residence in Decatur township at an early day, afterward he removed to Bradford township, and subsequently went to Ohio, where he and his wife died many years ago. Jacob Hubler was a young man when he came to Decatur township. Here he married Susanna Smeal, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of George Smeal, a pioneer settler, who died in Bradford township years ago. After his marriage Mr. Hubler located in Graham township, in 1826, being the first settler in this locality. He purchased a tract of timber land, transformed it into a good farm, and made his home thereon until his death. About five years later his wife also departed this life upon the old homestead. They had a family of ten children, namely: Amos; Levi, of Graham township; Mrs. Eliza Hoover, who died in that township; Mrs. Lavina Narehood, of Graham township; A. J., who is living on the old homestead; Henry, of Graham township; Mrs. Catherine Pace, who died in West Virginia; Oliver, who died in Graham township; Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, who died in the same township; Mrs. Mary Ann Frazer, a widow, now living in that township.

Mr. Hubler, of this review, obtained his education in the public schools, walking to and from the school house four and five miles mornings and evenings. He was reared on the farm, where he early became familiar with all the duties required in the cultivation of land. In 1844, he purchased 200 acres of timber land, and at once began to fell the trees. As acre after acre was placed under the plow and other substantial improvements were made, the once wild tract took on the appearance of a richly cultivated field, and his labors were rewarded with good harvests. Energy and perseverance have been the essential qualities in his business, and have brought to him a comfortable competence. In 1844 he was married to Miss Susanna, daughter of Christian Woolstegel, a native of Pennsylvania, who in 1842 came to Clearfield county, spending his last days in Graham township. Mrs. Hubler, who was born in Centre county, died in Graham township, in 1800. She was the mother of three children: George Washington, who resides on the farm; Mary Ann, now Mrs. Frazer, of Graham township; and Mrs. Martha Coblent. Mr. Hubler is independent in politics, giving his support to the men whom he thinks best qualified for office, regardless of party. His fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have frequently called him to public office, and for the past nine years he has served as overseer of the poor. He
was also justice of the peace for ten years, and in the discharge of his duties his promptness and fidelity are most marked. He is the oldest living settler in Graham township, has been interested and identified with its entire development, his name being inseparably connected with its history.

ELAM B. PASSMORE, who is probably one of the most enterprising and leading farmers of Pike township, Clearfield county, has spent his entire life within its borders, his birth there occurring April 14, 1836.

Abram Passmore, his paternal grandfather, formerly of Centre county, and of English descent, was numbered among the honored pioneers of this section of the State. In the midst of the wilderness he developed a good farm, obtaining the land from the government, and to agricultural pursuits ever devoted his attention. George C. Passmore, the father of our subject, grew to manhood amid the scenes of frontier life, and, in connection with farming, worked at his trade of blacksmithing. In the early days he was obliged to go over the mountains for provisions, following a trail, and had always to be on the lookout for panthers and other wild beasts, which were still quite plentiful in this region. He was known as Colonel Passmore, which title he acquired as commander of militia. He took quite a prominent part in public affairs, was an influential member of the board of commissioners, and in politics was a strong Democrat. He was married to Miss Mary A. Hardsock, daughter of Abram Hardsock, who was of German origin, and an early settler of Clearfield county, where he entered over 1,800 acres of wild land. Here he opened up a farm and worked at his trade of wagon-making at Curwensville, where he erected the first house and shop, both of logs. There his death occurred, caused by a cancer. To his children—Miles, Mary A. and Daniel—he gave good farms, and reared them in the faith of the Society of Friends, to which they always adhered. To Col. Passmore and his wife were born eight children—Harrison, of Luthersburg, Penn.; Elam B., of this sketch; Harvey F., of Clearfield county; Jane and George, twins; Martha; Edward; and Mrs. Fannie Fianna. The parents were faithful members of the Methodist Church.

Elam B. Passmore secured a limited education in the common schools of Clearfield county, and remained upon the home farm until his marriage, which event occurred in March, 1857, Miss Mary Short becoming his wife. She was born September 1, 1836, in Chambersburg, Penn., where her parents, Adam and Margaret (Wagoner) Short, natives of Germany, were married, and in 1838 brought their family to Clearfield county, where the father continued to follow farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was born in 1800, and died at the age of seventy-four years, in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, but his wife, who died at the age of sixty-four, was a Lutheran in religious belief. She was twice married and by her first husband had one son, Conrad Baker, while Mrs. Passmore is the only child of the second union. For three years after his marriage our subject farmed rented land and then purchased an unbroken tract, on which he built a log house and developed the land into a good farm. During the winter months he followed lumbering, and in the spring would take rafts of lumber down the river to market. On selling his first place Mr. Passmore purchased the Askey farm of 109 acres, at an orphans' sale, and, on locating thereon, he found things badly out of repair. The house, which was then standing, was subsequently destroyed by fire, and he built his present commodious two-story frame residence, which he has flanked with good barns and outbuildings; he has set out a fine orchard and cleared and improved much of the land, which is now under a high state of cultivation. His home is conveniently located three miles north of Curwensville.

Six children bless the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Mrs. Rosanna Moore; Harrison, a farmer by occupation; Amos; Adam S., a resident of Nebraska; and George and Conrad B., who both follow agricultural pursuits. The mother, who was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, was held in the highest regard by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She passed away November 9, 1897, aged sixty-one years, two months and eight days. Mr. Passmore is open and frank in the expression of his opinions, and in politics is a sound Democrat. He is a member of the United Brethren Church, and is a highly esteemed citizen.

DAVID JOHNSTON. The representatives of the farming interests of Jordan township acknowledge this gentleman as one of the most important factors who aided in bringing Clearfield county to its present enviable condition. He is a man of more than ordinary business capacity, intelligent and well informed, and is a successful agriculturist.

Born April 27, 1842, on the farm in Jordan township where he still resides, Mr. Johnston is a son of Robert and Mary (Cameron) Johnston.
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both natives of Scotland. In 1829, Robert Johnston, accompanied by his brother James, crossed the Atlantic to the United States, locating first in Pottsville, Penn., where he engaged in coal mining. There he married Mary Cameron, who had come with her father, John Cameron, from Scotland to America about the same time as her future husband, and located near Pottsville. Her family held membership in the Presbyterian Church, as also did the Johnstons. In 1833 the Johnston brothers came to Clearfield county and purchased adjoining farms in Jordan township, Robert securing 108 acres on which our subject now resides. From the almost unbroken forest he developed a fine farm, and so successful was he in his business ventures that he became the owner of several other valuable tracts of land. He died on the old homestead in 1871, respected by all who knew him, and his estimable wife passed away in 1874. To this worthy couple were born nine children: Robert M., a prominent farmer of Jordan township; Mary, wife of R. Caldwell; John, a resident of Ansonville, Clearfield county; Isabel, wife of I. Bloom; James W., a farmer by occupation; William (deceased); David, of this sketch; Mark, who died in childhood; and Elizabeth, wife of S. Witherow.

Upon the old homestead David Johnston was reared to the honest toil incident to a farmer's life, and in the common schools of the locality he received a good practical education. He never left the parental roof, and assumed the management of the farm four years previous to his father's death, after which he purchased the interests of the other heirs, and still continues to make that place his home. He has purchased other land, some of which he has given to his children. Lumbering has claimed his attention to some extent, and he is still the owner of the minerals underlying his land. On June 2, 1865, he was married to Miss Martha Patterson, a lady of intelligence and culture, a daughter of Joseph Patterson, one of the earliest settlers of Jordan township, where he improved a farm and became quite prominent. In religious belief he was also a Presbyterian, and in politics he was a stalwart Democrat, serving as justice of the peace for a number of years. He was of Scotch-Irish descent, while his wife was of German birth. In their family were the following children: David, who died at the age of nineteen years; Peter, Robert and Hezekiah, who engage in farming; Eliza, wife of G. Mays; George, a minister of the Dunkard Church; Mary, wife of A. Bloom; and Martha, the estimable wife of our subject.

Nine children blessed the union of David and Mrs. Johnston, of whom one died in infancy. The names and dates of birth of the others are as follows: Mary Alice, April 22, 1866; William H., November 14, 1867; John F., December 21, 1869; Maggie, June 24, 1873; Joseph T., April 2, 1877; Bertha J., August 28, 1880; Robert C., December 22, 1883; and Clar, December 19, 1891. Reared in the Presbyterian Church, the parents of these have always closely adhered to that faith, and are numbered among the most valued and highly respected citizens of their community, in whose welfare they have always taken a deep and commendable interest. Mr. Johnston uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democracy, and he has filled some township offices to the satisfaction of all concerned.

HENRY MYERS, who was one of the "brave boys in blue" during the dark days of the Civil war, is now one of the representative farmers and miners of Decatur township, Clearfield county.

Born in 1848 in Clinton county, Penn., Mr. Myers is a son of Henry and Margaret Orner Myers. The father's birth occurred in Northumberland county, this State, but when a young man, he located in Clinton county, where his marriage was celebrated. There his death occurred in 1861, and his wife passed away in the same county the year previous. Of the eleven children born to this worthy couple, only five sons are now living, namely: John, now a resident of Nebraska, enlisted in Clinton county, Penn., and served for nine months in the Union army during the Rebellion; Lowell M. makes his home at Beech Creek, Clinton county; Henry, of this sketch; William D., of Marsh Creek, Centre Co., Penn.; and George H., of New Mexico.

Henry Myers was reared to farm life in Clinton county. Although quite young, he manifested his loyalty to his native land by enlisting in September, 1864, in the Civil war, for one year's service or until the close of the war, and became a member of Company E, 53rd P. V. I., which formed a part of the Army of the Potomac. After being mustered in at Williamsport, Penn., he did picket duty in front of Petersburg, where he was stationed most of the time. There in 1864 he received a gunshot wound, and was sent to a hospital at Washington, D. C., where he was confined until honorably discharged on the 29th of June, 1865. He then returned to his home in Clinton county, but soon afterward removed to Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Penn., where he remained until coming to Morris town-
ship, Clearfield county, in 1874. For about three years he was employed at coal mining in the Morrisdale Mines, after which he came to Decatur township, where he has followed the same pursuit in connection with lumbering and farming. Here he purchased a tract of twenty-one acres of timber land in 1883, has erected thereon a good house and barn, and placed the land under cultivation. He is an energetic, industrious man, who, from an early age, has made his own way in the world, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well deserved.

In 1870, in Centre county, Penn., our subject was married to Miss Frances C. Chapman, a native of that county, born at Hecla Furnace. They became the parents of thirteen children: Mrs. Phebe E. Kephart, of Decatur township; George A., who is married and resides in the same township; Mrs. Alma A. Reams and Mrs. Hester P. Kephart, both residents of Decatur township; Rhibert A.; John; Sarah C.; Zella M.; Edith E.; Virginia F.; Anna M., who died at the age of three months; Frederick T., and Nora C. The father of these, in his political views, is a firm Republican; he has served as inspector of elections, and has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, giving his support to all worthy enterprises which will in any way benefit his township or county. His honorable, upright life has gained for him the confidence and high regard of all who know him. His faithful wife passed away June 18, 1897, greatly esteemed by her many friends and acquaintances.

A. H. SHIREY. Among the progressive and leading farmers of Clearfield county, who are well deserving of mention in this volume is the subject of this review. He was born in the county September 17, 1832, a son of Jacob and Mary (Luzier) Shirey, the former a native of Dauphin county, and the latter of Huntington county, Penn. Both the Shireys and Luziers are of German descent. Jacob Shirey came to Clearfield county in 1820, at which time it was almost an unbroken wilderness where all kinds of wild game abounded, so that hunting, trapping and lumbering were the principal occupations of the people. He purchased a tract of heavy timber land in Bradford township, and there opened a farm and reared his family. He was married in 1830. He was widely and favorably known, filled a number of township offices, and supported the Democracy. He died in 1872, and his wife passed away in 1859. They had eleven children: E. K., of Clearfield; George, a farmer; A. C., of Goshen township; A. H., of this sketch; Majory, wife of Joseph Bungardner, a miner; David, of West Virginia; Ferdinand, a farmer; Margaret (deceased); Agnes, wife of N. Brady; Jacob (deceased), and Regina, wife of John Lansberry.

A. H. Shirey acquired his education in the subscription schools of his native county, and was reared to the peaceful pursuits of the farm. He was married in 1857 to Miss Hien E. Leonard, daughter of Archie Leonard, of Irish descent. He was a farmer by occupation, and died in Texas. Her mother bore the maiden name of Elizabeth McCracken. Mr. and Mrs. Shirey became the parents of thirteen children: Mary, who died at the age of three years; Rebecca, wife of A. S. Shaw, a farmer, of Goshen township, has eleven children; R. K. was married May 23, 1888, to Maggie Lansberry, and died on August 10 of the same year; Lemuel, of West Clearfield, married Ella Spence, and has three daughters; Carrie, wife of Thomas McCorkle, a farmer of Lawrence township, has five children; Harry married Anna Sankey, resides in Goshen township, and has one daughter; Newton D. married Mary Addleman, has one daughter, and resides in Curwensville; Clippinger V., Laura B., W. Roy, Fay, Hattie E. and Walter D., are all single and at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Shirey hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat and has been elected by his fellow townsmen to various local offices, in which he has discharged his duties with promptness and fidelity, but he has never been an office seeker. He occupies a prominent place among the farmers of the community, and is one who owes his success in life to his own efforts. When he purchased his farm the country was so dense that it was hardly penetrated by the sunlight, but he has cleared and improved it, and is to-day enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

A. S. HOLDEN, an agriculturist, has been identified with the interests of Bloom township for more than a third of a century, having located therein in 1861. Through the years which have since passed he has ever borne his part in the promotion of those enterprises calculated to prove of public good, and has given his support to educational, moral and social interests.

Mr. Holden was born in 1826, in Clinton county, Penn. William and Ellen Johnson Holden, his parents, were natives of England. At the age of eighteen the father came to America, locating first at Lock Haven, Penn.; then
called Big Island). He was married there and afterward removed to Farrandsville. A few years later he located near Driftwood, Elk county, where he conducted a hotel for twelve years, when he sold his property, and, in 1846, bought a farm in Pike township, Clearfield county, of Ross McClure. A few years were passed there and he next bought a farm near Curwensville, where he died in 1863, his wife surviving until 1875. They reared a family of eight children, namely: A. S.; Johnson, of Pike township; William, who served for two years in the Civil war, and died in Pike township in 1863; John, of the same township; Alex, of Coalport, Clearfield county; Catherine, of Pike township; Margaret (deceased); and Sarah, who died in Pike township.

A. S. Holden lived first in Clinton county, then located in Pike township, Clearfield county, and followed farming. In 1848 he was married there to Susan Bloom, a native of that township, a daughter of James and Mary (Passmore) Bloom. Her parents were born in Clearfield county, and were among the early settlers of Pike township, where both died. Mr. and Mrs. Holden began their domestic life in Jordan township, on a farm which was heavily timbered. He continued the improvement of that place until 1871, when he sold and bought 125 acres of timber land, energetically performing the arduous task of clearing and cultivating the place. He possesses great industry and enterprise, and his business life has been one of unusual activity. In Bloom he conducted the hotel known as the "Forest House," established the post office which was called Forest, and was the postmaster for more than ten years. He now owns a valuable farm property, all of which he has cleared, and from its cultivation he derives a good income. To the marriage of our subject and his wife were born fourteen children, namely: Mary Ellen, now Mrs. Orcutt, of Grampian; William, who is married and resides in Curwensville; Mrs. Julia Ann Fletcher, who died in Union township; James, who is married and resides in Minnesota; Sophia, wife of Henry Weaver, of Clearfield; Edward, of Chicago; Harriet, wife of Shafer DuBois; Robert, who is married and resides in Bell's Gap, Penn.; Curtin, who is married and is living in Clearfield county; Harry, who resides on a farm; Frances, of Pennville; Frank, of Curwensville; Grant, who is living in this State; and Abram Holden. The mother of this family died in 1876, and Mr. Holden was married in Penn township to Miss Susan Dunworth, a native of that township, who bore him thirteen children: seven (four daughters and three sons) are living. The daughters are: Mrs. Bellman Spencer, Mrs. T. Malen, Mrs.

Alonzo Spencer and Mrs. Edgar Leech. The sons living are Harry D., Ira D. and John D.

Our subject is one of the prominent members and active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now serving as trustee and treasurer. He takes a deep interest in political affairs, votes with the Republican party, and has served as a member of the school board. He aided in organizing Bloom township, and has been a witness, not only of the many changes which have occurred since that time, but has also borne his part in the work of development and improvement, and is numbered among the valued and progressive citizens of Clearfield county.

Lawrence Flood, one of the leading and representative citizens of Covington township, Clearfield county, is a native of Ireland, born April 4, 1830, a son of Murta and Bridget (Russell) Flood, who spent their entire lives in that country, the former dying in 1837, the latter in 1849. The father, whose birth occurred in County Wicklow, followed farming. In the family were three children: Andy died at the age of five years; Catharine, who grew to womanhood, also died in Ireland; and Lawrence.

Our subject was seven years of age at the time of his father's death, and he continued to reside in his native land until his mother was also called to her final rest. In 1850 he took passage on a vessel bound for the New World, and on reaching Castle Garden, New York, proceeded at once to Philadelphia, thence to Frenchville, Clearfield county, where he worked in the lumber woods as a jobber, and also rafted the lumber down the river. In 1851 he purchased, of Levi Lutz, fifty acres of land, which he cleared, improved and cultivated for four years, and then sold to William A. Wallace, of Clearfield. His next purchase consisted of 400 acres at the mouth of Sandy creek, for which he paid $2,000; and removed thereon in 1855. His residence being destroyed by fire, he erected a public house, for which he obtained a license, and successfully conducted same for a number of years. Subsequently he bought, of Arnold Schnaers, one hundred acres at Central Point, Covington township, and has made his home thereon since 1872. By persistent labor he has transformed the land into one of the best farms of the locality, and to-day it stands as a monument to the thrift and industry of the owner.

In 1853 Mr. Flood married Miss Margaret Miller, of Covington township, who was born in Canton Aargau, Switzerland, a daughter of Exavia and Magdaline (Millbaugh) Miller, of that
country. She came to America, becoming a resident of Frenchville in 1853, and has faithfully shared with her husband all the hardships and trials incident to frontier life.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Flood, as follows: (1) Mary wedded John Schnaers, a farmer of Covington township, and had nine children, of whom four are still living. (2) Catherine is the wife of Miles S. Conoway, a farmer of Covington township, by whom she has nine children. (3) Murta is superintendent of the Minnow Mill, in Girard township, Clearfield county, and also owns a house and lot in Covington township; she married Libbie Coffnan, of Karthaus township, in the same county, and has seven children. (4) Lawrence F. married Annie Schultz, of Covington, by whom he has one child, and they live on the farm with our subject. (5) Claudius, who assists in the operation of the home farm, married Alice Reiter, and has one child. (6) John B. died December 15, 1868, at the age of three years. (7) Mary E. is the wife of Joseph Smith, who owns the old Schnaers homestead, and is conducting a livery stable in Karthaus; they have three children. (8) Malinda is at home. (9) An infant that died at its birth.

Politically, Mr. Flood has always given his allegiance to the Democracy, and has been called upon to serve in official positions, being auditor of his township six years, district treasurer nineteen years, and supervisor one term. He has ever taken a prominent and active part in the affairs of the township, and is numbered among its valued and honored citizens. In religious belief he is a Catholic, of which Church his wife and family are also communicants.

H. E. R B ERT A. MOORE, who was the popular mayor of Du Bois for three years, from 1894 to 1897, is one of the successful attorneys of Clearfield county. He has engaged in the practice of the law in Du Bois since 1891, and is now junior member of the well-known law firm of Cole & Moore, which partnership was formed in November, 1896.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Moore was born in Luthersburg, January 22, 1869, and is a son of Reuben H. and Henrietta Moore. His boyhood and youth were principally spent in his native town, and in her public schools he obtained his elementary education. After leaving the public schools, he served a short apprenticeship in the newspaper office of the Du Bois Express, afterward entering the Chamberlain Institute of New York, graduating from the classical course in 1889. Returning to Du Bois, he did local work on the Du Bois Express and Daily Courier, edited the local news for a short space of time, and then entered upon the study of the law in the office of his present partner, A. L. Cole, Esq., and was also a private student with Hon. William P. Jenks. On his admission to the Bar of Clearfield county in 1891, he opened an office in Du Bois, and he and his partner now have the largest practice of any lawyers in the city. Mr. Cole, the senior member of the firm, who located in Du Bois in 1891, is an able counselor and trial lawyer, and stands in the front ranks of the legal profession in central Pennsylvania.

Mr. Moore was married in August, 1892, in Beverly, Ohio, to Miss Eva Louise Brown, a native of that State, and they have one son and one daughter: Willard Brown and Ruth Henrietta. Mrs. Moore, who is prominent in musical circles, holds the degree of B. M. from Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., where she was graduated from a four-years' course in piano in 1892. She is also a fine violinist, a pupil of Bernard Listemann, one of the foremost instructors of violin in this country. She is much interested in vocal music, and was, until her household cares and responsibilities caused her resignation, leader of the Ladies' Treble Clef, and the choir of the First Presbyterian Church. The family reside in a good residence situated on East Washington avenue hill, where, surrounded by beautiful vines and trees, with a superb landscape view for miles around, in an atmosphere of music and books, is one of the happiest and most hospitable of homes, built up out of the earnings of the head of the household who holds the distinction, largely, of "paddling his own canoe."

Mr. Moore is one of the leading Republicans of the community, and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to fill the highest municipal office. He is the youngest Mayor ever elected in Du Bois. During his three-years' occupancy of that important position the interests of the city were greatly advanced. The Police department received a thorough cleansing immediately after his ascendency to power; good officials were substituted for those who had been guilty of gross neglect of duty, and never in the history of the city were the public peace and morals so efficiently protected. His administration was marked by fearlessness and straight-forwardness in the path of duty.

Fraternally, he is a member of Garfield Lodge, No. 559, F. & A. M., of Du Bois, of which he was worshipful master in 1896, and also be-
Yours Truly,

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longs to Clearfield Chapter, No. 228, R. A. M., and Moshannon Commandery, No. 74, K. T., of Philipsburg, Penn. He is also prominent in the work of the First Presbyterian Church, where he is found conducting one of the most successful Sabbath-schools in this section of the State.

**REUBEN H. MOORE**, president of the Deposit National Bank of Du Bois, is one of the pioneer business men of Clearfield county, having been engaged in active business as merchant and financier for a full half a century, and during all of this time controlling large business interests.

Mr. Moore was born in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre Co., Penn., March 7, 1831, and was the only son of Robert Wilson and Esther (Guthrie) Moore. His father was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre Co., Penn., May 7, 1806, and died at Luthersburg February 27, 1888, at the age of eighty-one years. His mother was born in Chester county, Penn., August 2, 1802, and died in Luthersburg April 28, 1864. Their children, all now living, are: Reuben H., and Cecilia Irvin, widow of David Irvin, of Luthersburg, Penn.; Ann Eliza, wife of Daniel E. Brubaker, Rockton, Penn.; Lucretia M., widow of Lewis B. Carlisle, Luthersburg, Penn.; and Lorena, wife of Dr. Israel Cleaver, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The history of the father and son in this case is so close, it is woven as to be inseparable. In 1833, with his parents and sister Cecilia, our subject came from Centre county to Curwensville, and they were extremely poor. The father, however, obtained work, and after one year they went to the John Irvin mill, a short distance from the town, of which he assumed charge for three years, and was able to get something ahead. Then they moved to Brady Mills, on Anderson creek, below Rockton, afterward known as Moore's Mills, and now as the Seyler Mills, where the head of the family again took charge of the mill, afterward purchasing the same; and having learned by a hard experience how to earn money, he had also learned how to save it, and from this time on he never knew what it was to owe any man. He made it a rule never to spend money until he had made it. It was here, too, that our subject entered upon his business career in a general store which he conducted for his father.

In the year 1850 Reuben H. Moore went to Luthersburg, erected a building which still stands next to the store building now occupied as a general store by Daniel Goodlander, and fitted it for a store and dwelling. In a short time afterward he built what is now known as the Goodlander store, on the corner, and moved his general store into it. This building soon became too small for his rapidly-growing business, and in 1859 he built the fine large store building across the street, and a residence on the opposite side from the same. The former building still stands, and looks little the worse of the wear of years, while the latter was burned by the fire which destroyed the best part of the town in the fall of 1889. Besides his mercantile interests, he was engaged in lumbering on the Susquehanna river, and he tells many a tale of accompanying his rafts of lumber and shingles down the river to Middletown, lying along the beach at nights, suffering hardships innumerable, and "footing it" home from Marietta. Luthersburg was, at this time, one of the most flourishing points in this section of the State, and continued so in a large measure up to 1876, when Reynoldsdale and, later, Du Bois, with their railroad facilities, gradually drew her trade and business men away from her, leaving her helpless. Very many business and professional men have been furnished other portions of the State by this old-time village, among them a congressman, representatives in the State Legislature, and several attorneys, physicians, and bank presidents, and a large number of successful business men.

The father, Robert Wilson Moore, came to Luthersburg in 1854, having disposed of his mills, and purchased the old tavern on the corner, which he conducted until 1865, when he sold it and retired. Afterward he had charge of the Luthersburg post office for a number of years for his son-in-law, but was not again engaged in active business. His large financial interests, to the time of his death, were left entirely in the hands of his son, through whose ability as a financier he was able to accumulate a large estate. He was a man of sterling character, and his word was always as good as gold. Although the tavern business he conducted was vastly different from that of the present day, yet he always regretted the fact that he had ever engaged in the business, and was pleased to say that it was not profitable to him.

Reuben H. Moore was united in marriage, in 1851, with Maria Wilson, of Half Moon Valley, Penn., a daughter of Thomas Wilson; she died on June 22, 1853, leaving but her husband to survive her. In 1856 he was married to Henrietta, daughter of Daniel Barrett, and a sister of the late Hon. G. R. Barrett. Their children living are: Esther, now in Denver, Colo.; Ella, now the wife of Rev. A. B. Phillips, of Sharon,
Penn.; Cecilia, the wife of Dr. Senes E. Hayes, of Tyler, Penn.; James H., still at home; Herbert A., Esq., an attorney in Du Bois; and William Fisher and Alice Bigler also at home.

In 1888 Mr. Moore became president of the Du Bois Deposit Bank, which position he held until 1895, when the Du Bois Deposit Bank was merged into the Deposit National Bank of Du Bois, incorporated under the national banking laws, and he continues as president of that institution. Until 1899 he resided in Luthersburg, when he came to Du Bois, and besides looking after his real-estate and banking interests, conducted a large dry-goods and notions store. In 1894, however, becoming tired of the pent-up life of a larger town, having spent the greater part of his life in the country, he disposed of his store, and took up his residence on his farm of two hundred acres, five miles from Du Bois and a mile from Luthersburg, where, with his wife, two sons and a daughter, surrounded by every comfort, and what he enjoys most, "green fields and running brooks," and plenty of fresh air, he is enjoying life and drives to Du Bois several times a week to look after his interests there.

Mr. Moore's life has been a well-rounded and eventful one. He is a man of keen insight in financial and business affairs, and has gained an honorable reputation as a straightforward business man. In his business career of over fifty years he has always tempered justice with mercy, never imposing upon his debtors but always erring on the side of leniency. As a banker he is known as the safe, conservative head of an excellent institution.

S. H. BEER, who is creditably serving as justice of the peace of Union township, Clearfield county, is one of the most popular and enterprising citizens of Rockton. He was born near Gettysburg, in Indiana Co., Penn., August 3, 1860, but since 1875 has made his home in Union township, and has taken a commendable interest in the welfare of the community.

The Beer family was early established in Armstrong county, Penn., where Jacob Beer, the grandfather of our subject, spent his entire life. There the father, Peter Beer, was born in 1830, and remained there after he had attained his majority, when he took up his residence in Indiana county. At Georgeville, in the latter county, he married Caroline Brillhart, and to them were born seven children, as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Hollowpeter, of Union township, Clearfield county; Jacob H., who is married and is the minister of the Dunkard Church at Rockton; S. H., of this review; Emma Jane, who became the wife of J. L. Kirk, and died in Clearfield, in the spring of 1885; Sarah Ann, wife of Adam Korb, of Union township; Alice A., wife of Philip Smith, of Jefferson county, Penn.; and J. C., who married Sarah Brubaker, and resides on the home farm. The wife of the last named was for eleven terms one of the prominent and successful teachers of Clearfield county.

By trade the father was a carpenter, and also served as a minister of the Dunkard or Brethren church. On coming to Clearfield county in 1875, he located on a farm of sixty-four acres near the village of Rockton, which was only partially improved, and to its further development and cultivation he devoted the remainder of his life, dying upon that place in 1893. He organized the Dunkard Church in Rockton, of which he was elder in charge for some years, and was a man well known and beloved throughout the entire community. His estimable wife still survives him and resides upon the farm.

The first fifteen years of his life, S. H. Beer passed in the county of his nativity, and in its public schools began his education, which was completed at Troutville Academy. After leaving the school room he engaged in cooking in the woods for about twelve years, after which he came to Rockton, where for the past five years he has been successfully engaged in the operation of a coal mine. It contains a good vein of coal three feet in thickness.

In 1883, in Luthersburg, Clearfield county, Mr. Beer was married to Miss Lizzie Place, who was born in Huston township, the same county, of which her parents, John and Harriet (Dixon) Place, were early settlers, but are now residents of Sandy township. Our subject and his wife have three children—Chloe Mabel, Elva Maud and Percy. The father of these gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, has served as a member of the school board, and in 1895 was elected justice of the peace, which office he is now filling to the satisfaction of all concerned. Fraternally he belongs to the Patriotic Sons of America, being a member of Lodge No. 409, and also of Rockton Lodge No. 330, K. P. He is one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of Rockton, giving his support to all enterprises which have for their object the good of the community.

RICHARD M. HUNT, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Houtzdale, Clearfield county, is now serving his second term.
as burgess, being elected first in 1891, and again in 1894, for a term of three years. On January 11, 1872, a petition was presented to the legislature for the incorporation of the town, which was granted March 20, and the first officers elected were P. J. McCullough, burgess; W. C. Langsford, clerk; John Malee, chief of police; and W. H. Patterson, attorney; while the council consisted of T. J. Fries, Andrew Gleason, George Schenck, Michael McMahon, Thomas Dolan and George L. Wilson. Our subject succeeded John Argyle as burgess, who in turn succeeded Capt. Joseph Delehant, the present postmaster of Houtzdale. The manner in which the various public interests of the town are being managed and adjusted gives ample evidence of the efficiency and good judgment of its present head.

Mr. Hunt was born in Philadelphia, June 10, 1858, a son of Richard M. and Adelaide Louise (Du Bosque) Hunt, who were also natives of this State, the latter born in Philadelphia, where they spent their entire married life. The father, who was a carpet merchant, died in that city in 1859, leaving three children. Later Mrs. Hunt became the wife of John Loman, who died in Philadelphia in 1892. By the second union there were also three children, namely: Adelaide, now the wife of Alfred Taylor, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Bessie Huston, of the same city; and Charles, a physician and surgeon of Milwaukee, Wis. The mother’s death occurred in Philadelphia, in 1876.

In the city of his birth our subject was reared and educated, and there continued to make his home until 1879, which year witnessed his arrival in Houtzdale, where he has since resided. For a few months he was in the employ of Barnhurst, Good & Co., at Beaver Run, and from May, 1880, until 1883, he was with Robert H. Powell & Co., after which he was in the service of the Kittanning Coal Co., at the Franklin colliery. However, during eleven of the seventeen years he has passed at Houtzdale, he has been in the employ of the Berwin-White Coal Co., entering their service as weighmaster in 1881. These have all been clerical positions, and in the discharge of his duties he has given the utmost satisfaction to his employers, whose confidence he has never betrayed.

In Houtzdale, in May, 1883, Mr. Hunt was married to Miss Nellie Chaplin, a native of Canada, and a daughter of Daniel Chaplin and Margarete (Flynn) Chaplin, the former of whom was also born in that country, whence he came to Ramey, Clearfield county, and spent his remaining days, dying there: Mrs. Chaplin is still living at Ramey. To our subject and his wife have been born five children: Helen, Marguerite, Edward, Louise and Charles Quay. Since casting his first vote, Mr. Hunt has been a pronounced Republican in politics, and has always taken an active and prominent part in public affairs, giving his support to all worthy enterprises which have for their object the upbuilding or advancement of the community. He is prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty, whether public or private, and is therefore numbered among the valued and honored citizens of the community, whose interests he always endeavors to promote.

HEZEKIAH SMEAL is a prominent representative of one of the honored and highly respected pioneer families of Clearfield county, in the development and progress of which its members have borne an important part. The grandfather of our subject, Benjamin Smeal, was reared in Bradford township, where he spent the remainder of his life. In the same township, Samuel Smeal, the father of our subject, was born, reared and educated, and in Morris township, the same county, married Ellen Flegal. They located in the midst of the forest in Graham township, where he opened up an excellent farm, and reared their family of thirteen children (eleven of whom are still living), namely: Mrs. Matilda Shoemaker, a widow residing in Graham township; Hezekiah: Josiah, also of Graham township; Mrs. Nellie Jane Smith, of Morris township; Lela Adda, who died when young; Mrs. Jennie Williams, of Boggs township, Clearfield county; Grant and Samuel, residents of Graham township; Harry, at home; Mrs. Eva Lily Ward, of Clearfield; Mrs. Cora Williams, of Bigler, Penn.; Rosy Viola, who died in infancy; and I. H., who resides in Graham township. The father of this family has taken quite an active part in public affairs and has served as tax collector in his township.

Hezekiah Smeal was born in 1857, in Graham township, was there reared and acquired a good practical education in the local schools. During his entire business career he has successfully engaged in lumbering and farming, and now has a fine farm of fifty acres, under a high state of cultivation, and improved with substantial farm buildings. At the time he purchased the land it was covered with a heavy growth of timber, but by persistent labor he has transformed it into a very productive and valuable tract.

In 1893, in Graham township, he was married to Mrs. Tillie Henry (née Oster), who is a native of Germany, but has made her home in
Graham township since 1885. By her former marriage she had two children: Adam and Eva K. By the second union there are: Susannah and Rosy Ella.

Mr. Smeal uniformly casts his vote with the Democratic party, but has never cared for the honors or emollients of public office, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. He is a public-spirited, enterprising man, however, who gives his support to all worthy movements which have for their object the welfare of the community.

G. McNAUL, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Glen Richey, Clearfield county, is a member of one of the well-known pioneer families of the State, his grandfather, William McNaul, a native of Centre county, Penn., having settled in the vicinity of Curwensville, Clearfield county, in early times. The means of transportation in those days were of a crude sort, and Mr. McNaul, in company with Dr. John P. Hoyt (then a young physician practicing in Halfmoon), started on horseback to cross the mountains and see the town of Curwensville. Early in the following spring William McNaul, with his family, moved to Curwensville and established a tannery in the village, becoming one of the leading business men of the locality. His death occurred there in 1870; his wife, Hannah McNaul, had passed away many years before.

Of their seven children, our subject's father, the late Robert W. McNaul, was the eldest; Zachariah resides in Curwensville; Irvin died in Huntingdon county; Mary Ann died in Curwensville; John (deceased) was a resident of Pike township; Mary (deceased) never married; and Jennie (Mrs. David Fleming) died in Pike township.

Robert W. McNaul was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1818, but the greater portion of his life was spent in Clearfield county. He attended school at Curwensville in youth, and his first business enterprise was as a tanner there. After some years he became interested in lumbering, and in 1845 he settled upon a farm, whereon he made his permanent home. In 1840 he was married in Curwensville to Miss Melissa L. Wilson, a daughter of William Wilson, a prominent resident of Bradford township, Clearfield county. R. W. McNaul was a man of worth and influence, a Republican in politics, and a sympathizer with every progressive movement. He died October 22, 1890; Mrs. McNaul still resides in Curwensville. They had eight children, namely: Stephen married Nettie Holton, and lives in Mansfield, Mo.; Clara and Wilson are both residents of Curwensville; Annie is Mrs. Frank McCoy, of Bedford, Penn.; William P. is a lumberman and butcher of Coalport, Clearfield county; James F. is an attorney at Jeannette, Penn.; C. G. is our subject; Ai has been engaged in the mercantile business at Niagara Falls, N. Y., since 1898 (he was married in 1892 to Miss Ella Kunes, and has two children—Wava and Willard).

Our subject, whose name introduces this sketch, was born at the old home in Pike township, Clearfield county, and the schools of that township and Curwensville afforded him his early educational opportunities. He prepared for his chosen profession at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, entering in 1888 and graduating in 1890. Locating at Curwensville, he at once engaged in general practice; but in the fall of 1891 he moved to Glen Richey, where he has met with gratifying success. The McNaul family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and the Doctor displays the characteristic pluck and energy of that race, and with his ability and skill is certain to win further honors in his profession. He is a member of the Clearfield County Medical Society; in his political affiliations he is a Republican.

MISS ISABELLA STRONACH, residing on the old family homestead in Penn township, Clearfield county, is a lady of great business capacity and marked intelligence, and is distinguished for her straightforward and womanly course, no less than for the tact and energy she has employed in her business affairs since her father's death. She was born February 19, 1861, in Clearfield county, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Wood) Stronach, both natives of England, where their marriage was celebrated.

In 1850 the parents bade good-bye to home and friends, and sailed for the New World, first locating in Grampian, Clearfield Co., Penn., where the father purchased property and resided for a few years. Subsequently he bought a tract of seventy-five acres in Penn township, all wild land, which he at once began to clear and improve, erecting thereon a comfortable residence and good barns and outbuildings. To the original purchase he later added eighty-five acres adjoining, on which he erected a sawmill and engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. He also rafted square timber on the river, running it to Eastern markets, and he cleared and improved the land on which his daughter now resides. In his early labors he was materially assisted and encouraged by his good wife, who shared with
him the hardships of frontier life. She died at the early age of thirty-nine years.

Mr. Stronach was liberally educated in London, England, and fitted for the Methodist Episcopal ministry. After coming to this country he was called to the pastorate of the churches in Grampian, Lumber City, Glen Hope, Blooming-ington, Mt. Zion and other charges in Pennsylvania, devoting about forty years of his life to the work of the ministry. During the week he would attend to his farming and lumber interests and on Sunday would hold religious services. He was a faithful minister. Politically he was always a stanch Republican, and he gave his earnest support to all worthy objects which would in any way benefit the community or advance the welfare of his fellow men.

Miss Stronach, of this review, is the only one now living of a family of nine children, of whom five died in infancy. Edwin and Polly, both born in Penn township, Clearfield county, died at the age of seven and five years, respectively. Katie, born in the same township, in 1865, remained at home with her parents until after the mother's death, when she and our subject were taken by their father to England, living with their mother's sisters for seven years. At the end of that period, when Isabella was but thirteen and Katie nine, they rejoined their father in Grampian, Penn., traveling the entire distance alone, and being seventeen days in crossing the Atlantic. On arriving in Philadelphia, they at once proceeded to their destination. Their education was such as the common schools of Clearfield county afforded. On the 5th of November, 1877, Katie died of typhoid fever, and was laid to rest in the Friends cemetery at Grampian. After her return from England, Isabella Stronach conducted the household affairs for her father until February 14, 1893, when he too, departed this life, since which time she has ably managed her business interests. She has the love and confidence of all who know her, and her circle of friends is indeed large.

W. ELLIS PETERSON, the postmaster of Munson, who is also engaged in clerking in the mercantile establishment of Jones & Walton, of Munson, Clearfield county, was born in 1863, in Huntingdon county, Penn., a son of D. S. and Eliza Jane (Stitt) Peterson. The grandfather, Robert Peterson, was a prominent early settler of that county, whose immediate ancestors removed from Delaware. In his family were ten children, four sons and six daughters, of whom three are still living: James, a resident of Huntingdon county; and Mrs. Anna Mathews, and Mrs. B. Mathews, who make their home near Glasgow, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

The father of our subject was born, reared and educated in Huntingdon county, where in early life he also learned the carpenter's trade, and successfully engaged in contracting and building until 1866, when he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He died upon his farm in that county on May 11, 1881, but the mother of our subject is still living. She was also a native of Huntingdon county, as was her father, James Stitt, but her grandfather was born in Ireland. The following children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Peterson: Tirza is the wife of E. K. Beyers, a dealer in stock, residing in Neelyton, Huntingdon county, and they have five children; J. C., a farmer of that county, married Sadie Clymans, and has two children; J. N., a resident of Monticello, Iowa, married a Miss Harper, of that State, and has two children; Rhoda J. lives with her mother on the old home-stead; F. Elizabeth is the wife of John Byers, of Huntingdon county, and resides on a farm near Harrisburg; S. D., who is engaged in mercantile business in Neelyton, Huntingdon county, married Retta Montague, and has three children; Maggie L., who married T. Bruce Appleby, also lives on a farm in Huntingdon county; W. Ellis is again referred to farther on; Anna E., John W. S., Cora B., and C. D. Hays are all at home with their mother. Of the family three sisters and two brothers have been school teachers; also one sister and one brother are now preparing themselves for teachers.

Being an ambitious enterprising young man, W. Ellis Peterson resolved to secure a better education than was afforded by the public schools near his home, and after his father's death earned the money with which to pay his expenses while pursuing his studies at Dry Run, Franklin Co., Penn., Mill Wood Academy, Shade Gap, Huntingdon county, and the Cassville Normal. For eleven years he successfully followed the teacher's profession, and then embarked in merchandising in Neelyton, where for three years he also served as postmaster under President Harrison's administration, and on selling out there engaged in mercantile pursuits in Osceola, Clearfield county, in connection with J. C. Swan, the firm being Peterson & Swan. At the end of eighteen months he disposed of his business and came to Munson in 1891. For four years he was manager of the store of Jones & Walton, and is still one of the trusted employees of that firm. On April 11, 1888, in Huntingdon county, Penn., our subject was married to Miss Stella Ammer-
man, a successful public-school teacher, and they became the parents of four interesting children: Oscar E., Claire E. M., Ralph E. Ammerman and Alma Eleanor. In his political views, the father of these is a strong Republican, and he is a recognized leader of his party in Morris township. He is a prominent and influential citizen of Munson, possessing the esteem and respect of the entire community. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, and is deserving of the highest commendation. In religious belief both he and his wife are consistent Methodists, and he has served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school of Munson. True and sincere Christians, they have always taken a prominent and active part in all Church work, and given their support to all measures which will elevate the moral standard of the community.

MATHEW T. KNEPP. Among the young men of Clearfield county who have selected agriculture as their vocation in life, and who, judging from present indications, are bound to realize their most sanguine anticipations, is the subject of this biographical notice, who has a fine farm of 106 acres of well-improved and arable land in Bradford township, which he is now successfully operating. His paternal grandfather was one of the first to locate in the township, and with its agricultural interests the family have since been identified.

Our subject was born in 1868 in Bradford township, a son of Benjamin and Sarah (Barger) Knepp. His father was born in 1824, in the same township, was there reared, educated and married, and throughout his business career followed farming during the summer season, while the winter months were spent in lumbering. He always made that township his home, and was numbered among its prominent and influential citizens, being widely and favorably known throughout the county. His death occurred in Wallacetown, Boggs township, Clearfield county, in 1894, and his wife passed away in Bradford township, in January, 1892. Of the fourteen children born to this worthy couple, nine are still living: William, a resident of Wallacetown; Isaac, of Bradford township; Henry, of Wallacetown; John, of Woodland, Clearfield county; Wilson, Walter and McClellan, all of Bradford township; Matthew T., of this sketch; and Mrs. Martha Williams, of Bradford township. Florence died at the age of seven years; Jane died when young; David, James and Frederick also are deceased.

The education of Mr. Knepp, of this review, was such as the district schools of Bradford township afforded, while his farm training was under the able direction of his father, who in 1884 purchased an improved place of 106 acres and erected thereon a comfortable and substantial brick residence. In Bradford township, in 1888, our subject was married to Miss Carrie Jury, a native of Girard township, Clearfield county, where her father, John Jury, located after his marriage, becoming one of its honored pioneer farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Knepp have three children: Blanche May, Virgie Oma and Chester Kale. They also lost one daughter, Gertie Bell.

In his political views Mr. Knepp coincides with the platforms formulated by the Democratic party, and religiously is a member of the United Brethren Church. Although a young man, he is rapidly growing into the esteem and respect of his neighbors, and bids fair, in the near future, to assume a prominent and influential position in the community.

CHARLES C. BALL, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, is one of six brothers who fought gallantly in defense of the Union during the Civil war, and this honorable family record is the more remarkable from the fact that these six were the only living sons of their parents. Patriotism is a family trait, our subject’s father, the late William Ball, having served in the American navy during the war of 1812. He was a native of Connecticut, and for sixteen years followed the sea, but afterward settled in Blair county, Penn., and spent some years in the employ of the Juniata Iron Works, in Huntingdon county. In 1854 he took passage from Philadelphia to Palestine, but while at sea he was taken ill, and falling overboard was drowned. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Beaver, survived him and reared their large family to a life of usefulness. She remained at the old home in Blair county one year, and then moved to Huntingdon county, then to Dauphin county, and finally, in 1857, located in Clearfield county, near Lumber City, where she died soon after.

Of their eleven children nine lived to adult age: (1) Stephen learned the blacksmith’s trade, and, after working in Huntingdon county for a few years, moved to Iowa. Early in the ’30s he helped to organize a company which started for California by the overland route, but the Mormons intercepted the train, and he was murdered by them. (2) Hannah died in infancy. (3) Susan married (first) Michael Cavener, of Blair county, Penn., who was killed in a stone quarry.
She then married Daniel Dixon, of Blair county, who died, and her third husband, John Lender, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, is also deceased. She has no children by the last marriage, but there were three—John, Orvilla and Ira—by the second, and one—George—by the first. (4) William W. (deceased) was a resident of Clearfield county, served in the 76th P. V. I., during the Civil war, and was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor. He married Miss Caroline Hilliard, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and has the following children—John, George, Stephen, Guy, Perry, Rachel, Florence and Adda Hilliard. (5) George W. enlisted in the navy during the Rebellion, and was lost at the battle of Fort Fisher, N. C.; he was not married. (6) John enlisted in the first three-months' service, and then joined the 149th P. V. I. for three years. At the close of the term he came home and, later, moved to Michigan, but has not been heard from since 1886. He married Miss Durkey, of Woodward township, Clearfield county, but had no children. (7) Charles C. comes next. (8) David, who now resides in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, was one of the gallant six who went to the front in the 12th U. S. Infantry. He married Miss Magdalena Kesser, of Altoona, Penn., and has the following children: Elmer E. Ellsworth, Flora C., Mary M., William J., Peter J. Sheridan, Francis Leo, Agnes Louise, Alice Gertrude, Ida Theresa, Lawrence and Victor P. (9) Lewis died in Huntingdon county at an early age. (10) O. Perry was a member of the 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry during the war. He went to the West to engage in agriculture, locating in Minnesota, where he married Miss Sarah Devens. They have no children. (11) Jane married Joseph Campbell, of Clearfield county, who is now engaged in farming in Minnesota. They have the following children—Frank, Maud, Alice and Scott.

Charles C. Ball, the subject proper of this sketch, was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., December 31, 1837. After his mother moved to Dauphin county with her sons, Charles C., in 1837, at the age of twenty years, married Miss Amelia Morgan, daughter of William and Margaret Morgan, of Harrisburg, Penn. His mother broke up housekeeping a year or two afterward, came to Clearfield county, and died among friends near Lumber City. After marriage, same year, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Ball moved to Clearfield county, and located at Muddy Run, where he yet lives. For one year he worked for John Byers, and then bought fifty-five acres of woodland, which he cleared for a farm, he and his wife working together to build up a comfortable home. Their first house was a small one, and other improvements were of a primitive order; but as time passed Mr. Ball made substantial additions, and now has a fine homestead. For two years past he has been agent for the Adams Express Co. at Smoke Run, and he is often employed by other parties in jobbing in logs and square timber, and in prospecting for coal.

Mr. Ball's military service began during the excitement over Lee's invasion of Pennsylvania, when he served as a member of the 30th Regiment State Militia. On February 20, 1864, he enlisted for three years and served as corporal in Battery G, 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, under Col. Joseph Roberts and Capt. Joseph W. Sanderson. He saw much active service in Virginia that year, participating in the engagement at Bermuda Hundred, May 16; Strawberry Plains, April 14; Six Mile House, April 18–21; Petersburg, September 1–October 30; Chapman's Farm; Deep Bottom; Fort Darling; and April 2, 1865, he saw the fall of Petersburg; on April 3, 1865, the occupation of Richmond; and on April 9, 1865, Lee's surrender. He was mustered out of service November 9, 1865, and returned to the paths of peace.

Mr. and Mrs. Ball have twelve children, whose names, with dates of birth, are as follows: (1) Elizabeth, November 18, 1858, married B. F. Smith, a farmer of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and has four children—George, Amasa, Maud and John. (2) Arabella, October 26, 1860, married John Neff, of Chest township, Clearfield county, and has three children—Blair, Ralph and Beatrice. (3) Morah, September 29, 1862, died December 20, 1867. (4) Ulysses S. G., June 1, 1864, resides at his father's homestead. He married Miss Aretta Straw, a daughter of Samuel and Melissa Straw, of Houtzdale, Penn., and has four children—Pearl, May, Harvey and Clare. (5) Philip Sheridan, January 3, 1867, resides in Becaria township, and is a butcher by occupation. He married Miss Bell Turner, daughter of Ebenezer and Martha Turner, of Becaria township, and has three children living—Walter, Alfred and Charles. (6) Charles Custer, December 24, 1868, is not married, and resides in Becaria township. (7) Paulina Theresa, November 23, 1870, married Wilmer Heverly, a farmer residing near Utahville, Penn., and has one son. Frederick. (8) Emma Jane, April 23, 1873, married Frank Snyder, a farmer of near Westover, Penn., and has one son, Walter. (9) George Martin, September 30, 1875, died September 9, 1877. 1101 Allison Leslie, December 17, 1877. (11) Thomas Otto, April 10, 1880,
and (12) Margaret Louisa, January 3, 1883, are all at home, the last named being a pupil in the local schools.

Mr. Ball is an ardent Republican, and has marked influence in local politics. He served four years as postmaster at Smoke Run under appointment from President Harrison, and has also held the offices of school director, overseer of the poor, tax collector, and for three years was jury commissioner; at present he is assessor. In religious faith he and his wife are Methodists, and have been identified with the Church at Smoke Run for several years.

**JOHN C. FERGUSON.** The desired reward of a well-spent life is an honored retirement from business, in which to enjoy the fruits of former toil. To-day, after a useful and beneficial career, Mr. Ferguson, in Kerrmoor, Clearfield county, is surrounded by the comfort that earnest labor has brought him. He is not only one of the leading citizens of the community, but is also an honored veteran of the Civil war, and for many years was prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Ferguson township, where his birth occurred June 10, 1838.

John Ferguson, paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to the New World located in Pennsylvania, near Milton, Centre county, then called “Slab Town,” because the houses at that time were all built of slabs. About 1800 he took up his residence in Clearfield county, and thus became one of its pioneer settlers. From the wild land he opened up a farm near the present site of Lumber City, and there spent the remainder of his life. The place is still in the possession of the family, at the present time belonging to a cousin of our subject, John B. Ferguson. The grandfather married a Miss Hannah ——, and they became the parents of the following children: Mrs. Betsey Wiley; David; James; Mrs. Polly Campbell; John; William; and Jennie, the wife of William Reed. The parents of this family were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Grandfather Ferguson died about 1843, his wife passing away shortly afterward. In politics he was a Whig.

John Ferguson, the father of our subject, was born, in 1801, at Slabtown, near Milton, Penn., and when a child came with his parents to Clearfield county, where he was reared. He assisted his father in clearing and improving the farm, where he remained until he was twenty-three years of age, and then bought a tract of land in what is now Ferguson township, and opened up a farm in the midst of the forest, burning the timber upon the place in order to get rid of it. At the age of twenty-five he married Elizabeth Wiley, their wedding being celebrated in York county, Penn., of which she was a native, and where her parents spent their entire lives. Her father was a farmer by occupation. Of the seven children born of this union three died when young; the others are Mary H., wife of Dr. Ross, of Du Bois, Clearfield county; Deborah, wife of Mr. Jamison; John C., of this sketch; and Elizabeth, wife of L. Hoover, of Lock Haven. Mrs. Jamison died in Kansas, in 1894, the other three are still living.

The parents of our subject began their domestic life in a cabin which Mr. Ferguson had erected upon his land. When the county was more carefully laid out, the township in which he lived was given the name of Ferguson in honor of the family. In connection with general farming he also engaged to a considerable extent in lumbering until 1856, when he removed to Lumber City and opened a confectionery and grocery store, which he conducted for five years. With a partner he then engaged in general merchandising at the same place, continuing business through the Civil war, but in 1870 he went to Lockport, Penn., where he conducted a general store and hotel until his death, four years later. The great want of the early settlers was machinery with which to improve and cultivate their land, and Mr. Ferguson, being a natural mechanic, manufactured many of his implements in use upon his farm, making a wheat fan with an augur, jack plane and broad ax, which answered the purpose well, and also a wooden plow, besides a loom for weaving yarn. He was enterprising and prominent, but would never allow his name to be put up for office, with exception of once when he served as burgess of Lumber City. His political support was ever given the men and measures of the Whig party, while in religious faith he and his estimable wife were consistent members of the old school of Presbyterianism. She survived him, dying in 1878.

During his boyhood and youth, John C. Ferguson, of this review, assisted in the cultivation and improvement of the old homestead in Ferguson township (which afterward, in 1865, he purchased), and in connection with its operation he engaged in lumbering until October, 1864. He then enlisted in the 57th P. V. I., which was part of the Army of the Potomac, and was in six hotly contested battles, viz.: Petersburg, Hatch-er’s Run, Weldon R. R., battle in rear of Peters-burg, but was never wounded nor taken prisoner.
John C. Ferguson
At the time of the surrender of Gen. Lee to Gen. Grant he was stationed ten miles from Lynchburg, Va., whence he returned to Harrisburg, Penn., and on the 6th of July, 1865, was paid off, mustered out and honorably discharged.

Returning to his home, Mr. Ferguson resumed farming and lumbering, which he continued to follow until 1885, when he left the farm and removed to Kerrmoor, where he built a commodious brick residence, and has since lived retired. He still owns the old farm, however, but has sold the coal underlying it, though he still owns other coal lands near the village where he is now living; he also owns three houses in the place, which he rents. Financially he has been very successful, and is now numbered among the prosperous and well-to-do citizens of the community, and for a time was a stockholder in the Clearfield National Bank.

Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage July 17, 1859, with Miss Ann Price, daughter of William Price, of Pike township, and they became the parents of four children, as follows: Edward W., a hardware merchant and tinner of Kerrmoor; Abby, who died in 1865, at the age of four years; Harry F., who is in partnership with his brother, doing business under the firm name of Ferguson Brothers; and John R., who was born February 22, 1868, and died January 11, 1874. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 17th of August, 1896, since which time Mr. Ferguson has made his home with one of his sons. He was reared in the Seceder Church, which he joined at the age of eighteen; but after his marriage he and his wife became members of the United Presbyterian Church, with which he has since affiliated. After he removed to Kerrmoor he assisted in building the Presbyterian church at that place, and he is one of its most active and prominent members. His life is exemplary in all respects, and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the highest commendation. Politically he is a Republican.

Edward W. Ferguson, the elder of our subject's two surviving sons, was married in 1889 to Eunice Swan, daughter of Henry Swan, of Ansonville, and by her had two children: Raymon (deceased) and Edith L. The mother of these died in 1892, and in February, 1896, Edward married Bertha Hile, of Lumber City, Penn., daughter of J. T. Hile, an early settler of that locality.

Harry F. Ferguson, the other surviving son, was married in 1892 to Ruth McGaughey, of Clearfield, daughter of John McGaughey, and they had two children: David (deceased) and John Herman.

Peter Gearhart, a prominent dairyman and agriculturist of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is a young man whose enterprise and ability have been demonstrated successfully in the management of his fine farm near Curwensville. It contains 130 acres, and when it came into his possession in 1878 was partially improved; but he has added greatly to its value, building a comfortable and tasteful residence and a good barn, 50x64 feet.

Mr. Gearhart is of German descent, and his ancestors were early settlers in Pennsylvania. John Gearhart, great-grandfather of our subject, emigrated from Germany about the middle of the seventeenth century, and settled at Buckler Run, Penn. He married a Miss Gray, and to this union were born ten children: Nancy, Jacob S., John, Adam, Christ, Elias, Peter, Eve Betsey, Susan Nancy and Catherine. Grandfather Jacob S. Gearhart, who was born in Pennsylvania, became one of the pioneers of Decatur township, Clearfield county, clearing a farm where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1865; his wife, Mary (Flegal), died in 1885. Of their eleven children we have the following record: John L. died in Decatur township in 1893; Valentine died there in 1890; Susan (Mrs. Funk) died in 1892; Christina (Mrs. Martin Flegal) in 1885; Mary (Mrs. David Flegal) resides in Decatur township; David S. is mentioned more fully below; Cornelius and Jacob S. are both residents of Decatur township; Asbury lives in Morris township, Clearfield county; Rachel, who married Edwin Good, of Boggs township, Clearfield county, died in 1895.

David S. Gearhart, our subject's father, was born in Decatur township, January 2, 1816, and passed his life there, engaging in farming and lumbering. He was married in Pike township, Clearfield county, in 1840, to Miss Ann Eliza Fullerton, daughter of John and Marjory (Caldwell) Fullerton, pioneer settlers of that township, both of whom passed to their eternal rest many years ago. Our subject's parents were prominent among the residents of Decatur township. The father died there in 1863, but the mother's last days were spent in Woodward township, Clearfield county, where she departed this life July 14, 1879. They had eight children, namely: Levi, a resident of Huntington county, Penn.; George W., who lives in California;
Mary Jane, William B., and Margaret, who died in Decatur township in 1863; Adeline, who died January 13, 1867; Peter, our subject; and James M., who lives in Clearfield borough.

Mr. Gearhart was born February 25, 1837, at the old homestead in Decatur township, and spent the first sixteen years of his life there. Then followed some years in Pike and Lawrence townships, agriculture occupying his attention as he took upon himself the responsibilities of manhood. On April 25, 1878, he was married in Pike township to Miss Mary S. Carr, who was born in that locality December 25, 1839. Her parents, Benjamin and Lizzie (Williams) Carr, were both born in Clearfield county, and her mother died in Pike township May 20, 1888. The father enlisted, in 1861, in the Union army, and served throughout the war. He was captured by the enemy, and was lost at Annapolis, Md., during the exchange of prisoners. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart have had seven children, as follows: Walter S.; Effie Pearl; Edna, who died at the age of three years; Register, who lived only one year; Oden D.; Lloyd and Levi.

In his political views, Mr. Gearhart is a Democrat. Local affairs receive from him the attention which every good citizen should give, and as a member of the school board he has done effective service in the cause of education. He is affiliated with the Grange, and with his wife is a member of the Centre Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Peter Gearhart's grandfather, Acel Carr, was one of the pioneers of Lawrence township, and by his wife, Catherine (Carr), he had a family of five children—four sons and one daughter—viz.: Benjamin, William and Alexander, who all three died in the army during the Civil war; Richard, who was badly wounded in the army, but survived and is now a resident of Ashland, Ky.; and Jane (Mrs. James McCullough), of West Clearfield. The maternal grandfather, Edward Williams, married Elizabeth Smeal, and were among the pioneers of Bradford township, Clearfield county. They had a family of thirteen children—seven sons and six daughters: Ellis, Isaiah, Wilson, Johnson, Luther, Sylvester, John, Catherine, Elizabeth, Margaret, Mary, Henrietta, and Martha, all living except Henrietta, Elizabeth, and John.

Joseph R. McMurray. No adequate memorial of Mr. McMurray can be written until the useful enterprises with which he was connected have completed their full measure of good in the world and until his personal influence and example shall have ceased their fruitage in the lives of those who were about him when he was yet an actor in the busy places of the world; yet there is much concerning him that can with profit be set down here as an illustration of what can be done if a man with a clear brain and willing hands sets himself seriously to the labors and responsibilities of life.

Mr. McMurray was born December 25, 1839, in Burnside township, Clearfield county, and spent his boyhood days upon a farm. Being a natural student he acquired a good common-school education and a practical business knowledge in his father's store at New Washington, which was established when he was fourteen years old. There he was first employed as a clerk, and on attaining his majority he bought the business. Subsequently he admitted Samuel Mitchell, of Clearfield, to a partnership, but later he again became sole owner, successfully conducting the store up to his death, which occurred January 2, 1888. For twenty-eight years he was also interested in the lumber business, and dealt considerably in real estate. Prosperity crowned his efforts, and he left to his family a handsome property, including his store and lands.

Going to Camden, N. J., to be treated for deafness, he died there of apoplexy. It is but just and merited praise to say of him that as a business man he ranked among the ablest; as a citizen he was honorable, prompt and true to every engagement; as a man he held the honor and esteem of all classes of people of all creeds and political proclivities; as a husband and father he was worthy of all imitation; unassuming in his manner and sincere in his friendship, steadfast and unwavering in his loyalty to right. From boyhood he was a leading and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Sabbath-school, and for some time served as superintendent of the infant department. Socially he belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically he was first a Democrat and later a Prohibitionist.

Russell McMurray, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Lycoming county, Penn., where he married Miss Sarah Adams. In 1830 he came to Clearfield county, where he purchased land and improved a farm, but later sold and engaged in merchandising in New Washington, becoming one of the pioneer business men of that place. He continued in the store, even after selling it to his son. He died March 21, 1886, at the age of eighty-two years, and his wife in 1879 at the age of seventy-six. Both were prominent members of the M. E. Church. In their
family were four children, namely: Rachel E., Mary B., Matilda and Joseph.

Our subject was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Maahaffy, and they became the parents of nine children, seven of whom are living: Jessie, now the wife of George Gallagher, of Ohio; Adelle, at home; Russell, who is his mother's main assistant in the store; Nelle, Mary F., Josephine, and Walter (now nine years of age), all at home; two died in youth. The mother and children are all consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the family is one of prominence in the community. Of this family, Adelle graduated from the musical department of Dickinson Seminary in 1895, and is now teaching music; and Nelle is a student in the same school, class of 1899. After her husband's death, Mrs. McMurray took charge of his business affairs, and has displayed excellent ability in the management of the store and other business interests.

Mrs. McMurray was born April 1, 1840, a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Mitchell) Maahaffy, honored pioneers of Clearfield county. William Maahaffy, the grandfather, was a farmer of Lycoming county, Penn., where he reared his family, but spent his declining days in Clearfield county with his children. His sons, Thomas and John, came here at a very early day, locating in Burnside township when most of the land was still in a primitive condition. They successfully engaged in farming and lumbering for a number of years. Subsequently, Thomas Maahaffy bought land and improved a farm near New Washington, to which place he later removed. He was married twice; first time to Margaret Mitchell, in 1833; second time to Harriet Woodford, in 1836, and to this union there were four children: Thomas C. Maahaffy, who resides in Louisiana; twins—Florence, who died in March, 1883, in a very happy death, and Howard, who resides with his mother in New Washington, and Edward, who is in Alaska seeking his fortune, and is still single. Grandmother Maahaffy was born in 1787 and died about 1832 in Lycoming county. Mrs. McMurray's maternal grandmother (Betsy Stear) was born in Centre county, Penn., where she married David Mitchell; later they removed to Clearfield county, where they both died.

In his political views Mr. Maahaffy was a Democrat, and being one of the most popular men of the community he was elected to many township offices, serving as justice of the peace for a number of years. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, to which his wife also belonged, and of which her father (David Mitchell) was a minister; he resided on a farm in Clearfield county, where his death occurred, and his remains were interred at Mt. Zion Church. Mr. Maahaffy passed away in March, 1889, at the age of eighty years, long surviving his wife, who died in 1854. They had nine children: Elizabeth, wife of M. J. Cummings; William, Robert and Nancy, all deceased; David, a planter of Louisiana; John, deceased; Mrs. Mary M. McMurray; Martha, deceased, and Mrs. Sarah Barrett.

F. IRWIN. Our readers will take more than ordinary interest in the biography of this well-known citizen of Clearfield, whose intelligent and energetic efforts, in gathering materials for this volume, have added many pages of pleasing and instructive historical matter. He was born and reared in Clearfield county, and his long association with its prominent business men fitted him admirably for the task, and, in fact, the traditions of his own family would supply data for a reasonably full account of the progress which has developed this section from a wilderness into a civilized community.

Henry Irwin, grandfather of our subject, was one of the first three settlers in the vicinity of Clearfield, the others being Matthew Ogden and Abram Hess. Henry Irwin came from Ireland, in 1783, with his wife Margaret and one child, and located first in Lewistown, Penn., but in 1786 removed to the site of the present city of Clearfield. At that time the locality was still covered with dense forests, and the Indians were plentiful, one settlement having their camps on Moose creek, opposite Clearfield. Wild animals of all kinds were numerous—bears, panthers and wolves, being unpleasantly close neighbors; while deer, elk and moose furnished an abundant supply of game. The rivers were well stocked with fresh-water salmon, shad, and other nice fish, and the small streams literally swarmed with brook trout, so the newcomers found Nature in a generous mood. As they cleared their land they began to raise wheat and other crops, but for a number of years their only way of making flour was by 'hollowing out a sort of mortar in a rock, and therein pounding the grains of wheat with a pestle. The nearest trading point was Lewistown, one hundred miles away, and any supplies brought from there had to be carried on horseback through the woods by way of an Indian trail. The entire section was known as the Lewistown district, and the county lines were not run for some years after "Grandfather Irwin" was there. In 1862 he secured a claim farther down the river, about three and one-half miles from Clearfield, on what
is known as the Karthaus road, and this place he
cleared and improved for a permanent home, a
house and barn being built of hewed logs. As
his family grew up, all joined in the work of
improving the estate, and later the sons purchased
land in the same locality, paying from a dollar
to a dollar and a quarter an acre, and made
homes for themselves. Grandfather Irwin and
his wife lived to an advanced age, and were held
in high esteem in the community which they had
helped to establish.

Nine children were reared by this worthy
couple, and all attained honorable places in life:
(1) John, who was born in Ireland, grew to
manhood in Clearfield county, where he con-
ducted a sawmill and an extensive farm until his
death. He married Miss Phoebe White (also
now deceased), and they left a large family of
children, some of whom are still living; (2)
Henry, who resided upon the old homestead
during his life, married Miss Mary Ogden, and
had children as follows—(a) Jane married Capt.
James Childs, of Tioga county, who earned his
title by gallant service in the Union army during
the Civil war, and they now reside in Tioga
county; (b) Laura married John Sankey, of
Goshen township, Clearfield county; (c) Katie is
the wife of Robert Flegal, of the same township;
(d) Matthew died in early manhood; (e) Margery
married William Seaman, of Tioga county, and
died some years ago; (f) Miss Cornelia resides at
the old homestead; (g) Samuel H. was killed by
a falling tree in early manhood, while he was
engaged in lumbering; (h) Richard married Miss
Mary McCune, of Centre county, and they now
occupy the old homestead; (i) Almyra married
Newtown Fulton, of Lawrence township, Clear-
field county, and died a few years ago, leaving
four children, Blaine, Ella, Roy, and Myra, who
are all at home. (3) William married a Miss
Williams, and moved to Ohio, where he died
some years ago, leaving a family. (4) Joseph
(deceased) was a farmer at Read Ridges, in
Lawrence township, Clearfield county. He mar-
ried Miss Martha Tate, and had a large family,
whom the following are living—(a) Albina
(Mrs. William Mapes), of Lawrence township,
Clearfield county; (b) James, who resides in
Michigan; (c) Jane (Mrs. Thomas Read), of
Iowa; and (d) Martha J. (Mrs. Walter Shirley),
of West Clearfield. (5) Mary, eldest daughter
of Henry and Margaret Irwin, married Richard
Shaw, of Clearfield, and died in 1875. (6) Mar-
garet married a Mr. Mead, of Lawrence town-
ship, Clearfield county, and died some years ago
leaving a family, as follows—(a) Jane (Mrs.
Matthew Tate), of Goshen township, Clearfield
county; (b) Mary E., widow of John I. Leonard,
of Goshen township; (c) Richard, who died in
early manhood; (d) William, who died in 1889,
unmarried; and (e) Henry I., who married Miss
Lydia Alexander, of Milesburg, Centre county,
and now resides upon a farm in Lawrence town-
ship, Clearfield county. (7) Jane Ann married
John Spackman, of Girard township, Clearfield
county, and both are now deceased. (8) Nancy
married a Mr. Swan, of Ansonville, Clearfield
county, and both died some years ago, leaving a
family, of whom one daughter survives. Mary A.,
now Mrs. John Dale, of Lawrence township,
Clearfield. (9) James, our subject's father, was
the youngest.

James Irwin was born in 1808, and reared to
manhood at the old homestead in Lawrence
township. He married Miss Eliza Jane Jacobs,
of Centre county, a woman of much force of
character and mental ability, who was one of
the first school teachers in Clearfield county.
When she was a child her mother died, and she
was reared by her grandfather, Mr. McCullough.
After his marriage, James Irwin located at the
old farm, and for a number of years he and his
brother Henry resided there together, being en-
gaged in clearing the timber from the original
tract. Finally, having cleared sufficient land for
two large farms, they divided the property
equally, Henry remaining on the older portion,
where he and his sons put up new buildings.
James Irwin settled upon the newly-cleared
tract, which he improved for a homestead; in
1871, he sold the homestead to his son, our sub-
ject, and moved to Clearfield, where he purchased
a home, dying there in 1887. During his later
years he was extensively engaged in lumbering
in Girard township, Clearfield county, he and
Thomas Fulton having purchased a large tract
of timber land on the Susquehanna river, where
they erected a sawmill. After Mr. Fulton's
death, in 1854, Mr. Irwin bought his interest,
and continued the business alone, manufacturing
lumber and square timber, the latter being
rafted down the river to the markets of Harris-
burg and Marietta.

Our subject's mother died in 1866, a large
family surviving her: (1) Alexander, who was
born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, in
1852, was educated in the common schools of
that locality, and now resides in Duncanville,
Blair county, Penn. He married (first) Miss
Lizzie Leonard, of Goshen township, Clearfield
county, who died in 1861, and (second) Miss
Adaline Williamson, of Duncanville. By the
first marriage he had three children—(a) Curtin,
a resident of Altoona, Penn.; (b) Edward, who
went west in early manhood and died there; and (c) Blanche, who died in childhood. There were six children by the second union—(a) Annie, who married Theodore Crowl, formerly of New York, now of Kane, Penn.; (b) William, who is married and resides in Altoona; (c) Lloyd, who died in childhood; (d) Arthur, who is single and resides with his parents; (e) May and (f) Freddie, who died in childhood. (2) Sophie, who was born in Lawrence township, in 1834, married Alexander Livingston, a farmer of Bradford, Clearfield county, and died in 1886, leaving three children: (a) William, who is married and lives in Mahaffey, Penn.; (b) Miss Mabel, who resides with her father in the town of Clearfield; and (c) Minnie, wife of Jack Brown, of the same city. (3) Mary J., born in 1836, married Brison Taylor, of Milesburg, Penn., and resided in Goshen township, Clearfield county, until her death in 1888. Of her seven children, (a) Ralph is married and resides in Kybertown, Penn.; (b) Viola, died in childhood; (c) Claude died in early manhood in Washington territory; (d) Lloyd is married and resides in Pittsburg, Penn.; (e) Arthur (a twin of Lloyd) is married and has located in West Virginia; (f) Lillie is the wife of Edward Flegal, of Du Bois, Penn.; and (g) Edith married Johnson Flegal, of McGee's Mills, Penn. (4) Margaret A., born in 1838, married William R. Dickinson, a native of Ohio, who went to California in 1849, during the gold excitement, and remained there some time meeting with success in his search for the precious metal. Later he came to Pennsylvania and made his home at Glen Hope, on Clearfield creek, where he was engaged in lumbering for a number of years; he died at Osceola Mills in 1897. His widow now resides in Osceola, and of their six children, the eldest, (a) Julia, married Kirby Sugart, of the same city; (b) Helen died in 1896, in early womanhood; (c) William is married and resides in Coalport; (d) Mary; (e) Annie, and (f) Berenice, all reside with their mother. (5) F. B., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. (6) Helen E. was born in Lawrence, Clearfield Co., Penn., in 1844, attended the Birmingham Seminary, a Presbyterian institution, in Blair county, Penn. She married Charles Dickinson, one of the old “49ers”, and one of the successful gold miners in the early days of the California “gold fever.” They reside in Osceola, Clearfield Co., Penn., where Mr. Dickinson is engaged in business. They have no family. (7) Henrietta Irwin died when a young lady of twenty-three summers. (8) Emma, born at the homestead in Clearfield, was a graduate at the Young Ladies Seminary, Birmingham. She married John Copenhafer, of Ramey, Clearfield county, where they now reside. They have four children—Courtland, Gertrude, Charles, and Minnie. (9) Lewis H. was born in 1852, at the old home in Lawrence township, where he was reared to manhood. He married Miss Jane Byers, daughter of John Byers, one of the Clearfield county’s extensive lumbermen. They now reside at Smoke Run, Clearfield county; have no family. (10) Bertha, born on the homestead in 1856, was a student for several years in the Birmingham Seminary, where she graduated in music. When twenty-two years of age she contracted a heavy cold, from which she never recovered, dying in the prime of young womanhood. She was a young lady of great promise, and had many friends among her associates.

Mr. Irwin, our subject, was born in 1841, at the homestead in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and during his youth he had the benefit of the wholesome surroundings and occupations incident to life upon a farm. He received a common-school education, and in 1860 engaged in the lumber business with his father at Bald Hill, where he remained about eleven years. In 1868 he married Miss Emma S. Rheem, who was born in Carlisle, Penn., in 1846, the youngest daughter of George and Lydia Rheem, afterward residents of Clearfield. Until the spring of 1871 Mr. Irwin resided at Bald Hill, but he then removed to the old homestead, which he had purchased. He made many improvements upon the place, especially in the buildings, and while residing there continued his lumber business, being extensively engaged in logging and rafting square timber to the Eastern markets. In the spring of 1891 he located at Clearfield, where he purchased a lot on Walnut street and built an attractive residence. He has two children, a son and a daughter. The former, Karl R., who was born at Bald Hill, May 20, 1869, completed the course of study offered in the common schools near the homestead, and in 1885 entered the commercial college at Scranton, Penn., where he was graduated in 1890. Soon afterward he learned the jeweler’s trade with L. M. Wallace, of Ogden, Utah, and he is now engaged in business at Berwick, Penn. He is not married. Helen Irwin, the only daughter, was born at Bald Hill, in 1870, and after attending the common schools for some time was sent to Creston, Iowa, where she took a course in music in Prof. Lichten’s school, graduating in 1893. She married Roland C. Wright, a business man of Clearfield, and they have two children, Frederick W. and Marion.

Mr. Irwin holds a high place in the esteem
of his acquaintances, and while he is not an office seeker, he is influential in local affairs. Coming from Old-line Whig stock, he has always been a stanch Republican, and at times he has done effective work for the party. His family has been identified with the Presbyterian Church, at Clearfield, from the early days, his father having held the office of elder for more than forty years, and Mr. Irwin, with his wife and daughter, now takes an active part in the various lines of effort carried on by the society.

A BRAM MATHEWS, whose name is inseparably connected with the agricultural and industrial interests of Clearfield county, has long been numbered among the valued and representative citizens of Becaria township. One of his leading characteristics in business affairs is his fine sense of order and complete system, and the habit of giving careful attention to details, without which success in any undertaking is never an assured fact.

Mr. Mathews is a son of Samuel and Katherine (Andrews) Mathews. His father was born in Allegheny county, Penn., in 1798, and after reaching manhood was employed at the furnaces in that locality until his marriage, when he removed to Glasgow, Cambria Co., Penn., and purchased one hundred acres of wild land, which he at once began to clear and convert into a good farm. The school house is located about 100 feet from the place where he built his first house, which was of logs, afterward replaced by a comfortable two-story frame residence, a barn being also erected, and many valuable and useful improvements made on the place. It became one of the best cultivated farms in the county; and is a very desirable place for anyone.

Our subject is one of a family of eleven children, the others being as follows: (1) Hannah, born at Allegheny furnace, married John Linder, and lived at Utaville, Clearfield county, where she died, leaving a large family. (2) Maria became the wife of Neal Gregory, and spent her last days in Michigan; she also had several children. (3) Samuel, born on the old homestead in Cambria county, married Annie Faggert, of that county, and resided on a farm near Glen Carmel, Cambria county, until his death. (4) John and his younger brothers and sisters were all born on the homestead at Glasgow; he married Miss Peterson, and until his death lived on a farm near the same place, where his widow and children still reside. (5) Daniel married Miss Wilson, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, and still resides on the old homestead in Glass-

gow. After the death of his first wife, he wedded a Miss Peterson, who is still living. He has reared a family. (6) Jacob married Lizzie Gala, by whom she has several children, and they live on a farm near Utaville, Clearfield county. (7) Edward married Miss Herdman, of Clearfield county, and with his wife and children lives in Utaville. (8) Eliza Jane became the wife of Daniel Glass, of Cambria, and they lived on a farm near the old homestead until her death, a few years ago. (9) Catharine wedded Abram Newling, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and lived on his farm there until her death, a few years ago. Her husband and most of her children are scattered throughout different parts of the West, but her daughter Mary now lives in Philadelphia. (10) Sarah A. is the widow of Thomas Fleck, and with her children still resides in Utaville.

Abram Mathews, our subject, was born in 1821 on the home farm at Glasgow, on which he worked until attaining his majority, during which time he was only able to attend school for about three months in an old log school house near that place. In 1842 he was married to Miss Hannah Jane Cowan, whose home was near Hegarty's Cross Roads, Clearfield county, and for three years they resided on the Glasgow farm, near Utaville. He then purchased of Josiah Smith 252 acres of timber and coal land in Becaria township, about one and one-half miles from Coalport, where he built a log shanty, and at once commenced clearing and improving his land. During this time, which was from spring till fall, he built the house, and made a place to sleep on (having no bed at this time), made of spruce and poles, to keep the wolves from devouring him. He says: "They came around the log hut many a night, and howled so that I could not sleep, and bear and other wild animals were very numerous. Many a time have I taken the dogs out in the wheat field and driven the deer off the wheat, for they destroyed a very large percentage of the grain. I have also trapped different kinds of animals, such as bear, wolves and wildcats, also wild turkeys in various ways. Deer have even come into my barn-yard, and fed with the cattle, and once I captured two fawns for which a party offered me a team of oxen, and I accepted his offer." As time advanced Mr. Mathews erected a good two-story house, a large barn, seventy-two feet long, cleared one hundred acres, and transformed the place into one of the most desirable farms of Becaria township.

There his first wife died, leaving three children, namely: (1) Eliza A. is the wife of Isaiah
Gates, living near Glen Connel, in Cambria county, and they have the following children—Kate, married to Joseph Esch; Abram, married to Miss Swanger, of Coalport; and Sally and Samuel, both at home. (2) John married Miss Rickets, and they have children as follows—Charles, a graduate in shorthand as a profession; Ira, a school teacher by profession; and Lottie and Jennie, both still at home. John and family reside on his father's old homestead in Becaria township, where his birth occurred. (3) Sarah Ann, born on the same place, attended the common schools of the neighborhood, and is now the wife of George Herdman, who is engaged in farming in Becaria township, near Utahville. They have two children—Charles and Minnie.

In 1877, for his second wife, Mr. Mathews married Eliza Younkin, of Cambria county, who also died on the farm in Becaria township about seven years after their marriage. Besides his agricultural pursuits, Mr. Mathews was also interested in lumbering, having erected a steam sawmill below his farm, where he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber for a number of years. In 1891 he purchased six lots south of Coalport and erected a comfortable residence on the banks of Clearfield creek, where he still resides. He has not altogether laid aside business cares, as in 1896 he purchased the Walters gristmill on Beaver dam, in Cambria county, where he is doing a large and profitable business in the manufacture of flour and feed. Possessing a remarkably good constitution, he has performed much hard labor in the course of his life, and his success may be attributed to his industry, perseverance, economy and excellent management. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and has usually refused office, though he served as supervisor for one term. He is a Protestant, having been reared in the Methodist Episcopal faith, and gives liberally of his means to Church and educational work. Honest and upright in all the relations of life, he has gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, and has hosts of warm friends throughout the community.

Mr. Goodyear was born in Germany, in 1833, a son of Jacob and Lizzie Goodyear, natives of the same country. The mother died in the Fatherland, and the father afterward came to Lancaster county, Penn., with three sons. In 1843 he removed to Butler county, and purchased land where he engaged in farming until his death in 1847. His children were: Jacob, who resided in Pittsburg, and died November 14, 1897; John, of this sketch; and William, who died in Pittsburg, in 1890.

During his early boyhood John Goodyear came to America with his family, and was reared in Butler county from the age of ten. His education was acquired in the public schools, and he afterward served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker’s trade, which he followed for eighteen years. He pursued that vocation in Du Bois, and in Brockwayville after he had established his store. He first came in 1866, to where Du Bois is now located, where John Rumbarger, his father-in-law, owned a farm. He erected a building on what is now Main street, established a confectionery store, and also worked at his trade for fifteen months. On the expiration of that period he went to Brockwayville, where he embarked in general merchandising, continuing the business for some years. In 1877 he returned to Rumbarger, and afterward changed to Du Bois, where a town had sprung up in his absence. He erected a store where the “Windsor House” now stands, there carrying on general merchandising for five years. In 1888 the building was destroyed by fire, and he erected another store on Long avenue, which was also destroyed by fire. At that time he occupied it as a furniture store, having continuously been connected with that line of commercial activity since 1884. He carries a well-selected stock, and his enterprise and progressiveness, combined with unquestionable business methods, have secured to him an excellent trade.

Mr. Goodyear was married at Shippensburg, Clarion Co., Penn., December 9, 1855, and they took up housekeeping at Maple Furnace, Butler Co., Penn. The lady of his choice was Miss Lizzie Rumbarger, a native of Centre county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Leathers) Rumbarger, also natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was the founder of Du Bois, in the year 1863 purchasing 400 acres of timber land, known as the Everling farm. This he cleared, and engaged in lumbering, making his home on that place until called to his final rest, in 1890. Mrs. Goodyear’s mother died in 1844. Mr. and Mrs. Goodyear became the parents of two children—William H., and Ida B., wife of

**JOHN GOODYEAR**, of Du Bois, has long been identified with this section of Pennsylvania, and has contributed largely to its material progress and prosperity. His life has been conducted along the lines of earnest labor, and he has at length reaped the generous benefits which are the just recompense of indomitable industry, spotless integrity and great enterprise.
C. A. Clough, a resident of Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Goodyear takes more than a passing interest in the political situation of the country, and votes with the Republican party. He belongs to the Grand Army Post No. 232, was one of its organizers, and has held official preferment therein. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, was instrumental in erecting the house of worship, and is the champion of every movement calculated to advance the interests of Du Bois. He is an old soldier, having enlisted in the service in August, 1862, at Martinsburg, Butler Co., Penn., 137th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, Co. G, and serving nine months, or to the close of his term of enlistment.

SIDNEY FULLER. The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has acquired a high reputation in his chosen calling, and whose social prominence is not less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts. It is pleasing indeed to write the biography of a man of this character, such as Mr. Fuller is known to be. He is an extensive real-estate dealer of Du Bois, and has for over half a century been identified with the lumber interests of this region.

Mr. Fuller was born in Cortland county, N. Y., April 24, 1820, and comes of a family that was early founded in the New World, and has since been prominently identified with its history. In the year 1620 three brothers by the name of Fuller, sailed from their home in England, and established the family in America. The grandfather of our subject, Michael Fuller, was a native of New York, and aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence. He wedded Mary Ann Servis, who was born in Pennsylvania of Holland ancestry, and during the Revolution, while a resident, of Schuyler county, N. Y., was captured by the Indians. Her sister, who was taken at the same time, was killed by the Redmen, but she managed to escape. It was seven years from the time of her capture before she was restored to her husband, and in the meantime her family had removed to Canada; but she remained to find her husband. They then located in Cortland county, N. Y., where the grandfather engaged in farming, and the country was so sparsely settled at that time that he had to go a distance of eighty miles to obtain seed potatoes. Previous to locating in that county, he had worked at the gunsmith's trade in Philadelphia, and made the first dies for American money. He died in Cortland county, N. Y., in 1832, when eighty-two years of age; his wife passed away in 1838, aged ninety-six years.

Henry Servis, a brother-in-law of our subject's grandfather Fuller, fought on the side of the Colonists in the Revolutionary war, while a brother of Henry Servis was fighting on the side of the British—brother against brother.

The parents of our subject, David and Jane (Smith) Fuller, who were both natives of the Empire State, spent their last days in Pennsylvania, both dying in Venango county, the former in 1868, and the latter in 1874. By occupation the father was a lumberman, and met with excellent success in his undertakings. In the family were the following children: David, a resident of Jefferson county, Penn.; George, of Venango county; Sidney, of this review; Caroline, who died in Venango county; Mrs. Jane Carr and Mrs. Knapp, both of whom make their home in Jefferson county; Mrs. Mary Bullock and Ann, residents of Venango county; and two other daughters who are deceased.

The boyhood and youth of Sidney Fuller were passed in his native county, and in its common schools he acquired his education. For a few years he engaged in farming and also lumbering at Olean, N. Y., but has resided in this section of Pennsylvania since 1850: He is the owner of considerable real estate in Du Bois, also has large property interests in Pittsburgh, as well as four residences in Falls Creek. Besides his extensive lumber interests in Du Bois, he has a shingle mill, and sawmill, twenty-four residences and the Fuller Opera House. On locating here only one house stood on the present site of the flourishing borough of Du Bois, whose inhabitants now number ten thousand, and with its growth and development he has since been actively identified, few men having done more to promote its interests.

Since 1840 Mr. Fuller has been connected with the lumber business, beginning operations with Judge Chamberlain, in Olean, N. Y., and continuing business there until 1850, when he came to Jefferson county, Penn. He purchased the Findlay Mill property, where employment was furnished to from forty to fifty men, and in 1852 sent ninety rafts down the creek and river to Cincinnati, Ohio. He is still the owner of that mill, which he has successfully operated from the beginning. In 1850 he also began operating in lumber in the vicinity of Du Bois and was in partnership with Mr. Du Bois, in the real-estate and lumber business from 1873 until 1880. Of that gentleman he purchased over 2,000 acres of land near the present site of the city, and also 356 acres near Falls Creek, from which he cut
the timber. He owns one good sawmill in DuBois, and in 1877 erected two large planing-mills, one of which was burned in 1890; but he still operates the other. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing, and the success that he has achieved is but the just reward of his indefatigable energy; enterprise, sound judgment and good executive ability. Possessing a well-balanced mind, he has been able to carry forward to successful completion varied and extensive business enterprises, and to-day is numbered among the wealthiest and most influential citizens of DuBois.

In Jefferson county, March 19, 1837, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fuller and Miss Mary J. Taylor, a native of Clarion county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Hannah (Mitchell) Taylor. Her father was born in 1813, in New Jersey, and was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lewis) Taylor, natives of England, who at an early day emigrated to the United States and located in Philadelphia, whence they removed to New Jersey, and later became residents of Clarion county. In 1829 John Taylor went to Clarion county, where he was numbered among the honored pioneers, and there opened up a farm; but he spent the last years of his life in Jefferson county. There he passed away in 1879: his wife died in DuBois, in 1886. Four children constituted their family: Mrs. Fuller; J. P.; a resident of Falls Creek; John A., of Oregon; and Mrs. C. C. Hindman, of DuBois.

Mr. Fuller takes a deep interest in political affairs, but votes independently, preferring to support the man whom he thinks best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party ties. He has seen the full and complete development of DuBois, is always mentioned as one of its valuable and honored citizens, and on the rolls of its most prominent pioneers his name should be found among the foremost.

Ellsworth Kritzner, now serving as justice of the peace, is a well-known tinner of Brady township, Clearfield county, where the family was founded when this region was an almost unbroken wilderness, their nearest neighbors being three miles distant, and their nearest milling point being in Centre county. They contributed to its material progress and prosperity to a great extent, and deserve an honored place on the rolls of its prominent pioneers.

Joseph Kritzner, our subject's father, was born May 14, 1830, in Clinton county, Penn., whence in 1833 he was brought by his parents to Brady township, Clearfield county, they locating on Laurel Ridge, three miles north of Luthersburg. Four or five years later they removed to Centre county, but again came to Clearfield county at the end of about three years, and took up their residence on the Peter Seyler farm, now owned by R. J. Brockbank. Subsequently the family removed to West Liberty, and from there to the Horn mill, in the fall of 1865. There the grandfather died in 1874, leaving a wife and seven children: (1) Rebecca, the eldest, married a Mr. Keister, of Bradford township, Clearfield county, who died some years ago, leaving three children. Mrs. Keister later became the wife of T. J. Booth, and makes her home in DuBois. By her second marriage she has four children. (2) Joseph, of whom we will speak later on, comes next. (3) Mary Dimeling, of Wilcox, Elk Co., Penn. (4) Elizabeth Diller, of Albion, Marshall Co., Iowa. (5) Lucinda Waite, of Osceola, St. Clair Co., Mo. (6) B. F. Kritzner, of Enterprise, Indiana Co., Penn. (7) William B. (the youngest), of DuBois, Clearfield Co., Pennsylvania.

Joseph Kritzner married Miss Rhoda Porter, of Clarystville (now Eckerts Mine), Allegany Co., Md., where they became acquainted while he was fighting for the Union during the Civil war. He had enlisted in Company K, 149th P. V. I., was detailed for hospital duty, and served through the entire struggle. At one time he was taken prisoner, but escaped through the efforts of a Confederate soldier, to whom he had previously shown a kindness. After being discharged in the fall of 1865, he brought his wife and little son to Brady township, Clearfield county, where Mrs. Kritzner died the following year, leaving only one child. Ellsworth, of this review. The father was again married, his second union being with Miss Annie Baney, of Brush Valley, Centre county, and for four years they made their home in DuBois; but at the end of that time removed to Colyer, Centre county, where he died April 19, 1895. His widow and seven children still reside in that county.

After the death of his mother, Ellsworth Kritzner lived with his paternal grandparents until sixteen years of age, when he began serving a three-years' apprenticeship to the tinner's trade with G. W. Barton, of Reynoldsville. When he had mastered the business he worked for J. H. Edinger, of Luthersburg, for a year and a half, and then, after spending a short time in New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn., again entered the employ of Mr. Edinger, with whom he still remains. The educational privileges afforded our subject were those of the common schools of Redfern. He enjoys the distinction of being of
an inventive turn of mind, and being able to set up, operate and repair any agricultural implement brought to him for that purpose. He is equally at home on any kind of machinery.

Mr. Kritzer was married, in 1883, to Miss Annie Lyons, of Harrisburg, Penn., a daughter of J. T. and Sarah Lyons, of Brady township, Clearfield county. They have become the parents of six children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: H. K., September 10, 1883; Ray, July 31, 1885; Ruth, April 14, 1887; Blanche, April 21, 1889; Nellie, September 30, 1892; and John, November 13, 1894. All are still with their parents except Blanche, who died October 17, 1890. Mr. Kritzer is a prominent representative of the Democratic party in Luthersburg, and in 1893 was elected justice of the peace, having a majority over the other two candidates. Religiously, he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in good standing, and take an active part in all Church work.

George T. Minns, one of the representative business men of Sandy township, Clearfield county, has shown in his successful career that he has the ability to wisely plan his affairs and execute them with energy, a combination which, when possessed by men in any walk of life, never fails to effect noble results. A son of Thomas and Catherine (Miller) Minns, he is a native of England, where his father died in 1860, leaving a widow and seven children. The mother afterward married John Longrads, who also died in that country. In 1882 she joined her children, who had come to the New World and were then living in Du Bois, Penn. John is married and still living at that place, where he now has charge of the cemetery; Catharine is Mrs. Plant, of Du Bois; Mary is the wife of William Ledger, who followed mining at Du Bois; Margaret married William Hilston, and lives in Falls Creek, Penn.; and Abigail married Joseph Pringle, of Du Bois, and died in 1895, leaving a husband and seven children, who still reside at that place.

Before leaving his native land, Mr. Minns was married, in 1866, to Miss Alice Hunter, of the County of Durham, a daughter of John and Sarah Hunter. In 1869, with his wife and two small children, he crossed the Atlantic, and at first located in Renovo, Penn., where he worked in the mines until 1879, when he came to Du Bois and purchased seventy-four acres of land of John Du Bois. In connection with its improvement and cultivation he has also operated in coal. The tract is pleasantly located in Sandy township, about two miles north of Du Bois, and upon the place he erected a comfortable two-story residence in 1881, also has built a good barn and made many other useful and valuable improvements, which add not a little to its attractive appearance. The stumps have been removed from about forty acres, and the land placed under a high state of cultivation. Leasing coal land of A. C. Hopkins, he is now operating two mines, and supplying the tanneries at Du Bois and Falls Creek. In November, 1896, he also took a contract to construct a water tunnel for John E. Du Bois through Juniata summit, to connect with the city system of Du Bois, a distance of 1,342 feet, and the work has reached completion. This will furnish the place with a good supply of mountain water.

William A. Spackman, a representative farmer and progressive citizen of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, was born there in 1851, a son of William and Isabella (Read) Spackman, both of whom are now deceased, the former dying in 1895, and the latter in April, 1887. Since two years of age he has resided upon his present farm, which was a part of the old Read farm, belonging to his maternal grandfather, and was given to the mother of our subject. It comprises a valuable tract of one hundred acres, well improved and placed under a high state of cultivation. The father continued to operate this place until called from this life.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were passed in the usual manner of farmer lads, he attending the common schools and assisting in the labors of the fields during the summer months. He early became familiar with farming in all its various departments, and is now numbered among the most skillful agriculturists in Lawrence township. In 1889, in Knox township, this county, he married Miss Anna Baker, a native of that township, and a daughter of Conrad and Adaline (Hunter) Baker, the former born in Germany, and the latter in Lancaster county, Penn. They became early settlers of Knox township, where they still reside, and where Mr. Baker is numbered among the prominent farmers. Four children have been born to our subject and his estimable wife—Conrad, Harry, Ada and Guy.

In his political views Mr. Spackman coincides with the principles of the Democracy, and religi-
Mr. Minns has been quite successful in this undertaking, thoroughly understanding the business in every detail.

Eleven children grace the union of our subject and his wife: (1) Bessie, born in England, November 3, 1867, married Oscar Long, and now resides in Caledonia, Elk Co., Penn., where he is engaged in lumbering; they have four children—Rebecca, Hais, Mamie and Edward. (2) Sarah, born in England, June 16, 1868, is the wife of William Guntrum, a tanner of Du Bois, and they have three children—Alice, Ettie and Katie. (3) Catharine, born in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., June 12, 1871, married Edward Trude, of Du Bois, who is now working for our subject at the tunnel, having charge of the camp; they have three children—George, Guy and Stella. (4) George, born in Renovo, Penn., August 4, 1873, assists his father in the operation of the home farm. (5) John T., born in Butler county, Penn., July 6, 1875, married Miss Florence Gilbert, of Sandy township, Clearfield county, and now resides near his father’s homestead; they have one son, Elwood. (6) William, born in Butler county, November 23, 1877, is at home. (7) Robert, born November 30, 1879. (8) Alice, January 2, 1882. (9) Abbie, May 6, 1884. (10) Henry, January 10, 1886, and (11) Martha, November 4, 1888, are all natives of Clearfield county and are still at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Minns both hold membership in the Episcopal Church of Du Bois, and in social circles stand deservedly high, having the confidence and esteem of all who know them. In politics our subject is independent, supporting the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party ties. He is one of the self-made men of the county, whose brave struggle with every adversity has brought him a competence without the sacrifice of principle.

M. TRUXAL. Though this side of the broad Atlantic may be termed the “New World,” it yet remained for the portion of that mighty land known as the Republic of the United States of America to present to the eyes of the “Old World” a spectacle before which she stood in awe—a mighty nation rising as one man to avenge an insult to the starry banner that means so much to every citizen of that glorious Republic. Engraved on memory’s tablets is the name of every gallant lad who wore the blue, and in our country’s history the names of that noble army are “writ all over in letters of gold.”

L. M. Truxal, whose name opens this brief review, was born October 13, 1847, in Murraysville, Westmoreland Co., Penn. His education was received in a log schoolhouse, under the instruction of Mr. McKallip, and (later) of Mr. Jacobs. The schools in those days were taught on the herculean plan, the teachers being firm believers in the old adage, “no lickin’, no learnin’,” and both of Mr. Truxal’s instructors were adepts in aiding the mental growth of their charges by means of the hickory. Our subject was an apt scholar, and invariably stood at the head of his class; on leaving the home school he took a full course at the Murraysville Academy, under the able tuition of Prof. A. J. Murray. His education was considered completed when he had reached the mature age of twelve years, and he went to Sardis, Westmoreland county, and for the next two years worked on a farm.

In 1861, the war cloud that had so long hung on the horizon spread over the country, and in the spring the storm burst and Smither fell. Though only fourteen years of age, Mr. Truxal, on September 23, 1861, enlisted in Company A, 101st P. V. L., and until August 12, 1865, shared the fortunes of that regiment. This regiment was with the Army of the Potomac, under McClellan, in the Peninsula campaign against Richmond in 1862, and participated in the siege of Yorktown, battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, White Oak Swamps, and the Seven Days battles, which ended on Malvern Hill, their brigade being the rear guard of the Potomac army; thence they moved on to Harrison’s Landing, on the James river. Later the army was ordered to abandon the Peninsula, and they marched to Fortress Monroe; after a brief sojourn there, they were ordered to Suffolk, Va., and had frequent skirmishes with the enemy on the Blackwater, between there and Petersburg. Subsequently they received orders to march some thirty-six miles to the Showan river, which they reached soon after passing through Gatesville, N. C., but were compelled to wade nearly a mile through water, waist deep. Here vessels were in waiting, and in due time the regiment landed in New Berne, N. C. After about twenty-four hours of a breathing spell, orders were given to start on a fifteen-days march without rations, depending entirely on the country for subsistence. The enemy was first encountered at Kingston, and, after a spirited fight of two hours, was routed. At White Hall a similar fight took place, but lasted only a short time. Next, on the Wilmington & Richmond R. R., just below Raleigh, where a bridge crosses the Neuse river, a skirmish of short duration occurred, but they succeeded in burning the bridge and cutting off communication, but were compelled to retreat under cover of night, reaching
New Berne inside the fifteen days named. During the absence of the regiment the enemy made a demonstration at New Berne, but the Union soldiers immediately crossed the Neuse river and marched toward Little Washington, on the Tar river, where the force at that point was hemmed in. The enemy was met at Swift Creek, and routed after an hour's contest. In due time the troops landed at Little Washington and relieved the men stationed there. Returning to New Berne, they were ordered to Plymouth, N. C., from which place the company of our subject was sent to Roanoke Island, where Mr. Truxal was appointed Military Postmaster, which position he held until the close of hostilities. While on Roanoke Island, in the winter of 1863, a heavy draft vessel, which did not dare leave the channel any great distance, came in from New Berne and cast anchor some two miles from shore, in the Albemarle Sound. Twenty barrels of powder were to be taken to this vessel, and the sea was running so high that no one present cared to undertake the dangerous task. Mr. Truxal, however, who was a very good sailor with a small vessel on those waters, volunteered, and took the vessel alone. He was driven ashore about a mile above, where a negro, who turned out to be a good sailor and possessed of plenty of grit, came to his assistance, and—the powder was delivered in safety. Meantime, his company had returned to Plymouth, where the entire force was captured, after four days' fighting, and taken to Andersonville prison. During the battle Mr. Truxal applied to Col. Wardrop, commander, for leave of absence to join his regiment, and, when refused, signified his intention of going on the first vessel, if opportunity offered, and the adjutant-general, Capt. Needham, threatened him with immediate arrest unless our subject would give him a solemn promise not to make the attempt. During the three and one-half hours he participated in the battle of Fair Oaks, Mr. Truxal was wounded in the right leg, midway between the knee and the foot, and his canteen pierced by a minie ball; but he remained on the field until the close of the battle. He was singularly fortunate in all other engagements, escaping only by a hair's breadth, for example—a minie ball passed through his cap, grazing the top of his head; another ball cut a piece out of his gun-stock, and holes through his clothing were cut by balls on three other occasions. This is a remarkable soldier-record for one of his years, and his interest in military matters has never diminished. In 1871, while a resident of Apollo, Armstrong Co., Penn., he raised a company known as the Templeton Zouaves, Penn. N. G., which he commanded for five years. For the past seventeen years he has been a resident of Du Bois, and during all that time has been in the employ of the late John Du Bois, and his nephew and successor, John E. Du Bois, as cashier and general bookkeeper.

On March 23, 1871, our subject was married to Eva T. Kelly, of Apollo, Armstrong Co., Penn., and seven children have been born to them, viz.: Florence (Mrs. Isaac Rich, living in Du Bois), Mary, Alice, Albert, Ralph, Nellie and Bessie.

Mr. Truxal has taken an active part in politics, casting his ballot in support of the Republican party. He has represented the county in State conventions, and in 1888 was a member of the Pennsylvania Electoral College. His interest in politics is wholly disinterested, as he in no way could be regarded as an office seeker. At the Woodside Centennial held at Luthersburg, some years ago, he was the efficient and popular president of the day, and made the address on that occasion. In his social relations he is one of the enthusiastic members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and for the year ending June 3, 1897, was chief mustering officer of the Pennsylvania Department. He is also an honorary member of the famous "Bucktail Regiment." It is in his army record that Mr. Truxal takes much pride, and in his meeting with the old comrades of those stirring times he finds his greatest pleasures. Genial, courteous in manner, he finds a ready welcome wherever he goes, and his integrity and manliness win the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. Progressive and public-spirited, he stands to-day as loyal to home and country as on that day, when, in response to the Nation's call for aid, he enrolled his name on the deathless page with those heroes who proved "To fight in freedom's cause is something gained, and nothing lost to fall."

CHARLES H. LEWIS, a prominent agriculturist of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, has risen from a humble position in life to one of influence, and the success that he has achieved has mainly been due to his own efforts. However, on starting out for himself he found a few true friends and advisors whom he still holds in grateful remembrance, among these being William Irvin, John Patton and W. W. Bell, of Clearfield county, and Sampson Short, of Elk county, Penn. He considers William Irvin one of the true men of Clearfield county.

On August 4, 1822, Mr. Lewis was born in
Charles H. Lewis
what was then Lycoming county, Penn., but is now Clearfield county, and is a son of Thomas and Cynthia (Ellis) Lewis. His paternal grandfather, Lewis Lewis, was a native of Wales, and was educated in England, becoming an expert civil engineer. With one of William Penn's colonies he crossed the Atlantic, and in the employ of that gentleman surveyed many of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, and finally came to Centre county, where he spent his last years. At Carlisle, Penn., he married Miss Jane Dill, a lady of Irish descent, who long survived him, dying at the extreme old age of 108 years. In their family were eight children, the eldest of whom was only sixteen at the time of his death. They were as follows: Jacob, Henry, Thomas, Guy, Mrs. Sallie Passmore, Caleb, Lewis and David.

Thomas Lewis, the father of our subject, was reared and married in Centre county, and after two or three moves finally located in Sinnamahoning, Elk Co., Penn., when the place only contained about three families, and much of the land was still in its primitive condition, while Indians and wild beasts roamed the woods. There he secured 290 acres, which he converted into a good farm. After the death of his wife, and his children had attained to mature years, he gave the homestead to one son. While on a visit to his daughter in Karthaus, Clearfield county, his death occurred. In early years he had piloted on the river, but later gave most of his time and attention to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Baptist Church. In their family were the following children: Ellis and Lewis L., both now deceased; George W., a resident of Elk county, Penn.; Reuben, deceased; Mrs. Jane Michaels; Charles H., the subject of this review; Margaret, wife of D. Fox; and Jacob, a resident of Indiana.

The educational privileges of our subject were limited, but his training at farm work was not meagre, as at an early age he became familiar with the arduous task of clearing and developing wild land. At the age of eighteen he began learning the blacksmith's trade, and after serving a three-years' apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman at different places, being employed in Centre county for a year and a half. For the first two months he received $6 per month and board, and then his wages were increased to $10. Subsequently he was employed in an axe-factory, and later worked at his trade in Sinnamahoning for three years. Going to Lock Haven, Penn., he rafted on the river for a coal company for a year, receiving seventy-five cents per day. After his marriage he went to Centreville, Elk county, and opened a shop which he conducted for two years, after which he spent eight years in California, Penn. Purchasing one hundred acres of land in Clearfield county, he located thereon two years later, moving into a cabin already standing, and he at once commenced the improvement and cultivation of his place, to which he later added sixty acres. There he continued to make his home for twenty years, during which time he engaged in both farming and blacksmithing. He is now the owner of nearly 600 acres of valuable land, including that farm. In 1878 he removed to his present homestead, which is partially cleared and improved with a commodious two-story frame residence, a large barn and substantial outbuildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He has converted into lumber much of the timber upon his place, and in his business undertakings has met with a well-deserved success, which is due to his own enterprise, perseverance, industry and excellent management.

Mr. Lewis has been twice married. his first union being with Miss Margaret Easton, a native of Scotland, and a daughter of Robert Easton, a miner by occupation. Of the children born to them, one died when young, the others reaching years of maturity, as follows: Easton: Agnes, wife of N. Davis, a farmer; Robert; Thomas: Sarah, wife of M. J. Raney; Caroline, wife of W. Herd; Reuben; Catherine, wife of H. Owens; and John. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, died in 1880. In March, 1891, Mr. Lewis married Miss Susanna Sloppy, who was born and reared in Clearfield county, and is a daughter of Christopher Sloppy (now deceased), who was a native of Germany and a carpenter by trade. One child graces this union: Mary E., born April 4, 1893.

With the German Baptist Church Mr. Lewis holds membership, while his wife belongs to the Lutheran Church. Originally he was a Whig in politics, and then became a Republican, but at local elections he votes independent of parties, supporting the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the office. He is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, and enjoys the confidence and high regard of all with whom he comes in contact in either business or social life.

WILLIAM A. NELSON, justice of the peace of Goshen township, Clearfield county, and a representative of its agricultural interests, was born in Potter county, Penn., April 27, 1836, a
son of John and Elizabeth (Vanmatti) Nelson, the former born in Dauphin county, Penn., and the latter in Potter county. The paternal grandfather, David Nelson, was a native of Ireland, and during his infancy was left an orphan. When three years of age he was brought to America by relatives, and was reared in Pennsylvania. During the greater part of his life he followed cooper ing. After his marriage he served as a soldier in the war of 1812-13. Soon after his discharge he removed to the wilderness of Potter county, subsequently became a resident of Clinton county, and died in Cameron county at the age of eighty-three. Of his family of eleven children—John, Catherine, William, Seth, Joseph, Henry, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, James, Nancy and David—all married and reared families.

John Nelson, the father of our subject, was married in Potter county, and in 1847 came to Clearfield county, where he located 150 acres of wild timber land, and developed a farm. He also followed hunting and cooper ing, having learned the latter trade under the direction of his father. He also engaged in logging in the winter season, and his life was a busy, useful and straightforward one. He died March 10, 1878, and the community mourned the loss of one of its respected citizens. His political support was given the Democracy, and he served as justice of the peace for a number of years. His wife died in 1883. They attended the Methodist Church, but did not hold membership therein. They had five children: Mary, wife of Jacob Graham, of Iowa; W. A., of this review; Hezekiah, of Minnesota; Aurilla J., wife of J. Smith, of Iowa; and John W., who resides on the old homestead.

William A. Nelson came to Clearfield county with his parents when a lad of eleven years, and was reared here in the midst of its forests. He assisted his father in the arduous task of developing a farm, and also worked at lumber ing. To the district schools he is indebted for his educational privileges. He remained under the parental roof until about the time he attained his majority, and in 1860 he purchased a tract of land and began farming on his own account; but the following year he felt that all personal considerations must be put aside, and that his duty was to his country, then engaged in civil war. He enlisted in the 84th Pennsylvania Infantry, which was afterward consolidated with the 27th Pennsylvania Regiment, and consigned to the Army of the Potomac. He served for four years, participating in many important battles. At the battle of Chancellorsville, in 1863, he was taken prisoner and confined in Libby Prison. Subsequently he was paroled, and served until the close of the war, being at Appomattox at the time of Lee's surrender. Receiving an honorable discharge, he started northward, and on July 7, 1865, reached home.

In 1866, Mr. Nelson married Miss Sarah Cath erman, an intelligent lady of good family, whose father, Solomon Catherman, was a native of Montour county, Penn., and was of Dutch descent. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nelson: Elmer E., Francis A., Charles P., Mary and Elizabeth (twins), Elry A., William L., Grace and Arthur. The last named died at the age of two years; Elizabeth is the wife of David Withrow. At the time of his marriage, Mr. Nelson located on a farm which he had previously purchased, and which he now began to clear and improve. He did some logging in the winter, and in the spring floated the logs down the river, his land being situated on the west branch of the Susquehanna. Much of his farm has been transformed into rich and fertile fields, and these surround a substantial residence and good outbuildings, the whole indicating the thrift and energy of the owner.

Mr. Nelson finds time from his private business cares to faithfully discharge the duties of citizenship, and since 1893 has creditably filled the office of justice of the peace. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as class leader, and he is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. He affiliates with the Republican party, and is a decided Prohibitionist in theory and practice.

WASHINGTON HESS, a representative farmer and lumberman of Greenwood township, has spent his entire life in Clearfield county, having been born in Boggs township, March 5, 1834. He is a worthy member of one of the leading pioneer families, his great-grandfather, Abram Hess, a native of Germany, being one of the earliest settlers of Boggs township. The grandfather of our subject was Abram Hess.

Isaac Hess, the father, opened up a farm in Boggs township in the midst of the forest, and there engaged in farming and lumbering for many years. About 1870 he went to the West, and his whereabouts is now unknown. In politics he was a Democrat. He married Miss Mary Haney, who is still living at the ripe old age of eighty-four. In their family were fourteen children, namely: Mrs. Catherine Wiser, who died in May, 1896; Jacob, deceased; Mrs. Emily Askey; George, deceased; Abram, a farmer by occupation; Elmyra, yet unmarried; Jane, wid
of J. Butler; Alvin and Latimer, both farmers; Washington, of this sketch; Isabella, deceased; Mrs. Matilda Raferty; and John and Mary, deceased.

Since fifteen years of age, Washington Hess has been dependent on his own resources for a livelihood, and has principally followed the occupations of lumbering and farming. For a number of years he worked in the woods for others, but has now been engaged in jobbing for twenty years, and for fifteen years of that time has been with Leavy & Mitchell. As a pilot, he has handled some lumber for himself, and has taken many rafts down the river to market. On April 29, 1873, he married Miss Maggie Miles, and located in Lewisville, Clearfield county, where he still owns property; but in 1889, he bought the farm on which he now resides. This he operates in connection with his lumber business, and in both enterprises has met with a well-deserved success. Reared a Democrat, he has ever given his allegiance to that party, and has faithfully served his fellow citizens in some township offices, though he cares little for official distinction. Socially, he affiliates with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F. As a citizen, he is true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact in either business or private life.

Mrs. Hess, a most estimable lady, was born March 3, 1860, and reared in Clearfield county, a daughter of George W. and Jane (Thompson) Miles. The father is now deceased, but the mother still survives at the age of fifty-nine years. Nine children grace the union of our subject and his wife, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Bert, August 12, 1876; Lois, July 25, 1878; Ida, October 3, 1880; Blanche, February 20, 1882; Eliza, September 7, 1883; Cort, March 1, 1888; Kellie, August 10, 1890; Olive, July 19, 1892, and Ord, July 9, 1894. Of these, Bert is attending school; Lois is the wife of L. Lines, and has a son, Otis, born December 20, 1896; the rest are at home.

W. EBERTS is numbered among the enterprising and prominent citizens of Boggs township, Clearfield county, and has been prominently identified with the business interests of that locality as a miller, merchant and farmer.

Mr. Eberts is one of the native sons of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Centre county, June 30, 1857. His parents, William and Nancy (Wagoner) Eberts, were also natives of Centre county, and were married there. The family is of German origin, and the first of the name to come to America was Capt. Eberts, who won his title on the sea. He accumulated a large estate, and died without children, so that his property should have descended to the branch of the family of which our subject is a representative, but it was secured by other relatives. William Eberts was reared in his native State, and after his marriage located in Centre county, where he died about 1859. His widow is now living on the old homestead, at the advanced age of more than seventy years. Mr. Eberts was a prominent farmer and a respected citizen. He gave his political support to the Democracy, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had ten children, of whom the following reached mature years: James A., born January 30, 1841; Dorsey G., born March 1, 1845, died January 23, 1863; J. W., born June 30, 1857; and General F., born January 23, 1863.

Mr. Eberts, the subject of this review, remained with his widowed mother on the farm until he attained his majority, after which he served a four-years' apprenticeship to the milling business. On May 18, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Morley, of Centre county. He had previously purchased the mill which he yet owns, also one hundred acres of land, and on his marriage located on the farm where he has since made his home. This place is located on the Morgan river, six miles south of Clearfield, and the Morgan River mill, by which name his property is known, received from the public a good patronage. He also conducts a grocery store, and handles phosphates and all supplies needed by farmers. He buys grain raised in the neighborhood, and also ships from the West, securing the greater part of his corn from beyond the mountains. He keeps on hand a good supply of flour, meal and feed of all kinds, and his mill, which is a two-story frame structure operated by water power, is supplied with all modern improvements in the way of machinery, the patent roller process being used. Mr. Eberts thoroughly understands the milling business, and is well qualified to meet the wants of the people in this direction. Honorable and gentlemanly in his deportment, he is esteemed alike in business and social circles.

Mrs. Eberts was born in Centre county, in 1855, and is a daughter of James and Mary (Raf) Morley, both natives of England. Her parents came to this country in early life and were married in Centre county, where her father followed the occupation of farming. He died in 1893.
but his wife is still living on the old homestead farm in Julian, Penn. Their family consisted of one son and nine daughters, of whom the following named are yet living: Hannah, Mrs. Mary Hoover, Mrs. Sallie De Swope, Susan, Mrs. Matilda Mason and Phoebe. Mr. and Mrs. Eberts have two children: Minnie, born in May, 1883; and Willis, born June 26, 1893. Mr. Eberts and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church, and in politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN B. DILLEN. A study of the history of Clearfield county shows that the Dillen family has been prominent in its public affairs since early pioneer days, and our subject is now regarded as one of the leaders in the industrial interests of Becaria township.

Henry Dillen (grandfather of our subject), a native of Ireland, came to America in the early part of the century, locating at Mt. Pleasant, Clearfield county. He purchased a large tract of land near Utahville, built a log house and made other improvements. He carried flour and other household supplies from Tyrone on horseback, traveling through the dense forests. After sowing his wheat, deer would often tramp it out, and wild game of all kinds was plentiful. His first home was subsequently replaced by a more commodious and substantial residence, and there he and his wife spent their remaining days. As there were no schools in the township, the children were provided with very limited educational privileges, but finally a little log school house was erected on the hill on the Fry farm, and there the father of our subject pursued his studies for a few months. He was born in Ireland, and came with his parents to America when three years of age. After his marriage he resided upon a part of his father’s first purchase, and there engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He had one brother—George—and two sisters—Abbie and Betsy.

Mr. Dillen, whose name introduces this sketch, was born August 16, 1826, and was one of a family of four children. Upon the old homestead he grew to manhood, and by walking a distance of three miles through the forests to the school house, he obtained a limited education, as he was only able to attend school about three months during the year. He continued to engage in the arduous task of assisting in the cultivation and improvement of the farm until his marriage, in March, 1853, to Miss Mary A. Davis, of Becaria township, who became his wife. She was a daughter of Miles and Mary A. Davis, of Cambria county, Pennsylvania.

After his marriage, Mr. Dillen rented the Philip Davis farm for two years, and then moved to what is known as the Thomas Fleck farm, remaining there one year, but in 1857 he bought of Henry Heverly fifty-two acres of cleared land, upon which a log house had been built, but no barn. The same year he erected a large bank barn, and made other useful improvements, and in 1860 built his present large two-story frame house, which is now surrounded by substantial outbuildings and well-tilled fields, which testify to his thrift and industry. In 1866, as a partner of Samuel McFarlain, he bought 485 acres of timber land from Thomas Weston, of Tyrone, Penn., and commenced logging on Turner run, which occupation he successfully followed for a number of years. The property was then divided, our subject taking the one-half which adjoins his home farm, and he still devotes his attention to farming and lumbering.

Mr. Dillen has been called upon to mourn the loss of his worthy wife, who had shared with him all the hardships of their early married life. She died May 24, 1885, leaving three children as follows: (1) George H., born January 20, 1854, received a good common-school education, and grew to manhood on the home farm, on a part of which he still resides, having purchased the same of his father, and now has fifty-six acres, thirty-five of which are under a good state of cultivation and improved with neat buildings. (2) Susan, born November 9, 1856, passed her childhood and youth under the parental roof, and secured her education in the public schools of Becaria township. In 1869 she was united in marriage with William P. McNaught, of Curwensville, and they now make their home in Coalport where he follows the butchering business. She owns a good farm given her by her father, which adjoins the old homestead. By her marriage she has become the mother of three children—Robert B. and John L. (twins), and Oscar. (3) John W., born November 15, 1865, attended the local schools in the winter, while the summer season he spent in assisting in the labors of the farm. He now looks after his father’s business interests, and also operates a tract of land given him by his father, thirty-six acres in all being under cultivation. In 1894, Mr. Dillen was again married, his second union being with Miss Ida Remas, of Glen Hope, by whom he has one child, Hazel Marie, born May 12, 1895.

In his political affiliations Mr. Dillen is a Democrat, but has never aspired to office, though he served as supervisor one term. As a Presbyterian he has always taken an active and prominent part in Church work, and gives his earnest
support to all worthy objects for the good of the community. Genial and hospitable in manner, his house is always open for the reception of the many friends of the family. On the maternal as well as the paternal side he belongs to one of the old and honored pioneer families of Clearfield county, his grandfather Hoover having located here at a very early day. While out hunting he shot and killed a deer a short distance from his home, but as the forest was so dense he lost his way and instead of going toward the house he dragged the deer about two miles in the opposite direction. Finally, becoming tired, he lay down by the side of his burden with his dog keeping faithful watch over him. When his family realized that he must be lost, they, with the neighbors, searched the woods and at length found him with his head pillowed upon the deer, but frozen to death. A short time afterward his wife died very suddenly near the same place, while crossing the creek in a boat.

DAVID McINTOSH, who holds the responsible position of general superintendent of all the timber and farming land belonging to John E. Du Bois, is a native of Nova Scotia, born in Colchester, in August, 1843, a son of John and Elizabeth (Kennedy) McIntosh. In his native province he grew to manhood, attending the common schools and working on his father's farm and in the lumber woods.

In 1871 Mr. McIntosh came to Pennsylvania, first locating in Williamsport, where he followed teaming for John Du Bois until the fall, when he came to Anderson creek, Clearfield county. After two years spent in teaming in the logging camps he returned to Williamsport, where he worked in Mr. Du Bois' mill for a year, and on again coming to Clearfield county he located in Sandy township, where Mr. Du Bois was engaged in lumbering. He served as general foreman in the woods for that gentleman until the latter's death in 1887, and on John E. Du Bois succeeding to the property he was still retained in the capacity of general superintendent of all the woods and farming lands. Faithfulness, thoroughness and perseverance are among his marked characteristics, and his services have been justly appreciated by Mr. Du Bois, as his constant promotion plainly indicates. He has a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of both lumbering and farming, which he has successfully put to practical use in the interest of his employer, who has for him the highest regard. Mr. McIntosh also has the respect and confidence of those working under him, and wherever known is highly esteemed for his genuine worth and many sterling traits of character.

In 1874 Mr. McIntosh was married to Miss Rosie McGee, of Jefferson county, Penn., a daughter of William and Rachel McGee, prosperous farming people. They began their domestic life in Rumbarger (now Du Bois), where, besides his own pleasant residence, he owns a block of tenement houses. They now have four children, all born in Du Bois, namely: Lizzie J., born in 1875, is at home; Robert, born in 1877, is now attending the business college in Du Bois; Warren D., born in 1879, and John Du Bois, born in 1891, are both at home. In political faith Mr. McIntosh is a Republican, while in religious belief he is a Presbyterian, being one of the first members of that Church in Du Bois, to which his wife also belongs. He is a liberal supporter of the Church, as well as of all objects calculated to benefit his fellowmen, and gave a large amount to the erection of the stone church. Genial and social by nature, he has made many friends since coming to Clearfield county, and a friendship once formed is never broken through any fault of his.

D W. SMITH, a representative and leading citizen of Clearfield county, is now successfully engaged in the drug business in West Moshannon, and has also acceptably served as postmaster of the place since 1892. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, who has made his own way in the world unaided, and for the success that he achieved he assuredly deserves much credit.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Smith was born in Pike county, in 1844, a son of Daniel and Dorothea (Davis) Smith. The birth of the father also occurred in this State, and here he died in 1844, leaving five children, namely: Loomis B., who enlisted in Wyoming county, Penn.; in Hartman's regiment, and since his return from the war has made his home in that county; Denmark, who enlisted, in 1861, in the 5th Pennsylvania Reserves, and died in the service: Davis Clay, who was in the nine-months' service, and is now a resident of Falls Creek, Jefferson Co., Penn.; D. W., twin brother of Davis C.; and Mary, who died in Bradford county, Penn. The mother of these children is now the wife of a Mr. Pratt, of Wyoming county, by whom she has one son, Emmons.

D. W. Smith was reared in Wyoming county, where, in 1861, he enlisted in Company B, 52d P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, but was
taken ill and discharged in December of the same year. On his recovery he re-enlisted, in August, 1862, for nine-months' service, this time becoming a member of Company B, 132d P. V. I., which formed a part of the Army of the Potomac. After being mustered in at Harrisburg, the regiment went to the front and participated in a number of important engagements, including the battles of Antietam and Chancellorsville. Mr. Smith was discharged in May, 1863, on the expiration of his term, but during the following August he joined Company M, 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, which was assigned to the Army of the West. After the battle of Chickamauga the regiment went with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea, and at Durham Station, N. C., our subject was honorably discharged in June, 1865, as the war had ended and his services were no longer needed. His bravery and fearlessness were manifested on many a Southern battle field, and he returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud. On leaving the service Mr. Smith located in Jordan township, Clearfield county, where he engaged in lumbering for some time, but in 1870 he purchased a farm in Gulich township and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits until coming to West Moshannon in 1881. Here he embarked in the drug business, which he has since conducted with good success, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

In Jordan township, in 1867, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Margaret Thompson, who was born in that township, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Lord) Thompson, early pioneers of Clearfield county, where they both died. In 1876, Mrs. Smith was also called to her final rest, leaving three children, namely: John B., who is married and residing in Pittsburg, Penn.; Dorothea, wife of J. H. Izenburg, of Wilkinsburg, Penn.; and Ben. Mr. Smith was again married, in June, 1883, this time to Miss Nancy E. Gill, a native of Centre county, Penn., by whom he has one son, Frank.

Mr. Smith casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, has always taken quite an active part in political affairs, and in 1886 was the candidate of his party for the legislature. Although he made a strong canvass, he was defeated as the Republicans were in the minority in his district. Socially, he is a member of Lient. William H. Kinkaid Post, No. 293, G. A. R., and of the Royal Arcanum, Philipsburg. The success of his life is due to no inherited fortune, nor to any happy succession of advantageous circumstances, but to his own sturdy will, steady application, tireless industry and sterling integrity.

SIDNEY W. FOX. The familiar strains of "Marching Through Georgia" call to mind, with most people, the idea of the bright side of a soldier's life and a sense of glorious triumph in a worthy cause; but the brave boys who risked their lives in Sherman's campaign have definite remembrance of hardships which were none the less painful because borne without complaint. Occasionally at Grand Army reunions one hears half humorous accounts of sufferings and privations that seem incredible, for the American soldier, like all brave men, is inclined to make light of his trials. Our histories, based largely upon official records and limited for the most part to the description of battles, fail to give the details which made up the ordinary life of the private soldier.

In this memoir of Mr. S. W. Fox, a well-known lumberman and agriculturist of Gulich township, Clearfield county, a valuable contribution is made to the history of a time in which we, as a people, can never cease to feel the deepest interest. Entering the army in the spring of 1864, Mr. Fox was in time to participate in some of the decisive movements which brought the long struggle to an end. As a boy of seventeen he offered his services for "three years or the war," joining Company K, 111th P. V. I., and after being sworn in at Holidaysburg, went to Bridgeport, Ala., by way of Washington and Alexandria, to enter Sherman's forces. On May 3, 1864, the start was made through the heart of the Confederacy, and for months there was continuous skirmishing varied by pitched battles at Keseca, on the turnpike leading to Atlanta, at Peach Tree Creek and other places. When the army reached Atlanta, three days of rest were given the exhausted troops before the attack was made. When a call was made for volunteers from each company for the first desperate charge upon the city, Mr. Fox was among those who advanced, and he was one of the first to enter the city, where a large portion of Hood's army was taken captive before the torch was applied to the deserted buildings. Before starting again each soldier was given ten days' rations, and as it was thirty-seven days before they reached Savannah the troops were in sad condition, many having subsisted for three days on roasted acorns. Barefooted, ragged, half starved and wholly weared with their long march, there was but little chance for them to realize the glorious nature of the work that they had done. Two weeks were allowed for rest and recuperation, and then they took up the march again and fought the Rebels through to Raleigh, N. C., where they captured Johnston's entire force.
The war was ended, and making their way to Washington by way of Richmond, they joined in the grand review. Two weeks later Mr. Fox left the capital for Pittsburg, where he received his final discharge.

Mr. Fox is of "Down East Yankee" stock, being a native of Oxford county, Maine, where he was born September 1, 1846. Several generations of the family had resided at Oxford, Andrew G. Fox, the grandfather of our subject, dying there at a ripe old age. Andrew G. Fox, our subject's father, was born in 1803, and remained in Oxford county until 1836, engaging in business in early manhood as a merchant and lumberman. He was married, in 1829, to Miss Ruth Stacy, and all but one of their seven children were born there. On leaving the old home he sold out all his interests and moved to Chest Springs, Cambria Co., Penn. and one year later located at Tyrone, Blair county, and spent one year in mercantile business. He then went to Smith Mills, Clearfield county, and commenced the manufacture of staves and hoops, and purchasing forest land, engaging in taking out square timber to raft down the river to the Eastern markets. He also logged extensively, losing and making money by turns, and carried on mercantile business also, continuing this after his retirement from lumbering. Later he sold part of his Clearfield county property and purchased a farm near Bellewood, in the Tuckahoe Valley, Blair Co., Penn., but he only lived there one year, returning then to Clearfield county and settling upon a 634-acre tract of partly-improved land in Galich township. After two years there, he decided to return to his native State, and purchasing a farm near Porter, Maine, he removed there with his wife and four children, only to be burned out two years later, everything being lost. He came back to Clearfield county, and after one year at McCaulley's Mill, near Houtzdale, he retired to his farm in Galich township, where he passed his remaining days, his death occurring July 15, 1894; his faithful wife had passed away in 1873. Of their children: (a) Mary E., born in 1839, came to Clearfield county in early womanhood, and married the late William A. Nevling, a farmer residing near Janesville. Mr. Nevling and his brother-in-law, J. Boynton, for some time carried on some of the largest lumbering operations in Clearfield county, and they were extensively interested in milling and in mercantile enterprises. Mr. Nevling continued the latter line of business in connection with his farm management until his death, February 10, 1882. His wife survives him with ten children: (a) Elsworth, a lumberman and merchant at Janesville, married Miss Ellie Kough, and has four children; (b) J. A., now residing at the Nevling homestead, married Miss Flora Henderson, and has five living children; (c) Albert, a blacksmith at Glen Campbell, married Miss Ella Rush, but has no family; (d) Emory, who resides at Lajose, Penn., married, and has two children; (e) Stacy married Miss Cora Shoaff, and made his home at Amesville, where he was killed in the mines, his wife surviving him with one son; (f) William, who is now married, resides in Becaia, Penn., with Josiah Lamborn; (g) A. L. was killed at Amesville with his brother Stacy; (h) Frances married Joseph Clumson, of Spangler, Penn., and has two children; (i) Luella married David Sheets, proprietor of the "Flynn House" at Janesville, and has two children; (j) Miss Edith resides at the homestead. (2) Jordan S. was married, after the removal of the family from Maine, to Miss Rebecca Stanley, of Galich township, Clearfield county, and settled at Janesville. A few years later he removed to the Fox homestead, where he spent two years, and then returned to Janesville, buying a lot and building the house now occupied by Mr. Prindeaux. He has since built a home in Ramey, where he now resides. He has had nine children: (a) Sidney W., who lives in Becaia, Penn., married and has two children; (b) Adda married Edward Miller, of Madera, Penn., and has had several children; (c) Lucy married Robert Croyle, of Ramey, and has one son; (d) Ida, now Mrs. Krouh, of Ramey, has no children; (e) Susan, Mrs. Copenhafer, of Ramey, has one child; (f) Este was killed at Du Bois, Penn., on the railroad, when twenty years old; (g) Clifford; (h) Cecil; and (i) Homer are at home. (3) Vyrlena accompanied her parents to this State, and was married in Clearfield county to the late Dr. George M. Bush, a native of Massachusetts. He practiced medicine in different parts of the country, and at the time of his death was living in Indiana. His remains were brought back and interred in the family cemetery on the farm. His widow now resides in Chicago, and their only child, a daughter, lives in Pittsburg. (4) Sidney W. is mentioned more fully below. (5) Fred Fry, who is single, makes his home in Ramey. (6) Harry B., a farmer at the Fox homestead, near Janesville, is not married. (7) Cora, the only member of the family not born in Maine, is a native of Janesville. She married William Snodgrass, of Pittsburg, a workman in the Carnegie steel works, but has no family.

As Sidney W. Fox, the subject of our sketch, was but a boy when he came to this State, he spent some years in assisting his father in the
lumber business. His military service interrupted that work, and after his return from the front he engaged in business on his own account, logging and sawing lumber for a number of years. He purchased the old homestead, but after living there one year moved to his present home at Janesville, where he has since resided, with the exception of a short time previous to 1891, which was spent in Ramey while Mr. Fox worked for D. K. Ramey on the mill. Mr. Fox was married, in 1866, to Miss Emily J. Smith, daughter of Samuel and Deborah Smith, of Gulich township, Clearfield county. Seven children have blessed their union, of whom six are living: (1) Hada, born January 12, 1868, married Clarence Robinson, formerly of Janesville, but now residing in Virginia, where he is engaged in the sawmill business. They have three children—Thane, May, and Clyde. (2) Bertha, born May 15, 1869, received an education in the public schools of Janesville, and was married in 1887 to Thomas Croyle, who operates a sawmill at Ramey. They have three daughters—Villa, Leah, and Madeline. (3) William E., born January 1, 1873, is a young man of fine qualities, but ill health has kept him at home; he has suffered greatly, but is present is improving. (4) George W., born August 27, 1875, was educated in the schools of Janesville, and is one of the promising young men of his locality. (5) Emma L., born February 27, 1880, also attended the schools of Janesville, and now assists her mother in the home cares. (6) Roy M., born February 13, 1883, is a student in the higher grades in the Janesville schools. (7) Della, born October 24, 1875, died September 18, 1876.

As a patriotic citizen Mr. Fox takes keen interest in all questions of national importance. His political allegiance has been given to the Republican party from early manhood, and he expects to continue to support its principles as long as he lives. Although he is not a member of any Church, he inclines to the Methodist faith, and his life and character show high moral principle.

E. J. CAMPBELL is a well-known lumberman of Brady township, Clearfield county, who during the Civil war manifested his loyalty to the government by enlisting in the country’s service, and valiantly following the old flag until the overthrow of the Confederacy. He was born in Bradford county, Penn., September 28, 1849, a son of J. J. and Maria (Chandler) Campbell. The father was born December 11, 1804, in New Jersey, whence at an early day he removed to Bradford county, where he married and made his home for a number of years. Subsequently he went to Michigan, locating near Grand Rapids, where he remained about six months, during which time his wife died. He continued to follow lumbering in Bradford and Clearfield counties, Penn., until he, too, was called from earth April 17, 1884. His last years were spent at the home of our subject, near Luthersburg.

In the family were nine children, as follows: (1) William, also a Union soldier, and was wounded in battle, is now engaged in farming near Athens, in Bradford county. He married Sarah Murphy, of Rome, Penn., and has two sons living. (2) Irene, who still resides in Bradford county, is the widow of John Heavner, of that county, who died some years ago, leaving three children. (3) Lovenia died in Michigan at the age of seventeen. (4) Orlando, like the other members of the family, was born in Bradford county, and married Martha Wilson, of Elk county, Penn. He was killed at the battle of Gettysburg, July 2, 1863; he left a widow and one child. (5) Emma is the wife of Frank Dexter, formerly of Oswego, N. Y., and with their family they now live in Michigan. (6) Fernando D. became a member of the noted “Bucktail Regiment,” from Clearfield county, and when the war was ended returned to Bradford county, where he married, and is now engaged in lumbering. (7) Lewis joined a Michigan regiment, and served throughout the entire struggle, but died shortly after his return home. (8) Sarah (while the family were living in Michigan) married Oscar Weeks, of Maine, in which State they are now living; they have a family of children. (9) E. J. completes the family.

E. J. Campbell, our subject, in 1864, at the early age of seventeen years, enlisted in the 10th New York Heavy Artillery, becoming a member of Company H. They were first stationed on fortifications at Maryland Heights, where they remained three months, and were then ordered to Petersburg, where they guarded the Weldon railroad for some time. Next they were transferred to Washington, and later to the Shenandoah Valley. They participated in the battle of Cold Harbor, and after its evacuation returned to Petersburg, and subsequently took part in the engagement at Bermuda. After the mine explosion they left Petersburg, which they were guarding at the time of Lee’s surrender, and returned to Harts Island, N. Y., where Mr. Campbell was honorably discharged and mustered out. He returned to Bradford county, but after a short time went to Elk county, Penn., where he worked in the lumber woods until 1870, when he came to Clearfield county, and was here married
to Miss Dora, a daughter of J. C. and Martha Smith, of Brady township. Buying a lot, he built a pleasant residence in Taylortown, near Luthersburg, where he has since made his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have four children, namely: (1) Minnie L., born July 8, 1871, married George Smith, of Union township, Clearfield county, by whom she has two daughters, Lula and Bertha. They reside in DuBois, where Mr. Smith is interested with Dr. Gregory in the lumber business. He is said to be one of the most careful and best lumber inspectors in Clearfield county. (2) Charles O., born in 1873, is an intelligent and reliable young man, who has the respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. (3) William L., born in 1875, is a student in the Coal Hill schools, and is still with his parents. (4) Nora L. is also pursuing her studies in the public schools of Coal Hill.

Mr. Campbell is an unswerving Republican in his political affiliations, and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of his party. He has always taken an active interest in local affairs, and to-day ranks among the best and most honored citizens of Brady township. His wife and one son are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Luthersburg, and the family is one of prominence in the community.

GEORGE W. PIFER, a leading citizen of DuBois, Sandy township, Clearfield county, was born in Pittsburg, Penn., October 24, 1844, and is of German blood, his parents John and Anna Martha Pifer, being natives of Darmstadt, in the Fatherland, where they were married, coming to this country and locating in Pittsburg, in 1842.

The father was employed for some years in a glass factory there, but in 1852 he moved to Armstrong county, Penn., and cleared a farm where he spent his remaining years, his death occurring in 1864. He had been married three times. His first wife died in East Liberty, Penn., in 1859, leaving five children: Conrad, who served in the Civil war as a member of the 78th P. V. I., and died in 1892 in Ohio; George W., our subject; Henry, who enlisted in Kittanning, Penn., in 1893, in the 103d P. V. I.; and died on Roanoke Island, N. C., in 1864; John, now a resident of Washington township, Jefferson county; and Anna Martha, now Mrs. R. Crook, of Ford City, Penn. The second wife, Anna Gruntz, died, leaving one daughter, Kate Mrs. Kaymer, now deceased. The third wife, Mary Aultman, survives her husband, and occupies the old home in Kittanning township, Armstrong county.

As our subject was only eight years of age when his father removed to Armstrong county, his education was mainly acquired in the schools of that locality. He had not entered upon an independent business when he left home to enter the army, but after receiving his final discharge at Newbern, N. C., in 1865, he returned to Armstrong county and engaged in farming, his early training having familiarized him with the details of that occupation. Shortly afterward he became interested in a threshing machine, which he operated for seven years; and in 1877 he moved to Clarion county, where he successfully conducted a grocery business one year; for five years he was engaged in the hotel business in Jefferson City, and owned a number of oil wells in that district. In 1882 he located at DuBois, and built a shingle mill which he conducted for four years, in partnership with N. D. Fairchild, and then sold out to go into a sawmill business with his brother. Later he became a partner of J. A. Bowerson in a sawmill and a retail lumber business, and in 1896 he formed a partnership with George Hess, in a general planing-mill business, and in the manufacture of coffins, furniture and all kinds of wood work to order. Their factory is a two-story building, 90 x 48 feet, and they employ from eight to seventeen men. Their trade necessitates an immediate addition to their building, and a shed and dryhouse are to be erected at once. Mr. Pifer, when a mere youth of sixteen, enlisted, in 1861, for three years in Company C, 103d P. V. I., and served in the Army of the Potomac throughout the war, re-enlisting, in 1864, at the close of his first term in the same company. He took part in many important battles, including the fierce conflict in the Wilderness and the engagements at Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Williamsburg, Chickamauga, White Oak, Railroad Bridge, Bellows Bridge, Long Bridge, Jones Ford, Charles City Cross Roads, Harrison Point, Kingston, White Hall, Goldsboro, Blackwater, Southwest Creek, Blount's Creek, Foster Mills, Williamsburg, Chickahominy and others. Of his three brothers, one was not old enough to enter the army, but the other two enlisted, and one of them, Henry, lost his life in the service.

On November 2, 1865, Mr. Pifer was married, in Kittanning, Penn. to Miss Hannah H. Schrum, a native of Armstrong county, where her parents, George and Sarah (Heileman Schrum, both natives of Germany, settled at an early day. She died in August, 1874, and on March 9, 1876, Mr. Pifer wedded Miss Hannah Melinda Wolf,
who was born December 13, 1848, a daughter of Isaac and Maria (Ehenger) Wolf, of Armstrong county. Her maternal grandfather came from Germany at an early day and located in Schuylkill county, later moving to Armstrong county, where he followed farming. Her paternal grandfather, Jacob Wolf, was also from Germany, and became an early settler of Armstrong county. She had an uncle, brother of her father, who served in the war of the Rebellion, and was killed in battle. By his first marriage Mr. Pifer had four children: Anna Bertha, who died in 1867; Sarah L., now Mrs. Lankert, of Santa Fé, N. M.; James, married and living in Du Bois; and Charles, at home. By the second marriage there were seven children: Elizabeth, Ada Belle, George McClellan, Warren Adolphus, Frances Cleveland, Grace May and Florence Leonia, all at home except Elizabeth, who died in infancy. Mr. Pifer has two uncles, Conrad and Henry, who are wealthy furniture dealers in Darmstadt, Germany.

Mr. Pifer is a man who inspires confidence, and is a leading factor in local affairs as well as in business circles. At present he holds the office of treasurer of Sandy township, Clearfield county. As might be conjectured from his military record, he is an active worker in the G. A. R., belonging to Easton Post, No. 229, at Du Bois, in which he has twice held the rank of senior vice commander.

IRVIN McBRIE, a well-known citizen of West Clearfield, Clearfield county, is one of the most energetic and progressive of the business men, whose enterprises have contributed to the establishment and rapid growth of that town. As the founder of McBride’s Addition, he has achieved an acknowledged success, and his influence has been felt in many movements which have tended to promote the welfare of his locality.

James McBride, our subject’s grandfather, came from Scotland in the early part of this century, and made his home at Bellefonte, Penn., where his remaining years were spent. Of five children, Milton McBride, our subject’s father, was the eldest; Thomas died in Bellefonte; Hannah married Charles Lucas, of the same town; Ellen (Mrs. James Lucas) died there; and Jane, who never married, lived at home until her death.

Milton McBride, our subject’s father, was born in 1821, was a boy when he accompanied his parents to Bellefonte, and was reared there to manhood, at which time he married Miss Sarah Wallace. In 1850 he moved to Clearfield county, and settled upon what is now known as the Mitchell farm, where he followed agriculture for some time. Later he bought land in Clearfield borough, and located permanently, his death occurring there August 3, 1872. His wife died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, December 16, 1862. They had seven children: Sarah (Mrs. Gorman), of Phillipsburg, N. J.; Andrew, a resident of White Haven, Penn.; John, a farmer in Lawrence township; Miss Eliza J., who died August 21, 1895; J. Irvin, our subject; Melissa (Mrs. Largan) of Osceola, Penn.; and Mary (Mrs. Debrick), of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

J. Irvin McBride was born October 13, 1842, in Bellefonte, Penn., and has resided in Clearfield county since he was eight years old, and received his education there. He engaged in farming and lumbering in early manhood. In 1888 his wife became owner of seventy acres, which is laid out in town lots. He has laid out fifty acres as an addition to the town, and has sold about forty lots, nearly all having since been built upon. In 1867 he was married in Clearfield to Miss Amina K. Nichols, who was born in Lawrence township, the daughter of Martin and Olive (Brockway) Nichols, natives of New York State, and early settlers in Clearfield county. Her father died May 6, 1877, and her mother on August 3, 1877. They had two children, of whom Mrs. McBride is the elder; the second, Emma, married J. G. Schriver, of Clearfield. Mr. and Mrs. McBride have one daughter, Emma L. McBride, of Chicago, Illinois.

In political faith Mr. McBride is a Democrat, and he is now a member of the West Clearfield council, also has served upon the school board. He and his wife are leading members of the Presbyterian Church; socially, he is affiliated with the A. O. U. W., and with the I. O. O. F., Clearfield Lodge, No. 198, in which he has passed through all the chairs, and now holds the office of assistant secretary; also is a charter member of No. 318, K. G. E.

JOHN C. ROOT, the popular proprietor of a first-class hotel in Becaria, Clearfield county, was born on the old Root homestead in Becaria township, December 22, 1855, a son of Lemuel and Martha A. (Shoff) Root. The family is one of prominence in the community, and has taken an active part in the growth and development of this region. Our subject was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys,
early becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits, and acquiring his education in the district schools of the neighborhood.

On February 4, 1880, Mr. Root was married to Miss Rhoda J. Frederick, of Becaria township, a daughter of Christian and Sarah Frederick, of Bradford county, Penn. The father belonged to a family that was early established in Orange county, N. Y., and in 1863 he left his home in Bradford county, coming to Smoke Run, Bigler township, Clearfield county, where he engaged in farming and lumbering, which occupations he still follows, but now resides in Ramey. In the Frederick family are four children, as follows: (1) Stephen, born in Bradford county, came with his parents to Clearfield county, and here married Lydia E. Root, a sister of our subject. They live on a farm in Jordan township, Clearfield county, and are the parents of four children—Martha, Anna, Ernest and Alice, all at home. (2) Rhoda J., wife of our subject, is next in order of birth. (3) Emma C., born in Bigler township, is the wife of Philip Croyl, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and they reside in Ramey, where he follows blacksmithing. They have four children—Sarah, Blair, Christian and Walter, all at home. (4) Charles, born in Gillich township, married Elva Pink, of Ramey, where they now reside.

For two years after his marriage, Mr. Root operated the home farm, and then removed to Ramey, where he followed lumbering for several years. One year he spent on a rented farm in Blair county, Penn., but at the end of that time returned to Ramey, where he followed merchandising for a year and a half, and then located in Becaria township, contracting with the Eureka Mines, Nos. 12 and 13, to supply timber for four years. In the fall of 1805 he purchased two lots in the town of Becaria, where he erected a large hotel, supplied with all modern improvements, and on the 24th of December removed his family to that place. Since opening the house the interests and comforts of his guests are the great objects he is striving for, and no more genial or pleasant landlord can be found in Clearfield county. The house is well fitted up, is convenient and comfortable, and the cuisine is unexceptionable.

Mr. and Mrs. Root have become the parents of five children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Harvey L., November 27, 1880; Emma G., April 1, 1884; Russell J., January, 1888; Lloyd D., January, 1890; and Nellie Pearl, August, 1893. With the exception of Emma G., who died in September, 1886, all are with their parents.

Politically, Mr. Root is a stanch adherent of Democratic principles, but has no aspirations for office. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church, but his wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church of Ramey. They hold a high position in social circles, and, being genial and affable in manner, they have made many warm friends throughout the community.

G. IRWIN, one of Clearfield county’s representative citizens, is a prosperous agriculturist and coal operator of Lawrence township. He is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and his grandfather, Andrew Irwin, came to Pennsylvania from the Emerald Isle at an early day. His first location was at Reading, where he met and married Miss Conrad, and later he made his home in Clinton county, on a farm at the site of the present town of Lock Haven, which was founded by one of his sons, as was also Jerry Church. He had the following children: John, who died in Clinton county; Robert and Jared, Wesley, Gartland, Elizabeth, Jane, Penelope and Jacob, all now deceased.

Jacob Irwin, our subject’s father, was born in Reading, April 13, 1790, but spent his early years mainly in Clinton county. In 1826 he went to Clearfield county to engage in business as a tanner, and after following this successfully until 1833 he gave it up for agriculture, and passed his remaining years upon a farm. He was married in Clearfield to Miss Priscilla Collins, who was born in Clearfield, Penn., the daughter of Robert and Margaret Collins, both natives of the Keystone State. Her father was a well-known carpenter and builder, and at that time was staying in Clearfield in order to carry out his contract for building the court house. His work as a contractor was extensive. He and his wife passed their last years in Elk county, Penn. Mrs. Irwin passed to her eternal reward in 1863, and her husband survived her fifteen years.

Of their six children our subject was the youngest; Catherine married William Cook, and lives in Lexington, Neb.; Letitia (Mrs. Poland) died in Lock Haven, in 1894; Elizabeth married Mr. Dugan, of Iowa City, Iowa, who enlisted in an Iowa regiment during the Civil war, and died from the effect of wounds received in the service; Martha, who died in 1897, was the wife of Milton Shaw, of Clearfield; and Ella V. married George Snyder, of Clearfield.

Mr. Irwin, our subject, was reared at the old homestead in Lawrence township, where he was
born in 1842. The schools of that township afforded fair advantages, of which he availed himself during boyhood, and he has added to his store of knowledge by intelligent observation. He took a trip to Great Salt Lake in 1865, and since his return he has been engaged in agriculture, his fine farm of one hundred acres being devoted to general crops. Since 1894 he has been mining coal on the estate, employing eight men. He was married in 1872 in Lumber City, Penn., to Miss Ella Shippton, a native of Mifflin county, Penn., and a daughter of Freeman Ship ton. Two children have blessed this union, Howard and Mattie. Local improvements find in Mr. Irwin an influential advocate. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and holds at present the office of township treasurer.

GEORGE W. SHIMEL. Among the German-born citizens who did so much to develop this section in the pioneer days was George Shimel, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He was born in 1748, and came from the Fatherland to America in early manhood. Not long after his arrival he was married in Maryland, and moved to the wilds of Huntingdon county, Penn., and later to Centre county, where he remained for some time. About the year 1800 he settled near Philipsburg and cleared a farm and built a distillery, which he operated for many years. In his later life he devoted his entire attention to agriculture. An enterprising and able man, he was a prominent figure in his locality. In politics he was a Democrat. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-five, his death occurring in 1843, and his large estate was disposed of in accordance with the provisions of his will. He had twelve children: John, Adam, Lewis, Henry, Philip, George, William, Catherine, Julia A., Susan A., Betsey and Christina.

Henry Shimel, our subject’s father, was born in Huntingdon county, and was taken to Clearfield county in boyhood. His father taught him the practical details of work on the farm and in the distillery, and on engaging in business on his own account he chose agriculture as his occupation. He bought a large tract of timbered land in Boggs township, which he cleared and transformed into a fine farm. He married Miss Sarah Wisser, a lady of German descent, and the daughter of John Wisser, a pioneer farmer of this section. She died in 1809, and he passed away December 13, 1870. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was prominent in the local Democratic organization. Although he did not care for public life, he filled various township offices acceptably. He had the following children: Maria, Catherine, Sarah, George W., Nancy, Matilda, Mary, and Henry, who live at the homestead.

George W. Shimel was born April 30, 1827, at the old farm, and enjoyed in his youth the usual privileges of a country boy, helping with the work according to the season, and attending the local schools three months each year. He remained at home until 1851, when he married Miss Mary J. Bush, and settled upon his present farm adjoining the homestead. After fourteen years of wedded life a separation took place, Mr. Shimel keeping the three children of the union, namely: Sarah E., now the wife of T. Kyler; Henry M., who is married and lives at the old farm; and Laury, the wife of E. Lumadue. In 1874, Mr. Shimel married Miss Fannie Peters, daughter of Andrew Peters, of this State, a well-known agriculturist. This family is also of German origin. Mrs. Shimel was a member of the United Brethren Church, and an exemplary Christian. She passed to the unseen world October 2, 1889, leaving no offspring.

Mr. Shimel is an enterprising and successful farmer, and has greatly improved his estate, which was only partially cleared when he took it. It is located one and one-half miles west of Wallacetown, and is now one of the most desirable homes in the township, with a commodious residence, large barn and many other well-appointed farm buildings. There is a fine orchard, and the house is surrounded with tastefully arranged shrubbery. In his political affiliations, Mr. Shimel is a Democrat, and he has always shown much interest in local affairs, holding various official positions. He was overseer of the poor for twenty years.

CHARLES E. PATTON, one of the enterprising and popular dry-goods merchants of Curwensville, has built up a very extensive business by his own energy and enterprise, and gained a most enviable reputation for his financial sagacity and honorable, straightforward dealings. Besides his mercantile establishment he is interested in farming, also in the coal and lumber business, and has met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings.

Hon. John Patton, father of our subject, was a man of national reputation. He was one of the most energetic, progressive and public-spirited men of Clearfield county, supporting all worthy enterprises which were calculated to benefit the community, and contributing liberally to Church and Educational institutions.
He was twice married, his first wife being Miss C. M. Ennis, a daughter of Alexander Ennis, of Hollidaysburg, Penn., and to them were-born four children: A son who died in 1836; Alexander, a prominent banker of Curwensville; John, a leading attorney of Grand Rapids, Mich., and ex-United States Senator; and Susan, who died when young. The mother died in 1853, and in 1858 Mr. Patton was again married, his second union being with Miss H. J. Foley, of Clearfield, a daughter of Hon. W. C. Foley. Of the eight children born to them, two died in infancy, the others being Charles E., of this review; Frank G.; Mrs. Mary Russell; William F., an attorney; Nora L., and Jane I.

Charles E. Patton was born in Curwensville, July 5, 1859, received his primary education in its public schools, but completed his literary course in Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Penn. Since 1879 he has been engaged in the dry-goods business in the city of his birth, and is numbered among its representative and prominent citizens. He was reared a Republican, and has always cast his ballot with that party, but cares nothing for public office, preferring to give his time and attention to business interests.

In 1883 Mr. Patton married Miss Mary Beggs, a lady of intelligence and culture, born in Pittsburg, Penn. Her father, E. Y. Beggs, whose birth occurred near Pittsburg, Penn., was for many years connected with the Pennsylvania railroad, but is now city contractor at Washington, D. C., where he makes his home. A loyal, patriotic citizen, he served as captain during the Civil war, and has the respect and confidence of all who know him. In his family were three children: E. Y., deceased: Emma, wife of T. L. McNamara; and Mary, wife of our subject. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Patton has been blessed with three interesting children: Emma, John and Rebecca.

E. EMERICK, who is engaged in merchandising in Karthaus, is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this section of the State. His grandfather, George Emerick, was a native of Pennsylvania, and a miller by trade. He operated a farm and also conducted a mill in Penn Valley, carrying on business there until his death in 1840. His wife lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years.

George Emerick, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Centre Hall, Centre county, January 29, 1830, and was reared in Penn Valley, acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He learned carpentering there, and in 1852 went to Snow Shoe, where he followed his trade for a short time. He then engaged in carpentering in Karthaus, and was prominently identified with the building interests of Centre and Clearfield counties. He was married September 21, 1854, in Covington township, Clearfield county, to Lavina Reiter, who was born in that township. He cast in his lot with its pioneer settlers, and developed a farm in Karthaus township. He died in 1894, his wife in 1892. After his marriage Mr. Emerick located on the Reiter farm, and worked at his trade until the 1st of July, 1857, when he purchased eighty-three acres of timber land. This he transformed into a valuable farming property, and made his home thereon until his death, which occurred May 14, 1894. He was a Republican in politics, held a number of township offices, and was highly esteemed for his sterling worth. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and a charter member of and valued worker in Karthaus Lodge, No. 925, I. O. O. F. He served as representative to the grand lodge, and was buried by his home lodge. His wife died January 10, 1892. They had a family of eight children, the eldest of whom died in early childhood; the others are: S. E., of this review; Mrs. Mary A. Hoover, of Karthaus; Emma B., wife of W. B. Potter, of Karthaus; Anna S., of the same locality; John R., who was drowned while bathing, July 10, 1886; Bertha A., who died September 8, 1872; and Allen C., a telegraph operator of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

S. E. Emerick, the subject of this sketch, was born in Covington township, Clearfield county, July 9, 1837, and was reared in his parents' home. His elementary education was acquired in Karthaus, supplemented by a one-term's study in Milesburg, Centre county; and one term in Curwensville, Penn. He afterward engaged in teaching school in Cooper township, Clearfield county, and then embarked in farming. His career has been a busy and useful one, and his energies have been devoted to various pursuits which have been capably managed, and have brought to him rich returns. He is now engaged in the lumbering business, also deals in coal, and is the secretary and treasurer of the Mt. Carmel Coal & Mining Co. In 1890 he erected in Karthaus a two-story frame business block, 24 by 60 feet, and has since engaged in merchandising. He carries a carefully-selected stock of goods, and from the public receives a liberal patronage.

In Pine Glen, Centre county, in 1889, Mr. Emerick was married to Miss Mary M. Mulholland, who was born in that place, a daughter of
Rudolph and Caroline (Swimmer Mulhollan, the former a native of Pennsylvania, and the latter of Germany; they were early settlers of Pine Glen. The father died in 1885, the mother on February 22, 1897. In his political views, Mr. Emerick is a Republican, and is deeply interested in the success of his party. He belongs to Karthaus Lodge, No. 925, I. O. O. F., has passed all the chairs and has been representative to the grand lodge. He is a charter member of the Golden Eagles. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and enterprise, sound judgment and sagacity are the building materials which he has used in the construction of his prosperity.

W. FRANK PLYMPTON. The Plympton family has been identified with the town of West Clearfield, Clearfield county, since its foundation, and the addition was named Plymptonville in honor of Job Plympton, who established his machine shops there in 1872. He was born and reared in New York State, and after learning the machinist’s trade he moved to Huntingdon county, Penn., and there built shops at Water Street and Spruce Creek. Since his removal of the business to West Clearfield it was, in 1893, interrupted by a fire which destroyed the buildings. The present shops were erected in 1895. Before coming to Pennsylvania Mr. Plympton was married at Milton, Penn., to Miss Agnes Owens, who died in Clearfield in 1802. They had eleven children: Sarah (Mrs. McIlvaine), of Huntington county; John, deceased; Elijah, a resident of Clearfield county; Maggie (Mrs. Snell), of Clearfield; Agnes (Mrs. McIlvaine), of Clearfield; Lizzie (Mrs. Brown), of Clearfield; Emma (Mrs. Gearhart), of Clearfield; Edwin, deceased; W. Frank; and Lewis and Clara, both deceased.

W. Frank Plympton, now one of the leading business men of his locality, was born in Huntingdon county in 1857, and has been associated with his father’s business since 1875. He learned the machinist’s trade in all its details, and has gradually assumed the management of the shops, relieving his father, who now lives in retirement at Clearfield. The business is an extensive one, employing from six to eight men on an average, and comprises the manufacture of plows, cutting boxes, cultivators, rollers, and all kinds of castings and novelties. Mr. Plympton was married in Clearfield, in 1883, to Miss Mertie Reams, who was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, daughter of William Reams, an early settler of the county. Two children were born of this union, Nettie Ethel and Emma Jane. Mr. Plympton takes an interest in all public questions, and is ready to encourage progress in all lines. In politics he is a Democrat.

JOHN C. BARCLAY, justice of the peace at West Clearfield, Clearfield county, is one of the prominent residents of that town, and has held his present office since 1883, when the borough was organized. He has been chosen at various times to other responsible posts, and the able discharge of his duties has fully justified the confidence of his friends. In business circles he is active, also as a dealer in real estate, buying and selling lands, and renting houses, and as the representative of well-known fire, life, and accident insurance companies.

The Barclay family originated in Scotland, where James Barclay, our subject’s father, was born in 1803. He came to Pennsylvania in 1820, and settled upon a farm in Indiana county, where, later, he was elected justice of the peace, and engaged also in teaching in the public schools. He was married there, in 1834, to Miss Margaret Thompson, a native of that county, born in 1818, the daughter of Thomas Thompson, a soldier of the war of 1812. The Thompson family is one of the oldest in Indiana county. James Barclay and his wife always made their home in Indiana county, and he died August 2, 1871, at the old farm, which is still occupied by his widow. They had twelve children: Thomas, who lives in Indiana county; Janet (Mrs. Bowser), of Jefferson county, Penn.; Hannah (Mrs. Bell), of Jefferson county; Rachel (Mrs. Brickell), of Aliron, Kans.; James Newton, who died at the age of two years; Archibald, who resides in Indiana county; William W., of Big Run, Jefferson county; John C., our subject; Minnie (Mrs. Leach), of Aliron, Kans.; Ruth (Mrs. Adams), of Cozad, Neb.; George H., of Jefferson county; and Evaline, who died in girlhood.

John C. Barclay, our subject, was born June 5, 1850, in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, where his youth was spent upon the farm. He was educated in the schools of that locality, and then began teaching, following that useful calling successfully in Indiana, Jefferson, and Mifflin counties for some years, and in 1876 he moved to Clearfield county, to teach in Newburg borough, and later was employed in the graded schools of Clearfield and West Clearfield, having made his home in the latter place since 1881. He was married in Clearfield, December 30, 1881, to Miss Florence C. Hetrick, a native of Punxsutawney, Penn., and they have had four
children: Olive, deceased, Lillian, Byron, and John C., Jr.

In politics Squire Barclay is a Democrat, and his influence in the local organization is marked, and he has been secretary of the county committee. As justice of the peace he has given entire satisfaction; at present he is also secretary of the town council, and he has been a burgess and a member of the school board. He belongs to several fraternal orders: the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Lodge No. 319; the I. O. O. F., Laurel Lodge, No. 672, at Punxsutawney; the F. & A. M., Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, and the R. A. No. 797.

G. W. BROWN, Esq., a wide-awake, progressive business man of Sabula, is the senior member of the well-known firm of Brown & Shannon, who carry a full and complete line of general merchandise, and by their fair and honorable dealing secure a liberal share of the public patronage. Our subject began business here, about 1885, as a member of the firm of Charles Brown & Son, and continued operation for some time. Subsequently for three years he was out of business, but December 8, 1895, he joined his present partner, and has built up a good trade. On May 3, 1896, their store was destroyed by fire, but the following year they erected their substantial two-story frame building, 24 x 60 feet, where they have since continued.

Mr. Brown was born in Union township, Indiana Co., Penn., in 1857, a son of Charles and Mary (Goss) Brown, who were married in that county, where the father worked at the carpenter's trade for a number of years. He was a native of Armstrong county, Penn., and in 1858 came to Clearfield county, locating in Huston township, where he opened up a farm in the midst of the forest, and engaged in agricultural pursuits and lumbering. He and his wife are now prominent residents of Sandy township, where he still follows the occupation of farming. They are the parents of three sons: G. W., of this sketch; S. J., a farmer of Union township, Clearfield county, and W. H., an agriculturist of the same township.

In the schools of Union and Huston townships G. W. Brown obtained a fair education, which was supplemented by one term's attendance at the State Normal School of Edinburg, Penn. He then turned his attention to farming and lumbering, which he continued to follow until embarking in his present business. He possesses more than ordinary business ability, and has met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings. In Union township, in 1876, he was united in marriage with Miss Florence L., daughter of Levi Dressler, a pioneer of that township. She died in 1878, leaving two children: Hattie V. and Minnie J. Mr. Brown was married in the same county in 1880, his second union being with Miss Jennie E. Osborn, who was born in Washington township, Jefferson Co., Penn., a daughter of Samuel Osborn, an early settler of that locality. One child graces this union, Charles L.

Politically, Mr. Brown is an ardent supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and takes quite an active interest in public affairs. Since 1890 he has acceptably served as justice of the peace, and he discharges every duty, whether public or private, with the utmost fidelity and promptness, thus winning the commendation and high regard of all who know him. Fraternally, he is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, being a charter member of Camp No. 416, of Sabula, Penn., and filling two terms as D. P., and having eight camps to his credit; and also holds membership in Mingle Lodge, No. 753, I. O. O. F., of Troutville, having joined in 1878, while the above lodge was in Luthersburg.

J. JOHN WRIGLESWORTH is a representative farmer and lumberman of Penn township, Clearfield county. His fine farm of sixty acres is conspicuous for the manner in which it has been improved and cultivated, and is evidently the homestead of one of the most enterprising men of the community. The neat and substantial two-story dwelling is surrounded by good barns and other outbuildings, and everything about the place denotes the progressive spirit of the owner. It is the old family homestead, upon which he was born April 8, 1859, and there he has spent his entire life.

Joseph Wriglesworth, the father of our subject, was a native of Bloom township, Clearfield county, born on what was known as the "old Billy Wriglesworth farm," and removed to the present home of our subject in 1854. It had been partly improved by the Collonsworths, and to its further development and cultivation he devoted his time and attention until his death in 1861. He married Mary Ann Oats, a native of England, who was brought to America when a child, and who died in 1872. Grandfather William (or "Billie") Wriglesworth was killed with a tree in 1847.

Our subject is one of five children, the others being as follows: to Sarah, the eldest, is the
wife of Melick Spencer, of Penn township, who resided on the Spencer farm until 1804, when he removed to Du Bois, and has since worked in a tannery. Their eight children—Harry (who was married August 11, 1897, to Ollie Whitmer, of Du Bois), Joseph, Firman, Ivan, Fred, Verne, Birt, and Lecta—are all at home. (2) Catharine died on the old homestead at the age of twenty-seven. (3) Mary wedded Amos Bonsal, of Brady township. Clearfield county, who now resides in Penn township on his farm known as the old Jesse Spencer farm. They have two children—Homer, aged twelve, and Effie, aged ten. (4) Joseph, who is at present in Michigan, was born on the old homestead, and married Mirtie Hoover, of Grampian, Penn. For a time he resided in Du Bois, where he conducted a dairy for a year or two, and then located near the homestead. In his family are five children—Howard, Ernest, Alice, Hettie and Clanio—all at home.

In 1886 John Wriglesworth was married to Miss Lydia Spencer, daughter of Andrew and Eliza Spencer, of Penn township, and they began their domestic life upon the farm where they still reside. After the father's death the children operated the farm, and our subject never left the parental roof, devoting most of his time to the cultivation and improvement of the place. Six children came to brighten the home—William, born in 1882; Myrtle, in 1884; Clair, in 1887; Charlie, in 1890; Harvey, in 1892; and one that died in infancy. Mr. Wriglesworth uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, has taken quite an active part in all local affairs, and gives his earnest support to all measures calculated to advance the moral, educational and material interests of the community. He has always supported the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a member in good standing.

JOHN SMITH, a prominent lumber dealer of West Clearfield, Clearfield county, is one of the substantial self-made men of his section, his successful business career giving evidence of marked ability and well-directed energy. He was born October 26, 1827, in Bradford township, Clearfield county, and has seen and participated in the marvelous progress which has redeemed this section from its primitive condition, and established thriving towns and fertile farms where within his memory stood an unbroken wilderness.

His grandfather Smith, who was a pioneer farmer of Penn's Valley, Centre county, reared a family of nine children, among whom was the late George B. Smith, our subject's father. Of the others, David and Daniel died in Venango county, Penn.; Peter in Cincinnati, Ohio; John in Venango county, Penn.; William is supposed to have been murdered in Blair county; James died near Cincinnati; Katie married Henry Cephart, who was murdered at Sandy Ridge, Penn.; another sister married George Cephart, and died in the same county. George B. Smith was born in Penn's Valley in 1799, and on reaching manhood went to Clearfield county, settling upon a tract of forest land. He was a blacksmith by trade, also following agriculture. He died in Girard township, Clearfield county, August 5, 1880. His wife, Mrs. Minerva Graham Smith, to whom he was married in Bradford township in 1821, died July 28, 1897, aged eighty-seven years. She was born in Bradford township, the daughter of Robert Graham and his wife, natives of Pennsylvania and early settlers in that township, where both died many years ago. Her father, a farmer by occupation, was accidentally killed. She was one of a family of eight children, the others being as follows: John died in Bradford township in 1844; William, a farmer, also died in Bradford township; Isaac died in Clearfield; James (deceased) was a farmer in Bradford township; Polly (deceased) was Mrs. Buck, of Bradford township; Anna (Mrs. Griffiths) died in the same township; and Hettie (Mrs. Lozier) also died there.

To George B. and Minerva Smith were born eight sons and six daughters: Sons—(1) John, our subject. (2) William was killed at the age of four years by falling off a horse. (3) David resides in Poweshiek county, Iowa. (4) Daniel, twin brother of David, enlisted in Clearfield, in 1861, in the 84th Pennsylvania Infantry, and was killed March 23, 1862, in the battle of Winchester, his remains being interred there. (5) Robert is a farmer in Iowa. (6) Isaac, now a farmer, merchant, and lumberman in Girard township, Clearfield county, enlisted in Harrisburg in the 62nd Pennsylvania Infantry, and served two years, when he was wounded at Fredericksburg, but later returned to his regiment and served his full term. (7) Henry enlisted from Clearfield county in Company C, 5th Pennsylvania Reserve, and was killed in 1862, at Charles City Cross Roads. (8) Garrett lives in Poweshiek county, Iowa. Daughters—(1) Sarah died in childhood. (2) Mary married Edward Woolridge, a farmer of near Rochester, Minn. (3) Amelia married a Mr. McCorkle, a farmer in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. (4) Hannah (Mrs. Nelson) lives in Minnesota. (5)
Louise (Mrs. Shope) lives in Girard township, Clearfield county, (6) and Mrs. Sophia Catherman, who lives in Poweshiek county, Iowa. The early life of our subject was spent upon the old farm in Bradford township, and his first employment was that of pilot on the Susquehanna river. This he followed continuously some fifty years, enduring many hardships. In 1849 he began lumbering, and has sent many rafts down the river, having made as many as seventeen trips in one season on the river. He has also been engaged in farming, and now owns one thousand acres of land in Clearfield county, two hundred of which are under cultivation. He also has an interest in five hundred acres of coal land in that county, and has been an extensive and successful speculator. As the reward of his years of effort he is now worth about $50,000. In 1853 Mr. Smith was married in Venango county, Penn., to Miss Mary Stranford, a native of Ireland, whose father, John Stranford (now deceased), came to Pennsylvania from the Emerald Isle during her childhood. Ten children were born of this union: The first died in infancy; (2) Sadie married Fred Rollins, and has two children—John and Alfred; (3) A. C., a farmer in Girard township, married Alice Woolheater, and has six children living; (4) Mary married Zenas Shaw, a farmer in Goshen township, and has seven children; (5) Grant resides in New Jersey; (6) Jennie (Mrs. Gansauleus), has two children—Bessie and Clarence; (7) William Henry died at two years of age; three died in infancy. The mother of this family breathed her last January 27, 1887, at West Clearfield, and October 2, 1889, Mr. Smith was wedded at Clearfield to Miss Josephine Siler, a native of Washington county, Md., by whom he has had two children: Laura Louise and Hartwick.

Mr. Smith has always taken an active interest in politics, first as a Whig, later as a Republican, and has served as treasurer of West Clearfield borough.

H. E. ANDREW, a leading and energetic farmer and businessman of Barnside township, is a native son of Clearfield county, having been born in Westover, December 15, 1857. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Fry, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., and became one of the pioneer settlers of Clearfield county, to whom the present prosperous condition of this section is largely due. At an early day he located in Cambria county, where he followed farming for a few years, and on coming to Clearfield county first operated a sawmill at Carrolltown. Later he purchased the land on which Westover is now located, and there erected a sawmill and successfully engaged in lumbering for a time. On selling out, he purchased a farm on which he spent his remaining days; his wife, who was Miss Sarah Priestly, had died some time previous. They became the parents of five children: J. P., a prominent citizen of Clearfield county; John S., the father of our subject; Mrs. Jane McCulley; Mrs. Elizabeth Westover; and Mrs. Mary A. Hewitt.

John S. Fry spent his boyhood and youth in Cambria and Clearfield counties, and as soon as old enough took up the occupations of lumbering and farming, which he successfully followed throughout his business career. Early in life he formed a partnership with his brother in the lumber business, and they continued in that connection for many years. In 1870 they opened a general store, which they continued for some time in connection with their other business. After his marriage John S. Fry purchased the farm on which our subject now resides, and made many valuable and useful improvements upon the place, including a commodious two-story residence and excellent outbuildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. There his death occurred in June, 1881. He was held in the highest regard by all who knew him, and was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, to which the mother of our subject also belonged. John S. Fry married Miss Julia A. Myers, whose father was a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent. At one time he was a stage driver from Pittsburg to Philadelphia, living near Hollidaysburg, and also did teaming for Elizabeth Furnace. In that part of the State he was married, and he later came to Clearfield county, where he developed a farm in the midst of the forest. In religious belief he was a Lutheran.

Our subject is the eldest of six children, the others being as follows: Harvey J., now a teacher of Weatherford, Tex.; Elmer E., a truck farmer of Corpus Christi, Tex.; William H., a school teacher, who died in Kentucky; John D., who is employed in the brass works near Pittsburg, Penn.; and Ella M., wife of B. W. Lewis, of Miss., a Methodist Episcopal minister. The mother of these children died July 25, 1876, and in 1877 the father married a Miss McEwen, by whom he had two children: Flora M., now attending the Lock Haven Normal; and James E., with his mother at Westover. Mrs. Fry is a member of the Baptist Church.

Upon the farm where he still resides, Howard M. Fry was reared to habits of industry, early becoming familiar with the duties that fall to the
lot of the agriculturist, while in the district
schools of the neighborhood he obtained his li-
terary training. At an early age he began lum-
bering, which he successfully followed until 1894.
His father's estate has never been divided, as he
left no will, and our subject lives upon the old
homestead. Although he gives most of his atten-
tion to his farming interests, he in 1888 em-
arked in general merchandising with a party,
and is still connected with that business.

Mr. Fry was married, in 1879, to Miss Sarah
C. McKee, a daughter of Joseph R. and Susanna
(Westover) McKee, of Westover, where Mr.
McKee has for many years successfully conducted
a general store, and is one of the honored citi-
zens. Both parents hold membership in the
Methodist Episcopal Church. In their family
are nine children, namely: Samantha E., William
H., Sarah C., Lydia A., Abba F., Edwin
S., Joseph B., Harvey W., Everett E. Five
children bless the union of our subject and his
wife: Olive M., Grier R., Venna, Clyde H. and
Quay E. The parents and eldest three children
are members of the Baptist Church, and the
family is one of prominence in the community,
holding a high place in social circles. Socially.
Mr. Fry affiliates with the Royal Arcanum.
A popular and representative citizen of his town-
ship, he has been called upon to fill many local
offices, including that of judge of elections, and
is now serving his ninth year as assessor of Burn-
side township. He is prompt and faithful in the
discharge of every duty, whether public or pri-
ivate, and his career has won the commendation
of all who know him.

FRANKLIN E. HEWITT, a leading con-
tractor and builder of Penfield, Clearfield
county, has been an important factor in the
growth and development of that pleasant village.
many of its buildings having been erected by him.
He is a member of one of the most prominent
pioneer families of this region, and his grandpar-
ants, Elenore and Sarah (Bliss) Hewitt, were
the first settlers in what is now Huston township,
Clearfield county. He is a son of Squire J. B.
Hewitt, who is a highly-respected resident of the
same township, and his wife, Arrilla Brown,
now deceased.

Our subject was born August 27, 1837, in
Toby township, Elk Co., Penn., but his early
life was spent mainly at the old home in Huston
township, where he became familiar with the de-
tails of agricultural work. His summers were
spent in this employment, and his winters in
lumbering until he reached the age of twenty-
three, when he went to Penfield to learn the
carpenter's trade. The place contained but few
inhabitants at that time, presenting a decided
contrast to its present proportions, and Mr.
Hewitt found useful and profitable business as a
contractor and builder during his thirty-six years of
residence there. He is also engaged in farm-
ing upon a tract of forty acres in Huston town-
ship.

In 1858 Mr. Hewitt was married in Huston
township to Miss Mary J. Apker, who was born
in Lycoming county, Penn., the daughter of
John S. and Jane (Clendening) Apker. Her
parents were both natives of New Jersey, but
came to Huston township, Clearfield county, in
1857, the father engaging in the lumber business.
On his retirement from active work they located at
Trout Run, where their last days were spent. Mr.
and Mrs. Hewitt have three children; John, a music
teacher; Burton, who married Melva Miller, and
resides in Penfield; and Mabel, Mrs. Johnson.

Mr. Hewitt takes a hearty interest in all that
concerns the public welfare, especially in the poli-
tical issues of the day. He is a Republican in
party affiliations, in religion he is a Methodist.
he being an active member of the Church at Pen-
field, of which he is a trustee. His wife is a
Presbyterian, but at the present time is not iden-
tified with any Church.

GEORGE ERICH, the genial proprietor of the
"Schwem Hotel," at Luthersburg,
Clearfield county, was born July 30, 1831, in St.
Mary's, Elk Co., Penn., where his parents, Jo-
seph and Bernadene Erich, natives of Germany,
had located in 1846. With a colony of their
countrymen they came to the New World in that
year, and the father purchased a small tract of
timber land a half mile north of St. Mary's.
Erecting thereon a small log cabin, he com-
menced to clear and improve his land, but later
purchased seventy-five acres one mile north of
his first purchase, transforming the same into a
valuable and productive farm. He continued to
live on the first tract, however, and there his
death occurred in 1866. The mother of our sub-
ject died in 1883. They were people of the
highest respectability, honest, industrious and
enterprising, and succeeded in accumulating a
handsome property, leaving to their children con-
siderable land and money.

Joseph Erich was thrice married. By his first
wife, who died in Germany, he had two children,
who accompanied him on his emigration to this
country: (1) Joseph, the elder, was born in 1857,
and has spent the greater part of his life in Brook-
ville, Penn., where he followed stage driving, but is now a resident of New Marysville, Clarion county. He is unmarried. (2) Annie, born in 1839, married Joseph Corby, a carpenter of Elk county, and they made their home in St. Mary's, where his death occurred. Later she became the wife of Jacob Mallison, of Ridgway, and now lives on the old homestead at St. Mary's. By her second marriage she has seven children, all at home, namely: Rosy, who was born in St. Mary's in 1871; Lizzie: Ella, a teacher in the high school of St. Mary's; Agnes, Jennie, Jacob and Annie.

Our subject is one of the six children born of his father's first union, the others being as follows: (1) Lizzie, the only one born in Germany, married John Mefford, of Ridgway, Penn., and removed to Missoula, where they reared a family and still reside. (2) Frank A., born in St. Mary's in 1848, grew to manhood on the home farm, where he still resides, it having been willed him by his father. He is one of the most prominent citizens and enterprising lumbermen of that community, and has ever taken an active part in public affairs, serving as county commissioner six years, as member of the school board and town council, and in other important local positions of honor and trust. He married Lizzie Jacobs, of St. Mary's, and has eleven children—Mary, at home; Rosie, now the wife of W. P. Smith, who is engaged in the oil business in Glen Hazel, Elk county, and by whom she has one child; Bertha, who was born in 1876, and is with her parents; and Joseph, Edward, Theresa, Carrie, George, Josephine, Emma, and one unamed, all at home. (3) F. Xavia, who resides on his farm about four miles northeast of St. Mary's, on the Benzett road, married Rosie Gerg, of St. Mary's, and has eleven children—Annie and Joseph, at home; Lillian, who married William Kronenwetter, a lumberman of Elk county, who owns a fine home in St. Mary's; and Lewis, Catharine, Tillie, Gertrude, Charlie, Johnnie, Genevieve and Edna, all with their parents. (4) Mary, born in 1853, is the wife of Peter Hower, conductor on the Pennsylvania and Erie railroad, running between Renovo and Kane, and they make their home in Renovo, Clinton county, on the west bank of the Susquehanna. Their children were Catharine, Amanda, Lillian and Mamie, all at home; Josephine, who died at the age of eight years; and William, at home.

George Erich remained upon the home farm until fifteen years of age, when, on the death of his father, he began working for Hiram Woodward in Penfield, where he remained for two years. In Luthersburg he then learned the blacksmith's trade with Lewis Schinley, with whom he remained for two years, but completed his apprenticeship in Brookville. He then erected a shop in Coal Hill, Brady township, Clearfield county, where he carried on operations for two years. Subsequently he purchased the James Zeigler farm one mile south of Luthersburg on the Coal Hill and Troutville road, where he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits for eighteen years. In the meantime, however, he also followed lumbering and blacksmithing for Leavy & Mitchell. In 1892 he bought his present hotel in Luthersburg, and at once assumed its management, but still continued to look after his farming interests until 1895, when he sold his place, now devoting his entire time and attention to his hotel, which he conducts on the most approved plans. It has found great favor with the traveling public as it is supplied with all modern conveniences for the comfort of the guests.

On the 10th of September, 1872, Mr. Erich led to the marriage altar Miss Sarah Jane Clark, of Grampian, a daughter of William and Jane Clark, well-doing farming people of Penn township, Clearfield county. She has proved a faithful helpermeet to him, aiding him in every possible way, and by their careful management and untiring industry they have accumulated considerable property. Eight children have come to brighten their home, namely: Estella J., born November 25, 1873, completed her education by six months' attendance at St. Mary's Academy; Mary Josephine, born November 1, 1875, was educated in the graded schools of Luthersburg, and is now successfully engaged in dress making at that place; Maggie E., born January 14, 1878, is still attending school in Luthersburg; Francis E., born April 22, 1880, died June 13, 1881; and William A., born February 15, 1882, Joseph X., January 12, 1887, George A., August 9, 1890, and Sarah B., August 7, 1892, are all with their parents, and are pursuing their studies in the local schools.

In his political views, Mr. Erich is a staunch Democrat, has taken an influential and prominent part in local politics, and he has held the offices of school director and assessor for three years. He and his family are communicants of the Catholic Church, and in social circles occupy an enviable position.

GEORGE W. HALL, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Morris township, devotes his time and attention principally to carpentering and building, in which he has met
with a good degree of success. He has spent his entire life in Clearfield county, having been born in Morris township, in 1845, a son of William and Martha (Cooper) Hall.

The father, a native of Maryland, on coming to Clearfield county, first located in Cooper township; but after his marriage he purchased land in Morris township, where he opened up a farm and continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1867. His widow is living in Graham township, Clearfield county, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. In their family were three sons and two daughters, namely: William, a resident of West Clearfield; George W.; Catharine, wife of Philip Shimel, of Centre Hill, Centre Co., Penn.; Mrs. Kurtz, of Cooper township; and Cyrus, of Centre Hill.

Our subject spent his early life in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and his education was such as the common schools of Morris township afforded at that time. He served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, which he resolved to make his life work, and which he has now successfully followed for many years. At present he holds the position of carpenter at the Perry Jones mines. His loyalty to his country was manifested in 1864 by his enlistment in Company K, 100th P. V. I., for one year or until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Petersburg, and in several other engagements in front of Richmond, and when hostilities had ceased, he was honorably discharged in Harrisburg, Penn., in August, 1865, after which he returned to his home in Morris township.

In 1869, in Graham township, Clearfield county, Mr. Hall was married to Miss Elizabeth Hulder, a native of that township, who died in 1880, leaving four children: Alvin M., who is married and lives in Allport, Clearfield county; Mrs. Ella Mangle, of Pcafe, in the same county; Mrs. Agnes Hummel, of Woodland, Clearfield county; and Carrie, at home. In 1883, Mr. Hall was again married in Graham township, his second union being with Miss Amanda Kyler, who was born in that township, a daughter of C. W. and Catharine (Smel) Kyler. Her parents were also natives of Clearfield county, and died in Graham township. By his second marriage, Mr. Hall has three children: Woodward, Mabel and Blanche. The family have a pleasant home in Morris township, and our subject also improved a good farm of sixty-seven acres in Graham township.

Politically, Mr. Hall is identified with the Republican party, takes quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, and has served as an efficient member of the school board of Morris township. He has watched with interest the many changes that have taken place in the county within his remembrance, and has been an important factor in bringing about the marvelous results. He is prompt and reliable in his business transactions, always fulfills his part of every contract, and has thus won the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

JAMES HAINES, one of Coalport's well-known and popular merchants, has a remarkable record, and from the study of his life history one may learn valuable lessons. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual, and is the means of bringing to man success when he has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him. It illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's life. Depending upon his own resources, looking for no outside aid or support, he has risen from comparative obscurity to a position of prominence in both the commercial and social world.

Our subject is of German descent, his grandfather, Valentine Haines, having come to this country from the Fatherland, and first taken up his residence in Chester county, Penn., but he later removed to York county, where his death occurred. Samuel Haines, the father, was born in Chester county in 1811, and accompanied his parents to York county, where he grew to manhood and married Margaret Brady. Subsequently he removed to Cumberland county, Penn., where he followed the stone mason's trade for a number of years, and in 1849, with his wife and five children, came to Clearfield county, locating at Dunbar, near Philipsburg, where he worked in a sawmill for one year. In 1850 he took up his residence at Glen Hope on Clearfield creek, where he operated a sawmill for Israel Cooper for the same length of time, and then removed to Fallen Timber, Cambria Co., Penn., sawing lumber for John B. Stewart at that place for two years. Returning to Cumberland county, in 1853, he there spent his remaining days. His wife had passed away at Dunbar in October, 1849.

This worthy couple became the parents of seven children: (1) James is our subject, the eldest in the family. (2) Jerry, born in 1831, in York county, Penn., came to Clearfield county when fifteen years of age with our subject, and worked in the mills and in the lumber woods until 1850, when he married Esther Kalston, of Boggs township, Clearfield county; they have a
large family, and now reside on his farm in Woodward township. (3) Mary A., born in Cumberland county, in 1834, came with her parents to Clearfield county, and later married John Hudson, of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., where she resided until her death in 1866; her three children still live in that city; her husband was a Union soldier during the Civil war. (4) Samuel, born in Cumberland county, in 1838, was brought by his parents to Clearfield county, and after attaining to man's estate married Sarah Dixon, of Boggs township; they made their home in Glen Hope until the outbreak of the Rebellion, when he enlisted in Company K, 45th P. V. I.; at the battle of Antietam he was wounded, and later was taken prisoner, dying in Salisbury prison; he left a widow and two children. (5) Isaiah, born in Cumberland county, in 1840, also came with his parents to Clearfield county, and for some time worked with our subject at Glen Hope; during the war he enlisted under Capt. Rose, of New Washington, in Company D, 105th P. V. I., and, as he was seriously wounded in one of the numerous engagements in which he took part, he was honorably discharged and returned home; he married Malinda Richards, of Cambria county, who died, leaving five children; he still makes his home in Glen Hope. (6) Elizabeth, born in Cumberland county, in 1843, came to Clearfield county with her parents, and died at the age of fifteen while living with our subject at Glen Hope. (7) Adaline, born in Cumberland county, in 1845, grew to womanhood in Clearfield county, and married a Mr. Dixon, after which they removed to Cameron county, Penn., where she died some years ago, leaving a family.

In York county, Penn., December 10, 1829, our subject was born, but when only two years old he was taken by his parents to Cumberland county, where he attended school to a limited extent. When a lad of twelve years he first came to Clearfield county with Dr. White, walking from Hollidaysburg to Burnside, where the Doctor located. From Burnside he walked to Water Street, Huntingdon county, and then worked his way home to Cumberland county, on the canal, by driving the mules of a canal-boat. In 1847, with his brother Jerry, he again started for Clearfield county, going by canal-boat to Water Street, and walking from that place to Philipsburg. He first obtained employment in the sawmill of Christ Harnish at $11 per month, and later worked for A. Goss, at Dunbar, remaining there two years. He then took the Goss mill by contract, and sent for his father to operate it, which he did, manufacturing sawed lumber, the same being rafted down the Moshannon creek and Susquehanna river to New Cumberland, where it was sold to the Eastern markets. The father, with his wife and five children, walked from Water Street to Philipsburg, a distance of forty miles.

In 1853, Mr. Haines, of this review, was united in marriage with Miss Matilda Lytle, of Tyrone, Blair Co., Penn., a daughter of E. and M. Lytle. They have become the parents of seven children, namely: (1) Jane, born in Glen Hope, in 1854, received a common-school education, and later married John Washburn, of Becaria, who now resides on a farm near Coalport; they have six children—Annie, wife of Walter Shoff, of Irvona, by whom she has one child, Helen; Bertha, wife of Charles Richner, of Irvona, by whom she has one child, Elva; and Willis, James, Matilda and John, who are all at home. (2) Margaret, born in 1856, died in infancy. (3) George W., born in 1858, on attaining to man's estate married Catherine Aikens, of Cambria county, Penn., and they reside in Coalport, where he works at the painter's trade, and clerks in his father's store during the winter; they have four children—James S., Cordie, Susan and Nannie, all at home. (4) William, born in 1861, married Claudie Litzger, and resides in Altoona, Penn., where he follows railroading; they have four children—Pleide, Gertrude, Burnadett and Elizabeth. (5) Mary, twin sister of William, was educated in the common schools, and became the wife of William Templeton, a native of England, who is now mine boss for the Mountain Coal Co., at Blandburgh. (6) James Lincoln, born in May, 1863, on the home farm near Coalport, attended the common schools, and later, with his brother William, the Lewisburg Seminary for two years, after which he assisted his father until his death in 1889. (7) Harriet, born in Becaria township in February, 1874, was educated in the schools of Coalport, and married Frank R. Galbraith, of Mifflin county, Penn., who is now engaged in the bakery business in Coalport; they have one child, named James Lincoln.

After his marriage Mr. Haines located at Becaria Mills, where he followed sawmilling, manufacturing square lumber, which he rafted down the creek and river as far as Green's dam, and he was considered one of the best pilots. In 1859 he purchased a hotel in Glen Hope, and remodeled and improved the entire structure, running it as a first-class hotel for the first five or six years. On selling out in 1864 to Daniel Paulhamus, he bought a farm one mile from Coalport, known as the Haymaker farm, which he operated
until 1876, when he sold the property and purchased one hundred acres of partially-improved land on which the present town of Coalport now stands. He successfully engaged in lumbering and farming until 1880, when he was instrumental in building the Bell’s Gap railway to the place, subscribing a large amount of stock and work toward the enterprise. On the completion of the road in February, 1880, he laid out a portion of his land in town lots, and three years later the place was incorporated as a borough. He then sold his mills and gave his entire attention to the development and upbuilding of the place. The first locomotive was run through the town on Christmas Day, 1881. In the meantime, Mr. Haines had erected a large number of business houses and dwellings, and also donated the ground for two large churches—the Methodist and United Brethren. He has given liberally of his means to the upbuilding of the town, and has ever taken an active and prominent part in promoting its interests and welfare. Since 1880 he has successfully engaged in mercantile pursuits in Coalport, and was one of the principal stockholders in the bank at that place, which suspended business in 1893. His business has been conducted on systematic, methodical principles, and his wonderful success is certainly well deserved.

Politically, Mr. Haines has always been identified with the Republican party, and is a recognized leader in local politics. For nine years he held the office of school director of Becaria township, and has been treasurer two years in Becaria township, and school director three years in Coalport. He was one of the men appointed by the court to hold the first election after the borough was organized, and in the spring following was elected the first burgess, and was elected the first treasurer, but did not serve. For five years he has served as justice of the peace, and the various duties that have devolved upon him in these positions he has discharged in a most capable and praiseworthy manner, and he never sent a case to the supreme court. In every case of an appeal from Squire Haines to the county court, his decision was sustained.

Mr. Haines is the champion shot of Blair, Cambria and Clearfield counties, and won the championship at the age of sixty. His two-year records are nine consecutive bull’s eyes, 200 yards off hand, and eleven consecutive bull’s eyes, 100 yards off hand. He is now past sixty-eight years of age, and can play the violin yet. He has been foremost in promoting all worthy enterprises for the good of the community, and his name certainly deserves an honored place on the rolls of Clearfield county’s representative and valued citizens.

W HITE NIXON, editor of the Houtzdale Observer, was born May 20, 1843, in Indiana, Penn., a son of James and Sarah (Cummings) Nixon. His grandfather, Robert Nixon, a native of Ireland, was among the first settlers of Indiana, Penn, where he established the second store, and engaged in merchandising for many years. They were the first Methodist family to settle there. Grandfather Nixon’s death occurred at that place. James Nixon was born in Indiana, in 1813, and there spent his early life. He passed away in Bedford county, Penn., in 1877, surviving his wife many years, her death having occurred in Indiana in 1853. They had six children, only two of whom are now living: White, subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Mary A. Bushman, now a resident of Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

The public schools of Indiana, Penn., afforded our subject his educational privileges, and in the office of the Indiana Register, owned by Row Brothers, he learned the printer’s trade. Subsequently he removed to Saxton, Bedford county, and for twelve years was in the railroad service, as brakeman, baggage master, freight and passenger conductor. Returning to Indiana, he worked at his trade for eight years, and in 1880 came to Houtzdale to accept a position in the mill of Hoover, Hughes & Co., with whom he remained until purchasing, in 1881, the Observer. This newspaper was established by Frazer Brothers in 1879, and Mr. Nixon since purchasing it has conducted it with signal success and ability, making it a bright, newsy sheet, devoted to the interests of the community. His editorials show deep culture and sound common sense, and the paper is conducted on the broadest and most liberal basis, giving clear and impartial views of all questions.

In the city of his birth, Mr. Nixon was married November 4, 1862, to Miss Florence V. Detibaugh, a native of Fulton county, Penn., and a daughter of B. F. Detibaugh, who is now a resident of Brisbin, Clearfield county. Two daughters grace this union: Blanche R. and Mamie S.

Mr. Nixon is independent in politics, always supporting the candidate whom he thinks best qualified to fill the position. As a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, he has done much to advance the interests of the community, and was instrumental in securing the erection of the opera
houses in Houtzdale and Brisbin. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Malta, and is the first past commander of Hermit Commandery, No. 90, A. & I. O. K. M.

WILLARD McCOY. The ancestors of this gentleman were prominently connected with the early development of Clearfield county, and he worthily carries on the work which they inaugurated. He is a public-spirited citizen, one who lends an active support to all measures calculated to prove of benefit to the community, and is identified with the industrial interests of Becaria township as a lumberman and farmer.

Dennis McCoy, grandfather of our subject, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in 1795, and in 1812 emigrated to Philadelphia, Penn., where he remained for three years. In 1815 he removed to Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., and purchased 241 acres of timber land in Becaria township, Clearfield county. During the same year, however, he returned to Philadelphia, where, in 1823, he married Rose Kane, of that city. In 1826 he returned to Philipsburg with his wife and first child. After three years he removed to his farm in Becaria township, the place at that time being an unbroken wilderness. His home was a log cabin in the midst of a clearing of about five acres. In 1831 he returned to Philipsburg; but after eight years passed there he once more took up his residence upon the farm, where both his wife and daughter died in 1843. For seven years the father and sons lived alone, at the expiration of which period John McCoy married, and with his bride located on the old homestead, taking care of the grandfather until his death, in 1875, when he was aged eighty years.

Dennis and Rose (Kane) McCoy had five children: (1) James, who died while serving in the Civil war in 1863, was the eldest. (2) John, father of our subject, is the second. (3) Mary A., born in 1828, died in 1843, at the age of fifteen. (4) Dennis, born in 1830, married Susan Galaher, and removed to Iowa, where he purchased a farm. After operating that place for seven years he returned to Becaria township, Clearfield county, and purchased a farm near Udalville, where he now makes his home. He has had eight children, as follows—Mrs. Maggie Gunn of Cambria county, Penn.; Cyrus (who died in childhood), James (who is clerking in Houtzdale, Penn.), Lissie, Reed, Blair, John and Josephine. (5) William J. McCoy, born in 1832, married Alice O'Hara, of Udalville, and resides on a farm near that place. He has six children—Ira (who is working on the railroad at Beech Creek), Cecelia (who is teaching in the public schools), Emma, John, Blanche and Wayne.

John McCoy, father of our subject, was born in 1826, in Philipsburg, Centre county, and was reared under the parental roof. To his father he gave the benefit of his services until his marriage, when he assumed the management of the home farm and cleared 125 acres of the original tract of 241 acres. He still resides on that place, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the community. He was married in 1850 to Martha Galaher, and they became the parents of nine children: (1) Rebecca F., born in 1851, is the wife of Samuel Sample, a farmer of Becaria township, by whom she has two children—John, who married Isla Ash, and resides in Becaria township; and Frank, who died at about the age of ten years. (2) W. Millard is the next of the family. (3) Howard Lane, born in 1855, married Hattie Spiece, of Ramey, and resides on a farm in Becaria township. He has ten children—May, Pearl, Lod, Howard, Clayton, Lizzie, Alton, Henry, Beulah, and an infant unnamed. (4) A. I. McCoy, born in 1858, resides on a farm in Becaria township. He married Lucy Myers, of Cambria county, Penn., and has six children—Frances (wife of Christ Miller), Harvey, Leila, Bessie, Myers and Raymond. (5) Frank L., born in 1860, is engaged in merchandising in Ramey. He married Emma Lloyd, of Becaria township, and has one daughter, Edna. (6) Mary E., born in 1863, became the wife of Simon Miller, of Gulich township, Clearfield county, and died in 1888, leaving two children—Gertrude (living), and Daniel (who died in 1909). (7) J. Clair, born in 1860, married Maggie Stanley, of Gulich township, and is now operating the old homestead farm for his father. (8) Angle Roberta, born in 1882, is married to Amos Stofer. (9) Samuel K. Blake, born in 1875, is still with his father.

Samuel S. Galaher, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Indiana county, Penn., in 1803, and with his father went to Cambria county in 1810. In 1830 he married Rosanna Lamborn. In the previous year he purchased 200 acres of land in Becaria township, Clearfield county, and cleared the three farms now owned by his grandsons—W. Millard, H. Lane and A. I. McCoy. Mr. Galaher had four children: (1) Mark, the eldest, died while serving in the Civil war. (2) Martha A. E. is the mother of our subject. (3) John enlisted in the Union army, and contracted disease which caused his death in later years; he left a wife and one daughter,
Minnie Galaher, who is now the wife of Joseph Adams, of Coalport. (4) Susanna is the wife of Dennis McCoy, of Becaria township.

W. Millard McCoy, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in 1833, and spent his boyhood days in the usual manner of farmer lads. In September, 1877, he married Jennie Calwell, of Glen Hope, daughter of Dr. G. W. and Jane Calwell. Their marriage has been blessed with eight children: Martha J., born in 1878; Mary E., born in 1880; George W., born in 1882; Sarah E., in 1884; John E., in 1886; Millard Davis, in 1889; Daniel Randolph, in 1892, and Helen R., in 1896. All are still with their parents, save Sarah E., who died in childhood.

In 1878 Mr. McCoy located on his present farm, and erected a fine two-story residence, supplied with all modern improvements. He also put up substantial barns and outbuildings, and by well-kept fences divided the place into fields of convenient size. The land is now highly cultivated, and the diligence and industry of the owner have brought to him signal success in his business. In politics he is a Republican. In his religious views he is Protestant, and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Glen Hope. For four years he served as school director, and has been a prominent factor in the educational and material welfare of the community.

FREDRICK FULLER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Clearfield county. He was born May 11, 1842, in Washington county, Penn., a son of William and Christina (Gamelic) Fuller, natives of the Keystone State and Germany, respectively. The paternal grandfather, Nelson Fuller, aided his country in the war of 1812, and spent his entire life in Washington county, following the occupation of farming.

William Fuller was reared and married in Washington county, whence he removed to Armstrong county, but three years later went to Indiana county, Penn., where he improved a farm and spent his remaining days, dying March 28, 1870. His wife still survives him at the age of eighty years, and resides on the old homestead. She is a Lutheran in religious belief, as was also her husband, and both highly respected people. Of their nine children, four reached maturity: John, a Union soldier, who died in the service of his country in 1862; Fredrick; Elizabeth, wife of John W. Bartlebaugh, a farmer; and Andrew W., who died in March, 1894.

Upon the home farm in Indiana county, Fredrick Fuller grew to manhood, and in the public schools of the neighborhood received his education. He was still with his parents when the South took up arms against the general government, and in response to the President's call for 300,000 volunteers, he enlisted, in September, 1861, in the 78th P. V. I., under Col. William Serwell. The regiment was consigned to the Fourteenth Corps, Third Division, Third Brigade, Army of the Cumberland, and was mustered in at Kittanning, Penn. Mr. Fuller was in many hard-fought battles and skirmishes, including the battle of Stone River, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, Pumpkin Vine, New Hope Church, Altoona Pass and Kennesaw Mountain. A brave and fearless soldier, he was ever found at his post of duty, valiantly defending the old flag and the cause it represented. He was never taken prisoner, and, after faithfully serving for thirty-eight months, left the army at Atlanta as his three-years' term of enlistment had expired. Returning to Kittanning, he was mustered out, paid off and honorably discharged.

On reaching home, Mr. Fuller resumed farming. He was married April 26, 1865, to Miss Mary Smith, who was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., March 13, 1843, a daughter of Mathias and Anna M. (Hetlick) Smith, both of German birth. By occupation the father was a farmer. He was married in Westmoreland county, and later removed to Indiana county, where he improved a farm. His first wife died leaving three small children: Mary, now the wife of our subject; Mrs. Sarah Phillips; and William F., a plumber of Altoona, Penn. By his second marriage he had four children: Susannah (deceased wife of Edward Anderson, of Cambria county, Penn.), Mrs. Naomi McKay, Manuel and Mathias. He has moved several times, and since 1895 has made his home in the Old Dominion. In religious belief he is an Evangelical Lutheran, but the mother of Mrs. Fuller was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Five children grace the union of our subject and his estimable wife: Alice, now Mrs. John P. Dowler; William, a resident of Burns; Sadie, now Mrs. R. J. Maxwell; and John and George, both at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Fuller purchased a farm in Indiana county, upon which he made some improvements, but in 1867 he sold out and came to Clearfield county, where he operated a rented farm for one year. Returning to the former county, he there rented for some time, and then conducted the old homestead for eleven years, during which time his
father died. In 1879 he migrated to Kansas, where he purchased land and engaged in farming for two years, but at the end of that time disposed of his property there and returned to the Keystone State. He then bought the farm in Burnside township, Clearfield county, on which he now resides, known for some time as the Enos McMaster farm, and later as the John Sunderland farm. It comprises 107 acres, sixty of which are now under cultivation, and improved with good fences, a pleasant two-story residence and good outbuildings. The place is located on the river two miles from Burnside, and as the buildings are all painted white, it presents a most beautiful and attractive picture.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuller are intelligent people, who lead upright Christian lives, and are thus valued members of the community in which they live. They are communicants of the Church of God. In politics, Mr. Fuller is identified with the Republican party.

WILLIAM MAPES, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, a leading agriculturist and real-estate owner, has done much to open up that section for improvement and settlement. He was born in Lawrence township, May 26, 1817, and his life covers a period of change in this locality from almost unbroken forests to the clustering villages and wide-spreading farming lands of this day.

Richard and Rebecca (Page) Mapes, his parents, were natives of New Jersey. They were married there and some years later, in 1810, moved to Clearfield county, making the journey over the mountains with a team. Their first home was made in the woods at Clearfield, then called "Old Town," where they lived about six years, burying there three children; but later he settled one mile and a half below town on a 440-acre tract in Lawrence township, and improved and there spent his remaining years. His death occurred in 1840, and Mrs. Mapes survived him several years.

Our subject was one of a family of twelve children: Nancy, who was born in New Jersey, married Mr. Loney, and moved to Ohio, where she died; Hannah, a native of New Jersey, married John Shirey, and died in Bradford township, Clearfield Co., Penn.; Elizabeth, married Michael Frank, and died in Nebraska; Abbie, Mrs. Coleman, died in Elk county, Penn.; the next three died in childhood, and were buried on the Ogden farm above Clearfield; Joseph, married, and moved to Ohio, where he died at the age of eighty-seven years, six months and twelve days; John was married in Green's Dam, Perry Co., Penn.; Richard married in Clearfield county, and moved to Ohio, where he is probably living at the age of eighty-two years; Thomas was married in the West, and resides near Hamburg, Iowa.

William Mapes was the fourth son of this family, and as a farmer's son in pioneer days he was reared to habits of industry. He attended the local schools for some time and later pursued his studies in the old academy at Clearfield. Hunting was a favorite occupation in his early days, and at seven years of age he was given a gun, and so proficient did he become in its use that he began to hunt deer when he was ten years old. While still in his teens he began to work at clearing and lumbering, and on reaching manhood he went to Philadelphia and purchased a tract of land above town, and has ever since lived on it. His farm, which he calls the "Clover Hill" farm, contains at present 160 acres, all under improvement, but he has owned 440 acres. The original survey was incorrect, and Mr. Mapes lost 100 acres thereby. The estate is valuable merely from an agricultural standpoint, and it is also underlaid with coal. In addition to this farm, where he has now resided for nearly sixty years, Mr. Mapes owns 160 acres on Reed Ridge, in Lawrence township, and 30 acres in Goshen township, Clearfield county. In 1849 he was married in Lawrence township to Miss Albina Irvin, a native of that locality. Her father, Joseph Irvin, was born in Clearfield county, this State, and married Martha Ann Tate, a native of New Jersey, whose father was among the early settlers in Lawrence township. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin made their home in Lawrence township, and both died there. Mrs. Mapes was the eldest of eight children; the others being William, who died in Montour county, Penn., in 1896; Melinda (Mrs. Potter Reed), of the same township; Levi, of Williamsport, Penn.; Martha Ann (Mrs. Walter Shirley), of West Clearfield, James, who resides in Minnesota; Mary Ellen (Mrs. Irvin Stage), who died in Warren county, Tenn.; and Jane (Mrs. Thomas Read), of Brooklyn, Iowa.

William and Mrs. Mapes have had seven children, namely: (1) Virginia (Mrs. Charley Woods), of Coalport. Her husband died in 1893. Three children were born of this marriage—(a) Minnie (Mrs. Beek), who has two children, Charley and Russel; (b) Wier, and (c) Cecil (2) Jefferson (deceased) never married. (3) Martin, a resident of Lawrence township, married Maud Shetler, and has three children—Clare, Charley and Ruth. (4) Lorenzo died at the age of four years. (5) Jane Elizabeth (Mrs. William McClellan), who resides with her par-
ents, has one daughter, Pearl. (6) Ida died March 16, 1866. (7) George is not married and lives at home.

Our subject has never been willing to enter the political arena as a candidate for official honors, but he takes much interest in public questions. He is an independent voter, but usually supports the principles of the Democratic party. For forty years he has been a member of the Methodists Episcopal Church, and he is always ready to encourage any cause which will promote the welfare of the community.

WILLIAM CRICHTON. A resident of several years in Peale, Clearfield county, has rendered this worthy citizen familiar to a majority of its people. He is a man who has made the most of his opportunities in life, has kept his eyes open on what is going on in the world around him, and these qualities, in connection with his natural industry and perseverance, have served to make him, wherever known, an object of universal regard.

Mr. Crichton comes from the beautiful land of hills and heather, having been born May 27, 1850, at Bridgeton, Glasgow, Scotland, a son of Robert and Sarah (McMillan) Crichton, also natives of that country. From boyhood the father engaged in mining, up to within a few years of his death, which occurred on Christmas eve, 1870. He never left his native land, and died at Gartsherie, Lanarkshire, Scotland, only six miles from his birthplace. He and his faithful wife were lifelong members of the Established Church of Scotland, and were held in the highest esteem by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Mary Dargavle, of Uddingston, Scotland; James, formerly of Glen Killey, Clearfield county, Penn., died September 9, 1897; Robert, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, Penn.; William, of this sketch; and Mrs. Jane Samuels, of Cross Fork, Potter Co., Pennsylvania.

Our subject was reared at Gartsherie, Lanarkshire, Scotland, where he attended school until about ten years of age, when he began work in the coal mines, which he continued until coming to America. In the spring of 1868 he landed in San Francisco, Cal., after a long, but not a dreary, voyage of 164 days, via Cape Horn. Being a coal miner, he naturally steered his course for the coal mines at Mount Diablo (Devil's Mount), Contra Costa Co., Cal., and there remained about two years, when he caught the gold fever and like hundreds of others started to "hunt shadows." In the summer of 1872, he left the Pacific slope for Pennsylvania, arriving at Blossberg, Tioga county, August 9, and was employed by the Bless Coal Co. at Arnot until the following spring, when he returned to Scotland to visit the friends and scenes of his youth. On again coming to the United States in March, 1874, he located at Antrim, Tioga Co., Pennsylvania.

At Fall Brook, that county, Mr. Crichton was married October 29, 1874, to Miss Margaret Nelson, who was born in Dumis, Stirlingshire, Scotland, October 13, 1854, and is a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Jeffery) Nelson, also natives of Stirlingshire. In 1868 they crossed the Atlantic and took up their residence in Fall Brook, Penn., the father becoming connected with the mines of the Fall Brook Coal Co. He was held in the highest respect by all who knew him for his upright, straightforward manly character, was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a staunch supporter of Republican principles and institutions. He died at Arnot, Tioga county, in 1882, at the age of fifty-six years. Mrs. Nelson, who is also a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, removed with her family to Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., in 1887. Her children are as follows: Margaret, wife of our subject; Jane, wife of John Baird, of Glen Campbell, Indiana Co., Penn.; Andrew and John, of Philipsburg; Agnes, wife of Henry Allen, of Philipsburg; and Clementina, who is with her mother.

Ten children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Crichton, namely: Robert, who is taking a two-years' course at the Northern Indiana Normal School, Valparaiso, Ind.; Margaret, who is engaged in teaching the district school at Grassflat, Clearfield county; Sarah, who is attending the grammar school at Peale; Andrew, William, John, Walter and Harry, all at home; and James and Guy, who died in infancy.

Mr. Crichton is now the efficient and popular mine foreman for the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Corporation, with headquarters at Peale. His long experience in coal mining has ably qualified him to fill that responsible position, and he not only has the confidence of his employers, but is held in the highest respect by those under him. He has been an earnest advocate and supporter of the Prohibition party since 1880.

JOHN W. KYLER, an agriculturist of energy and ability, residing upon a good farm in Boggs township, is a native of Clearfield county, his birth occurring in Bradford township, July 11, 1823, a son of Jacob and Mary (Wise) Kyler, who were born in Pennsylvania.
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of German extraction, the father October 22, 1790, and the mother ----. The parents were married in the county, and settled upon a farm in the midst of the unbroken timber, where the father developed a good farm. There his death occurred August 24, 1873, in the eighty-fourth year of his age, and his widow survived him only four years. They were numbered among the honored pioneers and highly respected citizens, and were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. The father was a Democrat and held some township offices. In their family there were children, as follows: William, born October 8, 1816, died January 27, 1817; Conrad, born December 17, 1817 (deceased); Martha, born September 14, 1819; Hannah, born April 6, 1821; John W., born July 11, 1823; Perrenenah, born September 21, 1825; Mark, born April 11, 1827, is a farmer; Luke, born May 8, 1829, is a resident of Iowa; Sophia, born November 28, 1831, married George Albert, who is now deceased; Henry, born May 1, 1834; Washington, born January 8, 1837, died March 8, 1839.

Our subject was reared amid the peaceful scenes of rural life, and has always made his home in the county, remaining under the parental roof until attaining his majority. For the following five years he was employed in farming and in the lumber woods. After his marriage he located upon a farm near Woodland, which he sold in 1853, and removed to his present place, which is situated in Boggs township, nine miles from Clearfield. This he has cleared and cultivated, and placed thereon many valuable improvements. In 1848 he was married to Miss Sophia Shiry, a native of Clearfield county, daughter of John Shiry, whose birth also here occurred, his father being numbered among the first settlers, a farmer and lumberman by occupation. John Shiry was a resident of Bradford township, and for many years served as justice of the peace. The following children blessed the union of our subject and his wife: Cambridge, born January 28, 1849, died when young; Ernest Emery, born December 14, 1851, married Etta Jewry, is a house carpenter, and resides in Bradford township; Francis A., born May 1, 1854, married Jennie Underfere, who is now deceased, lives in Boggs township; Mary Etta, born July 26, 1856, married Alexander McMartin, and lives at Penfield, occupied in teaming and working by the job; Leonard, born June 2, 1859, married Edith Smulik, is a farmer residing in Bradford township; Nannie Max, born July 28, 1861, died at the age of twelve years; Alice, born December 27, 1863, married W. C. Owens, a dealer in hardware at Philipsburg, Penn.; Elva, born January 2, 1866, married Rush Dehass, a bookkeeper in Du Bois, Penn., and Gertie, born April 13, 1871, is unmarried.

John W. Kyler is an earnest supporter of the Democratic party, but has never cared for office, though he has filled some positions in his township. He is a man of medium size, of athletic build and pleasant address. Nature has dealt kindly with him, and although he has passed the allotted three score years and ten, he is still well preserved, being able to make a hand in the meadow with the scythe. Surrounded by such comforts as a pleasant home, pure water and pure mountain air, he bids fair for a harvest hand for many years to come.

DANIEL SMITH, a representative and prominent farmer of Union township, Clearfield county, was born there April 23, 1836, a son of Jacob and Katie (Slimmer) Schmitt so spelled by the father and mother, but Smith by the children, they following the spelling as taught them in the neighborhood school.

The father is a native of the German Empire, born November 24, 1835, near the Rhine provinces, where he was reared and acquired a good practical education. He served by compulsion three years as a sailor, beginning in 1845. In 1848 he was taken prisoner, and in 1851, after having served out his time, he returned home, and in 1854 he came to America. On crossing the Atlantic, requiring forty-two days, he landed at New York, thence he located in Brandy township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and in 1855 was employed on the farm of Henry Whitehead, in Union township, receiving $8 per month. In 1856 he worked for John Brubaker at $13 per month. He then purchased a timbered tract of fifty acres in Union township, near Rockton, which he at once began to clear and improve, converting it into one of the most highly cultivated tracts in the locality. There he and his estimable wife, whom he married in 1855, in Brandy township, she being a native of one of the Rhine provinces, Germany, still reside, honored and respected by all who know them.

Our subject, the eldest of nine children, as yet is unmarried. (2) Mary, born March 6, 1858, was married to Conrad Fillhart, and to them were born four children; the husband and father died some twelve years ago, leaving only eight years after his marriage. (3) Jacob, born March 14, 1860, was killed in a clearing when about three years old by a log rolling on him. (4) John, born February 12, 1862, is still single, and is engaged in sawing and retailing lumber.
(5) George, born March 18, 1864, was married to Minnie Campbell, of Brady township, and they have two children. He is occupied in inspecting lumber. (6) Frederick, born April 28, 1866, died when about two and one-half years old. (7) Henry, born March 10, 1869, is yet unmarried, and is engaged in school-teaching. (8) Kate, born March 12, 1871, is the wife of William Shaffer, and has two children. (9) Annie, born September 17, 1873, married William Spicker, and has one child. Of the children, Henry, Kate, and Annie are members of the Lutheran Church; Mary is identified with the German Reformed Church.

Politically, Daniel Smith, the subject of this sketch, is an ardent Republican, which party the other members of the family also support. The father has filled a number of local positions of honor and trust, being treasurer six years, school director, overseer of the poor and supervisor for a number of years. He proved a most popular and efficient officer, and in all the relations of life is accounted a worthy and valued citizen, as well as an honored pioneer of Union township. A conscientious Christian, he is a member in good standing of the German Reformed Church, and has always taken an active and prominent part in Church or religious work. The Smith family is widely and favorably known throughout the community, and it certainly deserves an honored place among the representative citizens of Clearfield county.

VINCENT TONKIN. Prominent among the self-made men of Clearfield county is the subject of this sketch—a man honored, respected and esteemed wherever known, and most of all where he is best known. Everywhere in this land are found men who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to leadership in commerce, the great productive industries, the management of financial affairs, and in controlling the veins and arteries of the traffic and exchanges of the country. Although Mr. Tonkin started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, he has become one of the most substantial and prosperous citizens of Burnside township, with whose lumber and agricultural interests he has long been identified.

A native of Cornwall, England, Mr. Tonkin was born January 5, 1830, and when an infant he was brought to this country by his parents, John and Mary (Hicks) Tonkin, also natives of England. The father belonged to a prominent family of that country, where for some time he was superintendent of a large estate. In 1831, with his family, he emigrated to America, landing at Baltimore, whence he proceeded to Germantown, Penn., later removing to Luzerne county, this State, then to Blairsville, and after two or three other movements finally located in Portage county, Ohio. Two years later, however, he returned to the Keystone State, and in April, 1839, came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of 200 acres, on which he made a small payment, but finally lost it after making a good many improvements. Subsequently his son-in-law, D. W. Langdon, bought the property, and erected thereon a sawmill. In the settlement, our subject became the owner of 100 acres, a part of the said tract, which he developed into a good farm, and there his parents found a pleasant home until called to the world beyond, the father dying at the age of eighty-four, and the mother nine years later, at the age of eighty-three. Both were worthy members of the Christian Church. In their family were the following children: Mrs. Hannah Forsyth; Mrs. Mary A. Tuffing; Mrs. Charity Langdon; Mrs. Jane Kilpatrick; Susanna, John, George, William and Joseph, all deceased; Isaac, a resident of Indiana county, and Vincent, of this sketch.

Since boyhood, Mr. Tonkin, the subject proper of this review, has made his home in Burnside township, Clearfield county, and in its public schools acquired his education. As soon as large enough he began lumbering, and has been the financier of the family. When sixteen he piloted his first raft, and since that time has been connected with every branch of the lumber business, buying great quantities of square timber, logs and lumber, which he rafted down the river to market. For a number of years he also acted as agent for a Lock Haven firm, buying and lumbering for them. He has met with excellent success in his undertaking, and is now the owner of one thousand acres of land, as well as the coal rights to many valuable tracts. Upon his places there is still some good timber. Among his landed possessions is the old homestead and a fine farm in Cambria county. He has placed two hundred acres of his land under cultivation, and since 1893 has retired from rafting, though he still does some lumbering upon his home place. During the Civil war he followed droving, buying cattle in the western reserve of Ohio and in Michigan, which he would sell in Philadelphia, Lancaster, Chester, and in that business he was successfully engaged for four years.

In 1866 he was interested in the manufacture of boots and shoes and in the grocery business at Cherry Tree, Penn., to which town he platted an addition in 1892, and has sold many of the
lots. His homestead is supplied with all modern conveniences, an elegant two-story residence has been erected, and also two large barns and the necessary outbuilding, making it one of the model farms of the locality. The place at first comprised only thirty acres, to which he added one hundred acres, and upon a portion of this he platted the addition to Cherry Tree, which lies in Cambria, Clearfield and Indiana counties. He is a shrewd, far-sighted business man, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and the success that he has achieved is assuredly well deserved.

In 1879, Mr. Tonkin was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J. Hughes, a lady of intelligence and culture, and a daughter of Robert and Ellen (Douglass) Hughes, who spent their entire lives in Cambria county, the former dying in November, 1885, and the latter in 1857. The mother was of Scotch-Irish descent, a daughter of William Douglass, a farmer by occupation. The Hughes family was originally from Wales. By trade, Robert Hughes was a tanner, and in 1854 built the first tannery in Cherry Tree, Indiana county, but he also engaged in school teaching and the manufacture of shoes, and was interested to a considerable extent in lumbering. He was one of the most progressive, and energetic citizens of his community, a Republican in politics, and for a number of years efficiently served as justice of the peace. Of his five children, Ann, John, Thomas and William all died when young, so that Mrs. Tonkin is the only one now living. Her parents were both members of the Presbyterian Church, to which she and her eldest daughter also belong. In the Tonkin family are six children: Robert D., Vivian S., Maxie E., Vincent O., Allie D., and Afton W., all at home. Their mother was for many years a teacher in the public schools of Iowa.

The Republican party has ever found in Mr. Tonkin an ardent supporter, though he has never cared for official distinction, preferring to devote his undivided attention to his family and his business interests. He is one of the most successful farmers and lumbermen in Clearfield county, and is now living practically retired, enjoying the fruits of his former labor in his beautiful home which is situated in a hickory grove overlooking the river and the town of Cherry Tree. There he is surrounded by a happy family, and many warm friends and acquaintances.

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Jesse Lines was born March 21, 1817, in Nittany Valley, Centre county, and was about eleven years of age when he accompanied his parents to their new home in Brady township, Clearfield county. His education was limited to four months' attendance at a school conducted where the Luthersburg cemetery is now located, and taught by Benjamin Hall, of Centre county. In 1840 he was married to Miss Lavina Horn, of Brady township, a daughter of David and Mary Horn, and they located near their present home, where our subject purchased 175 acres of land which was covered with a heavy growth of timber. He built a hewed-log barn and commenced clearing the place. Acre after acre was transformed into productive fields until the entire tract was under a high state of cultivation, and in 1861 he erected a large frame barn and also improved his residence. In 1872 he removed to the mill property which he had purchased some years previous of David Welty. It comprised fifty acres of timber land, upon which he erected a dwelling house, barn and sawmill, and although now eighty years of age he is still engaged in the manufacture of lumber, personally looking after every detail of the business, and doing his own filing and other labors connected with the mill. He has ever been a progressive, energetic business man, and has met with a well deserved success in his undertakings. In 1869 he purchased another tract of wood land from Mr. Ashenfelder, consisting of 123 acres between his mill and Salem. In 1886 he purchased a tract of wood land from R. H. Moore, consisting of fifty acres, which joins the Ashenfelder property, formerly purchased by him, which makes a total of 173 acres.

To our subject and wife were born seven children: (1) David H., born in 1840, lives on his father's original homestead. He married Eliza J. Dresler, of Union township, Clearfield county, and had seven children—John, who is married and lives with his father; Della, now Mrs. Wood Kelly, of Brady township; Ezra, who died in childhood; William; Dolly, who died when young; and May and Edith, both at home. (2) Joseph, born September 8, 1842, married Malinda Nelson, of Union township, and moved to Nemaha county, Kans., where he follows farming and has reared seven children—Jesse, Howard, Neute, and Frank, Eva, Mabel, and the baby, a girl. (3) Mary J., born October 2, 1844, died in July, 1850. (4) Horatio, born November 18, 1846, died April 17, 1865. (5) Harvey M., born April 30, 1849, married Fannie Caldwell, of Du Bois, and lives with his father. Only one of his eight children is now living—Sarah Lavina. (6) Rachel A., born October 28, 1854, is the wife of Newton Goodlander, of Luthersburg, by whom she had seven children, four still living: Edna, Mnde, Lavina, and Joseph. (7) Margaret E., born November 15, 1858, is the

In his political affiliations, our subject has been a pronounced Democrat, and he has faithfully filled the offices of supervisor, auditor, school director and assessor a number of times to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Both he and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are honored and highly esteemed citizens of the community where they have so long made their home.

A. GILMAN, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and now residing in Woodward, Clearfield county, was born in Franklin county, Penn., March 6, 1845, a son of John Taylor and Catherine (Cramer) Gilman. The father was a native of Guilford, N. H., was a veteran of the war of 1812, serving in the 11th N. H. Infantry, and afterward removed to Mobile, Ala., where he followed his trade of blacksmithing. Subsequently he returned to Chambersburg, Penn., later went to Harvard, Centre county, and afterward, in 1853, removed to Morris township, Clearfield county. After working at his trade there for a time he went to Philipsburg, and in 1874 took up his residence in Woodward, where he died in 1876; his wife died in Decatur township, Clearfield county, in 1866. They had a family of three children: Mrs. Hannah Elizabeth Arisman, of Philipsburg; Mrs. Susan Catherine Klare, of Wallacetown, whose husband served three years in the 110th P. V. I.; and J. A., of this review.

Mr. Gilman, our subject, was reared in Clearfield county, and educated in Morris township and in Philipsburg. In the latter place he learned his trade of shoemaking, which he followed there, in Kyllertown and in Woodward. His labors were interrupted, however, by his service in the Civil war, for in 1861 he enlisted at Philipsburg as a member of Company D, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserve Infantry, for three years. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, joined the Army of the Potomac, and participated in the battles of Mechanicsville, Gaines Hill, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, the second battle of Bull Run, Gettysburg, the seven-days battle of the Wilderness, and Spottsylvania Court House. He re-enlisted December 28, 1864, in the same company and regiment, which, however, was attached to the 191st P. V. I. When the war was over he participated in the grand review in Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged in Harrisburg in June, 1865.

Mr. Gilman at once returned home, and in the same year married Miss Margaret Ellen Carns, who was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Simon and Constance (McMullen) Carns, pioneer settlers of Lawrence township, where the mother is still living; the father is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Gilman have five children: Harry, who is married and resides in Philadelphia; Mrs. Minnie McQuillen, of Woodland; John, who is married, and resides in Woodland; Loy and Verna.

Mr. Gilman now follows his trade of shoemaking in Woodland, and is an active, enterprising business man, who, by his well-directed efforts, has won for himself a fair measure of success. He votes with the Prohibition party, and is ever actively interested in all measures calculated to advance the educational, moral or material welfare of the community. He belongs to John W. Geary Post, No. 90. G. A. R.; to the Golden Eagle, and to the Patriotic Order of Sons of America.

J. P. FARWELL is connected with the business interests of Grampian as a carpenter, and with the municipal affairs of the city as justice of the peace. He takes a deep and commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare, lends an active support to many enterprises, and his well-spent life well entitles him to representation in this volume.

His parents were James and Pamela (Shade) Farwell, the former of whom was born in Clinton county, Penn., in 1801, and was a son of Lemuel Farwell, a native of Scotland, who, during his boyhood, became a resident of Clinton county. He wedded Mary McCloskey, a native of that county. James Farwell, on leaving the old homestead there, removed to the Bell farm and located on the river between Curwensville and Lumber City. He purchased 144 acres of land, seventy-five of which were under cultivation and improved with some buildings. He followed lumbering throughout his entire life, and for twenty-five years before his death also engaged in farming. He died at the home of his son, L. M. Farwell, at Glen Union, Clinton county, in 1884; his wife died on the old homestead near Lumber City, Clearfield county, in 1876.

This worthy couple had a numerous family of children, of most of whom we have the following record: (1) Frances A., the eldest, is the wife of John Hall, a son of Jesse Hall; they reside on a farm in Clinton county, and have had four chil-
children. (2) Mary became the wife of E. H. Richie, of Clinton county; they resided for a time at Highner's Run, and in 1852 came to Clearfield county, traveling by canal boat from Lock Haven to Bellefonte, and thence across the mountains with wagons to the Bell farm, in Clearfield county. Mrs. Richie died the same year. (3) Sebastian S. was educated in the common schools of Clinton county, studied medicine and practiced in Lumber City until his death in 1856. (4) L. M. married Nancy Burney, of Clinton county, who died in 1866, and he later wedded Matilda King; he resided on a farm near Glen Union, Clinton county; by his first marriage he had a family of seven children. (5) Elizabeth J. married William Baird, of Clinton county, and removed to Illinois, where they reared a family of children, all living in the West; Mr. Baird died in Knox county, Ill. (6) Noah M. married Harriet Adleman, in 1858, and lived in Lumber City for ten years; he then removed to the old homestead near that place and died in 1876; his wife still survives him. They had eight children, four now living in Clearfield county, the eldest being the wife of John Porter, who resides on a farm near Curwensville; the second, Luella, is the wife of George Mattern, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, and has one child; Frances is the wife of Ernest Orcutt, who is engaged in the livery business in Clearfield county; William McLellan follows lumbering. (7) Abel H. married Annie Wycoff, of Clearfield county, and resided in Lumber City until his death, which occurred in 1874 while he was teaching school in Dunbar; his wife died in 1876. (8) Nathan C. married Lydia Adleman, of Clearfield, and resides on a farm near Curwensville; they had seven children. (9) Matilda is the wife of Milton McClure, a son of T. R. McClure; they resided on a farm near Curwensville, but Mrs. Matilda McClure died in her early married life. (10) Clara, who completes this family, died at the age of twenty-one years.

J. P. Farwell, the subject of this review, came to Clearfield county when eighteen years of age, and followed farming and lumbering until 1856. He then married Miss Nora M. O'Neil, of Curwensville, daughter of Martin O'Neil, of Pottsville, Penn., who came to this country from Ireland in 1833, and died in Pottsville in 1846. His wife died in Towanda, Penn., in 1878. After his marriage, Mr. Farwell and his wife removed to Oakland, on the road leading from Curwensville to Lumber City, and there resided for six years. They then went to Lumber City, where they remained for eighteen years, since which time they have been residents of Grampian. Mr. Farwell purchased a lot and built a fine residence in 1883. He has always followed carpentering, and on all sides may be seen evidences of his handiwork, for his thorough understanding of the business and honorable dealing have enabled him to secure a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. and Mrs. Farwell have four children: (1) A. D., who is engaged in the lumber business in Grampian, wedded Mary King, of Lock Haven, Penn., daughter of Mrs. Matilda King, who became the wife of L. M. Farwell. Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Farwell have a family of seven children, all living. (2) Charles E., who was educated in the academy of Lumber City, died in 1879, at the age of eighteen years, while teaching his first term of school. (3) Cora F. is the wife of W. W. Spencer (son of Abram and Sarah Spencer, of Grampian Hills), who follows carpentering and cabinet making in Grampian; they have a family of six children, all living. (4) Roland, who is engaged in dealing in horses, married Miss Zella Doughman, and resides in Grampian; they have three sons and one daughter, all living.

Mr. Farwell exercises his right of franchise in support of the Republican party, and for sixteen years has held the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. He was school director for three terms, collector in 1892, supervisor of Pike township for one year, street commissioner of Grampian for one term, and assessor of Lumber City for two terms. He is also a notary public. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife and son also hold membership, and his upright career has been characterized by fidelity to duty in both public and private life.

W. Gearhart, of Clearfield county, has been actively identified with the business life of Clearfield borough for more than thirty-five years, and is now the owner of the oldest livery barn in that vicinity. It was built by Samuel Evans in 1853 as a stage barn, is a noted landmark, having at first been quite outside the limits of the city, which now surrounds it on all sides. In 1865 Mr. Gearhart established a livery business there, and has since conducted it successfully. He had already spent thirty-four years in Clearfield, having gone there in 1862 to take employment in a carriage shop, which gave him an opportunity to acquaint himself with the advantages of the growing city as a permanent location. In 1882 he engaged in the undertaking business as a member of the now well-known
firm of Gearhart & Sharbaugh, who are among the leaders in that line in their locality.

Mr. Gearhart, in his enterprise and sound judgment, displays the qualities which characterized his pioneer ancestry. His grandfather, John Gearhart, a native of Maryland, and a soldier in the Revolutionary army, came to Pennsylvania at an early day, and settled in what is now Decatur township, Clearfield county, clearing a farm near Osceola. Later he moved to Philipsburg, where his death occurred about 1840; his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gray, died, at the home of their son Jacob, in Decatur township, about 1846. They had seven children, all now deceased: Jacob and John died in Decatur township; Peter died in Ohio; Elias was the fourth in order of birth; Adam is mentioned more fully below: Katie (Mrs. Thompson) died in Armstrong county, Penn.; Eve (Mrs. Gray) died in Jefferson county, this State.

Adam Gearhart, the father of our subject, was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1800, and married Susannah Hartsock, a native of the same county, and the daughter of Henry and Catherine Hartsock. Her father was born in Centre county, and her family was among the first to locate there. In 1831 Adam Gearhart moved to Clearfield county, and settled in the woods in Bradford township, where he cleared and improved a farm and made his permanent home. He died there in 1878, and his estimable wife followed him to the grave after a separation of four years. Of their seven children, Henry, the eldest, resides in Bradford township, Clearfield county; G. W. is the second in the order of birth: Jacob died in Bradford township, Clearfield county, March 10, 1884; Martha (Mrs. Snok) resides in Clearfield borough; Elizabeth resides in Philipsburg; Sarah, widow of Latimer Merrill, lives in Kane, Penn., and Rachel resides in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

The subject of our sketch was born in Half Moon township, Centre county, and was but a child when he was taken to the new home in Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood, his education being acquired in the schools near his father's farm, at which time there were only five public schools in the county. In 1859 he was married in Clearfield borough to Miss Ellen Merrill, a native of the county, whose parents, William and Mary (Fetterson) Merrill, were born in this State, and were among the early settlers of Clearfield village, where they conducted a hotel. Both died in Clearfield borough.

Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart have had thirteen children, of whom nine are living, viz.: Mary Ida, of Montana, where she is principal of the Glendale School; William, who is married, and lives in Du Bois, Penn.; Maud, wife of William Bloomer, superintendent of a tannery at Clearfield: Augusta (Mrs. F. B. Row), of Clearfield; Clara (Mrs. Frank Thompson), of Clearfield; Glanora, George, Katie and Howard. The family attend the M. E. Church, of which Mr. Gearhart has been a trustee for many years.

G. W. Gearhart commenced his business career with no capital, except his own determined will and energy, and his success is the result of his own personal efforts and good management. His time and attention are devoted to business, leaving him but little occasion to participate in the political affairs of the county, nevertheless, as one of the substantial sons of the county, and a resident of Clearfield, he takes a deep interest in every movement looking to the progress of either. As an earnest member of the Clearfield Methodist Episcopal Church, he contributes both of his means and counsel to the support and maintenance of that society.

Edward Pidgeon is an enterprising, energetic business man of Houtzdale, who always keeps abreast with the times, and has been rewarded with a comfortable competence. He has done much to promote the commercial activity, advance the general welfare, and secure the material development of his section of Clearfield county, and therefore is worthy of honorable mention in this volume.

Mr. Pidgeon is a native of a far northern district of this continent. He was born October 22, 1846, in Prince Edwards Island, Canada, and is a son of Edward and Mary Montgomery Pidgeon. His father was a native of England, where, after being educated for the ministry, he entered the Presbyterian Church. His life was given to that work, and he was holding a pastorate at the time of his death. In the family were eleven children. About four years after the father's death the mother removed to New Richmond, Canada, where her death occurred in January, 1872.

A brief record of the children is as follows: (1) Daniel, who went with his mother to Canada and lived on a farm, married Agnes Merritt, who, with their son, David, still survives him. (2) George followed lumbering until his death, in early manhood. (3) David died in childhood. (4) John died at the age of twenty-seven years. (5) Christina died in early womanhood. (6) Hugh died unmarried at his mother's home in Canada. (7) Mary died a number of years ago at her mother's home. (8) Lorena died after reaching
womanhood. Archibald purchased a large farm adjoining the old homestead in Canada, and wedded Mary Campbell, of Campbellton, Canada, by whom he has three sons and one daughter—George, who was educated in Montreal, and entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, being now pastor of a congregation in Montreal; Edward Leslie, who is being educated for the Presbyterian Church; Hugh, at home; and Elsie, who, was educated in Montreal, and is now a teacher in the high school of New Richmond, Canada. (10) James Pidgeon married Janet McCoy, and resides on a farm in New Richmond, Canada.

Edward Pidgeon accompanied his mother on her removal to New Richmond, and in 1860 located in Cameron county, Penn., where for the winter he was employed by Phelps, Dodge & Co. In the spring he engaged with John Ardell, on Ford's run, working for him for three years, after which he came to Houtzdale in 1871; afterward erected a dwelling in Sterling, but, before moving in, it was destroyed by fire. With characteristic energy, however, he rebuilt, and lived there with his family for two years, after which he erected a two-story frame residence, with all modern improvements, on Eliza street, Houtzdale, one of the finest homes in the town. For thirteen years Mr. Pidgeon has been engaged in the livery and undertaking business, in company with A. D. Stewart. Their barn is supplied with all modern appointments, with good horses and an excellent line of carriages. Their courteous and fair treatment of their patrons has secured to them a large and profitable business. The establishment is probably the largest of the kind in Clearfield county.

In July, 1872, Mr. Pidgeon wedded Miss Mary Dutt, of Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn., the only daughter of John and Juliet Dutt, of Tioga county, Penn. Their children are as follows: Arthur, who was educated in the common schools of Houtzdale, and was his father's assistant until 1892, afterward spent three years as bookkeeper and teller in the Houtzdale Bank, and is now pursuing a course of dentistry in Pittsburg; Archie M., who was reared and educated in Houtzdale, is now working with his father; Bernice C., who attended the high school of Houtzdale, and was graduated from the State Normal of Indiana, in 1894, is now a teacher in the high school of Woodward township; Grover Cleveland and Julia are attending school; and William C. and Mildred are at home.

Mr. Pidgeon has always been identified with the Democratic party, but has never sought or desired political preferment. He and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church, and occupy a prominent position in social circles. He is numbered among the leading business men of Houtzdale, and as the architect of his own fortunes has builded wisely and well.

THOMAS SPACKMAN, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is a well-known agriculturist residing near Glen Richy. He belongs to an old and highly esteemed family, and his grandfather, Daniel Spackman, who was born in this State, located in Lawrence township, near Clearfield, in 1818. After spending a short time there as a pioneer farmer, he moved to the present site of Pine Grove, and cleared another tract of land for cultivation. He died in Lawrence township in March, 1871, at the point where Oshanta now stands. His wife, Sarah Mather, had passed away some years before, and of their ten children only one is now living: John died in Girard township, Clearfield county; Benjamin in New Jersey; Thomas in Lawrence township, at the old homestead; William in Lawrence township; Mary (Mrs. Thomas Leonard) in West Clearfield; Elizabeth (Mrs. William Mitchell) in Clearfield; Jane never married; Sarah (Mrs. Jordan Read) died in Lawrence township; Hester (Mrs. James Mitchell) died in Clearfield county; and Deborah (Mrs. David Brown) lives in Olanta, Pike township, Clearfield county.

William Spackman, our subject's father, was born in Chester county, Penn., October 26, 1809, but from the age of nine years his life was spent in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. The schools of that locality afforded him an education, and on attaining manhood he cleared for himself a farm in the forest, known as the Read farm. He was married in November, 1828, to Miss Isabella Read, a native of Lawrence township, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Jordan Read), prominent residents there. Mr. Read died in February, 1830, his wife having preceded him by a few years. Our subject's father was one of the substantial farmers of that section, and he and his wife were both highly regarded by their associates. Mrs. Spackman's death occurred in 1888, and her husband survived her only seven years. Our subject was the eldest of their four children. James is married and resides at the old homestead; W. A. is married and lives in Lawrence township; and Mary M.
married Edward Weise, of Knox township, Clearfield county.

Thomas Spackman was born in 1840, and has always had his home in Lawrence township. He was reared as a farmer's boy, enjoying the usual country school privileges. His farm, which he purchased in early manhood, contains fifty acres, and, in addition to its management, he carries on the business of draying for the adjoining village of Glen Richey. In 1870 he married Miss Armatilda Read, a native of Lawrence township, and a descendant of two of the early families of that section. Her parents, Ross and Mary (Thompson) Read, were both born in the township, and after passing their lives within its borders, they breathed their last there. Mr. Read in 1881, and his wife in 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Spackman have an interesting family of seven children: Bovard Ross, Earl W., Mary Rosetta, Ivan M., John J. R., Preston L. and Morton L.

Local affairs receive due attention from Mr. Spackman, who has shown his public spirit in many ways and at many times. He and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he belongs to the order of the Golden Eagle, and is a trustee of the society at Glen Richey. In politics he is a Democrat.

ROBERT M. JOHNSTON. In the history of the industrial interests of Clearfield county, this gentleman well deserves mention among the prominent agriculturists of Jordan township. He was born in Pottsville, Penn., August 2, 1830, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Cameron) Johnston. His parents were natives of Scotland, but were married in Pottsville.

Robert and James Johnston came to America together in 1828, from Scotland, and engaged in mining coal near Pottsville until the fall of 1833, when they removed to Jordan township, Clearfield county. Robert Johnston here purchased one hundred acres of land, and built a log cabin in the midst of the forest, where the timber was so dense that one could not see the sky for the thick foliage of the trees. Acre after acre, however, was cleared and placed under the plow, and at length a rich and valuable farm was developed. The father died in 1871 at the age of seventy years, leaving to his family a comfortable home, for upon his farm he had made substantial improvements, erecting a good residence and barns. His place was one of the best in the township, and its appearance indicated his careful supervision. Throughout his life he was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and his political support was given to the Democratic party, by which he was elected to several township offices. His wife survived him two years, passing away in 1873. But little is known of the history of her people, save that she came from a good Scotch family of Presbyterian faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were the parents of nine children, namely: Robert M.; Mary, wife of R. Colwell; John C., of Ansonville, Penn.; Mrs. Isabel Bloom; James W., an agriculturist; William, deceased; Mark, who died at the age of twelve years; David, who is farming on the old homestead; and Lizzie, wife of S. Withers.

Robert M. Johnston was only three years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county, and his first remembrance of the new home was of the three acres of cleared land in the midst of the dense forest. He early became familiar with the arduous task of developing a new farm, assisting his father in his boyhood in the work of making substantial improvements. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, with the exception of short intervals when he was engaged in rafting on the river or in making shingles; in the winter of 1851 he got out 45,000 shingles by hand. It was thus he got his first start in the business world. On the occasion of his marriage, in 1853, his father gave him the tract of land on which he now resides, comprising 150 acres. It was then wild and uncultivated, but he at once began the work of clearing and planting, and in course of time reaped abundant harvests as the reward of his labors. He erected a commodious two-story frame residence, built a large barn and substantial outbuildings, planted an orchard, and now has a valuable farm property, pleasantly situated one mile east of Ansonville. Of his place one hundred acres are under a high state of cultivation. Part of his land is underlaid with coal and fire clay.

Mr. Johnston was united in marriage with Priscilla Wise, daughter of David Wise, of German descent. Her father was reared and married in Centre county, and about 1839 removed to Clearfield county, purchasing land and developing a farm in Jordan township. There he made a good home and spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1854, when he was eighty-one years of age. He and his family were members of the Lutheran Church. Three of his children are now deceased: the others are: William, a farmer; Mrs. Mary Keller; and David and William, who carry on agricultural pursuits.

Our subject and his wife had a family of six children: David W., a farmer; Calvin, who was drowned in Oregon; Mary E.; Albert, who
is now in Alaska; one who died in infancy; and William at home. The mother of this family departed this life November 18, 1891. From girlhood she was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, and her death was deeply mourned by all who knew her. Mr. Johnston is also a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for twenty-five years. He gives his political support to the Democracy when national issues are involved, and is well-informed on the questions of the day, but has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, although he has served in some township offices. His long residence in Clearfield county has made him widely known, and his many acquaintances esteem him highly for his sterling worth.

THOMAS E. KEEN, who was among the first of the gallant volunteers that rallied to the defense of the old flag after the attack upon Fort Sumter, passed through some of the most arduous and exciting campaigns of the long war that followed, and was often detailed on special work requiring fidelity and courage. He is now a well-to-do agriculturist of Sandy township, Clearfield county, residing near Du Bois, and is regarded as one of the best citizens.

Mr. Keen comes of New England stock, and his father, the late Alba Keen, who was born in Belfast, Maine, remained in that section all his life, following lumbering as an occupation. He died in 1894 at the age of ninety-one, and his wife, whose maiden name was Nancy J. Estabrook, passed away not long after, aged eighty. Our subject was one of nine children, of whom all but two live in Maine: (1) Amanda married Mr. Sadaquist. (2) Victoria is the wife of Charles Huston. (3) Judith is now Mrs. Hornycastle. (4) Pheney married Charles Haley. (5) Nancy is now Mrs. Carney. (6) Annie married a Mr. Smith. (7) William, who is a resident of Du Bois, and the only one besides our subject to leave his native State, married Miss Lydia Hines, and has one child—Gracie. (8) Alba, who lives at Lincoln, Maine, is married and has a family.

Thomas E. Keen was born in Calais, Maine, in 1833, and when old enough became interested in lumbering. In 1856 he came to Pennsylvania, and for four years worked for John Irvin on Pine creek, contracting in sawmill work and logging. He then entered the employ of Reading & Fisher, and worked in their sawmill at Williamsport until the spring of 1861, when he enlisted from that city in Company D, 11th P. V. I., for three months. The regiment was assigned to Hooker’s command, and their first engagement was at Falling Water, Md. At the expiration of his term Mr. Keen returned to Pennsylvania, but as the need of a large force to suppress the Rebellion became apparent, he again offered his services, re-enlisting for nine months, on October 24, 1862, in Company A, 177th P. V. I., under Capt. William H. Gosline. Going to Martinsville they joined the Army of the Potomac, with Hooker as commander of their corps. Mr. Keen was promoted to the rank of second sergeant in October, 1862, and served in that capacity throughout his term. He then returned to Williamsport, and on February 13, 1864, he again enlisted, this time as a cavalryman in the 7th P. V. C., under Capt. James I. Long, his regiment being attached to the Army of the Cumberland. They were first commanded by Gen. Kilpatrick, and later by Gen. Thomas, under whom they fought at Nashville, Columbia and Fillmore. They were then assigned to Gen. Wilson’s cavalry for the raid to Atlanta, and then moved in a line parallel with Sherman’s infantry, skirmishing all the way through. At one time Mr. Keen was detailed by special order of Major Benjamin S. Dodd, of his regiment, to go to Howard’s Landing, Ga., and prevent the shipping of certain cotton marked “J. G.” and also to report each boat going to Eufaula, Ala. These duties occupied two weeks, and then Mr. Keen returned to Columbia, Tenn., where he received orders to act as safeguard to Gen. Pillow, and protect some government property. Later the company joined the forces at Atlanta, where their horses were placed on trains and turned over to the government. The men were transported to Harrisburg to receive their pay and a final discharge.

After a brief stay in Williamsport, Mr. Keen went to Maine for a visit, but returned, and for some time worked at Beechwood for John Polhamus. Later he entered the service of John Du Bois, and, after working two years in his mill at Williamsport, moved, in 1875, to the town of Du Bois, and conducted a lath and plaster mill. In 1877, Mr. Keen purchased fifty-nine acres of farming land, from John Du Bois, in Sandy township, Clearfield county, on the Little Sandy, now known as the Luthersburg branch. This he has cleared and improved, bringing the place under fine cultivation, and building a good barn and a large two-story residence. In addition to the management of this farm he has been constantly engaged in jobbing in logs for John Du Bois and his nephew, John E. Du Bois. Mr. Keen takes much interest in political affairs, and, while not
an office-seeker, he is one of the leading workers for the Republican party in his vicinity. Despite his advancing years, he retains his youthful spirits and vigor, and his genial nature has won him a host of friends.

In March, 1866, Mr. Keen was married to Miss Susan J. Pass, of Williamsport, daughter of Charles and Mary Pass, prosperous agriculturists of Lycoming county, Penn. She is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, to which one of the daughters also belongs. Seven children have blessed this union: (1) Lizzie May, born in 1867, married David F. Carbaugh, then of Adams county, Penn., and now a farmer of near Du Bois; they have five children—William, Winfred, Ruth, and Bessie and Jessie (twins). (2) Alba, born on March 11, 1869, married Miss Della Dixon, of Du Bois, and now resides on part of his father’s homestead; they have one son, John Edward. (3) Charles L., born May 30, 1871, was drowned at the dam on Sandy run in July, 1879, at the age of eight years. (4) William E., born March, 1873, married Miss Lottie Skinner, of Smicksburg, and resides with his parents. (5) Winfred, born November 8, 1876. (6) Amanda G., born April, 1879, and (7) Renel W., born July, 1881, are still at home.

EDGAR L. MCCLOSKEY. Before entering upon the narrative of the personal traits or characteristics of our subject, let us carry the mind of the reader retrospectively to the early “forties” in the history of Kartsahus township, Clearfield county.

Here we find the father of our subject located with his parents, Thomas and Sophia McCloskey, in the year 1848, upon a tract of land situated about four miles north from the mouth of Mosquito creek, and containing about one hundred acres, only five of which were cleared and under cultivation, and having thence erected a one and one-half story log house. This home was surrounded by one veritable wilderness of valuable timber land, where wild game of every description made their homes in these dense forests, and where a few years prior the Red men of the forests "wig-warmed" on the mossy banks of the numerous small streams which traverse this section. Here the family remained until the month of September, 1854, when the grandparents of our subject removed to Iowa, the father of our subject remaining to further cultivate and improve his possessions. Through his untiring energy, thrift and industry he continued to add to his possessions until he has one of the finest and most productive farms to be found in Clearfield county, comprising over two hundred acres. Mr. McCloskey has also been extensively engaged in lumbering, and in all his varied enterprises has been very successful. About the year 1857 he established a general mercantile store on his farm, and for many years was a successful merchant in the township. In politics he is a Democrat, and has taken a deep interest in all enterprises for the public good, but has never aspired to official distinction although his friends have oftentimes solicited him to become a candidate.

On April 23, 1854, Isaac C. McCloskey was married to Elizabeth Jane McClure, daughter of Col. Ross McClure, of Pike township, and ten children were born to this union, five of whom are now living, including our subject: Edgar L. McCloskey, who was born on the 8th day of April, 1858. He received his education in the public schools of the locality of his birth, and in 1876 attended the summer session of the State Normal School, Millersville, Penn.; one session of the Teachers Normal of Curwensville, and one term at the private school of Prof. B. C. Youngman, at Clearfield. He taught school three terms in Clearfield county under County Supt. M. L. McQuown. In 1881 he was graduated from Wood’s Business College, at Williamsport, Penn. He then succeeded his father in the general mercantile business, but in 1882 sold his interests to Merrey & McCloskey, and conducted the business six years for that firm or until 1888, in which year he was elected, on the Democratic ticket, sheriff of Clearfield county, by a majority over his Republican opponent of 1,031 votes. Although his predecessor in office was a Republican, and with the firm hold the Republican organization held in the county, his large majority was quite indicative of his popularity in his county. After the expiration of his term of office (three years), he took for recreation as well as pleasure a trip through the South, and visited all points of interest, including all the large cities as well as other places of note. In 1884 he purchased the interest of J. C. Stewart in the general mercantile business in Clearfield, and continued the copartnership of a general store with his partner, W. T. Spackman, under the firm name of Spackman & McCloskey, up to the spring of 1898, when he entered into the general mercantile business for himself.

Edgar L. McCloskey was married May 29, 1884, to Miss Idura L. King, only daughter of Rev. J. R. King, a prominent minister of the Central Pennsylvania M. E. Conference. To this union seven children were born, as follows: Roy M., Ira C., Joseph Ross, Edgar L., Edith Zoe, Verdie May, and Lex K., all now living ex-
except Joseph Ross, who died May 22, 1894. Our subject is worthy of special mention for his generosity as well as integrity, always ready to lend a helping hand to those in need, and he never fails to bestow a favor whenever he has opportunity to do so. Through his honesty and integrity in his business relations, he has rightly merited the confidence of the public of his wide acquaintance.

JAMES T. HEBEL, who was one of the brave "boys in blue" during the Civil war, and is now a leading carpenter and builder of Luthersburg, was born in Perry county, Penn., March 19, 1843, a son of George and Rosanna (Matchett) Hebel, natives of Lancaster and Dauphin counties, Penn., respectively. The father was reared in Dauphin county, where he learned the millwright's trade, but after his marriage he bought a farm in Hunters Valley, Perry county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1883. His wife had passed away two years previous, while she was on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Swoop, in Harrisburg.

In their family were eight children, of whom three were born in Dauphin county and the others in Perry county: (1) David, the eldest, also served his country during the Rebellion, enlisting in 1863 in the Pennsylvania Reserves, and serving until the close of the war. He married Janet Thompson, of Cleveland, Ohio, and located in Perry county, Penn., but after the war moved to Black Rapids, Mich., where his death occurred; he left a widow but no children. (2) William also died in Michigan, where he made his home. (3) Alfred enlisted, in 1863, in Company B, 7th Pennsylvania Reserves, and while serving under Gen. Grant at the battle of the Wilderness he was taken prisoner by the Rebels, and was incarcerated at Andersonville for eleven months. When the war was over he returned to Perry county, where he still resides. Prior to his enlistment he had married Louisa Buchanan; he has two sons living—David and James. (4) John C. was also a member of the same company and regiment, which he joined in 1861, and served under Gen. Mead. During his three years' service he was never off duty, and took part in every battle in which his regiment was engaged. He married Hannah Resinger, of Perry county, and with his family resides on his father's old homestead. (5) Annie married William H. Swoop, of Perry county, and they now reside in Mansfield, Ohio, where he works at the carpenter's trade. (6) Frank S. migrated to Ohio, and there married a Miss Snyder, and he now lives near Mansfield, where he also follows carpentering; he has several children. (7) Mary died in Perry county, Penn., at the age of sixteen years. (8) James T. is our subject.

James T. Hebel was only eighteen years of age when the Civil war broke out, but he manifested his patriotism by early enlisting in the service, becoming a member of Company B, 7th Pennsylvania Reserves, commanded by Capt. G. K. Shull, of Liverpool, Perry county. From Camp Curtin he went to West Chester, where the regiment was organized, and it was sworn into the United States service at Washington, D. C., July 21, 1861. It was then ordered to Fairfax, and later participated in the first battle of Bull Run, under Gen. McDowell. Under his command they did picket duty until the spring of 1862, when they were ordered to report to McClellan, and then took part in the Peninsular campaign. In front of Richmond they engaged in a seven-days' fight, first at Gaines Mills and then at Gaines Hill, where Mr. Hebel was taken prisoner June 27, 1862. While confined in Libby, Gen. Mead was also taken as a prisoner to that place, where he addressed the boys with words of encouragement. After two weeks there passed our subject was transferred to Belle Isle, where he remained for three months before being paroled and taken to City Point. There he and his party took transports for Harrison's Landing, where they did picket duty on the south bank of the James river. Later they took transports around the Aquia creek, and were then in the second battle of Bull Run, being under the command of Gens. Mead and Reynolds. With the Army of the Potomac the regiment was in the battle of Fredericksburg, in 1863, being on the left of the three grand divisions. Here his division lost 3,000 men, but captured over 800 prisoners. Crossing the Rappahannock, Mr. Hebel with his command marched to Belle Plains and from there to Alexandria, where they recruited. After the battle of Fredericksburg they took part in the engagements at South Mountain and Antietam, and after re-enlisting were ordered to Gettysburg, but the order was countermanded and only two brigades of the division participated in that struggle. With the Army of the Potomac they were stationed upon the Rappahannock until the battle of the Wilderness. With his regiment our subject participated in all the engagements of that campaign, including the battle of Petersburg, the Weldon Railroad charge on the 5th and 6th of February, 1865, and the battle of Hatcher's Run, where they supported the Sixth Ohio Cavalry. They took part in the battle of Five Forks, and continued fighting along the
skirmish line up to the time of Lee’s surrender at Appomattox, from which place they marched to Petersburg, and thence to Richmond and Fredericksburg. They were then stationed at Arlington Heights until the grand review at Washington, D. C., in which they participated. Mr. Hebel had re-enlisted November 10, 1863, for three years or during the war, but as hostilities had ceased he was honorably discharged from the United States service at Harrisburg, July 3, 1865. He had taken part in over fifty important engagements, and ever proved a faithful and fearless soldier.

Mr. Hebel returned to his old home in Perry county: but December 13, 1865, he came to Clearfield county, where he learned the carpenter’s trade under the direction of Ezra Ale, of Clearfield. He continued to work in that city until his marriage to Miss Charlotte Diem, of Brady township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Henry and Louisa Diem, natives of Germany. After his marriage Mr. Hebel located in Luthersburg, where he purchased a lot of G. B. Goodlander, and erected thereon a two-story dwelling, but later traded the place for a farm in Brady township. A few years later, however, he returned to Luthersburg, and again resumed carpenter work, which he has since successfully followed. In 1889 he purchased the property of Dr. George Wilson, and still makes his home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hebel have become the parents of eleven children, namely: Mary L., born May 16, 1868, died at the age of twenty years; George F., born November 19, 1869, died from diphtheria at the age of nine; Minnie K., born July 24, 1872, died from the same disease at the age of seven; A. M., born October 25, 1874, received a good common-school education, is still with his parents, and is at present assistant postmaster; William F., born March 5, 1877, died in infancy; Annie L., born September 17, 1879, was educated in the common schools, and is at home; Clara E. and Olive May (twins) were born April 8, 1881, but the latter died in infancy, while the former lived to the age of sixteen, dying in 1897; Lillie G., born September 2, 1883, Fannie C., June 17, 1885, and Warren M., December 4, 1889, are all at home and attending school. The parents both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are people of the highest respectability. Mr. Hebel received the endorsement of the citizens of Luthersburg for postmaster, was recommended by Congressman Hon. W. C. Arnold, and received the appointment October 8, 1897, in which position he is now serving his country. He freely offered his services to his country during her hour of peril, and in days of peace has also proved a patriotic and loyal citizen, doing all within his power to advance the interests of his town and county or to promote the general welfare.

ELLIS W. EVANS, an energetic farmer, and a successful contractor and builder, of Graham township, Clearfield county, was born in 1842, on the old homestead in the same township, his parents being Moses C. and Rebecca (Smeal) Evans.

The father of our subject was born in Chester county, Penn., in 1794, a son of Jonathan and Priscilla (Coats) Evans, with whom he removed to Mill Hall, Centre county, at an early day. There he followed tanning for some time, and then located in the woods near Curwensville, Clearfield county, where he cleared and improved a good farm. The mother was a native of Bradford township, Clearfield county, where her father had made a settlement at a very early day. The parents began housekeeping in Pike township, where three children were born, and then removed to a 109-acre tract in Graham township, which Mr. Evans purchased, cleared, improved and cultivated. Here the family circle was increased by the birth of four other children, making seven, namely: Henry, who resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead in Graham township; Mary, wife of Jonathan Emigh, a farmer of Morris township, Clearfield county; J. C., who wedded Mary J. Heise, of Lancaster county, Penn., and after living for a time in Graham township, removed to Illinois, but returned to Cooper township, Clearfield county, where with his wife and nine children he is now living; Catharine, wife of James Myer, of Goshen township, Clearfield county, by whom she has one child; and Josiah M., who married Elizabeth Parker, of Philipsburg, Penn., and with his wife and eleven children reside in Ramey, Clearfield county.

Ellis W. Evans, the subject of this sketch, completes the family. He was reared and educated in Graham township, and was there married to Miss Sarah A., daughter of George W. Hisel, of Lancaster county, Penn., and to them were born children as follows: Rebecca Mary, who died at the age of five years; M. L. C., who died at the age of three years; Josiah M.; Henry H.; George W.; William W.; B. Ella; Grover C.; Ellis W.; F. C., and Annie Pearl.

Mr. Evans resides upon a part of the old homestead, which he has improved with good
and substantial buildings, and in fact the whole place testifies to his industry, careful manage-
ment, enterprise and sound judgment. He has always been a stalwart Democrat in politics, has
served for two terms as constable, and is at pres-
et supervisor of his township. He is very popu-
lar throughout the community, and those who
have known him from childhood are numbered
among his staunchest friends. In the Methodist
Episcopal Church he and his wife, with three of
their children, hold membership.

SAMUEL LEWIS KESTER is one of the sub-
stantial citizens of Penn township, Clearfield
county, whose sterling worth, irreproachable in-
tegrity and business activity make him a valued
factor in the community. He follows farming
and carpentering, and since the age of seven
years has resided in Clearfield county. A native
of Columbia county, Penn., he was born No-
vember 2, 1841, a son of Isaac and Mary (Winer)
Kester, the former of whom was born in Colum-
bia county, October 13, 1813, and was a son of
Samuel Kester, a native of the same county.
Isaac Kester was reared to and followed the occu-
pation of farming, and in 1848 removed with his
wife and five children to Clearfield county, Penn.,
purchasing 150 acres of partially improved land
near Lumber City. There he erected a house,
and made other substantial improvements dur-
ing his residence, which covered a number of
years. He then sold that property, and pur-
chased what is now known as the David Young
farm, of one hundred acres, whereon he passed
the rest of his days, dying October 19, 1884; his
wife was called from earth July 5, 1896.

Isaac and Mary Kester had a family of eleven
children—nine sons and two daughters—namely:
(1) Ellis, the eldest, wedded Mary J. Young, of
Ferguson township, and resides on the Thomas
Clever farm in Bloom township, Clearfield
county; they have one son and two daughters—
(a) Albert married Maud, daughter of Wilson
Tate, of Curwensville, Penn., and they have two
daughters, Myrtle and Martha; (b) Ida is the wife
of George T. Underwood, a resident of Gram-
pian, and they have one child, Russell; and (c)
Emma, who is unmarried. (2) Our subject comes
next. (3) Jesse wedded Mary E. Smith, of
Bell's Landing, who died leaving four children—
(a) Clarence, who is married, and has two chil-
dren; (b) John unmarried, and living at home;
(c) Thomas, who married Lizzie Newcomer, and
resides at Bell's Landing; and (d) Harry, unmar-
rried, and living at home. For his second wife,
Jesse Kester married Clementine Bell, widow of
David Bell, and they had one child that died in
infancy. (4) William is a carpenter by trade,
and resides with his brother John, at Bell's Land-
ing. (5) Frank married Elizabeth Kester, of
Columbia county, Penn., and follows lumbering
in Greenwood township, Clearfield county; they
have a family of nine children—Minta, wife of
Fred Pentz, a farmer of Penn township, by
whom she has two children, Allen and Jennie
Pentz; Jason, Wallace, Susie, Truman, Mary,
Delilah, Rosie and Grier. (6) Susan is the wife
of John Parker, a farmer of Columbia county,
and they have a family of ten children—Sylvanus
T. (who married Miss Laura Haycock, of Ben-
ton, Penn.), I. Clark, Elias, Allen, Perry E., Ira
P., Lewis W., Mary Araminta, Ellis H., and
John Lundy. (7) Amos married Katie Johnson,
of Mahaffey, Penn., and resides in Greenwood
township, Clearfield county, with their two chil-
dren—Jesse and Orvis. (8) Ella is the wife of
Dan McCracken, a farmer of Penn township, and
they have children—Frank and Bessie. (9)
Isaac, who resides near Curwensville, Penn.,
moved Lydia Bloom, of Pike township, Clear-
field county, by whom he has five sons—Bruce,
Vincent, Lynn, Ross and Ellis. (10) John P.,
of Bell's Landing, follows the carpenter's trade.
He wedded Mary Jordan, of Lumber City, and
they have five children—Edna, Albert, Charles,
Margaret and Alice. (11) James, a photographer
of Brockwayville, Penn., married Blanche Lu-
ther, of Troutville, Penn., and has one son—
Luther.

When a child of seven years, S. L. Kester
accompanied his parents to Clearfield county,
and spent his boyhood on the homestead farm
near Lumber City. In 1860 he began learning the
carpenter's trade under the direction of A. C.
Moore, with whom he worked for three years.
On October 20, 1865, he was married in Penn
township to Miss Alice Wall, daughter of Reuben
and Sidney Wall, of Penn township. Her grand-
father, David Wall, removed to Clearfield coun-
try from Centre county, Penn., in 1812, and pur-
chased a large tract of land in Penn township,
now known as the Lewis Kester farm. He cleared
and improved that place, erected a log cabin in the midst of the forest, and there reared
his family of nine children: (1) William Wall,
the eldest son, married Sarah, daughter of Jon-
athan Wall, of Penn township, and they had a
family of nine children: Jane, Elizabeth, Sid-
ney, Lydia A., Amos, Lavina, Albert, Truman
and Melinda. (2) Jane became the wife of
Charles Underwood, and has three children—
David, Reuben and Annie, all married. (3)
James married Sarah Moore, and resided in
Brady township, Clearfield county, but both are now deceased; they had six children—Jeremiah, Andrew, David, Harvey, George and Mary Ann. (4) Reuben (the father of Mrs. Kester) married Sidney Wall, and lived in Penn township until his death in February, 1892; his wife died in 1885; they had two children—Alice (Mrs. S. L. Kester), and Miles, a resident of Curwensville, Penn. (5) Levi died of typhoid fever after reaching manhood. (6) Margaret grew to womanhood on the old homestead, and is now deceased. (7) Sarah became the wife of Samuel Young, of Bell township, Clearfield county, who resided there until his death; he left a widow and one child, David Young, now of Greenwood township. (8) John married Sarah Elinger, of Brady township, where they both died, leaving a family of four children—Mrs. Jane Gardner, of Brady township, who has four children; Mrs. Mary Counsil; Curtis, of Wall’s Mill, who was married, had six children, and lost his wife in 1894; and Mrs. Elizabeth Crowell, who died leaving one son. (9) Jefferson married, and removed to Pittsburg, Penn. Mrs. Kester’s mother was one of seven children—Isaiah, Sarah, Sidney, Eliza, Jonathan, Thomas and Elijah, all residents of Penn township.

S. L. Kester, whose name introduces this sketch, has lived on the old Wall homestead for twenty-eight years, locating there in 1868. Eight children were born to him and his wife: (1) Reuben P. wedded Mary Kirk, of Penn township, who died in 1892, leaving a daughter, Winnie, who lives with her grandparents. Reuben P. afterward married Myrtle Davis, of Penn township, and is now living on the old homestead with his father. He has been a successful teacher in the public schools for eleven terms. (2) Howard, born in 1868, died September 9, 1877. (3) Jennie married Truman Davis, a son of Joseph Davis, and they now reside at Grampian, Penn., where Mr. Davis is engaged in the lumber business; their three children are—Alice, Joseph and Beulah. (4) Beulah, born in 1874, died September 6, 1877. (5) Ada, born August 25, 1875, died September 20, 1877. (6) Minnie A., born December 9, 1878, (7) Siddle, born June 10, 1880, and (8) Seymour, born June 23, 1884, are at home with their parents.

Mr. Kester was reared by his parents in the faith of the Friends Church, and he and his family now hold membership therein. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but now supports the Prohibition party. He held the offices of school director and overseer of the poor, but has never been an aspirant for official honors. His life has been a busy and useful one, devoted to both farming and carpentering, and he is one of the most industrious and energetic citizens of Penn township, whose career commends him to the confidence and good will of all.

SAMUEL G. KUNTZ, of Troutville, Clearfield county, deserves more than a passing notice, his ability, enterprise, and high character having won him an influential place in the community. Like many of the leading citizens of the county, he is of German blood.

The late Jacob Kuntz, father of our subject, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was married in the Fatherland to Fraulein Catherine Yockey. Some years were spent in their native country, and three children were born there: but, desiring for themselves and their family the wider opportunities for advancement to be found in the United States, they left the old home on May 5, 1830, and soon afterward sailed from Havre. Their long and tedious voyage ended July 19, 1830, at New York harbor, and they came at once to Union county, Penn., attracted by the fertile lands which were then being rapidly settled. On November 30, they took possession of a wooded tract near Troutville, where they made their permanent home, clearing and improving it for a farm. Mr. Kuntz was a man of more than ordinary business acumen, and his various enterprises prospered. In 1830 he built a gristmill which he conducted profitably, and he was also interested in lumbering to some extent. In 1836 he engaged in general mercantile business at Troutville, following it for a number of years with great success. He was prominent in local politics also, and in 1861 was elected county commissioner, taking the office in January, 1862, and serving until 1865. His wife died in 1890, at the age of ninety years, after sixty-nine years of happy wedded life; he passed away not long after, dying on April 26, 1892, at the age of ninety-four years, three months and seven days. They had eight children: Frederick, who was drowned near Reynoldsville, Penn., in 1830; Mrs. Bonsall, of Brady township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Elizabeth Grube, of Bell township, Jefferson county; Mrs. Kishel, of Troutville; Jacob, who resides in McCalmont township, Jefferson county; Susanah (Mrs. Limberg, of Butler county, Penn.; Caroline now Mrs. Caroline Weber, of Troutville, and Samuel G., our subject.

S. G. Kuntz was born March 3, 1845, and was reared at the old homestead, receiving his education in the schools of the neighborhood. Since 1856 he has resided in Troutville, and it is
safe to say that no public enterprise of moment has been projected without receiving from him practical and effective aid. In business he has been unusually successful. Milling has occupied much of his attention, and from 1868 to 1884 he conducted a general store. On disposing of this he engaged in lumbering, and now has a sawmill in active operation. He also has a feed mill and roller buckwheat mill in the borough, which command a good business. In politics he is a Democrat, and his influence in local affairs is well recognized. In 1891 he was chosen to the office of justice of the peace for one year; in 1892 he was re-elected for the term of five years, and again re-elected, in 1897, for five years, the people thus indicating their approval of his able discharge of duty. Socially he is identified with the O. U. A. M.

In 1869 Mr. Kuntz was married to Miss Elizabeth Weaver, a native of Bell township, Jefferson county, and a daughter of the late George Weaver, who was formerly a prominent resident of that locality, but died in Troutville in 1876. Three children, Clara C., Susie E. and S. Emory, brighten our subject's home.

Moses Fulton was born May 21, 1812, on the farm now owned by our subject, and grew to manhood at his father's farm. He was married in Pike township, Clearfield county, May 21, 1839, to Miss Anna H. Caldwell, a native of that locality, and a daughter of Hon. Alexander and Margaret (Hartshorn) Caldwell. Her father was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and identified himself with Clearfield county at an early period, opening up a farm in Pike township, and taking a leading part in public affairs. At one time he was sheriff of the county, and in 1834-56 he was a member of the Assembly. He and his wife both passed away in 1876 at their home in Pike township.

Moses Fulton followed agriculture as an occupation until death cut short his useful life on May 28, 1865; his widow still resides at the old farm. They reared a family of eight children, namely: Samuel A., who died in Kansas in 1893; Thomas N., our subject; Joseph B., who enlisted in Clearfield county in 1863, and died at City Point, Va., in January, 1864; Martin T., a resident of Eureka, Cal.; Margaret C. (Mrs. Ford), who died in Kansas in 1893; Mary B., the wife of J. F. McGeorge, of Eureka, Cal.; Edgar R., of Marysville, Kan.; and Elmer E., of Atlanta, Georgia.

T. N. Fulton was born July 3, 1842, at the old home in Lawrence township, and was educated in the neighboring schools. He has followed agriculture as an occupation since early manhood, and now owns the homestead containing 130 acres, of which 100 are under cultivation. He was married, in 1881, to Miss Elmira Irwin, a native of Lawrence township, and the descendant of two highly esteemed pioneer families. Her parents, Henry and Mary (Olger) Irwin (both now deceased), were natives of Clearfield county. To Mr. and Mrs. Fulton were born four children, as follows: Blaine, Ella H., Roy I. and Myra. The mother passed from earth March 12, 1888. In his political affiliations, Mr. Fulton is a Republican. He is greatly interested in all forms of local progress, especially in educational matters, to which he has given effective assistance as a member of the school board.

GEORGE HECKENDORN, who has for several years been actively identified with the industrial and agricultural interests of Carthaus township, Clearfield county, is a native of Cumberland county, Penn., but was reared in Perry county, where he acquired his education in the common schools. His parents were Adam and Susan (' Fenical) Heckendorn. This paternal
grandfather, Christian Heckendorn, was a native of Germany, and on coming to America, when a young man, located in Pennsylvania. He was a skillful millwright, and became quite prominent and wealthy. He died in Perry county, and his wife, who survived him for some time, passed away at the advanced age of ninety-six years.

Adam Heckendorn, the father of our subject, was born in Berks county, Penn., and grew to manhood in Cumberland county, later becoming a resident of Perry county, where he owned a valuable farm on which he made most of the improvements. Being a natural mechanic, he repaired most of his machinery, and shoed his own horses. He died in Perry county, as did also his wife, who survived him a few years. In early life he held membership with the Presbyterian Church, but, removing to a community where there was no organization of that denomination, he joined the Lutheran Church, to which his wife had always belonged. Seven children were born to them: Christian, Francis, John, William, David, George and Abraham. Only George and Abraham are now living, and our subject is the only one of the family who ever came to Clearfield county.

George Heckendorn remained with his parents until eighteen years of age, and in 1847 entered upon an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade, which he followed as a journeyman at Salt Lick, Karthaus township, after coming to Clearfield county in 1850. At the end of a year he rented a shop which he conducted until 1859, when he purchased fifty acres of partially-improved land, three miles east of the village of Karthaus. He has made many valuable improvements upon the place, including good barns and outbuildings, and has remodeled and enlarged the house, converting it into a commodious and comfortable residence. He has had the misfortune to lose two barns by fire, one residence at Salt Lick, and his recent home was damaged by that destroyer. In connection with his home farm he also owns a one-third interest in 120 acres of improved land, and, also a timber tract. After buying his place he at once erected a blacksmith shop, which he has since successfully conducted, while his farm has been principally operated by hired help. For about nine years he was also a partner of Dr. Gilliland in merchandising, but never gave his personal attention to the store.

In 1838 Mr. Heckendorn was married to Miss Sophia Yothers, who was born in Karthaus township in 1836, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Rider) Yothers. Her father was a native of Adams county, Penn., but at an early age he came to Clearfield county, where he was married, and being a miller by trade, he conducted the Karthaus mill for many years. Later he purchased a farm, on which he spent his remaining days, dying at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife passed away four years later. They were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and the parents of eleven children: Maria, wife of J. Carley; John; Henry; Daniel; Mrs. Isabella Patterson; Sophia; Reuben; Adeline, wife of Joseph Gilliland; Christian, deceased; Joseph, and Mrs. Mary Heichel. Six of the family are still living.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heckendorn, namely: Joseph A., a prominent merchant, mine owner, and coal operator; Sarah, deceased wife of Alvin A. Murray; Anna B., wife of Edward Read; Janetta E., wife of John Buchanan; William, who is an employé of the Pennsylvania railroad, residing at Johnsonburg; and Bertha, at home. They have also reared a niece, Mabel E. (a daughter of William Heichel), who has made her home with them since nine months old.

Mr. Heckendorn was reared in the Presbyterian Church, to which faith he still holds, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. At national elections, he supports the candidates of the Democratic party, to which his ancestors belonged, but at local elections votes for the man whom he considers best qualified to fill the office, regardless of party ties. A genial, courteous gentleman, he enjoys the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact, in either public or private life.

ALEXANDER D. STEWART. Man's success is not measured by the height to which he has climbed, but by the distance between his starting point and the altitude that he has reached. The success of our subject seems most marvelous, but has come to him not as the result of propitious circumstances, but as a reward for farsighted dealings, executive ability and discrimination. He is one of the most enterprising and prosperous business men of Houtzdale, and is the senior member of the well-known firm of Pidgeon & Stewart.

Our subject was born in Pictou county, Nova Scotia, in 1849, and is a son of Daniel and Isabella (McDougall) Stewart, who were married in that country. The father, who was a native of Invernesshire, Scotland, died in Nova Scotia, in 1853; the mother passed away in the same country in 1883. In their family were the following children: Peter, a resident of Pictou county, Nova Scotia; Roderick, of Hornellsville, N. Y.;
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Mrs. Christina Cameron, of Pictou county, Nova Scotia; Isabella, who became the wife of Robert N. Banks, and died in Beaver Dam, Wis., in 1875; Janet, wife of John J. Sutherland, of Pictou county; and Alexander.

Mr. Stewart, of this review, was reared and educated in his birthplace, where he met with an accident when about nineteen years of age, cutting his left knee with an axe, crippling him for life, after which he followed the teacher's profession in Pictou county until 1869. In that year he went to Beaver Dam, Wis., but in October came to Clearfield county, with whose business interests he has since been identified. He first located at Osceola Mills, where he worked for Whitcomb & Townsend until 1871, when he took up his residence in Houtzdale, the railroad at that time having been completed to the Franklin Colliery. He was in the employ of Kirk, Beyer & Co., and Hoover, Hughes & Co., afterward with Luther & Flynn, as bookkeeper. In August, 1884, was formed his present partnership with Edward Pidgeon, since which time they have successfully engaged in the livery and undertaking business in Houtzdale, as proprietors of the Keystone livery and feed stables, where they own two large barns and keep on hand from thirty to thirty-five horses. They purchased the Woodin Livery stock, and, in connection with the general livery business, also do teaming. In 1894 Mr. Stewart embarked in the furniture and undertaking business, and has met with a well-deserved success along this line. Besides his excellent store and livery business, he also owns many lots in Houtzdale and ten acres of land in Woodward township, and is a stockholder in the Bank of Houtzdale.

In 1887 Mr. Stewart wedded Miss Rosamond Clark, a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., who died in 1888, and two years later he was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Persing, who was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and was a daughter of David and Isabella (Clark) Persing, pioneers of Houtzdale, where the father conducted the first hotel; he is now living in West Houtzdale. Mrs. Stewart died in February, 1892, in Houtzdale, leaving one son, Daniel Sherman.

Politically, Mr. Stewart is an ardent Republican, and has served as treasurer of Houtzdale four years, and secretary of the water works company three years. Socially, he affiliates with Osceola Lodge, No. 747, I. O. O. F. His actions have during life been such as to distinctively entitle him to a place in this publication, and although his career has not been filled with thrilling incidents, probably no biography published in this book can serve as a better illustration to young men of the power of honesty and integrity in insuring success.

B. K. FISHER, proprietor of the "St. Elmo Hotel," Du Bois, is a man whose history confirms the truth of Lord Byron's oft-quoted remark, "Truth is stranger than fiction." It would take a good-sized volume to present at length all the varied scenes of the drama in which he has been the chief actor, but the book would be an interesting one, with its record of the adventure in war and peace, of fortunes won and lost, and of a home life which has been at once an incentive and a reward for his efforts. His entrance into business was not particularly promising, as he had had but limited educational privileges, attending school about six months in all.

His abilities were almost his only capital; but he had enjoyed an unusually careful training in conduct under the watchful eyes of Christian parents, and never wasted his time on games of chance or weakened his faculties by the use of tobacco or intoxicants: facts which will convey their own moral to the thoughtful reader.

Mr. Fisher was born in Berks county, Penn., June 21, 1834, the son of John and Katharine (Cramer) Fisher, who were both natives of Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Penn., the father born in 1804, the mother in 1800. Our subject had four brothers and two sisters: (1) Elizabeth, the eldest in the family, married Abram Heck, of Berks county, and died in 1879, leaving three sons and three daughters. (2) Charles was born in Berks county, and now resides in Schuylkill county, where he owns 293 acres of farming land in a good state of cultivation: he married Miss Phoebe Byer, and has had seven children, of whom three daughters are now living. (3) Louisa (deceased), married Mr. Mudamouth, and had five sons, four of whom are living. (4) William was born in Schuylkill county, and now owns a large farm there: he married Phoebe Foust, and has reared a family of five daughters and four sons. (5) Elijah is a railroad employee at Palo Alto, Penn. He married, and has six children. (6) Daniel, also a native of Schuylkill county, is in the railroad business at Philadelphia. He married, and has eight children.

Mr. Fisher's youth was spent mainly in Schuylkill county, and in early manhood he married Miss Sarah Livengood, of Berks county. His first important business venture, undertaken soon after his marriage, was a contract for making four million brick, on which he cleared $4,000. He then bought a farm, gristmill and
sawmill, with all improvements, in East Hanover township, Lebanon county; but after five years he sold it to Mr. Krider, of Lebanon, clearing about $7,000 on the transaction. In 1860 he leased his father's farm of 600 acres, and remained there until the war broke out, when he disposed of his interest in the estate, and enlisted in the three-months' service with the rank of lieutenant. At the close of his term he re-enlisted, and soon afterward became the wholesale sutler of the 173rd P. V. I., establishing his quarters at Norfolk, Va. This field of speculation he found extremely profitable, and after a short time he sold out, clearing $25,000, and returned home with $58,000 in cash. In 1864, he re-enlisted, and remained in the service until the close of the war. Among the engagements in which he participated was the battle near Gettysburg.

On his return home from the front Mr. Fisher engaged in the flour and feed business at Auburn, Penn., but sold it and purchased a farm in Schuylkill county, which he laid out in town lots, founding the present village of Johnstown. He invested largely in the place, constructing a brick-yad, and a large two-story frame building, in which he carried on a wholesale and retail mercantile business. He dealt in all sorts of commodities, including flour and feed, his sales often amounting to $15,000 or $20,000 a month; but after a time he disposed of the business for $50,000.

Mr. Fisher then moved to Philadelphia, Penn., and continued the same line of trade, building a three-story frame house for his store. The Molly McGuire difficulties arose when he was in the full tide of success, he handling from $25,000 to $30,000 worth of goods per month, and he lost about $75,000; but he sold his stock and realty in order to meet his debts, and going to Philadelphia, returned with receipts in full from every creditor. His next venture was at Reading, Penn., where he carried on a wholesale and retail business in oysters and candy, buying the first by the car-load and the latter by the ton; and in 1876, on disposing of this store, he leased a hotel which he remodeled and fitted up for the Centennial trade with excellent results, his income for two weeks only in the busiest season amounting to $1,000 per day. While in Reading he resided in a brick house on Ninth street, for which he paid $3,000, and his three children were given every social and educational advantage. After the close of the Great Exposition, Mr. Fisher sold his interests in Reading and moved to Punxsutawney, purchasing the "Jennings House," which he remodeled and called the "St. Elmo." Here his usual luck deserted him. On June 3, 1879, the hotel, on which he held but little insurance, was burned, leaving him $3,750 in debt. He was thus obliged to begin anew under circumstances which would have discouraged most men; but in the same year he began to rebuild. Fortunately his barn, a large structure, 150 x 46 feet, and finished in front like a three-story house, was available for business uses, and he kept hotel there until October, 1880, when the new building was far enough advanced for occupation. He moved in time for the trade of fair week, which brought him $9,977.50, a comfortable sum for a man owing $20,000, as he did at that time. Just the week before he had borrowed $1,000 from Mr. Arnold, the banker at Reynolds, Penn., giving only his word as security, and ten days after opening the hotel he paid this back and deposited $5,000 in the bank.

Mr. Fisher continued in business until he had cleared off all his debts and expended $20,000 besides, and in 1886 he bought the "American House," in Brookville, Penn., paying $25,000 for the house and $7,000 for the stock. He remained there until 1889, spending $20,000 in improvements in the meantime, and then leased the place to his bartender, David Buffington, and the clerk, A. D. Long, at a rental of $368.68 per month. For three stores and a barber shop they paid $84.50 per month, making $453.18 in all. They had no capital, and he left them $122 in cash to pay current expenses at the start; but they succeeded, and after four years bought the furniture at $10,000. Later they bought the house for $40,000, giving mortgages of $10,000 for seven years and $20,000 for fifteen years, and paying the interest promptly every quarter. Mr. Fisher then bought the "Commercial House," in Wellsville, Ohio, for $15,000, which he sold afterward for $30,000. A jewelry store in which he then invested caused a loss of $1,100, and he next purchased a half-interest in the "McGuire House," at Pittsburg, Penn., but sold out in two months with a profit of $5,000. A farm of ninety acres at Brookville was bought for $3,000, and after spending $3,500 on improvements he sold the produce therefrom for $6,000, and later traded the farm for a double brick house and outbuildings at Punxsutawney, the deed for which called for $5,000, $1,000 being given to boot, making a total of $6,000 for the farm.

In 1894 Mr. Fisher removed to Dú Bois, buying the "St. Elmo Hotel" for $5,000. This he has greatly improved, making extensive additions, and it represents at present an investment of $13,000. The hotel is managed upon strict principles, and, in fact, in the twenty years
that Mr. Fisher has spent in the business he has never allowed any card playing or other games, or admitted any guests of questionable habits. He has never been refused a license, but no liquor is ever knowingly sold to minors or to men of intemperate habits. Every detail of his immense business receives Mr. Fisher's personal supervision, his genial and kindly nature being often revealed, as in his rule that no clergyman should ever pay for entertainment and no needy man be turned away hungry.

Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are members of the Evangelical Church of Reading, and have carefully reared their family in that faith. In their home family worship was observed every day by the reading of a chapter from the Bible, followed by a prayer and a hymn. A blessing is asked before meals and thanks given afterward, these customs being handed down from previous generations. The three children have received excellent educations, no expense being spared, and they are now well established in life: (1) John M., who was born June 23, 1858, in Lebanon county, Penn., received his academy education mainly in Reading. He read law one year and then began the study of medicine at Columbus, Ohio, his course being completed in Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia. His professional career has been remarkably successful, and at present he is city physician in Philadelphia at a salary of $10,000 per year. (2) Katie was born March 5, 1860, in Schuylkill county, and was educated at Reading. She married F. P. Graff, formerly of Punxsutawney, and now of New York City, where he is engaged in railroad and insurance business. They have four children—Bertha, Carrie, John, and one whose name is not given. (3) Jacob L., born March 12, 1862, in Schuylkill county, also attended school at Reading, and has mastered four languages, English, German, Latin and Greek. He also completed a course in pharmacy, winning the chief prize, a gold medal, among eight hundred students, and then read law with Reuben Winslow, of Punxsutawney, and the Hon. George Jenks, of Brookville, being admitted to the Bar in 1880. He has since been in practice at Punxsutawney, where he ranks among the best in his profession.

As will be seen, Mr. Fisher has every reason to feel proud of his children. Both of his sons promise to add distinction to the family name, and neither of them has ever touched tobacco or any kind of liquor, or indulged in card playing. Like their father, they are stanch Republicans, and are active and influential in political affairs. So far neither of them has married.

Mr. Fisher has held various positions of public trust: he has served as postmaster at Orwin, which office was closed; then as postmaster at Reynolds City; then re-established the Orwin post office, all within three years, three terms. Socially, he is prominent, and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, the Patriotic Sons of America, the Knights of Pythias, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ROBERT T. McMURRAY, of Ramey borough, Clearfield county, is one of the public-spirited citizens to whose energy and foresight that locality is indebted for many improvements. While Mr. McMurray as a prosperous business man has given close attention to his private affairs, he has never forgotten or ignored the bond of common interest which should unite the people of every community, and has always been ready to promote general progress. Something of the ardent Irish temperment is revealed in his earnest advocacy of various improvements, and we are not surprised to learn that his paternal grandparents were natives of the Emerald Isle.

Grandfather James McMurray was born in 1764, and was already in the prime of life when he and his wife, in 1808, came to America, locating in Half Moon Valley, Centre Co., Penn., where the grandmother died a few years later, leaving two sons, Russell and John. James McMurray for his second wife married a Miss Devine, and had several children. One, Rev. Jacob McMurray, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was for several years presiding elder in the Altoona district, and died in the work. Russell, another son of this union, was a wealthy merchant and lumberman of New Washington, Pennsylvania.

John McMurray, the father of our subject, was born March 27, 1808, on the broad Atlantic Ocean, and grew to manhood at the new home in Pennsylvania. In 1830 he married Miss Dorcas Runner, and three years later located at New Washington. She died June 6, 1845, leaving one son, Jacob R., who passed away before the year ended, and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Mehaffey, also deceased. In 1848 John McMurray formed a second union, this time with Mrs. Jane (Alexander) Hegarty, widow of John Hegarty, of Becaria township, Clearfield county. For some years he resided at Hegarty's Cross Roads, but later purchased a partially-improved farm of 160 acres in Knox township, Clearfield county, known as the Wiley property. He added many improvements, clearing about sixty acres of it, and followed farming there during his active
life, with the exception of a few years when he was engaged in mercantile business in Ansonville. His wife died at the farm in 1874, and two years afterward he sold the place and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Wiley, at Ansonville, where he breathed his last in 1878.

There were four children by the second marriage: (1) John A., born at Hegarty's Cross Roads, February 14, 1849, received a common-school education in Knox township. In 1869 he married Miss Sophie Young, of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, and they now reside upon a farm near Beulah; they have had twelve children, of whom all but two are living. (2) Robert T. is mentioned more fully below. (3) Catherine Jane, born March 1, 1853, married James D. Wiley, formerly of Ansonville, and now a farmer of Gazzam, Penn.; they have had eight children, of whom five—Murray, Flora, Ethel Velma, Ruby and Vern—are living. (4) Charles D., born May 13, 1856, was married in 1878 to Miss Melissa Shoff, of Woodward township, Penn., and made his home at Madera. For some years he followed lumbering, but is now engaged in mercantile business. His first wife died in 1881, leaving one daughter, Myrtle, now a young lady of eighteen attending the Birmingham Seminary in Huntingdon county, Penn. Charles McMurray, for his second wife, married Miss M. L. McKeen, of Ansonville, by whom he has two children, Georgie and Ruth.

The subject of our sketch was born April 18, 1831, and remained at the old home in Knox township, Clearfield county, until fourteen years of age, attending the local schools. He then left the parental roof, and found employment in the woods at hauling timber. In 1866 he went to Missouri with an uncle, Mr. Bell, but returned three months later, and for some time worked at any employment that he could find. In 1871 he married Miss Annie Hersh, daughter of John and Martha Hersh, of Iecaria township, Clearfield county, and established a home of his own, purchasing a partially-improved farm of 160 acres in Galich township, which is known as the Robert Hegarty property. He finished clearing the place, made further improvements, and after a residence of about ten years sold it in June, 1883, and bought the Davidson property in Ramey borough. That home he occupied four years, and then built an elegant modern house, 40 x 47 feet, fitted with bathroom, hot and cold water pipes, also with all the latest conveniences, and has it heated by a hot-water system. In fact, it is one of the finest houses in the vicinity. Mr. McMurray also owns five tenement houses in Ramey, with other valuable property, and in 1891 he purchased 600 acres of timber land in Garrett county, Md., to which he gives attention. For some years he was engaged in mercantile business at Ramey, conducting a grocery from 1883 to 1885, and then a general store until 1894, when his establishment was destroyed by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurray have two talented and attractive daughters, whose accomplishments would be a source of gratification and pride to any parent: (1) Louise M., born May 13, 1873, was graduated from the high school at Ramey, and then pursued a course of study at the Mountain Seminary, in Huntingdon county, Penn.; she is a fine musician, and gives lessons to a few favored pupils at her home in Ramey. (2) Martha J., born August 4, 1875, is also a graduate of the Ramey high school, and attended the Mountain Seminary with her sister; she is highly gifted in music, and stood at the head of her classes in other branches of study throughout her school course. Two other daughters, rarely gifted and greatly beloved by all who knew them, died in 1892, from diphtheria, within twelve days of each other: (1) Ella May, who was born May 3, 1879, and died August 4, 1892, was one of the brightest pupils in the schools of Ramey, and a leader among her young associates. (2) Grace E., born March 22, 1883, died August 10, 1892, was also unusually bright, and the death of these two beloved children caused the deepest sympathy throughout the community for the afflicted parents.

Mr. McMurray's interest in higher education is shown by the careful education of his daughters, and he has been one of the most energetic and efficient workers in securing for Ramey its excellent graded-school system and fine modern building. Politically he is a Republican, and he has held various official positions, serving as school director, overseer of the poor, supervisor, street commissioner, and as a member of the borough council. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and he and his wife are prominent members of the Church in Ramey.

J. S. McQuown, an enterprising, wide-awake business man of Lumber City, Clearfield county, has through his own efforts established himself among the prominent and well-to-do citizens of the place. A native of Indiana county, Penn., he was born March 2, 1848, a son of John and Hannah Wall McQuown. The birth of the father occurred in 1812, in the same county, where throughout life he carried on agricultural pursuits, operating a farm near Marion
Center. He died in 1858, his wife about a year later.

The brothers and sisters of our subject were as follows: (1) Rebecca became the wife of Samuel Leisure, a farmer of East Mahoning, Indiana county, and had two children—Josephine and Matilda, who are both married and reside in that county. (2) Mary C. wedded T. A. Hendricks, of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., where she still resides, but her husband was drowned while rafting, in the spring of 1888; they had three children. (3) Margaret married Watson Guthrie, a carpenter, and with their two children they resided in Punxsutawney, Penn.; the husband was killed by falling from a scaffold while at work on a building in Pittsburg, and his widow now resides in Punxsutawney. (4) William Wallace died at the age of three years. (5) Rev. James R. has been a minister of the Presbyterian Church for twenty years, and now has charge of a congregation in Caldwell, Kans.; he married Elizabeth Evans, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has nine children. (6) Lafayetle M., who is engaged in the lumber business in Stambaugh, Mich., married Lucy McCallister, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has six children. (7) H. K., who is engaged in the railroad business, married and has a family.

The early education of J. S. McQuown was such as the common schools of his native county afforded. Being left an orphan at the early age of twelve years, he was cared for by William Black and wife, with whom he resided for five years, during which time he worked on their farm and at the carpenter's trade. At the age of seventeen he took a year's course of study in the Covode (Indiana) Academy, and afterward engaged in teaching for one term in Richmond, that county. Coming to Clearfield county in the fall of 1866, he commenced work for John W. Raferty, in Penn township, making timber, and later he was with J. W. Bell, of Bower, Bell township, serving as foreman of his mill, and looking after his lumber interests for eleven years. In 1876, Mr. McQuown married Miss Rebecca Ameigh, of Big Run, Jefferson county, daughter of John and Sophia Ameigh. Her father died in the spring of 1884, and her mother now makes her home in Jefferson county. Our subject and his wife have five children, all at home, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Edna, June 18, 1877; Alta, June 7, 1880; Wayne S., March 7, 1883; J. Roe, September 28, 1885; Carlton Read, October 22, 1890.

After his marriage, Mr. McQuown removed to Lumber City, where he followed the sawmill business for a number of years, and is still engaged in the work of scaling and estimating lumber. He is an energetic, progressive businessman, but finds time to devote to public affairs, taking an active part in all the improvements of his town; and being a warm friend of the cause of education, he is prominently identified with the school interests. Politically, he was a Republican until 1891, when, on account of his views on temperance he joined the Prohibition party, and in the spring of 1897 was the candidate on that ticket for commissioner of Clearfield county. He has creditably filled the offices of tax collector and assessor for two terms, being the present incumbent in the latter position in Lumber City. He is also president of the school board, and a member of the Lumber City Classical Normal School board. Religionly, he is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife and two daughters also belong.

J O H N A. M U R R A Y, one of the self-made business men who constitute the most effective and successful workers in commercial life, is a well-known agriculturist, lumberman and land owner of Goshen township, Clearfield county.

The family is of Irish origin, but William Murray, the father of our subject, was born in this State, in Huntingdon county, and moved to Clearfield county in early manhood. There he married Miss Belinda Mains, a native of Vermont, and a daughter of Nehemiah Mains, who was a prominent farmer of this section, and passed his last days here. William Murray cleared a farm in the wilderness in Clearfield county, but was not successful in gaining a livelihood by it, and spent his time at various kinds of labor as occasion offered, doing some hunting also, the forests in this section being still full of game. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion a Presbyterian, his wife being a member of the United Brethren Church. He died in 1853, but Mrs. Murray lived to an advanced age, passing away in 1882. They had six children: Margaret, who married A. Hoover, a farmer; Miles, who was accidentally killed in Wisconsin, leaving a widow and six children; Phoebe, who married Henry Bumbarger, a farmer; Mary, the wife of John Shimer, a farmer; John A., our subject; and George W., deceased.

Mr. Murray, our subject, was born August 19, 1834, the family residence being then in Karthaus township, Clearfield county. His schooling was limited, and he was compelled to undertake the work of bread-winning at an early
age, as he was only fourteen when his father died, and the widowed mother looked to him for help in the support of the family. He did any work that his hands found to do, and spent several years in a sawmill. Later he began to work in the woods at lumbering, and after a time undertook that business on his own account, buying lands and hiring help in clearing and working up the lumber. In this way he obtained a start in the world of business, and he has steadily progressed until he is now one of the substantial citizens of his locality.

In 1860 Mr. Murray married Miss Sarah J. Kyler, a lady of fine mental gifts, who was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, April 26, 1843. Her father, Joseph Kyler, a pioneer farmer of that locality, was of German descent. Her mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Hommaker, died in Clearfield county, and Mr. Kyler married a second wife. In 1863 he sold his farm and moved to Nebraska, and later went to Oregon, where he died after a residence of two years.

Mr. Murray and his wife went to housekeeping on a tract of land which he purchased in Bradford township. It was partially improved with a log house and a clearing of about twenty acres, and by energetic and skillful management he succeeded in paying for it. In 1864 he entered the army, joined the 57th P. V. I., Second Corps, Third Brigade. He served until the close of the war, taking part in a number of engagements, including those of the Weldon raid, in North Carolina; and the battles at Hatcher's Run and Petersburg, receiving only one slight wound. He was at the latter place at the time of Lee's surrender. On July 7, 1865, he returned home, having been mustered out of the United States service at Washington, D. C., and from the State service at Harrisburg. He resumed his interrupted labors upon his farm, which he sold in the fall of 1866 in order to go to Nebraska; but being dissatisfied with the outlook there he came back in the same year and bought one hundred acres in Goshen township. This he has cleared and improved, and he has added one hundred acres more, having now a fine estate with 140 acres under cultivation. His first house, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire, but he built a commodious two-story residence to replace it, and his large barn and other farm buildings are substantial and convenient structures. At another point on the farm he has a second residence, a two-story frame building with barn. He has given close attention to his farm, and his fine orchards and well-kept fields show his care. At the same time he has been extensively engaged in lumbering in the winter season. He owns several tracts of timber land, one of 900 acres and one of 300, and lately he purchased a 330-acre tract in Goshen township, with a sawmill, which he is now operating. In all respects he has a pleasant home.

Of eleven children seven are now living, four having died in childhood: Elmer E. is a farmer, blacksmith and miller at Shawsville; Lillie married James Stewart, of Clearfield; James I. conducts a hotel at Cataract; Mabel is the wife of Ashley Wilson, a farmer in Bradford township, Clearfield county; Grace married Silas Munn, a lumberman; Fannie and Lois are at home. Mr. Murray is a Presbyterian in religious faith, but there is no Church of that denomination near his home. He does not seek political honors, but is a Republican in principle, and has at times held various township offices. He is of medium size, and dignified in his deportment, yet very pleasant and agreeable to all who approach him. His financial success has been won by his continuous and well-directed effort, in which his estimable wife has been an active helper. Fortunately both are now able to enjoy together the reward of their well-spent years.

M B. CONAWAY. Prominent in the history of Clearfield county are the representative business men and enterprising farmers, and among them is the subject of this personal history. Besides being engaged in general farming, he has successfully followed lumbering for many years in Covington township, where he still makes his home. His entire life has been passed in the same county, his birth occurring in Bradford township, where he passed the days of his boyhood and youth.

On the paternal side our subject's grandfather was of Irish birth, while the grandmother was born in Germany. For seven years the former was a faithful soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war, and also served in the war of 1812. On coming to Clearfield county, he located in the woods at Three Runs, below Karhaus, and there reared his four sons, Charlie, John, George and Enoch, who, as well as their parents, are now deceased. In the city of Clearfield, George Conaway, the father of our subject, married Catherine Forcey, and removed to what is known as the Forcey farm in Bradford township, where he reared his family. His first purchase, which consisted of one hundred acres, he sold, and then bought 132 acres of coal land at Three Runs, and there spent the last fifty...
A LONZO WHITE. Among the brave men who devoted the opening years of their manhood to the defense of our country from the internal foes who sought her dismemberment, was the subject of this biography, now a prominent resident of Ramey borough, Clearfield county. He comes of good New England stock, his ancestors being residents of Vermont in early days. His grandparents, Charles and Jemima White, removed from that State, about 1827, to Chemung county, N. Y., where they spent their later years.

Their son, David White, our subject's father, was born in Vermont in 1807, and had not yet attained his majority when the family removed to New York State. There he purchased, in the town of Erin, Chemung county, a tract of land, which he cleared and improved for a homestead. His parents were cared for in their last days by him, and his own death occurred there March 18, 1862. He was married, in 1839, to Miss Rachel Vanauken, who still makes her home at the old farm. At present she is visiting our subject at Ramey, and although eighty years of age, is well preserved physically, and retains to a remarkable degree her mental vigor. Of the five children of David and Rachel White: (1) Sylvester, born at the old homestead in 1841, married Miss Malonia Bogert, of Chemung county, N. Y., and shortly afterward located at Philipsburg, Penn., where he followed contracting and building for a number of years, accumulating considerable property. Later he sold out and returned to New York, and now resides in Elmira. He has two children—Nora, now Mrs. Rathborn, of Elmira, and Walter. (2) Alonzo, our subject, will be more fully mentioned below. (3) Mary, born December 21, 1845, married Ira Vandusen, formerly of Chemung county, N. Y., and now a resident of Oklahoma, where he is employed as superintendent of pumps on a railroad; they have one son, Alva, who is employed by the same company and works under his father's direction, and a daughter, May, who is at home. (4) Alexander L., born August 13, 1848, a photographer of Wayland, N. Y., married, but has no children. (5) Miss Nancy A., born May 3, 1851, resides at the homestead; she is a successful teacher in the public schools of that locality.

Alonzo White was born September 11, 1843, and grew to manhood at the home farm, his education being acquired in the local schools. In 1862 he enlisted at Elmira in Company L, 141st N. Y. V. I., and was sent to Washington, where his regiment remained for about four months, as a part of the force required to defend the city from threatened invasion. They then took part in the campaign in Virginia, and from their station on the peninsula were sent to assist in the siege of Suffolk, and later in the pursuit of Wise, whom they followed to Bottom's Bridge.
within a few miles of Richmond. After that exploit they joined the Army of the Potomac, near Gettysburg, just at the close of the battle there. From this point they went south again, going down the Rapidan to the Rappahannock, where they remained until fall. Their next move was to Chattanooga, Tenn., and, in connection with that campaign, they found serious work awaiting them at Wauhachie Valley, Mission Ridge and Knoxville, the siege of the last named place ending with the retreat of the Rebels and the capture and occupation of the city. The regiment was then assigned to Sherman's forces for the famous march to the sea, and during much of the time was detailed to bring up the rear as a train guard; but they finally joined the main body of the troops at Goldsboro, N. C. During these operations, Mr. White was taken ill, and spent some time in hospitals at Bridgeport, Ala., and the Cumberland field hospital at Nashville, Tenn. On rejoining his comrades, he participated in the march from North Carolina to Richmond, at the close of the war, and was reviewed at the latter city by Rebel generals as well as those of the Union army. Then came the triumphal pageant, the Grand Review, at Washington, and the final discharge on June 28, 1865.

Mr. White did not long remain at his early home near Elmira, for in the fall of 1865 he came to Clearfield county, Penn., and engaged in lumbering near Philipsburg. In 1868 he married Mrs. Andrew Miller (Mrs. Henderson), and about the same time bought a lot in Osceola and built the "Montour House," which he conducted five years. It was destroyed in the great fire of May, 1874, which burned the entire town, and a second hotel built in the same town burned down just as it was nearing completion. These mishaps naturally discouraged Mr. White, and he resumed his former occupation of lumbering, removing to Himes Mills, where he spent seven years. He purchased a mill property from J. B. McAnally, of Clearfield, and began manufacturing lumber; but in the following year his mill caught from a burning forest, and everything was destroyed, including the tramroad and other improvements, and a large amount of sawed lumber. After this Mr. White was employed by the Moshannon Land & Lumber Co. to take charge of a part of the building of their railroad, called the Moshannon extension, and remained with them one year. In 1881 he entered the service of Berwin, White & Co., as weighmaster, and after three years moved to the Goss farm in Decatur township, Clearfield county, to work for Himes & Co. Since leaving that employment he has been weighmaster for Berwin, White & Co., first at Eureka mine, No. 3, and then for seven years at the drain colliery, and, since 1891, at Eureka mine, No. 7, in Ramey borough. Previous to his removal to Ramey, he lived for some time at the Kephart farm, and followed agriculture in addition to his other work.

Mr. White is highly esteemed in his locality for his excellent qualities. He is a Republican, politically, but has never joined in the scramble for office, and in religious affiliation he is a Presbyterian, his wife being also a member of that Church. They have reared a family of four children: (1) Harry M., born September 13, 1869, in Centre county, received a common-school education, and is now in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Altoona, Penn. In 1892 he married Miss Myrtle Metzgar, of that city, and they have two children—Anna E. and Charles M., both at home. (2) John K., born September 8, 1873, is now studying chemistry at Bissell Station, Penn., with the view of pursuing that science as an occupation. He is not married. (3) David H., born August 20, 1876, was educated in the public schools of Clearfield, and is now engaged in agriculture. He is single, and makes his home with his parents, as does also the youngest son, (4) Ralph Guy, born September 18, 1883.

Mrs. White had two sons by her first husband, who was killed on a railroad, where he was employed: (1) William E. Miller, born September 10, 1863, is now a conductor on a freight train on the middle division of the Pennsylvania railroad, and resides at Altoona. He married Miss Jessie McCully, of Houtzdale, Penn., and has two children. (2) Jacob H., born May 3, 1866, resides in West Newton, Penn., and is employed as baggage master on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, between that point and Pittsburg. He married Miss Mamie Mattern, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, but has no children.

Mrs. White was born in Centre county, November 22, 1843, the daughter of James and Mary Henderson. Her ancestors, on the paternal side, came from Ireland at an early day, and settled in Morris county, N. J. Her parents came to this State after their marriage, and located at Julian, Centre county, where the father died, in 1865, and the mother, in 1875. Mrs. White was next to the youngest in a large family of children: (1) Agnes, is now Mrs. Steele, of Forest county, Penn. (2) Eleazer served as a soldier in the Civil war, and died in Centre county, in 1882, leaving several children. (3) William E., a farmer of Clarion county, Penn., is married, and has three children. (4) David, a farmer and lumberman, of Jefferson county,
Penn., is married, and has eight children. (5) John, a merchant and lumberman, at Millstone, Elk Co., Penn., is married, and has eight children. (6) Margaret (now Mrs. Miller) has two daughters, both married, and living in Altoona. (7) James S., a lumberman, at Reynolds, Penn., is married, but has no family. (8) Rachel married John Spotts, who was killed at the battle of Spottsylvania, leaving two sons. (9) Mary married James Dilman, a veteran of the Civil war, now living in retirement at Reynolds ville, Penn., and they have three sons, of whom the eldest, John, is proprietor of the “Belknap House,” at Reynolds ville. (10) Mrs. White came next. (11) Peter D. married Miss Mary Robley, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and afterward served as a soldier in the Civil war. He died at Hagerstown, Md., while on his way home, his widow surviving him with one daughter, Luella, now Mrs. John Irwin, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

GALLAGHER. A brilliant example of a self-made American citizen, and a grand exemplification of the progress that an ambitious foreigner can make in this country of unbounded opportunities, is shown in the case of Mr. Gallagher, a leading citizen of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county. His singular success is due to his own energy, and the high ideal which his lofty and laudable ambition placed before him. Success in any walk of life is an indication of earnest endeavor and persevering effort—characteristics that he possesses in an eminent degree.

Mr. Gallagher is a native of Ireland, born in 1834, in County Donegal, where his parents, Edward and Mary (O’Donnell) Gallagher, spent their entire lives, the former dying in 1892, at the extreme old age of one hundred years, and the latter in 1840. In their family were six children, as follows: Mrs. Catharine Kennedy died in Ireland. Barney came to Clearfield county, Penn., in 1845, and engaged in lumbering and teaming from Tyrone and Millburg, this State; he enlisted in the Union army during the Rebellion, and died in the service. Our subject is the next in order of birth. Hugh, a puddler by trade, also became a resident of Pennsylvania, and was killed by the cars near Allentown, this State. Mrs. Mary Gallagher is still a resident of County Donegal, Ireland, and Edward lives on the old homestead in that county.

The first fourteen years of his life Mr. Gallagher, of this review, spent in his native land, and he then went to Liverpool, England, where he boarded a sailing vessel, which reached the harbor of New York after a voyage of six weeks and five days. Coming at once to Clearfield county, Penn., he found employment in the lumber woods, making square timber, and teaming. As soon as he had saved sufficient capital, he purchased a partially-improved farm near Wallacetown, in Clearfield county, and still owns a valuable place of 125 acres in Boggs township, which he purchased in 1859 and operated for a number of years. In 1864, during the Civil war, Mr. Gallagher was drafted, and endeavored to send a substitute, going to Waterford, Penn., for the purpose of enlisting two substitutes, one for himself, and one for Mr. J. W. Haney. On arriving at Waterford there was much excitement there owing to a report of the shooting of a provost marshal. At that time many of the Clearfield county men were looked upon as Rebels, and from some cause the substitutes offered were rejected. Several weeks later our subject again went to Waterford for the same purpose, but was advised that it was too late to send substitutes, and that he, himself, would have to enlist. The condition of his business affairs was not such that he could well do this, so he declined to enlist, and stated that, as he was not naturalized, he really did not have to enlist or send a substitute, unless he desired to. After such conversation he was informed that he could enlist his substitutes into the service of the regular army, and to do so he would have to go to Erie, Penn., which he did, and there, after an attempt to be beaten out of $50, he finally enlisted two substitutes for himself and friend. This cost the two $1,000. From 1866 until 1868 Mr. Gallagher engaged in merchandising in Stoneville, and for the following two years carried on the same business in Wallacetown. Until 1873, he was then engaged in mercantile pursuits in Houtzdale, but since that time has been a resident of Osceola Mills, where for two years he successfully conducted a store, which in 1875 was destroyed by fire. Since 1882 he has engaged in the coal business, now operating the Wallace mine; has also leased the Mapleton mine, and is interested in the Donegal mine. He is also president of the Building and Loan Association, and is a business man of more than ordinary capacity.

In 1859, in Boggs township, Clearfield county, Mr. Gallagher was married to Miss Mary Ann Stone, a daughter of Alexander and Mary Ann (Kephart) Stone, the former a native of England and the latter of Clearfield county. Both parents are now deceased, and Mrs. Gallagher died in 1863. Two children were born of this union: Edward, who died in 1861; and Alexander, a
prominent physician of Denver, Colo. Mr. Gallagher was again married in Boggs township, this time, in 1870, to Miss Mary W. Cross, a native of Centre county, Penn., and a daughter of Andrew and Jane B. (Wingate) Cross. Her father was born in Juniata county, her mother in Mifflin county, this State, whence they removed to Centre county, and in 1848 took up their residence in Boggs township, Clearfield county, where the father opened up a farm. He died in Boggs township; his wife passed away in Centre county.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Gallagher is a pronounced Democrat, and in 1881 was on that ticket elected justice of the peace, which office he has since continuously filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. He also served as judge of election for twenty years, and in all the various relations of life, whether public or private, has been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him. He is an honored and valued citizen of Osceola Mills, and has the respect and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

HUGH CAMPBELL. In the busy community located in the thriving borough of Osceola Mills, we find several energetic and thorough-going business men, who have attained success through their own tact, good judgment and perseverance. Among this number is the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical notice, and who, at the present time is the oldest druggist of the place.

Mr. Campbell is a native of Philadelphia, born in 1842, and is a son of Patrick and Johanna (McNutt) Campbell. The father was born in the North of Ireland, and at an early day emigrated to the United States, taking up his residence in the city of Philadelphia, where he continued to make his residence until called from this life in 1848. The mother died in 1871.

In the Quaker City our subject grew to manhood, and secured his education in its public schools. At the age of thirteen years he secured a position as clerk in a drug store, and has since devoted his time and attention to that business. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, completing the course with the class of 1860, and for a number of years he successfully engaged in the drug business in his native city. In 1883 he came to Osceola Mills, and succeeded to the business of Mr. Blandy, whose predecessor was Dr. Good, the first druggist in the place. In the year of his arrival Mr. Campbell erected his present commodious store building, and was soon at the head of a large and profitable business, which has steadily increased. He carries a large and well-selected stock of everything found in a first-class store of the kind, and this fact, together with his courteous treatment of customers, has gained for him a liberal patronage.

In October, 1870, Mr. Campbell was married in Philadelphia, to Miss Margaret Williams, and to them have been born four children: Margaret, is successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Houtzdale, Clearfield county; Charles, teaching the Ocean school in Woodward township, same county; Miriam and Hugh. Politically, Mr. Campbell is identified with the Republican party, and takes quite an active interest in public affairs. Being a warm friend of the cause of education, he has performed effective service as a member of the school board, and gives his influence to all worthy enterprises which will in any way benefit the community. In February, 1868, he was made a member of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, Ancient York Masons, of Philadelphia; he also belongs to Osceola Lodge, A. O. U. W., of which he is a charter member and the first past master workman. His sterling integrity and general urbanity of manner have won for him a large number of friends.

W. A. GOULD. The study of American biography leads one to the conclusion that success in this country is almost always the result of certain conditions; that it depends upon energy, perseverance and careful management. Mr. Gould is no exception to the rule, and he is now numbered among the leading business men of Brisbin, being successfully engaged in general merchandising in that borough.

Mr. Gould is a native of South Wales, born in 1859 at Tredegar, Monmouthshire, a son of George and Sarah (Davis) Gould, the former born in the Parish of Crampton, Somersetshire, England, of English descent, and the latter born in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, of Welsh descent. They came with their family, then numbering two sons and two daughters, to America, locating in Bedford county, Penn., where the father followed mining for three or four years. He then removed to the anthracite coal regions, where he remained six months, after which he returned to Bedford county, and began contracting, selling coal to the railroad companies. After five years he removed to Everett, Penn., where for two years he engaged in contracting in the iron ore works for L. T. Watson & Co.
and acquired his education at the schools of Huntingdon and Clearfield counties, and at the State College, in Centre county. He matriculated there in 1873, and pursued a two-years' course. Returning to his home in 1877, he was for two years engaged in coal mining, after which he accepted a position as clerk in the store of Andrew Gleason, with whom he remained eighteen months. He then became salesman for Liverwright & Co., remaining in their store for seven years. In 1886 he embarked in general merchandising on his own account, in connection with L. A. Flenner, and after four years purchased his partner's interest, and has continued the business from that time up to the present. He has a large and well-selected stock of goods, and from the public receives a liberal patronage. In 1893, in connection with the firm of De Long & Gould, he began operating the Henderson coal mines in Brisbin, and this also adds materially to his income. On May 1, 1897, Mr. Gould purchased the interests of Mr. De Long, and is now the sole proprietor of the business.

On September 16, 1896, Mr. Gould was married to Miss Martha Griest, an estimable lady of Osceola, and on January 8, 1898, Mrs. Gould presented Mr. Gould with a daughter, named Sarah Elizabeth. Their hospitable home is a favorite resort of many friends, and in addition to this property Mr. Gould owns valuable real estate in Brisbin. He is one of the recognized leaders of the Republican party in his locality, and is accounted one of the foremost citizens of Woodward township, his superior business ability gaining him leadership in the world of trade, while his personal worth has won him first rank in social circles. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 919, at Brisbin; also of the F. & A. M. Lodge No. 515, at Osceola; of the R. A. M. No. 228, at Clearfield, and of Moshannon Commandery No. 74, K. T., at Philipsburg.

H. HARTZFIELD, a thorough and systematic farmer of Brady township, Clearfield county, has there spent his entire life, his birth occurring in April, 1833, at the family homestead.

Christian and Caroline (Huether) Hartfield, his parents, were both natives of Germany, where their marriage was celebrated, and where their eldest child was born. With the hope of benefiting their financial condition they left the Fatherland for America in 1851, and on their arrival here at once took up their residence in Brady township, Clearfield county, where for two years the father worked for others. He
then purchased fifty acres of timber land three and a half miles south of Luthersburg, on which a little log cabin had been erected, and upon that farm has since made his home. He has cleared the entire tract, built a large barn, and in 1868 replaced the little cabin home by a substantial two-story frame residence. There he and his wife are spending their declining years, surrounded by many comforts and luxuries, which their former years of toil have brought to them. They are well known throughout the community and are held in the highest regard. Of their family of six children, Christian was born in Germany, in 1849, and on reaching manhood married Miss Lizzie Haag, of Bell township, Clearfield county. They began their domestic life in Troutville, where the husband worked at his trade of carpentering for a few years, and then purchased a farm in Bloom township, Clearfield county, where they now reside. They have seven children: Frederick, John, Frank, Ida, Carrie, Gussie and Paul. (2) H. A., our subject, is the second of the family. (3) Lewis, born in 1857, was born on the old homestead, and married Miss Catherine Haag, of Bell township. He owns and operates a farm adjoining his brother's, in Bloom township. His children are: Edward, Maggie, Milton, Emma, Harry, Lorina and A. I. (4) Caroline, born in 1860, married J. P. Korb, of Bloom township, and they live on his farm in Brady township, near her childhood home. They have eight children: John, Joseph, Alpheus, Emanuel, Lydia, Emma, Lewis and Jessie. (5) Charles, born in 1868, is now operating the home farm for his father. (6) Rosena, born in 1872, married John Shaffer, of Bell township, who is now engaged in farming in Brady township.

In much the usual manner of farmer lads, H. A. Hartzfeld spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and on reaching man's estate wedded Miss Mary Wulfert, of Jefferson county, a daughter of William and Caroline Wulfert, well-to-do farming people of that county. Four children grace their union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Simon T., in January, 1882; Annie C., in November, 1883; Sarah L., May, 1887; and Emma P., in August, 1892.

Previous to his marriage, Mr. Hartzfeld had purchased some seventy-five acres of the old Armagost farm which was slightly improved, and to its further development and cultivation he has since devoted his time and attention with most gratifying results. In 1886 he erected a pleasant residence, and five years later a large barn, and has made many other useful and valuable improvements, which add largely to the attractive appearance of the place. His political support is given to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Lutherans, belonging to the church near Troutville. Progressive and public-spirited, he has ever taken an active part in advancing the moral, educational and material interests of his locality, and he is recognized as one of the most valued citizens of the community.

GIDEON P. DOUGHAMAN has, through the greater part of his life, been in the employ of the government, in either the military or the civil service. For almost twenty years he was postmaster of Grampian, and is now mail carrier. During the war of the Rebellion he was numbered among the "boys in blue" who went to the front in defense of their country, and valiantly espoused the cause of the Union. faithful to his duties of citizenship in every walk of life, he is honored and esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. Doughman was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, July 4, 1840, a son of Jacob and Gula Elma (Widenire) Doughman. His father, a native of Half Moon, Centre county, removed to Penn township, Clearfield county, in 1848, and for nine years resided on the Widenire farm. He then purchased the adjoining property in Grampian, where he made his home until his death, in 1873. His wife died about 1844, and he afterward married Miss Mary A. Widenire, of Half Moon Valley. By the first marriage he had three children, and, by the second marriage, one son. Hannah, the eldest, became the wife of John H. Rowles, of Penn township, who died in the spring of 1892; she is still living near Grampian, and has seven children. Sarah is the wife of John Thompson, of Petroleum Center, Venango Co., Penn., who is now living in Grampian; they have two children. Gideon P. is the next of the family. Jacob, who was born in Grampian, October 9, 1851, made that place his home until his death, at the age of forty years.

Gideon P. Doughman was reared in Penn township, and obtained his education in the common schools, which he attended through the winter season. In the summer he worked on the farm and in the woods until eighteen years of age, when, in 1838, he began to learn the tanner's trade, working until 1861 under the direction of James L. Cook, who was superintendent of a tannery owned by John Russel.

On October 7, 1861, Mr. Doughman, prompted
by a spirit of patriotism, enlisted in Company K., 42nd P. V. I., known as the "Bucktail regiment." He joined the command at Curwensville, and, with the troops of Col. E. A. Irwin went south, crossing the Potomac and camping at Langly Cross Roads, at Camp Pierpont. That command first met the enemy at Drainsville, where they were supported by Easton's Battery, and succeeded in driving the Rebels back. Returning to camp, they went into winter quarters, and in the spring of 1862 moved to Hunter's Mills, and on to Alexandria, where they remained in camp two weeks. They then marched to Fredericksburg, and about the middle of June proceeded by transports down the Rappahannock and up the York river to the White House. Disembarking, they marched to Mechanicsville, Va., where they joined McClellan's forces. The company to which Mr. Doughman belonged was detached as reserve pickets. The forces were also engaged in throwing up entrenchments there, and on the 24th of June, 1862, while serving in picket duty, Mr. Doughman was cut off from the army by Longstreet's command. The company made their way to the Chickahomie swamps, and on several occasions attempted to break through the enemy's lines, but failed. At Mechanicsville they were taken prisoners by Lee's cavalry, sent to Richmond, and for two weeks were incarcerated in the Pemberton tobacco warehouse, after which they were transferred to Belle Isle. A month later they were taken to Aikens Landing on the James river, and exchanged under a flag of truce. The members of the gallant Pennsylvania company then went to Harrison's Landing, and joined the regiment which formed a part of McClellan's army.

The hardships of prison life had reduced them almost to skeletons, and for a few days they rested at Harrison's Landing, after which they were placed on board transports, taken to Fredericksburg and thence up the Potomac to Rappahannock Station, near where they met the enemy in the second battle of Bull Run. The Union lines were there broken, and the troops fell back to Centreville, whence they marched to Georgetown, and on through Maryland to Frederick City. Mr. Doughman was then transferred to Patterson Park Hospital, in Maryland, where he remained until December 29, 1862, when he was honorably discharged on account of disability.

For a year after his return, Mr. Doughman was unable to engage in any business. He was married August 9, 1863, to Elizabeth E. Walters, of Grampian, and removed to the family homestead in order to take care of his father, remaining with him until his death in 1873. Our subject and his wife have four children: (1) Walter G., who follows contracting and building in Grampian. Clearfield county, married Miss Agnes Dickey, of Greenwood township, a daughter of George W. Dickey; they have two sons—Gideon P. and Dudley H. (2) Zella T. is the wife of Roland G. Farwell, by whom she has four children—Thornton D., Richard O'Neil, James Frederick and Nora E. (3) Sadie E. is the wife of Burgess Willett, a son of George and Lunetta Willett, of Curwensville; they have three children—Blaine G., George Vernon and Daphne Elma. (4) Virginia, the youngest of the family, is at home.

Mr. Doughman is one of the prominent representatives of the Republican party in Clearfield county. He was appointed postmaster of Grampian Hills May 26, 1870, and held the office continuously until November 9, 1885. He was reappointed under John Wannamaker, a month after President Harrison's inauguration, and served until October 1, 1893—thus making an incumbency of nineteen years and ten months. His administration was most popular, for he discharged his duties with great promptitude and exactness, which, together with his pleasant, courteous manner, made him a favorite with the many patrons of the office. He was reappointed postmaster under McKinley, November 17, 1897. In the cause of education and the improvement of the schools he is deeply interested, and is as true to his duties of citizenship in days of peace as when he followed the "starry banner" on Southern battle fields.

FRANK L. COUDRIET, of Covington township, Clearfield county, has throughout his entire business career been prominently identified with the commercial and agricultural interests of the community, and has taken an active part in its upbuilding and progress. He has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development, and is accounted one of the leading and influential citizens of the township.

Mr. Coudriet was born in Covington township, in 1834, a son of L. M. and Jeannepr (Gunot) Coudriet, while his paternal grandparents were Francis and Marguerite Coudriet, natives of France, who emigrated to this country in 1831, and located in Bellefonte. Centre Co., Penn. From there they came to Clearfield, where they made their home for two years, and then took up their residence in Frenchville. There the grandfather purchased land on which
he made his home until 1851, when he bought the Lamont property and commenced lumbering and also merchandising.

In the grandfather's family were the following children: S. M. married Nancy Leigey, by whom he had nine children, and they live on the old Coudriet homestead. L. M., the father of our subject, is next in the order of birth. Louis F., a farmer of Covington township, wedded Mary Patarotta, and they have a large family of children. Prosper A., a miller by trade, married Regina Cormont, and has several children. Virginia is the wife of John Bergey, a farmer of Covington township, by whom she has eight children. Alfont died when fourteen years of age. F. F. married Salina Moniac, and is a lumberman of Girard township, Clearfield county. Napoleon F., of Covington township, married Margaret Hugar, and has several children. Catharine was the wife of John Picard, formerly a farmer of Covington township; both are now deceased, and they had two children. Celestine married Felix Picard, by whom she had two children, and after his death she wedded Justin Treapony, by whom she has six children.

L. M. Coudriet, the father of our subject, was born in Lebanon county, Penn., in 1831, and accompanied his parents on their various removals, finally locating in Frenchville, Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood. He was for a number of years extensively engaged in the lumber business, at first buying 1,200 acres in Girard township, Clearfield county, where he carried on operations until 1867, when he removed to Mulsonburg, and in connection with his lumber interests also engaged in merchandising. He purchased 3,500 acres of land in Covington and Girard townships, and continued in active business up to his death, which occurred April 25, 1888. He was one of the most enterprising, energetic and successful business men of the community, and by fair and honorable dealing won the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact.

Frank L. Coudriet was reared and educated in Mulsonburg. In November, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Mignon, of Covington township, a daughter of Francis and Mary Mignon. Five children were born of their union, of whom four are still living, namely: Clement, now aged seventeen years; Norbert L., aged fifteen; Hugh C., aged thirteen; and Edward A., aged eight. For a year after his marriage, Mr. Coudriet continued to reside in Mulsonburg, and then removed to his grandfather's old homestead in Covington township, where he still resides. In connection with his farming operations he has also engaged in lumbering since 1882, and in 1888 he embarked in mercantile pursuits, which he has since successfully followed. He also owns between two and three thousand acres of land, most of which is estimated to be underlaid with coal, in Girard and Covington townships. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man, whose name is a synonym for honorable dealing. He takes an active interest in the success of the Democratic party, which he always supports by his ballot; has held the office of school director since 1881, and has also served as collector of his township. Like the other members of his family, he belongs to the Catholic Church.

Josiah W. Smith, an honored veteran of the Civil war, was numbered among the valiant sons that Pennsylvania sent forth to do battle for the Union. He is alike true to his country in times of peace, and is accounted one of the leading and influential citizens of Becaria township, Clearfield county, where he carries on agricultural pursuits, and is also interested in the lumber business.

Samuel M. Smith, grandfather of our subject, removed from New Jersey to Becaria township in 1817, purchased 134 acres of timber land, cleared away the trees, built a log house and developed a good farm. He married Ann Monroe, a native of New Jersey, who proved to him a faithful helpmate in his pioneer experiences. After a few years, however, on account of the wildness of the place, they went to Philadelphia, where they remained for eight years, when they again came to the farm in Becaria township. They had nine children, of whom Joseph and Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart were the eldest two. (3) Samuel married Eliza Byer, daughter of John Byer, and resides in Bigler township, Clearfield county. (4) William married Miss Dodd, of New York, and resided near Becaria Mills until September, 1861, when he enlisted in the 105th P. V. I. He was captured at the battle of Fair Oaks, and died of starvation in Libby prison. Three of his six children survive—Mrs. Martha Crabtree, Darius and Mrs. A. Hummel. (5) Mary A. is the wife of John Straw, of Belcena Mills, Clearfield county, and has five children—Mrs. Josephine Goon; Evie Jasper, at home; D. A., who is married and resides in Irvona; Charlie, who is married and lives at Belcena Mills; and Annie, wife of John Bodie, of Irvona. (6) Jane C. became the wife of John Lively, who died some years ago, after which she married Jacob Rinefelt, who died at their home in Philipsburg. Her third husband
was David Pershing, and they made their home at West Moshannon. (7) Evie was killed by the stroke of a handwriting while managing a raft after the falls of the Susquehanna river. (8) Sarah is the wife of Philip Lusher, of Forest county, Penn., and they have a large family, among whom are Annie, Albert, John Howard and Alice. (9) David C. married Anne A. Shoff, of Becaria township. In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army in the nine-months' service, and in March, 1864, re-enlisted in the 82nd P. V. I. He was wounded at Cold Harbor June 1, that year, and died at Davis Island, N. Y., on the 9th of August, leaving a widow and two sons. Mrs. Smith has since married John Davis. The children are Andrew W. and David Ulysses, both of whom are married and live in Becaria township.

Joseph Smith, father of our subject, was born July 14, 1819, on the farm which is now the home of his son Josiah, and continuously resided there until 1880, when he removed to Utahville, where he died April 13, 1893, at the age of seventy-six years. He was married October 13, 1841, to Fannie Shoff, who was born February 24, 1813, and died May 18, 1873. She was a most estimable lady, attentively caring for the comfort of her husband and children. They reared a family of five sons, the eldest of whom is our subject. (2) William M. Smith was born in February, 1846, and married Rose Holliday, of New York. They resided in McKean county, Penn., until 1893, when they removed to Sisterville, Va., where William is employed by the Standard Oil Co., for which corporation he has worked for twenty years at a salary of $100 per month. He has two children living. When seventeen years of age he enlisted in the Union army and served through the war. (3) A. C. Smith, born in 1848, married Sarah J. Litz, of Becaria township, and resides on the old Litz estate. They have five children—Fannie, George A., Adda Blanche, Lena May and Mary E., all at home. (4) J. L. Smith, born in 1850, was for three years in the heavy artillery service during the Civil war, stationed at Fort Delaware. After his return home he worked in the oil district of McKean county until 1881, when he went to Ohio, and studied telegraphy. For six years he was in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad Co., spent four years in Garden City, Kans., was then in Conway, Ark., and thence went to New Mexico, where he remained one year. He was one of the first men to enter Oklahoma, at which place he remained until 1895, when he removed to Virginia, and is now working at the pumping station of the Standard Oil Co., near Pittsburg, at a salary of $90 per month. (5) John N. born February 22, 1854, is engaged in merchandising in Irvona. He married Almira Litz, of Becaria township, and has one son, John M., who, after attending the common schools of Becaria township, entered the Westchester high school in 1893, and was graduated in 1896. He is now employed as a teacher in Westchester at a salary of $50 per month.

Josiah W. Smith was born in Becaria township, in September, 1842, and spent his youth in farm work and in study at the public schools. In 1868 he married Sarah J. Leonard, daughter of John and Marguerite Leonard, of Blair county, Penn. They began their domestic life on the farm which is now their home, it having formerly been owned by Mr. Smith’s maternal grandfather. He purchased this place at Orphans’ Court sale in 1865, and has since successfully carried on agricultural pursuits and lumbering. His keen discrimination and unflagging industry have brought to him prosperity, and he is now one of the substantial citizens of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have a family of nine children: John A., who was born March 23, 1869, and was educated in the common schools of Becaria township, is now employed by the Standard Oil Co., at Sisterville, W. Va. Fannie M., who was born January 6, 1871, and supplemented her common-school education with a course in the normal school at Mahaffey in 1891, was formerly a teacher. Mary Florence, born March 19, 1872, Anna E., born February 3, 1874, Harry F., born January 28, 1876, William Clyde born May 24, 1878, Margaretta J., born August 24, 1880, Walter L., born March 16, 1883, and Joseph M., born March 22, 1887, are with their parents.

During the Civil war Mr. Smith manifested his loyalty to the government by enlisting in June, 1863, in Company I, 82nd P. V. I. The regiment joined the Army of the Potomac near Fairfax, met the enemy at Rappahannock, and then advanced toward Richmond, again engaging in battle at Mine Run. The Union troops fell back near Brandy Station, and went into winter quarters. The brigade to which Mr. Smith belonged was ordered to Johnson’s Island to take charge of the Rebel prison, and there remained until spring, when it again joined the Army of the Potomac. They were engaged in the battle at Cold Harbor, where Mr. Smith was wounded, a ball piercing his left eye and coming out under the right ear. After remaining for some time in the hospital at Washington he was transferred to Haddington Hospital, Philadelphia, where he remained until October, when he rejoined his reg-
J. CUNNINGHAM is one of the reliable and progressive agriculturists and representative men of Union township, Clearfield county, where he is actively engaged in general farming. He was born in 1857, near Mifflintown, in Juniata county, Penn., a son of John and Jane (McCrum) Cunningham, also natives of Juniata county, where for a number of years they continued to make their home upon Grandfather Cunningham’s farm. The mother died upon that place when our subject was only one month old, her clothes taking fire while washing, and she was burned to death. The father, who is still living, now resides in Patterson, Juniata county.

Ephraim, the eldest son of his three children, was born in that county in 1851, received a fair education in the common schools of Port Royal, and continued a resident of the county until reaching manhood, when he went to Iowa, where he was married. After engaging in mercantile pursuits in that State for a time, his health failed and he removed to Marshall county, Iowa, where he edited the first newspaper printed within its borders, and later engaged in the real-estate business. Subsequently he removed to Wayne county, Nebr., and is now the editor and proprietor of the Wayne County Republican. Rebecca, the sister of our subject, was born on the old homestead in Juniata county, in 1853, and has always remained with her father, now caring for him in his declining years.

On the death of his mother, Mr. Cunningham, of this review, was taken to the home of his uncle, David Dresler, of Clearfield county, who, with his excellent wife, tenderly cared for him. He was reared to manhood on the farm where he now resides, and as soon as old enough began to assist in its cultivation. The well-tilled fields and neat appearance of the place indicate his thrift and enterprise and the careful attention that he gives to every detail of his business. In 1885 he married Miss Jennie Farley, a daughter of Morris Farley, an honored veteran of the Civil war, who enlisted in 1861, was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg, and again at the battle of Petersburg, and for a long time was confined to hospital. After four years of faithful and arduous service he was discharged, in 1865, and returned to his home in Brady township, Clearfield county. Subsequently he emigrated to Minnesota, where he still resides. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham have four interesting children: John, at this writing aged ten years; Nellie, aged eight; J. Russell, aged four; and Mabel, aged two.

Mrs. Cunningham is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, but our subject holds membership with no religious denomination. The Republican party finds in him a faithful ally, and for two terms he acceptably filled the office of supervisor of his township. He is a public-spirited and enterprising man, and takes an active interest in everything promising to benefit the community.

MICHAEL MAGUIRE. Like many other residents within the bounds of Clearfield county who started out in life with naught but an abundance of determination and indefatigable industry, and a strong and healthy constitution, and who succeeded through their own diligence, energy and economy, we classify the subject of this sketch, who is actively engaged in agricultural pursuits in Morris township.

Mr. Maguire is a native of Pennsylvania, born June 15, 1851, and is a son of Mark and Rosana (Hatton) Maguire. The father, who was a son of Michael Maguire, was born in Diamond Valley, Huntingdon Co., Penn., and in 1835 came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where he purchased one hundred acres of land known as the Kyler farm, which he at once began to clear and improve. Later, he sold, and removed to Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, where he rented a farm for a few years, removing finally to Centre county, where he passed the last years of his life. By his first wife, who was a Miss Monhollen, he had three children, James, Luke and Alfred. The mother of these dying in Ohio, Mr. McGuire afterward wedded Rosana Hatton, and Michael, the subject of this review, is one of the nine children born of this union, the others being as follows: Scott is married, and resides in Munson, Clearfield county; Ruth is the wife of Charles Gage, of Half Moon Valley, Centre county, by whom she has five children: Paul, who lives at Morrisdale Mines, Clearfield county, married Miss Myers, and has six children: John, a resident of Chester Hill, Clearfield county, married Miss McKenny; Mark is single, and makes his home in Centre county; Sarah is the wife of George Hoover, a farmer of Centre county; Rachel lives at the old home in Centre county;
and James married Emily Wilhelm, and resides in Clearfield county.

Our subject accompanied his parents on their various removals, and remained with them until he reached manhood, acquiring his education in the public schools. In 1881 he married Miss Jennie Rothrock, a daughter of William T. and Mary Jane (Flegal) Rothrock, and they now have six children: Oliver, who at this writing is fifteen years of age; Chester, born October 15, 1883; Orin, born January 2, 1885; Alfred R., born February 3, 1887; Walter, born March 31, 1890; and Paul, born December 17, 1891. After his marriage, Mr. Maguire located at Morrisdale Mines, where for seven years he was in the employ of R. B. Wegton & Son, either delivering goods or doing general work. He then purchased his present farm of 140 acres adjoining the village of Munson, and a part of it he has laid off in lots which he has sold. By industry and perseverance he has brought the remainder to a condition of most excellent culture, has erected good and substantial buildings thereon, and now has the finest property in Munson.

Financially, Mr. Maguire has reason to be satisfied with the result of his labors, and his course as a citizen has been such as to commend him to the people among whom he makes his home. Enterprising and progressive, he is regarded as one of the valued members of the community. As he is a strong temperance man, he uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Prohibition party, and in religion both himself and wife are consistent and earnest members of the Methodist Church. He was supervisor of Morris township for one term, and during the coal and iron strike served for three months as a policeman. His support is always given those measures which have for their object the upbuilding and advancement of the community, or the good of his fellow citizens.

ZACHARIAH OGDEN. In 1794, when the site of the present thriving town of Clearfield was still an inviting field for the pioneer farmer and lumberman, Daniel Ogden, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, settled there, cleared a farm in the woods and built the first mill erected in that vicinity. He and his wife were both natives of Pennsylvania. Their son Matthew, our subject's grandfather, was born in Lycoming county, Penn., but passed the greater part of his life in Clearfield county, following in his mature years the occupations of milling and farming. He settled in the woods in Lawrence township and cleared a farm for himself, where

he and his wife, Elizabeth Bloom, reared a family of children, among whom was a son William, the father of our subject. He was born in 1804, grew to manhood at the old home, and then engaged in farming in Lawrence township, where his death occurred in 1878. He was married in Clearfield county to Miss Eleanor Selfridge, who was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1808.

Our subject was one of the ten children of this estimable couple. He was born February 6, 1835, and enjoyed the usual advantages of a country boy during his youth. In 1855 he purchased a tract of 150 acres of forest land, and after bringing that under cultivation he added forty-six acres more, the property being now one of the best farms in his locality. He was married in 1855, in Pike township, Clearfield county, to Miss Elizabeth Ann Bailey, a descendant of an old pioneer family. Her father, Titus Bailey, was a native of Clearfield county, and he and his wife, Lydia (Henry), spent their lives there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogden have had ten children, as follows: Harry is married and lives in Wisconsin; Flavius L. is married and resides in Indiana; Emma (Mrs. Kinsman) lives in Wisconsin; Jonathan is married and lives in Lawrence township; Cyrus is married and settled in Wisconsin. Emanuel died at the age of twenty-three; Lillie (Mrs. Henry Litz) resides in Lawrence township; Zachariah Bailey is a physician in Pittsburg, Penn.; and Jerad and Jasper (twins) are at home. The mother of these died October 8, 1887, and on October 18, 1888, Mr. Ogden was married to Henriette Rishel, of Clearfield county, born February 12, 1849, a daughter of Titus and Lydia (Henz) Bailey. By this marriage there are no children.

Mr. Ogden has always shown himself to be loyal to the best interests of his locality, and as a member of the school board he has been especially active in educational affairs. In his political views he is a Democrat, and among other offices to which he has been elected is that of treasurer, which incumbency he held seven years. Socially he is affiliated with the Grange, and also with Clearfield Lodge No. 198, I. O. O. F.

CLARK B. NORRIS is the proprietor of one of the most noticeable homesteads in Pike township, Clearfield county, and as a tiller of the soil is thorough and skillful. He was born September 2, 1848, in the township where he still makes his home, was educated in its public schools, and throughout his business career has there followed farming and lumbering with good success.
The Norris family is numbered among the pioneers of this section of the State, the great-grandfather of our subject locating in Centre county at an early day in its history, and during the time he was developing a farm in the midst of the forest underwent all the trials and difficulties of frontier life. The grandfather, Moses Norris, was for a number of years a leading farmer of Centre county, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Church.

Centre county was the birthplace of John Norris, the father of our subject, and when four years old he was brought by his parents to Clearfield county, where he was reared to manhood and throughout life followed agricultural pursuits, clearing and improving a farm in Pike township. Having received a good education for those early days, he engaged in teaching to some extent. His political support was ever given the Republican party, and he was called upon to fill a number of important local offices, serving as justice of the peace for a number of years, and also county commissioner. He died in September, 1894, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. He married Priscilla Bloom, a daughter of Isaac Bloom, who belonged to one of the earliest families of Clearfield county, his father, William Bloom, having come here from New Jersey in 1802, accompanied by his seven sons and three daughters, from whom are descended all bearing the name in this section of the State. The father of these children aided the Colonies in securing their independence, serving all through the Revolutionary war. Isaac Bloom developed a fine farm in the midst of the wilderness, upon which he spent his remaining days. He was a prominent and influential man, a strong Democrat in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief. Mrs. Norris was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church, to which her husband also belonged; she departed this life in January, 1883.

Of the sixteen children born to the parents of our subject, all grew to manhood and womanhood and married. They are as follows: Sarah, deceased wife of T. Moore; Thomas, deceased; John, who was a captain in the Union service during the Civil war; Mrs. Mary J. Starr, deceased; James, a farmer by occupation; Isaac, a lumberman; Moses, a farmer, Mrs. Martha Kirk, deceased; Clark B.; Mrs. Elizabeth Casada; George, a resident of Jordan township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Margaret Stage; Wesley, of Clearfield; Mrs. Lavina Wall; William, a farmer, and Ord, who is living on the old homestead.

Clark B. Norris remained upon the home farm until his marriage to Miss Sarah Wall, a lady of intelligence and culture, born in Clearfield county, May 16, 1858, a daughter of Thomas Wall, of Penn township, who was a farmer and lumberman by occupation, owning and operating a saw-mill. He first married Hannah Davis, a daughter of Joseph Davis, and to them were born four children, one of whom died in infancy; the others are James D., a lumberman and miller of Penn township; Elisha M., who was murdered in California for his money; and Sarah E., wife of our subject. The mother of these children died in 1860, and the father afterward wedded Eliza Nicolson, by whom he had six children: Mrs. Mary E. Spencer; Mrs. Anna Magowen, now deceased; Leona, wife of J. Donahue; Blanche, who died at the age of fourteen; Charles, a farmer; and Maud at home with her mother. The father was accidentally killed by a team May 14, 1894. With the Society of Friends both he and his first wife held membership. Ten children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Norris: Wallace A., who was married September 2, 1866, and is at home; Alverda, wife of Charles Addleman, by whom she has one child, George L.; Alice, wife of Charles Smith, by whom she has one child, Ferman; and Ralph, Thomas, Allen, Laura M., Howard, Clara E., and Lida E., all at home with their parents.

Since fourteen years of age, Mr. Norris has worked in the lumber woods during the winter season, in the spring time has rafted his own lumber down the river to market, and since his marriage has also engaged in farming on his own account, first operating a rented farm for about ten years. In 1879 he purchased his present farm, comprising what was then known as the Andy Tozer and Balsard Rocker farms, consisting of 140 acres, 100 of which are under cultivation and improved with excellent buildings. Here he has a pleasant home situated about a mile and a half south of Curwensville. He takes an active interest in public affairs, uniformly votes the Republican ticket, and has served as auditor of his township, and constable four years. To enterprises calculated for the general welfare of the people around him he has ever been a cheerful and liberal contributor, and to a marked degree enjoys the confidence and respect of all. He and his worthy wife are earnest members of the Methodist Church.

A. J. FRY, a leading and influential citizen of Bicaria township, Clearfield county, manifests an intelligent and progressive interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare. He follows agricultural pursuits, and his business dealings are most honorable and straightforward.
His long residence in the county, together with his upright life, has made him widely and favorably known, and he well deserves mention in this volume.

Our subject is the third child of Joseph and Jane (Watson) Fry, the former of whom was born near New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Penn., and spent part of his youth at the home of an aunt in Dauphin county, where he learned the shoemaker's trade, and also worked on the Pennsylvania canal. In 1839 he was married in Milesburg, Centre county, to Miss Jane Watson, of that county, and located in Birmingham, Penn., where he followed shoemaking for some years. He then purchased a tract of timber land on Clearfield creek, near Becaria Mills, and as he cleared away the trees manufactured square timber, which he rafted down the river and sent to the Eastern markets. After living on that place for several years he sold to J. W. Lull, and removed to the Leonard farm above Glen Hope. In 1851 he located in Alleman's in Gulich township, Clearfield county, where in connection with Daniel Fulkerson he purchased 400 acres of land, erected a sawmill and manufactured lumber for several years. Ultimately he sold that property, and in 1868 bought the William Smiley place of 150 acres in Becaria township, but through the following year he remained on the David Alleman farm. In 1869 he removed to his new home, and several years later went to Glen Hope, where he spent one year. His last days were passed in Alleman's, where he died in 1883, having survived his wife five years. He was one of the honored pioneers of Clearfield county, and, in connection with Daniel Fulkerson and Henry Alleman, built the first school house erected in the village of Allemanville, presenting it as a gift to the township. He was a warm friend of the cause of education, and ever did all in his power to advance the welfare of the community.

Joseph and Jane Fry were the parents of nine children: (1) Rebecca, born, in 1840, in Huntingdon county and reared in Clearfield county, married Abram H. Brady, of Gulich township, who afterward followed milling near Janesville; they had six children—Mrs. Sarah Culbertson, who resides near Fallen Timber, in Cambria county, Penn.; Dersy G.; Edward; Christopher; Mrs. Minnie Ross, and Mrs. Ida Thomas. (2) Margaret, born in Huntingdon county, November 26, 1842, is the wife of William Conrad, of Gulich township, who now resides near Janesville; they have five children—Edna, wife of John Riddle, of Janesville; Blanche, wife of William Bishop, of Janesville, by whom she has three children; Mrs. Clara Peters, who has three children; Ella and Eliza. (3) A. J. Fry is the next of the family. (4) John Fry, born near Glen Hope, October 11, 1846, and educated in the common schools, married Amanda, daughter of Samuel Davis, of Becaria township, and now resides in Cambria county; they have three children—Katie, Frederick and Gertrude, all at home. (5) Hannah, born in Becaria township, in 1848, and educated in Lumber City and in the Curwensville Normal School, was employed as a teacher in the public schools of Cambria county for about ten years. She married Robert Chilton, of that county, and after residing in Lloyds-ville for some time they removed to Ulich township, their present home; they have five children—Sarah and John (twins), Maggie, Pearl and Freddie. (6) Martha A., born in Gulich township, in 1850, is the wife of Levi Spangle, a farmer, residing near Coalport; their children are—Harry; Jennie, who is married and resides in Philipsburg, Penn.; John; Susie; Viola and Levi. (7) Jane A., born in Gulich township, in 1852, taught school for several terms, and then married Aaron Osman, of Allemanville. Their children are Charlie, Sarah, Lillie, Leah, Pearl, Ernest and the baby. (8) Frances M., born in 1854, in Gulich township, after successfully teaching for some time, married William F. Aikens, of Cambria county. They reside in Al-lemanville, and their children are—Charles, Alonzo, Albert, Kittie, Maggie, Roy, Blair, who died at the age of seven years), and an infant unnamed. (9) Ella M., born in Gulich township, in 1856, also followed teaching several terms. She married Joseph W. Gill, of Cambria county, and now resides in Coalport. They have had four children—Walter, Gussie and Clarence at home, and Raymond, who died in childhood.

A. J. Fry, who was born in Becaria township August 27, 1844, obtained his elementary education in the common schools, was afterward a student in the business college, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and spent two terms in the schools in Millersville, Penn. He then followed lumbering until his marriage, after which he located on the old family homestead near Utahville, where for twenty-seven years he has now made his home, successfully following agricultural pursuits. His farm is well improved, and its neat and thrifty appearance indicates his careful supervision. His business methods are above question, and his enterprise has brought to him prosperity.

In 1869 Mr. Fry married Ruth E., daughter of Samuel R. and Martha A. Tipton. A Gulich township, and representatives of pioneer families,
of Blair and Cambria counties, Penn. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fry: Harry, born March 1, 1870, and Jennie, born in December, 1871, are at home; Frank, born September 24, 1873, was married in 1895 to May O'Donnell, of Becaria township, and resides on a part of his father's farm with his wife and two children, Ernest and an infant unnamed; Blanche May, born August 23, 1877, and W. L., born February 14, 1883, are at home. The children have all been provided with good educational privileges. In politics, Mr. Fry is a Democrat, and manifests an intelligent interest in political questions. He has served as justice of the peace of Becaria township for seventeen years, being the present incumbent, and was assessor for six years. He is prominent in the ranks of his party, and his sterling worth makes him a leader in all the walks of life.}

GEORGE HESS, a prominent and influential farmer of Boggs township, is a native son of Clearfield county, born March 24, 1821, and was reared within two miles of his present farm. He early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, but his literary training was more meagre, being limited to about three months' attendance at the subscription schools each year.

David W. Hess, grandfather of our subject, was born in Germany, where he married, and whence at an early day he came to the New World, taking up his residence in Pennsylvania, where his children were mostly born and reared. The birth of Abraham Hess, the father of our subject, occurred in York county, this State, and he first came to Clearfield county, in 1813, for the purpose of hunting. A few years later his father came to the county, when there were but few actual settlers, and located a tract of land, which he converted into a good farm. Abraham early became familiar with the river, and for some time engaged in rafting lumber and coal. He purchased a tract of land of David Litz, his father-in-law, opened up a farm, and there made his home during the remainder of his life; but he also owned other places, including the one on which our subject now resides. He erected the first mill in the county, more for his own use than for the public, and engaged in grinding flour and in sawing lumber. Besides rafting his own lumber he also took great quantities down the river for other parties, and was a public-spirited, progressive citizen, anxious to assist in all measures that would promote the general welfare of the community. In politics he was first a Democrat and later an ardent Republican, earnestly advocating the principles of that party.

In Clearfield county, Abraham Hess was married to Sarah Litz, a daughter of David Litz, an early settler of the county, who assisted in its organization, and here opened up a large farm, where he spent his remaining days. He was the first to run rafts on the branch of the river running through his locality, and was one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the community. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hess, all now deceased with the exception of our subject, namely: Mary, who wedded Alex Storm, an Englishman; Sarah, who married Manly London, a farmer; Isaac, who went to the West; Rebecca, who
married John Hanny, a farmer; Martha, who married Joseph London, a carpenter; George, of this sketch; Abram; Alexander, who removed to the West; and Sophia, who married David Askey, a farmer. The mother of these children died February 23, 1843, after which the father was again married, and by the second union had two children—Rosa, who died when young; and A. L., who is living at Clearfield, Penn. The father died in May, 1858.

Upon the home farm George Hess remained until his marriage, when his father gave him one hundred acres—his present fine farm. To the original tract he has added fifty acres, and now has one of the most desirable and highly-improved farms of the neighborhood, it being pleasantly situated near Clearfield creek, five miles southeast of Clearfield. Besides his farming operations Mr. Hess has also engaged in lumbering, running rafts of his own, which has proved a profitable source of income; but of late years his attention has been mainly given to agricultural pursuits and stock-raising.

In 1847 Mr. Hess was united in marriage with Miss Mary Litz, a native of Clinton county, Penn., and a daughter of Abram Litz, who was born in this State, and came to Clearfield county in 1844. Here her father followed his trade of a brick and stone mason, and also operated his farm at Litz Bridge, where he died at about the age of sixty-four years. Eleven children were born to our subject and his wife: Alexander, deceased; D. W., a clay miner of Clearfield county; Sophia, wife of John Levitts, a farmer; Sally, Robert, Abraham, Isaac and George W., all deceased; Marietta, who married Charles Warren, by whom she had three children, and after his death wedded Fletcher Bailey, a carpenter of Clearfield; and two who died young. The mother and most of the children died in June, 1864, of typhoid fever. In the fall of 1863 Mr. Hess was again married, his second union being with Miss Lavina Crowl, a native of Clearfield county, where her father, Henry Crowl, was a prominent farmer. Three children graced the second marriage: Lavina, deceased; Uriah, at home; and Nancy, wife of David Litz. On June 7, 1866, Mrs. Hess was killed by lightning at the door of her home, while in the performance of her household duties. She was an affectionate wife and mother, an earnest Christian lady, and her death was mourned by the entire community. She was a member of the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Hess casts his ballot in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has creditably filled some minor offices, including those of supervisor of the poor and school director. He has lived an upright, honorable life, winning the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and has a host of warm friends throughout the county.

JAMES G. HARRIS, an honored and highly esteemed citizen of Du Bois, Clearfield county, has for a number of years been actively identified with the industrial interests of this region as a log scaler and timber estimator for John Du Bois, and his successor, John E. Du Bois. He is a businessman of more than ordinary ability, and the success that he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own efforts.

John Harris, father of our subject, was a native of Wales, and on crossing the ocean in 1832 first located in Nova Scotia, where he remained until 1836, the year of the big fire in New York, when he took up his residence in the latter city. There he married Annie Griffith, and continued to make his home until our subject was fifteen years of age. By trade he was a blacksmith, and on leaving that city he established a shop in Almond, N. Y., where he carried on business until his removal to Hornellsville, Steuben Co., N. Y., in 1882. There he turned his attention to weaving for a number of years, but later bought property in the town of Hornellsville, where he was living at the time of his death in 1896. His wife had departed this life at Almond in 1860, leaving two children: James G., our subject, and Annie, who was born in New York City, and was reared in Almond. She married Lewis J. Prior, of the latter place, who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War. He was killed on the New York & Erie railroad some years ago, leaving a widow and two children: John, who is engaged in the grocery business in Hornellsville, N. Y., resides with his mother.

Born in 1839, in New York, James G. Harris attended the public schools of that city until the removal of the family to Almond, where he completed his education. There he married Miss Louisa, a daughter of John and Charlotte Brown, of Almond, and then removed to a farm near that place, but at the end of two years returned to Almond, where he worked in a shoe factory until his enlistment in the United States service.

In 1863 Mr. Harris joined Company H, First New York Dragoons, and from Elmira barracks accompanied his command to Camp Stoneman, near Washington, where they were mounted and sworn into the United States service. They
were first sent to Mitchell's Station, near Culpeper, where they did picket duty until May 4, 1864, when they broke camp and started on the spring campaign of the Wilderness, participating in the following battles: Todds Tavern, May 7; Spottsylvania Court House, May 8; Yellow Tavern, May 11; Meadow Bridge, May 12; Mechanicsville, May 12; Haws Shop, May 28; Old Church, May 30; Cold Harbor, May 31 and June 1; Trevillian Station, June 11 and 12; and Deep Bottom. July 27. Receiving a sunstroke at the last named battle. Mr. Harris was taken to City Point field hospital, where he was under the care of Dr. Mitchell until the 25th of August. Sheridan at that time was advancing to the Shenandoah Valley, and he joined his regiment at Shepherdstown on that date. On the same day they met the enemy in battle at that place and at Kenneysville. The Dragoons lost heavily in that engagement, and were driven back to where the infantry was stationed. On the 28th and 29th of August they met the enemy at Smithfield, and Opequan, September 19, and on the same day at Winchester. Later they took part in the battles of Fisher Hill, September 23; Mount Jackson, September 24; New Market, September 25; Port Republic, where a severe engagement was brought on September 26; Tom's Brook, October 8; Newmarket, October 9; Strasburg, October 14; Cedar Creek, October 19; Liberty Mills, December 22; and Gordonsville, December 23, thus ending the campaign of 1864. They remained in camp at their winter quarters in Loudoun county, Va., until March 31, 1865, when Mr. Harris with others was detailed for guard duty. On leaving that place they were on garrison duty along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Charlestown. General Lee surrendered at Appomattox, April 9, 1865, and on the 1st of the following May, Mr. Harris with his company joined their regiment at Bailey's Cross Roads, and from there marched as infantry to Capital Hill. After participating in the grand review they were mustered out of the United States service, and taken on transports to Rochester, N. Y., where the regiment was discharged July 17, 1865, after almost two years of arduous and faithful service on Southern battlefields.

Returning to his home in Almond, Mr. Harris engaged in wagonmaking for two years, and in 1870 became agent for a mowing-machine company, traveling in its interests over thirty-nine counties of New York State. He embarked in lumbering in 1871, being for the first three years in the employ of Nick Brockway, in Elk county, Penn., but in April, 1876, became connected with John Du Bois, of Clearfield county, and has now for twenty-one years faithfully served the same firm as log scaler and timber inspector.

Mr. Harris was again married, October 18, 1878, his second union being with Miss Mary J. Grogan, of Beech Woods, Penn., who was born in Mauch Chunk, January 5, 1849, a daughter of Michael and Eleanor Grogan, of Jefferson county, Penn. They began housekeeping in Du Bois, where they still reside. Mr. Harris having purchased a lot in 1881 on North Fourth street, of John Du Bois, and erected thereon a comfortable and commodious two-story frame residence, equipped with all modern improvements. There hospitality abounds, the many friends of the family always being sure to find a hearty welcome.

By his first marriage Mr. Harris had one daughter, Nellie A., born October 8, 1860, at Almond, N. Y. She received a good education, and on reaching womanhood married Lafrone Merriman, now the musical director of the Silver Lake Orchestra, and they have one child, Patti; they reside in Hornellsville, N. Y. Three children grace the second marriage: James F., born August 31, 1879, pursued his studies in the schools of Du Bois, and also took a commercial course. He is now engaged in scaling logs with his father. Irvin S., born April 30, 1882, is attending the home school; and Mary Pearl, born April 20, 1884, is also at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, being a strong temperance man, he is an earnest supporter of the men and measures of the Prohibition party. He has been especially active in promoting educational interests in his locality, has served for three years as school director of Du Bois, and while a member of the school board was instrumental in securing the erection of two elegant and substantial brick school buildings, one in the First ward and the other in the Fourth. He has witnessed the entire growth of Du Bois, having located there when no polling district had been established in the place, and its citizens went to Luthersburg to vote. With its progress and development he has been prominently identified, always giving his support to any movement calculated to advance its welfare. Fraternally, Mr. Harris is a member of the F. & A. M., Blue Lodge, No. 359, of Du Bois; Jefferson Chapter, No. 225; Brookville, and Knapp Commandery, K. T., No. 40; Ridgway, of the I. O. O. F., of Du Bois; of the K. of T., No. 475; of Du Bois; of Mountain Queen Castle, K. G. E.; of the A. O. U. W.; of the P. O. S. of A., of Sabula; of Grange Lodge, Narrows Creek, and
of the G. A. R., No. 229, of which he is a charter member and past post commander, and is now quartermaster.

ANDREW LIDDLE is one of the stalwart and substantial citizens of Sandy township, Clearfield county, who are of alien birth, but who have, by their own unaided exertions, raised themselves from a state of comparative poverty, in which they came to this country, to their present prosperous condition. Since coming to the county our subject has successfully engaged in general farming, and is to-day one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens of his community.

Mr. Liddle was born in Ireland, in 1820, a son of James and Elizabeth (Crawford) Liddle, who made their home near Castle Derg, in County Tyrone, where the father engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1832. The mother also died on the Emerald Isle when our subject was about seven years of age. At thirteen he and his brother John took passage on the brig "John and Mary," bound for the West Indies, but two weeks after leaving Liverpool the vessel was overwhelmed by a storm and driven into the Bay of Biscay. After returning to Liverpool for repairs they again started on their journey, reaching their destination after a voyage of nine weeks. They spent a year in the West Indies, during which time the colored people on the islands were liberated by the English government.

On his return to Ireland Mr. Liddle lay ill at Liverpool for two weeks with fever and ague, and, as his parents were dead, he then made his home with his brother James until large enough to begin the battle of life for himself. For some time he worked for farmers in his native land, but ultimately decided to try his fortune in America. On April 13, 1848, he arrived in Philadelphia, and from there went to Wilmington, Del., where for two years he worked for Dr. Gibbons, as a gardener, and for the same length of time with Mr. Adams. Coming to Brady township, Clearfield county, he then purchased fifty acres of partially-improved land of Andy Wilson.

While in Delaware, Mr. Liddle became acquainted with Miss Mary A. Fleming, a native of County Donegal, Ireland, who had come to America previous to our subject's arrival. In the capacity of cook, she accompanied the family of Dr. Vandusen to Pittsburg, and after Mr. Liddle had erected a house upon his new farm in Brady township, he went to that city, where, on April 9, 1853, they were made man and wife. He at once took his young bride to his new home, and together they labored, earnestly and persistently, until they now enjoy a handsome competence. In 1863 their first little home was replaced by a commodious two-story frame residence, and a good barn has also been erected. The original tract Mr. Liddle added 200 acres, known as the E. Long farm, and in 1876 he bought 100 acres of John Du Bois, which adjoins his place on the northeast. Upon the latter tract his son James now resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Liddle have reared a family of eleven children, namely: (1) Fannie J., born February 2, 1854, died in May, 1855. (2) James A., born January 30, 1855, grew to manhood on the home farm, and married Mary Nelson, of Brady township, by whom he has ten children—Charles, Andrew, James, Eugene, Grover, Hukla, William, Robert, Anna and Emogene, all at home. (3) William H., born April 11, 1856, received a good education in the schools of Brady township, and subsequently became a successful teacher. In 1882 he entered the Commercial Business College, of Lebanon, Ohio, where he graduated the following year. He married Josephine Marsh, of New York, and located upon his father's farm, where his wife died in 1888, leaving three children—Celia; John, who died in 1895; and Josephine. (4) John T., born in July, 1857, died in 1858. (5) John T. (the second of the name) was born May 28, 1859, and after being well educated was appointed principal of the high school of Du Bois; he was a young man of great promise; he died June 3, 1882. (6) Fannie A., born June 3, 1860, married Peter May, of Canada, who is now civil engineer for the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal Co. They reside in Stanley, Clearfield county, and have one daughter, Blanche, now attending school. (7) Eliza Jane, born July 28, 1861, attended the Brady schools, but completed her education in the State Normal of Edinboro. She then followed the profession of teaching for several terms, but in 1883 gave her hand in marriage to William Porter, of Clearfield, a son of Robert Porter, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county. Her husband is one of the leading lumbermen of the county, and they reside in Clearfield. Their children are Robert, Mary, Ruth, Marguerite, Elizabeth, Frederick, Sarah and Frances, all at home. (8) Mary E., born September 20, 1862, died August 23, 1864. (9) Andrew J., born August 2, 1865, died of diphtheria July 29, 1875. (10) Edwin M., born February 27, 1867, grew to manhood upon the home farm, and acquired a good common-school education. He now re-
sides upon a part of the old homestead. In 1888 he married Jennie Keil, of West Liberty, Clearfield county, and they have four children—May, Frederick, Hazel and Edwin, all at home. (11) Samuel C., born August 14, 1868, completed his education in the Leonard high school of Clearfield county, and is now successfully conducting the home farm for his father.

Mr. Liddle is now the owner of 350 acres of the best farming land in Brady township, but he is a man to whom the most envious can scarcely begrudge success, so well has he earned it, and so admirably does he use it. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Episcopal Church, of Du Bois, are kind, unafflicted and approachable, and are always ready to aid and relieve suffering and distress. They are worthy examples of the true type of loyal Irish-American citizens, and have the high regard of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Liddle is a Democrat in politics, and served for three years as school director in Sandy township, being one of the first elected to that office in his district.

A BIAL D. JOHNSON is successfully operating a good farm in Cooper township, Clearfield county, which, with its neat and substantial buildings, and its general air of thrift and comfort, forms one of the most attractive spots in the landscape of the community. As a citizen and business man he stands high in the esteem of his neighbors. In the various enterprises inaugurated for the advancement of the community he has been a cheerful and ready assistant, and takes a lively interest in the progress of the people around him.

Mr. Johnson was born in Bradford county, Penn., November 9, 1828, a son of Artemas and Polly (Chafey) Johnson. His grandparents, Asel and Beulah (Hitchcock) Johnson, came from Connecticut to Bradford county at an early day, and there died. Artemas Johnson was a native of Connecticut, whence when quite young he was brought by his parents to Bradford county, where he was reared and married. By his first wife he had two daughters: Mrs. Adeline Wells, who died leaving one daughter, Jessie; and Mrs. Lucina Mingle, who at her death left one son, Robert. For his second wife, Artemas Johnson married Mrs. Polly (Chafey) Browning, who, by her former marriage, had three children: Mary, wife of C. R. Williams, by whom she had one child, Smith; Sarah, who is living with our subject; and Herman, who died in Bradford county, leaving two children. Our subject is the third in the order of birth in a family of five children, the others being Dennison, who died in Minnesota; Wealthy, wife of J. Hoover; Lucian, deceased; and Nancy, who died at the age of ten years. The mother of these children died in 1850, after which the father broke up housekeeping, and found a pleasant home with our subject until he, too, was called to his final rest in 1859. Both were members of the Swedenborgian Church, and he was a Whig in politics. Throughout his active business life he followed agricultural pursuits.

In the common country schools, Mr. Johnson, the subject of this sketch, secured his education, and was reared upon the home farm in Bradford county, where he remained until 1850, when he purchased a tract of 125 acres of raw land in Clearfield county, which he at once began to clear and improve, now having sixty-five acres under a high state of cultivation. Upon the place he has erected a good two-story frame residence, barns and outbuildings, and set out a fine orchard. It is pleasantly located three miles from Kylerstown, and two miles from Peale. He also has two other farms, aggregating about ninety acres of improved land, and in 1882 he established a general store, which he conducted for eight years. It is now carried on by his son, who removed the stock of goods a short distance from its former location, and is also serving as postmaster of Grassflat. Underlying the farm of Mr. Johnson is a good grade of coal, and he has sold the mineral right to the Clearfield Bituminous Coal & Mining Co., who now operate the mine. Since coming to the county he has been interested in the lumber business to a greater or less degree, for the first fifteen years spending the winters in the lumber woods; but since 1884 he has given his attention principally to his agricultural interests, in which he has met with good success.

Mr. Johnson was married, in 1853, to Miss Sarah Dillon, who was born in Clearfield county, January 21, 1832, a daughter of George and Catherine (Merritt) Dillon, now deceased. They were natives of Centre county, Penn., where they were married. They became the parents of seven children: Mary, deceased wife of John Hoover; Eliza, wife of George McClellan; Sarah, wife of our subject; James, a farmer of Cooper township, Clearfield county; Miles, who was killed during the Civil war; Austin, a carpenter by trade, and Phillis, wife of M. Lewis. The grandparents of these children, James and Susie (Kickard) Dillon, were of Scotch descent.

Eight children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, namely: Charles E., a farmer of Clearfield county; Edgar, a merchant and post-
master of Grassflat; Mary, wife of William Pelton, a farmer of Clearfield county; Bertha, who became the wife of W. Marshall, and died in 1884, leaving one child; M. Grant, a butcher by trade; Andy C., a farmer of Huntingdon county, Penn., and Guy and Helen E., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are devoted members of the United Brethren Church. Since the organization of the Republican party Mr. Johnson has been one of its most faithful supporters, being the first to cast his ballot for that party in Cooper township, at which time there were only six Republicans within its borders. He has held some local offices, but has never cared for political distinction.

BERTEN MERRITT, whose ability as a financier, has brought well-merited success to him, is numbered among the prominent citizens of Clearfield county. The financial and industrial history of that community would be very incomplete and unsatisfactory without a personal mention of those whose lives are interwoven so closely with the business development of the State. The subject of this sketch finds an appropriate place in the annals of those enterprising men, whose force of character, sterling integrity, fortitude amid discouragements, and good judgment in the management of business interests, have brought to them success. Mr. Merritt is a representative of this class, and is in its broadest sense a self-made man, being both the architect and the builder of his own fortune.

A native of Bradford county, Penn., born June 23, 1839, Mr. Merritt was reared in Wyoming county. His parents were Elijah and Jane A. (Yearington) Merritt, the latter of whom came of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Elijah Merritt was a son of Hezekiah, a native of England, whose father was the first settler of Bradford county, and an island in the Susquehanna river was named in his honor. Elijah Merritt was reared and married in Bradford county, but for many years resided in Wyoming county, where he died in 1875, aged eighty-six years. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and in politics was a staunch Democrat. In his younger years he followed the trade of a millwright and carpenter, but afterward engaged in farming. His wife was a native of Luzerne county (then a part of Wyoming), and a daughter of honored pioneer people. Her mother having been sheltered in a fort near the scene, and at the time of the Wyoming massacre. Mrs. Merritt died in 1845, at the age of forty-four years, after which the father married again. The children of the first union were: George, a farmer of Boggs township; Elijah (deceased); Mrs. Clarinda Kinney (deceased); Nelson; and Berten.

The last-named assisted his father in the development of the home farm until attaining his majority, and had no educational privileges, learning to read and write after his marriage. On leaving home he went to Centre county, where he began jobbing in the lumber business for Judge Munson, of Philipsburg. While thus engaged he purchased a sawmill on Morgan run, and continued its operation for eight years. In 1868 he sold his mill to Samuel Mitchell and engaged in jobbing for him for two years, when he purchased a half interest in the mill and timber lands. About a year later Mr. Mitchell died, and in his will made a provision that his widow should carry on business as before. This was done for about five years, and ultimately Mr. Merritt became owner of the entire plant, of which he has been sole proprietor since 1882. In 1884 he came to Cooper township, where he entered into partnership with Weaver & Betts, and A. B. Weaver, under the firm name of B. Merritt & Co. They conducted a sawmill for two years, near Kylerstown, during which time they used the timber from 300 acres of land.

Mr. Merritt was the pioneer settler of Winburne. He came to the site of the present town in 1886, laid out the roads, and moved his mill to its present location. He purchased the timber on 1,500 acres of land, and now cuts about 16,000 feet of lumber daily, while the annual output is more than two million feet. He also conducts a planing and shingle mill in connection with his other interests, and has upon his place forty substantial tenement houses for his employees. In connection with his son he conducts a general merchandise store, and has been one of the most important factors in the substantial development of this part of the county. His home is situated on a valuable farm of 200 acres of cleared land adjoining the village. The town of Winburne stands as a monument to his thrift and enterprise. It contains a graded school, Presbyterian, Swedish and Lutheran Churches, a gristmill, and two stores, and has a population of about ten hundred.

Mr. Merritt has been twice married. He wedded Catherine Coulter, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of John Coulter. Her grandfather was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and, running away from home, he came to America with the father of Governor Curtin. Locating in Centre county, he was employed in the iron works. John Coulter followed lumbering in early life, and afterward cleared and mi-
proved two farms in Clearfield county. His death occurred in Boggs township. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt had six children: George, who acquired a good education, and prepared for the Bar, practiced law in Clearfield for a time, and is now associated with his father in merchandising; John is a sawyer at the mill; June is at home; Howard is engaged in school teaching; and Josephine and Martha are with their father. Mr. Merritt has provided his children with good educational advantages, thus fitting them for life's practical duties. The mother of this family, who was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died January 16, 1885.

Mr. Merritt was again married, December 23, 1886, his second union being with Mrs. Emily Wiser, a widow. Her father, James Dixon, of Clearfield county, was of Scotch descent, and her mother was descended from a Hessian family. She had one daughter by her former marriage, Fannie Wiser, who married Charles Lenig.

In early life Mr. Merritt was a Methodist, and held several Church offices, including that of steward. All of the family now attend the Presbyterian Church. Politically, he has ever been a stanch Democrat, has served for twelve years as school director, is postmaster of Winburne, and is a most progressive citizen, doing all in his power to advance the interests of the community. His life record is well worthy of emulation, and he is honored by all who know him.

JOHN H. AND EDWARD S. TURNER, wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of Boggs township, are worthy representatives of an honored pioneer family of Clearfield county. Their parents George and Sarah Turner, were both natives of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, and came to Clearfield county at a very early day in its history.

The father, who was prominently identified with its development and progress, cut the first tree used in the erection of the old Graham mill, which, on its completion, he operated for some time, being by trade a miller. He also operated a sawmill attached, and bought the Gearhart farm, which he cultivated for a number of years. Later he purchased another tract which he improved with good buildings, and there spent his remaining days, dying in 1888, and leaving a valuable estate as he had become quite a land owner. He served as captain of a company of militia, and was an expert at drilling. In church work he was also a leader, being a faithful member of the United Brethren denomination, and donated liberally toward the erection of Salem church. He also gave freely to all religious organizations, and contributed large sums to missionary work. For over twenty years he served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and was also trustee of Salem Church. On his removal to his last farm he erected a sawmill, which he operated. He was a good financier, accumulating quite a fortune, and, as he often kept large sums of money in his house, he was at one time robbed of several hundred dollars, which he never recovered. He took an active interest in all public affairs, first supporting the Democratic party, later affiliating with the Republicans, but never aspired to office, though he held some township positions.

George Turner wedded Sarah Williams, a daughter of William Williams, a prominent old settler and farmer, of Clearfield county, Penn., who in the winter engaged in the manufacture of hickory brooms, which were much used in early days. Twelve children—nine sons and three daughters—were born of this union. Those living are—John H.; William (a resident of Philipsburg, Penn.); Edward S.; Zenas (a prominent farmer of Boggs township); George S. (a resident of Clearfield), Lewis (living on the old homestead farm); and Mary A. (wife of Thomas Woodside); those deceased are—Silas, Jane (deceased wife of Lewis M. Lumadue), Priscilla (who married Lindsay Stone, but both are now deceased), Martin, Luther, and one son that died when young.

John H. Turner was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, Penn., in 1826, and was of great assistance to his father during pioneer days, aiding in the erection of the sawmill and home buildings, and in clearing and developing the land. He is a thorough and skillful farmer, still devoting his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and now makes his home with his brother Edward.

Edward S. Turner was born in Boggs township, in 1836, was reared to habits of industry upon the home farm, and was educated in the subscription and public schools of the neighborhood. When about twenty years of age he started out in life for himself as a carpenter, but after his marriage, in 1866, he located upon a tract of 150 acres of raw land given him by his father, and at once began to clear and cultivate the same. He has now placed sixty acres under the plow, erected a pleasant frame dwelling with good barns and outbuildings, and set out a fine orchard, so that he now has one of the most desirable farms in the locality, pleasantly located one mile south of Woodland, in Boggs township. In connection with farming and stockraising he
has also done considerable lumbering, running one raft on his own account.

In 1866, Edward S. Turner was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Kephart, a native of Boggstown, and a daughter of John Kephart, who was born in Clearfield county, and was a son of Andrew Kephart, a pioneer of the county. At one time the grandfather removed west, but returned to Clearfield county, where he died in 1889. His wife, who has now reached the ripe old age of seventy-seven, is still a resident of Boggstown. Mr. and Mrs. Turner have one daughter, Mary Ann, now the wife of Calvin Parks, a miner, by whom she has six children. Mr. Parks is a son of Thomas Parks, a pioneer and prominent farmer of Boggstown. For twenty-six years both our subject and his wife have been active members of the United Brethren Church, in which he has filled many offices, and in politics he is a stalwart Republican. The Turner brothers are well and favorably known throughout the community where they have so long made their home, and are held in universal respect and esteem.

JACOB B. MOORE well deserves mention among the honored and valued citizens of Juniata county. During the dark days of the Rebellion he laid aside personal interests, enlisted in the army, and marched to the front with what was known as the “old Bucktail Regiment,” which did such gallant service on the Southern battle fields. He has a right to be proud of his military service, and, although he returned home a cripple for life, he has the pleasure of knowing that he aided in the preservation of the Union, and in the freeing of four million slaves.

Mr. Moore was born August 4, 1833, in Perry county, Penn., whence three years of age he was taken to Juniata county by his parents, George W. and Elizabeth (Bowers) Moore. His grandfather, George Moore, was of Irish descent, and was reared in Adams county, this State, but died in Maryland. By occupation he was a farmer. The father of our subject, who was a carpenter by trade, enlisted in 1836 for service in the Mexican war, and was killed in battle. He was a Catholic in religious belief, but the mother is a Lutheran. She is still living in Juniata county at the age of seventy-nine years.

Her father, Jacob Bowers, who was of German origin, followed the occupation of shoemaking and farming, and died in Perry county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob B. Moore is the eldest of four children:

Sarah A. is the wife of B. Martyn; George W. was also a Union soldier, and died from the effects of his service a few years after the war had closed; Benjamin F. was for three years a member of the regular United States army, and is now a farmer of Kansas. Our subject continued to remain at home with his widowed mother until eighteen years of age, when, in 1851, he went to Centre county, and in the lumber woods filled various positions for about seven years. On August 30, 1857, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah C. Wyland, who was born in Centre county, April 3, 1838. There her father, John Wyland, spent his entire life, and during his business career engaged in teaming and at work in the iron foundries. In politics he was a strong Democrat. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, namely: William F., who died when six years old; Elizabeth, wife of P. Boyle; Alice, deceased wife of a Mr. Record; George C., who died at the age of twenty-four years; J. Wesley, a mechanic by occupation; Mrs. Louie Wrightmire; Mrs. Laura Reinhard; Harry, at home; Mrs. Jennie Pierce; and Blair W. and J. Roscoc, both at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Moore returned to Juniata county, where he engaged in farming for one season, for two years was employed as a stage driver, and then engaged in the manufacture of hoops. In 1861 he removed to Huntingdon county, Penn., where he followed teaming until August, 1862, at which time he enlisted in the 149th P. V. I., or the “Bucktail regiment.” On being mustered in at Harrisburg, the regiment was sent to Washington, D. C., where it did guard duty until the spring of 1863, when it was sent to the front in Virginia, under command of Col. Roy Stone. With his command, Mr. Moore participated in many important battles, and at the battle of Gettysburg was struck by a minie ball below the left knee, which shattered the bone. All night he lay on the battle field inside the Rebel lines, and succeeded in crawling to an old stone barn; but the Confederate soldiers would do nothing for him, not even give him something to eat. When the Rebels fell back he was taken in a Federal ambulance to a Catholic church in Gettysburg, used as a hospital, and was cared for by the Sisters until the following week, when he was taken to the regular hospital in Philadelphia, where he received good care. The surgeons wanted to take his limb off, but he objected, and it soon began to improve. After being transferred to Chestnut Hill Hospital, thirty-nine pieces of the bone were extracted, and on October 5, 1864, he was honorably discharged. He now receives a pension of $24 per
month, which compensates in a small way for his disability.

After his return home, Mr. Moore engaged in teaming until 1866, when he removed to Blair county, Penn., and purchased a piece of land, on which he erected a house. There he made his home for about eight years, during which time he worked at the stone mason’s trade, and also engaged in railroad work to some extent through the winter months. On selling out in 1875, he purchased eighteen acres of land in Cooper township, Clearfield county, on which he is still residing. It is pleasantly located a mile and a half north of Kylertown, and is improved with a comfortable residence, barn and fine orchard. When he bought the land it was covered with a heavy growth of timber, but this he has cleared, and has placed the land under cultivation. He continued to work at the stone mason’s trade until 1891, when he was no longer able to perform such arduous labor, and for two years gave his whole time and attention to his farm. Since 1893 he has carried the mail from Kylertown to Munson on the railroad, making two trips per day, and also takes passengers in his hack.

Mr. Moore is a stanch adherent of Republican principles, always supporting that party by his ballot. He is as true to his duties of citizenship in days of peace as when following the old flag to victory on Southern battlefields. He and his excellent wife are earnest, sincere Christians, faithful members of the Methodist Church.

H. EVANS, a well-known agriculturist of Graham township, is a native of Clearfield county, born in Chest township, in 1833, a son of Moses C. and Rebecca (Smeal) Evans. The father’s birth occurred in Chester county, Penn., where his parents, Jonathan and Priscilla Evans, were also born. At an early day the grandparents removed to Mill Hall, Clinton county, Penn., where the grandfather conducted a tannery for a time, and then located in Pike township, Clearfield county, near Curwensville, where he opened up a farm. He and his wife both died in Grampian. In their family were six children: Josiah, who first lived in Pike township, and died in Curwensville; Moses C., the father of our subject; Jonathan, a shoemaker, of Grampian; Priscilla, who was the wife of William Johnston, and died in Grampian; and Mrs. Sarah Moore, and Mrs. William Carson, who died at the same place.

At the age of fourteen years, Moses C. Evans accompanied his father to Pike township, Clearfield county, where he learned the tanner’s trade, and also drove a stage from Bellefonte to Lock Haven, Penn., and to Curwensville. In Philipsburg, Centre county, he married Rebecca Smeal, and they began their domestic life in Curwensville, where he operated a sawmill. Removing to Chest township, he engaged in lumbering until 1838, when he came to Graham township, and located on the farm now owned by J. Kyler. He erected a log house in the midst of the forest, three miles from any settlement, and there made his home for ten years, at the end of which time he located on the farm where Ellis Evans now resides. There his death occurred in 1880; his wife had died on the same farm some years previously. Only two families had located here previous to their coming to Graham township, and therefore they witnessed almost its entire development and progress, in which they bore an important part, and are justly entitled to a place among its honored pioneers and representative citizens. In their family were seven children: Mrs. Elizabeth Emigh, of Morris township, Clearfield county; H. H., of this sketch; J. C., of Cooper township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Catharine Mayer, of Graham township; Ellis, of Graham township; Josiah M., of Kamey, Clearfield county; and Rebecca Jane, who died at the age of eight years.

Since the age of three years, H. H. Evans, the subject of this review, has made his home in Graham township, was educated in its schools, and on starting out in life for himself there engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1863 he purchased a partially-improved farm of 120 acres, upon which he located in April, 1866, and has since given his time and attention to its cultivation and improvement with most satisfactory results, converting it into one of the most desirable farms of the locality. In the same township he was married, March 20, 1866, to Miss Kate E. Willhelm, who was born in Salona, Clinton Co., Penn., a daughter of Jacob and Catharine (Wann) Willhelm. In 1848 her parents came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where the father developed a farm, and died in 1874. The mother’s death occurred at the home of our subject, about ten years later. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Evans, namely: Clarence, who died at the age of three months; Frank W.; Judson W.; Willard H. (who also has taught three terms in the township); Cordelia C., one of the successful teachers of Graham township; Helen Augusta; Edna Blanche, and Emily Winifred.

An ardent Democrat in politics, Mr. Evans always takes an active interest in public affairs.
Thomas M. Lingle was reared in the county of his nativity, remaining with his parents until he had attained his majority. He followed milling until 1854, and in 1856 took charge of a sawmill. In the following year he came to Clearfield county and followed the logging business until 1863, when he enlisted in the 45th P. V. I., Ninth Army Corps, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He remained at the front until the cessation of hostilities, returning home in July, 1865. At the battle of Cold Harbor, June 3, 1864, he sustained a gun-shot wound in the left hip, was taken to the hospital and soon sent to a hospital in Philadelphia, where he remained six months. He was then transferred to the Reserve Corps, and aided in guarding prisoners near Washington, among the number being Mrs. Surrat. He there continued until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged in Harrisburg, Penn. He now turned his attention to the hoop business, and the same year he bought an interest in his present farm, containing 174 acres, six of which were cleared. He now has eighty acres of well-developed land, and has erected a commodious residence, barn and other necessary buildings, planted a good orchard and made all the improvements found on a model farm. His place is situated in the Susquehanna Valley, nine miles southeast of Clearfield. He carries on general farming, and also engages in stock raising.

In 1855, Mr. Lingle wedded Mary M., who was born in Centre county, June 29, 1837, daughter of Adam Maughmer. Her parents were natives of Pennsylvania, and were of German lineage. Her father followed fence building in this State until 1854, when he removed to Wisconsin, where both he and his wife died. They were members of the Methodist Church. Eleven children were born of this union, of whom two died in early life, the others are: Winfield S., of West Virginia; Nora, wife of Allen Shaw; Icadora, who became the wife of William Banner, a veteran of the Civil war, who died, leaving three children, and since his death has become the wife of James Dickson; George B., a farmer, of Goshen township; Ida, wife of Valentine Rowles, a brick molder; Alma J., wife of James A. Hainsley, a carpenter; Clara E., wife of Burton Clark, a tanner; Grace, wife of J. E. Jury, a farmer; and Warren G., at home.

Mr. Lingle and his family attend the Methodist Church. He takes an active interest in public affairs, and has served for years on the election board. In politics he is a radical Republican, and has filled many township offices, having served for twelve years as school trustee. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Amos Bonsall is a leading agriculturist of Brady township, Clearfield county, whose long and honorable career has won for him the respect and confidence of all who know him. He belongs to one of the representative and prominent pioneer families of the county, it being founded here when this region was almost an unbroken forest and the settlers were widely scattered. In the growth and development its members have borne an important part, and deserve honorable mention in a work of this character.

Benjamin Bonsall, the father of our subject, was born near Millerstown, in Perry county, Penn., where the grandfather lived and died. On reaching manhood the former married Maria Fowler, of the same county, and they continued
to reside upon his father's old homestead until November, 1824, when they located near Luthersburg, in Brady township, Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of timberland and erected a log cabin. During the sixteen years of his residence there he cleared a part of the farm, but at the end of that time he sold out and bought at Coal Hill, two miles east of Luthersburg, where he also developed a good farm. He first built a hewed-log house and barn, but later replaced the former by a large frame residence, where both he and his estimable wife died in 1863, the latter surviving her husband only three weeks. He was the first justice of the peace in Brady township.

There were eleven children in the family, namely: (1) Rebecca, a native of Perry county, married Samuel C. Fleming, of Curwensville, Penn., and later in life they removed to Stark county, Ill., where she died, leaving a family of eight children, who still live in the Western States. (2) John, born in Perry county, married Isabel Oats, of Penn township, Clearfield county, and they resided upon his farm near Grampian, in that township. He died in 1890, leaving a wife and four children—Mary J., now Mrs. McCracken, of Penn township; Amos P., who married Eliza Barret, and lives in the same township; Anna M., who is married, and lives near Burnside, Penn.; and Nathan. (3) Jackson, born in Perry county, accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, and here married Sarah A. Wrigglesworth, of Penn township. He located on a farm near Luthersburg, where he died in 1894, leaving three children—Amos; Mary Louisa, now Mrs. Wash Ogden, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; and Ella, wife of Henry Sylor, of Brady township. The mother of these children died in 1856, and Jackson Bonsall afterward married Elizabeth Donley. (4) Sarah, a native of Perry county, became the wife of Elias Rishel, of Brady township, Clearfield county, where both died some years ago. (5) Amos is next in order of birth. (6) Jane and the following children were all born on the old home in Brady township. In 1854 she visited friends in Iowa, where she died of typhoid fever, respected by all who knew her. (7) Emily married George Elder, of Bell township, Clearfield county, where they lived for some time, but finally removed to Indiana county, Penn., and there her death occurred. She is survived by a husband and five children. (8) Joseph F. emigrated to Illinois, where he married and still makes his home, but his wife died in 1896, leaving nine children, three of whom also live in that State. (9) Anna M. is the widow of James Wilson, of Brady township, who resided near Salem, and died in February, 1897. (10) Reuben B. married Annie Cleaver, of Pike township, Clearfield county, but died shortly afterward upon his father's farm in Brady township. He left a widow and one child, Reuben. (11) Mary Louisa married Adam Foust, of Jefferson county, and they now live near Redfern, in Brady township, Clearfield county. Their children are Edith and Annie.

Amos Bonsall, our subject, was born in Perry county, August 31, 1822, and in his infancy he was brought to the farm in Brady township, where he grew to manhood amid scenes of frontier life. On January 25, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Kuntz, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, November 25, 1824, and in 1830 was brought to America by her parents, Jacob and Catharine Kuntz, who became prosperous agriculturists of Brady township. The young couple began their domestic life at Coal Hill, where Mr. Bonsall purchased fifty acres of land, upon which he made many improvements, but in 1855 he sold and bought 161 acres, known as the Kuntz homestead, where his wife had spent her childhood days.

Ten children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bonsall, as follows: (1) Jacob L., born in Brady township, in 1849, obtained his education in the public schools, and on reaching manhood married Louisa Couch, of Jefferson county. They lived on the old homestead until his wife's death in 1879. Four years later he married Maggie Peoples, of Clarion county, Penn., and they now reside on his farm in Lumber City, Clearfield county. (2) Maria died in infancy. (3) Susanna, born in 1853, became the wife of Isaac Pifer, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, where she died in 1886, leaving a husband and five children—Jacob K.; Lydia E.; Luther J.; David; and Wilson D., who died in childhood. (4) Sarah M., born in 1855, married Christian Haag, of Brady township, who is now engaged in the undertaking business in Troutville. They have five children: Amos, Orphei, Morris W., Lavina and Hulda. (5) Mary C., born in 1857, married Jonas Pifer, of Jefferson county, and they live on a farm in Brady township, Clearfield county. Their seven children are—Amos, Philip L., Agnes C., Walter, Cyrus W., Clara and Harvey Raymond. (6) Lavina, born in 1859, is the wife of George H. Weber, formerly of Brady township, who now owns and operates a fine farm near Alexandria, in Huntington county, Penn. They have four children: Otto L., Nora, Maud and Ada. (7) Benjamin F., born in 1862, and (8) Martin L., in 1864.
both died in infancy. (9) Andrew J., born in 1865, is operating the old homestead farm. He married Louisa Weber, of Brady township, and has three children—Harry W., Amos C. and Susie J. (10) Lizzie, born in 1869, is the wife of William Schoch, who lives on his fathers farm in Brady township.

Politically, Mr. Bonsall is a strong Jacksonian Democrat, does all in his power to insure the success of his party, and has held the offices of constable one term and school director for the same length of time. With the English Lutheran Church he and his wife and children all hold membership. Their home is noted for its generous hospitality, and in this regard they have no equals in the county. Mr. Bonsall is sympathetic and liberal, extending a helping hand to the poor and needy, and always ready to aid those less fortunate than himself.

JOHN S. JOHNSON, who occupies a prominent place among the farmers of Clearfield county, was born on August 21, 1839, in Greenwood township, where he still resides.

Mr. Johnson comes of an old and honored family of this section of the State, his grandfather, Samuel Johnson, who was born in York county, Penn., in 1781, having emigrated to Centre county at the age of seventeen. As his father had died when he was very young he was obliged to make his own way in the world unaided, and learned the cabinet maker's trade, at which he worked in Half Moon Valley until 1812. He was married, in 1804, to Miss Hannah Fisher, and eight years later they came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of 150 acres of land at Grampian Hills. After building a house of round logs, he began clearing and improving his land, and devoted the remainder of his life to agricultural pursuits. He was a great woodsman, taking great delight in hunting all kinds of game, which was quite plentiful in those early days. In 1824 his little cabin home was replaced with a large and commodious residence. For many years he served as justice of the peace, and, being one of the best real men in the county, he always took an active interest in educational matters. In 1851 he accompanied his son Garrison to the State of Indiana, where he died in 1863, at the age of eighty-two years. His family comprised the following children: James; Elah; William F.; Garrison, who died in 1861; Elizabeth and Thirzah, who became residents of Illinois; Mrs. Nancy Daily, a resident of Dubois, Penn.; Hannah, who died in 1824; and John.

James Johnson, the father of our subject, was born in Centre county, July 10, 1806, and was six years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county. During his boyhood he attended the district schools for three months during the winter season, but his education was principally obtained by studying nights under the direction of his father. Until he had attained his majority he gave his father the benefit of his labors, and then he and his brother Elah purchased 150 acres of land on Bell's run, where they erected a sawmill in 1832-3, and later a dwelling house. Subsequently they bought 103 acres additional, which they improved and prepared for farming purposes, remaining in partnership for eleven years. On dividing the property, James Johnson took the first purchase, which he continued to improve and cultivate in connection with lumbering, and met with excellent success in his undertakings. Subsequently he bought another fifty-acre tract, and again 300 acres from Governor Bigler, and in 1866 he erected a woolen-factory and sawmill on Bell's run, which he successfully operated for some time in addition to his other labors. At the end of four years the woolen-mill was destroyed by fire, but within ten months another was erected and set in operation. In 1861 he also built a fine brick residence, where he continued to make his home until called to the world beyond.

James Johnson was married, in 1835, to Miss Sarah, daughter of John Stewart, and they became the parents of nine children: William P.; John S.; David H.; Mathew W.; James A.; Francis D.; Hannah E.; Eliza, who died in February, 1848; and Elizabeth. The father owned a Bible which was printed in 1749 and belonged to his grandfather, who gave it to his father in 1795. The parents of our subject were both faithful members of the Society of Friends, and in politics the father was a stalwart Democrat, but never cared for office. He died in 1884 at the age of eighty; his wife is still living at the age of eighty. Both enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew them.

Mr. Johnson, the subject of this review, early became familiar with the work of the farm and with the labor in the lumber woods. During his early manhood he remained at home assisting in the sawmill and woolen-factory, and after his marriage operated his father's farm for eight years. He then received 145 acres from his father's estate, of which only forty acres had been cleared and a small house erected thereon, but now seventy-five acres have been placed under the plow, while excellent buildings make it one of the most desirable homesteads in Greenwood.
Daniel S. Mitchell began his domestic life in Bradford township, and transformed a tract of wild timber land into rich and fertile fields. He also engaged in the lumber business. Both he and his wife died in Bradford township. They had four children: Daniel S.; Robert, who resides in Indiana; Jennie, who is living with her elder brother, and Mrs. Minta Cross, of Lawrence township.

Daniel S. Mitchell was reared on a farm, and acquired his education in the district schools. He was always engaged in farming and lumbering, and for a time followed the sawmill business, at what was known as Mitchell Station, the place being named in his honor. On March 19, 1882, he came to his present home in Bradford township, and now has a well-developed property, with highly cultivated fields, and substantial improvements in the way of buildings. He is industrious and energetic, yet in the midst of his active business cares has found time to faithfully discharge his duties of citizenship. In politics he is a Republican, and he served as a member of the school board for one term.

Mr. Mitchell was married in Lawrence township, in 1871, to Miss Hattie Read, who was born in Lawrence, a daughter of John J. Read, who for many years was a resident of Lawrence township, and there died. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell have nine children: Jessie, Lelia, Wilmer J., Ashton, Clifton, Robert, Ethel, Clair and Fred.

Daniel S. Mitchell is one of the native sons of Clearfield county, who for many long years has been identified with its farming interests. He now resides in Bradford township, but was born in Lawrence township, November 16, 1837, a son of James and Hester (Spackman) Mitchell. The father was a native of Ireland, and a son of John and Isabella (Allen) Mitchell, natives of the same country, whence they migrated to Philipsburg, Penn. The grandfather worked in a saw mill factory until 1830, when he purchased a tract of wild timber land in Lawrence township, developing therefrom a good farm, on which he made his home until his death, in 1849.

James Mitchell came to Lawrence township when a young man, and was married there to Miss Spackman, a native of the township, and a daughter of Daniel Spackman, of Chester county, Penn., who in pioneer days opened up a farm in Lawrence township. Mr. Mitchell began his...
occupied by our subject, which then comprised one hundred acres of timbered land. This he cleared and cultivated, making it his permanent home. He died there June 30, 1838, and his wife passed away on the same farm December 6, 1873. They had seven children, of whom our subject was the youngest; William A. died in Coalport, Clearfield county, in 1890; Eliza died in 1878; Martha died June 30, 1840; Jemima (Mrs. Robert Porter) resides in Pike township, Clearfield county; Louisa died in Clarion county, Penn., August 18, 1896; and Jane (Mrs. Caldwell) died April 6, 1871.

Miles Read was born June 24, 1830, on his present farm, his early home being in a log cabin. The schools of the neighborhood afforded him an education, and he has followed farming and lumbering there from early manhood. Since the old homestead came into his possession he has done much to improve it, and of the 120 acres which it now contains he keeps 103 under cultivation.

On January 15, 1856, Mr. Read was married in Milesburg, Centre Co., Penn., to Miss Ellen Blair, a native of that county, where her parents, Samuel and Margaret (Eaken) Blair (both now deceased), had settled at an early day. Six children blessed this union: J. Blair is married and resides at the homestead; Elma (Mrs. Braddock) lives in Washington, D. C.; Willard L., an attorney at law, is married and lives in Seattle, Wash.; Jennie (Mrs. W. E. Tate) resides at Glyndon, Minn.; Louisa is at home; Glasgow died in Indiana, in 1893, while at college. The mother of these died January 15, 1897, and is buried in Pine Tree Cemetery, in Lawrence township.

Mr. Read is interested in all public questions, and in politics is an adherent of the Democratic party. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church at Clearfield, and holds the office of elder.

JOHN B. FERGUSON. This gentleman, who is known to the people of Clearfield county as one of the most progressive and energetic agriculturists of Penn township, is well-deserving of prominent mention in the pages of this work.

John Ferguson, Sr., grandfather of the above subject, came to this country from Ireland in 1753 with an only brother. Together they enlisted in the Revolutionary army, and were engaged in guarding the frontier against Indian raids. During one of these raids the brother was taken prisoner, and was not heard from afterwards. After doing service for his country, the grandfather rejoined his family in Cumberland county, Penn., moving from there in 1803, and traveling by way of Lock Haven, where they tarried for a short time, sending two sons to locate a home farther up the Susquehanna river. Finding a suitable place, they began improving it the same year. The family arriving in the summer of 1804, at which time the country was yet infested with roving bands of Indians and dangerous animals—panthers, wolves, bears, and plenty of wild game, two panthers being killed in the immediate vicinity. There being no roads, they had to carry their supplies from Lock Haven, a distance of 120 miles, by a canoe poled up the Susquehanna river. It is evident that they had to endure many privations.

The family of John Ferguson, Sr., consisted of twelve children, of whom the following sons grew to manhood: David, John, James and William. Of these, David, the father of this subject, was by profession a civil engineer, and located nearly all the lands in Clearfield county, as well as considerable in adjoining counties. He was county surveyor of Clearfield county, nearly continuously during his life; was elected to and served two terms in the Legislature of the Commonwealth, and also served in many minor offices during his life, such as county commissioner, justice of the peace twenty years, school teacher, school director, besides holding several other township offices. After leaving the old home he settled on the farm now owned by Anthony Hile, in Lumber City; from there he moved, in 1838, upon a farm of 160 acres on the south side of the river, near where his brother John was already located, and assisted in developing that section of the country. The township was named in honor of him and his brother John.

David Ferguson was married to Rachel McKee, of York county, Penn., who died in 1853 aged fifty-four years; he died in 1865 aged seventy-nine years. Their family consisted of (1) Sarah, who died in Harrisburg (while her father was serving in the Legislature), aged eleven years. (2) Alexander, who resides on the old homestead was married to Amanda Straw, now deceased; his family consisted of Murray E., a farmer living near by; Oscar, in California; Alice located in Oregon; Newton, an engineer in Colorado, and Jennie, living near by. (3) Mary Jane, of Ferguson township, married Frampton McCracken, a soldier of the Civil war, who died in 1890, and left no family. (4) David L., who during the war of the Rebellion was attending College, left his studies to assist in raising a company of cavalry which was mustered into the
2nd Pennsylvania Cavalry, he being commissioned a lieutenant, and serving during the entire Rebellion. Leaving home, he married Eliza Ferguson, and entered into the lumber and mercantile business in Lumber City, where he continued for twelve years, during which time he was interested in the cause of education, and through his efforts the Lumber City Academy was founded. Having his store burned, and meeting with other reverses, he closed out his business and moved to Humboldt County, Cal., where he pre-empted 160 acres of redwood timber land; entering in with a company, he took charge of a trading post on an Indian reservation in Hoopa Valley, Cal., where, in 1895, having contracted pneumonia while crossing a snow-capped mountain, the disease terminated his existence. His family consisted of the following: Maud, who died in California, aged twenty-four; Frank now in business in Eureka, Cal.; and Chester, who lives with his mother at Bayside, Cal. (5) James H., now residing on his farm in Ferguson township, is a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1861, in Company I, 84th Reg. P. V. I., and served his country throughout the struggle, and took part in nearly all the engagements in which his regiment participated; once taken prisoner, and was incarcerated for a time in Libby Prison. After returning home, he married Lucy Owens, of Ferguson township, and they have one son—Ralph, at home. (6) Sarah Eliza married Edward Mills, of Oil City, Penn., and they resided there until his death, which was caused by an explosion in an oil well, after which his widow returned to her old home in Ferguson township, where she resided until her death, January 16, 1898. (7) John B. completes the family.

Upon the old home in Ferguson township our subject was raised, and continued under the parental roof until the outbreak of the Rebellion, when, feeling his country needed his services, he enlisted in the summer of 1861, and assisted in raising a company of 110 men in Lumber City and vicinity, of which he was commissioned first lieutenant. The company rendezvoused at Camp Crossman, near Huntington, Penn., from there moved to Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Penn., where it was assigned a place in the 84th P. V. I., and in December, 1861, was marched into West Virginia, and was in active service from that time until one year later, going into winter quarters at Fredericksburg, Va., the company being then reduced to less than fifty men. The subject of this sketch participated in all the engagements the regiment was in, and was in almost constant command of the company, the captain being in delicate health, and resigning in the summer of 1862. The regiment had many skirmishes and battles with Jackson's army, and its colonel was killed at the battle of Winchester. In the latter part of the summer, owing to exposure and other causes, Lieut. Ferguson was stricken down with typhoid fever, and was confined in Columbia College Hospital for twelve weeks, where he hung between life and death for many days, having the constant attendance of three surgeons. After becoming somewhat improved in health, he rejoined his regiment at Fredericksburg, and, being unable to stand camp life any longer, was honorably discharged from the service.

In order to describe some of the hardships of a soldier's life, the following instance is related: On January 3, 1862, the regiment, being pressed by Jackson's army, had to effect a crossing over the Potomac river in the night. The river being frozen over (all but one ripple, and this under the guns of the Rebels from the heights in the regiment's rear), the troop had to be transported with difficulty across in one small scow, holding seventy-five men. Lieut. Ferguson's company acting all this time as rear guard, and protecting the ferry. The colonel, seeing the danger of this company being captured, ordered it to ford the river, which was done very reluctantly, the lieutenant taking the lead, but in the darkness of the night he lost his bearings, plunged into deep water, but through desperate efforts succeeded in gaining the shore almost perished, the Rebel shells encouraging them greatly all this time in their efforts.

After returning home from the army, he engaged for a few years in the merchandising business in Lumber City, but, finding his health failing in so commencing a business, he left the store and purchased his grandfather's farm, bordering on the Susquehanna river, moving there in 1870, where he still resides.

In January, 1870, he was married to Adrianna Kirk, daughter of Samuel Kirk, of Lumber City. Their family consists of Byron, Alice Josephine, David V., Florence B., John M., Anna Grace, and Samuel Kirk, all at home. Byron C. is a born genius, having designed and erected a wire cable suspension foot bridge across the Susquehanna river at his home, twenty feet above the water, doing the entire work in its construction, making and twisting the cables, and doing the entire structure work. His inventive genius does not stop with this structure, for he has other projects in view.

Politically, Mr. Ferguson is a Prohibitionist, but formerly was a Republican; his father was a Democrat in early life, but united with the Re-
publican party at its organization, voting with it the remainder of his days. The family is one of prominence in the community, holding a high place in social as well as business circles. With the United Presbyterian Church they hold membership, our subject being a ruling elder therein, and interested in all worthy enterprises in the community.

John, second son of John Ferguson, Sr., improved a farm in Ferguson township, subsequently moving therefrom to Lumber City, where he entered into mercantile business. Later on in life he moved to Lock Haven, continuing in the same business, and there resided until his decease in 1874. His surviving children are: Mary Hannah, Deborah, John C. and Elizabeth.

James Ferguson, third son of John Ferguson, Sr., resided on the old home near Lumber City until his death, taking care of his aged parents while they lived. He held many responsible positions in life, serving one term as sheriff of the county. He was the father of three sons and seven daughters: James and William, surviving sons, reside in Penn township; the five surviving daughters being—Sarah Jane, Margaret, Isabelle, Emma, and Eliza, who is now residing in California.

William Ferguson, the youngest son of John Ferguson, Sr., settled on a farm adjoining the old home where he lived for some time. He sold the same and moved West, remaining there many years; but having a desire to end his days in Clearfield county, he came back and settled on a farm at Susquehanna Bridge, where he died in 1889. He left children surviving: George M., who served as register and recorder of the county for six years; Mary, in the West, and Sallie, living at the old home at Susquehanna Bridge.

The daughters of John Ferguson, Sr., were: Polly, Betsey, Margaret and Jane. The last named married William Reed, who has two sons living in Ferguson township—David R. and James R.; Betsey, married Joseph Wiley, and reared a large family, generally living in what is known as the Wiley settlement, they having converted it from a wilderness to a beautiful farming settlement.

Daniel Beam, a leading and influential farmer and early settler of Cooper township, Clearfield county, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Dauphin county, June 12, 1822. He is a son of Henry and Nancy (Richards) Beam, who were born, reared and married in the latter county.

The family, which is of German origin, was founded in Pennsylvania. About 1826 the father of our subject removed to Centre county, where in the midst of an almost unbroken wilderness he made his home until 1833; which year witnessed his arrival in Clearfield county. He located in what was then Morris township (now Cooper), and first purchased 100 acres of land, to which he later added a like amount, and still later a fifty-acre tract. Of this, he cleared and improved 130 acres, making it one of the most desirable farms in the locality. He made a specialty of wheat, which he would carry over the mountains and market at Milesburg, Centre county. In his family were twelve children: John, deceased; Jacob, a resident of Kybertown; Henry and Samuel, deceased; Daniel, of this sketch; Mike, of Nebraska; George, who died in Missouri; Jesse, a merchant of Kybertown; Polly, wife of G. Williams; Catherine, wife of J. Hoover; Margaret, wife of S. Hoover; and Elizabeth, widow of P. Miller. The parents who were universally held in high regard, were members of the United Brethren Church, and in politics the father was a Democrat.

The boyhood and youth of Daniel Beam was mainly passed in the neighborhood where he still makes his home, and in its public schools he acquired his education. He remained with his father until he had attained his majority, and then started out in life for himself, first operating rented land. For five years after his marriage, in 1845, he was thus employed, and then, in partnership with his brother, engaged in farming until 1861, when he located on his present farm which he had previously purchased, the same year erecting a good residence, and the following year building a large barn. Ninety-five of the 175 acres he has cleared and brought under a high state of cultivation, and to its further improvement and development he devotes his entire time and attention; in former years, however, he also followed lumbering and rafting.

In 1845 Mr. Beam was married to Miss Susanna Cooper, a daughter of David and Polly (Cox) Cooper, who were born, reared and married in Virginia, and were the very first settlers to locate in what is now Cooper township, where the father died about 1844. In his family were nine children: Ann, Elizabeth, Purnina, Jenimia, Keziah, Mary, Susanna, and two sons who died in childhood. Five children came to Iceland the union of Mr. and Mrs. Beam, as follows: Nathan, a farmer by occupation; Mrs. Addie Williams; McClain, a farmer; Lidda, wife of C. Beightol; and Mrs. Esther Marcus. The wife and mother, who was a devoted Methodist, departed this life in 1885.
Mr. Beam is an active and prominent member of the United Brethren Church, of which he is serving as trustee. Although he usually votes with the Democratic party, he endeavors to support the man whom he thinks best qualified to fill the office, regardless of his politics. He is one of the representative farmers of the community, honored and respected by all for his sterling worth, generous hospitality and unbounded liberality.

JOHN SHIVELY. Many of the best class of Clearfield county have come from over the sea, particularly from the Empire of Germany. They have transported into the New World the industry, thrift and economy of their native land, and have been important factors in the upbuilding and development of this section. Of this class of honest, hardworking alien-born citizens there is none who occupies a more prominent place than Mr. Shively, who now makes his home in Decatur township.

Our subject was born in 1836, in Wurtemburg, Germany, where his parents, Gottlieb and Margaret (Shively) Shively, spent their entire lives. He remained in his native land until he had attained his sixteenth year, when he took passage on a sailing vessel at Havre, France, and after a tedious voyage of sixty days landed in New York, whence he proceeded at once to Philadelphia. He next went to Montgomery county, this State, and in 1854 first came to Decatur township, Clearfield county, where for many years he engaged in lumbering. While thus employed the Civil war broke out, and he then laid aside personal interests in order to aid his adopted country in preserving the Union. At Bellefonte, Penn., he enlisted in June, 1861, for three years, in Company E, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves, and was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, the regiment becoming a part of the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many hotly-contested engagements, including the battles of Mechanicsville, Gainesville, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Wilderness, Po River, Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Sheldon Lane, Cold Harbor, the first and second battles of Deep Bottom, Hatcher's Run, Fort Steadman, and the capture of Petersburg. On December 2, 1862, Mr. Shively, veteranized, becoming a member of Battery C in the regular army, and served for some time after hostilities had ceased, being honorably discharged at Fortress Monroe, in December, 1865, after four years and six months of arduous and faithful service. His discharge papers certify to his bravery and meritorious conduct.

Mr. Shively returned to his home in Decatur township, where he continued to reside until 1882, when he purchased an improved farm of 220 acres in Centre county, which he successfully operated until 1892. In that year he again took up his residence in Decatur township, Clearfield county, where he now has charge of the stables of a livery and coal company, but still owns a good farm in Taylor township, Centre county. For twenty-four years he engaged in lumbering, being a part of the time in the employ of Mr. Steiner, and assisted in clearing the present site of Philipsburg, Centre county. In Decatur township he was married, in 1868, to Miss Charlotte Ewings, a native of Centre county, where her father, William Ewings, located at an early day. Five children were born to this union: Nora; Harvey, who died at the age of three years; Edward; Bertha; and Alice, who died at the age of two months.

Mr. Shively uses his right of franchise in support of Democratic principles, and does all in his power to promote the interests of the land of his adoption. He merits and receives the high regard of the entire community. His war record is one of which he may be justly proud, and from private he was promoted to duty sergeant of his regiment in the regular army. He is now an honored member of James McClaren Post, No. 353, G. A. R., of Osceola Lodge, No. 747, I. O. O. F., of the same place.

JOSEPH WASHBURN, a prominent agriculturist of Huston township, Clearfield county, is one of the early comers to that section, having been brought there by his parents in 1841, as a boy of eleven years. Many changes have taken place since that time, and it is to him and others of like energy, ability and public spirit that those changes are due.

Mr. Washburn comes of the best American stock. His grandfather, Solomon Washburn, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He lived and died in Massachusetts, and his son, Josiah, our subject's father, was born there, and in his turn served his country in the war of 1812. In early manhood he went to New York State, and was married there to his first wife, Miss Fox, by whom he had five children: Jeremiah was a dentist, settled in Chicago, Ill.; Ethel died in Brookville, Penn.; Lewis died in Michigan; Julian married and went west; and Ennice Maria
died some years ago in New York state. Josiah Washburn, was married, a second time, in New York state to Mrs. Nancy Steward Shoemaker, a native of Yates county, N. Y. She was the widow of Godfrey Shoemaker, and a daughter of Charles Steward, a Revolutionary soldier, who also served in the earlier wars and was present at Braddock's defeat.

Our subject's father was a millwright by trade, but after his removal to Huston township, Clearfield county, he purchased sixty-six acres of land in the wilderness and prepared it for cultivation. He made his home there, and combined agriculture with the business of building mills in various places in the county. All of the discomforts of pioneer life were experienced before civilization brought its conveniences, and for some time the nearest market was at Luthersburg. Mr. Washburn was well known and highly respected throughout the county. He held the office of justice of the peace for twenty years, and was a leading worker in local affairs, his influence being given to the Republican Party. His death occurred in 1876, and his widow followed him eight years later. They had six children, of whom our subject is the eldest; Charles E., who resides in Sandy township, served in the Civil war; Joseph was drafted into the army; Jane and Philinda died at an early age; Josiah was lost in the woods when he was four years old, and his body was not found until after seven days had elapsed. C. E. Washburn held several offices of trust in Sandy and Huston townships, among them being that of supervisor, four years, during which time he proved himself to be a model road maker.

Our subject was born in 1830, the home of his parents then being near Olean, N. Y. For a short time before going to Clearfield county the family lived in Ridgway, Elk county. There was much to be done upon a pioneer's farm, and Mr. Washburn established habits of industry while assisting in the work at home during boyhood. Later he became interested in agriculture on his own account, and is now exclusively engaged in it, but for twenty-five years he also operated a sawmill and dealt extensively in lumber. In 1850 he was married in Huston township to Miss Catherine Ann Smeltzer, a native of Centre county, Penn. Her parents, Jacob and Esther (Clyster) Smeltzer, were born in that county, and were both of German ancestry. They moved to Elk county in 1852, and settled first in Fox township, where they cleared a farm in the woods. Mr. Smeltzer died in the West, but his wife passed her last years in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn have had five children, namely: Esther (Mrs. Wyncoop), of Sandy town-

ship; Daniel R., a resident of the same township; Elizabeth (Mrs. Dunlop), who died in 1895; Amanda C. (Mrs. A. W. Dunlop), a resident of Sandy township; and Ada, who died at the age of two years. Daniel R. was elected township auditor on the Republican ticket; after serving three years as such he was elected constable, and is now serving his second term of office.

In local affairs, Mr. Washburn has always been a progressive and influential worker. He is a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sabula, and in his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

JOSEPH GILLILAND has for a number of years done a successful and lucrative business along the lines of general merchandising and milling in Potterdale, Clearfield county, and as the result of his untiring labors, his ambition, his energy and well-directed efforts, he is to-day the possessor of a handsome competence and a good home, where he spends his leisure hours, enjoying the society of his family and friends in the midst of all the comforts that go to make life worth living.

The Gilliland family was founded in America prior to the Revolutionary war, by Scotch-Irish emigrants, and in 1800 Joseph Gilliland, the grandfather of our subject, took up his residence in Centre county, coming from Chester county, Penn. He was among the very first settlers of Penn's Valley, where he purchased land of the Potter family, who had obtained a large tract from the government and sold the same in small amounts. To the cultivation and improvement of his farm he devoted his attention for the remainder of his life.

John Gilliland, the father of our subject, was born in 1806, and, being a cripple, was consequently given good educational advantages, as he was unable to assist in the work of the farm. His principal teacher was Timothy Ladd, also a cripple. At the age of eighteen Mr. Gilliland commenced teaching, which profession he successfully followed for eighteen years, and then, in connection with a partner, bought the mercantile interest of the Penn Valley Trading Company. The business proved very profitable until the panic of 1857, which caused the failure of the firm, and he moved to Clearfield county, making his home upon a farm until his death, in 1888. He was a very intelligent, moral, upright man, who stood high in the estimation of his fellow citizens, and took a prominent part in public affairs, always voting with the Democratic party. He held some of the most important of the town-
ship offices, but cared nothing for political distinction. In religious belief both he and his wife were Presbyterians, and took quite an active part in Church work.

John Gilliland was married to Miss Lydia Smith, who was born in 1808, in Centre county, and died in 1889. Six children blessed their union: Hannah; Joseph; William S., a prominent physician of Karthaus; Edward I., a farmer and merchant; Mary; and Robert C., who resides in Snow Shoe, Centre county.

The maternal grandparents of our subject were William and Hannah (Little) Smith. The great-grandfather, William Smith, Sr., was an officer in a Pennsylvania regiment in the war of the Revolution, and after its close located upon a farm in Lancaster county, this State, where, in connection with its operations, he also operated a mill. He was quite a popular man of the community, served as justice of the peace, which was an important office at that time, being the same as county judge, and was also county coroner. William Smith, Jr., being well educated, engaged in teaching when a young man, and in 1874 commenced merchandising at Warriors Mark, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he conducted his store until coming to Centre county, in 1888. He located at what was known as Smithfield, now a part of the city of Bellefonte, and there followed mercantile pursuits for a number of years, but later he again taught school. His death occurred at Boalsburg, Centre county.

Joseph Gilliland, of this review, was born January 6, 1841, in Centre county, and received a good common-school education. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, and remained with them until his marriage in May, 1866, Miss Adeline Yothers becoming his wife. Her parents, Joseph and Elizabeth (Reiter) Yothers, were honored pioneers of Karthaus township, Clearfield county, where her father developed a good farm from raw land, and also engaged in milling. His death occurred in 1872. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and the parents of eleven children—Mrs. Maria Corley; Mrs. Isabel Patterson, of Illinois; John; Henry; Daniel, deceased; Mrs. Sophia Heckendorf; Reuben, a resident of Kansas; Adeline; Christian, deceased; Joseph, and Mrs. Mary Heichel. Mrs. Gilliland departed this life December 30, 1878, and left two daughters—Lydia E., at home; and Clara B., wife of J. Haney, of Pottersdale, Pennsylvania.

In October, 1880, Mr. Gilliland was again married, his second union being with Miss Lucetta B. Lucas, of Snow Shoe, Penn., a native of Centre county, and the ninth in order of birth: in a family of ten children. Her father, John Lucas, was an early settler of Centre county, and a veteran of the war of 1812, having served his country on board Commodore Perry’s fleet, and in that memorable engagement on Lake Erie, September 10, 1813, he was wounded. On his return home he was ever after called “Perry John” to distinguish him from the many other Johns among his kindred; he died September 27, 1858, aged sixty-nine years, leaving, as an heirloom to his family, the medal that a grateful Congress voted to the survivors of Perry’s victory, on which is engraved the laconic dispatch of Perry, “We have met the enemy and they are ours.” Five of the six sons of “Perry John” served in the war for the Union, viz., Nelson, McCalmont, Isaac, Thomas and Jesse. Nelson was killed at second Bull Run; McCalmont died in camp at Langley, Va.; Thomas died of disease contracted in the service after having been discharged; Isaac and Jesse are still living. The only other living member of this noted family besides Mrs. Gilliland, is Martha, wife of Rev. Thomas Cameron, of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania.

“Perry John” Lucas was an enterprising, prosperous man, who was quite successful in his farming operations, and acquired a large interest in coal mines, but at his death his heirs were cheated out of most of the property.

For three years after his first marriage, Joseph Gilliland operated rented land, and then engaged in hotel keeping at Salt Lick, Clearfield county, for two years. On selling out there in 1873, he removed to Three Runs, where he secured a position with J. W. Potter in his store and mill, and continued to work for him until May, 1877, when, in connection with a partner, he purchased his employer’s store and rented the mill. In 1882 he bought his partner’s interest and continued the business alone until September, 1883, when his brother became a member of the firm. Selling out in 1888, he removed to Salt Lick, so that he might care for his mother, and after her death, which occurred the following year, he and his brother bought the entire property, including the store, stock of goods, mill, and 194 acres of land, which they to-day own. Our subject is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of the county, and his success is well merited. In 1877 he was appointed postmaster of Three Runs, which position he continued to fill until April, 1881, when he resigned; but on his return to that place the following year, he was re-appointed, and still acceptably fills the office. In connection with his other property he also owns sixty acres of land which is under cultivation, and upon which is found a good grade
of coal and fire clay. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable business methods that he has followed have won him the support and confidence of many. In politics he has always been a Democrat, has served in a number of township offices, and for one term of three years was auditor of Clearfield county. His wife is a member of the Methodist Church.

Edward I. Gilliland is classed among the enterprising citizens of Karthaus township, Clearfield county. He does not confine his energies to one line of operation, but is a successful farmer, merchant and lumberman at Potterdale. His prosperity has been attained along the line of well-tried maxims of honesty, perseverance and diligence, and to his own efforts is due the position he has achieved in business circles.

Mr. Gilliland was born in Centre-Hill, Centre county, June 9, 1845, the fourth child and third son of John and Lydia (Smith) Gilliland. His grandfather, Joseph Gilliland, was descended from Scotch-Irish ancestors who came to America prior to the war of the Revolution. About 1800 he removed from Chester county, Penn., to Centre county, and was one of the first pioneers of Penn's Valley. He purchased his land from the Potters, who had secured it by grants given them by the government. Here Joseph Gilliland opened up a farm, reared his family, and became a well-known citizen of the community.

John Gilliland, father of our subject, was born in 1806, and reared on the family homestead, secured the greater part of his education under the direction of Timothy Ladd, and when eighteen years of age began teaching school, which profession he followed some eighteen years. He then turned his attention to merchandising, and in connection with a partner purchased the store of the Penn Valley Trading Co., continuing business until the financial panic of 1857, when he lost all he had. He then removed to Clearfield county, where he died, in 1888, at the age of eighty-two years. He was a prominent supporter of the Democratic party, and held a number of township offices. Both he and his wife were Presbyterians.

He married Lydia Smith, who was born in 1808, and died in 1889. Her parents were William and Hannah (Lytle) Smith, the former of whom was a son of William Smith, Sr., who served as an officer in the Revolutionary war. He afterward located on a farm in Lancaster county, Penn., and operated a mill. He was a prominent and popular citizen, and served as justice of the peace for a number of years. William Smith, the maternal grandfather of our subject, engaged in teaching in early life, and afterward followed merchandising in Huntingdon county, Penn. About 1808 he removed to Smithfield (which in that year was incorporated into the borough of Bellefonte), Centre county, where he again followed merchandising and subsequently taught school. He died in Boalsburg. John and Lydia (Smith) Gilliland had six children: Hannah; Joseph, a partner of his brother; William S., a physician of Karthaus; Edward I.; Mary; and Robert C., of Snow Shoe, Centre county.

Edward I. Gilliland attended the common schools until fourteen years of age, but his educational privileges were very meagre. After his parents' removal to Clearfield county he aided in the cultivation of the home farm. When fifteen years of age he began working in the lumber woods during the winter, and was thus employed for many years. In 1864, in response to an advertisement, he secured employment on the "Monticello," a ship sailing from New London, Conn., engaged in the whale fisheries, and chartered to take the Hall Arctic expedition to the northern regions. For eighteen months he was on that vessel, and then returned home, following lumbering through the succeeding winter. In the spring he shipped on the first steamer ever engaged in the American whale-fishing trade, and went to Hudson and Repulse bays, returning late in the autumn of the same year. In the following summer he resumed farming, and in the winter engaged in lumbering. In 1870 he began clerking in the store, and for twelve years he was engaged in farming and lumbering, the farm property which he operated being still in his possession. Later our subject came to Potterdale, where he entered into partnership with his brother Joseph in mercantile and milling business, under the firm name of Joseph Gilliland & Brother. They have one of the best general stores in this section of the county, and their sales amount to about $15,000 annually. As lumber merchants and farmers they are also successful, and their honorable dealing and careful management have brought to them a merited competence.

In 1870 Mr. Gilliland was united in marriage with Miss Hannah C. Hertlein—born in Clearfield county, October 12, 1850, died at Karthaus, Penn., September 19, 1887—a daughter of G. Lorenz Hertlein, who came from the Kingdom of Wurttemberg to America about 1830, purchasing a tract of raw land in Karthaus township, Clearfield county, whereon he made his home until his death, in 1880. He was a leading Dem-
HENRY E. KYLER. Prominent among the successful farmers of Clearfield county may be named the subject of this historical notice, whose homestead lies in Goshen township, and who, by his enterprise and energy in the direction of his chosen industry, has given to his work a significance and beauty of which few deemed it capable. He was born in Girard township, Clearfield county, August 8, 1839, was reared to agricultural pursuits, and educated in the country schools.

Henry and Mary (Hunel) Kyler, parents of our subject, were also natives of Clearfield county, where they were married. The paternal grandfather, George Kyler, who was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry, located in that county at a very early day, passing his remaining days. The father assisted in the operation of the home farm, and after his marriage began the development of a tract of wild land in Girard township, where he continued to live throughout life. During his active business career he engaged in lumbering to some extent, making and handling square timbers and rafting them down the river. In politics he was a Democrat, in religious belief a Lutheran. His wife survived him, dying in Illinois about 1862. In their family were four children: Arnold, who died in Virginia while serving his country in the Civil war, and was buried at Winchester; Sarah J., who married Robert Leonard, and on their deaths left one child; Henry E., of this sketch; and Mary, who wedded William Clarus, a farmer of Illinois, and resides in that State.

Henry E. Kyler grew to manhood upon the home farm, and on starting out in life for himself worked at farm labor in the summer season and in the woods during the winter months, making square timber. For thirty years he never missed a spring that he did not run the river, piloting rafts. In 1861 he volunteered for service in the Civil war, becoming a member of the 84th P. V. I., and was consigned to the Army of West Virginia, with which he served for sixteen months, when he was discharged on account of disability, being twice wounded, one gunshot wound being through the left wrist. He was sent to the hospital near Washington, D. C., where he remained for eight weeks, and then rejoined his command, but later was sent to the Convalescent hospital, and was subsequently discharged on account of disability.

Returning to his home, Mr. Kyler was married in September, 1863, to Miss Margaret J. Welch, a lady of intelligence and taste. Her father, Andrew Welch, was a native of Clearfield county, a farmer by occupation, and a strict Methodist in religious belief. The wife of our subject was a member of the same Church, and was a most estimable lady. She died July 26, 1886, at the age of forty-four years. Twelve children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: Sarah J., now the wife of Tom Livingood; McClellan, a farmer; Edith, wife of Mar Brown; Candis, who died at the age of twenty-five years; Henry A., at home; Ellen V., wife of S. Kephart, a farmer; and Bertha, Minnie, Adda and Charles, all at home.

In 1866, Mr. Kyler purchased a tract of 133 acres, to which he removed and at once began its improvement and cultivation. Seventy acres have now been placed under the plow, an orchard has been set out, a commodious two-story frame residence erected, as well as good barns and outbuildings, and the whole comprises one of the valuable farms of the locality, pleasantly situated in the Valley of the Susquehanna river, nine miles southeast of Clearfield. Mr. Kyler uses his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and is numbered among the valued and highly respected citizens of Goshen township.

J. MILLIREN, of Du Bois, Clearfield county, is one of the gallant veterans of the Civil war, and carries about an unpleasant reminder of that struggle in the shape of a bullet received during the battle of the Wilderness. His family is noted for valor and love of freedom, and his great-grandfather, Henry Markeis La Milliren, a native of France, came to America as an officer under Gen. LaFayette, with whom he served in the Revolutionary war.

Like many of LaFayette's companions, Henry Markeis La Milliren remained in the country which he had helped to free from English rule. His son Henry, who was born in Armstrong
county, Penn., became a pioneer farmer of Jefferson county, but later settled in Westmoreland county, where he died in 1869. He married Mary Nulf, and their son Henry, our subject's father, was born at the Jefferson county home in 1845. He also followed agricultural pursuits, though he was a tanner by trade, remaining in Jefferson county until 1845, when he went to Ohio, and followed his trade there four years. On returning to Pennsylvania he located in Clarion county, but in 1850 made his permanent home in Knox township, Jefferson county.

In 1864, notwithstanding his advanced age, the father of our subject showed his patriotic spirit by enlisting in the Union army. Entering Company G, 105th P. V. I., in April, he had hardly reached the front before he received a serious wound (May 21, 1864); but recovering from its direct effects, he continued in the service until discharged on June 27, 1865. After his return home he did not regain his former health, and he died on March 18, 1876, his life being doubtless shortened as a result of his wound. His wife, Sarah (Smathes), breathed her last on January 1, 1880. Of their ten children five are living: H. J., our subject; Simeon R., of Lanes Mills, Penn.; Mrs. Rachel Guthrie, of Jefferson county; Martha (Mrs. Hetrick), of Knox township, same county; and Mary (Mrs. Platt), of Bradford county, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was born October 26, 1843, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, and, except for the short residence in Ohio, he was reared in that county. The outbreak of the Rebellion stirred his young and ardent soul, and on August 28, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, 105th P. V. I., "for three years or the war." He was mustered into service at Callarame Heights, near Washington, D. C., and, his regiment being assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Third Army Corps, he took part in some of the severest engagements of the war. In December, 1863, he veteranized in the same company and regiment, and on May 5, 1864, he was wounded in the right leg, where the bullet still remains; but he remained in service until the close of the war, being honorably discharged at Pittsburg, July 11, 1865. Returning to Jefferson county, he engaged in lumbering and farming, and in 1867 went to Allegan county, Mich., where in addition to these lines of business he operated a saw factory and shingle mill, but making a specialty of tight barrels. In 1881 he returned to his native State and located in Du Bois, where he worked for a time in a machine shop. In 1883 he was elected to the office of constable in the Second ward, which position he has since held, his faithful service being appreciated by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Milliren has been twice married. By his first wife, Mary Minch, to whom he was married January 24, 1864, he had two sons: David H., now a resident of Chicago; and William Albert, of McKees Rock, Penn. His second wife, to whom he was married November 23, 1875, was Mrs. Susannah Morey (née Hetrick), a native of Jefferson county, born April 3, 1845. Her parents, Adam and Mehinda (Swab) Hetrick, were early settlers of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, and both died in that locality, the mother in 1872, and the father in 1896. In politics, Mr. Milliren is a Republican of the stanchest kind. Naturally he is interested in the military organizations that have sprung up since the war, and is a member of Enston Post, No. 229, G. A. R., at Du Bois, and the Union Veterans Legion, No. 46, of Brookville. He also belongs to a number of social orders—the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the United Mechanics, the Home Protection Circle, and Hamilton Lodge, No. 315, I. O. O. F., at Hamilton, Michigan.

JAMES SPACKMAN, a leading agriculturist and lumberman of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is one of the most enterprising and successful citizens of the State.

Mr. Spackman was born December 10, 1841, in Lawrence township, with which locality his family has been identified since 1818, when his grandfather, Daniel Spackman, a native of Chester county, Penn., moved to Clearfield county to make his permanent home. He settled near Pine Grove school house, and for many years was engaged in farming, shoemaking and tanning. His death occurred in 1873; his wife, Sarah (Mathers), passed away about 1862. They reared a large family, all of whom but the youngest, Deborah, are now deceased. Their names are as follows: John, Thomas, Benjamin, William, Mary (Mrs. Leonard), Jane (who never married), Hester (Mrs. James Mitchell), Elizabeth (Mrs William Mitchell), who died in Clearfield), Sarah (Mrs. Jordan Read, who died in June, 1895), and Deborah (Mrs. David Brown, who resides in Olanta, Pike township, Clearfield county).

William Spackman, our subject's father, was born in Chester county, Penn., in 1806, and grew to manhood in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where he married Miss Isabella Read. Her parents, Thomas and Mary (Jordan) Read, were both natives of this State, and had
settled early in their married life upon the farm now occupied by our subject, and there Mrs. Spackman was born and reared. Her mother dying, her father subsequently married Miss Margaret Ferguson. His death occurred March 14, 1851. William Spackman made his home in Lawrence township, purchasing a tract of forest land which he transformed into a good farm. He died September 10, 1895, and his wife passed away April 3, 1888. Four children were born to them, namely: Thomas, a farmer of Lawrence township; James, our subject; Margaret (Mrs. Wise, of Knox township, Clearfield county); and William Alexander, who resides at the old farm.

As a farmer’s son James Spackman, our subject, enjoyed the usual advantages of country life, attending the local schools and becoming acquainted at home in a practical way with the business of agriculture, which he has followed for many years in connection with lumbering. He and his brother Thomas bought the Read farm in 1866; in 1872 our subject purchased the latter’s interest, and now owns the entire estate of 172 acres. He continued to reside at home, on the river, until 1881, when he moved to the Read farm.

On October 19, 1869, Mr. Spackman was married to Miss Mary E. Read, daughter of J. R. and Mary (Wrigley) Read. Her father was born at the old Read homestead, and he and his wife are still living in Lawrence township. Three children have blessed this union: L. E., L. W., and Helen. Mr. Spackman is actively interested in all of the progressive movements in his locality. He and his wife are members of the Grange, and of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and as a member of the school board he is doing good service for the cause of education, this being his third term. Politically he is a Democrat.

ISAAC F. BLOOM. Among the self-made men of Clearfield county—men who have accumulated a fair amount of this world’s goods through their own energy and thrift—may be mentioned the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is one of the leading farmers of Jordan township, where he has also served as justice of the peace for many years.

Abram Bloom, the father of our subject, was a native of Germany, and was quite small when his father, Herbert Bloom, emigrated with his family to America and located in New Jersey, where he grew to manhood and married Miss Nancy Freeman. There most of his children were born. Being in limited circumstances, he first came to Clearfield county, Penn., on foot, and purchased a small tract of land in Jordan township. In 1832, with his household effects and family in a one-horse wagon, he removed to his new home, erected a cabin, and at once commenced to transform the heavily-timbered tract into a productive farm. Being a natural mechanic, his services were often in demand in this sparsely-settled region where few artisans were then found, and he manufactured many sleighs, repaired and did other work in wood and iron. After residing there for about ten or twelve years he went to Harrisburg, where he worked for a time, but soon afterward died in Cumberland county, Penn., leaving his widow with several small children to support, and only about fifteen acres of the farm under cultivation. With the exception of our subject, she managed to keep her children together, and made her home on the farm for many years. Subsequently it was divided between the two eldest sons, and she went to live with her children, dying at the home of one of them, at the age of seventy-three years. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The father was ninety-three when called to his final rest. In their family were the following children: William T., now deceased; John F.; Peter, living in Iowa; La Fayette, deceased; Jacob, who was a Union soldier in the Civil war, and is now a farmer in Iowa; Isaac F., of this sketch; Abram; Hannah, deceased; Mary J.; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Isaac F. Bloom was born in Clearfield county September 4, 1834, and his early education was limited to a four-months’ attendance at the district schools. His parents were poor, but provided him with every opportunity that their circumstances would permit. At the age of eight years he bound himself out to a farmer, with whom he remained until sixteen, when he left the place, bare-headed as well as bare-footed, going to Curwensville, where John Patton sold him $40 worth of clothing on credit. He then worked on the river and in the lumber camps for $8 per month, until he had paid off his indebtedness; then secured employment on the pike between Tyrone and Pennville, where he remained for two years, in the meantime contributing some of his earnings to the support of his mother. After her death he paid all doctor bills and other necessary expenses. For a number of years he was interested in the lumber business, made eleven rafts from the timber of said tract of land, and owned a portable sawmill, which he operated for eighteen months.

In 1859 Mr. Bloom purchased his present
farm, which was then a heavily-timbered tract of 123 acres, but he has since sold a portion of the amount and bought another tract of seventy-five acres. After his marriage he erected a small frame house upon the place, which he has remodeled and enlarged, making a commodious two-story residence. On his home farm fifty acres are now under cultivation, and twenty acres of the other farm. In connection with his other business he has also dealt to some extent in coal lands.

Mr. Bloom was married, in 1860, to Miss Isabella Johnston, a native of Jordan township, a daughter of Robert Johnston, who located here in 1833 and developed from the wilderness a good farm, on which he spent his remaining days. He was born in Scotland. Six children blessed the union of our subject and his wife: Mary E., now the wife of S. K. Ames, railroad agent at Irvona, Clearfield county; Priscilla J.; Herbert W., a lumberman and farmer residing at home; John C., who is engaged in lumbering; William D., a farmer; and Emma R., wife of James A. Rea, a merchant and lumberman.

During the Civil war, Mr. Bloom was twice drafted, but hired substitutes. By reading and observation he has acquired a good practical education, and has become one of the prominent and influential citizens of his township, taking an active part in public affairs. In politics he has been independent, generally voting with the Democratic party, and since 1864 he has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of justice of the peace, during which time he has joined in wedlock over fifty couples, and has tried many civil cases. Only four of these were appealed to the higher courts, and but one decision reversed, which fact reflects great credit upon his judgment and ability. His wife holds membership in the Scotch Presbyterian Church; but he belongs to no religious organization: fraternally he is a member of Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, F. & A. M.

John S. Jury, a leading and representative farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, was one of the brave "boys in blue" during the dark days of the Civil War. On September 25, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Company K, 84th P. V. I., and was mustered into service at Camp Crossman. He was commissioned second lieutenant May 1, 1864, and on the 3d of the following September was promoted to first lieutenant, and he served in that capacity until the close of the war. On the expiration of his term of service he re-enlisted in the same company and regiment, which was afterward consolidated with the 57th P. V. I., and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in twenty-three important engagements, including the following: Winchester, Cedar Mountain, Cross Keys, second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania. Wilderness, Cold Harbor, and was, later, with Gen. Grant until the war ended. At Chancellorsville he was taken prisoner, but after being confined in Libby prison for about ten days he was paroled and exchanged, and rejoined his regiment after the battle of Gettysburg. He participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C., and near that city was discharged June 29, 1865.

Mr. Jury is a Pennsylvanian by birth. born in Dauphin county, April 11, 1831, and is a son of George and Susan Jury, also natives of Dauphin county, where they were reared and married. There the mother died in 1836, leaving four children: Simon, who located upon a farm in Girard township, Clearfield county, in 1851, and died there in 1893; Mrs. Rachel Stever, who died in Girard township, March 26, 1870; John S.; and Mrs. Catharine Livergood, of Goshen township, Clearfield county. After the death of his first wife, the father was again married, and his second wife also died in Dauphin county. In 1851 he came to Girard township, Clearfield county, where he passed away December 17, 1869. At the age of twenty years, John S. Jury left the county of his nativity and came to Girard township, and for a time engaged in teaching in Congress Hill; but in 1866 he purchased a 100-acre tract of timber land, on which he located and at once commenced to clear and improve the same. At one time he was the owner of 800 acres, but his present farm consists of only fifty acres of well-improved and valuable land.

In 1866, in Girard township, Mr. Jury was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca McCorkle, a native of Ireland and a daughter of John and Mary (Wilkie) McCorkle, who were born in Ireland of Scotch ancestry, and in 1849 removed with their family to Glasgow, Scotland, whence they came to the United States in 1860. In Girard township, Clearfield county, her father opened up a farm, but is now a resident of the city of Clearfield, while her mother died in Graham township in 1881. In their family were four children: William T., a resident of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Margaret Shirey, and Mrs. Fannie Smith, of Girard township, and Mrs. Jury. Having no children of their own, our subject and his wife have adopted a child. They are widely and favorably known throughout Graham township and vicinity, where
their circle of friends is only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

Politically, Mr. Jury votes independently, supporting the best men regardless of party affiliations, and is now acceptably serving his second term as auditor. Mrs. Jury is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and takes quite an active part in all Church work. Public-spirited and progressive, he has given his support to all worthy enterprises which are intended to promote the welfare of the community, and is numbered among the valued and honored citizens of Graham township.

Daniel Curley, who is pleasantly located in Graham township, is operating successfully as a general farmer, and is numbered among the industrious and enterprising men of Clearfield county. A native of Ireland, he was born in 1839, and when two years of age was brought to America by his parents, John and Catharine (Glennon) Curley, who died in Covington township, Clearfield county.

In Covington and Karthaus townships Mr. Curley was reared and educated, early becoming familiar with agricultural pursuits, and on coming to Graham township, in 1857, he purchased 125 acres of timber land, which he has cleared and transformed into a fine farm. The entire place is highly creditable to his skill and industry, the fields being well cultivated and the buildings of a neat and substantial character. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, 5th Pennsylvania Reserves, for three years, and was mustered in at Harrisburg, Penn. Going at once to the front, he participated in the battles of Bull Run, Antietam and Fredericksburg, where he was taken prisoner, and he was confined in Libby prison. On his release he rejoined the regiment at Washington, D. C., and later took part in the battles of Gettysburg, Mine Run and the Wilderness. He also participated in the campaign before Richmond, known as the Seven-days fight. At Harrisburg, he was honorably discharged June 11, 1864, and returned to his home in Graham township.

At Tyrone, Penn., Mr. Curley was married June 2, 1868, to Miss Theresa McGovern, who was born in Girard township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Charley and Catharine (Beatty) McGovern, who died in Grampian, Penn., in 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Curley have six children, namely: Paul, Bruce, Ruth, Mark, Emmet and Hugh.

Mr. Curley always uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, in the success of which he takes a deep interest, and has served as chairman of the Republican committee of his township. He was one of the three who first supported the party in the township, and has since been one of its most earnest advocates. He has watched with interest the many changes that have taken place in the county since locating here, and has borne an important part in its upbuilding and progress.

James Davison. Among the well-to-do and successful farmers of Clearfield county, who have accumulated a competency through their own exertions and economy, and who are carrying on the business of farming in a manner which draws forth praise from everyone, is the subject of this biographical notice, who resides on a valuable farm in Chest township. He is a native of the Empire State, born in Albany county, September 27, 1831, but the greater part of his life has been passed in Pennsylvania, in whose development and prosperity he has borne an important part.

His paternal grandfather was a Revolutionary hero, serving for seven years in the Continental army, and after the war he removed from his Connecticut home to New York, where he died. By trade he was a carpenter. Cottington Davison, the father of our subject, was a native of Connecticut, and was a child when taken by his parents to New York, where he grew to manhood and married Elizabeth Warner. Coming to Pennsylvania, in 1836, he located on the Gilpin and Fisher survey in Indiana county, and upon his place made many useful and valuable improvements, including the erection of a good house and barn. Later he went to Green township, in the same county, where he improved a place, but subsequently sold out and made his home with our subject in Clearfield county, until called from this life in August, 1891, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Throughout his active business career he followed the occupations of carpentering and farming, and in politics he was a strong Republican.

John Warner, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany, whence at an early day he emigrated to the New World, locating in New York, where he owned and operated a gristmill, and also engaged in farming. In religious belief he was a Methodist. While on a visit to Albany he was seized with yellow fever, and died. Seven children were born to Cottington and Elizabeth (Warner) Davison, namely: Maranda, who married a Mr. Wolf, and had eleven children, and after his death wedded a Mr. Dodson, by whom she has two
children: Mrs. Matilda Buchanan; William, a merchant of Taylorsville, Penn.; James, of this sketch; Charles, a farmer; Mrs. Keturah Allen; and Emeline, wife of N. Thompson.

When six years of age, James Davison accompanied his parents on their removal to Pennsylvania, remaining on the home farm in Indiana county until sixteen, when he entered the employ of Mr. Stannard, with whom he remained for two years. Learning the blacksmith's trade, he worked at that occupation for the following two years, and then came to Clearfield county, where he was employed in the lumber woods, and also engaged in jobbing for himself to some extent. After his marriage, in 1861, he purchased 120 acres of heavily-timbered land in Chest township—the farm on which he still resides. For twenty years he and his wife made their home in the first cabin there erected, but it has since been replaced by a commodious two-story frame residence, which is now surrounded by substantial outbuildings, a fine orchard—in fact, all the accessories found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. For many years he engaged in lumbering, during which time he converted the timber from his own land into a marketable product, and also engaged in blacksmithing and farming. Of his farm sixty acres are now under a high state of cultivation, and he has never sold the minerals underlying it, including coal and fire clay. Through his own efforts he has steadily worked his way upward, overcoming all the difficulties and obstacles in his path to success, until to-day he is one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens, as well as one of the most highly respected, in Chest township. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and religiously both himself and estimable wife hold to the faith of the Presbyterian Church, in which they were reared.

In 1861, Mr. Davison married Miss Ellen J. Hunter, who was born November 15, 1841, in Scotland, and in 1848 was brought to the United States by her parents, Robert and Sophia (Swanson) Hunter, also natives of Scotland. On landing, the family, which numbered twelve persons, came by canal and on foot to Clearfield county, where the father purchased land and developed a farm, on which he spent his remaining days, dying in 1882 at the age of seventy. His wife, who survived him, passed away in 1893 at the age of eighty-one. Prominent Scotch Presbyterians, both were widely and favorably known throughout the community. Mrs. Hunter spent her declining years with her daughter, Mrs. Davison. Her father, Andrew Swanson, died in Scotland, after which his family crossed the Atlantic and located in Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter had three children: John H., a farmer of Jordan township; Clearfield county; Ellen, wife of our subject; and Sophia, who died unmarried.

Six children graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Davison: Sophia, now a resident of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Emeline Pierce; Elizabeth; Walter, who was accidentally killed September 21, 1888; and two who died in infancy.

JOHN M. ROSS, a well-to-do and prosperous farmer of Bell township, Clearfield county, is one of those men who thoroughly understand the business which they are pursuing, and are progressing toward a state of ample competence. He is the architect of his own fortune, having started in life with but little capital beyond his own industry and laudable ambition to rise in the world.

Mr. Ross was born in Boalsburg, Centre Co., Penn., August 17, 1831, a son of John and Anna (Barnhart) Ross, the former of Irish and the latter of German descent. The father was a native of New Jersey, and in early life learned the shoemaker's trade, which he principally followed throughout his business career. As a young man he went to Centre county, where he was married, and about 1853 took up his residence in Clearfield county, near McGee's Mills. In the spring he followed piloting on the river for many years, the rest of his time being devoted to his trade. He died in 1872, and two years later his wife was called to her final rest. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and belonged to an honored pioneer family of Centre county. Her brothers and sisters were as follows: Jacob, Philip, John, Henry, Katie, Mary and Sophia, all now deceased, and the father of our subject was one of five children, the others being: William, of Clarion county, Penn.; Henry, Delilah and Rachel.

Mr. Ross, the subject of this review, is the sixth in the order of birth in a family of ten children, namely: Philip; Susanna, wife of I. Garrison; Elizabeth; Sarah, wife of Major Wise; Delilah, wife of J. Savage; John M.; Jacob, deceased; Henry; Mary S., wife of J. M. Rose; and William, now a resident of Oklahoma. In the public schools near his childhood home John M. acquired his literary education, and under his father's direction learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for many years, and has also done considerable rafting and lumbering. In 1855 he went to the West, where he spent one season; and then returned to Clearfield county,
working at his trade in New Washington until his marriage in 1859, when he located upon his present farm in Bell township, and in connection with its operation still engaged in lumbering and shoemaking for some time.

In 1859 Mr. Ross was married to Miss Nancy J. Mahaffey, of Centre county, a daughter of James Mahaffey, who came to Clearfield county, with his father in 1828, making the first settlement at the present site of Burnside, but later located in Centre county, where he died. By this marriage our subject had eight children: Elizabeth, now the wife of J. M. Weaver: James H.; William M.; Robert F.; John E.; Sarah K., wife of H. Wetzel; Oriu B.; and Nancy J. The wife and mother, who held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1873. In 1876, Mr. Ross was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Rachel, daughter of William Smith, a molder, of Howard, Centre county, where he and his wife are still living. Seven children grace the second union: Mary (wife of J. Brady), Susanna (wife of Samuel Gaylord), Karl, Della, Mathew, Ralph and Walter. The mother died October 11, 1890, a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Although Mr. Ross takes an active interest in public affairs, he has never aspired, and is unwavering in his support of Democratic principles. He has, however, filled minor township offices, in which he has rendered effective service, and is a supporter of all worthy enterprises calculated to prove of benefit to the community, with whose interests he has long been identified.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Mullen has for many years resided in Pike township, and deserves mention among the esteemed pioneer settlers of Clearfield county. She was born in Brady township, in August, 1830, a daughter of Jonathan Ogden, whose father, Matthew Ogden, came to this county at a very early day, making the journey up the Susquehanna river in a canoe. Jonathan Ogden was born in Clearfield county, in 1800, and throughout his life followed the occupation of farming. He married Elizabeth Leonard, daughter of Abram Leonard, who was prominently identified with the pioneer interests of the county. Mr. Ogden was accidentally killed October 5, 1835. His children were: Rachel, Leonard, Mathew and Elizabeth C.

Elizabeth C. Ogden spent her girlhood days in her parents' home, and obtained her education in the public schools. In 1853 she gave her hand in marriage to Hugh W. Mullen, who was one of the leading and influential farmers of Pike township. His parents were Patrick and Martha (Finley) Mullen, the latter a native of Erie county, Penn. The father was born in Ireland, and when nine years of age accompanied his parents to America, the family locating in Centre county, where the grandfather of Hugh Mullen died, and where Patrick Mullen was reared. In Erie county the latter was married, and he made his home there until after the birth of his children. In 1830 he came to Clearfield county, purchased a small tract of land, erected a home thereon, and continued to improve his property until his death, which occurred in 1856. He was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that pursuit throughout his life. Patrick and Martha Mullen were the parents of eight children, namely: Mrs. Jane Baker; Fianna, wife of B. Colwell: Eme line, wife of William A.-Read; Mrs. Mary A. Fullerton; Margaret, wife of William Welch; Hugh: James, a carpenter by trade; and Mrs. Caroline Leach.

In the year after his marriage, Hugh W. Mullen purchased what was known as the Huey Hall farm, and afterward added to that property until he owned 140 acres of good land, seventy-five of which are under a high state of cultivation. He improved the place with commodious and substantial buildings, and his farm, pleasantly situated two miles east of Curwensville, is known as one of the best in the township. It is still occupied by his children.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullen had a family of seven children: Homer, who is living in South Dakota; Ida, wife of Harry McCormick; Owen, who died at the age of five years; Eva, wife of Joe Read, of Goshen township, Clearfield county; Ellis, in British Columbia; Rissie; and Edith, deceased wife of S. S. Fulton, of Sacramento, Cal. Mr. Mullen gave his political support to the Democratic party, and took a deep and commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare, yet never sought public office. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his upright life won for him the respect of all who knew him. He passed away May 11, 1890, deeply mourned throughout the community. Mrs. Mullen holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. During the greater part of the time since her husband's death she has resided with a brother in Riverside, Cal., spending five years on the Pacific slope.

Joseph Owens, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of that section, and has done much to promote its set-
tlement and development. Through his enterprise many fertile tracts of land have been cleared and made ready for the plow, and thus, while making his own way to an honest competence, he has worked to the lasting benefit of the community.

Mr. Owens was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, in 1821, and is of pioneer stock. His grandfather, John Owens, was born, reared and married in York county, Penn., and moved to Clearfield county with his family in 1802, settling in the woods one mile from Clearfield, and clearing a farm. He and his wife both lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. They had eight children, none of whom are now living: Mary (Mrs. Dixon) died in Iowa; Elizabeth (Mrs. Letz.), in Clearfield county; Elizabeth (Mrs. Wadsworth), in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Anna (Mrs. Lounsbury), in Bradford township, Clearfield county; Keziah (Mrs. Young), in Lawrence township; Peter, in Ferguson township, Clearfield county; John is mentioned more fully below; and Robert died in Lawrence township.

John Owens, our subject's father, was born in York county, Penn., in 1797, and was five years old when he accompanied his parents to their future home. He married a native of Clearfield county, Miss Mary Burge, whose father, Joseph Burge, was a well-known pioneer. John Owens followed agriculture as an occupation until his death, and he and his wife were highly respected by all who knew them. Of their large family of children, our subject was the eldest; Rachel (deceased) married Mr. Kline; Robert died at the age of eighty years; John married, and his death occurred in Kittanning, Penn.; Peter died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Sarah (Mrs. Whelny) died in Elk county, Penn.; Ella (Mrs. Barger) died in Chester Hill borough; Martin resides in Lawrence township; Rebecca (Mrs. Shaffner) died in Lawrence township.

Mr. Owens, our subject, has always had his home in Clearfield county. He was educated in the common schools, and in early manhood he engaged in agriculture, which he has since followed continuously. In 1842 he purchased one hundred acres of land, "in the woods," which he cleared and added to until he now owns a fine estate of two hundred and seventy acres. He has cleared and developed a number of farms for sale, and has at times owned large quantities of land. In 1843 he was married, in Lawrence township, to Miss Martha Jane Wallace, a native of Perry county, Penn., and the daughter of William and Sarah Fowler) Wallace, well-known residents of Brady township, Clearfield county. Mr. Wallace died at the age of sixty-six, but his wife lived beyond the ordinary limit of life, dying when eighty-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have had seven children, four of whom are now living: Sarah Jane (Mrs. Korp) resides in Bloom township, Clearfield county; M. J. is married to Margaret L. Read, and lives in Lawrence township; Mary (Mrs. Flegal) resides in Goshen township, Clearfield county; Amos resides at the homestead. Of the deceased children, William was married to Susannah Beaumont; his death occurred January 5, 1892.

In politics, Mr. Owens is a Democrat. He is widely known, and, wherever known, is held in high esteem. He has held every office in the township, including that of assessor, and was treasurer for seven years. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a leading member.

THOMAS McPHERSON, a well-known resident of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, shows the characteristics of the typical American in his loyal interest in all that relates to the public good, and his energetic and successful business career. He comes of a good old pioneer stock. His grandfather, Thomas McPherson, was born in this State, and resided in Centre county, where John McPherson, our subject's father, was born and reared. As a young man he went to Curwensville, Clearfield county, and learned the tanner's trade, which he followed later at Luthersburg and Clearfield. He was married in Clearfield to Miss Margaret Bloom, a native of Pike township, Clearfield county. Her father, Benjamin Bloom, Sr., was a pioneer farmer of that locality, and he and his wife, Sally (McClure) passed their later years at the home which their industry had established amid the trials of frontier life. Mrs. Margaret McPherson died in 1852, and our subject's father was subsequently married, in Clearfield, to Mrs. Sarah Jordan Carey, a widow.

By the first marriage there were nine children, of whom our subject was the second in order of birth, the others being: (1) Louisa married Henry Snyder, and died in Clearfield in 1880. (2) Benjamin Bloom enlisted at Clearfield in 1862, in Capt. McCulloch's company, and was killed at the battle of Gettysburg. (3) James L., who married Miss Antes, enlisted in 1861 in the Clearfield Cadets, and served three years. He lost his life in 1894 through an accidental injury. (4) Reuben resides in Patton, Cambria Co., Penn. (5) William R., ex-sheriff of Clearfield county, resides in Clearfield. (6)
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John P. lives in Burt county, Neb., near Tecumah. (8) Miles and (9) Clark did not live to adult age. There was one child by the second marriage, Marilla (Mrs. Lorimer), of Clearfield. Our subject's father was a prominent citizen and a leader of the local Democratic party, and he served two terms as treasurer of Clearfield county. He died in 1854; his second wife passed away in July, 1893.

Mr. McPherson, our subject, was born in 1836, at Clearfield, and his boyhood was spent at the home of his grandfather, Benjamin Bloom, in Pike township, where he acquired his education in the local schools. At the age of twenty-one he engaged in farming, lumbering and milling on Montgomery creek, and constructed there the first circular-saw mill in the county. In 1869 he purchased his present farm near Clearfield, a 100-acre tract, then covered with timber. He has sixty acres cleared and under good cultivation. The property is underlaid with coal and fire clay, and is a valuable estate. He was married in 1865, in Lawrence township, to Miss Eliza Addleman, a native of Centre county, Penn., where her parents, Andrew and Margaret (Gates) Addleman, were also born. They moved to Lawrence township, Clearfield county, in 1859, and settled at Centre, but their last years were spent in Virginia. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, namely: Margaret (Mrs. Geulich), of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Ida May, who lives at the Dansville (N. Y.) Sanitarium; Powell and Belle, who are at home; Emma who died at the age of five years; Harry who died when eight months old; Paul, who died in infancy; and Elsie, who was called from earth at the age of thirteen.

Mr. McPherson has always been prompt to encourage local progress, and his fellow citizens have marked their appreciation of this fact by choosing him to fill the office of supervisor twice, and for a number of years he was called upon to serve as school director. In politics he is a Democrat.

M. BAILEY is an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of Clearfield county. His identification with the interests of the community in which he lives covers a period of almost sixty years, throughout which he has discharged his duties with the same loyalty that he manifested when on Southern battle-fields he followed the "stars and stripes" to victory.

Mr. Bailey makes his home in Union township, on the farm where he was born in 1838. He is a son of Caleb and Jemima Bailey, the former of whom, also a native of Clearfield county, was a son of Daniel Bailey, who was born in Pennsylvania, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Pike township, Clearfield county, where he followed farming for many years and spent his last days. Caleb Bailey was reared to farm life, and at an early day carried the mail between Bellefonte and Franklin, Penn., two weeks being required to make the trip. After his marriage he purchased one hundred acres of timber land, and began the arduous task of developing a new farm. As the years passed by his labor was visible in well-tilled fields and good improvements. His wife died on that farm in 1875, after which he moved to Du Bois, where he passed away in 1883, at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. They had a family of six children, as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Smear, who is now living in Pike township; Henry, who resides in Union township; Moses, who died in Pike township in 1881; John, a resident of Du Bois; Mrs. Melinda Courtney, who died in Du Bois, and S. M.

Mr. Bailey, of this review, was reared in Union township, and attended the district schools, where he acquired a fair English education to fit him for life's practical duties. He followed lumbering for some time, rafting on the river, and through the greater part of his active business career has carried on agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of the old homestead, comprising 160 acres of rich land, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision. He engages in general farming, and his capable management and characteristic thrift have brought to him success. He was married in Curwensville, in 1863, to Miss Margaret Jane Howell, who was born in Wayne county, Penn., a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dunlap) Howell, the former a native of Wayne county, and the latter of Clearfield county. The latter was a shoemaker, and for some years followed that pursuit in Curwensville. His death occurred in Hornellsville, Penn., in 1877; his wife died in Curwensville in 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are the parents of four living children: Lillie, wife of John Kennard, of Clearfield. Penn.; Woodward, who is living in Du Bois, Penn.; L. Romain, who is married and resides on a farm, and Mrs. Dolly Whitmarsh, of Du Bois. They lost two children: Dave, who died in 1879, and Ormsby, who died in 1885.

Mr. Bailey moved to Du Bois in 1834, but after some years returned to his farm. During the war he responded to the President's call for troops, enlisting in 1861, for three-years' service,
joining Company K, 84th P. V. I., was mustered in at Harrisburg, Penn., and was with the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Shields. He participated in the battles of Winchester and Fort Republic, and, on being taken ill, was sent to the hospital in Alexandria, Va. There, on account of physical disability, he was honorably discharged in 1863. He is now a member of Easton Post, No. 229, G. A. R., of Du Bois, and finds great pleasure in meeting with his old army comrades. His political support is given the Republican party, and he strenuously advocates its principles. He has served as a member of the school board, and assisted in organizing the school district. He also belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow townspeople and all with whom he has been brought in contact.

Otis W. White. Among those agriculturists of Clearfield county whose places manifest to the casual observer the energy and ability of each owner in his chosen calling, is the subject of this personal history. He has one of the most desirable farms in Burnside township, sixty acres being cleared and improved with a comfortable two-story residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. In connection with general farming he also raises the stock needed on his farm, and was successfully engaged in lumbering until within the last few years, commencing that occupation when a lad of fifteen.

In Cumberland county, Penn., near Harrisburg, Mr. White was born November 24, 1841, and when an infant was brought to Clearfield county, where he was reared amidst rural scenes and educated in the country schools. His father, Asa White, was a native of Massachusetts, born September 7, 1795, but when young was taken to New York State, where he grew to manhood. He was a self-educated, as well as a self-made, man, paying his own way through both the public schools and medical college, where he graduated. He began the practice of his chosen profession in Cumberland county, Penn., where he married Miss Harriet J. Orr, whose birth occurred in Maryland, November 22, 1804. About 1842 they came to Clearfield county, locating first on Chest creek above Mahaffey, where the Doctor engaged in practice until 1845, when he came to Burnside township and rented a mill and residence property. In connection with his practice he conducted the mill and also engaged in farming, and at the end of a year purchased a tract of 162 acres of partially improved land—the farm on which our subject now resides. To its further development and cultivation he devoted his time, and erected a large house on the river, which was headquarters for the lumbermen in early days. At first his farm was principally operated by hired help, while he gave his attention to his profession, riding many miles in visiting his patients. He was very successful in curing, but not in collecting from, those whom he doctored. As he advanced in years he gradually retired from his arduous professional duties, and enjoyed the comforts which his labors had secured. Through his own exertions he rose to a position of prominence and affluence, and by careful and extensive reading became one of the best informed men of the community. He was widely and favorably known, was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife were both leading and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he belonged for about sixty years. Her death occurred in August, 1885, and he passed away the following year, respected by all.

To Dr. White and his wife were born ten children, six of whom died when quite young; the others are as follows: Elijah H. is now a resident of Salem, Ore.; Otis W. is the subject of this review; Julia M. is the widow of Dr. Bunn, who was buried at New Washington; and Mrs. Amelia J. Read is a resident of Renovo, Penn. They are all prominent citizens in the various communities where they reside.

In early life Otis W. White assisted in clearing and cultivating the home farm in Burnside township on which he still resides. In 1874 he married Miss Clara Young, of an honored pioneer family, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Estriker) Young. The father, who is of German extraction, is an agriculturist, and is still living in Burnside township, where he has developed a fine farm from the wilderness. He and his wife hold membership in the Evangelical Church. In their family are the following children: Mary, the wife of J. Wagner; Catherine, the wife of P. McCloska; Maggie, the wife of I. Billings; Clara, the wife of our subject; Lydia, wife of C. Mann; John, a farmer of Burnside township; Jennie, wife of F. Fuiton; and Ella, wife of J. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. White have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Olive, 1875; Hattie, 1877; Dora, 1879; and Francis, 1888. Of these, Olive graduated in 1895 from the State Normal School at Lock Haven; and Hattie and Dora in 1896; they are all teachers in Clearfield and Centre counties. The family is one of prominence in the community, holding a high place in social circles. In his political tendencies, Mr. White is a Republican, but has
never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, and to the fullest extent is honored by his fellow citizens for his sterling integrity, earnest truthfulness and excellent intentions.

WILLIAM WHITESIDE, a prosperous agriculturist of Bigler township, Clearfield county, owns a fine farm near Madera, a portion of a large tract of land purchased by his grandfather, John Whiteside, who came from County Derry, Ireland, in 1828, and located on Clearfield creek, near Muddy Run. His wife, Margaret Douglas, a native of Scotland, died in Ireland, leaving five children—four sons and one daughter—whom he brought to this country. Several sons were already grown at the time of this emigration, and he purchased homes for them in Becaria township, Clearfield county; but he continued to reside at his original location. He remained faithful to the memory of the wife of his youth, and died in 1843 at an advanced age.

Of his children, the eldest, Henry, our subject's father, is mentioned more fully below. (2) Samuel, who never married, resided upon a farm near Ramey, and died there at the age of eighty-four. (3) John bought land near Beulah, Clearfield county, and cleared and improved it for a homestead. He married Catherine Alexander, of Woodward township, Clearfield county, and reared a family of seven children—(a) Agnes married Mr. Matthews; (b) Mary is the widow of C. Shoff; (c) William B. married Miss Needler, of Cherry Tree, Penn., and resided for a number of years at his father's homestead. In 1885 he sold his interests there and moved to Tennessee, where he purchased a farm (he had eight children, of whom the eldest is a son named Wade); (d) Jane married (first) Samuel Henderson, who died soon afterward, and (second) Joseph B. Sprott, of Houtzdale (she has four children); (e) Rebecca married James Dougherty, a prominent farmer and business man of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, who is now extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber (they have several children); (f) John died at the old homestead at the age of twenty; (g) Emily married Mr. Clark, of Kenova, Penn., and has several children. (4) Robert resided in Becaria township, Clearfield county, on land purchased by his father; he married Miss Nancy Alexander, and had eight children—(a) John D. is single, and resides in Madera; (b) William A. owns and operates a farm near Richmond, Va., on the James river (he was married in Clearfield county to a Miss McCully, of Gulich township, and two children were born there); (c) Isaac was killed in 1873 while logging on Muddy run (his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Locket, died in 1871, leaving one daughter, Vida, now Mrs. Cornely, of Madera); (d) Samuel and (e) Agnes, who reside in Madera, are not married; (f) Robert died at the age of thirty-five; (g) Mary married Jerry Hegarty, of Madera, and has six children; and (h) Boaz, a resident of Madera, married Miss Emma Cornelius, and has four children. (5) Rebecca, the only daughter of John and Margaret Whiteside, married the late William B. Alexander, of Mifflin county, then of Becaria township, Clearfield county. He bought a farm near Amesville after his marriage, and resided there until 1860, when he removed to the old Alexander homestead. Mrs. Alexander died in December, 1871, and his death occurred in 1874. They had the following children—Delilah, Mrs. David Hegarty; Joseph, now a member of the State Legislature from Clearfield county; Rosy, Mrs. Henry Miles; Rebecca, Mrs. Thomas Askey, of Gallitzin, Penn.; Jane, who died in early womanhood at the old home in Madera; Agnes, married to Edward Miles; Mary, who died when nineteen years old; William B., who died at the age of ten; and Miss Catherine, who is teaching in the high school in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Whiteside, the father of our subject, inherited a portion of the old homestead, and his brother Robert each receiving 200 acres of the original purchase. In 1870 he went to Virginia and bought 924 acres of timber land, partially improved, in Charlotte county, on the Danville railroad, southwest of Richmond. In the following year he removed there with his wife and son James. In 1876 he returned to the old home farm, where he died fifteen years later at the age of eighty-six. His wife, formerly Miss Mary Hegarty, was a member of a well-known pioneer family of Clearfield county; she died in 1877.

Of their six children, our subject is the eldest. (2) Joseph died at the homestead in 1853, aged fifteen years. (3) John, who was born in 1840, is not married and resides in Madera. (4) Mary Jane, born in 1841, married James Mullen, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and died in 1879, leaving two daughters, Mary and Bertha, who are attending school in Millersville, Penn. (5) James, born in 1843, accompanied his parents to Virginia in 1871, and remained there, following agricultural pursuits until his death in 1892. He was married in 1881 to Miss Harriet
L. Owens, of Virginia, who survives him with two sons, Henry and Emerson. (6) Maggie A., born in 1845, was married in 1884 to J. P. Kauffman, and resided at the old homestead until her father's death. They then moved to Madera, where she died in 1893, leaving one daughter, Bessie, now eleven years old, who is attending school. Mr. Kauffman has since made his home at Carrolltown, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

William Whiteside, the subject proper of this biography, was born at the homestead December 14, 1836, and has always resided there. Under his able and progressive management his estate has been brought to a high state of cultivation, and he has a well-established reputation for sound judgment in business affairs. He takes a keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of his community, and is active in local politics as a member of the Republican party. He has held office as township auditor and assistant assessor, and is now serving his second term as school director. He married Miss Elizabeth J. Stewart, of Cambria county, and their union is blessed with one daughter, Effie, born April 8, 1882, now an attractive girl of fifteen, who attends school at Madera, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside are Presbyterians in faith.

David Mitchell, an intelligent and enterprising farmer of Greenwood township, is a representative of an old family that located in Clearfield county before its organization. The grandfather, David Mitchell, removed from Nittany Valley, Centre Co., Penn., and took up his residence in what is now Burnside township, where he entered a tract of land and developed a farm, making his home thereon until his death. He was a local minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, and his life was characterized by true nobility and integrity above question.

John Mitchell, father of our subject, was born in Centre county, and during his boyhood came with his parents to Clearfield county, where he was reared to manhood. After his father's death he assumed the management of the home farm and assisted his widowed mother for many years. He married Elizabeth A. McGee, and located on a tract of land which his father had purchased. After the death of his mother he and his brother, C. C. Mitchell, purchased the interests of the other heirs in the estate, but later in life he sold his property in Pennsylvania and removed to Kansas, where he operated a farm until his death in 1891. By trade he was a blacksmith, and followed that pursuit in connection with farming and lumbering. While in Clearfield county he improved nearly one hundred acres of land, and erected thereon substantial buildings. He also rafted his own lumber down to market, and in his business career displayed great energy and industry, to which qualities may be attributed his success. He never aspired to public office, but gave to the Republican party his stanch support. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell was a daughter of James McGee, who removed from Centre county to Bell township, Clearfield county, at an early day. He cleared and improved a good farm, followed lumbering and built both a sawmill and a gristmill, the latter being still in use. He was one of the organizers of the Methodist Protestant Church in his locality, and served as local preacher. Both he and his wife died on the old homestead.

John Mitchell and his wife lived for twenty years in Kansas, the latter dying in 1889, the former in 1891. Of their twelve children, two died in early life; the others are: David; Mary E., wife of E. White, of Oregon; James, of Oregon; Thomas, a farmer of Burnside township; Ann E., wife of J. Fort, of Kansas; Mrs. Margaret Reynolds; John, a minister of the Free Methodist Church in Kansas; Henry, who died in Kansas. Orelia, wife of P. Riddle, of New Washington; and Virginia, wife of William Gorman, of Paola, Kansas.

David Mitchell is a worthy and honored representative of two pioneer families, and was born in Burnside township, Clearfield county, October 14, 1838. He was reared on the farm, and not only became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, but also learned business methods through connection with his father's lumbering interests. He was educated in the country schools, and remained at home until twenty-three years of age, when he began business on his own account. He purchased a tract of timber land of 130 acres on Chest creek, and for three years was engaged in converting the trees into marketable products. He then sold his interest in the timber, and for three years thereafter worked on the Ross land. In 1869 he purchased, of James Elder, the tract of land of 130 acres on which he now resides, fifty of which were under cultivation, and the farm was improved with a two-story frame house. Of this he now has ninety-five acres highly cultivated, has erected a large barn and good outbuildings, and added other accessories found on the model farms of the nineteenth century. He has also purchased and improved another tract
of land of 100 acres, known as the Hoover land; also purchased 225 acres of land, part of the William Bell estate; and 325 acres in Bell township, known as the John Irvin land, on Snyder run—to all of which he gives his personal attention. Nor have his efforts been confined to agricultural pursuits alone. He is a man of resourceful ability, of great industry and enterprise, and for many years was extensively engaged in the lumber business, to which he turned his attention when only fourteen years of age. For forty-two years he piloted rafts down the river, and occasionally still makes a trip in that way.

Mr. Mitchell was married, in 1863, to Miss Henrietta Weaver, who belongs to one of the old families, her parents being James H. and Sarah A. (Campbell) Weaver. Her maternal grandfather was Thomas Campbell, who developed a farm in the midst of the forests of Clearfield county, and made it his home until death. His father died in Union county. James Weaver was born in Union county, and, coming to Clearfield county in its pioneer epoch, purchased a farm whereon he resided for many years. He then sold, and retired from active business life. He and his wife are now living quietly in Burnside, aged respectively eighty and seventy-five years. Both are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and are people of genuine worth. Their children are: Mrs. Mitchell; Frances E., wife of T. Mitchell; Mary K., wife of A. Shafer; Harriet B., wife of J. H. Breth; John T., who died at the age of fifteen years; and James L., a merchant of Burnside.

Twelve children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, and through the thirty-three years of their married life there has been no death in the family. A brief record of the children is as follows: (1) Henry S. (a farmer) married Ida Thorp, of Greenwood township, and they have five children. (2) James L. (also a farmer) married Nora Rager, of Burnside township, and they have two children. (3) John F. married Gertrude Johnson, and they live on a farm. (4) Robert C. lives in Oregon. (5) Rosetta is now studying music at Waynesburg College. (6) Atlee D. (7) Sarah E. (8) Samuel Orvis. (9) Delilah V. (10) Mary T., (11) Ruth W., and (12) Cora E., are all at home. They have all been provided with good educational opportunities, and have had musical privileges, several of the family manifesting considerable talent in that direction. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Protestant Church, and social circles accord them a high standing. In politics, Mr. Mitchell was formerly a Republican, but now gives his support to the Prohibition party, and is a stanch advocate of temperance. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and has built wisely and well on the safe foundation of industry and integrity.

Thomas Brockbank. The subject of this personal narrative is one of the most successful and progressive farmers within the borders of Union township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home for almost a third of a century. He has made his special field of industry an eminent success, and is highly esteemed and respected by those who know him best.

Thomas Brockbank, second son of Senes and Ann Brockbank, was born in England, October 4, 1821; registered at Preston, Patrick Chapel, four miles below Kendal; was there reared and educated, and in Kendal, Westmoreland county, was married to Miss Isabella King, who was born March 11, 1823; registered at Catholic Chapel, Kendal. Before leaving their native land two children were born to them: Frances A., and Mary. In June, 1849, the whole family, eleven in number, sailed for America, and on their arrival spent the first three years in Philadelphia. Removing to Elk county, this State, Mr. Brockbank purchased 160 acres of land in the midst of the forest, which he at once began to clear and develop, and continued to make his home thereon some fourteen years. In 1864 he purchased his present farm in Union township, Clearfield county, a valuable tract of one hundred acres, of which about half had been cleared, and in the following year brought his family to the place. He has since cleared the remainder, erected excellent buildings, and has the place under a high state of cultivation, so that it now ranks among the best farms of Union township. In June, 1849, Mr. Brockbank's parents, Senes and Ann Brockbank, also came to the United States, and from Philadelphia also removed to Elk county, later making their home with their two sons in Brady and Union townships, Clearfield county, where the father died in 1860, and the mother in the year following. They were born about the year 1790, and are registered at Staveley Chapel, above Kendal.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brockbank, two sons and four daughters, as follows: (1) Frances Ann, born at Kendal, July 27, 1847, registered at Catholic Chapel. Kendal, was married in 1870, to Joseph Syler, of Brady township, where he carries on farming.
and also conducts a pottery. They had ten children, eight of whom are still living. (2) Mary, born September 13, 1848, at Kendall, registered at Catholic Chapel. Kendall, was married May 3, 1881, to C. F. Waugh, of Levant township, Penobscot Co., Maine, where they made their home for four years, and then located in Du-Bois, Clearfield county. There he was employed in the iron works as a machinist, until 1895, when they located on the home farm, with our subject and his wife; their only child died four years ago. (3) Margaret, born in Philadelphia, November 7, 1850, registered at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Philadelphia; wedded Andrew Pentz, who formerly served as sheriff of Clearfield county, and is now engaged in farming in Brady township; their only child is deceased. (4) Senes T., born in Philadelphia, March 3, 1852, registered at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Philadelphia; accompanied his parents on their removal to Union township, where he worked on the farm and taught school until attaining his majority, when he entered the law office of W. A. Wallace. After studying for some time he was admitted to the Bar in 1877, and engaged in practice in Clearfield for a number of years. Going to Washington, he was in the Pension Department for over two years, and died in that city, February 19, 1888. In October, 1878, he had married Lizzie Prior, by whom he had four children, two of whom are still living. His widow has since married Henry Watts, a merchant of Wisconsin. (5) Joseph William, born in Fox township, Elk county, July 14, 1863, registered at St. Mary's, Elk county, grew to manhood upon the farm in Clearfield county, and studied medicine in the University of Maryland, where he completed the prescribed course in 1887. For eight years he successfully engaged in practice in Philadelphia, where his death occurred, November 7, 1895. He had married Mary Hamilton, of Baltimore, Md., who now resides in Philadelphia. (6) Isabella V., born September 2, 1865, in Union township, Clearfield county, registered in Clearfield Catholic Church, was married October 4, 1883, to William P. Long, a lumberman, residing in Sandy township, Clearfield county, and died June 29, 1886, leaving two children, a son and daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Brockbank, with their children, are all devout members of the Catholic Church, and occupy a high place in the estimation of all who know them. The parents have both passed the allotted three-score years and ten, and can look back over long and well-spent lives, knowing that they have faithfully performed every duty that devolved upon them. Mr. Brockbank has always affiliated with the Democratic party, for twelve years was the efficient treasurer of his township, and for the long period of thirty years held some school office.

RUBEN HEGARTY. The Hegarty family, of Clearfield county, has so long held a prominent place in business, social and public life in that locality, that unusual interest will attach to this brief history of the well-known contractor of Bigler township, whose name appears above. Like many of the successful men of the country, he is of Irish blood, his grandparents, Samuel and Jane (Whiteside) Hegarty, having come to America in 1808, with their large family of children. After a short stay in Mifflin county, Penn., they located permanently in Becaria township, Clearfield county, in 1811, purchasing 425 acres of heavily-timbered land lying on both sides of Clearfield creek, and now known as the John Gill tract. There a log cabin was built for the occupation of the family, and the work of clearing begun, which brought its reward in the abundant harvest of the broad, fertile fields thus redeemed for cultivation.

Samuel and Jane Hegarty were married in 1789, and nine children blessed their union: (1) Joseph, born August 30, 1790, died in early manhood. (2) Henry, born September 29, 1792, made his home at Beulah, where he built an elegant residence for that time, still known as the Hegarty stone house; he married Miss Margaret McCully, and had nine children—Joseph, George, Samuel, Robert, Henry, Margaret, Jane, Lydia and Isabella, all of whom lived to adult age. (3) Samuel, born June 12, 1793, purchased 2,200 acres of land in Clearfield county, and resided on the old road between Madera and Houtzdale, the estate being still called by his name; he married Miss Lydia McCully, of Gulich township, Clearfield county, but had no children. (4) John, born October 8, 1797, made his home at Hegarty's Cross Roads, where he owned a well-improved farm of 300 acres; his wife, Jane (Alexander), was a daughter of W. B. Alexander; their children were Samuel, William, Matilda and Agnes, all of whom resided in Becaria township, Clearfield county. (5) Jane, born January 12, 1800, married William McCullough, a farmer residing near Ramey, on the road leading to Janesville; they had four children who lived to maturity—James, Joseph, Lewis and Mary Jane. (6) Robert, born May 16, 1802, resided upon a part of his father's homestead; he married Miss Jane Campbell, and had a large family of children, all of whom died in their youth except Mrs.
A. J. Smith, now residing near New Millport, Penn. (7) James, born July 18, 1804, owned what is now known as the John McConnel tract of 600 acres on the north bank of Clearfield creek at the mouth of Muddy run; he married Miss Jane Boyle, and had six children—David, Jeremiah, Jane, Rebecca, Mary and Rachel, all residents of Becaria township, Clearfield county. (8) William, the father of our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (9) Mary, born in Clearfield county, July 5, 1809, was the only one of this large family who was not a native of the old county; she was married about the year 1836 or '7, to Henry Whiteside, and resided in Becaria township, Clearfield county.

William Hegarty, our subject's father, was born in Ireland, October 11, 1806, and was consequently about two years old at the time of the emigration to the new home in the United States. He grew to manhood at his father's farm, and on January 26, 1841, married Miss Jemima A. Dunlap, who was born November 15, 1815, the daughter of William and Margaret Dunlap. He took charge of the homestead, and cared for his parents throughout their declining years, his mother passing away in 1829, and his father in 1843. He was a carpenter by trade, and was regarded as one of the substantial citizens of his locality.

Of his eight children: (1) Eliza, born October 19, 1841, was married, in 1860, to William Luther, of Madera; she died May 13, 1871, leaving three children—Matilda and Orrissa J., both unmarried and residing in Madera; and William J., who died at the age of fifteen. (2) Isaac, born January 15, 1843, enlisted in 1863, in Company C, Pennsylvania Zouaves, and took part in all the engagements of his regiment until the close of the war; he was married, in 1866, to Miss Ellen Stitt, and after living for a few years at the homestead, moved to Michigan, where he engaged in lumbering and, later, in prospecting for minerals; they had three children—Newton, William I. and Laura, all of whom are single and reside in Houtzdale, Penn. (3) Reuben, our subject, was born July 22, 1845. (4) Susanna, born December 25, 1847, was married in 1866 to Joseph Alexander, a well-known farmer, and died in 1886; two children survive—Minerva, a successful teacher in the public schools at Houtzdale; and W. B. Clinton, a student at the Pennsylvania State College. (5) Sarah J., born June 24, 1851, died September 18, 1856. (6) Adaline, born March 4, 1854, died September 20, 1856. (7) Hannah C., born July 20, 1856, married William C. Davis, at present a commissioner of Clearfield county, and resides at Houtzdale. Five children are living and at home—Pearl T., Julia A., Ursula M. (a graduate of the Houtzdale high school), Aida E. and Tomana J.

Reuben Hegarty was reared at the old home, attending the common schools of the neighborhood, and acquiring a knowledge of farming and carpentering by practical work under his father's direction. He engaged in lumbering in early manhood, working in the woods as a jobber in square timber. In the spring of 1871 he married Miss Susan Phebe Davis, and soon afterward purchased some property in the town of Madera from his father and improved it handsomely, building a fine two-story house. He has since been successfully engaged in contracting and building, being one of the leading workers in that line in his section. Possessing an inventive mind, he has turned his genius to good account, and now holds several patents. Among his inventions are an improved measuring pole and a folding extension table. He has also done considerable work as a civil engineer on the Coal Run Branch railroad for the Wallace & Reading Railroad Co. His versatile ability and sound practical judgment make him a leader in business circles, and he is also actively interested in all the various movements which tend to promote progress in his community. Politically, he is a Republican, but, while he gives effective aid to the party, he has refrained from entering the race for office. Mr. and Mrs. Hegarty are both members of the Presbyterian Church, and take a prominent part in its work.

Mrs. Hegarty was born at Kermoor, Penn., May 30, 1852. Her father, Thomas C. Davis, a native of Clarion county, Penn., was married in Jordan township, Clearfield county, in 1849, to Miss Rebecca Kooser, and had seven children, of whom four lived to adult age: William C., now a commissioner of Clearfield county, mentioned above; Susan P., Mrs. Hegarty; Mary, who married E. W. Cowher, of Patton, Cambria county, Penn., and has six children; and Laura, who married John Hindman, of Glen Hope, Penn., and has seven children.

HENRY B. BAILEY, a well-known farmer and lumberman of Union township, is a native of Clearfield county, born in Barnesville township, August 31, 1828, and is a son of Caleb and Jemima (Sunderland) Bailey. The father was born in Lycoming county, this State, of English parentage, and on first coming to Clearfield county located in Curwensville, from which place he removed to the farm in Brady township.
now owned by Samuel Bailey. Subsequently he made his home with his son Samuel, in Du Bois, where his death occurred. His wife died in Union township several years before him.

On leaving the township of his birth, Henry B. Bailey went to Curwensville, where he spent about three years, and then came to Union township, and here in the midst of the forest he cleared and opened up a farm. He has ever been one of the most active and enterprising citizens of the locality, and has been an important factor in its development and progress. He married Miss Catherine Clouser, of Perry county, Penn., and to them were born seven children, three of whom are yet living, namely: Winfield S., a farmer of Union township, who is married and has three children; Mary, wife of Isaac Bloom, a farmer of Bloom township, Clearfield county, by whom she has four children; and Jemima, wife of Henry Shaffer, who resides in Union township upon land purchased of J. B. Walker. The wife and mother died on the homestead farm in 1866, and, a few years later, Mr. Bailey wedded Miss Sarah J. Hemingway, of Bradford county, Penn. Ten children graced their union: Charles, who was born in Union township, in 1868, and resides at Home Camp, where he is engaged in lumbering and farming; Chauncey G., at home; Alfred, a resident of Rockton, who married Bessie Parish, and has one child; Carrie, who died in 1890; and Crayton, John Hays, Gertie May, Alda, Gracie and Nellie, all at home with their parents.

Mr. Bailey has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, and has ever taken an active interest in political affairs. He cast his first vote for William Bigler for governor, and has himself creditably filled several local offices, including those of constable, supervisor, collector and school director, filling the last named position for the long period of twenty-eight years. He has held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church for a number of years, and his honorable, upright life has gained him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social life.

Caleb Bailey, father of our subject, was born in Lycoming county, September 27, 1797. When Caleb was twelve years of age his father removed to Clearfield county, and located on a tract of land (now owned by David Way), about one and one-half miles from the present site of Curwensville. At sixteen years of age, such was his reputation for honesty and industry, we find him carrying the mail from Belleville to Northumberland. His employer at that time was the noted mail contractor, Robert Stewart, of Bellefonte. After eighteen months' experience with Mr. Stewart, he was engaged by William Rice, of Lewiston, as the post rider from Lewiston to Northumberland, via Bellefonte. The roads (or rather trails) were rough; the route was long and a week was allowed to make a trip. He remained with Mr. Rice two years, and then re-entered the service of his former employer. His new line was from Bellefonte to Franklin, Venango county, via Clearfield county. The latter was almost an unbroken wilderness.

In 1820, before the expiration of two years' employment on this route, he settled in the woods about two miles west of New Washington, and commenced the seemingly never-ending work of clearing. His tract contained 399 acres of timber, and the toil in preparing this land for cultivation would appear almost superhuman to anyone save those reared in a similar rugged region, and the lone cabin of the hardy pioneer was rarely seen by our trusty post-boy as he sought his lonely course over the mountains.

This was the only opportunity the citizens of this section had for communication by mail with the outside world. Once each week his coming was looked for with far more interest than the performance of similar duties secure to-day. Ofttimes our brave courier went hungry, for regular meals were not on the bill of fare in those early days.

In 1826, having cleared twenty acres, he sold the land and removed to his present residence in Union township. Here, with his son, Samuel M. Bailey, he enjoys the comforts of a happy old age. His faithful wife, Jemima, passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-two years. The old pioneer enjoys the respect and veneration of all who know him, and in his declining years can not but feel that his life work has been well and faithfully performed.

W. DUNLAP. Among those who followed the old flag on Southern battlefields is this gentleman, now one of the prominent and influential citizens of Rockton. He comes of a family that has long been identified with the interests of this section of the State. His paternal grandfather, a native of Germany, made his home in Maryland after coming to the New World until driven out by the British soldiers during the Revolutionary war, when he located in Centre county, but later came to Clearfield county, taking up his residence on the farm now owned by Mrs. Robert Leonard, and remaining there until his death. He wedded Margaret
Kirkpatrick, by whom he had four children: (1) William was a farmer of Pike township, Clearfield county, and was the father of nine children, three of whom are still living. (2) David, who never married, made his home with his brother Alexander in Brady township, same county, where his death occurred. (3) James D. was married and had one son who died in infancy; he and his wife continued to reside with his parents until their deaths. (4) Alexander, the father of our subject, completed the family.

Alexander Dunlap on coming from Centre county to Clearfield, located in Lawrence township, where he engaged in farming, till moving, with his brother James, to Brady township, in 1824, being among the first settlers of the township, and here they cleared up a farm. Alexander married Margaret Dunlap, and to them were born eight children: (1) Elizabeth became the wife of John Hoel, a shoemaker, by whom she has ten children, and they made their home in Wayne county, Penn. (2) Catherine is the deceased wife of Mike Breen, formerly a shoemaker of Brady township, Clearfield county, by whom she had eight children. (3) Samuel C., a farmer of Brady township, married Hannah Horn, by whom he had three children, and after her death he wedded Katie Ellinger; six children were born of the second union, of whom four are still living in Brady township. (4) James Wallace, also of Brady township, married Sarah Dunlap, and has three sons. (5) Jane married James Fulton, who for a number of years conducted a hotel in Luthersburg, Brady township, and then removed to Jefferson county, Penn., where he engaged in the same business, but they now make their home in Clarion county, this State. (6) Mary wedded Stephen Ross, an agriculturist of Armstrong county, Penn., and they have seven children. (7) Alexander, a resident of Sabula, Clearfield county, married Lucy Lowder, and to them were born five children, one of whom is now deceased. (8) W. W., of this sketch, completes the family.

Our subject began his business career as a farmer in Brady township, then moved to Union township, and continued farming for twenty-six years; but since his arduous army service, he has been compelled to lay aside business cares, and has made his home in Rockton for three years. On October 16, 1862, he enlisted and was at once sent to Harrisburg, where he remained for three months, after which he did garrison duty at Fort Yorktown some five months. Subsequently he participated in the battles of Gettysburg and the Wilderness, and later was sent to Washington Junction, thence back to the city of Washington.

In Harrisburg, Penn., he was mustered out August 28, 1863, and returned home with his health so shattered that he has been unable to perform any labor. He now draws a pension of $30 per month.

Mr. Dunlap was married May 11, 1854, to Miss Adaline Luther, of Luthersburg, where they continued to live for two years, and then removed to Bloomington. After three years passed at the latter place they returned to Luthersburg, where they spent eleven years, and have since made their home in Union township, their residence being located near Rockton. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Dunlap was from Maine, and was the founder of the family in this State. Her parents, Roswell and Julia Ann (Best) Luther, were natives of Bradford and Centre counties, Penn., respectively, and after their marriage made their home in Luthersburg, where they reared their three children, the other two being Mrs. Sarah Stebbins, and Mrs. Harriet (Luther) Jamison, the wife of John Jamison (they are the parents of three sons, R. L., E. E., and W. W. Jamison).

Eight children blessed the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Roswell died in infancy; Martin, a resident of Union township, married Edna Huff, and has seven children; Julia Ann is the wife of John W. Clouser, a farmer of Union township, by whom she has one son Harry E.; Esther is the wife of James I. Forcey, who conducts a restaurant in Munson, Clearfield county; Jefferson A. J. married Jennie Orr, of Rockton, who died in 1890, leaving two sons, M. R. and E. A. Dunlap; M. B., a resident of Sigel, Jefferson co., Penn., married Clara Ross, of that county, and has three children; and Mary E., is the wife of Harvey Shankle, a farmer of Indiana county, Penn., and they have four children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap are members in good standing of the Methodist Church, and are held in the highest regard by a large circle of friends. Politically, he is an ardent Democrat; has served his fellow citizens as school director and overseer of the poor, and he is held in the highest regard.

HENRY HARTZFIELD, JR., who carries on general farming and lumbering in Brady township, Clearfield county, is a wide-awake, energetic business man, and as a citizen is active in support of all measures which he believes are calculated to benefit the community. In all the relations of life he has been true and faithful, and the county numbers him among its valued citizens.
A native of Germany, Mr. Hartzfield was born in 1835, and in 1854 he accompanied his parents, Christian and Salome (Yunesteine) Hartzfield, on their emigration to America. With their five children they located near Troutville, in Brady township, Clearfield county, where they made their home for about five years, and then their subject purchased 135 acres of timber land of James B. England, and his parents went to live with him, continuing there until their death. Their children are as follows: Christ, born in Germany, in 1829, married Miss Caroline Huther, of Germany, and located upon a farm about four miles south of Luthersburg, in Clearfield county, where he still resides. Henry is next in order of birth. Charlotte, born in Germany in 1838, married George H. Wingert, and is living in DuBois, Penn. Godfrey, born in Germany in 1841, married Catharina Zilliox, of Brady, and they are now living in Missouri.

After locating upon his farm, Henry Hartzfield at once commenced its improvement and cultivation, erecting in 1860 a hewed-log cabin, 18 x 32 feet, which in 1882 was destroyed by fire. He then built a large two-story frame residence, and his substantial barn, 60 x 75 feet, was erected in 1877. He now has one hundred acres of his land cleared and under a high state of cultivation. Although he came to this country a poor man, his energy and perseverance have enabled him to overcome the obstacles in his path, and to-day he is the possessor of a handsome competence.

In 1865 Mr. Hartzfield was married to Miss Annie Wingert, of Jefferson county, Penn., who, after seven years of patient suffering, departed this life September 1, 1896. She was a faithful and loving wife and mother, and her death was deeply mourned, not only by her immediate family, but by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciated her sterling worth. She was a consistent member of the German Lutheran Church of Troutville, to which her family also belong. Her parents were Henry and Louisa Wingert, of Jefferson county. Mr. and Mrs. Hartzfield had fourteen children, namely: R. H., born May 3, 1866, assists his father in the operation of the home farm. Louisa C., born June 3, 1867, was educated in the common schools, and is one of the most accomplished young ladies of Brady township. Mary A., born October 29, 1868, is at home. Pauline C., born April 26, 1870, married Edward Shafer, of Bell township, Clearfield county, and with their three children—Jennie, Jessie and Pearl—they reside on his farm near Rowles. Clara E., born July 14, 1871, is the wife of Robert Stubbos, of DuBois, and they have three children—Alice Viola, Henry H. and William. Salome C., born March 4, 1873, married Alvin Sugart, of Brady township, who resides on a part of her father's farm, and they have one daughter—Jessie Leona. Emma T., born July 6, 1874, is the wife of George W. Galentine, an agriculturist of Brady township. William G., born February 27, 1876; George F., November 4, 1877; Katie W., February 24, 1879; Samuel S., May 31, 1880; Joseph H., October 28, 1882; Franklin L., June 27, 1883; and Annie L., May 22, 1890, are all at home.

Mr. Hartzfield is a stalwart advocate of Democratic principles, and is a public-spirited, progressive citizen, always ready to give his influence and means in support of free schools and Churches. He is widely and favorably known, and well deserves the high regard in which he is held.

ISAIAH W. HancoCK is one of the prominent and influential farmers of Clearfield county. He was born in Lawrence township, April 3, 1845, and is a son of John and Mary (Fullerton) Hancock. His grandfather, George Hancock, a native of Bedford county, Penn., came to Clearfield county, in 1803, but after a few years returned to the former county, and in 1819 again took up his residence here. He erected a number of residences, purchased land in Lawrence township, and from the heavily-timbered tract developed a fine farm. He was by trade a cooper. In his later life he made a trip by team to Iowa, but he spent his last days in Clearfield county, passing away in 1875. He was a near relative of Gen. Hancock, and a descendant of John Hancock, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

The father of our subject was born in Bedford county, and came with the grandfather to Clearfield county, in 1819. Here he aided in the arduous task of developing wild land, clearing away the timber, and grubbing up the roots. After his marriage he rented land, which he operated until 1838, when he purchased a tract of raw land in Lawrence township, and opened up a farm. The old cabin which he built is yet standing, one of the landmarks of pioneer days. In connection with agricultural pursuits he carried on lumbering, rafting the products of the sawmill down the river to market. In this capacity he contracted with Bigler & Reed, the senior member of the firm afterward becoming governor of the State. There was a warm friendship between him and Mr. Hancock. In 1855
the latter sold his farm and purchased the property on which our subject is now living. There he spent his remaining days, passing away February 17, 1875. In politics he was a Whig, took an active interest in public affairs, and served in some local offices, including that of committeeman of his township. He was a loyal advocate of the Union cause, and at the "emergency" call of Governor Curtin manifested the loyalty that has always characterized the Hancock family, by enlisting in the service. Three of his sons were numbered among the "boys in blue." Mr. Hancock and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Hancock was a daughter of John Fullerton, a native of Ireland, who on coming to America, located in Lancaster county, Penn., and in 1804 came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of land of Huey Hall, who had secured the same by land warrant. Mr. Fullerton built a cabin, and began the development of a farm. The country was largely in its primitive condition, and the settlers in this particular community were widely scattered. Like others, he had to go across the mountains to Bellefonte to mill, following the trails, as no roads had been made at the time. Coal was floated down the river in "arks," and the lumber industry had not then been developed, so he burned the logs from off his place. In politics he was a Whig, in religious belief a Presbyterian, while his wife adhered to the faith of the Methodist Church. He died about 1852. In the Hancock family were nine children: Margaret A., wife of H. F. Passmore; George B., who died in Nebraska, in 1809; James K., who is living in Nebraska; Isaiah W.: Hannah, wife of John McPherson, of Nebraska; Susan E., wife of William Staunton, of Ford county, Ill.; Olive, wife of George Batchelor, of Nebraska; Mary B., wife of A. Fullington, of Ford county, Ill.; and John, superintendent of schools in Staunton county, Nebraska.

Isaiah W. Hancock obtained his education in the district schools, and remained at home until seventeen years of age, when in 1809 he responded to the "emergency" call and entered the military service of the State. After nine weeks, when the pressing need was over, he received an honorable discharge and returned home. He then accepted a clerical position with Col. Campbell, who was conducting the draft for soldiers, and on the 6th of September, 1864, he enlisted in Waterford, and was assigned to the 88th P. V. I., which was attached to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Petersburg, and saw some hard service, but was neither wounded nor taken prisoner. He was at Appomattox at the time of Lee's surrender, and then went to Washington, participating in the grand review. At Philadelphia he received an honorable discharge and was paid off.

Mr. Hancock then returned to his home and resumed work on the farm. In the fall of 1866 he engaged in lumbering and piloting on the river, following that pursuit some thirty-five years. After his marriage, in 1867, he also followed farming, and in 1881 he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the old homestead, of his maternal grandfather, the land having never passed out of the possession of the family. He now owns 215 acres, of which 175 acres is under a high state of cultivation. The place is improved with a commodious two-story frame residence, large barns and outbuildings, also an excellent orchard, and is pleasantly situated three and one-half miles west of Clearfield, and three and one-half miles east of Curwensville.

Mr. Hancock married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Felix and Mary (Birchfield) Raferty. The father was a son of Patrick and Bridget Raferty, natives of Ireland, who after their marriage and the birth of their children emigrated to America, locating in Penn township, Clearfield county. The grandfather was the first settler of what was known as Irish Town, and hewed the first tree and opened the first farm there. Felix Raferty and his brother were the first to locate there, after which they sent for the other members of the family. The former wedded Mary Birchfield, a daughter of Aquilla Birchfield, a veteran of the Mexican war, and a farmer of Mifflin county, Penn., where his last days were spent. Felix and Mary Raferty were members of the Catholic Church, and were parents of five children, namely: Nancy, who died at the age of twenty years; Anna S., deceased; Elizabeth: Francis, who is living on the old homestead; and William, who died in childhood. He was married, in 1867, to Elizabeth Raferty, a daughter of one of the pioneer settlers of Penn township.

Mr. and Mrs. Hancock have had six children: Lola, wife of Lewis Leedon, a native of Philadelphia, now living in Fremont, Neb.; John S., Frank W. and Grace, at home; and two who died in childhood. Mr. Hancock gives his political support to the Republican party, and is an advocate of all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He has been chosen to fill many offices of trust by his fellow citizens. He served three years as jury commissioner, representing the minority party in Clearfield county. In all the positions he has filled he has shown himself
CONRAD BAKER. There is no element that has entered into our composite national fabric which has been of more practical strength, value and utility than that furnished by the persevering and honorable sons of Germany, and in the progress of our Union this element has played an important part. Intensely practical, and ever having a clear comprehension of the ethics of life, the German contingent has wielded a powerful influence, and this service cannot be held in light estimation by those who appreciate true civilization and true advancement.

The subject of this review, now a resident of Knox township, Clearfield county, was born near Geisen, in Prussia, July 16, 1824. His father, Dr. C. N. Baker, was a celebrated physician, who served as preceptor to many young men studying medicine. He died when our subject was only three years old. In 1833, the widowed mother, Mrs. Margaret Baker, resolved to bring her son to America, where he would not be compelled to enter the army, and with her brother they sailed for the New World. Landing at Baltimore, Md., they proceeded at once to Franklin county, Penn., where she had another brother living, and in order to provide for her own maintenance she often worked in the fields, where she could easily keep pace with the mowers. There she married Adam School, a native of Germany, and in 1837 they came to Clearfield county, locating in Bell township, where they rented land for three years. They then came to the farm on which our subject now resides, Mr. School purchasing one hundred acres of land of the George Wescott survey. He at once began to clear and improve the place, where they made their home for eight years, and then removed to Chestnut Ridge. There the mother died in November, 1860, and Mr. School in 1874. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. By her second marriage she also had one child: Mary, now the wife of Elan Passmore, of Pike township, Clearfield county.

For two years, Mr. Baker attended the public schools of his native land, and after coming to the United States was a student in the first free school ever taught in Franklin county, Penn. For two years after locating there his mother endeavored to find a farmer who would rear her son, and finally he was bound out to Daniel Stover, a prominent agriculturist, with whom Mr. Baker remained for three years. After her second marriage she had great difficulty in securing him. With the family he came to Clearfield county in 1837, and assisting in building the cabin and improving the land. As a farm hand he worked by the month for $6, and during the winter attended school until sixteen years of age, when he went to the lumber woods, where he also received $6 per month for his services, although he did a man’s work. In the following spring he again obtained employment on a farm, at $11 per month, and was alternately employed at agriculture and lumbering until 1850, when he purchased his present farm of 260 acres, for which his stepfather had failed to pay. Upon the place he has made many valuable and useful improvements, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. He has bought and sold a number of farms and unimproved tracts of land, and besides his homestead still has a fine farm of one hundred acres, supplied with good buildings. For a number of years he was interested in the lumber business, in which he met with excellent success, but now gives his attention exclusively to agriculture.

In 1834, Mr. Baker married Miss Adeline Hunter, a daughter of Henry and Jane A. (Charles) Hunter, the former a native of Ireland. The grandfather, Robert Hunter, located in Philadelphia on coming to this country, and there worked at his trade of a weaver. At the age of thirteen, Henry Hunter went to Strasburg, Lancaster Co., Penn., where he served an apprenticeship to the shoemaker’s trade, and was married at the age of twenty-nine to Miss Charles, a daughter of Capt. Andrew Charles, who commanded a company in the war of 1812, and was a prominent Democratic politician, a friend of James Buchanan. After his marriage, Mr. Hunter removed to Franklin county, Penn., and in 1847 came to Clearfield county, where he purchased land and engaged in farming and shoemaking. He passed away in March, 1886, but his wife still survives, and now at the age of eighty-six years makes her home with her children. Both held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Five children constituted their family, namely: Adeline, wife of our subject; Robert F. C., a farmer; Harriet L., widow of J. High, Margaret, wife of P. Patterson; and Catherine A., widow of Mr. Mays.

To Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been born four children, namely: John C., who died at the age of ten years; Mrs. Ann A. Spackman; Mrs. Emma R. Long; and Mrs. Adeline M. McDonald.
With them resides a grandson, Conrad W. Spackman. Both are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and enjoy the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character. Mr. Baker served as county commissioner of Clearfield county from 1864 to 1867, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. During, and toward the close of the war of the Rebellion, (1864) he sent a substitute. Socially, he has for twenty-five years been a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Glen Hope.

JAMES D. WILEY, who owns and occupies a fine farm in Jordan township, Clearfield county, and is also interested in coal mining, is a native of that county, born in Greenwood township, August 21, 1849, a son of John F. and Margaret (Dixon) Wiley.

The father of our subject was reared in Clearfield county, early becoming familiar with the occupations of farming and lumbering; and after his marriage he purchased land, and improved a farm, remaining on that place until 1879, when he came to Jordan township, and now lives on a farm owned by our subject. He is an ardent Democrat in politics, has acceptably filled some township offices, though he cares nothing for political preferment, and he and his wife are faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church. She is a member of the Dixon family long prominent in the history of Jordan township, and is a daughter of James Dixon, of Scotch descent. Our subject is the eldest of eight children, the others being as follows; Joseph M.: Annie, who died at the age of twenty years; Mrs. Elizabeth Baker: John; Maggie; Robert, deceased; and Mary.

In the county of his nativity James D. Wiley was reared to manhood, attending the district schools near his childhood home, and assisting his father in the labors of the farm, until he had attained the age of twenty-two. In 1873 he married Miss Catherine McMurray, a representative of an honored pioneer family of Irish origin, and a daughter of John and Jane (Alexander) McMurray. Her father, a native of Pennsylvania, located in Clearfield county at an early day, and improved a farm in the midst of the wilderness. He died in 1878, his wife in 1873. She held membership in the Presbyterian Church, while he was a Methodist in religious belief. They were the parents of four children: John A., Robert T., Catherine and Charles. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have eight children: Varila, Grier, Charles M., Flora L., Ethel, Velma, Ruby and Sevia.

For two years after his marriage, Mr. Wiley operated rented land in connection with lumbering, and then purchased his present farm of one hundred acres, forty of which had been cleared, and a cheap set of buildings erected thereon; now seventy-five acres are under a high state of cultivation, an excellent two-story residence and substantial outbuildings have been erected, and an orchard set out. He has also opened up a coal mine, and still continues lumbering in the winter season. He is enterprising and energetic, and his success has come as a reward of honest toil, perseverance, and good management. As a Democrat in politics, he has been elected to minor offices, which he has creditably filled; in religious faith he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

DAVID WAY, a leading and representative farmer of Pike township, Clearfield county, was born January 12, 1837, in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, and comes of an honored pioneer family of Central Pennsylvania. On the paternal side he is of Welsh descent, and his ancestors formerly lived in Chester county, this State, but at an early day emigrated to Centre county, where they endured all the hardships and privations incident to frontier life.

Job Way, the father of our subject, was a potter by trade, during early life, and subsequently engaged in farming. On the 14th of April, 1831, at the Friends Meeting House in Half Moon Valley, was celebrated his marriage to Jane W. Barlow, a daughter of Thomas Barlow, who was a native of Manchester, England, in which country his father, Adam Barlow, spent his entire life. Thomas Barlow, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, landed at the port of New London, Conn., on December 8, 1804. After a few days’ rest he walked to New York and then to Philadelphia, and there arranged to survey and sell lands for the Morgan & Rawle Company in Centre, Huntingdon and Clearfield counties. Being favorably impressed with the country, he married Miss Catharine Turner, and after their marriage they lived in Philipsburg, Centre county, a few years, then moved to Sinking Valley and from there to Half Moon Valley, where they passed the remainder of their lives. She died November 10, 1824, he on January 29, 1842. For a number of years he served as a justice of the peace.

In 1844, Job Way with his family came to Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of
raw land, which he opened up and developed into a good farm, and there spent his remaining days, dying in August, 1882; his widow passed from earth, December 28, 1891, at a ripe old age. Both were consistent members of the Society of Friends, and highly respected people. Originally the father was a Whig in politics, and later supported the Republican party. Although he filled some township offices, he never cared for official distinction. The nine children of the family were all born in Half Moon Valley, where four died in infancy. Those who reached years of maturity were: Thomas, now deceased; David; Mary J.; Robert B., a miller by trade, but now engaged in farming; and Adam B., who resides on the old homestead.

In the country schools near his boyhood home David Way obtained his education, and was reared to the honest toil of a farmer, remaining with his father until he had attained his majority. After his marriage he began the struggle of life for himself, for three or four years working as a farm hand, but in 1864 he purchased one hundred acres—the farm on which he still resides. Half of the place had been cleared and a small log house erected, but this has been replaced by a commodious, two-story residence, good barns and outbuildings have been erected, and eighty acres of the land are now under a high state of cultivation, making it one of the most desirable farms in the locality. It is pleasantly situated three miles northwest of Curwensville, and is underlaid with a fine grade of fire clay and other mineral deposits. For many years during the winter season Mr. Way engaged in lumbering and rafting, but now gives his exclusive attention to his agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful. In 1839, he married Miss Eliza J. McGaughey, of Clearfield county, Penn., but born in Indiana county, a daughter of Thomas McGaughey, one of the prominent pioneers of Indiana county, where his death occurred. Of the seven children born of this union, two died in infancy; the others are: Thomas L., a farmer; Ella J., wife of Samuel Smith, of Curwensville, Clearfield county; William E., living in Marion county, Oregon, where he is engaged in the fruit business; John A., of Nebraska; and Martha, wife of Edward Way, of Centre county. The wife and mother died in May, 1872, in the full faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1874, Mr. Way was again married, his second union being with Miss Hannah Way, a distant relative, and a daughter of Caleb Way, who was born and reared in Centre county, but at an early day opened up a farm in the wilderness of Clearfield county, where he spent the last years of his life, dying in 1874. He and his wife, who died in 1883, were members of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends. In politics, Mr. Way is a stanch adherent to the principles of the Republican party. He and his wife are faithful members of the Friends Church, and are valued citizens of the community.

SAMUEL H. WITHEROW, a well-to-do and prosperous agriculturist of Jordan township, Clearfield county, is a cool, clear-headed, wide-awake man, possessing great tact for business, and by his pleasant and courteous treatment of those who come in contact with him, has rendered himself very popular with all classes of citizens. He comes of a family that has long been prominently identified with the agricultural business interests of Clearfield county. His grandfather, Thomas Witherow, was born, reared and married in Ireland, and, on coming to America, took up his residence in Pennsylvania, where his seven sons—Robert, William, James, David, Joseph and Samuel—were reared.

John Witherow, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland, and was quite small when brought to the United States. At an early day he became a resident of Clearfield county, where he purchased a tract of wild land and improved a farm. On disposing of that property he bought an unimproved farm in Knox township, and to its development and cultivation devoted his attention until accidentally killed, June 16, 1884. By trade he was a potter, and followed that occupation in connection with farming and lumbering. He was a regular log driver, and took many rafts down the river to market at Lock Haven and Marietta. He was an active and leading member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder; politically, he was a stalwart Democrat, taking a prominent part in public affairs, and serving in many township offices.

The mother of our subject, who is still living at the age of seventy-seven, was in her maidenhood Margaret Hegarty, a daughter of Henry Hegarty, a native of Ireland, who became a pioneer settler of Clearfield county, where he opened up a farm in the midst of the forest. In his family were the following children: Jane, Joseph, George, Samuel, Robert, Henry, Lidda A. and Isabel. With their parents, they all held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Six children were born to John Witherow and his estimable wife, namely: Henry, deceased; Thomas A. and John E., both farmers; Samuel H., of this sketch; Mary J., wife of J. W. Johnston; and Margaret. The last named has been twice
married, first becoming the wife of J. Meryman, by whom she had three children, and after his death wedded Jesse Hoffman, a stone mason and coal miner.

Samuel H. Witherow was born May 8, 1847, in Knox township, Clearfield county, where he was reared on a farm and educated in the country schools. Remaining with his parents, he assisted in farming and lumbering until his marriage in 1869, when he located upon a rented farm, which he operated for two years, but since 1873 he has lived upon his present place. On purchasing the farm, which comprises 210 acres, only thirty-five had been cleared and no buildings erected, but now ninety-two acres have been placed under the plow, and an excellent two-story residence erected, together with the other necessary buildings found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. He has never sold the mineral rights to his land, and upon his place are found a good grade of coal and fire clay. Since large enough he has worked in the lumber woods during the winter, while the summer season has been spent in farming, and so successful has he been in his business ventures that he is now the owner of real estate in both West Clearfield and Ansonville, which he rents, besides his valuable farming lands.

In 1869 Mr. Witherow was married to Miss Lizzie Johnston, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Cameron) Johnston, who were natives of Scotland and married in Philadelphia, Penn. The father and his brother came to America in 1829, and after engaging in mining in the neighborhood of Pottsville until the fall of 1833, they came to Clearfield county, locating in Jordan township, where Robert Johnston purchased one hundred acres of wild land, built a cabin and improved a farm, on which he died in 1872. Reared in a good old Scotch Presbyterian family, he always adhered to that faith, and led an honorable, upright life, free from all reproach.

To Mr. and Mrs. Witherow have been born four children: John C., a farmer and lumberman; and Mary I., Robert J. and Maggie S., all at home. Presbyterians in religious belief, the parents and children all belong to the Fruit Hill Church, and the family is one of the highest respectability and worth. Politically Mr. Witherow supports the principles of the Democratic party by his ballot, and has efficiently served in a number of township offices, being school director nine years.

Lawrence T. Hertlein. The name of this gentleman is well and favorably known throughout Karthaus township, Clearfield county, where he is prosperously engaged in general farming, and also follows lumbering during the winter season. He was born in that township June 14, 1845, a son of George L. and Johannah Eisenman. Hertlein, who were both natives of Germany, but were married after their emigration to the New World.

During the first three years spent in America, Mr. Hertlein worked at the iron furnace in Karthaus, and then purchased a tract of wild land, where he opened up and improved a large farm. By trade he was a potter, and erecting a plant he engaged in the manufacture of stoneware, which he would sell throughout the country. He also did considerable work at the mason's trade, and being a skilled mechanic, who could perform almost any sort of labor, his services were in great demand in this then new country. Lumbering also claimed his attention, and during his early settlement here he piloted on the river for some time. He experienced all the difficulties and hardships of pioneer life when there were no roads laid out through his section of the county, when oxen were used to perform the labors of the farm, and when the machinery was of the most primitive order. He was often compelled to carry flour and other provisions on his back from market in Karthaus, over a trail to his home. Wild game, which was very plentiful, mainly supplied the meat of the family. Through his own energetic efforts, Mr. Hertlein became quite well-to-do and prosperous, owning a fine farm of over 400 acres, a part of which he cleared and improved. He died in 1880, his wife in August, 1896, at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and honored and respected by all who knew them. Politically he was a strong Democrat, and faithfully filled nearly all of the township offices, including those of supervisor, auditor and overseer of the poor.

Of the ten children born to the parents of our subject, two died in infancy, and the others were as follows: Martin, now deceased: Mrs. Sophia Eberspacher: Christ, a farmer by occupation; August, deceased: Lawrence T.; Hannah, wife of E. I. Gilliland, now deceased; John, who died at the age of five years; and Rosa, wife of J. H. Hunter, of Potterdale, Pennsylvania.

In the common schools of Karthaus township, Mr. Hertlein, of this sketch, obtained his education, and upon the home farm received valuable lessons in industry and economy. He never left the parental roof, and still resides upon the old homestead, where he owns ninety-eight acres of valuable land, but cultivates 130
acres. The tract, which comprises 444 acres, is underlaid with a good grade of coal and other minerals. His place is improved with a pleasant dwelling and a fine set of farm buildings, which add to its neat and thrifty appearance. In connection with the operation of his land he has always engaged in lumbering during the winter months, and thus added not a little to his income. During the early days when deer, wildcat, bear and other game was plentiful, he indulged in his fondness for hunting, making a specialty of deer.

In 1869, Mr. Hertlein was united in marriage with Mrs. Jacob Hertlein, whose elder husband was no relative of our subject. She is a native of Germany, and a daughter of Christopher Heichel, who brought his family to America in 1855, and located in Clearfield county, where he developed a farm in the midst of the timber. He lost his wife in 1869, and his death occurred ten years later. Both held membership in the Lutheran Church. In their family were twelve children: Mrs. Margaret Herzog; John M., who was lost in the woods and frozen to death; Houston, a farmer by occupation; George, also an agriculturist; Mrs. Caroline Kopp; Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher, deceased; William, a farmer; Mrs. Hertlein; Fred, a resident of Centre county, Penn.; August, of Indiana; John, also of that State; and one who died in Germany. Three of the children have passed away since the family came to America.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hertlein have been born seven children: Herbert: Edith, a teacher by profession; Clarence: Alice: William, who died at the age of eight years; Ada M. and Lewis. All of the children are still at home. By her first marriage, Mrs. Hertlein had one daughter, Caroline, now the wife of R. J. Yothers. The Democratic party finds in our subject an earnest supporter, but he has never aspired to office. His estimable wife is a member of the Lutheran Church.

JAMES EDWARD COWAN, an enterprising young business man of Bigler township, Clearfield county, is successfully engaged in agriculture and stock dealing, while holding the
married Miss Rachel Warrick, of Becaria township, Clearfield county. He lost his life in the battle of Chancellorsville while serving in the 110th P. V. I. His widow and their only son, I. W., now reside at Smith's Mills, Penn. (8) Lavina married A. P. Shoff, of Amesville, Clearfield county, and has one daughter, Ethel, now at home.

Robert Cowan, our subject's father, was born September 16, 1834, and grew to manhood at the old homestead. He served throughout the war in the 110th P. V. I., taking part in the battles of that gallant regiment. On returning home he engaged in farming and lumbering, continuing until 1895, when he removed to Usal, Cal. At present he is interested in the lumber business there. In 1861 he married Miss Jane Hencbarger, by whom he had twelve children, our subject being the eldest. (2) Roberta Jane, born February 7, 1864, married Charles Parker, of Little Falls, N. Y., and after residing for some time in Iowa, settled in St. Paul, Minn. They have one child. (3) Margaret V., born April 19, 1867, married Hugh Galaher, formerly of Cambria county, Penn., who is now engaged in farming in Bigler township, Clearfield county; they have three sons—Edward, Roger and Gordon. (4) Mary L., born April 9, 1866, married John Fanner, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and moved to Nevada City, Cal.; they have one daughter, Jeanie. (5) John W., born June 13, 1868, married Miss Margery Orr, of Lawrence township, and now resides in Usal, Cal. (6) Harry A., born November 15, 1870, is not married, and resides in Usal, Cal. (7) Martha Emma, born April 14, 1873, married John Rowles, of Vallejo, Cal., and has one child, Vivian. (8) Rachel A., born September 11, 1876, married Boaz Alexander, of Madera, Penn. (9) Priscilla F., born November 24, 1878, is attending State Normal School at Vallejo, Cal. (10) Nettie A., born July 17, 1880. (11) Sallie, born January 2, 1883, and (12) Ralph G., born August 5, 1886, are living in California with their parents.

James E. Cowan, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared at the old homestead, and first engaged in business as a lumberman. In 1889 he married Miss Mary E. Lloyd, daughter of Edward and Caroline Lloyd, well-known residents of Houtzdale, Penn. Since his marriage Mr. Cowan has been employed as weighmaster for R. B. Wighton & Sons, at Shoff mines, and in 1895 he purchased a farm of 114 acres, known as the Christopher Shoff place, which he successfully conducts. He also gives some attention to dealing in stock, as has been said, and his business ability is demonstrated by his management

responsible post of weighmaster at the Shoff coal mines. Active, intelligent and faithful, he enjoys the full confidence of his employers, and the same qualities have gained him the respect and esteem of his associates in other walks of life. He is a native of Clearfield county, having been born in Becaria township, July 26, 1862, and is of pioneer stock.

Stewart Cowan, grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland, and in early manhood came to America to found a home in central Pennsylvania, then a sparsely settled region. He located first in Centre county, near Milesburg, but later moved to Clearfield county, and after one year passed at Muddy run, settled permanently at Hegarty's Cross Roads, purchasing one hundred acres of wooded land. Here he lived in true pioneer style, building a log house and clearing the land. His wife, Margaret (Tate), to whom he was married in 1821, shared all his hardships in those days of struggle, and the prosperity which in later years rewarded them. He died in 1863, she in 1867.

They had eight children—five sons and three daughters—and four of the sons served in the Union army during the Civil war: (1) Thomas married Miss Elizabeth Fenorn, of Clearfield, and resided near Hegarty's Cross Roads. He enlisted in the 110th P. V. I., and fought bravely in all the engagements of his regiment until he met a soldier's death in the battle of the Wilderness. Five children survive him—Margaret married to Bernard Ross, of Altoona; John, of Altoona; Millard, of Fort Wayne; Lynn, of Pittsburg, Penn.; and Evaline, married to Edward Stokes, of Philadelphia. (2) Hannah J. married to Abram Matthews, a farmer near Irvona, and had three children who lived to adult age—John, Eliza Ann and Catherine. (3) Eliza married Jeremiah Lord, a blacksmith and farmer residing in Knox township, Clearfield county, and reared a family of nine children—George, the eldest, was killed in California in 1866 by a log truck; Thomas, John, Joseph, Robert, Sarah, Asbury, Margaret and Calvin are all residents of Knox township. (4) Matthew married Miss Mary Koon, and located near Utahville, Penn.; they had seven children—John, Joseph, Jane, Samuel, Henry, Hannah and Isah. (5) Stewart married Miss Hannah Calderwood, of Tyrone, Penn., and settled upon a farm near Utahville. He enlisted in the 13th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served throughout the war, being stationed in North Carolina during the greater part of the time. He had four children—Gilson, Stewart, Maud and John. (6) Robert, the father of our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (7) James E.
of his varied interests. His pleasant home is
brightened by two children—Edna Jane, born
December 15, 1893; and Caroline, born June 10,
1896.

The Cowans are of Scotch-Irish blood, and
have always been identified with the Presbyte-
rian Church. Mrs. Cowan is, however, a Meth-
odist in faith, and is an active member of that
society. In his political views, Mr. Cowan is a
Republican, but he is not a seeker after official
honors, his influence being given, without per-
sonal bias, to the support of party principles.

GEORGE W. JOSE, proprietor of “Hotel La
Jose,” is one of the most enterprising and
public-spirited citizens of Clearfield county, now
carrying on business at La Jose. He has achieved
wealth by his own unaided exertions, and is, in
fact, a self-made man, starting out in life with
nothing but youth in his favor, and his endow-
ments of fine health, a vigorous muscle, and a
clear, cool brain. After all, a man possessing
these need fear nothing; with a determination
to succeed, success is his almost from the start,
although it may be that years of patient waiting
and hard toil are necessary before his endeavors
are crowned with the full measure of success.

Mr. Jose was born in Dexter, Penobscot Co.,
Me., August 15, 1845, a son of Richard and
Catherine C. (Crockett) Jose, who spent their
entire lives in the Pine Tree State, the father
dying in 1888 at the age of eighty-three, and the
mother in 1890 at the same age. The paternal
grandfather came from England at an early day,
locating in Maine, where he engaged in farming
and reared a family of five sons, namely: Will-
iam, Oliver, Nathaniel, Moses and Richard, of
whom some became sea-faring men and two were
masters of vessels. Of the mother’s family but
little is known except that she had a brother,
Albert C. Crockett. Eight children were born
to the parents of our subject: Frank A., a resi-
dent of Missouri; Emma M., deceased wife of S.
Parkman; Susan, deceased; Louisa F.; George
W.; Ann C., who died at the age of sixteen years;
Ella, wife of C. Silly, of Monmouth, Mass.; and
A. C., a farmer of Kansas. The mother was a
consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, and by occupation the father was a farmer
and lumberman.

George W. Jose obtained his education in the
schools near his boyhood home, and in 1863 left
the parental roof to begin the battle of life for
himself, being employed at lumbering in his na-
tive State for about a year. He then went to
Minnesota, where he followed the same vocation
for two years, and at the end of that time con-
cluded to pay a visit to his parents and old home.
Accordingly, in the fall of 1866 he returned to
Maine, spending most of his hard-earned wages
in that way. Later, we find Mr. Jose in Clear-
field county, Penn., with his bills all paid but
with no capital. He soon, however, found em-
ployment in the lumber woods, and as he thor-
oughly understood the business in every depart-
ment, was industrious and reliable, he was soon
given the management of the men and business
of his employer at an increased salary. Not be-
ing afraid of work, he assisted those under him,
thus gaining their esteem and securing their best
services. During the first five years of his resi-
dence here Mr. Jose had the superintendence
of all branches of the lumber business—managing
the camp and men in the woods, sliding logs to
the water, manufacturing square timber, driving
logs and rafting to market. In driving logs he
suffered more from exposure and hardships, as he
would often have to sleep on the bank of the
river twenty or thirty nights in succession in all
kinds of weather.

Having no extravagant habits, Mr. Jose was
able to save some money, and at the end of five
years he embarked in the lumber business on his
own account, often taking a partner on large con-
tracts. He purchased land from which he lum-
bered the timber, also bought the timber from
other lands, and met with excellent success in
his undertakings. He is still the owner of several
tracts of land, including two very valuable pieces
of property, and, together with a partner, has several
other tracts. He also has one tract in Cambria
county, Penn. Energy, perseverance and indus-
try have been the essential points in his remark-
able success, and, although he began life in Clear-
field county with no capital, he is to-day numbered
among its most substantial and prosperous cit-
izens.

In 1878, Mr. Jose was united in marriage
with Miss Nannie J. Mahaffey (daughter of Rob-
ert Mahaffey), an intelligent and cultured lady,
and they became the parents of four children:
Melvina, who died at the age of eight years;
Alice and Inez, at home; and Elsie, who died at
the age of twenty-two months. After his mar-
riage, Mr. Jose located at Mahaffey, Clearfield
county, where he continued to reside until 1881,
since which time he has made his home in La-
jose. There he purchased a farm, across which
the Pennsylvania & Northwestern railroad was
built in 1886, running near his house, and as
there was a demand for a hotel he erected the
“Hotel La Jose,” now so popular with the
traveling public. He also furnished the ties used
in the construction of the road from Irvona to Mahaffey, and was instrumental in getting the
name of the post office changed from Newburg to Lajose. Later the Pennsylvania Company built
another branch to their road, running to the depot in Lajose, and the Beech Creek road was
also built across the farm, making it a central point for commercial men and other travelers.
The hotel, which is first-class in all its appointments, has done a thriving business and met with
a well-deserved success. From 1896 until 1894, Mr. Jose was also engaged in general merchant-
dising in the village, where he still owns the store building and five houses which he rents, besides
twelve rented houses in Spangler. He has made
many valuable and useful improvements upon
his farm, and is accounted one of the most suc-
cessful and enterprising farmers of Chest town-
ship. Stock raising claims his attention to a
considerable extent, having upon his place a fine
grade of cattle and horses, but his favorite is the
"noble steed," and among his fine horses is a
trotting stallion. "Richard J." (record 2:17\text{\frac{1}{2}}), of
great value.

Fraternally, Mr. Jose is a member of Noble
Grand Lodge No. 406, F. & A. M., of Curwens-
ville; politically he is an uncompromising Demo-
crat, but he cares nothing for public office, pre-
ferred to give his undivided attention to his ex-
tensive business interests. He to-day enjoys the
reward of his painstaking and conscientious work.
By his energy, perseverance and fine business
ability he has been enabled to secure an ample
fortune. Systematic and methodical, his sagaci-
ity, keen discrimination and sound judgment have made him one of the prosperous citizens of
Clearfield county. On the maternal side, Mrs.
Jose traces her ancestry back to William Ma-
hafe, who came from Ireland to America dur-
ing Colonial days, and took up his residence in
Lycoming county, Penn., where he reared his
family, consisting of the following: John, Rob-
ert, Moses, William, James and Mrs. Elizabeth
Tallman. In 1827 he came on foot to Clearfield
county, and purchased a tract of land on the
Susquehanna river, in what is now Burnside
township, where with his axe he cleared a spot on
which to erect a rude log cabin. His wife died in
the spring of 1828, and in the following fall he brought his five sons to the lonely cabin in the
forest, which he believed to be the best place
for them to secure a start in life. He continued
the improvement of his land, and subsequently
built a better residence. In 1830 he was again
married in Lycoming county, his second union
being with a Miss Talbot, by whom he had two
daugthers: Elizabeth and Hannah. In 1833, with
his wife and daughters, he removed to Lycoming
county; but after the death of his wife, in 1849,
he returned to Clearfield county, making his
home with his son John in Cherry Tree until his
death in August, 1859. Thus ended the event-
ful life of one of Clearfield county's most hon-
ored pioneers. He came here on account of its
lumber interests, and was among the first to en-
gage in that business, making and taking down
the river the first raft of square timber from the
county. He also built the first dam on the Up-
per Susquehanna, and owned and operated a saw-
mill, manufacturing lumber quite extensively for
that early day.

Robert Mahaffey, the father of Mrs. Jose, was
fourteen years old when brought by his father to
Clearfield county, and he early became familiar
with the hardships and privations of pioneer life,
and as well as the arduous task of developing a farm
from the unbroken wilderness. He was about
nineteen years of age when his father returned
to Lycoming county, leaving him to make his
own way. He engaged in lumbering, and also
rented a sawmill, which he operated for himself
and others. At the end of six years he went
west, but returned to Clearfield county the same
year, and bought land near the present site of
Mahaffey, where he erected a sawmill, which is
still in operation. For many years he was en-
gaged in merchandising at three different places,
and in 1886 platted the town of Mahaffey, which
now contains about three hundred houses and
has four railroads. His first sale was the site for
a tannery, and soon afterward he began to sell
lots for residence purposes.

Robert Mahaffey's mother, who bore the
maiden name of Nancy Bennett, was a daughter
of John Bennett, who was of Scotch descent and
was reared in Pennsylvania. He located in
Lycoming county, where he improved a large
farm, known as the Level Corner farm, and be-
came an extensive general agriculturist and fruit
raiser. Before the days of canals he owned and
ran a fleet of keel-bottom boats, and was widely
and favorably known throughout his community.
None of his family came to Clearfield county
with the exception of Mrs. Mahaffey and a grand-
son, Dr. Bennett, of Mahaffey.

On attaining to man's estate, Robert Mahaffey
wedded Miss Mary McGee, daughter of Rev.
James McGee, an honored pioneer of Clearfield
county, who, in 1826, located at the present site
of McGees Mills, where he erected the first grist-
mill in that portion of the county. He also
built a sawmill, and engaged in lumbering.
Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ma-
hafe: William, James and Mary. The mother,
married Miss Maria Heberling. He then purchased a farm in Schuylkill county, where he continued to reside for a number of years, and then sold and bought a partially-improved place in Brady township, Clearfield county, upon which he erected a good house and barn and made many other valuable improvements, clearing almost the entire place. In 1861, however, he bought 115 acres in Sandy township, one mile north of Stanley, where our subject now resides. After clearing twenty-five or thirty acres, he returned to the old homestead in Sandy township. His death occurred in Sandy township, January 18, 1887. His worthy wife had previously passed away while residing at our subject's present home.

In the family were three children: (1) Lucy, born in 1843, became the wife of John Shaffer, of Brady township, who died on his farm near Du Bois, leaving a widow and six children—Annie M., now Mrs. Reisinger, of Sandy township; Mary, wife of Josiah Reisinger, died in 1895 in Du Bois; Ella, who lives in that city; Samuel, who died at the age of twenty-one years; John, who is employed in Du Bois; and Amanda, now Mrs. Philip Clark, who lives in Du Bois. (2) Simon is second in order of birth. (3) E. F., born in Schuylkill county, in 1847, accompanied his parents on their removal to Brady township, Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood. After his marriage to Lavina Wayne, of that township, he located on the old homestead, where he continued to live until 1895, when he removed to Du Bois. He is now numbered among the prosperous and influential business men of that place, where he has purchased property and is engaged in the grocery business. He has two children—J. A., who is married to Lydia Davis, and lives in Du Bois; and Ella, who is now serving as cashier in Wayne & Weber's store, Du Bois.

Simon Hand was born March 17, 1845, in Schuylkill county, but was reared in Brady township, Clearfield county, where during his youth he assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm during the summer months, while through the winter he pursued his studies in the district schools of the neighborhood. Later he devoted considerable attention to lumbering. Previous to his marriage he purchased of his father the farm on which he now resides and has there continued to make his home ever since. Through his untiring efforts it has become one of the best cultivated tracts in Sandy township, and plainly indicates to the passerby the enterprising and progressive spirit of the owner.

In 1875 Mr. Hand married Miss Katie Rada-ker, a daughter of Charles and Nancy Rada-ker, prosperous agriculturists of Brady township, and they now have five children: John F., born February 6, 1876, is at home. Charles E., born January 24, 1879, attended the public schools of Brady township and Du Bois, and later graduated at Du Bois Business College; he is now bookkeeper for the lumber firm of Radaker. Hand & Co., in Indiana county, Penn. W. S., born June 1, 1880, William Grover, on October 11, 1884, and Ollie Mabel, on November 18, 1886, are still with their parents. Mr. Hand has always been identified with the Democracy, and takes quite an active interest in political affairs, doing all in his power to advance his party's interests. He is recognized as one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens of his community, and cheerfully gives his support to those enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare. Both he and his wife are active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sykesville.

RODNEY CHARLES, a reliable and energetic agriculturist of Bloom township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home for the past fourteen years, was born in 1843, in Carroll county, N. H., and belongs to a family that was founded in Maine at a very early day in the history of this country. In the Pine Tree State his grandfather was born, and spent his active business career in lumbering and farming. Both he and his wife died there.

The parents of our subject, Russell and Malinda (Ames) Charles, were both natives of Maine, the former born in Oxford county, when Portland was their nearest trading point. By occupation he was a farmer, carrying on operations in New Hampshire, where both he and his wife died. In their family were twelve children—nine sons and three daughters—of whom the eldest was born before leaving Maine. A brief record of them is as follows: (1) Peter, a resident of Oxford county, Maine, married Sarah Chandler, and has several children. (2) Dean, who married and had four children, was a farmer by occupation, and died in Maine in 1886. (3) Solomon came to Pennsylvania in 1858, and engaged in the shool business in Cambria county, where he died in 1895. He married Julia Jack, by whom he had four children, and after her death wedded Sarah James, by whom he had ten children. (4) Stephen, who resides on the old homestead in New Hampshire, has never married. (5) Benjamin, who married Lydia Charles, and had
three children, engaged in farming throughout life, and died in Oxford county, Maine. (6) Bliss; also an agriculturist, was married and had two children, who reside in New Hampshire. (7) Henry, a resident of Maine, enlisted at the first call for troops to put down the Rebellion, and served throughout the entire war as a member of a Maine regiment. (8) Rodney is the subject of this sketch. (9) Russell married Iza Gordon, and lived in New Hampshire. (10) Laura married B. S. Eastman, and died in Wisconsin. (11) Mary died on the old homestead in Maine. (12) Hannah married Moses Eastman, and reared a family of three children, who are living in the Pine Tree State.

In 1864, Mr. Charles, the subject of this sketch, came from his New Hampshire home to Cambria county, Penn., where he enlisted in the 209th P. V. I. Going to the front, he participated in the battle of Petersburg, and continued to follow Lee until his surrender at Appomattox. When hostilities had ceased he returned to Cambria county, where he engaged in business until 1878. and has since given his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, making his home upon his present farm in Bloom township, Clearfield county, for fourteen years. In that township he married Miss Samantha Anderson, in 1875, and they have four children, all at home, namely: Perley, Horace, Laura and Edna. The wife and mother, who was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, departed this life in 1902, and her death was mourned not only by her immediate family, but by many friends as well. In politics, Mr. Charles is active in the ranks of the Democratic party, and has served two terms as treasurer, and also as school director of Bloom township. He is a respected and valued citizen of the community, and his many virtues and pleasant ways have gained him a host of warm friends.

J. D. SPANGLE is a successful operator in coal of Clearfield county, residing at Coalport. He is unquestionably one of the business men whose lives have become an essential part of the history of that town. Keen perception, unflagging industry, honorable dealing, and a genius for devising and executing the right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common sense, are his chief characteristics, and have brought him success.

Mr. Spangle was born January 21, 1846, a son of Samuel and Julia A. (Phillips) Spangle, the former of whom was born June 2, 1862, in the Blockhouse settlement, York county. He was one of the pioneers of Clearfield county, and at an early day engaged in lumbering. At one time he walked from Marietta to Coalport, a distance of 250 miles, over a week being required to accomplish the journey. In politics he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, when he became a prominent worker in its ranks and held a number of offices. He died July 5, 1885, at the age of eighty-three years, one month and three days; Julia A., his wife, passed away July 16, 1880.

J. D. Spangle was reared on the homestead farm, assisting in the arduous duties of clearing and developing the land, while in the winter months he attended the common schools, at which time the pupils had only three months of school in a year. At the age of fifteen he began making square timber and cutting logs, which were rafted down Clearfield creek and the river to Eastern markets. His life has ever been a busy and useful one. After his marriage he followed farming for a few years in Cambria county and in Becaria township, and purchased thirty acres of timber land from his father in 1874. In the following year he erected a fine, two-story residence there, built a large barn and made other improvements. In the summer, in connection with the cultivation of his land, he worked at the mason's trade. In 1881 he divided a part of his land into town lots in Coalport, and when the Bell's Gap railroad was completed to that point the first car-load of coal was shipped from his mines from Coalport over the line by the Greensburg Coal Co., to which he had leased his coal lands, receiving a royalty of five cents per ton on the product. In 1883 he opened a harness store in Coalport, and successfully carried on that business until, on account of the close confinement, he sold to Joseph Hull, of Tyrone. About that time the Greensburg Coal Co. gave up their lease, and Mr. Spangle has since successfully operated the mines for home trade.

On June 13, 1870, Mr. Spangle was married to Mary A. Hevery, of Utahville, who was born January 9, 1852, a daughter of Henry and Mary Hevery. Her father was a foreman in early life, but afterward followed farming near Utahville, and was numbered among the highly respected citizens of Becaria township, of which township he was a pioneer. Mr. and Mrs. Spangle have had nine children: John, born in 1871, and Mary, born in 1873, died in infancy; Anna L., born in 1874, died of diphtheria in 1881; Samuel H., born in 1876, is now a student under Prof. Fraumon; Lillie May, born in 1878, died in infancy; M. Tamson, born in 1879, is at-
Mr. Spangle has always been a stanch Republican. He served for four years as school director of Becaria township; was elected the first chief burgess after the incorporation of Coalport borough, and served his term until the first Monday of March, 1884, when James Haines was sworn in as burgess by the retiring burgess, J. D. Spangle. He served two terms as councilman, was three years school director by election and one year by appointment. In 1895 he was elected constable for three years, but by some mistake of former years could only serve one year, but was re-elected in 1896 for three years, and has been elected for a second term, so that he is now holding that office. He and his wife, and their children, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1882 he was one of the trustees who erected the fine church in Coalport, and was one of the most liberal contributors to that enterprise. He is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and does everything in his power to advance its moral, educational, social and material welfare. The first borough election in Coalport was held October 20, 1883, on which occasion J. D. Spangle was elected burgess. The first councilmen were T. M. Lambart, J. S. Gift, C. B. Elliott, Robert Kline, Joseph Hull and S. M. Spangle; high constable, M. J. Caldwell. The first school directors were elected in February, 1884; they were J. M. Beers, Joseph Hull, J. D. Spangle, James Haines, J. M. Elliott and S. M. Spangle. J. D. Spangle is the present commonwealth constable, and tax collector of Coalport borough.

Henry Heverly, of Utahville, Clearfield county, the father of Mrs. Spangle, departed this life January 23, 1883, aged seventy-six years, ten months and twenty-nine days. He settled in Clearfield county over forty-two years ago, locating his home in Becaria township, about one mile west of Utahville, where he and his estimable wife lived until death separated them, his wife passing away in 1880. On August 27, 1829, he married Mary Trayster, and to this honored couple were born fourteen children. "Father" Heverly, as he was familiarly called, was a consistent member of the M. E. Church for about forty-eight years. He and his pious wife were the early pioneers of Methodism in Clearfield county. There being no church in the neighborhood for a number of years after their arrival, the Methodist society frequently held their meetings at "Father" Heverly's, where all

received a hearty welcome and never were turned away hungry. His remains were followed to their last resting place by a large number of relatives and friends.

Of the fourteen children born to "Father" Heverly and his wife seven were boys and seven girls, and all but six are living and filling honorable places in life. At his death he had fifty-three grandchildren and sixteen great-grandchildren.

"Oh, how we miss him. Everything looks strange. His chair, his stool. Farewell, dear father, we're parted, But not for long. Our faith is strong; We'll meet the father by and by in Heaven, dear father."

Rev. J. C. Young, of Coalport, the officiating minister, took for his text: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, for the former things are passed away."

WILSON KEPHART, who is worthy of more than a mere mention in a work of this character, is one of the representative and prominent farmers of Decatur township, Clearfield county, where his entire life has been passed. He was born in 1843, on the farm which is still his home, a son of Jonathan and Mary (Wilson) Kephart.

The birth of Jonathan Kephart occurred in Berks county, Penn., November 5, 1797. In 1815, he accompanied his father, Adam Kephart (who was also a native of Pennsylvania), to Clearfield county. Here the latter died. The former continued to make his home in Decatur township, where for some time he worked for Hardman Phillips, but after his marriage purchased a tract of one hundred acres of timber land from Josiah Smith, of Clearfield, and opened up a farm.

Jonathan Kephart was twice married, his first union being with Miss Bessie Goss, a native of Clearfield county, and to them were born six children, one of whom is still living, Abram, a resident of Woodward township, Clearfield county. After the death of his first wife, the father wedded Mary Wilson, and they became the parents of six children, namely: James, who makes his home in Decatur township; Wilson, of this sketch; Mrs. Jane Ann Fulton, of Decatur township; Mrs. Delilah Klinger, of the same township; and Henrietta and Martha, who make their home with our subject.

Upon the home farm, Wilson Kephart early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and is
now numbered among the most successful and skilful farmers of Decatur township, where he owns the old homestead comprising 150 acres.

JOHN N. HILE holds a leading place among the energetic and progressive agriculturists of Ferguson township, Clearfield county. On both the paternal and maternal sides he comes of good old pioneer stock, his ancestors having located here at a very early day in the history of the county, and been prominently identified with the development and prosperity of this region. His grandfather, Henry Hile, a native of Germany, took up his residence in Clearfield county on coming to America when a young man, and here married a lady of Irish birth. Purchasing a farm near Lumber City, he there engaged in lumbering and farming pursuits until called from this life.

Anthony Hile, the father of our subject, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., and in 1835 came with his parents to Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood, and yet resides on the old homestead, having purchased the place after his father's death. He has followed the occupations of farming and lumbering with good success, but of late years has given his exclusive attention to the former pursuit, the neat and thrifty appearance of his farm testifying to his skill and ability. In his political views he is a Democrat, and has filled a number of township offices to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a popular man, and a consistent member of the Baptist Church.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey, Anthony Hile chose Miss Emily Bloom, a daughter of James Bloom, and a granddaughter of William Bloom, who came from Germany to America in Colonial days, locating in New Jersey, where he enlisted in the Continental army, serving for six years, and was one of Gen. Washington's body guard. After peace was restored, in 1793, he came to Centre county, Penn., and in 1802 took up his residence in Clearfield county, near the river, in what is now Pike township. In his family were seven sons and three daughters, from whom are spring the numerous representatives of the Bloom family in central Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hile was called to her final rest in 1893. By her marriage she had eleven children, namely: James, a lumberman and justice of the peace of Lumber City; David W., a farmer, who was a Union soldier during the Civil War; John N., of this sketch; Mrs. Martha Guppy; Eli, a farmer; Mrs. Fannie McDivitt; Medie, wife of J. Hips; Lewis B., an agriculturist; William, a mechanic; Mary, wife of A. Russell; and Mrs. Amanda Rossbach. With the exception of Fanny and Mary, all are still living.

John N. Hile was born in Penn township, Clearfield county, April 12, 1844, and upon the home farm he was reared to habits of industry and economy, while his education was obtained in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained with his parents until his marriage, in 1870, to Miss Eliza E. Wise, a lady of intelligence and culture, and a daughter of William and Jane (Caldwell) Wise. Her paternal grandfather, Conrad Wise, was of German descent, and was an early settler of Centre county, Penn., whence he came to Clearfield county when his son William was about eight years old. Here the latter grew to manhood, and was married to Jane Caldwell, daughter of Mathew and Mary Caldwell. In their family were ten children—four sons and six daughters, namely: D. A., a farmer; Mrs. Susan Cupples, of Lumber City; Mrs. Mary A. Curry (deceased); Mrs. Lavinah J. Ferguson (deceased); Mrs. Margaret E. Bloom, of Alanta; George W. (deceased); Mrs. Eliza E. Hile, wife of our subject; Mrs. Almira H. Hoover, of Mahaffey; a son who died in infancy; and Wm. L., a progressive farmer of near New Millport, Penn. Two sons bless the union of our subject and his wife: Clark V., a dentist engaged in practice at Conshohocken, Penn.; and Lemoyne J., who is still in school.

After his marriage, Mr. Hile purchased the farm on which he still resides—a valuable tract of 118 acres, fifty of which are cleared and now under a high state of cultivation. The old house has also been replaced by a comfortable twostory frame residence; and a large barn and other buildings have been erected, making it a most desirable farm, pleasantly located one mile west of Kerrmoor. It is underlaid with a good grade of coal. Mr. Hile was reared a Democrat, but of late years has affiliated with the Prohibition party. He has been elected to a number of township offices of honor and trust, the duties of which he faithfully discharged. In religious belief he and his wife are Methodists, and he is now serving as trustee of the Church.

HENRY OWENS, one of the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, is a native of that county, belonging to one of its worthy pioneer families, which has been prominently identified with its farming interests for many years. His father, Thomas Owens, was a son of Peter Owens, who was of Welsh descent, and the founder of the
family in Clearfield county. Some of its members have left the Keystone State and now reside in Kentucky and Indiana.

Thomas Owens, the father, was here born and reared to agricultural pursuits. In connection with farming he engaged in lumbering throughout life. Purchasing a tract of raw land on which our subject now resides, he transformed the same into a valuable farm, and converted the timber into lumber. He also owned other tracts which he cleared, and placed one hundred acres under a high state of cultivation, erecting thereon good and substantial buildings which are still in use. His death occurred in July, 1839. With the United Brethren Church he held membership, and in politics he was identified with the Democratic party. A popular and highly respected citizen, he was called upon to fill many township offices, but would never accept anything higher.

On attaining to man's estate, Thomas Owens wedded Emaline Hile, a daughter of Henry Hile, who at an early day came to Clearfield county from Northumberland county, Penn., and became one of the pioneers of this section. Religiously he was a Primitive Baptist. In his family were thirteen children: James, Daniel, Philip, Anthony, Henry, John, Amos, Lorenzo, Abbie, Mary A., Emaline, Mary E. and Elizabeth. Nine children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Owens: Robert; Clara, wife of D. R. Reed; Henry; Lucy, wife of J. H. Ferguson; E. E.; Alfred, deceased; Perry; L. L.; and Nora, wife of P. Bradley.

Upon the farm where he yet resides Henry Owens was born March 15, 1847, and was reared to agricultural pursuits, while his literary training was obtained in the country schools of the neighborhood. He worked for three years for others, but has always made his present farm his home, buying it after his marriage of a brother-in-law, who was then the owner. Of the 196 acres, 160 have been placed under the plow and improved with good buildings. The land is underlaid with a fine quality of mineral products, including coal and fire clay.

In 1870, Mr. Owens was married to Miss Elizabeth Moore, who was born February 18, 1847, a daughter of Joseph Moore, of Scotch-Irish descent, who was a farmer by occupation and an early settler of Clearfield county, where Mrs. Owens was reared. Three children grace this union: Norman H., Harry M. and Clark, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Owens are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are widely and favorably known throughout the community. Formerly Mr. Owens was a Democrat in politics; but for the past ten years has been identified with the Prohibition party, and although he does not aspire to official distinction he has creditably filled a number of local positions. He is one of the representative and prominent farmers of Ferguson township, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

JOSEPH G. GOSS. This gentleman is accredited with the ownership of one of the best farms in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and is also numbered among the prominent and representative citizens of the community.

Mr. Goss was born March 3, 1852, on the place where he still resides, which at that time was owned by his parents, David and Sarah (Gearhart) Goss. The family has long been identified with this section, and in the same township the birth of the father occurred in 1815. His parents, Abram and Elizabeth (Erminheiser) Goss, natives of Germany, located there at a very early day, when Indians were numerous, and nearly all the land was still in its primitive condition. The grandfather opened up a farm in the midst of the forest, near Osceola Mills, where his wife died. He was twice married in Clearfield, his second union being with a Mrs. Shively, who died upon the second farm which he developed; he passed away on a farm near that of our subject. In his family were the following children: John, George, Jacob, Isaac, Abram, Joseph, David, Polly, Betsy, Peggy, Sally and Susan, all now deceased. The father of these children aided the Colonies during the Revolutionary war, and at one time rode Gen. Washington's horse.

Amid the wild scenes of frontier life, David Goss was reared to manhood, and in Decatur township, February 2, 1839, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Gearhart, a native of Half Moon Valley, Centre Co., Penn., and a daughter of John and Lydia (Shively) Gearhart. Her father, who was also born in Pennsylvania, came to Decatur township at an early day, and made his home there until called to his final rest in 1871; his wife died in 1881, when nearly ninety years of age. In 1836 Mr. Goss located upon the farm now owned by our subject, at first purchasing 125 acres of timber land, to which he added from time to time until he had 335 acres. He cleared and improved a portion of his land, and thereon made his home until called to his final rest December 6, 1884. His faithful wife still survives him, and is now eighty-three years of age. Nine children blessed the union of this
worthy couple, namely: Levi, a resident of Decatur township; William L., of Boggs township, Clearfield county; John, of Penn township, the same county; Abraham, of Boggs township; Edward, of Glen Hope, Clearfield county; Mrs. Lydia Jane Young, of Curwensville, Clearfield county; Joseph of this sketch; Mrs. Sarah Blake, of Maine; and David, of West Virginia.

Upon the old homestead Joseph Goss passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the district schools of the neighborhood secured his education. Since old enough to handle a plow he has turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and has become one of the most energetic and progressive farmers of Decatur township. In Tyrone, Penn., in 1873, Mr. Goss was married to Miss Mary Ann Phillips, who was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and is a daughter of Richard and Susan (Rook) Phillips, the former a native of England, the latter of Clearfield county. In Decatur township her father opened up a farm, and died there in 1879. To Mr. Goss and his estimable wife have been born eight children, namely: Edith, Fannie, Harvey, Irving, Reela, Creighton, Harry and Carrie.

The political support of our subject is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has ever taken an active interest in public affairs, giving his encouragement to all enterprises tending to advance the welfare of his township or county. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this section, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

James H. Minds. The title of "generals of finance" has been aptly bestowed upon those men who, marshalling the peaceful hosts of industry, conquer new realms of commerce and widen the breach of business activity. Of this class the subject of this sketch is a notable representative, his financial operations assuming a breadth and scope which indicate the determination, persistence, sound judgment and power of combination which distinguishes the born leader of men. Coming to Clearfield county twenty-three years ago in very moderate circumstances, he has made his way to the front rank in business affairs, and his success is made still more emphatic by the broad and generous interest that he shows in all that concerns good citizenship.

The late James Minds, father of our subject, was born at Kilkenny, Ireland, whence he came to America at an early age, and grew to manhood in Schuylkill county, Penn. He married Miss Anna Millard, who was of English and German lineage, and a descendant of an old Pennsylvania family. Her grandfather, who was born in this country, was wounded in the Revolutionary war. Her father, Benjamin Millard, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was wounded while in service. James Minds located at Pottsville, Penn., after his marriage, and for a number of years held a position as foreman of a mine in that vicinity. In 1877 he and his wife went to West Moshannon, and their last years were spent in the home of our subject, the father passing away in 1884, and the mother ten years later at an advanced age.

Of their eleven children, six are living: (1) Mary Ann married John Haley, of Schuylkill county, who died leaving a family of nine children. (2) Charles Alexander married Miss Catharine Klinequiney, and after some years of residence in Schuylkill county, moved to Clearfield county in 1885, locating at West Moshannon; at present he resides upon a farm near Ramey; and in addition to the management of the place follows the carpenter's trade. He has six children. (3) Rebecca Ellen married Mr. Howells, of Schuylkill county. (4) Elizabeth died in infancy. (5) Elizabeth, the second of that name, married Michael McGinnis, of Schuylkill county, and died leaving one son, who now resides with his father. (6) Margaret married Clifford Rich, of Schuylkill county, who is engaged in railroad business. She died leaving five sons. (7) James H., the subject of our sketch, is mentioned more fully below. (8) Michael died at the age of three years. (9) Bridget, who has never married, resides in Philadelphia. (10) Catherine died at an early age. (11) Sarah Jane married Thomas Davis, formerly of Schuylkill county, but now residing near Ramey upon a farm. They have had seven children, all of whom are living at home.

James H. Minds was born August 10, 1846, in Schuylkill county, about seven miles west of Pottsville, and was reared at the old homestead in the manner common to the country youths of that time, his educational opportunities being limited to four months' schooling in winter. The outbreak of the war found him too young to take up arms for the Union cause, but in the "dark days" of 1863, when Lee's army invaded the State, and the Confederates seemed destined to succeed, he enlisted in Company I, 27th P. V. I. After being sworn in at Camp Curtin, they were stationed at Wrightsville to guard the Columbia bridge, where a fierce struggle took place to prevent Gordon from crossing the Susquehanna.
The Federal army burned the bridge finally, and guarded the fords so thoroughly that Lee's forces took another course, proceeding through Little York to Gettysburg, there to meet a defeat which practically settled the fate of the nation. After this decisive battle, Mr. Mind's regiment was taken on a forced march to Hancock, Md., and returning to Harrisburg was mustered out of the service.

In 1866 Mr. Minds joined a company of business men who went to Nicaragua with machinery for mining and crushing gold-bearing quartz; but after reaching Central America, his partners were taken seriously ill, and the enterprise was abandoned. The machinery, which was worth about $4,000, was a total loss. Mr. Minds spent seven months in Nicaragua, and then, returning home, he entered the employ of Dutter & Roebeck, as superintendent of their mines.

On January 20, 1868, James H. Minds married Miss Julia A. Doorley, of Tremont, Schuylkill county, and located at Windy Harbor. He conducted the mines there for two and one-half years, and then went to Mahanoy City, where he managed a colliery some four years. In September, 1874, he moved to Clearfield county and opened up what is known as the Kendrick shaft, near Houtzdale. Later he opened, for the same company, the Beaver Run colliery, in that locality. In 1882 he opened the mine known as Webster No. 2, in which he purchased an interest. This he continued to operate until 1885, when he sold his share and bought 200 acres of coal and farm land, and began operating it on his own account. Since then he has leased 400 acres of coal land from Samuel Hagerty, and developed it in partnership with Mr. Matz, of Pottsville, and Mr. Scott, of Philadelphia, under the firm name of the Beulah Coal Co. They have an immense trade, and, with the exception of Berwin, White & Co., are probably the heaviest shippers in that district. The Webster No. 2 is one of the largest mines, loading and shipping one thousand tons daily.

Aside from these interests, Mr. Minds is extensively interested in agriculture and mercantile pursuits, his store at Beulah City carrying a large general stock. He was also one of the chief promoters of the place, which is a promising town. His home near Ramey is one of the finest in Bigler township, an elegant and commodious dwelling house, two stories in height, surrounded with ample and handsomely arranged grounds, displaying the good taste of the owner. The family is prominent, socially, and is identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Minds and his wife being leading members of that society. Mrs. Minds is a native of Kings County, Ireland, whence she was brought to this country in childhood by her parents, at the same time coming a brother, Thomas Doorley, who now resides in Tower City, Penn. He has a large family of children.

The home life of our subject is brightened by an unusually clever group of sons and daughters, in whose education he has taken great pride: (1) Mary, born in Schuylkill county, December 1, 1869, died in February, 1870. (2) John H., born April 9, 1871, in the same county, was mainly reared in Clearfield county, where he attended the public schools until 1889. He then took a full course of four years in Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, and on graduation entered Pennsylvania University in Philadelphia, where he was graduated in 1893. At present he is pursuing a course at the Wharton Law School in the University of Pennsylvania, with a view of entering the legal profession, for which his talents seem admirably adapted. He is an excellent scholar, and has borne off high honors in the various classes with which he has been connected. (3) Elizabeth, born December 3, 1872, in Schuylkill county, studied in the district schools of Clearfield county until 1889, when she entered Dickinson Seminary. She was graduated in 1893, taking the highest honors, including the prize of $400 offered by the college for scholarship. Since then she has attended the Woman's College at Baltimore, graduating at the end of three years in a course which usually occupies four years. She is now teaching at Beulah City, and resides with her parents. (4) Ida Mary, born in Schuylkill county, May 2, 1874, pursued a course in music at Dickinson Seminary. She married Charles B. Jones, formerly of Philipsburg, Penn., and now of Altoona, where he is interested in a planing-mill. They have one daughter, Ethel Loretta Jones. (5) Eliza, born in Clearfield county, January 2, 1876, attended the high school in Woodward township for three years, and for four years past has been teaching in the schools near her home. (6) William R., born in Clearfield county, May 2, 1878, was educated in the public schools of McCanley, and is now managing his father's mercantile business with marked ability and success. (7) Blanche, born December 16, 1879, completed her studies in the high school of McCanley and Madera, and is now teaching in the grammar school of the latter place. (8) Maud, born September 12, 1880, is now a student in Prof. Anderson's high school at Madera. (9) James Nebner, born July 15, 1882, (10) George W., born January 13,
1884, (11) Chester A., born September 12, 1886, and (12) Ethel, born April 20, 1890, are all at home.

Mr. Minds' interest in education is not confined to his own family, and as school director he has done and is doing much for the schools of his locality. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and yields much influence in a quiet way, but has never aspired to official honors.

DANIEL W. AND GEORGE W. WILEY, of Greenwood township, are worthy representatives of an honored pioneer family that has long been identified with the development and prosperity of Clearfield county, aiding in the arduous task of clearing and improving the wild timber land and opening up this region to civilization.

Joseph Wiley, their paternal grandfather, a native of Northumberland county, Penn., was one of the very earliest pioneers of Clearfield county, his being the third family to make a permanent settlement here. At that time Indians were still quite numerous in this region, and many wild animals inhabited the forests. In the midst of the unbroken wilderness he developed a farm, built a dam across the river and erected what was later known as Hoyt's mill, where for some time he engaged in the manufacture of lumber. James Wiley, the father of our subjects, who was familiarly known as Uncle Jimmy by his many friends, was born at Hoyt's Mill, where he was reared until thirteen years of age, when his father sold the land and mill site to Dr. J. P. Hoyt, and removed to Ferguson township, Clearfield county, there spending his remaining days. Upon the latter farm James Wiley grew to manhood, and subsequently went to live with an uncle, Mr. Ferguson, there following farming during the summer months and lumbering through the winter season. With his uncle he built a sawmill on Little Clearfield creek, which they operated for some time. In 1846 Mr. Wiley was married to Miss Bertha E. Holly, and located on a farm which he improved and cultivated, in connection with lumbering, until about 1859, when he bought the interest of the heirs in his father's homestead, and removed to that place. Subsequently he came to Greenwood township, where he purchased fifty acres of a Mr. Wagoner, belonging to the McCracken survey. To this he later added 122 acres, which he purchased from Kirk and Spencer, making a good farm of 172 acres, but only about thirty acres had been cleared and a one and one-half story log house and log barn erected. He made more substantial improvements, including a commodious frame residence, a large barn and good outbuildings. Before his death he had placed eighty acres under cultivation, and had a good bearing orchard. He limbered the timber from his own land and also other tracts, continuing to engage in that business for many years with good success. He was reared a Democrat, which party he continued to support until after the election of James Buchanan, when he gave his allegiance to the Republican party and continued to fight under its banner until his death, which occurred June 8, 1896. Though he never aspired to office, he filled some important township positions with credit to himself and constituents.

Upright and honorable in all things, he was a faithful member of the Seceder Church from eighteen years of age, and in it the mother of our subjects also held membership. She died in 1876, and two years later Mr. Wiley married Miss Mary J. Colter, of Ohio, a sister of Rev. John Colter, a minister of the Seceder Church. She yet survives, and resides on the old homestead with her son, Daniel W. By the first marriage there were children: Joseph, who died at the age of twenty-two; Sarah, wife of J. Ross; Daniel W.; David, a farmer; William T., an agriculturist of Ferguson township; Elizabeth J.; and George W.

Daniel W. Wiley was born March 22, 1852, near Kerrmoor, Ferguson township, and with the exception of two years spent in the lumber woods and at work in a sawmill, he has always resided on the home farm. Until thirteen years of age he attended the country schools, but at that time laid aside his text books and entered upon the more responsible duties of business life, his first employment being in the woods. Of later years he has had the entire management of the home farm, and, being a thorough and skillful agriculturist, has met with excellent success.

George W. Wiley was born May 1, 1863, on his grandfather's old farm in Ferguson township, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. Wishing to obtain a better education than the country schools afforded, he bought his time from his father, and succeeded in borrowing enough money from his brothers to begin a more advanced course of study. For a time he attended Friendship School, under the superintendence of J. Werk, was later a student at the Excelsior in Mahaffey, and after attending the Normal at Lock Haven, returned to Excelsior, where he graduated. He then for nine terms successfully engaged in teaching, and in that way secured the money with which to pay back all that he had borrowed. He was quite popular as an educator, and through his own persistent
efforts was ably fitted for that calling. In 1891, he was married to Miss Marjorie E. Woomer, a lady of intelligence and culture, and in 1894 they removed to a small tract of improved land which he had purchased, and on which they still make their home. He has since purchased more land, and is now giving considerable attention to farming. Their home has been brightened by the presence of four children: Bethia E., James A., (who died at the age of two years), Flossy and Raymond D. The mother of these is a daughter of Martin and Ellen (Ayres) Woomer, prominent farming people of Blair county, Penn., and consistent members of the Methodist Church. In their family are thirteen children, namely: Elizabeth, Susan, Minnie, Joshua, Marjorie, Carrie, Kate, Nabeđnago, William, Jennie, Goldie, Mary and Rosie.

The Wiley brothers were both reared and educated to the principles of Republicanism, and have always cast their ballots for the candidates of that party. They have acceptably filled some township offices, and all duties, whether public or private, are discharged with the utmost fidelity and promptness, which has won for them the commendation of the entire community. They are people of high consideration in social circles, and have the confidence and respect of all with whom they come in contact.

### A. N. Walker

A N. WALKER, one of the substantial and progressive farmers of Penn township, Clearfield county, was born in North Mahoning, Indiana Co., Penn., in 1842, a son of Peter and Phœbe (Wilhelm) Walker, who were long residents of that community.

The father removed from New Jersey to Indiana county, and, purchasing a tract of land near Covode, cleared and improved a farm, which he made his home until his death, in May, 1890. His wife, a native of Germany, came to America at the age of twelve years, and died in Indiana county, in February, 1891. She often assisted her husband in the fields, and was to him a worthy helpmeet. They had five children besides our subject: (1) Lydia became the wife of Charles Spindler, of Jefferson county, Penn., who removed with his family to Clarion county, where he now follows farming near New Bethlehem. They have two children—Jacob, who is married, and resides on the home farm, and Annie, at home. (2) George (unmarried) is a harness maker in Indiana county. (3) Christe Ann is the wife of R. C. Hoover, a farmer residing near Covode, Indiana county, and they have five children—Cora, Clark, Eminent, Jennie and William, all at home. (4) Jacob married Katie Haag, of Jefferson county, Penn., and resides on a farm near Marion Centre; they have seven children—John, Dora, Cleveland, Eva, Vada, Paul, and an infant unnamed, all living at home. (5) Clark married Katie McDivrett, of Jefferson county, and resides on a farm near Covode.

A. N. Walker, of this review, lived with his father on the family homestead until 1869, when he married Rebecca Wall, of Penn township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Jonathan and Ester (Davis) Wall, of Grampian. Her father was a pioneer settler of that locality, and reared a family of four children. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have seven children: Harry, the eldest, married Eliza Queen, of West Virginia, and is now at Goodyear's Mill, in Potter county, Penn.; they have two children—Arthur and Earl. Annie is the wife of Allen Dale, of Pike township, who now resides near Rostock, in Union township, Clearfield county; their children are—Inez and Morris, aged respectively three, and one year. Elva, Cora, Joseph and Malvin, aged respectively twenty-two, twenty, seventeen and fourteen years, are at home. Lydia, eleven years of age, is a student in the school for the deaf in Scranton.

Mr. Walker offered his services to the government as a defender of the Union, in 1864, as a member of Company C, 206th regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was mustered in at Pittsburg, whence he went to City Point, and then to the front. Near Aiken's Landing he was engaged with others in building a fort on the James river for three months, and from there was taken to Fort Harrison. In the spring of 1865 he marched to Richmond, under the command of Col. Hugh Brady, and thence to Lynchburg, but afterward returned to Richmond, where he was stationed at the time of Lee's surrender. In June, 1865, he was mustered out, and returned to Indiana county, Penn. In politics, he is a Republican, and has held the office of school director. His wife belongs to the Friends Church. He takes quite an active interest in educational affairs, and lends an active support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit.

### John Pentz

JOHN PENTZ, a well-known citizen and prominent agriculturist, of Penn township, came of a family that has long been actively identified with the interests of Clearfield county, and taken a prominent part in the upbuilding and development of this region. He was born July 11, 1841, in Brady township, near Lutersburg, a son of John and Elizabeth (Knox) Pentz. The father was a native of York county, Penn.,
and removed to Luthersburg, Clearfield county, in 1836, becoming one of its honored pioneers. He purchased a farm in the midst of the forest, cleared the land and transformed the same into a valuable farm.

Our subject was one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) George, a farmer by occupation, married Polly Ziegler, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and had a family of six children, five of whom are still living. (2) Andrew, who resides on a farm near Luthersburg, is an ex-sheriff of Clearfield county. He married Margaret Norton, of Middletown, Penn., and has four children. After the death of his first wife he wedded Margaret Brockbank, of Union township, Clearfield county. (3) Henry, an agriculturist of Union township, married Elizabeth Holopezr, of the same township, and has a large family of children. (4) Maria became the wife of Lorenzo D. Eells, a farmer of Maine, where she died leaving a family. (5) Frederick died at the age of nineteen years. (6) Elizabeth is the wife of Walter Parker, who is engaged in the mercantile pursuits in Nebraska, and they have five children.

Like most farmer boys on the frontier, John Pentz spent his early life; and he holds a prominent place among the old lumbermen who first engaged in the business of rafting down the Susquehanna. He has watched with interest almost the entire growth and development of this section of the State, and has been an important factor in promoting its prosperity. He purchased a farm in Union township, Clearfield county, which he improved and made his home for eight years, and on disposing of that tract bought the Joseph Davis farm in Penn township, where he resided until 1893. He was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Jane Hollo-\[peter, who died in August, 1892. They reared a family of five children, namely: (1) William, who resides on the old homestead in Penn township, married Hannah Clever, of the same township, and has six children. (2) Mary Ada, died August 18, 1878. (3) Elizabeth, a resident of Mahailey, Clearfield county, is the wife of Christopher Uble, a native of Germany, and they have one child. (4) Frederick M., who lives on a part of the old home farm, married Arminta Kester, of Penn township, and has two children. (5) Annie lives on the old homestead. Mr. Pentz was again married October 24, 1893, his second union being with Mrs. Sarah McDonald, of Grampian, widow of Allen McDonald.

In his political views, Mr. Pentz is a Democ-rat, and he has taken a leading and influential part in public affairs. He has been honored by his fellow-citizens with several offices within their gift, chief among which are those of justice of the peace in Penn township, in which he served five years, constable for seven years, school director and overseer of the poor, and in all these positions gained credit both for himself and his constituents. He is classed by all who know him as one of the public-spirited and representative men of this township, and merits and receives the warmest confidence and esteem of the entire community. His estimable wife is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Grampian.

ROBERT GRAHAM, one of the brave men who gave the first years of their manhood to the long struggle for the defense of the Union, is a leading agriculturist of Bradford township, Clearfield county. His family has been identified with that locality since pioneer days, and his grandfather, Robert Graham, a native of Ireland, settled there in 1802, and spent his remaining years upon a farm which he redeemed from the wilderness.

James Graham, our subject's father, was born in that township in 1812, and was married there to Deborah Mayhew, also a native of that locality. Both are now deceased. They had nine children, all of whom reside in this State: Parlee and James live in Girard township, Clearfield county; Alexander, Isaac, Joseph and Robert are residents of Bradford township; Sophia (Mrs. Kreiss) lives in Girard township, Clearfield county; Martha (Mrs. McLaughlin), in Potter county; and Elmira (Mrs. Taylor), in Goshen township, Clearfield county.

Mr. Graham, our subject, was born in 1840, and his education was obtained in the schools of Bradford township. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, 84th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered in at Harrisburg. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and saw much active service. Among the important engagements in which Mr. Graham took part were the battles of Winchester, Bull Run (second), Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Fairfax C. H., Port Republic, Gettysburg, Peters burg and the Wilderness. He re-enlisted in 1864, this time in the 57th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge from further duty July 7, 1865, at Harrisburg. He was a prisoner in Libby prison seventeen days. Returning to his native place, he engaged in farming, and has ever since continued that business. His farm of seventy-two acres near Shaw-
mut shows excellent management, and has good buildings and other improvements.

In 1869 Mr. Graham was united in marriage in Bradford township with Miss Matilda Cowder, a native of the locality and the daughter of John and Sarah (Kidder) Cowder, both deceased. The children of this union are John, Carrie (Mrs. Bloom, of Curwensville), Roy, Laura, Henry, Lizzie, Irena and Fred.

Mr. Graham takes great interest in all that concerns the public welfare, and naturally pays much attention in a quiet way to political questions, his support being given the Republican party. As might be supposed from his war record, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Latimer Post at Clearfield.

CHARLES A. THORP is a prominent and successful agriculturist, and the farm which is now his home is also his birthplace. It is located near Lewisville, in Greenwood township, and there he was born June 29, 1844. His parents were William T. and Christiana (Bear) Thorp, the former of whom was a son of Edward Thorp, who spent his entire life in Otsego county, N. Y., and followed the occupation of farming.

The father of our subject was born in Otsego county, and about 1831 removed to Lycoming county, Penn., where for a number of years he engaged in school teaching. He was married there, and in 1836 came to Clearfield county, purchasing one hundred acres of land in Greenwood township. Engaging in lumbering, he purchased a sawmill, and for a number of years did an extensive business in that line. As his land was cleared he transformed it into fields, and when he had succeeded in developing a good farm he abandoned the lumber trade. For a number of winters after his arrival he also taught school, and when his financial resources had increased sufficiently he purchased another 100-acre tract of land. About this time Lewis Smith platted the village of Lewisville, built one or two houses, and sold some lots. Mr. Thorp then purchased the entire tract, on which is now a little hamlet, containing two stores, a post office and a few residences. Of this original one hundred acres Mr. Thorp placed seventy acres under a high state of cultivation, and erected commodious and substantial buildings thereon. He also opened a store in his home, and sold goods for a number of years. He was a man of great energy and enterprise, and carried to successful completion whatever he undertook. In politics he was a Democrat, and was a member of the board appointed to examine school teachers; but political office had but little attraction for him. He died in 1872. His wife passed away in 1867.

Charles A. Thorp, being an only child, inherited the estate at his parents' death, and has spent his entire life on the family homestead. The country schools afforded him his educational privileges, and his business training was received under the direction of his father, whom he assisted in the work of farm, and in the lumber woods. Since attaining his majority he has followed the latter pursuit, and for thirty-five years piloted lumber rafts down the river. He has devoted his entire attention to farming, however, of recent years, and is one of the wide-awake and progressive agriculturists of Clearfield county. His place is neat and thrifty in appearance, and the well-tilled fields and many excellent improvements indicate the careful supervision of the owner. On June 6, 1865, Mr. Thorp married Hannah Johnson, a native of Clearfield county.

James Johnson, father of Mrs. Thorp, was a son Samuel Johnson, who came from Centre county to Clearfield county in 1812, and was identified with its early development. He followed farming and lumbering, operated a sawmill and from the wilderness developed a good farm. He supported the Democracy, and for a number of years, dating from 1841, served as justice of the peace. James Johnson was born and reared in Clearfield county, and in his boyhood became familiar with farming and lumbering. He built the first woolen-mills of the county, and operated the same for many years, after which they were conducted by John Johnson, his son, until a few years since, when the factory was sold to an Englishman, who is now carrying on the business. He died in 1887; his widow is still living on the old home place. He was a staunch Democrat in his political belief, and both he and his wife were members of the Hicksite branch of the Friends Church. Their children were: William, John, David, Asa, Frank, Hannah, and Elizabeth, wife of W. W. Rowles.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorp became the parents of ten children, one of whom died in infancy; the others are: Mrs. Ida Mitchell; William T., a farmer; John S., a practicing physician; Walter, who has taught school, but is now studying at Grove City College; Rance, a teacher, at Patchinsville, Clearfield county, Penn.; Charles L., who is attending school; Lulu, Hoyt and Frank, at home. Mr. Thorp has followed in the political footsteps of his father, and has exercised his right of franchise in the support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. He has never been a
politician in the sense of office seeking, but has held some minor offices, and is now serving as justice of the peace. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church. Widely and favorably known in this community, they have many friends, and are highly esteemed by all.

ALEXANDER RALSTON. Quite a number of leading and prominent citizens of Clearfield county are of alien birth, and have transported to this land of fertility and plenty the thrifty habits of their native country. Among these there is none better known or more widely respected than the gentleman whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch. He is one of the most energetic farmers of Cooper township, with whose interests he has long been identified.

In County Tyrone, Ireland, Mr. Ralston was born August 15, 1837, a son of William and Mary (Cunningham) Ralston, who were also natives of that county where they were married, but some of their children were born in Scotland. Their family consisted of the following named: Annie, who became the wife of M. R. Denning, and died in Manistee, Mich.; Alexander; Eliza J., wife of L. Denning; Mrs. Matilda Boyd; Mrs. Maggie Mason, deceased; and Robert, a lumberman of Manistee, Mich. The father continued to engage in farming in Ireland until 1856, when he came to the United States, and took up his residence in Kylertown, Clearfield Co., Penn., where his death occurred in 1875. His wife passed away in 1894. Both were earnest members of the Scotch-Presbyterian Church, and highly esteemed by all who knew them. Her brother, Robert H. Cunningham, emigrated to America about 1845, and first located in Philadelphia, whence he removed to Pittsburg, Penn., and later made his home in Cairo, Ill., where he engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business.

As soon as old enough, Alexander Ralston entered the schools of his native land, but at the age of fifteen years he came to the United States, where he attended night school to some extent. On landing at New York, he proceeded to Philadelphia, where he served a four-years' apprenticeship to the marble-cutter's trade; but as the business disagreed with his health, he discontinued it, and in 1851 came to Clearfield county. For some time he was employed by others in the woods, getting out timber, and later began jobbing along that line on his own account, preparing the lumber and rafting it down the river to market. Along with a partner, he purchased a piece of land, from which they cut thirteen rafts, and then sold for more than they had paid for it, the venture thus proving a profitable investment. Finally he purchased the farm on which he still resides, it being a tract of ninety acres of valuable land two and one-half miles north of Kylertown, in Cooper township. The well-tilled fields, the commodious two-story frame residence, barns and out-buildings stand as monuments to his thrift and industry, and show that he thoroughly understands his business. In connection with his farming operations, he has also engaged in the sale of farm machinery, and dealt largely in stock, carrying on this business for about twenty years; but he now gives his attention mainly to his agricultural pursuits. His cattle and other stock were mostly sold to miners.

In 1865 Mr. Ralston married Miss Eliza J. Hoover, who belongs to a well-known pioneer family of this section of the State, her grandfather, John Hoover, having removed from Union to Centre county at a very early day. George Hoover, the father of Mrs. Ralston, was born in Union county, October 2, 1811, but was reared in Centre county, and in 1829 came to Clearfield county. He married Elizabeth Kyler, a daughter of Leonard Kyler, also an early settler of the county, and both died in Cooper township. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and the parents of nine children: Jackson; Alexander; Eliza J., honored wife of our subject; Jeremiah; Isaiah; Thomas; Martha, wife of A. Lutz; Sarah, wife of P. Muntz; and Cordelia, wife of William Curley. Of the ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralston, four died when young; those who still survive are: John, at home; Orpha, wife of M. G. Johnson; and Sarah, Grant, George and Charles, at home. Reared in the Presbyterian Church, the parents have always adhered to that doctrine, and are sincere and earnest Christians. Politically, Mr. Ralston has always been identified with the Republican party.

LEVI GOSS, an industrious, wide-awake and progressive agriculturist of Decatur township, Clearfield county, has here spent his entire life, and in the work of progress and development has borne an important part. He was born in Decatur township, in 1837, a son of David and Sarah (Gearhart) Goss, was reared to habits of industry and thrift upon the home farm, and obtained his literary training in the public schools of the locality. On starting out in life for himself he chose the vocation of farming, in which he has met with a fair degree of success, and now owns a half interest in the old homestead.
comprising 125 acres of valuable land. In connection with his farming operations he has also engaged in lumbering, and thus added not a little to his income.

Abram and Elizabeth (Erminheiser) Goss, the paternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of Germany, whence early in life they emigrated to the United States, becoming pioneer settlers of Decatur township, Clearfield county, locating here when the country was all wild and unimproved, and when Indians still roamed through the forests. Upon the farm where they first took up their residence the grandmother died, and in Clearfield the grandfather wedded a Mrs. Shively. Their deaths occurred upon another farm where the husband had later developed. He was a Revolutionary hero, and a man honored and respected by all who knew him. His children were as follows: John; Jacob; George; Isaac; Abram; David; Mrs. Mary Hopkins, of Blair county, Penn.; Mrs. Betsy Kephart, who was born and died in Decatur township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Peggy Carson, who died in Woodward township, in the same county; Mrs. Susan Beams, of Woodward township; and Mrs. Sarah Kephart, who died in Shueyville, Iowa.

David Goss, the father of our subject, was born in Decatur township, in 1815, was there reared, and married February 24, 1836, to Miss Sarah Gearhart, who was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, a daughter of John and Lydia (Shivery) Gearhart. Her parents likewise became prominent pioneers of Decatur township, where both died, the father in 1871 and the mother in 1881. The entire married life of the parents of our subject was passed upon the farm, in which he is now interested, and there his mother (now eighty-four years of age) still resides; his father departed this life December 6, 1884. Levi is the eldest of their nine children, the others being as follows: William, a resident of Boggs township, Clearfield county; John, of Penn township, in the same county; Abraham, of Boggs township; Edward, of Becaria township, Clearfield county; Joseph G., who resides on the old home farm, of which he owns the remaining half in Decatur township; David, of West Virginia; Mrs. Lydia Jane Young, of Curwensville, Clearfield county; and Mrs. Sarah Blake, of Maine. March 29, 1890, Levi and Joseph G. Goss leased their coal underneath the old homestead, to J. W. Cooke, of Philadelphia. Mr. Cooke built one mile of railroad to this mine, where he is still shipping coal. His son, H. T. Cooke, superintends the works.

Mr. Goss, of this review, was married in Blair county, Penn., in 1869, to Miss Charlotte Shaw, who was born in Antes township, that county, a daughter of Thomas Shaw. Three children bless this union: Calton D., Cressa M. and Dory B. In politics, Mr. Goss is a strong Republican, and has been called upon to serve in nearly all the township offices, being collector for the long period of fourteen years, and township treasurer for eight years. It is needless to say that he faithfully discharges every duty which devolves upon him, whether public or private, and has thus proved a popular and capable official, as well as a most reliable and trustworthy citizen.

ANTON NEUBAUER, a prominent agriculturist of Morris township, Clearfield county, is one of its most enterprising and energetic men, who has from a humble beginning in life accumulated a handsome property. He not only commenced without means, but was obliged to battle with the elements of a foreign soil and the customs of a strange country, as he is of German birth and parentage.

Mr. Neubauer is a native of Prussia, and a son of John and Varonika (Onorick) Neubauer. In 1870 he enlisted in the Franco-Prussian war, and participated in the battles of Spégan du Bowier, Gravelot and Sedan. Being wounded in the leg, he was taken to the hospital where he was confined for nineteen weeks, and later contracted typhoid fever, from which he suffered some fourteen weeks. Soon after rejoining his regiment he was discharged, and returning to his home he worked on the farm until coming to the New World. In September, 1871, he landed in New York, and at once proceeded to Mauch Chunk, Penn., where he was employed for six months, after which he went to Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn. Subsequently he was employed for five months in the oil regions of Ebensburg, Cambria county, this State, and later worked in the lumber woods at Lowell Run. Coming to Morris township, Clearfield county, he secured employment in the woods for Leonard Kyler, and then worked for Mr. Moyer until his marriage.

In 1878 Mr. Neubauer wedded Miss Mary Moyer, and they have six children: Jennie, the wife of August Johnson, of Allport, Clearfield county, Charlie, Effie, Harry, Perry and Henry. After his marriage, Mr. Neubauer worked in the Ray's Mill for six months, and for the following twelve years engaged in lumbering. In 1881 he purchased 125 acres of timber land, which he cleared, making many improvements thereon.
After residing on that place for six years, he bought 240 acres of land in Morris township, known as the old Allport property, and has since given his time and attention to clearing, cultivating and improving his farm, which has become a valuable and productive tract. He has erected good and substantial buildings, and the whole appearance of the place indicates the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

Since becoming an American citizen, Mr. Neubauer has always cast his ballot with the Democratic party, and has taken an active and prominent part in local political affairs. For two years he served as overseer of the poor, and has also been school director for eight years. Religiously he is a Catholic, while his wife holds membership in the Methodist Church. They are held in the highest esteem by all who know them, and have many friends throughout the community.

GEORGE L. KNOERR, a leading merchant of Troutville, is numbered among the energetic, far-seeing and successful business men of Clearfield county. His life history clearly illustrates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. Integrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and in advancing his own welfare he has materially promoted the interests of his town and county.

Henry Knoerr, the father of our subject, in 1831, at the age of eighteen years, came from Bavaria, Germany, with his parents, George and Louisa Knoerr, who located in the midst of the forest between Troutville and Luthersburg, where the former obtained a tract of 200 acres of government land, on which he erected a log house and barn. At that place Henry Knoerr grew to manhood, and being a good German scholar he successfully engaged in teaching in that locality for a number of terms. In 1843 he married Miss Catharine Marshall, and they located near his father’s homestead, where he purchased one hundred acres of land for $300. This was covered with a heavy growth of pine and oak timber, but he cleared eighty acres, and his first hewed-log cabin he afterward replaced by a substantial two-story frame residence. He also erected a good barn, and made many other useful and valuable improvements, the place becoming one of the most desirable farms in Brady township. There his death occurred in 1886; his widow, who had faithfully shared in all the hardships and privations of their early married life, is still living in Troutville at a very advanced age.

A brief record of the fifteen children of this worthy couple is as follows: (1) Louisa is the wife of John Heilbrun, a farmer living near Big Run, in Jefferson county, and they have one son and two daughters living—Lizzie, wife of H. Long, of Brady township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Katie Zimmerman, who lives in Jefferson county, near the Clearfield county line; and William, who is still with his parents. (2) Caroline is the wife of Jacob L. Kuntz, of Troutville, and has two children—Milton and Clara. (3) Simon, born on the old homestead in Brady township, married Susanna Korb, of that township, and they live in Troutville, where he owns valuable property, and is engaged in the butchering business; their children are—Clara (now the wife of Lewis Lies, a farmer of Brady township, by whom she has two children), and Henrietta and Nelly, both at home. (4) Henry in early life began learning the tailor’s trade in Du Bois, but is now engaged in the real-estate business in that city; he married Mary Buchheit, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has two sons—Silas and Albert. (5) Lorena is the wife of G. A. Heilbrun, a resident of Oklahoma, Jefferson county, and their children are—John, who is married; and William, who is married and lives in Bell township, Clearfield county. (6) William married Julia A. Garrison, whose early home was near Curwensville, and they reside in Du Bois, where he is working in a mill; they have two daughters—May and Myrtle. (7) David, also a resident of Du Bois, married Caroline Weaver, and has four children—Blanche, Edward, Alice and Virgie. (8) John A. was for a number of years engaged in the hardware business in Punxsutawney, but is now dealing in real estate; he wedded Etta Beihl, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and has three children—Frederick, Minnie and Priscilla, all at home. (9) Ferdinand was born and reared upon the old homestead in Brady township, receiving a common-school education; he married Charlotte Korb, of that township, and removed to Du Bois, where he engaged in the sawmill business until his death in 1893; his widow and two children—Aaron and Effie—reside in Troutville; the children are now attending the Orphans School. (10) Mary is the wife of Joseph Brubaker, of Du Bois, and has one child—Leilla. (11) Fred, who resides on the old homestead, married Lorina Korb, of Brady township, and has two children—Chester and Olive. (12) Catharine married William Kohler, of Brady township, who is now engaged in farming in Jefferson county, and they have one son, Teare. (13) Samuel wedded Mary Munks, of Corsica, Jefferson county, where he is now engaged in sawmilling, and they have one child—
Malinda C. (14) Reuben is the owner of a fine residence in Troutville, where he previously resided, but now makes his home in Corsica; he married Eliza Weaver, of Bloom township, Clearfield county, and has one son—Morris. (15) George L. completes the family.

George L. Knoerr, the subject proper of these lines, was born May 25, 1846, on the home farm in Brady township, where he was reared to habits of industry and thrift, while his literary training was such as the common schools of the neighborhood afforded. Learning the shoemaker's trade, he followed that occupation for about fifteen years. In 1867 he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Zillox, of Brady township, who died in 1875, leaving two children: (1) G. A., born in 1869, is a resident of Troutville, where he is engaged in the livery business; he also carries the United States mail between that place and Sykesville, Jefferson county; he married Florence Weber, of Jefferson county, and has one son—George. (2) Mary Emma, born in 1871, obtained a good education in the schools of Troutville, and is now the wife of J. E. Rishel, formerly of Troutville, who is engaged in the butchering business in Du Bois; they have a daughter—Freda. Sara Annie, born in 1874, died in infancy previous to the mother's death. Mr. Knoerr was again married in 1887, his second union being with Mrs. Annie B. Johnston, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, who was born August 12, 1853, a daughter of John and Maria Coffman, who died some years ago; her father was a substantial farmer and lumberman of that county, being an extensive dealer in square timber and logs.

After his first marriage, Mr. Knoerr bought a lot and built a large dwelling house in Troutville, where he continued to work at his trade until 1871, when he removed to Pennville, but at the end of two years returned to the former place and built an addition to his residence for business purposes. In 1883 he embarked in merchandising, which pursuit he continues up to the present time. Ten years later he purchased the old Zillox farm on the Luthersburg pike, which he conducts in connection with his other business. He to-day enjoys the reward of his painstaking and conscientious work. By his energy, perseverance and fine business ability, he has secured a comfortable competence. As a stalwart Democrat, he has taken quite a prominent part in local politics, and has served as overseer of the poor for one term. He is a consistent member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to which his wife and children also belong, and in social circles the family holds an enviable position.

ADAM BECK, who is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Burnside township, Clearfield county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Westmoreland county, December 31, 1840. His parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth (Laub) Beck, were both born in Germany, and in early life came to America, where they were married. Locating in Westmoreland county, the father engaged in farming and such labor as he could find to do until 1845, when he came to Clearfield county, locating on land adjoining our subject's present farm. He purchased one hundred acres of heavily-timbered land, and in clearing the land burned much of the lumber in order to get rid of it. Seventy-five acres of his farm he placed under the plow, and improved with good and substantial buildings. He watched with interest the settlement and growth of this section, and was an important factor in its development and prosperity. He died in February, 1884, at the age of eighty-two years; his widow is still living on the old homestead at the advanced age of one hundred years. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. In their family were five children: Leonard and Peter, who are both following the occupation of farming; Nicholas, who lives on the old homestead; Adam, whose name introduces this sketch; and Mary, wife of James Leauer, also a farmer.

In much the usual manner of farmer lads, Adam Beck spent his boyhood and youth, and secured his education in the district schools near his home. He assisted his father, until, feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted in September, 1861, in Company D, 78th P. V. I., under Col. William Sirwell (Gen. G. H. Thomas commanded the 14th Army Corps, in which he served, and Gen. Rosecrans). His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and was with Sherman in the Atlanta campaign. After three years of arduous service, they turned over their arms at Nashville. Tenn., and, returning to Kittanning, Penn., were mustered out and honorably discharged. Nicholas Beck, the brother of our subject, was also in the Union service for nine months. On returning to his home, Adam Beck resumed farming, and on his marriage in 1868 located at his present place, having previously purchased 139 acres of but slightly-improved land. By industry and perseverance he has placed sixty acres under the plow, and has erected a commodious two-story frame residence, a large barn and good outbuildings, making it a most desirable farm, pleasantly located three miles east of Cherrytree. In connection with general farming he is suc-
cessfully engaged in stock-raising, feeding most of his product to his stock, and the timber upon his land he has converted into lumber, which he has rafted down the river to market.

In 1868, Mr. Beck married Miss Hannah F. Irwin, a daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (McCulloch) Irwin, honored pioneers of Indiana county, Penn. John Irwin, the paternal grandfather, was born in Lycoming county, this State, of German and Irish ancestry. In the midst of the forests of Indiana county Samuel Irwin developed a good farm, and he also engaged in lumbering. He married Miss Mary A. McCulloch, a daughter of John and Margaret (Sharpe) McCalloch. Her father was a farmer, owning a large tract of land in Clearfield county, near Patchinville, where he improved a farm. He died at his homestead about 1870, and his land was divided among his sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin had eleven children, namely: John C., who died in Andersonville prison while serving his country in the Civil war; William W., a farmer by occupation; Alexander, who was a Union soldier for nine months, and is now engaged in farming; Margaret J., wife of P. Sawyer; Isabel, wife of William Shafer; Hannah F., wife of our subject; James M., a farmer; George C., a resident of Kansas; Robert B., who is engaged in steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers; Percifer S., who was accidentally killed on a railroad at the age of seventeen; and Henry F., a resident of Kansas. For two years the father also served his country during the dark days of the Rebellion, and was finally discharged on account of disability. He never recovered from the effects of his army service, and died in January, 1871; his wife passed away in January, 1892. Both were faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church. Five children bless the union of our subject and his wife, in the order of birth, as follows: Mary A., wife of A. P. Fry, a lumberman; Florence V., wife of F. H. Yeager; Wallace L., who married Ressie E. McKee, and resides on the homestead farm; Gordon L., who has for three years successfully engaged in teaching, and is now at college; and Zelma L. at home.

Mr. Beck is an honored member of Westover Post, No. 590, G. A. R., and in politics is an ardent Republican, doing all in his power to promote the interests of his party. He has filled almost all of the township offices and faithfully discharged every duty devolving upon him, thus winning the commendation of the entire community. His wife holds membership in the United Evangelical Church, and she and her husband have many friends throughout Clearfield county.

DAVID H. WATTS is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Ferguson township, Clearfield county. He is not only engaged in general farming, but gives considerable attention to dairying, stock-raising and fruit growing. His entire life has been passed in the township, where he still resides, his birth there occurring May 25, 1861, and in the local schools he acquired his early education, which was supplemented by a few months in the State Normal, of Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Martin Watts, his father, was a son of Samuel Watts, a farmer, of Lancaster county, Penn. About 1841 the former located in Clearfield county, purchasing a large tract of timber land, which he cleared and converted into a good farm. Erecting a sawmill, he engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which he rafted down the river; but of late years he has given his attention mainly to his agricultural interests. During the Civil war he served as enrolling officer in his district, and in his township has filled a number of positions of honor and trust. Originally he was a Whig in politics, later joining the Republican party, and is now an ardent adherent of the Prohibition party. He and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Methodist Church.

In 1852 Martin Watts was married to Elizabeth M. Hoyt, a lady of intelligence and culture, and they have become the parents of nine children, namely: Caroline, now the wife of F. P. Stevens; Emma M., wife of J. S. McClary; Samuel C.; John P.; David H., of this review; Martin and Mary (twins), the former a resident of Chattanooga, Tenn., and the latter the wife of Rev. J. B. Work, president of the Norfolk Missionary Society of Virginia; Harriet, wife of E. C. Bartow; and Ralph L., an experimental horticulturist, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

Dr. J. P. Hoyt, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Trow, N. Y.; September 12, 1793, a son of Phineas and Julia A. (Daniel) Hoyt, of New Hampshire, who after several moves finally located permanently in New York, where the father died at the age of thirty years. He was a son of John and Mary Hoyt, who came from England in Colonial days. In his native city Dr. Hoyt was educated, and after completing his medical studies he came to Pennsylvania in 1819, locating in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, where he practiced for one year, on the expiration of which time he came to Clearfield county, settling in Pike township, on the river, in the McClure neighborhood. For a number of years he made that place his home, his practice extending over a large district, but subsequently he removed to Curwensville, where in connection
with his practice he also engaged in merchandising until 1847, when he located permanently on the river at what was later known as Hoyt's Mills, three miles above Lumber City. He purchased large tracts of land, built a sawmill and manufactured lumber extensively. He also erected a gristmill and did a large business along that line. His patrons coming from miles around, at the same time continuing the practice of his profession. He was very successful in his undertakings, and left a large estate at his death, which occurred February 26, 1885, when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-one years. He took an active interest in all public affairs, was a Democrat in early life, but after the Civil war he affiliated with the Republican party, and filled a number of offices of honor and trust, including that of county judge.

In 1820, Dr. Hoyt married Miss Mary McClure, a daughter of Thomas McClure, an honored pioneer of Clearfield county, who came from Perry county, Penn., at an early day, and located in Pike township, where he spent the remainder of his life. In his family were six children, namely: Jane, Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary, Ross and Wilson. To Dr. Hoyt and his wife were born eight children: Hiram; Julia A.; Harriet; David W., who married and lived in Louisiana, where he and his wife both died, leaving five children; Elizabeth M., the mother of our subject; Mary E., wife of M. O. Stirk; Margaret, unmarried; and Christiana, deceased. The mother of these children died September 6, 1886, aged eighty-eight years. Both she and her husband were active members of the Methodist Church, in which the Doctor served as class leader. He also took a prominent part in Sunday-school work even after eighty years of age, and contributed liberally to the support of both church and Sunday-school.

Mr. Watts, whose name introduces this sketch, remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, when he purchased a tract of 133 acres of timber land from his father, and began life for himself. His first effort was to build a large barn in 1887, and he now has one hundred acres cleared and under a high state of cultivation, has a comfortable frame residence, good outbuildings, and a fine orchard. The timber upon his land he has converted into lumber, and has set out a windbreak of pines—a grove on top of the mountain above his house can be seen for many miles. In 1894 he made an addition to his large barn, and put in a complete creamery with all modern improved machinery, operated by steam power. He has a fine herd of milk cows, and he utilizes the waste from his dairy to feed hogs. Enterprising and progressive, he has met with wonderful success in his undertakings, and now ranks among the most substantial and reliable business men of Ferguson township.

In 1890, Mr. Watts married Miss Frances Johnson, a cultured and refined young lady, who was educated at the common and Normal schools, and was for seven years a proficient and popular teacher. Her parents were William P. and Lidda R. (Bean) Johnson, honored pioneers of Clearfield county, where her father was born, a son of James and Sarah (Stuart) Johnson. His grandfather, Samuel Johnson, was born in York county, Penn., in 1781, and when seventeen years of age went to Centre county, but in 1812 located in Clearfield county. The mother of Mrs. Watts is now deceased, but her father is still living and finds a pleasant home with her and our subject. Mrs. Johnson was a daughter of Thomas Bean, a farmer and school teacher by occupation, who lived for many years in both Centre and Clearfield counties. He was a member of the Society of Friends, while his wife belonged to the Lutheran Church. In their family were eleven children: Benjamin, who was killed at the battle of Weldon Railroad during the Rebellion; Nathan, who also served through the war; Mary A.; Susan; Alvin A.; Daniel; Jacob, a Lutheran minister; John W.; Emma; Catherine; and Lidda R., the mother of Mrs. Watts. Four interesting children have blessed the union of our subject and his estimable wife: William Johnson, born March 20, 1891; Emma Margaret, born October 12, 1893; Wendell Philips, born October 7, 1895; and James Martin, born June 15, 1897.

JOHN A. BRUBAKER, a wide-awake representative of the agricultural interests of Clearfield county, was born in 1821, in Union township, where he still makes his home. In 1839 his father had come to Clearfield county from Juniata county, Penn., and located in that township when it was still a part of Brady township. He erected the first sawmill within its borders, shipping the first lumber, and was also one of the men who cut the first path for a road up Anderson creek, in 1850. He took a prominent part in the progress and upbuilding of this section, and at his own expense erected the Menonite church which now stands on a portion of his farm. He was a consistent and active member of that denomination, and for twenty years served as bishop thereof. His first purchase of land consisted of a wild tract of one hun-
dred acres, for which he paid $300, and to which he added until he had accumulated about 600 acres of rich and productive land. His name edeserves an honored place among those of the representative pioneer of the county, in the development of which he bore so important a part. The grandfather of our subject was born in Lancaster county, Penn., of German parentage.

John A. Brubaker spent the early years of his life in the usual manner of farmer boys in a frontier region, assisting his father in clearing and cultivating the farm. On May 14, 1865, he was married to Miss Margaret Schofield, who was born in Delaware county, Penn., in 1841. When six years old she was taken to Jefferson county, and subsequently located in Union township, Clearfield county, at the woolen-factory on Anderson creek. She died November 23, 1892, leaving three children, namely: Earl G. married Carrie Dressler, a daughter of L. R. Dressler, of Union township (with their two children they reside on his father’s No. 2 farm, at Horne Camp); Elva was married in 1893 to H. O. Luce, by whom she had one child, born in 1894 (they reside on the homestead with our subject); and Joseph S., born in 1875, is also at home.

In 1866, Mr. Brubaker began housekeeping in a pioneer house in the village of Rockton, but after a year and a half moved on the farm and has since engaged in the cultivation and improvement of his place, whose neat and thrifty appearance testifies to his skill and ability as an agriculturist. Politically, he has always given his support to Republican principles, and has taken a leading part in the affairs of the township. He has filled the office of school director, and was for three successive terms assessor. As a business man and a citizen he is held in much esteem, and deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

W. COLE, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Clearfield county, has for a number of years been identified with the commercial interests of Sabula, and since February 5, 1877, has been the popular and efficient postmaster at that place. On its establishment Ed Washburn became the first postmaster and named the office, and he was succeeded by a Mr. Prindle, who was our subject’s predecessor. Mr. Cole dates his residence here from 1873, at which time the railroad had just been completed, and the place was still called “Hickory Kingdom.” Erecting a store building, he has since successfully engaged in general mer-

chandising, and has taken an active and prominent part in the growth and development of the place.

A native of New York, Mr. Cole was born in Allegany county, in 1846, and is a son of John S. and Samantha U. (Maxon) Cole, natives of New Jersey and Connecticut, respectively. At an early day the father located in Allegany county, N. Y., where he cleared and improved two or three farms; but, in 1857, he sold out and removed to Flint, Mich., and is now residing in Battle Creek, Mich. He was a member of a New Jersey regiment during the Mexican war. Both parents are still living, and have a family of children, namely: W. W., the subject of this sketch; Joseph, who enlisted for service in the Civil war, in Allegany county, N. Y., in 1864, belonging to the same company and regiment as our subject; Walter A., still a resident of Allegany county; and Josephine, now the wife of Lyman Hoxey, of Michigan.

At the age of thirteen, W. W. Cole accompanied his parents on their emigration to Michigan, but, in 1859, returned to Allegany county, N. Y., where he acquired a good practical education in the public schools. There he continued to make his home until coming to Sabula, in 1873, following farming, and also serving as a traveling salesman for eight years. During the dark days of the Rebellion he enlisted in Allegany county, in 1864, in Company B, 189th N. Y. V. I., for one year or during the war, and was mustered in at Elmira, N. Y., where his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battle of Petersburg, the Mine explosion, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher’s Run, Five Forks, Appomattox, Lewis Farm, White Oak Road, and in all the engagements of the campaign of 1864–65. When hostilities had ceased, he was honorably discharged at Elmira, N. Y., June 16, 1865, and returned home.

In 1873 Mr. Cole was married, in Sabula, to Miss Emma Bowersox, a native of Clearfield county, of which her father, George Bowersox, was one of the pioneers, having located in Union township at a very early day. Five children were born to this union: Clyde, Ralph, George, Herbert and Ruth, the latter two being deceased. In his political affiliations Mr. Cole is a staunch Republican; socially he is connected with the Grand Army Post, No. 229, Du Bois, and with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Sabula. He is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, one who takes a deep and commendable interest in the welfare of his town and county, and cheerfully gives his aid to all worthy objects for the good of the community.
JOHN STONE, a prominent agriculturist of Boggs township, Clearfield county, is a man whose history is of special interest, not only on account of his own work and worth, but because of his father, Alexander Stone, who was one of the leading pioneers of this section.

He was born in England and came to this country in early manhood, locating in Clearfield county, where he was married a few years later to Miss Mary Kephart, daughter of Andrew Kephart, an early settler of Boggs township, and a farmer by occupation. Mr. Stone purchased the tract of land upon which our subject now resides, and began to improve it, building, in 1820, the first hotel in that part of the county. The place lay on the Philadelphia and Erie pike, near Big Clearfield creek, and the conditions being favorable, Mr. Stone laid out a village named Stoneville. This prospered for a time and contained two hotels, several good stores and about fifteen houses; but when railroads were run through the county the prospects of further growth failed, and most of the inhabitants moved away. Mr. Stone owned large tracts of timber land, and was extensively engaged in lumbering, his products being rafted to market. He was a Democrat in politics, and took an active interest in all public affairs, his ability and force of character giving him great influence. He died in the fall of 1836; his wife, who was a consistent and devout member of the United Brethren Church, survived him many years, dying in April, 1895; she had married a second husband, by name John Miller. Mr. Stone had two brothers, Jesse and Jad, who joined him here at an early day, and both made their homes in Clearfield county. Our subject was the youngest of four children who lived to adult age, three others having died in childhood: Elizabeth married D. H. Dungan, a carpenter, who now resides at Coalport; Jane married John Blair, a cabinet maker, who now resides at Dubois; Mary A. married P. Goliher, a merchant, lumberman and farmer.

John Stone was born at the homestead, August 21, 1845, and grew to manhood there, his education being limited to an attendance at the local schools. When he was eleven years old his father died, and his mother conducted the estate until her second marriage, when Mr. Miller was in charge for some time. In accordance with the English custom, our subject, as the only son, inherited the farm, and on attaining his majority he took possession, and has since been engaged in its management. He has made many improvements, clearing it and adding two adjoining farms, which are both under excellent cultivation. Since Stoneville was deserted he has bought some of the lots and houses of the village and incorporated them into the estate. Lumbering occupied his attention for some time, and he rafted many thousand feet of square timber and saw logs to market, but he now devotes his energies to farming and stock raising.

In 1865, Mr. Stone married Miss Josephine Lumadue, a member of one of the pioneer families of Clearfield county. Her grandfather, William Lumadue, settled there, and conducted a hotel on the pike, known as the "Lumadue House," which was in high favor with travelers in the early times. Her father, William Lumadue, was born in Clearfield county, and is still an honored resident of Lawrence township, where for many years he followed agriculture. Mrs. Josephine Stone was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her death, in November, 1875, caused sincere and widespread mourning. She left five children, namely: Alexander, a tanner at Penfield; William, who is engaged in railroad at McKee's Rocks, Penn.; Franklin J., a miner; Earl, an employee of the hospital at Warren; and Harry, who is engaged in a steam laundry at Pittsburg.

In 1879, Mr. Stone formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Emily Odell, who was born in Clearfield. Her father, John Odell, was a native of Maryland, and was married at Hollidaysburg, Penn., to Mrs. Sarah Woomer. He made his home in Clearfield county, and engaged in various pursuits for which his excellent education fitted him—teaching school, clerking in stores and bookkeeping. He died August 4, 1891. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, but his wife, who survives him, is a Lutheran. They had seven children, of whom two died in childhood: the others are: Agnes, Ella, Jennie, Cordie and Emily (Mrs. Stone). By this second marriage, Mr. Stone had three children: Sybil, Ara and John, who are all at home. Mrs. Stone is a member of the Church of God. In local affairs, Mr. Stone has always taken an influential part. He is a Democrat politically, and has held some township offices, but his ambition does not lie in the direction of public life.

JOHN SHEESER. This gentleman, who is a general farmer pursuing his pleasant and profitable occupation in Union township, Clearfield county, is a native of Juniata county, Penn., whence, when a year and a half old, he was brought to Clearfield county by his parents. John and Regina Sheeser, who were Germans by birth.
The father was born in 1801, and in 1836 came to the New World. He was first employed on the construction of the Catawissa railroad, and in 1846 came to Union township, Clearfield county, where he cleared and opened a farm in the midst of a forest. There his death occurred in 1875. He took quite a prominent part in the affairs of the township, and was widely and favorably known throughout the community. His faithful wife, who died in 1888, shared with him in the hardships and trials of frontier life, and encouraged and aided him in his work.

Three children were born to this worthy couple: (1) Philip remained upon the home farm until he had reached man's estate, and then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked in Union township for a few years, but after his marriage he went to the city of Clearfield, where he was similarly employed for a time. He next took up his residence in St. Mary's, Penn., but since 1876 has made his home in West Virginia, where he continues to follow carpentering and building. He married Miss Barbara Emmet, of St. Mary's, whose father was one of the early settlers of that place, and to them were born eight children, four of whom are still living. (2) John, of this sketch, is next in order of birth. (3) Barbara, who was born in Juniata county, lived with her parents upon the old homestead until her marriage, becoming the wife of Michael Hubert in 1863. His death occurred in April, 1896, and her death in October, 1896.

The boyhood and youth of John Sheeser were passed upon the farm where he still resides, and to its cultivation and improvement he now devotes his entire time and attention with most gratifying results. In Brady township, Clearfield county, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Dush, and to them have been born six children: Mary J. Sheridan, Joseph M. and Grace, all at home; Cecelia, deceased; and Ambrose, at home. Politically, Mr. Sheeser is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, has always taken an active interest in local affairs, and capably served as school director eight years, and overseer of the poor three years. He is a lifelong and active member of the Catholic Church, and a most highly respected and valued citizen of the community.

A W. COWDER, a progressive and successful agriculturist of Bradford township, Clearfield county, owning a fine farm near Shiloh, is a native of that locality and a descendant of one of its pioneer families. His parents were both born in Lancaster county, Penn., his father, John Cowder, on April 12, 1805, and his mother, Sarah (Kidder), November 24, 1812.

They were married there, and in 1840 moved to Bradford township, Clearfield county, traveling by team. They bought a partially-improved farm, and made their home there until 1851, when they settled upon the present homestead. The estate contained 404 acres, and although no buildings stood upon it at the time of its purchase, some clearing had been done. John Cowder gave much care and effort to its improvement, and under its management it became one of the best farms of the neighborhood. He was prominent in local affairs, held various offices, and was regarded as a leader in the Democratic party in the vicinity. He died in 1882, and his wife passed away in 1893, aged eighty-one years.

This honored couple had ten children, namely: Elizabeth (Mrs. John Gearhart), who died in Bradford township in 1889; Susan (Mrs. Wetzel), who died in Bradford in 1876; S. K., a resident of Bradford township; Mrs. David Hitchings, of Bradford township; John C., of Philipsburg, Penn.; Sarah (Mrs. Henry Smeal), of Bradford township; Mrs. Robert Graham, of the same township; A. W., our subject; Mary (Mrs. Peters), of Lawrence township; and Emily, who died when eight months old.

Mr. Cowder, the subject of this review, was born in 1850, and was reared in Bradford township, receiving his education in the Shiloh district school. He engaged in farming and lumbering in early manhood, and has always lived at the old home. In 1882 he purchased a portion of it, and now owns 251 acres, 123 of which are in a high state of cultivation. The land is adapted to general crops, and Mr. Cowder makes no specialties. His ability as a business man is shown in the management of his farm, and he has also done much to advance the interests of the community, the cause of education receiving effective support from him as president of the township school board. He has held other offices, including that of township auditor, and is an influential worker in the Democratic organization.

In 1873, Mr. Cowder was married in Bradford township to Miss Almira Wilson, a native of the township, and a daughter of John and Jane (Kline) Wilson, both deceased. Seven children were born of this union, of whom two have passed to the other world, Oscar at the age of seven years, and Wilson when three years old; the others are Ralph, Agnes, Anna, Alvey and Fannie. The mother of this family was called from
earth in 1890, and in 1892 Mr. Cowder was wedded in Bradford township to his present wife, Lizzie, daughter of Pickup and Sarah Briggs, both deceased. She was born in England and came to America with her parents, who settled in Philipsburg, Penn., and she had been twice married, first to the late Albert Holt, and second to J. H. Slincy, who died in 1889. By the first marriage there were two sons, Edward and Benton, and by the second she had one daughter, Matie. The family attend the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. and Mrs. Cowder are leading members.

J O H N W. N E L S O N. Numbered among the enterprising citizens of Clearfield county is this gentleman, who was born on his present farm in Goshen township, July 18, 1852. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Vannette) Nelson, were both natives of Potter county, Penn. The father was born August 4, 1804, a son of David Nelson, who, with two brothers, came from Ireland in early life. He was reared and married in Dauphin county, Penn., and removed to the forests of Potter county during its pioneer days. He there carried on coopering, hunting and trapping, and subsequently went to Clinton county. His last days were passed in Cameron county, where he died at the age of eighty-seven. His family included these children: John, Catherine, William, Seth, Joseph, Henry, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, James, Nancy and David, all of whom were married and reared families of their own.

John Nelson, father of our subject, was married in Potter county, and in 1847 came to Clearfield county, where he located a tract of 150 acres of wild land. As time passed he transformed this property into a good farm and made his home thereon until his death, March 10, 1878. In connection with farming he also engaged in lumbering, hunting and trapping, and was an industrious, upright man. In politics he was a Democrat, and served three terms as justice of the peace, but never sought public office. He was of English descent and his wife was of Dutch lineage, her ancestry locating first in Vermont, whence they came to Pennsylvania. Her religious faith was in harmony with the principles of Methodism. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson had five children: Lizzie, of Goshen township; Mary A., wife of Jacob Graham of Scott county, Iowa; Hezekiah M., of Minnesota; Aurilla J., wife of R. E. Smith, of Tama county, Iowa; and John W.

Mr. Nelson, the subject of this review, was reared on the farm which is now his home, and to a limited extent attended the common schools; but his education has been largely self-acquired, and he is now one of the best read men in the township. He has always engaged in farming and in work in the lumber woods. After the death of his father, he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the home farm. In 1888 he bought one thousand acres of land in Cameron county, where for three years he engaged in lumbering with excellent success. He then sold and returned to the old home farm, where he now resides. He is a scientific farmer, applying his broad knowledge to his practical business life. He has a sugar orchard, and also has quite an extensive apiary. Of his farm of one hundred and twenty acres, seventy are under a high state of cultivation, a good orchard yields its fruit in season, and the improvements upon the place are all in keeping with a model farm. He also has one hundred and eighteen acres of coal land adjoining his other property, and the mines are now being worked.

Mr. Nelson married Miss Nancy E. Jordan, who was born in Cameron county, Penn., September 1, 1865, a daughter of N. D. and Sallie (Miller) Jordan. Her parents had eight daughters, namely: Mary C., Alice L., Martha A., Florence, Nancy E., Ethel M., Nora E., and Ora A. Five of this number are married. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson had a family of seven children, three of whom died in infancy; those still living are Stella A., Ethel M., Edna L. and Andrew D. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are members of the Methodist Church, and take a very active part in its work. He has served as trustee and class leader, and is superintendent of the Sunday-school. He belongs to the Centre County Mutual Insurance Co., to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, to the American Protective Association, and to the P. O. S. of A. He first voted the Republican ticket, afterward affiliated with the Prohibition party for twelve years, and is now identified with the Reformatory. He is well versed on public questions and issues, and has written many articles on the silver question. He has been a lecturer for the County Grange for several years, and is secretary of the Agricultural Society of Clearfield county. During the campaign of 1890 he was called upon by the county committee to make speeches, and was sent to different parts of the county for that purpose. He was very highly complimented for his work.

J A M E S A. WATSON, whose long identification with the agricultural interests in this section of Pennsylvania, has made him widely known, and whose well-spent life has won
him high regard, was born in Half Moon Valley, Centre county, in 1843, a son of William and Catherine (Griffen) Watson.

William Watson, father of our subject, was born in Penn Valley, Centre county, learned the trades of shoemaking and plastering, and followed both occupations. He was married in Half Moon Valley, in 1842, and in 1847 came to Clearfield county, locating in Paradise, Lawrence township, where he followed his trade. He afterward located near Woodland, where he died about 1858. His widow was afterward married in Bradford to Thomas Holt, a pioneer of the township, now deceased. Mrs. Holt is still living, her home being near Bigler. By the first marriage she had six children: James A.; Samuel, who enlisted in 1862, in the 84th P. V. I., served until the close of the war, and died at Alexandria, Va.; Mrs. Jane Hemphill, of Bradford township; Mrs. Margaret Harris; Mrs. Mary Ellen Watson, of Bedford county, Penn.; and Lewis L., a farmer of Bradford township. By the second marriage there were two children: Frank, of McKean county, and Robert, who died in Bradford township, in 1884.

James A. Watson was about two years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county. At the age of ten he went to Centre county, where he remained for about five years, then returned to Bradford township. His energies have always been devoted to agricultural pursuits and lumbering. He has resided at his present home since 1873, and has a well-improved farm, carefully and systematically cultivated and supplied with all modern accessories and conveniences. In 1869 he was married in Bradford township to Emma Graham, who was born in that locality, and children as follows have graced their union: William (who died in 1873), Read (who died in 1874), Charles, Arthur, Minnie, Zanna, Ray and Frank.

William Graham, the father of Mrs. Watson, was a native of Bradford township, as was also his father, John Graham. While his grandfather, Robert Graham, was born in Pennsylvania, of Irish ancestry, and was the first settler of Bradford township, living on what is now the Livingston farm. He died there about 1826. John Graham was reared in his parents' home, and was married in his native township to Eva Suthers, who was born in Clearfield county, where her father located in pioneer days, on the farm of Robert Graham. William Graham was also reared in Bradford township, and married Miss Susie Knepp, a native of Juniata county, Penn., and a daughter of John Knepp. They began their domestic life on a farm, where they lived for many years. The father died in 1882, but the mother is still living in Bradford township. They had two sons and five daughters: Mrs. Hannah Knepp, of Missouri; Caroline, now deceased; Mrs. Polly Mayhew; Mrs. Eva Williams, of Bigler; Mrs. Watson; Harry, who resides in Bradford township; and Wesley, who died in the same township.

JOHN D. ALBERT, the well-known proprietor of the Cloverdale dairy farm, Decatur township, Clearfield county, was born in that township, in 1847, a son of James and Rebecca (Litz) Albert. The birth of the father also occurred in Clearfield county, while his parents, Adam and Nancy (Lutz) Albert, were natives of Germany and Lancaster Co., Penn., respectively. At an early day the grandfather removed to Rush township, Centre Co., Penn., where he served as bookkeeper for Hardman Philips, and also engaged in teaching. He continued to follow that profession after his removal to Boggs township. Clearfield county, but on locating in Decatur township he cleared and opened up a farm, upon which his death occurred. His wife had died while a resident of Boggs township.

To Adam and Nancy Albert were born eight children, who reached adult age, namely: Adam. Peter and John, all of whom died in Decatur township; James, the father of our subject; William, who was for many years a member of the firm of Albert Brothers, at Woodland, Clearfield county, and died in Lancaster Co., Penn., in 1889; Edward, who died in Boggs township, in 1896; Daniel, who died in Houtzdale, Clearfield county, in 1879; George, who died in Woodland, in 1889; Henry, who is still a resident of Boggs township; and Elizabeth, who died in 1861 or '62.

James Albert passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Decatur township, where he attended the district schools when his services were not needed on the home farm. In 1846, in partnership with his brother, William, under the firm name of Albert Brothers, he erected the first gristmill in Decatur township, which they operated for ten years. On disposing of that property they purchased the Hukstall mill, in Woodland, and were numbered among the most extensive lumbermen in this section of the State. After residing in Woodland from 1855 until 1859, James Albert returned to Decatur township, where his death occurred in 1868. Upon the old farm his widow still resides. She is a native of Boggs township, and a daughter of Rudolph Litz, who was one of its earliest pioneers.

These children graced the union of the parents
of our subject: Elizabeth, now the wife of John Kunk; William, a resident of Allegheny county, Penn.; John D., of this review; one who died in infancy; Rudolph, a resident of Du Bois, Clearfield county; James E., who operates the old home farm; Philena, who became the wife of D. B. Water, and died in Cambria county, Penn., in February, 1894; Sophia, who died in 1880; Gertrude, wife of Martin V. Wesley, of Peale, Clearfield county; Hardman, who makes his home in Decatur township; and Henry Alvin, who is living at Osceola Mills.

Like most farmer boys, John D. Albert spent the days of his boyhood and youth, aiding in the cultivation of the land and attending the local schools. On embarking in business for himself he chose the occupation to which he had been reared, and in 1875 purchased a tract of eighty-nine acres of timberland, which he had cleared and converted into one of the most desirable farms of Decatur township. The place is not only well improved with excellent buildings, but is supplied with all the conveniences and accessories found upon a model farm of the 19th century. In connection with general farming, he is also successfully engaged in dairying, which branch of business he established in 1892.

In Bellefonte, Centre county, Mr. Albert was married, in 1875, to Miss Mary Irvin, who was born at Centre Furnace, that county. They became the parents of six children, three of whom are yet living, namely: Roland Edgar, Anna Myrtle and Edna Rose. Of these Roland Edgar received his education in the Philipsburg High School, after which he began teaching school in Decatur township at the age of seventeen, and taught three terms in the same district. Last year he passed Mail Civil Service examination, receiving 89½ marks.

Mr. Albert uses his right of franchise in support of the principles of the Republican party, and takes quite an active interest in political affairs. He is an enterprising, public-spirited citizen, who does all within his power to advance the welfare of his township and county, and to all worthy enterprises is a cheerful and liberal contributor. By his courteous, genial manner he has made many warm friends throughout the community, and enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know him.

JOHN REITER, an energetic and substantial farmer and lumberman of Brady township, Clearfield county, is a son of John and Christina (Hess) Reiter, who were early settlers and prominent residents of Jefferson county, Penn. The father, who was a German by birth, located in Pittsburg in 1838, but in 1840 took up his residence in Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he purchased 300 acres of timberland, which he cleared and converted into a good farm, making it his home until his death in 1884. His wife passed away at the same place in 1865. They had ten children, all of whom married, and reared families of their own: (1) Elizabeth (the eldest) wedded J. P. Scheyer, a native of Germany, and they live in Wright county, Minn. (2) Christina is the wife of Adam Lott, a farmer of Henderson township, Jefferson county. (3) Magdalena married P. W. Muth, of Jefferson county, where they lived upon a farm until their death in 1896. (4) George, an agriculturist of Henderson township, Jefferson county, married Caroline Buchite, of that county. (5) Daniel married a Miss Gillespie, of West Virginia, and they reside in that State, where he is engaged in lumbering. (6) Henry B., a miner and farmer of Jefferson county, married Sallie Buhied. (7) Mary L., of Jefferson county, is the widow of Charles Muth, who died in April, 1894, leaving ten children. (8) A. J. married Annie Hawg, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and now lives in Oklahoma. (9) August wedded a Miss Miller, of Big Run, Jefferson county, and lives in Du Bois, where he owns considerable real estate. (10) John is our subject.

John Reiter, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in 1840 on the old homestead in Jefferson county, and was there reared to manhood, receiving a very limited education. He helped to erect the school house wherein he began his literary training. Early becoming familiar with lumbering and farming, he has since devoted his time and attention mainly to those pursuits, and has met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings. After his marriage he bought seventy-five acres of land in Brady township, Clearfield county, and later fifty-five acres in Bell township, which adjoins the former tract. He now has ninety acres cleared and under a high state of cultivation, and the improvements are first-class in every particular. His large barn was erected in 1875, and his pleasant, two-story residence in 1889.

In 1866 Mr. Reiter was married to Miss Ernestina, daughter of Charles Muth, a substantial agriculturist of Jefferson county, and to them have been born seven children: C. D., who is now successfully engaged in teaching in Wilkes Barre, Penn.; and S. O., F. P., Clara M., Aaron M., Emma R. and George J., all at home. The family is one of prominence in the community, and holds membership in the Reformed Church.
Politically, Mr. Reiter adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, and he has filled the office of school director in his district. He is a self-made man in the fullest sense of that oft-misused term, his prosperity being due to his industry and integrity. His life is a living illustration of what ability, energy and force of character can accomplish, and it is to such men that the community owes its prosperity, its rapid progress and its advancement.

B F. HARLEY, a representative and leading farmer of Union township, Clearfield county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1850, in Limestone township, Clarion county, and is a son of B. F. and Elizabeth (Lines) Harley.

The father of our subject was born in Falkirk, Scotland, in 1810, a son of James Harley, who spent his entire life in that country. On attaining his majority, the father set out for America, sailing from Glasgow in 1831, and arriving at Castle Garden, New York, after a voyage of eight weeks. Proceeding to the West, he engaged in steamboating on the Mississippi river for some time, and also worked at the molder's trade in New Orleans, making the cornice for the Custom house in the "Crescent City." In 1840 he located in Clarion county, Penn., where he erected a foundry and woolen-factory, which he operated for a number of years, and then removed to Strattonville, where for a year he worked at the molder's trade. On coming to Clearfield county, in 1857, he obtained employment in the foundry of David Litz, and continued to work at his trade until 1868. In the meantime, however, he had located upon a farm in Union township, in 1862, taking up his residence at the present home of our subject, and there his death occurred in 1888.

In Clearfield county B. F. Harley, Sr., was married to Miss Elizabeth Lines, a native of Brady township, and a daughter of Joseph L. Lines, one of the honored pioneers of the county. They became the parents of children as follows: Elizabeth, wife of E. H. Wringle, of Sabula, Penn.; James A., a resident of Iowa; J. L., of Nebraska; Mrs. Catharine Karns, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Dean, of Huston township, same county; and B. F., of this sketch. The mother departed this life in Clarion county.

At the age of nine years our subject accompanied his parents to Union township, Clearfield county, and has there since made his home, owning a fine farm of 150 acres under a high state of cultivation, and improved with substantial farm buildings, which stand as a monument to the thrift and enterprise of the owner. In 1871, in Potter township, Centre Co., Penn., he was married to Miss Mary J. Heckendorn, a native of that county, and a daughter of John and Martha (Cooper) Heckendorn, who were early pioneers of this section of the State, but in 1872 removed to Webster county, Mo., where both died. Three children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harley: Grace Ella, Mabel Irene and Charles Colby.

Mr. Harley is a Republican, and has served his fellow citizens in a number of local official positions, including that of secretary of the school board, which he filled for five years. Socially he is a member of Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, F. & A. M., and a charter member of Rockton Lodge, No. 331, K. P. He is a valued member of the community, and a worthy representative of an honored and respected family of Union township, with whose interests he has now been prominently identified for over a third of a century.

D H. WARING, a representative and leading farmer of Morris township, is a fair specimen of the sturdy agriculturists who have so largely assisted in the development of Clearfield county, and who are drawing from the soil the important elements of their future fortune. In connection with general farming he is also successfully engaged in lumbering, and is recognized as one of the most enterprising, energetic and industrious men of the community.

On the old homestead in Morris township Mr. Waring was born September 1, 1850, a son of Samuel and Susan (Shimel) Waring, who were early pioneers of the township. In the district schools of the neighborhood he began his literary education, but supplemented the knowledge there acquired by a course in the Pine Grove Academy. At the age of eighteen he left the school room, and began his business career as a farmer and lumberman. After his marriage he purchased one hundred acres of partially-improved land, known as the Joseph Rothrock farm, and at once began its further development and cultivation. It is supplied with all the conveniences and accessories which go to make up a model farm of the nineteenth century, and stands as a monument to the thrift and enterprise of its owner.

Mr. Waring married Miss Sarah C. Hicks, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, and they have eight children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Millie, January 15, 1877; Lizzie, April 16, 1878; Susan, February 3, 1880; Eliza, November 11, 1881; Margery, October 27, 1884; Alfred C., August 4, 1886; Thomas
H., August 16, 1888; and Emma Pearl, September 13, 1891. At the age of seventeen years Millie began teaching, and is now teaching her fourth term, while Lizzie is also following that profession.

The Democratic party always finds in Mr. Waring an earnest advocate, and he has been called upon to serve in several official positions of honor and trust, being school director, auditor, assessor and collector. He has also been district treasurer four terms, and on November 3, 1896, was elected county commissioner of Clearfield county, being the only Democrat elected in the county, which fact plainly indicates his popularity and the confidence and trust his fellow citizens reposes in him. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this section, is widely and favorably known, and has a host of warm personal friends throughout the community. With the Methodist Episcopal Church of Morrisdale Mines his wife holds membership.

LEVI SPICHER, an influential member of the agricultural community of Union township, Clearfield county, has since 1880 resided upon his present farm, which he has cleared, improved and cultivated until it is now one of the most desirable places in the community. The fields are well tilled, the buildings of a substantial character, the whole place indicating the thrift and enterprise of the owner. Mr. Spicher is a native of Indiana county, Penn., and since coming to Clearfield county has, in connection with his agricultural pursuits, successfully engaged in lumbering.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in Germany, and on crossing the Atlantic to this country located in Somerset county, Penn., where he spent the remainder of his life. In that county was born Samuel Spicher, the father of our subject, who later in life made his home upon a farm in Indiana county. He was united in marriage with Mary Magdalene Burkey, a native of Armstrong county, this State, and they became the parents of children, as follows: Peter, who resides on the old homestead in Indiana county, married a Miss Decker, and has seven children; John, also a farmer, married Miss Gardner, and has four children; Daniel, a farmer of Indiana county, married Miss Gardner, by whom he had five children, and after her death wedded Miss O'Harrow, of Indiana county, by whom he has four children; George, who engaged in the manufacture of lumber in Indiana county, married Miss Elizabeth Brink, by whom he had ten children, but is now deceased; Samuel, an agriculturist of Indiana county, married Miss Annie Wire, and has six children; Mattie married George Rairigh, a farmer, and they became the parents of several children, but both are now deceased; Elizabeth married William Gardner, a farmer, and to them were born three children, of whom one is now living; Caroline married James Dunlap, an agriculturist, and they have nine children; Barbara was drowned when four years of age; and Levi completes the family.

Levi Spicher was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, early becoming familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His present farm, which he purchased of John Brubaker, comprises fifty acres of valuable land, which he has cleared with his own hands and placed under a high state of cultivation. He has been ably assisted in his work, however, by his excellent wife, who has indeed proved a worthy helpmate. In 1885 he had the misfortune to lose his right hand in a separator while threshing, but has now become very proficient in the use of the other, and is able to do almost any kind of work about his place.

Mr. Spicher married Miss Mary A. Brillheart, a daughter of Jacob Brillheart, of Indiana county, and to them were born eight children, as follows: W. A., who married Miss Annie Smith, and assists his father in the operation of the farm; Almina Florence, who married Joseph Himmel, and they live on a farm on Anderson creek; Charlie B. (aged eighteen), J. C., Glenn L., Elsie, John and Carrie are all at home. The family is widely and favorably known throughout the community, and the parents and two of the children are faithful members of the German Brethren Church. Mr. Spicher uses his right of franchise in support of Republican principles, and has held the offices of inspector of elections, supervisor and school director for three terms. He is one of the representative men of the community, whose sterling worth is widely recognized.

JOSEPH H. BARGER, one of the practical and progressive farmers of Bradford township, Clearfield county, and sergeant of Company K, 84th P. V. I., having been promoted to that rank in 1864, was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, in 1824.

His parents, Isaac and Margaret (Herman) Barger, were natives of Union county, Penn., and locating in Bradford township at an early day the father opened up a farm, which he continued to cultivate until his death.

The subject of this sketch was reared in his
native township, and is indebted to its district schools for his educational privileges. In 1861 he entered the Union army, enlisting in Bradford as a member of Company K, 84th P. V. I., for three years. The regiment was mustered in at Harrisburg, and attached to the Army of the Potomac. In 1864, when the term of his first enlistment expired, he was re-enlisted, and continued at the front till the close of the war; in that year he was promoted to sergeant. With his command he participated in the following battles: Winchester, Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, Locust Grove, Bull Run (second), Chancellorsville, Spotsylvania C. H., Gettysburg, Mine Run, Fredericksburg, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, Poplar Spring Church, and Hatcher's Run (first and second). At the battle of Chancellorsville he was taken prisoner, and was confined in Libby Prison, Richmond. At the battle of Cold Harbor he received a gunshot wound, and was confined in McClellan hospital, at Philadelphia. He participated in the grand review in Washington, D. C., and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, June 29, 1865.

At the close of the war, Mr. Barger returned home, and on September 25, 1865, was married in Bradford to Miss Hannah E. Taylor, a native of that place, and a daughter of William S. and Catharine (Kyler) Taylor, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Bradford. To this union have been born four children: Winfield Scott and William H., who are married and reside in Woodland; Grant, who is married and resides in Lawrence township; and Mrs. Margaret Livergood, of Woodland. Mr. Barger is a member of Lamar Post, No. 179, G. A. R. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and is now serving as constable and tax collector. He was also census enumerator in 1890, but the greater part of his time and attention are given to his farming interests. In all life’s relations he has been true and upright, manifesting the same loyalty to duty that characterized his career when on Southern battle fields he followed the old flag to victory.

ARON C. FLEGAL is a prominent representative young farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, and belongs to a family that has long been identified with the agricultural interests of central Pennsylvania.

David Flegal, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Centre township and became an early settler of Morris township, Clearfield county, where he purchased one hundred acres of wild land, which he converted into a fine farm, and thereon reared his family of fourteen children, namely: (1) Valentine, a resident of Boggs township, Clearfield county, has a family of eight children. (2) Martin, a farmer of Blue Ball, Clearfield county, has a family of three children. (3) David, who was for many years a farmer of Morris township, but now lives in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., reared a family of eight children. (4) John died when about four years old. (5) Jacob, a resident of Muskingum county, Ohio, reared a family of eight children. (6) Vincent, also a resident of Muskingum county, Ohio, reared a family of five children. (7) Hetty, wife of Peter Gearhart, of the same place, had no children. (8) Nancy, wife of Jeremiah Smeal, a farmer of Blue Ball, Clearfield county, reared a family of seven children. (9) Lydia, wife of Miles Pelton, a farmer of Morris township, Clearfield county, reared a family of ten children. (10) Rachael, wife of James Cathcart, a farmer living near New Millport, Clearfield county, reared a family of five children. (11) Ellen, wife of Samuel Smeal, a farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, reared a family of eleven children. (12) Matilda, wife of Washington Kephart, a farmer of Decatur township, Clearfield county, reared a family of thirteen children. (13) Mary, wife of William Rothrack, a farmer of Morris township, Clearfield county, but now a resident of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., raised a family of seven children. (14) Samuel, the father of our subject, who was born on the homestead in Morris township, and after starting out in life for himself purchased 107 acres of timber land in Graham township, which he immediately commenced to clear and improve. He continued to reside thereon until his death, which occurred January 23, 1895, being run over by a coal train near his own home. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah A. Smeal, survived him six years, dying January 23, 1895.

Our subject is one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Jerome, who engages in carpentering in West Clearfield, Penn., married Maggie Kellock, of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn.; Mahlon, a farmer of Graham township, married Lizzie Wymer, and has two children; Joanna is the wife of T. M. McKelvy, a farmer of Bradford township, Clearfield county, by whom she has five children; Lucetta is the wife of Israel Rue, a laborer of Graham township, by whom she has one child; Irena is the wife of Daniel Smith, a miner of Morris township, by whom she has seven children; and Elvina, wife of W. B. McGuire, a teamster of Allport, Clearfield county, by whom she has three children.
Mr. Flegal, of this sketch, was born in 1858, upon the old homestead in Graham township, where he still resides, and was educated in the schools of the neighborhood. He has a comfortable residence, flanked with a good barn and the various other outbuildings required by the progressive agriculturist. As a tiler of the soil he is thorough and skillful, and has been uniformly fortunate in his investments. He married Miss Maggie Phillips, of Decatur township, Clearfield county, who is one of the thirteen children born to D. H. and Nancy (Shimmel) Phillips, farming people of that township. Our subject and his wife have a son, Harry Kester, at this writing some eighteen months old. The parents are both earnest members of the United Brethren Church, and are classed among the representative citizens of the community. Mr. Flegal has always given his unwavering support to the Democratic party, and for the past five years has faithfully discharged the duties of justice of the peace, proving a most popular official. His upright life and integrity have gained for him the confidence and esteem of his neighbors, and the friendship of all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

PERRY ARTHURS, who is well-known throughout Clearfield county, where he has spent his entire life, is now one of the progressive and successful farmers of Greenwood township, his residence being in the village of Bell's Landing. He was born July 29, 1852, in Lumber City, was educated in the common schools of the county, and was reared to the pursuits of farming and lumbering.

A son of James and Elizabeth (Hile) Arthurs, our subject is descended from two prominent early families of this section of the State. His paternal grandfather, John Arthurs, was a resident of Clarion county, and the maternal grandfather, Henry Hile, came, in 1840, from Northumberland county to Clearfield county, where his death occurred many years ago; his widow subsequently moved to Missouri. James Arthurs was born and reared in Clarion county, and in early life followed the carpenter's trade, but later turned his attention to farming and lumbering. For one year he conducted a hotel in Lumber City. In the spring of 1868 he removed to Grampian Hills, where he had purchased a farm of Joseph Spencer, and in 1883 he came to Bell's Landing, where he has since resided, now living retired from active labor at the age of seventy-two, while his wife, who still survives, is now seventy. Politically, he is an ardent Republican, an active interest in all public affairs, and he has acceptably filled a number of local offices, including that of Burgess of Lumber City. Mrs. Arthurs has for forty years been a faithful member of the Methodist Church. They had a family of seven children, namely: Perry; Clark W.; Minerva, wife of W. S. Bell; Joanna, wife of Eli Miller; Arminta, wife of J. T. Shanafelt; Naomi, wife of A. B. Wissinger; and Maud B., who died in August, 1877, at the age of six years.

Until he was twenty-seven years of age, Perry Arthurs remained under the parental roof. Throughout his active business career his principal occupations have been lumbering and farming. In the fall of 1877 he purchased a one-half interest in a two-hundred-acre tract of timber land, and operated on it (together) until October, 1878, when he purchased the other half interest, and assumed full control. He operated on the same until the spring of 1881, when he sold the entire tract of land to John R. Burgoon; also operated rented land for two years, until the fall of 1881, when he removed to Bell's Landing, purchased two lots, and erected a pleasant residence. He also bought a tract of timber-land near the village, on which he has since engaged in lumbering, and has also developed a farm from game land, having eighty acres, thirty-five of which are now cleared, and under a high state of cultivation. A good orchard has also been set out, and many other improvements made to the place. Besides this property he owns twenty-seven acres of coal and mineral lands, and his comfortable residence in Bells Landing. In October, 1879, he was married to Miss Hannah E. Wall, who was born at Grampian Hills, Clearfield county, July 10, 1860, and is a daughter of Jonathan and Esther (Davis) Wall. Jonathan Wall, Sr., the paternal grandfather, was a native of York county, Penn., and at a very early day came to Clearfield county, penetrating the wilderness, where he opened up and improved a farm, becoming a successful farmer.

Jonathan Wall, Jr., was reared in Clearfield county, where he followed the occupation of farming until 1861, when he sold out, and engaged in merchandising at Grampian, also serving as postmaster of that place for about four years. There he still makes his home, but has now retired from active business life, having reached the age of seventy-three years. Politically sentiment he is a Republican, and in religious faith he is a member of the Hickson Friends Church, to which the mother of Mrs. Arthurs also belonged. She died in 1860, and two years later the father was again married, this time to Mrs. Mary J. Newpher (widow of John
Newpher), who also died, passing away August 31, 1897. By his first union he had five children: Rebecca, now the wife of A. N. Walker; Adeline, wife of E. W. Haburn; Joseph D.; Hannah E., wife of our subject; and N. T., who died in infancy. There is one son by the second marriage, Frank H.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthurs had four interesting children, namely: Inez, Irvin, Bessie (who died in infancy), and Grace Irene. The parents and eldest daughter and son hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the family occupies an enviable position in social circles. Mr. Arthurs is a strong adherent of Republican principles, and on that ticket has been elected to many minor offices, during President Harrison's administration efficiently serving as postmaster at Bell's Landing. He is one of the representative and prominent citizens of the community, having the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact in either business or social life.

JOHN LIPPART. Among the sturdy and energetic farmers of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, who thoroughly understand the vocation which they follow, and consequently are enabled to carry on that calling with profit to themselves, is the subject of this notice. He was born in Lancaster county, Penn., in 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Mary M. (Deller) Lippart, natives of Germany, where they were married. In 1842 they crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first becoming residents of Lancaster county, Penn., later removing to Elk county, Penn., and in 1854 coming to Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where the father first operated rented land, and then purchased a tract of timber land and opened up a farm. In that township he died in 1862; his wife passed away, at Philipsburg, Centre county, in 1888. One of their sons died when the family were crossing the ocean, and the other members of the family are as follows: George is a resident of Lawrence township. Mrs. Catharine Moore died in Clearfield. John is next in order of birth. Nicholas enlisted in Lawrence township, in 1863, in Company K, 157th P. V. I., for one year or until the close of the war, and died in North Carolina in 1865. Mrs. Mary Hassou died in Clearfield in 1880. Mrs. Caroline Erf is a resident of Philipsburg, Penn. Two of the children died in infancy.

John Lippart was about nine years of age when he accompanied the family to Clearfield county, and here he acquired the principal part of his education, attending the Clover Hill school. Although quite young he enlisted October 25, 1861, in Company F, 2nd Penn. Cav, for three years, being mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, and assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in many important battles, including the following: Gettysburg, Antietam, Winchester, Hagerstown, Wilderness, Mine Run, Deep Bottom and Bull Run, most of the time being under Gen. Sheridan. In December, 1863, he veteranized in the same company and regiment for three years or until the close of the war. He experienced all the trials and hardships of army life, was disabled by falling off a horse, and for three months was held a prisoner, being confined in Libby Prison nineteen and a half days of that time before his exchange. He took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C., where he was honorably discharged June 23, 1865, after almost four years of arduous service.

Returning to his home in Clearfield county, Mr. Lippart resumed agricultural pursuits, and cleared and improved twenty-eight acres in Lawrence township. There, in 1868, he married Miss Sophia Jane Hess, a native of Boggs township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of George and Mary (Litz) Hess, who were also born in Pennsylvania, and became early settlers of Boggs township, where they still reside. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lippart: (1) George R., a resident of West Clearfield, married Lillie Robins, and has three children—Frank, Mary and William. (2) Miss Mary Cupp is living at Clearfield. (3) Mrs. Anna Jane Neppin, of Clearfield, has three children—Willie, John and Grace. (4) Frank, an agriculturist, wedded Anna Schrole, and has two children—Charley and Alice. (5) Ed. is the next in order of birth. (6) Mrs. Barbara Ogden is living in Curwensville. (7) Joseph completes the family. The mother of these died in 1884, and in 1896 Mr. Lippart married Miss Emma Boyle, a daughter of George and Clara Jane (Baker) Boyle, and one son, James E., has been born to them.

Mr. Lippart gives his unflattering support to the Republican party, in the success of which he takes great interest. He is a prominent member of Lorimer Post, No. 179, G. A. R., of Clearfield, of which he served as commander, and in all the relations of life he has been as true and faithful as when following the "stars and stripes" on Southern battle fields.

WINFIELD S. BELL, who is classed among the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Greenwood township, belongs to one of
the most honored pioneer families of Clearfield county. At the place where he still lives our subject was born November 11, 1833, a son of David and Margarie (Hoover) Bell. The paternal grandfather was Greenwood Bell, who was also reared there, and the great-grandfather was Arthur Bell, for whom Bell township was named.

In his youth David Bell learned carding in Clarion county, Penn., and in Clearfield county erected the first machine for that purpose in this portion of the State. From his father’s large estate he received a tract of land, on which he erected his woolen-mill and also a gristmill, which he operated in connection with farming. In 1865 he platted the town of Bellville upon his land, and erected thereon a hotel, store building, blacksmith and cabinet shops, besides a number of residences. There he continued to engage in mercantile pursuits throughout the remainder of his life, and also did an extensive lumber business. Progressive and public-spirited, he gave his support to all worthy enterprises for the good of the community, and was widely and favorably known. As a pronounced Republican, he took quite an active interest in political affairs, but would never allow his name to be used for any office that would take him away from home. For a number of years, however, he served as justice of the peace, and during that time performed many marriage ceremonies. He enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him, and was recognized as one of the most influential and valued citizens of the community.

To the parents of our subject were born four children: Mary E., who became the wife of F. I. Thompson, but is now deceased; Martha J., who died at the age of eleven; Winfield Scott; and Thomas J., now a resident of Bellville. The mother died in 1860. She was a daughter of Joseph Hoover, an honored pioneer farmer and great hunter, of Clearfield county. For his second wife, Mr. Bell wedded Miss Clementine Hoover, a niece of his first wife and a daughter of Luther Hoover, an agriculturist. By this union there were three children: Harry G., Bert and David F. The father died in 1875; his widow has since become the wife of Jesse Kester.

The educational advantages of Winfield S. Bell were such as the country schools afforded, and his business training was received upon the home farm and in the lumber woods, where he early learned industrious habits. Until his marriage he remained with his father, working in the store or assisting in his other business enterprises. After marriage he located in Bellville, and for a time engaged in farming and lumbering, and later conducted a store, dealt in stock and was interested in other speculations. He now gives his principal attention to agricultural pursuits and milling, having erected a good mill at Bellville, in 1896, which he has since successfully operated. From his father’s estate he received seventy acres in Bellville, to which he has added seventeen acres. He has cleared forty-five acres, which he has improved with excellent buildings, including a two-story residence, where he is now living. He also has another highly-improved farm, and from both places has removed the stumps.

In 1874, Mr. Bell was married to Miss Minerva Arthurs, a daughter of James Arthurs, one of the early settlers of Clearfield county, coming from Clarion county, Penn., and is now residing in Bellville, at the age of sixty-eight. For many years he was actively engaged in farming, hotel keeping and lumbering, and in politics he is a strong Republican. In his family are seven children: Perry, Minerva, Clark, Nannie, Mintie, Naomi and Maud. Both parents are still living. Seven children have been born to our subject and his estimable wife, namely: Frances M., who died at the age of five years; and Minnie, Beulah, Maud, Stanley, James and Daisy B., all at home. Mrs. Bell is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In his political affiliations, Mr. Bell was formerly a Democrat, but is now an ardent Prohibitionist. His pleasant, genial manners have gained him a host of warm personal friends, and he enjoys the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact, either in business or social life. About two years ago, by the donation of a fine lot of ground in the village of Bell’s Landing, and also a liberal donation of lumber, Mr. Bell induced the Zion Baptist Church Denomination to build a fine church. In all, our subject donated toward this worthy object about two hundred dollars.

JOSEPH DAVIS, a representative farmer of Clearfield county, is located in Penn township, where he is maintaining his place among the farmers around him, engaging in general farming. He has a farm of 147 acres, which he purchased of Jonathan Wall, and substantial buildings have been erected. He is also interested in lumbering.

A son of Joseph and Rebecca (Moore) Davis, our subject was born June 9, 1836, and was reared on the old home farm. The father, a native of Tyrone, Blair Co., Penn., came to Clearfield county at an early day, and purchased 130 acres, which he cleared of the heavy growth of timber,
and transformed it into a farm, erecting all the buildings thereon. He married Miss Moore, who shared with him all the hardships of pioneer life, and died in 1871. The father departed this life at the age of seventy-eight. To this worthy couple were born ten children, as follows: (1) Lydia became the wife of Garison Johnson, of Penn township, and reared a family; they removed to Grant county, Ind., where Mr. Johnson followed farming. (2) Rachel, who is now about seventy years of age, makes her home with our subject and her brother Elisha. (3) Esther married Jonathan Wall, of Penn township, and resided in Grampian until her death in 1866; her husband still survives her. Their four children are—Mrs. Walker, of Penn township; Adaline, wife of Erastus Hepburn, a resident of Grampian; Joseph D., who married and moved to the West; and Eliza H., wife of Perry Arthurs, a resident of Belleville, Penn. (4) John went West when in manhood, married and settled in Iowa; no children. (5) Eliza married Thomas Cleaver, of Penn township, and they died leaving three children—Frank; James; and a daughter, now deceased. (6) James grew to manhood on the old homestead, and subsequently removed to Indiana, where he was married and reared a family. (7) Mc. died in 1895, leaving a widow and one son. (8) Hannah married Thomas Wall, of Penn township, and they lived on the E. Davis farm until her death, in 1860; her husband was killed by a team at his mill in 1892. They had three children—James; Elisha Milton, deceased; and Sarah Ellen, wife of Clark Norris. (9) Elisha married Katherine Hoover, where they now reside on his farm; their children are as follows: William, who married Miss Kishel, and resides near Troutville, Penn.; Ella, wife of George Kishel, of Troutville; Elias Curtin, married Edith Wagner, and resides near Ramey, Penn.; Lydia, wife of Brack Albert, who lives near Wallace ton, in Clearfield county; Myrtle, wife of Reuben Kester, of Penn township; Nathan, married to Mamie Currier, of Grampian; Pearl and Clare, at home. (10) Abraham enlisted August 25, 1862, in the Union army, during the Civil war, and served as a private in a P. V. I. Regiment, under Capt. McCullough. He was stricken with typhoid fever, and died in 1862 in Columbia hospital at the age of twenty-two.

In 1862, Joseph Davis married Miss Elizabeth Wall, of Penn township, and they became the parents of five children: (1) James Truman resides near Grampian, and follows lumbering; he married Jennie Kester, of Penn township, and they have three children—Alice Elizabeth, Joseph Lewis and Beulah, all at home. (2) Sarah Ann

is the wife of Wilmot Wall, a farmer of Penn township, and they have three children—Joseph E., Lena and Eva M. (3) Mary Alice married Fred Smith, a resident of Grampian, and they have four children—Lizzie, Howard. Lulla and Clair; she died in 1897. (4) Cora is the wife of Bruce Kendal, a farmer of Penn township, by whom she has three children—Lester, Earnest and Raymond. (5) Eva, twin sister of Cora, married Clyde Kendal, and lives at her home, near her parents. In his political affiliations, Mr. Davis is a Republican, but has never cared for official distinction, preferring to give his exclusive attention to his business interests. He and his family are members of the Society of Friends.

JOHN W. LEONARD. Among the citizens of mark in Jordan township, Clearfield county, no one is more worthy of consideration than he whose name here appears. He is a progressive and energetic farmer, and is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most honored pioneer families of the county, who have borne an important part in its upbuilding and development. His grandfather, Joseph Leonard, a native of the North of Ireland, on emigrating to America first located in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, but later came to Clearfield county, where he improved a farm and spent his remaining days. In his family were five children: Jacob, the father of our subject; Robert, who was accidentally killed when in the prime of life; Margaret, Nancy and Mary A., Margaret being the first female white child born in the county.

Jacob Leonard was also a native of Clearfield county, where he spent his entire life, dying in 1850 at the age of forty-six years. He was a lumberman and farmer by occupation, and was a leading and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as class leader for some time. His political support was always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, but he cared nothing for official distinction. He married Miss Margaret, daughter of William and Mary Williams, who were of Welsh descent and honored pioneers of Centre county, Penn., where the father engaged in farming and cooperage. Subsequently he became a prominent farmer and land owner of Clearfield county, was one of the most highly respected men of his community and a leading member of the Baptist Church. His children were as follows: David, Margaret, Jessie, Edmond, John, Catherine, Sophia, Tabitha, William, Mary and Elizabeth. Mrs. Leonard, who was a Methodist in religious
belief, long survived her husband, dying in 1878. She was the mother of four children: Elizabeth, wife of G. I. Miles; Mary E., wife of A. W. Young; Robert, who died in 1892; and John W., of this sketch.

When our subject was only three years old his father died, and the mother took her children to the home of her father; but his death occurred soon afterward, and Mr. Leonard went to live with an uncle in Jordan township, where he was reared to agricultural pursuits and remained until his marriage, obtaining a fair education in the country schools.

In February, 1885, Mr. Leonard married Miss Edith Swan, a lady of culture, who belongs to one of the oldest and most prominent families of Jordan township, her children being of the fifth generation that have here made their homes, and where they now reside. Henry Swan, the father, was born in Blair county, Penn., March 9, 1818, and in 1821 was brought to Clearfield county by his parents. John Swan and wife, the former of whom was a native of New York. The son became a prominent merchant and lumber dealer of Ansonville, was a Republican in politics, and a Baptist in religious belief, to which Church his family also belonged. His wife, Mrs. Lucinda Swan, passed away in 1884, and he departed this life February 23, 1893. They were the parents of the following children: John, a lumberman; Phebe, wife of J. W. Straw; Benjamin, a bookkeeper; Sarah, wife of P. Wagoner; Edith, wife of our subject; Harvey A. and Harriet M. (twins), the former of whom is a justice of the peace and postmaster at Coalport, and the latter is the wife of B. Clark; W. R., a farmer; and Wayland, deceased.

For a few years after his marriage, Mr. Leonard lived on the Swan homestead, but in 1891 he purchased his present valuable farm of 140 acres of improved and highly productive land, which adjoins the town of Ansonville. He has remodeled his residence and barn, making the place one of the most desirable in the locality. In 1892 he went to West Virginia to look after the large landed interests of Hon. J. D. Cameron in Clay and Nicholas counties, and spent the most of four years in surveying, making estimates of lumber, etc., during which time his farm here was operated by hired help. Although he has ever taken an active part in political affairs, as a stanch Republican, he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. He is emphatically a man of enterprise, positive character, indomitable energy, strict integrity and liberal views, and is thoroughly identified in feeling with the growth and prosperity of his native county.

Mr. Leonard was born in Becaria township, Clearfield county, February 22, 1846, and his wife, whose birth occurred July 13, 1855, was the first child born in the village of Ansonville, and she remained at the old home there until her marriage. Both are faithful members of the Baptist Church, and are people of prominence in the community, holding a high place in social circles. Their home has been blessed by the presence of four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Alvin W., March 4, 1886; Helen L., February 11, 1889; Margaret L., September 4, 1891; and Mary E., November 30, 1893.

J MANESFIELD READ, a thorough and scientific farmer, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, was there born in 1853, a son of Alexander and Isabella (Clyde) Read. The father's birth occurred in the same township, in 1827, while the grandfather, James Read, was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to Clearfield county at an early day, where he followed farming. Here he wedded Margaret Arden, and in Lawrence township they made their home until called to the world beyond. They reared a family of three sons and one daughter, namely: Thompson, a resident of Goshen township, Clearfield county; Alexander A., father of our subject; Matthew, who died in Lawrence township; and Mrs. Ellen Rheems, of Iowa.

Upon the home farm Alexander A. Read passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and on attaining to man's estate was married in Clearfield to Isabella Clyde, who was born in Clearfield borough, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Hartshorn) Clyde. The father was a native of Ireland, and, being a blacksmith by trade, erected the first shop of that kind in Clearfield. There he married Nancy Hartshorn, a native of Curwensville, and a daughter of Benjamin Hartshorn, an honored pioneer of Clearfield county. Mr. Clyde later opened up a farm at the mouth of Wolf run, where he also erected a sawmill, and engaged in lumbering and farming for many years. Both himself and wife are now deceased. After their marriage, the parents of our subject located upon a farm in what was then Goshen but now Lawrence township, which the father successfully operated, but they are now living in West Clearfield. Of the eight children born to them, three are now deceased: Amos, Elmer and Carrie. Those living are: Mrs. Margaret Owens, of Lawrence township; J. Manesfield, of this sketch; S. C., engaged in farming in Law-
rence township; Anna B., at home; Rachel, a practical nurse, who graduated from a school in Philadelphia, and is now in Japan; and Archie, who is married and living on the old home farm.

Mr. Read, whose name introduces this sketch, pursued his literary studies in the schools of Lawrence township, and early became familiar with the labors of the farm. In 1880 he located upon his present place—a fine tract of 148 acres, ninety of which have been cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation. Besides general farming, he has also engaged in lumbering with good success, and is now numbered among the most substantial and capable business men of Lawrence township. On April 8, 1880, in that township, he married Miss M. M. Richel, who was born there, a daughter of Nathaniel and Isabella (Daniel) Richel, the former a native of Brady township, Clearfield county, and the latter of Lawrence township. Both are now deceased. To our subject and his estimable wife were born five children, namely: Margaret Lowery; William A.; one who died in infancy; Ida B.; and Russell H., also deceased.

Mr. Read is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and is at present an efficient member of the school board. He holds membership in the American Mechanics Society, and Mt. Joy Grange. He is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, and his sterling worth and strict integrity have gained him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact in either business or social life.

M. F. WALLACE, who owns seventy-five acres of the most valuable land in Lawrence township, and has distinguished himself as one of its most active and enterprising citizens, came, in 1843, to his present farm, which at that time was covered with a dense growth of timber. He has given close attention to the improvement of his land, the soil of which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He is a native of Clearfield county, born in Brady township, in 1827, and is a son of William and Sarah B. (Fowler) Wallace.

William Wallace, the father of our subject, was born in Perry county, Penn., in 1796, a son of William and Martha (Brown) Wallace. The grandfather was also a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch descent, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war. At an early day, he located in Perry county, where he followed his trade of blacksmithing until his death. In that county the father of our subject was reared, and there married Miss Fowler, who was born in Juniata county, this State. In 1826 they came to Clearfield county, first locating in the woods of Brady township, near Luthersburg, at which place Mr. Wallace engaged in blacksmithing, but in 1841 they removed to Lawrence township, and two years later took up their residence upon the farm now owned and occupied by our subject. Besides his farming operations, the father gave considerable attention to hunting, and the held a number of township offices. He died on that farm in 1863; his widow also passed away at the old home, in 1882. In their family were five children: Martha J., wife of Joseph Owens, of Lawrence township; M. F., of this sketch; Mrs. Tabitha Robinson, who died in Bradford township in 1876; John W., who is married, and is living in Lawrence township; and Melinda, who married Ephraim Shirey, and died in Lawrence township in 1893.

The first fourteen years of his life our subject passed in Brady township, where he attended school, and then came to Lawrence township, where he has since resided. During his entire business career he has engaged in farming and lumbering, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the old homestead farm indicates the supervision of a careful, painstaking owner. In Juniata county, Penn., in 1855, he married Miss Sarah S. Patten, a native of that county, and a daughter of Robert and Jane (Castle) Patten, who were both born in that county, and there spent their entire lives, the mother dying in 1847, and the father in 1875. Mrs. Wallace is the eldest of their four children, the others being as follows: Thomas M., who served in the army during the Civil war, having enlisted in Company C., Ninth Indiana, and died in 1864. James A. enlisted in Centre county, Penn., in 1861, in Company C. 40th P. V. I., for three years; he was killed at Renovo, Penn., Jan. 1, 1869, in a railroad collision, having been a brakeman for several years. Mrs. Nancy J. Shaffner is living at West Clearfield. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace have no children of their own, but have reared five: C. H. Halsey, now residing in Centre county, Penn.; Louie Owens, now of Michigan; Courtland B. Graham, now of Jersey Shore, Penn.; Millie Halsey, who died at the home of our subject in 1891; and D. Guy Halsey, who is still with his foster parents.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Wallace entirely coincides with the doctrines and platforms of the Democratic party, and in the exercise of his elective franchise supports the candidates of that organization. He has most faithfully discharged the duties of township treasurer and
overseer of the poor, to which offices he was
elected, and is one of the leading representative
citizens of his portion of the county.

J W. YOUNG, of Ferguson township, is well
titled to be considered, not only one of the
progressive farmers of Clearfield county, but
one of its respected and honored citizens, and a
man of more than ordinary ability. He is a na-
tive of Centre county, Penn., born March 24,
1848, and was reared and educated in Clearfield
county.

Albert Young, father of our subject, was born
in Snyder county, Penn., and at an early day
got to Centre county, where he was employed
in the iron works of Curtin & Co. There he
wedded Miss Mary Wagoner, and continued to
reside until 1852, when he brought his family to
Clearfield county, where he rented a farm for
two years, and then purchased a tract of land, of
which twelve acres had been cleared and a small
house erected thereon. Devoting his attention
to agricultural pursuits, he there spent his re-
main ing days, dying in 1881, at the age of
seventy-two years. Politically, he was a Dem-
ocrat; in religious faith he was a consistent mem-
ber of the Baptist Church. Grandfather Young
came from Holland, and served in the war of
1812.

Adam Wagoner, the maternal grandfather of
our subject, was born in Germany, of a promi-
inent family, and was a miller by trade. At an
early day he became a resident of Centre county,
Penn., where he owned a good mill. In reli-
gious belief he was a Lutheran. His family in-
cluded the following children: Nancy; Cath-
erine; Sarah; Leah; Mary, the mother of our
subject; Mrs. Eliza Williams; Margaret; Jane;
and John, a farmer, who is still living in Centre
county. Three of the number yet survive.

To Albert Young and wife were born eight
children, of whom two died when quite young;
the others are William; Sarah, wife of J. T.
Straw; Mrs. Mary Kester; Margaret, wife of R.
McCracken; J. W., of this sketch; and Mrs.
Sophia McMurry. The mother is still living at
the age of eighty-six years, and finds a pleasant
home with our subject. For many years she has
been a faithful member of the Zion Baptist
Church, and she enjoys the love and esteem of
all who know her.

J W. Young was reared to agricultural pur-
suits, and during early life assisted his father in
paying for the old homestead farm in Ferguson
township, on which he still resides. Since his
father's death he has purchased the interests of
the other heirs, has added to the land, but has
also sold some, and still has eighty-one acres,
improved with substantial and commodious build-
ings and a fine orchard, as well as many other
conveniences and comforts which add to its value
and neat appearance. About sixty-five acres
have been cleared and cultivated, and the whole
tract is underlaid with coal and fire clay. For
the past five years he has successfully operated
coal mines upon his place, and in this way added
not a little to his income. He married Miss
Mary McCracken, a most estimable lady, a
daughter of Greenwood McCracken, who was
one of the first settlers in this section of the
State, where he followed the occupation of farm-
ing. His political support was given the
Democracy, and religiously he and his family
were members of the Lutheran Church. He had
nine children, namely: James; Rebecca, wife
of A. Bloom; John, a resident of Oregon; Thomas,
a farmer; Lizzie; Alfred, a farmer; Mrs. Sarah
Hunter; Mary, the honored wife of our subject;
and Theophilus.

To Mr. and Mrs. Young were born thirteen chil-
dren, as follows: Elizabeth, who married Charles
Strong, and died at the birth of her only child,
Cecil Strong, who is now living with our subject;
Eliza, at home; George, married to Bertha Wither-
ite, daughter of Shannon Witherite, of Fergu-
sion township; Minta, who married John Lang, and
has one child, James; and Albert, Mollie, Sarah,
William, Earl, Dove, Leslie, Ruth and Imo. all at
home. The parents and seven of the children
are earnest members of the Baptist Church, and
the family altogether is one of prominence in the
community. Reared a Democrat, Mr. Young
has always adhered to the principles of that
party, and has taken quite an active and promi-
inent part in public affairs, filling a number of
important township offices, including those of
judge of the election board and treasurer two
terms. He possesses in an eminent degree all the
qualifications that go to make up a good citizen
and an honorable man.

JOHN E. WITHEROW, an energetic and en-
terprising agriculturist of Knox township,
Clearfield county, was born April 14, 1852,
on the farm where he still resides, a son of John
and Margaret (Hagarty) Witherow. The patern-
al grandfather, Thomas Witherow, was a native
of Dublin, Ireland, where he was married, but in
1821 he came to the New World, locating near
the city of Clearfield, in Clearfield county, Penn.
About 1828 he came to Knox township, where
he purchased land and improved a farm, on
which he spent his remaining days, dying in 1872.

The father of our subject was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1819, and was therefore a child when brought by his parents to America. In Clearfield county he grew to manhood and learned the potter's trade, at which he worked for many years. After his marriage he located at the present site of Coalport where he followed his trade in connection with farming, and later purchased a tract of wild land in Knox township, from which he developed the farm where our subject now resides, erecting thereon a commodious residence, a large barn and also a pottery, which he conducted. Later in life he was interested to a considerable extent in the lumber business, and in all his undertakings met with a well-merited success. He was accidentally killed June 16, 1884; his widow is now a resident of Ansonville, Clearfield county. In religious belief both were Presbyterians, holding membership in the Fruit Hill Church, and for several years he was an elder, which office he was filling at the time of his death; they liberally contributed toward the erection of the house of worship at that place; previously the congregation had held services in houses and barns that were convenient. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Witherow: Henry, Archibald, Mary J., Samuel H., Margaret, John E., and Isabel.

The common schools afforded our subject his educational advantages, and his business training was obtained by assisting his father in the farm work and in lumbering. Together with a brother-in-law, they purchased a 400-acre tract of land, of which our subject still owns 160 acres that is underlaid with a four-foot vein of good coal yet unsold. He has partially improved this property, and previous to his father's death he became the owner of the old homestead, which contains one hundred acres, seventy-five of which are now cleared and under a high state of cultivation. He took an active part in its development, and to-day it is one of the most desirable places in Knox township. It is underlaid not only with good coal, but also fire clay, which is yet unsold.

Mr. Witherow has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Jennie Patterson, a daughter of John and ___ (Hunter) Patterson, early settlers and prominent citizens of Clearfield county. One child graced this marriage, John C., who was born in 1876, and now resides with his grandmother. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Fruit Hill Presbyterian Church, was called to her final rest in 1879. In March, 1882, Mr. Witherow was again married, this time to Miss Annie Davis, a daughter of Harry and Eliza A. (Groom) Davis. On the death of his father Mr. Davis was thrown upon his own resources at an early age, and during his youth learned the tanner's trade. After his marriage he engaged in lumber, and subsequently improved a farm in Bigler township, Clearfield county, where he still resides, giving his attention to his agricultural pursuits. In his family are ten children: Mary C., Annie, George, Harry, John, William, Clara, Blake, Eugene and Frank, all still living and all married with the exception of two. The parents are faithful members of the Methodist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Witherow have been born four interesting children: Kittie, Wade, Blanche and Mark. Politically our subject supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and in religious belief both he and his wife are Presbyterians. They hold a high position in social circles, and their friends throughout the county are many.

ROBERT A. JACKSON. A man's reputation is the property of the world. The laws of nature have forbidden isolation. Every human being submits to the controlling influence of others, or as a master spirit wields a power either for good or evil on the masses of mankind. There can be no impropriety in justly scanning the acts of any man as they affect his public and business relations. If he is honest and eminent in his chosen field of labor, investigation will brighten his fame and point the path that others may follow with like success. From among the ranks of the energetic, persevering and prominent citizens of Osceola Mills—prominent on account of what he has done in commercial circles—there is no one more deserving of mention in a volume of this character than Robert A. Jackson, an extensive coal operator and hardware merchant.

Mr. Jackson was born in 1847, in the city of Philadelphia, and is a son of Robert and Jane (Knox) Jackson, who were born in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and were married in that country. On coming to the New World in 1846, the parents located in Philadelphia, where the father engaged in merchandising throughout his active business life. There his wife died in 1854, and he passed away four years later, honored and respected by all who knew them. In their family were three sons: James K., who died in Philadelphia at the age of twenty-seven years; William J., who came to Powelton, Centre county, in 1876, but after a residence of ten years returned to Philadelphia, where he is still living; and Robert A.
In Philadelphia our subject was reared and educated, and on leaving home, in 1868, he went to Warriors Mark, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he engaged in merchandising for a time. He next took up his residence in Virginia, between Petersburg and Richmond, but since 1876 has made his home in Osceola Mills, and has been prominently identified with its commercial and industrial interests for over twenty years. Here he has successfully conducted a hardware store since 1892, and has built up an extensive business along that line. In 1876 he began operating in coal at Powelton, Centre county, at what is known as the Black Diamond mine, which was opened in 1861 by John Nuttall and operated by him for some time, when it was sold to Robert Hair Powell, of Philadelphia, and later became the property of Jackson Brothers, but in 1876 was purchased by our subject. In the woods near the mine he erected a building, where he also engaged in general merchandising. At that time Powelton was the terminus of the railroad and mail route from Philipsburg and Clearfield, and in the growth and development of this region Mr. Jackson has borne an important part. In his mining operations he now furnishes employment to an average of one hundred men, and thus in advancing his own interests he also promotes the welfare of the community. He has won the public confidence by his fair dealing and honorable course, and gained many patrons by his universal courtesy and helpfulness.

In Philadelphia, in 1871, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage with Miss Anna McFeeters, a native of that city, and they have become the parents of seven sons: James Knox and William, who both died in Philadelphia; Robert, a physician and surgeon, who graduated at Jefferson Medical College; Andrew C., who married Gertrude Walker, and is engaged in the hardware business in Osceola Mills; Clifford L., who is attending school; Howard K.; and Russell A.

Mr. Jackson takes an active interest in the success of the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot, and has served his fellow citizens as president of the city council. He is a prominent member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Osceola Lodge No. 515, F. & A. M.; Clearfield Chapter No. 228, R. A. M. At first he held membership in the Commandery at Bellefonte, but withdrew and joined the Philipsburg Commandery. He is also a member of Osceola Lodge No. 515, I. O. O. F., and of the Presbyterian Church. As a business man, his record is without stain, and he has ever been upright, conscientious and honorable. As a patriotic citizen, he has always contributed to those movements tending to improve and enlarge the usefulness of his adopted town and county, and is justly held in high repute by his fellow men.

E. K. TURNER is one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Graham township, Clearfield county, where he is extensively engaged in general farming, and where he was born February 12, 1853.

Samuel Turner, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the Keystone State, and was one of the early pioneers of Boggs township, Clearfield county, but later removed to Bradford township, where he opened up a good farm in the midst of the timber, and also operated a grist and saw mill in Grahamton for a number of years. He married Susan Wiser, and died in Boggs township, when his son John W., was about eight years old.

John W. Turner, father of our subject, was born in Clearfield county, March 23, 1822, and acquired his education there. After the death of his father he made his home with strangers until eighteen years of age, when he came with his mother to Graham township, and located in the woods, where he erected a log house. There she died July 12, 1852. In that township Mr. Turner developed two good farms, on which he erected substantial and commodious buildings, and made other valuable improvements. Politically he was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and for a number of years served as justice of the peace in his township. He was widely and favorably known throughout the community, and took an active part in everything that would promote its general welfare. An earnest Christian gentleman, he was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and assisted in the erection of several houses of worship, being a prime mover in the building of the church in Wallacetton, and shouldering most of its financial burden. He held membership in the Church at Bigler, and on his death, which occurred August 23, 1893, he was buried in the Bigler cemetery. He stated before his death the Bigler Church was the first church he was ever in; also if his body was taken into the church before burial, it would be the last.

On July 3, 1842, John W. Turner married Miss Martha Dixon, a native of Bradford township, who died on the home farm in Graham township in February, 1874. Five children were born to them: Ellis B., who is married and resides in Boggs township; Maggie, wife of Martin Taylor, of Bradford township; E. K., of this
sketch; Mrs. Anna Bell Russell, of Chester Hill, Clearfield county; and Mrs. Martha Hambright, of Lancaster, Penn. In 1879 Mr. Turner was again married, his second union being with Mary A. Colegrove, who is still living in Clearfield county.

Upon the farm in Graham township, which is still his home, E. K. Turner was reared to manhood, and he was educated in the district schools of the neighborhood. Throughout his entire business career he has successfully engaged in lumbering and farming in Clearfield county, owning the old homestead, given him by his father, which comprises one hundred acres, as well as other valuable tracts. His first purchase, which was in 1878, consisted of one hundred acres in Bradford township; in 1893 he bought seventy-five acres adjoining his home farm, and, in all, his landed possessions aggregate 275 acres of rich and productive land in Graham and Bradford townships, which yield a golden tribute for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In 1876, in Bradford township, Mr. Turner was married to Miss Jane Ann Graham, a native of that township, and a daughter of John and Gwen (Dale) Graham, who were born in England, and became early settlers of Bradford township, where the father followed lumbering and farming. In 1866 he was drowned at the mouth of Moravian run; his widow still resides on the old homestead which he left her. Eleven children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Turner, namely: John W., Effie, William, Carrie, Gwen, Ernest, Ella, Linn, Anna, Mabel and Wendell.

In politics Mr. Turner is a stalwart Democrat; fraternally, he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and is also a member of Welcome Council, No. 406, American Mechanics, of Morrisdale. He and his estimable wife are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Centre Hill, in which he is serving as class leader, steward and trustee. Charitable and benevolent people, they give their support to all worthy enterprises which will in any way advance the welfare of the community or benefit their fellow men, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

STEWART SHICK, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Goshen township, Clearfield county, was born in Monroe county, Penn., August 4, 1853, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Edinger) Shick, the former of whom was a native of Northampton county, Penn., and his father was born in France. The Edinger family is of German lineage. Samuel Shick made farming his life work. He gave his political support to the Democratic party, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. They had eleven children, namely: Henry, Amos, Franklin, Samuel, George, Stewart, Milton, Ledda, Mary, Carrie and Sarah. With the exception of Carrie and George all are yet living.

Stewart Shick, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared to manhood on the old home farm, and at the age of seventeen began to earn his own living. In 1873 he came to Clearfield county, and for two years worked in the woods. In 1874 he purchased his present farm of 200 acres, and now has a valuable property, the well-tilled fields yielding to him a good return for his labor, while the substantial buildings and excellent orchard bespeak his thrift and progressiveness. In the winter he works in the lumber woods, and his industry and energy have brought to him a good measure of success. In 1895 he married Miss Mattie A. Harris, daughter of Andrew J. and Frances A. (Woodson) Harris, both of Albemarle county, Va. They were married in their native county, and died in Augusta county, Va., the father in April, 1863, and the mother in July, 1894; both were members of the Baptist Church. In their family were six children: John A., Charles T., Joshua, Andrew J., Bettie F., and Martha A.

Mr. Shick was formerly a Democrat in politics, but now supports the Prohibition party. He has filled some local offices, and gives a worthy support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife to the Baptist Church. She is a lady of intelligence and fine appearance, presiding with gracious hospitality over their home, and the friends of this worthy couple are many.

JOHN E. LIVERGOOD, a farmer of Girard township, Clearfield county, was born in Girard township, April 22, 1854, and has spent his entire life in that county. Many changes have occurred, and in the work of progress and development he has ever faithfully borne his part, thus carrying on the labors of his ancestors, who in pioneer days located in the county. His parents were Robert and Margaret (Williams) Livergood. The former was born in Girard township, a son of Peter Livergood, a native of Pennsylvania, and one of the first settlers in that township, where he developed and improved a farm. His wife died there, after which he re-
moved to Bradford township, where he spent his last days, dying in March, 1882, aged 91 years 4 months, and 3 days. Their children were Mordecai, who resided for many years in Girard township, but died in Goshen township; Mrs. Hannah Pearce, who died in Bradford; Mrs. Margaret Earl and Mrs. Susan Kyler, who both died in Goshen township; John, who was killed while rafting on the Susquehanna river; and Robert, who died in August, 1884, aged 56 years, 4 months, and 2 days.

The last named was educated in Girard township, and became a farmer and lumberman. He was married in Bradford township to Margaret Williams, who was born on the farm which is now the home of our subject. Her father, Edward Williams, a native of Pennsylvania, became one of the first settlers in Bradford township, and by the development of his farm aided in opening up the region for civilization. He served as justice of the peace, and was an active promoter of all measures calculated to advance the public welfare. He removed to what is now the town of Bigler, and improved a farm there, making his home thereon until his death, living to a good old age.

Upon their marriage, Robert Livergood and his wife began their domestic life in Girard township, and in 1853 removed to Bradford township, where he purchased a farm of 125 acres of partially-improved land. To this he added as opportunity offered until at his death he was the owner of a valuable property of 245 acres. His wife is still living in Woodland. They had eight children, namely: Mrs. Martha Graham, who died in Bradford township; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Mentzer, of Bradford township; John E.; Mrs. Jane Owens, of Lawrence township; William, who died on the home farm in December, 1887; Mrs. Susie Livingston, of Woodland; Edward, who died, aged 26 years, 11 months, 5 days; and Mrs. Amanda Barger, of Woodland.

John E. Livergood was reared under the parental roof, and spent his boyhood days in work on the home farm and in attending the district schools. He continued to give his father the benefit of his services until twenty-two years of age, when he went to Goshen township, bought and cleared up a small farm, sold same, and in 1888 removed to the homestead in Bradford township, where he now lives. In 1875 he married Miss Clara Luzere, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of George Luzere, who in pioneer days took up his residence in this locality. He also represented the county in the Union army during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Livergood have three adopted children: Helen, Thomas and Walter. The parents are members of the United Brethren Church, and their consistent Christian lives have won for them the esteem of all. To the Republican party Mr. Livergood gives his political support, and is now serving for the second term in the office of township supervisor. His farm of 125 acres is divided into richly-cultivated fields, while the substantial improvements upon the place add to its value and attractive appearance, and indicate the owner to be one of the progressive farmers of Clearfield county.

Q. E. DRESSLER is one of the most energetic and enterprising agriculturists of Union township, Clearfield county, where he owns and operates a good farm of fifty-six acres, which he had purchased in 1878. He now has about thirty acres under cultivation, and improved the place with good buildings, including the erection of a comfortable two-story residence, 16 x 32 feet, with an "L," 16 x 20, also two stories in height. In connection with his agricultural pursuits he has successfully engaged in lumbering for many years.

Mr. Dressler was born in 1855, in Union township, whither his paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Gelnett) Dressler, who were natives of Pennsylvania, came at a very early day, locating in the woods on Burns’ improvement. Here the grandfather developed a farm, on which both he and his wife died. They reared a large family of children. L. R. Dressler, the father of our subject, was also born in Pennsylvania, and was about thirteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to Union township, Clearfield county. Upon the home farm he grew to manhood amidst the scenes of frontier life, and aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing the land. In Brady township, same county, he wedded Miss Julia G. Hall, who was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where her father, John Hall, located at an early day. They began their domestic life upon the old Dressler homestead, where they still reside, the place now being owned by Mr. Dressler, who throughout his active business career has always engaged in farming.

Our subject is the eldest of the children born to L. R. and Julia G. Dressler, the others being: Virginia, now the wife of Henry Carspecken, of Iowa; Florence, who became the wife of G. W. Brown, and died in Union township, November 16, 1879; Harry, who is married and resides upon a part of the old homestead; Gertrude, wife of Samuel Hepburn, of Grampian, Penn town-
Joseph A. Bowersox, one of the well-known firm of Pifer & Bowersox, manufacturers of lumber, DuBois, was the first justice of the peace in Sandy township, Clearfield county, and held the office continuously from 1881 to 1896, a period of fifteen years. He is a man of more than ordinary intelligence and education, and for many years was actively interested in school work either as teacher or as superintendent of township schools. His family, which has furnished a number of excellent educators, has been identified with Centre county from an early day, his grandfather, Jacob Bowersox, a native of Pennsylvania, having been prominent among the settlers of his day.

George Bowersox, father of our subject, was born at Aaronsburg, Centre county, April 11, 1823, a son of Jacob and Margaret (Buell) Bowersox, the former of whom was born in Union county, Penn., the latter in England. The father, who was a lifelong farmer, came to Centre county when a single man and was there married; he died on his farm in 1860, his wife in 1847. They had a family of four children: Polly (Mrs. Boyer) died in Brush Valley, Centre county; Sarah (Mrs. Consor) died in Lockport; George comes next in the order of birth; and Jonathan died in Clinton county, Penn., in 1895.

George Bowersox received a liberal education at the common schools of Haines township, and learned the trade of shoemaker, at which he worked for some years. In 1843 he first came to Clearfield county, and for a time he made his home in Morrisdale, where he drove stage, and then moved to Curwensville, where he also drove stage for several years. From there he went to Ohio, and traveled throughout that State, also Michigan and Canada. Again coming to Clearfield county, he once more drove stage; then farmed in Bradford township, and worked at his trade; thence in May, 1866, came to Union township, where he bought one hundred acres of wild woodland, to which he subsequently added fifty acres, all of which he has brought under a high state of cultivation.

In 1846 Mr. Bowersox had married Miss Margaret Hall, a daughter of John and Nancy (Passmore) Hall (now deceased), natives of England, whence they came to this country, becoming pioneer farmers of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where their daughter, Margaret, was born. To Mr. and Mrs. Bowersox were born children, as follows: Hannah E., formerly a successful teacher in Clearfield county, is now Mrs. Wing, of Union township; Joseph A. is the subject proper of these lines; Emma (Mrs. W. W. Cole) resides at Sabula, Clearfield Co., Penn.; Sophy (Mrs. Michael Crowley) resides at the old homestead in Union township; John is a resident of Penfield, Penn.; Mary, formerly a successful teacher of Clearfield county, married N. L. Strong, district attorney of Jefferson county; Anna, formerly a school teacher in her native county, is now the wife of Orrin Stambaugh, of Medix Run, Elk Co., Penn.; and Margaret, also at one time an efficient school teacher, is now employed as a telegraph operator on the A. V. R. R., at Winterburn, Clearfield county. The mother of this family was called from earth January 21, 1891. In politics the father is active in the support of the Democratic party, and in religious faith the family have for the most part been identified with the M. E. Church.

Squire Bowersox, whose name introduces this sketch, was born October 11, 1848, his parents being then residents of Bradford township, Clearfield county, and his elementary education was obtained in the schools of Bigler and Woodland, he later attending the Normal schools of Clearfield county. After the removal to Union township, in 1866, he continued his studies, and in 1869 began teaching in Huston (now Sandy)
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township, Clearfield county, in the Pine Grove school house, which stood in the midst of a forest. He taught there five terms, in the meantime succeeding in having a clearing made around the building. Later he taught school in Sandy township, and in 1876 took charge of a school in Horton township, Elk county, Penn., and then spent some time in Union township, Clearfield county. In 1879 he engaged in mercantile business in Sabula, Penn., dealing extensively in shingles, and continuing until 1889, when he located at Du Bois, purchased a sawmill in partnership with Mr. Pifer, and began his present business of manufacturing lumber. He has never lost his interest in educational matters, and has served four years as a member of the local board, while at one time he was superintendent of the schools of his township, performing the duties of his office with energy and fidelity. He is active in local affairs and in fraternal society work, being a leading member of Cicero Lodge No. 897, I. O. O. F., at Brockwayville, and of Garfield Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M., at Du Bois.

On December 9, 1890, Squire Bowersox was married in Brockwayville to Miss Esther Brockway, a native of Brockport, Elk Co., Penn., and a member of a prominent family of that county. Her grandparents, Chauncey and Rhoda (Nichols) Brockway, were born, reared and married in New York State, and in 1816 settled in Elk county, where they cleared a farm. Her grandfather was a successful lumberman and farmer and a leading citizen, holding the office of justice of the peace for many years. He became the founder of Brockport, later removing to Kankakee county, Ill., where he located upon a farm, and died thereon in December, 1886, at the age of ninety-three. His wife breathed her last in February, 1885, at the same place.

Capt. N. M. Brockway, the father of Mrs. Bowersox, was born in Elk county, January 28, 1829, and is a prosperous lumberman, at present residing in Jefferson county. His title of "captain" was earned by service in the State Militia from 1863 to 1865. His wife, Catherine (Taylor), was also a native of Elk county, born May 29, 1826. They had five children: Wilmer, who was born in 1849, and died in Kansas in September, 1879; Esther (Mrs. Bowersox); Myra (now Mrs. John McGovern, of Elk county) and Wakefield and Winfield (twins), of whom the former resides at Falls Creek, Elk county, while the latter is a farmer in Kansas. Mrs. Bowersox is possessed of fine mental gifts, and her home life is enriched by the intellectual sympathy and companionship which is only possible where husband and wife can keep pace with each other in thought. Her childhood was spent at the Elk county home of her parents, but at the age of fourteen she went to Manteno, Ill. Later she pursued a course in the normal school at Valparaiso, Ind., and, although delayed by absence during 1886, was graduated in 1887. She taught one year near Manteno, Ill., and then returned to Pennsylvania, and continued her work successfully at Brockwayville and Brockport until marriage called her to other duties. In all she has taught twenty years—five in Pennsylvania and fifteen in Illinois.

JAMES D. WALL is a prominent representative of the industrial interests of Clearfield county, being engaged in the lumber business in Penn township. The development of this enterprise has been to the county one of its most prolific sources of income; it is a potent factor in the business life of this section of the State, and its development has largely advanced the general prosperity. Mr. Wall is one of the leading lumbermen of Penn township, and is a wide-awake, reliable business man, whose success is the result of persistent effort and honorable dealing.

Our subject was born July 15, 1855, on the old family homestead, his parents being Thomas and Hannah (Davis) Wall. The father was born on the same farm, and was a son of Jonathan and Jane (Thomas) Wall. The grandfather was born in York county, Penn., was married in Chester county, and removing to Clearfield county, in the year 1820, located on the old Boone farm in Penn township, where he lived two years, then moved to another tract of land and cleared up a farm and reared his family, of whom: (1) Sarah (the eldest), married William Wall, of Penn township, and located on a farm there; they had eight children. (2) Isaiah married Miss Widemire, of Penn township, where he followed farming and reared a family of five children, all now deceased with the exception of one son, who resided on the old homestead. (3) Sidney became the wife of Reuben Wall, who resided on a farm two miles south of Grampian, and they had two children. (4) Eliza became the wife of Asaph Kirk, a pioneer settler of Penn township, where he follows farming; they had five children, three of whom are living. (5) Jonathan married Ester Davis, of Penn township, and resides in Grampian; they have four children, all residents of Penn township.

Thomas Wall, father of our subject, was married in 1854 to Hannah Davis, and removed to the homestead farm in Penn township. Mrs.
Wall died in 1860, leaving three children, and in 1862 the father married Eliza Nicholson, of Bell township, Clearfield county. In 1863 he removed to Grampian, where he engaged in the lumber business and in merchandising for six years. He then removed to Bell Run, and purchased the sawmill property of Irwin & Welch, known as the Dr. Hoyt tract, in Penn township. In May, 1894, when engaged in loading shingles on a wagon, the blowing of a whistle frightened his team which ran away, and the wagon passed over his body; he lived but a short time.

The children of Thomas Wall's first marriage were: James D., Elisha M. and Sarah E. The second son went to California in 1885, and after a two-years' residence there was accidentally shot and killed while out hunting; Sarah E. became the wife of Clark Morris, a farmer of Pike township, Clearfield county, and they have a family of ten children. The children born to Thomas Wall by his second marriage are as follows: (1) Mary E. is the wife of E. A. Spencer, a farmer of Penn township, and they have three children. (2) Annie married William McGovern, and died in 1871; Mr. McGovern is now living in Grampian. (3) Leona B. is the wife of James Donahue, formerly of Indiana county, Penn., but now residing on the old Wall homestead at Bell Run; they have three living children. (4) Blanche died at the age of thirteen years. (5) Charles and (6) Maud are both at home with their mother.

James D. Wall spent the first eight years of his life on the home farm, where his birth occurred, and then accompanied his father to Grampian and later to Bell Run. His educational privileges were those afforded by the common schools, and his business training was received under the direction of his father. In 1881 he took a trip through the West, and went to Colorado with the intention of engaging in mining there. He spent three years in the West, after which he returned to Pennsylvania and has since been engaged in lumbering in Clearfield county. After his father's death he assumed the management of the business, and in connection with the manufacture of lumber in Penn township is associated with Isaac Norris in the ownership of a large lumber mill in Grampian. He is a progressive business man, having the brain to devise and the will to direct extensive operations. His success has been worthily achieved, and he is now numbered among the prominent lumbermen of this section of the State.

Mr. Wall married Miss Clara Miller, daughter of Col. and Louisa Miller, of Grampian. Her father was killed in a runaway June 30, 1896.

Mr. Wall is a Republican, is one of the active workers of his party, and has held the offices of school director and auditor. He belongs to the Friends Church, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both are held in the highest esteem by their many friends.

J M. WEAVER, one of the most progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Burnside township, Clearfield county, is a native of Stephenson county, Ill., born December 18, 1857. His grandfather, John Weaver, Sr., was a native of Pennsylvania, and of German descent. In his family were ten children, namely: Samuel, Sarah, Esther, James, Ruth, Eliza, Peter, Amanda, Mary C. and John, who became prominent and highly respected citizens in the communities where they made their homes.

John Weaver, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Union county, Penn., February 27, 1825, and died on the old homestead, in Burnside township, Clearfield county, April 26, 1895. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, was shrewd and far-sighted, and did an extensive lumbering business in connection with farming. Charitable and benevolent, he was widely and favorably known, and was ever ready to do an act of kindness. Although an invalid for many years, he died suddenly, and his death was deeply mourned by many warm friends and acquaintances.

The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Miss Margaret G. McGee, was born in Clearfield county, in 1827, a daughter of James and Mary (Burnhart) McGee, and is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence. Her paternal grandfather, John McGee, was an Irish patriot, who aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence, serving for seven years in the Continental army. When the war ended he located in Pennsylvania, where he married, and reared a large family, from whom sprang the McGees now so numerous throughout the country. He was a local preacher in the Methodist Protestant Church, of which his wife was also a faithful member. In their family were six children: John, who located in Virginia; Thomas, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; James, the father of Mrs. Weaver; Mrs. Mary Burnhart; Mrs. Elizabeth Goodfellow, and Mrs. Margaret Gapin.

James McGee wedded Miss Mary Burnhart, a daughter of Philip Burnhart, who was also a resident of Pennsylvania, and for seven years a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He reared a large and highly-respected family. Eight chil-
dren blessed the union of James McGee and wife, as follows: John, Thomas, Philip, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret G., James and Henry, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood, and held responsible positions in life. To the parents of our subject were born five children: Ruth, who died in childhood; James M., of this sketch; Dow, who died at the age of five years; Sadie, wife of William Stephenson, a prominent farmer of Burnside township; and John H., who is still on the old homestead with his widowed mother.

Mr. Weaver, whose name introduces this sketch, received a good practical education in the schools of New Washington, and was reared to habits of industry upon the farm. As his father was in poor health, and traveled much of the time, our subject assumed the management of the farm when only about twelve years of age. He remained at home until his marriage, in 1881, to Miss Anna E. Ross, a refined and well-educated young lady. Seven children grace their union, all living at home: Margaret M., Nanny M., John R., Mary J., Sarah R., and James H. (born April 4, 1895), and Elizabeth (born February 6, 1897).

Mrs. Weaver was born in Bell township, Clearfield county, October 13, 1861, a daughter of John M. and Nancy J. (Mahaffey) Ross. Her grandfather, John Ross, was a pioneer of Centre county, coming to Clearfield county at an early day, and here, spending the remainder of his life. He owned a farm which he conducted, but gave most of his attention to the shoemaker’s trade. In his family were the following children: Philip, who is now living at the Soldiers’ Home; Mrs. Susanna Garrison; Sarah, wife of D. W. Wise; Elizabeth, who is unmarried; John M., the father of Mrs. Weaver; William, who resides in the West; Jacob, deceased; and Delilah, now Mrs. Savage. The mother of Mrs. Weaver, who was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1874, but the father is still living, at the age of sixty years. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, James, William, Howard, Frank, Edwin, Orrin, Sadie and Nancy.

For three years after his marriage, Mr. Weaver operated rented land, and then purchased a 100-acre tract in Burnside township, upon which he is still living. About ninety-four acres have been cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation, a commodious residence and substantial outbuildings have been erected, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place denotes the supervision of a careful and painstaking owner. It is pleasantly located one mile and a half southwest of New Washington. During his younger years Mr. Weaver devoted considerable attention to lumbering in the winter season, but now gives his time exclusively to farming and stock raising, keeping upon his place only the best and most profitable grades of stock, including a nice herd of Jersey cattle. He is interested in the manufacture of butter, for which he always receives the highest market price. In carrying on his work he uses the latest and most improved machinery, and in fact his progressive spirit, energy and perseverance have made him the model farmer of Burnside township. With the Pentecostal Church he and his wife hold membership, and in social circles they occupy a most enviable position, having the respect and esteem of all who know them.

James B. Woods, who resides in Brady township, Clearfield county, is a successful agriculturist and lumberman, who, in the prosecution of the enterprises that have claimed his attention, has ever manifested a strong desire to carry forward to the highest perfection attainable anything that he undertakes. This has formed one of the important elements in the success that has crowned his efforts.

Mr. Woods was born February 22, 1858, on the old homestead in Brady township, a son of James A. and Hannah (Horn) Woods. At an early day the father came to Luthersburg and purchased a tract of land one mile east of that place, near where the pottery now stands. Clearing the tract, he made many improvements upon the place, and there continued to make his home until his death, about thirty years ago. There his widow and six children continued to reside for two years, when the place was sold, as most of the children had married and gone to homes of their own. Some years later the mother became the wife of Philip Swope, of Brady township, where she is still living.

Besides our subject, the other members of the family were as follows: (1) Candes A. died in early womanhood. (2) William P., who now resides on our subject’s farm in Brady township, married Flora Whipple, of Lock Haven, Penn., and has three children—Lewis, Erna and William. (3) Mary wedded John Neely, of Luthersburg, and they now live on a farm in Union township, Clearfield county; their children are: William, Norman, Olive, Jessie and Ida, all at home with their parents. (4) George died in Brady township at the age of twenty-two. (5) Sarah is the wife of John Eckelbarger, formerly of Clarion county, Penn., who now operates a farm adjoining our subject’s place; they have six chil-
Mr. Woods, whose name introduces this sketch, was but seven years of age at the time of his father's death, and he remained with his mother until reaching manhood. He began his business career by working in a sawmill and in the lumber woods, continuing those occupations until his marriage, in 1882, to Miss Rue Caldwell, of Brady township. She is a daughter of Jefferson and Sarah Caldwell, of Salem, Brady township. For two years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Woods resided in Salem, where he purchased a house and lot, but in 1888 he removed to the Jesse Lyons farm in Brady township, where he still resides. Four years later he purchased an adjoining tract of 166 acres, known as the George Horn farm, and, in connection with the cultivation and development of both places, he also operated the Swope farm for three years. On his own place he has removed the stumps and placed the land under a high state of cultivation, and also cleared fifty acres for Mr. Lines. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and tireless energy and honesty of purpose have brought to him a well-merited success.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods are the parents of seven children, all at home, namely: Zella Rue, born at Salem February 28, 1883; Chester Caldwell, born August 25, 1885; Jesse Blake, September 6, 1887; Phyllis Fern, September 13, 1889; Hazel Leona, August 9, 1892; Garnet Marie, August 27, 1894; and Ruth. The mother is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and both she and Mr. Woods occupy an enviable position in social circles. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat, and he takes quite an active and prominent part in the work of his party. As one of the leading and influential men of his community, his advice is often sought even by those much older than himself, and his upright, straightforward course has won for him the respect and confidence of all who know him.

SAMUEL C. STEWART, M. D. Among the native-born physicians of Clearfield county stands prominent this gentleman, who, though yet in the prime of life, has won for himself a reputation second to none in the county as a skillful physician and surgeon.

The Doctor belongs to one of the early families of the county, and is of Irish descent, his grandfather, John Stewart, having been born in Ireland, where he grew to manhood and married. In 1819 he came to America, and, purchasing land in the woods in Bradford township, Clearfield county, he made a permanent settlement, following agriculture and lumbering pursuits the remainder of his life, and dying there in 1879 at the good old age of eighty-eight years. His wife passed away several years previously at the age of seventy-seven years. This pioneer couple reared a family of five sons and two daughters, of whom we have mention of four, viz.: Robert, residing in Clearfield county; John H., living on the old farm in Bradford township; Mrs. Wesley Shiny, of Bradford township; and Daniel, the father of our subject.

Daniel Stewart was born in 1822, in Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he passed his early life. He married Jane Lyons, and they became the parents of five children—four sons and one daughter: J. A., a farmer, resides in Bradford; J. C. resides in West Clearfield borough; B. M. lives in Clearfield; May E., who married Martin Wilson, died in Bradford township in 1883; and Samuel C. is the subject proper of these lines. Daniel Stewart was a farmer and lumberman in Bradford for many years. In later life he took up his residence in Clearfield, where his death occurred in 1890, and where his widow is now living. Politically he was an ardent Democrat.

Samuel C. Stewart, whose name introduces these lines, was born in 1856, in Bradford township, Clearfield county. He received his primary education at Curwensville, later attending school at Millersville, Penn., and taught in Clearfield and Lancaster counties for four years. In 1878 he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated with the class of '81. In the year of his graduation he located at Clearfield, where he has since been engaged in the active duties of his profession, and he has gained an enviable reputation throughout the county. His practice is a general one, but he has made a specialty of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, and of surgery. He is prominent and popular among his brother physicians, and is ex-vice-president of the State Medical Society, and secretary and treasurer of the Clearfield County Medical Society. Socially he is connected with Clearfield Lodge No. 314, F. & A. M., and is a Knight Templar.

In 1884 Dr. Stewart was married, in Clearfield, to Miss Blanche Flegal, a native of that place, whose father, Lever Flegal, resides in Lawrence township. Two children have blessed this union: Samuel C. and Lever F. In political sentiment the Doctor is a Democrat, and he takes quite an interest in the affairs of his neighbor-
hood. For three successive terms—1891–92–93, he served as burgess of Clearfield borough, and all the street paving was done during his administration. He is physician for the Pennsylvania R. R., having been appointed to fill the place of Dr. Hartwick, deceased; for the last seven years he has served as physician for the Burch Creek R. R.; and also for the County Home.

JESSE LINES, one of the leading and representative business men of Brady township, Clearfield county, has since reaching manhood been actively identified with the industrial interests of this locality, devoting his time and attention principally to the occupations of farming and lumbering. He belongs to one of the old and honored families of this section of the State.

Joseph Lines, father of our subject, and a native of Centre county, Penn., came to Brady township, Clearfield county, in an early day, and was here married to Matilda Kirk. He then located upon his father's old homestead near the Brady pottery, but subsequently bought what was known as the Read farm, in Taylortown, on the Erie & Sunbury pike, where he made his home until his death in 1896. He was one of the largest lumber jobbers in his section of the county, and for a number of years carried on operations along Anderson creek. Later at different times he was connected with John, Abel and John E. Du Bois, doing business with the last named for about ten years previous to his death. He was a fair type of the hardy pioneer who has done so much for the development and prosperity of this region, and he ever gave his support to all measures calculated to advance the general welfare. Active, energetic and enterprising, he accumulated considerable property, and was numbered among the influential and prominent citizens of his community. In 1861 he enlisted in the Fifth P. V. I., belonging to Company E, commanded by Capt. Loraine, of Clearfield, and took part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, including Bull Run, Antietam, Lookout Mountain, and the seven-days' fight in the Wilderness. He was a Lutheran in belief, but a member of no Church, and always affiliated with the Democratic party, on whose ticket he was elected to a number of local offices.

The mother of our subject died when he was only about a year old, leaving two children, the other being Lucella, who was born on the old homestead near Luthersburg in 1866, and after attending the local schools for some time completed her education in the Young Ladies Semi-

nary, of Hagerstown, Md. In 1894 she became the wife of Harry Nolder, of Brady township, who now resides in Luthersburg, and they have one child, Elizabeth. After the death of his first wife, Joseph Lines married her sister, Miss Ellen Eliza Kirk, and of the six children born to this union four are still living: Joseph A., the eldest, grew to manhood on the home farm, attending the common schools of the neighborhood during the winter months until 1894, when he entered the Lock Haven Normal, where he pursued his studies for a number of terms. He is a bright young man, and intends fitting himself for the ministry; but he is at present engaged in teaching at Coal Hill, Brady township. Pearl, Fern and Ruth are still with their mother, and are attending school.

Until his marriage Jesse Lines remained under the parental roof, acquiring a good, practical education in the common schools. At an early age he began assisting his father in business, keeping his books and acting as general foreman until the latter's death, when he assumed charge of affairs. He has displayed remarkable business ability, is energetic and industrious, and in the winter of 1866–97 put in nearly five million feet of lumber at the King dam, on the Luthersburg branch of Sandy creek. He also looks after the farming interests of his father, but gives the greater part of his attention to logging on Sandy creek for John E. Du Bois.

In 1889 Mr. Lines was united in marriage with Miss Effie, daughter of A. M. and M. A. Draucker, of Luthersburg, and they first located at Rockton, where he and his father were engaged in logging, but now make their home in Luthersburg. They have three children: Zoe Irene, born January 23, 1891; Lucila G., born September 9, 1893; and R. Emerson, born August 11, 1895.

SPENCER M. FREE, A. M., M. D., of Du Bois, whose prestige in the medical profession makes him well worthy of biographic honors, has for eighteen years devoted his time and attention to the profession. One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, and a nicety of judgment little understood by the laity. Then again the profession brings its devotees into almost constant association with the sadder side of life—that of pain and suffering—so that a mind capable of great self-control, and a heart responsive and sympathetic, are essential attributes of the phy-
Of the last named, Dr. Ball, of Lock Haven, and Dr. Free were the originators.

Dr. Free was married in Elk county, Penn., to May Irene Elway, a native of Altoona, Penn., and they have three sons: Edward, Rohé and Spencer. Socially, Dr. Free is connected with Olympia Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Mountain Cliff Lodge, K. of P., of Beechtree; and Echo Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Washington Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., of Baltimore, the oldest lodge in the State; St. John’s Chapter, No. 19, R. A. M.; Knapp Commandery, No. 50, K. T., of Ridgway, Penn.; and Zem-Zem Temple of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie, Penn. He served as president of the city council of Du Bois in 1894: is a member of the Board of Health, and one of the most prominent residents of the borough, taking an active part in public affairs, and lending his influence to everything calculated to prove of public benefit.

JOHN C. STEWART, of the Perfection Knitting Machine Co., manufacturers of knitting machines, at West Clearfield, Clearfield county, is a descendant of a well-known pioneer family of that county, and has himself seen many changes in the locality.

John Stewart, his grandfather, a native of Ireland, came to Pennsylvania when a young man, and located in Bradford township, Clearfield county. He was married there to Miss Mary Campbell, and passed his life as a farmer at the old homestead, where he died in 1879. His wife spent her last days at Clearfield, passing away some time prior to her husband. They had seven children: (1) Archibald, who died in Bradford township, leaving a widow, now a resident of Clearfield. (2) Daniel, our subject’s father. (3) Robert, a lumberman in Girard township, Clearfield county. (4) James, formerly a cooper, at Kyльтown, who died in July, 1895, leaving a family. (5) John H., who lives at the old homestead. (6) Mary, who married Robert Wrigley, and died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. (7) Eliza Jane (Mrs. W. H. Shirey), of Bradford township.

Daniel Stewart was born in 1822, at the old farm, and followed agriculture in Bradford township for many years. He was a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics was a Democrat. He married Miss Jane Lyons, by whom he had five children: (1) Mary, who married Morton Wilson, of Bradford township, and died in 1883. (2) Ashley J., who is married, and lives upon a farm in Bradford township. (3)
John C., our subject. (4) Samuel C., a physician. (5) Bishop, who is married, and resides in Clearfield borough. In 1881 our subject's parents removed to Clearfield, where his father passed to his eternal rest in January, 1890. The widowed mother resides in Clearfield.

John C. Stewart was born in 1834. During his early years he attended the schools of Bradford township, and was initiated into the ancient calling of agriculture through practical work. On attaining manhood's estate, he followed farming and lumbering for some time, but in the fall of 1889 he moved to Clearfield, where, in 1890, he engaged in mercantile business as the junior member of the firm of Spackman & Stewart. After three years he sold his interest in this enterprise, and established his present factory, in company with A. J. Gulich. In addition to this he gives attention to real-estate business, and is the owner of several residences in Clearfield.

On April 22, 1881, Mr. Stewart was married, in Bradford township, to Miss Ellen Mayer, a native of Morris township, and daughter of Adam Mayer, who was prominent in that locality in the early days. He is now living in Philipsburg, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have two children, Stattie and Christina. The home, which was built in 1892, is one of the finest in the city. As a public-spirited citizen Mr. Stewart takes great interest in the questions of the day, and in political faith he is a Democrat. He is an active member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Lodge No. 318.

Andrew Pentz, Jr., ex-sheriff of Clearfield county, is a prosperous agriculturist residing near Luthersburg. He belongs to one of the pioneer families of that section, his father, John Pentz, having located there in 1837, when Brady township was a "waste, howling wilderness." The family is now numerously represented, and has always been noted for public spirit, any project for local improvement, especially in educational or religious lines, receiving their genrous aid.

The late John Pentz was born, in 1800, in York county, Penn., the son of George and Elizabeth (Bower) Pentz. The grandfather came from Germany, and acquired a large amount of land in York county. John Pentz followed farming in that locality until 1837, when he moved to Brady township, Clearfield county, accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth Knox. He cleared a fine farm and made valuable improvements, erecting good buildings for the time, and his remaining years were spent there, his death occurring in 1846; his wife survived him with seven children: 1. George was born in 1834, in York county, and came with his parents to Brady township. He married Miss Polly Zigler, of that township, afterward bought an improved farm near Luthersburg, where he died in 1894, leaving four children—(1) Elliott M., a real-estate dealer of Iowa, is married and has one living son, Ernest; (2) Frederick married Ella Betts, of Du Bois, and resides on his father's old homestead; they have a family of six children; (3) Flora married Charles Weber, a lumberman of Du Bois, but has no children; and (4) John W., who lives in Du Bois, is married and has three children. II. Andrew, our subject, is mentioned below. III. Henry was born in 1837, in Brady township, on the old homestead, and received a very limited education. He married Miss Lizzie Hallopeter, of Union township, where he bought land and cleared a good farm; he has had ten children—(1) Jane married Mitchell Askey, of Union township, and died leaving one child, Grace, who lives with her grandfather in Union township. (2) H. M., a merchant in Glen Hope, is married, but has no children; (3) Miss Emma is at home with her parents; (4) Herbert married Stella Wayland, of Reynoldsville; (5) Earl; (6) Mathias; (7) Roland; (8) Augustus; and (9) Reuben and (10) Levert (twins), are all at home. IV. Maria was born and reared in Brady township, and married a Mr. Eels, of the State of Maine, where she died in 1878 or '79, leaving two children. V. John, born in 1841, in Brady township, married (first) a Miss Hallopeter, of Union township, Clearfield county, who died some years ago. He then married Mrs. McDonald, and resides in Grampian. VI. Fred Pentz died at the age of nineteen years in Brady township. VII. Lizzie, born in 1846, married Walter Parker, of Brady township, and they reside in Reynolds, Neb., where he is engaged in the mercantile business; they have seven sons and two daughters.

The subject of this sketch was born in 1835 in York county, and was a mere child when he came to this section. He enjoyed the usual opportunities of a pioneer farmer's son, studying in winter in local schools, and acquiring practical knowledge of agriculture at home. At an early age he engaged in lumbering, and his first investment was the purchase of the homestead, after his father's death. In 1860 he bought a stone pottery of M. J. Porter, and this he conducted for five years, when he sold out and purchased a tract of timber land in Bloom township, Clearfield county, where he continued his lumber operations until 1876. In 1862 he enlisted in Company E, 172d P. V. L., under Col.
Kleckner, serving ten months as first lieutenant, having been appointed to that rank on his enlistment. In 1866 he bought his present farm, and in 1867 he installed there a bride, Miss Catherine Norton, of Middletown, Penn. After his election, in 1876, to the office of sheriff of Clearfield county, he moved to the county seat, and on the expiration of his term of three years, he rented the "Shaw Hotel," which he managed for a year. The following year he spent in a residence on Walnut street in Clearfield, and then he returned to the farm where he has since remained. Mr. Pentz has taken an influential part in local politics, and has always been an ardent supporter of the old Jacksonian Democracy. He has held numerous township offices, and was constable a number of years, school director for six years, and auditor for five terms. In religious faith he is a Lutheran.

In February, 1883, his wife, a devout Catholic, whose loving assistance had heightened his early years of effort, passed from earth, and in 1885 he married Miss Maggie I. Brockbank, daughter of Thomas and Isabel Brockbank, well-known agriculturists of Union township, Clearfield county. She is also a Catholic in faith. By the second marriage Mr. Pentz had one child who died in infancy, and by the first there were six, four of whom lived to adult age: (1) Edward, born in 1868, is single and resides at the homestead; (2) Frank, born 1869, is a druggist in Allegheny, Penn. He married Miss Humes, of that city; (3) John, born January 1, 1872, died May 21, 1877; (4) Charles, born July 29, 1874, died May 4, 1875; (5) Miss Louise and (6) Miss Birdie I. Pentz are not married, and the latter is attending school at Luthersburg.

G F. PROWELL, M. D. Among those who devote their time and energies to the practice of medicine, and have gained a leading place in the ranks of the profession, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. For twenty years he has successfully engaged in practice in Burnside, Clearfield county, and is recognized as one of the most able and skillful physicians of the community.

Dr. Prowell was born in York county, Penn., April 23, 1843, a son of Jacob and Jane (Potts) Prowell, also natives of that county. His paternal grandfather was born in Germany, and crossing the Atlantic at an early day became a prominent farmer in Pennsylvania. Jacob Prowell also followed agricultural pursuits, and died upon his farm in York county in 1870; his wife surviving him until 1880. Her parents were of English descent, and also farming people. The Doctor is the fifth in the order of birth in the family of six children, the others being as follows: Ann, wife of E. Krone; Harriet, wife of J. L. Griest; Abram and Andrew, both mechanics; and Jacob. The father was a Methodist, but the mother was a member of the Society of Friends.

In boyhood Dr. Prowell attended the common schools, and the knowledge there acquired was supplemented by a Normal course. Until eighteen years of age he remained upon the home farm, assisting in its cultivation; but in 1861, feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted in the 87th P. V. I., and was mustered in at York, Penn. His first service was in guarding railroads in Maryland, whence he was sent to West Virginia, and was finally in Milroy's command at the battle of Winchester, where he was taken prisoner. After being confined at Libby and Belle Isle for about five weeks, he was paroled and was out of service for a short time. After rejoining his command he participated in the battle of Mine Run under Mead, was with Grant through the battle of the Wilderness, and later served under Sheridan. During his three-years' service he was in many important battles, but was never wounded, though on his return home, in 1864, he was almost a physical wreck. After recuperating upon the home farm, Dr. Prowell commenced the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. W. P. Nebinger, and later attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1874. He at first opened an office in Lewisberry, York Co., Penn., being engaged in practice with his old preceptor, but in 1873 he came to Burnside, where he soon secured a large and lucrative practice. A close student of his profession, he has met with well-merited success in his chosen calling, and gained the confidence of the entire community.

In 1872, Dr. Prowell was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Ensminger, a refined and highly educated young lady, who belongs to a well-known pioneer family of York county. She was born April 11, 1851, a daughter of Thomas and ——— (Myers) Ensminger, both natives of York county, where the father followed the occupation of a tanner. In the family were seven children, namely: Frank; Tillie; Mary C., the wife of our subject; Elbridge, a resident of Iowa; Myers, of York county, Penn.; Mrs. Ida Davis; and Winnie. All are quite prominent and some of them have become successful teachers. Dr. and Mrs. Prowell have become the parents of three children: Beulah, who died at the age of seven
James McEwen. There is particular satisfaction in reverting to the life history of the honored and venerable gentleman whose name opens this review, since his mind bears impress of the historical annals of Clearfield county from early pioneer days, and from the fact that he has been a loyal son of the Republic and has attained to a position of distinctive prominence in the thriving little village of Westover, of which he was the founder and where he still resides, being one of the revered patriarchs of the community.

Born in Centre county, Penn., December 23, 1815, Mr. McEwen was reared to the honest pursuit of a farmer, and was educated in the subscription schools. His father, Samuel McEwen, was a native of the North of Ireland, and emigrated to America about 1810 or 1812, when the British were pressing young men coming to the New World in order to place them in their army; but he eluded his captors and reached Philadelphia in safety. There he was employed on the construction of the first Masonic lodge building in the city. Later he went to Lancaster county, Penn., where he worked for a farmer for a time, and then located in Centre county, where he also engaged in farming, though by trade he was a stone mason.

In Centre county, Samuel McEwen was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Steer, by whom he had three children: James, of this sketch; Mary, wife of S. Williams; and Eliza, who died unmarried. In 1823, Mr. McEwen brought his family to Clearfield county, locating near New Washington, where he purchased a tract of timber land and improved a farm, making that his home until about five years previous to his death, when he resided with our subject. He passed away in 1869 at about the age of ninety years, having long survived his wife. She held membership in the Methodist Church, while he was a Presbyterian in religious belief. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, but he cared nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. After coming to Clearfield county his attention was principally devoted to farming and lumbering, in which he met with a fair degree of success.

James McEwen was eight years of age when his parents took up their residence in Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood amid the primitive scenes of frontier life, and in early life followed farming and lumbering in connection with his father. After his marriage, in 1843, he located on a tract of wild land near New Washington, where he developed a farm and engaged in lumbering until 1865, when he sold out and removed to the place where he still resides. Here he purchased three surveys amounting to 400 acres, of which considerable land was under cultivation and a house and sawmill erected thereon. To its further development and cultivation he at once turned his attention, and in 1866 erected a store building and platted the site of the present town of Westover, which has grown to be a flourishing place, containing many residences and stores, three good schools and three churches—Baptist, Evangelical and Methodist—besides a number of important industries. It was incorporated in 1894. There our subject successfully engaged in merchandising for some time in connection with his farming and lumber interests.

In 1843 Mr. McEwen wedded Miss Ann Eason, of Indiana county, Penn., a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Eason) Eason, who were second cousins before their marriage, which was celebrated in Lycoming county. On coming from his native land, Ireland, her father located in that county, where he participated in the war of 1812. For a number of years he lived at Williamsport, working at the wagonmaker's trade, and then removed to Indiana county, Penn., where he improved a farm, whereon he died in 1844 and his wife in 1854. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. In their family were ten children, namely: Harriet, wife of William Jarrett; Joseph, a farmer; Jane, who died unmarried; Ann, wife of our subject; Emeline, wife of M. Ervin; Elizabeth, wife of R. Hughes; John, a farmer; Bell; Robert, a farmer of Centre county; and Susan. Mrs. McEwen, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, died in 1844, leaving one son, Eason, now a resident of Irvona, Pennsylvania.

On August 29, 1848, Mr. McEwen was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Preastly, who belongs to an honored pio-
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neer family of central Pennsylvania. Her father, Shipley Preastly, was a native of Huntingdon county, whence he removed to Johnstown, where he followed the trade of carpentering; and he became the first postmaster of that city, owning at one time the land on which Johnstown is now situated. Subsequently he came to Clearfield county, where he operated a sawmill, engaged in the lumber business and opened up a farm, but finally sold out and emigrated to Princeton, Ill., where his death occurred. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and in politics an ardent Republican. He had nine children, as follows: Mrs. Matilda Craver; Mrs. Hannah Drits; Mary A., wife of S. Swan, a minister; Jonathan, deceased; Sarah, wife of J. Drits; Elizabeth, wife of our subject; Rachel, who died in childhood; Charles M., a resident of Princeton, Ill.; and Jane, who died in childhood.

Five children blessed the second marriage of our subject, namely: (1) Jane became the wife of John S. Fry, who died in 1881, leaving a widow and two children—Flora M. and James S.; they all find a pleasant home with Mr. McEwen. (2) Samuel P. died in 1856. (3) Charles M. is also deceased. (4) Mary S. is at home. (5) Elizabeth A. died in childhood. The wife and mother was called to her final rest February 10, 1894, dying in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, with which she had long held membership.

On attaining his majority, Mr. McEwen voted with the Whig party, and since its organization has been a stalwart Republican. A man of unswerving integrity and honor, one who has a perfect appreciation of the higher ethics of life, he has gained and retained the confidence and respect of his fellow men, and is distinctively one of the leading citizens of Westover, with whose interests he has always been identified.

DAVID HORNING has found a pleasant home in Huston township, Clearfield county, since 1865, at which time he purchased a timbered tract of 200 acres, the previous owner being Philip Hebener.

Our subject was born in Montgomery county, Penn., in 1819, and is a son of Lewis and Ann (Guldwaltz) Horning, both natives of Pennsylvania, the mother born in Montgomery county, of German ancestry. In that county the father followed farming until his death, but the mother died in Schuykill county, this State. Ten children were born to them: Mrs. Sarah Gamon, who died in Philadelphia; Mrs. Elizabeth Kooker, of Florida; Abraham, who died in Herkimer county, N. Y.; John, who died in Ohio; David of this sketch; Amos, who has been a resident of Penfield, Clearfield county, since 1865; Mrs. Polly Kealey, of Spring City, Chester Co., Penn.; Mrs. Frances Schwenk, of Bucks county, this State; Mrs. Hannah Gingery, of Florida; and Lewis, who died in Montgomery county.

In the county of his nativity David Horning was reared to manhood, receiving his education in its public schools, and has followed farming throughout life. He is now one of the honored citizens of Penfield. In Montgomery county, in 1845, he married Susan B. Huntricker, a native of that county and a daughter of Henry and Mary (Detwiler) Huntricker, who spent their entire lives there. To Mr. and Mrs. Horning were born children as follows: (1) Mary Ann and (2) William Henry, both died in Montgomery county; (3) David departed this life while a resident of Huston township, Clearfield county.

(4) Lewis H., born in Montgomery county, in 1852, was about twelve years of age when brought by his parents to Clearfield county, where since reaching manhood he has engaged in farming. He was married in Minnesota, in September, 1883, to Miss Estella Elier Bundy, who was born in Huston township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Jefferson and Nancy (Hebener) Bundy, now residents of Minnesota. Three children grace this union: Ruby, born February 4, 1886; Goldie, born January 20, 1888, and David, born July 15, 1893. Lewis H. Horning is now engaged in the operation of the home farm, and is serving as tax collector of his township. He is a wide-awake, energetic citizen, a consistent member of the Free Methodist Church, and in politics was first a Republican, but, on account of his views on the temperance question, he now supports the Prohibition party.

(5) John was married in Minnesota, in 1880, to Miss Samantha Hebener, a native of Huston township, Clearfield county, and to them were born three children, of whom two are yet living -- Jennie Bell, born January 14, 1884; and John Kline, born August 9, 1887. By occupation John Horning is also an agriculturist, and he is a Prohibitionist in politics. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Penfield.

Like his sons, David Horning casts his ballot with the Prohibition party, but formerly was an ardent Republican, and has faithfully served his fellow citizens as a member of the school board and as tax collector. A conscientious, earnest Christian, he is a devout member of the Free Methodist Church, and his upright, honorable
Anthony McGarvey in the school of experience early learned that industry and perseverance are the essential elements of success in any undertaking, and putting this knowledge to the practical test he has by determined effort and honorable purpose worked his way steadfastly upward from humble surroundings to a position of affluence.

Mr. McGarvey was born in County Donegal, Ireland, in September, 1819, and his parents, William and Jennie (Long) McGarvey, were natives of the Emerald Isle. The mother died when our subject was four years old, and the father afterward married Mattie Gallaher. After her death William McGarvey came with two of his younger sons to America, joining his older children who had previously emigrated to the United States. He lived among his children until his death, which occurred at the home of his son in Delaware county, Penn. The parents of our subject were both members of the Church of England, and were cultured and intelligent people. They had four children: Thomas, of Delaware county; Mary A., now Mrs. McGarvey; Anthony; and Mrs. Martha Montgomery. The children of the second marriage were William, who went to Chicago, where he entered the army, and is supposed to have been killed during the war; Mrs. Elizabeth Goon; and Hannah.

Anthony McGarvey came to America when twelve years of age with his younger sister, and went to the home of his brother Thomas, who had sent them to come to this country. He remained in Delaware county with his brother for two years, after which he was employed for three years as a farm hand. He then removed to Huntingdon county, Penn., where he accepted a situation as manager of the barn of the Pennsylvania Furnace Company for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Spence Creek, where he remained four years, and in 1842 came to Clearfield county. To his original purchase of land of one hundred acres he has added until he now has a valuable tract of 300 acres. This was at first covered with a heavy growth of timber, and in the midst of the forest he built a little cabin and began the improvement of a farm. He now has 125 acres transformed into rich fields, which yield to him a good return for the care and labor he bestows upon them. He has a commodious two-story frame residence, a large barn and other substantial outbuildings, the latest improved machinery and a fine bearing orchard. All of these accessories have been secured through his own efforts, and the homestead is an evidence of a well-spent life on his part. As he cut away the timber he made it into marketable lumber, and also did a jobbing business in lumber for others. There were no other farms in the neighborhood when he located here, and for a number of years he had to go to Huntingdon county for supplies, which he carried home on his back. For five years he owned no horse, and he cultivated his ground with a grub hoe; but as time passed he became more prosperous, and to-day in a comfortable home he is enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. McGarvey was married in 1842 in Huntingdon county to Jane McGarvey, who was born in Ireland, and during her girlhood came with a brother to America. After a short time spent in Philadelphia she took up her residence in Huntingdon county. By her marriage she became the mother of three children: John, a farmer; Elizabeth (widow of Dan Gorman), who superintends the operation of her own farm; and William, who died at the age of four years. The mother of this family died in 1849, and in 1851 Mr. McGarvey married Ellen Hunter, who was born in Scotland in 1823, and came to America in 1843. Her parents were John and Ellen (Johnston) Hunter. Her father, who was a farmer, died in October, 1869, aged eighty-five years: his wife passed away in 1874, at the age of ninety. They were consistent members of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Hunter served as elder in Fruit Hill Church. They had seven children: John, who died in 1894; Robert, who died leaving a family; Isabel, wife of R. Little; James, of Jordan township, Clearfield county; Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Wilson; Ellen; and Margaret, widow of John Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. McGarvey have four children: Ellen, wife of L. Miles; Robert, a merchant of Spangler; Kate J., wife of E. Sunderland; and Isabel, wife of F. Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. McGarvey are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a prominent Freemason, having become a member of Coalport Lodge, No. 574. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in Clearfield, and became a Knight Templar in Philipsburg. For forty-five years he has been a faithful member of the Odd Fellows society, has filled the chairs in both organizations, and he is also a member of the Mystic Shrine, of Erie.
county. In politics he was a Democrat until 1890, since which time he has voted with the Republican party.

James McNeel, who follows agricultural pursuits in Jordan township, Clearfield county, was born December 21, 1825, in the locality where he now lives.

His parents were James and Mary (Rickets) McNeel, and the father was a native of County Tyrone, Ireland, whence he emigrated to America in 1804, locating at Sinking Valley, Penn. After a short time he married Elizabeth Crawford of that place, and removed to Jordan township, Clearfield county, where he purchased 300 acres of land, which is now in the possession of his three sons, James, Joseph and Isaac, his daughter Mary and a grandson, Taylor McNeel. In the midst of the wilderness he hewed out a farm, and continued its cultivation throughout his life; he died in 1863 at the age of eighty-five. After the death of his first wife he married Mary Rickets. The children of the first union were Mrs. Nancy Ramsey, Thomas, Mrs. Ann Adelman, Marshall and Mrs. Ellen Spur. The children of the second marriage were Eliza, wife of J. Hunter; John; James; Joseph; Mrs. Mary McCormick; Lydia, wife of L. Root; Isaac; and Caroline, who died in childhood. The parents lived to old age, and Mrs. McNeel, who long survived her husband, died on the old homestead farm and was buried by his side in Fruit Hill cemetery. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. McNeel was one of the leaders of the Republican party in Jordan township, where he served as justice of the peace for more than twenty years, and held other township offices. He was a contractor on the Erie & Philadelphia turnpike, and was a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

Isaac Rickets, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was an honored pioneer of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and a prominent and enterprising man. On his land he platted the town of Utahville, and had the distinction of being the first officer of the township. He erected a hotel, which was afterward conducted by his son and namesake, and in the midst of the forest, which he conducted throughout his life.

James McNeel early became familiar with the life and labors of the farm, and to his father gave the benefit of his services until he had attained his majority, his education being acquired in the common schools. In 1853 he was married, and began his domestic life upon a portion of the old homestead. He began lumbering, and for forty years followed that pursuit, rafting his lumber down the river to market. He inherited a part of the old homestead at his father's death, and upon his land has made substantial improvements, transforming the place into one of the fine farms of the neighborhood. He is progressive in his methods, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his place well indicates his careful supervision.

Mr. McNeel was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Linch, of an honored pioneer family of Centre county, daughter of John and Sarah (Moore) Linch, of Irish descent. The Moore family removed from Centre to Clearfield county at an early day, and the grandfather of Mrs. McNeel edited a paper in Clearfield, where he was widely and favorably known. His political support was given to the Republican party. Mr. Linch resided for some time in Perry county, Penn., where he was employed in the iron furnaces. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. They had two daughters: Mary J. and Nancy, the latter now the wife of John Thompson, a railroad man of Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. and Mrs. McNeel had eight children, namely: Sanford; William, who died in childhood; Alvin; Martha, wife of A. Bloom; Nancy, wife of E. Harnish; Thomas; Elizabeth; and Harry. The parents and most of the children are members of the Presbyterian Church, and the family is one of prominence in the community, where they have many friends. In politics, Mr. McNeel is a Republican, and he has held a number of township offices.

Frederick Campman, of the borough of Wallacetown, Clearfield county, is one of the most enterprising and successful citizens of the county, and, although of foreign birth, is a thorough American at heart. He and his three brothers all served in the cause of freedom during the Rebellion, and in peace as well as in war the family have shown their attachment for their adopted country.

Mr. Campman was born in Prussia, January 22, 1832, a son of Anthony Campman, who owned and conducted a farm there until 1844, when he brought his wife and family to America. He located first in Maryland, and was employed for a time in the iron works there. After making several changes of residence he located in Clarion county, then settled in Middlesex, Mercer Co., Penn, where he died in 1858. His wife's death occurred in Maryland a number of years previously. They had five children, namely:
Frederick, Henry, David, Caroline and Timothy. The four sons served in the army, as has been said, and Timothy died in Andersonville prison.

The early education of our subject was obtained in the schools of his native land. In 1851 he went to Clearfield county and found employment in Bradford township in lumbering and rafting. He was married in 1854 to Miss Esther Manes, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of Daniel Manes, a highly respected pioneer farmer. Until 1864 Mr. Campman continued the lumber business, but he was then drafted into the army, and joined Company F, 88th P. V. I. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and he saw some hard service, taking part in several battles, the chief of which was the siege of Petersburg, but he was neither wounded nor captured. He was mustered out of the United States service in Virginia at the close of the war, and received his final discharge at Philadelphia, June 30, 1865. Returning home, he followed logging until the lack of suitable timber ended that occupation in his vicinity, and in 1872 he purchased an improved farm of one hundred acres in Boggs township, adjoining the borough of Wallaceton, and has ever since conducted it. The farm is underlaid with coal. Of late he has given especial attention to raising and buying cattle, and has also been engaged in butchering.

Mr. Campman's first wife died in 1871, and in 1872 he wedded Mrs. May Ella (Williams) Smell, daughter of Edward Williams, a prominent pioneer of Bradford. Mr. Campman has the following children, all by the first marriage: Henry, a farmer in Decatur; Mrs. Mary Buck, of Goshen; Mrs. Ella Goss; David, a railroad man; and Mrs. Lizzie Conder, of Goshen. The Campmans have always been devout Catholics, and Mr. Campman is a member of that Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held a number of offices, including that of treasurer of his borough. Although he is now past life's meridian, he is full of enterprise and vigor, and having won success through years of hardship and toil, he is enjoying their well-earned fruits. Charles D. Williams, an adopted son of Mr. Campman and his second wife, has found a pleasant home with them since he was one and one-half years old. He is an employee of Mr. Campman in the business. He has made a study of telegraphy under M. E. Klare, of Wallaceton.

Capt. Joseph Delehunt, the well-known and popular postmaster of Houtzdale, was born in Cambria county, Penn., March 14, 1838, his parents being Edward and Ann (Farrell) Delehunt. The father, a native of Ireland, emigrated to the United States in 1820, and took up his residence in York county, Penn., whence he removed to Cambria county in 1828. In Johnstown he engaged in contracting and teaming until 1851, when he removed to Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Penn., where his death occurred in 1868. His wife departed his life at the same place in 1866. There were five children in their family.

In the schools of Johnstown and Hollidaysburg, Capt. Delehunt acquired his literary education, and continued with his parents until the outbreak of the Civil war. Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away when he enlisted at Hollidaysburg, April 16, 1861, in Company A, 3rd P. V. I., for three months, and three days later was sworn into the United States service. On the expiration of his term he re-enlisted September 23, 1861, in Company A, 84th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered in at Camp Crossman where the regiment was assigned to Shield's division of the Army of West Virginia; but in 1862 it was transferred to the Army of the Potomac. Our subject participated in the following battles: Falling Water, July 2, 1861; Bath, Va.; Hancock, Md.; Blooming Gap, W. Va.; Winchester, in March, 1862; Front Royal; Cedar Mountain; Thoroughfare Gap; second battle of Bull Run; Fredericksburg; Chancellorsville; Rappahannock Station; Gettysburg; Wapping Heights; Locust Grove; Mine Run; Wilderness; Todd's Tavern; Spottsylvania; North Anna River; Hayes Shop; Ptolemy Creek; Cold Harbor; and St. Petersburg. He received a shell wound at St. Petersburg, and for some time was confined in a hospital at Annapolis, Md. At the battles of North Anna River, Ptolemy Creek, Cold Harbor and St. Petersburg, Capt. Delehunt commanded his regiment. At St. Petersburg he was honorably discharged December 11, 1864, with the rank of captain, won by meritorious conduct and bravery on the field of battle. He had entered the service as private, but in 1861 was made sergeant, and on the 23d of March, 1862, was commissioned second lieutenant; after the battle of Winchester he was promoted from that rank to captain, October 15, 1862.

Capt. Delehunt was married in Hollidaysburg in 1863, to Miss Elizabeth Clonan, who is a native of the Emerald Isle, but was reared in Pennsylvania. They have six children: Thomas, Edward, Maggie, Elizabeth, Joseph and Matthew. The Captain continued to make his home in Hollidaysburg until 1868 when he moved to
Clearfield, where he was an engineer; then (1873) moved to Osceola, and opened a machine shop, which was entirely destroyed by fire in May, 1875. In 1876, he removed to Houtzdale, Clearfield county, and for fourteen years was in the employ of Robert H. Powell as an engineer. He is an ardent Democrat in politics, has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and has creditably served in several important official positions, including those of burgess and as a member of the city council. In April, 1894, he received the appointment of postmaster at Houtzdale, and is proving one of the most efficient and obliging officers that has ever filled that position. In religious belief he is a Roman Catholic, and fraternally holds membership in the Veteran Legion.

JOSEPH BORST, a prosperous agriculturist of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, has an honorable place in the roll of gallant defenders of the Union. In May, 1861, he enlisted in the army for three months, and was assigned at first to the Pennsylvania Reserves. On being sworn into the United States service at Harrisburg, he became a member of Company A, First Pennsylvania Artillery, for three years, then for three years or "during the war." He took part in the battle of Dranesville, Va.; the Peninsular campaign, under Gen. McClellan; the second battle of Bull Run, under Pope; and the engagements at South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Suffolk (Va.), Butler Depot, and was at Petersburg at the time of the mine explosion. He was with Gen. Butler in Virginia and North Carolina for some time, and the entire four years were spent in serious work. He remained in the service until there was no more fighting to be done, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, July 25, 1865.

Mr. Borst was born in Germany, March 19, 1837, and came to Clearfield county when nine years old. His parents, John and Mary (Mock) Borst, were born and reared in Germany, and, after their marriage, crossed the ocean to make a home in Clearfield county, Penn. The father, who was a lumberman by occupation, died in Pike township in 1847; the mother passed her declining years in Lawrence township, where she breathed her last in 1868. Nine children were born to this pioneer couple: John died in Lawrence township; Michael resides in Altoona, Penn.; Joseph, our subject, is the third in the order of birth; Sylvester died in Pike township; Charles died in Lawrence township in 1866; Fred and Philip both died in Lawrence township; and Paulina (Mrs. John Lintner) resides in Altoona.

Joseph Borst was educated in the schools of Pike township, and his energy and business ability were displayed at an early age, as at thirteen he engaged in lumbering. After his return from the war he continued his business, and rafted on the river for many years. He now conducts a fine farm of 117 acres near Glen Richey, raising general crops. In 1888 he was married in Lawrence township to Miss Frances McLaughlin, a native of that locality. Her parents, John and Margery (Dougherty) McLaughlin (both now deceased), were born in Ireland, and settled in Lawrence township at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Borst have had the following children: William, Charley, John, Alvin, Paul, Peter, Frank (deceased), Joe (who died at an early day), May and Caroline. In his political views, Mr. Borst is a Republican, and he takes a keen interest in all the questions of the time. Socially he is a member of Lorimer Post, G. A. R., of Clearfield.

JOHN W. BELL. The work of development and improvement in any new locality requires time, patience and great energy. The best results are not those most hastily secured, but are those which follow earnest labor and persistent purpose. Through four generations the Bell family has been connected with the upbuilding and the substantial advancement of Clearfield county, and the various representatives of the name have been active and influential in the work which has transformed the unbroken wilderness into good homes, rich farms and thriving industrial centers.

Arthur Bell, the great-grandfather of our subject, married Miss Greenwood, and came to Clearfield county about 1790, making the third permanent settlement. He visited the region as a trapper and hunter from Lycoming county, coming up the river in a canoe, and in the following spring he brought his family, making a location on the Susquehanna river near the present site of Lumber City. He improved what is now known as the Farwell farm, aided in the organization of the county, and for many years served as justice of the peace, performing all marriage ceremonies in that early day. He was a very popular and highly respected citizen. The family experienced the usual hardships of frontier life. Game of all kinds was plentiful, but breadstuffs had to be carried across the mountains on the backs of the frontiersmen and brought down the river in canoes. Arthur Bell was reared in
the faith of the Presbyterian Church, to which he always adhered. His children were Letitia, Rebecca, Rachel, Mary, Greenwood, William and Greer, all now deceased.

Greenwood Bell, the grandfather of our subject, was reared in Clearfield county and became one of its prominent and respected citizens. He cleared a farm in the midst of the forest, and in connection with agricultural pursuits carried on lumbering. His son, Arthur Bell, father of our subject, was reared in Greenwood township, and purchased 200 acres of land, the farm on which John W. Bell now resides. From time to time he made additional purchases, becoming owner of 1,600 acres. He was a prominent factor in the development of the lumber industry, and in 1843 erected a sawmill, manufacturing lumber on an extensive scale and rafting it down the river to market. He also followed farming and placed one hundred acres of land under a high state of cultivation. He married Catherine Hazlett, who was reared in Clearfield county, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wilson) Hazlett, honored pioneers. Her father also developed a farm from wild timber land, and engaged in lumbering. In politics he was a Whig, and on that ticket was elected county treasurer, being the only Whig candidate ever chosen for the office. On the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks, and in 1856 was its candidate for associate judge, but could not overcome the strong Democratic majority.

To Arthur and Catherine Bell were born six children: William, who died at the age of twelve years; John W.; Elizabeth, who married James Stevenson, and died in 1894; Delilah M.; Sarah C., who married C. Armstrong, and both are now deceased; and Harriet E.; who died at the age of twenty years. The mother of this family died in 1850, and Arthur Bell was again married, in 1862. His death occurred in 1872.

On the farm where he now resides in Greenwood township, Clearfield county, John W. Bell was born July 12, 1838. The common schools afforded him his educational privileges, and he received ample training at farm labor and in the lumber business. In 1862, having married, he purchased from his father the homestead and 400 acres of land additional. After his father's death he purchased the interest of the other heirs until he owned one-half of the remainder of the land. His farm is supplied with all the modern improvements and accessories, and the excellent buildings stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He erected a pleasant and commodious two-story residence, a large barn, also substantial outbuildings, and has transformed the land into richly-cultivated fields. He aided his father in clearing the homestead tract and has since improved other portions, clearing it of the stumps and raising in the fields excellent crops. He also built a sawmill, and has done an extensive lumber business, piloting the lumber down the river every spring for thirty years. He made his last trip in 1891. His land is underlaid with a rich coal deposit, and his property is a valuable and productive one.

In 1862, Mr. Bell married Elizabeth Cook, daughter of Alexander Cook, who moved from Centre to Clearfield county at an early day, and engaged in the hotel business near Curwensville. He afterward removed to Clarion county, and later to Lyons, Iowa, where he and his wife died. Their children were Mary J., Mrs. Bell, William, John, James, Eliza, Carrie and Alexander, all of whom went to Iowa with the exception of Mrs. Bell. By her marriage she became the mother of five children: Ida, who died at the age of twelve years; Arthur, who is farming on the homestead; Cora, at home; Alice, who died in 1894, at the age of twenty-two; and Saner, who is attending school in Lewisburg. The mother of this family, who was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, died in 1875, mourned by many friends.

In 1876, Mr. Bell married Mrs. Eliza C. Thomson, who had two children by her first marriage—W. Harry, who is attending the State College; and Martha M., wife of Dr. Elton S. Corson. Mr. Bell reared and educated these children as his own. His wife is a daughter of David Williams, who was reared in Centre county, but removed to Clearfield county where he purchased and operated a farm and mill in Jordan township. His children were Mrs. Martha Henderson, James G. and William G., who follow farming; and Eliza C. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have one child, Ai T., born in 1877. They are members of the Baptist Church, and are people of genuine worth, enjoying the high regard of many friends. Mr. Bell was a Republican in politics until 1894, since which time he has voted the Prohibition ticket. He is now serving as postmaster at Bower, and is one of the popular citizens of the community, wherein he has spent his entire life.

Zenas L. Hartschorn. The steady development and substantial improvement of a community is largely dependent upon its farming population. Of this class our subject is a representative, being numbered among the leading and influential agriculturists of Clearfield county.
Mr. Hartshorn was born March 4, 1838, on the old homestead, in Pike township, where he yet resides, and is a son of Jonathan and Rachel (Leonard) Hartshorn. His paternal grandparents, Benjamin and Isabella (McClure) Hartshorn, natives of Maryland, removed from that State to Centre county, Penn., and in 1806 came to Clearfield county, where the grandfather secured a large tract of land, that is now in the possession of our subject. He opened up a farm, and also conducted a tannery, for he was a tanner by trade. His son, William, learned the trade, and after the grandfather's death carried on the business. Benjamin Hartshorn secured his land from the government, and it has never passed out of the hands of his descendants. In his family were eight children, namely: Peggy, Anna, Jonathan, William, Laura, Eliza, Benjamin, Mary Ann. The parents of this family were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Jonathan Hartshorn, who was born in Centre county, in 1799, came to Clearfield county, in 1806, and there spent his entire life as a farmer. After his father's death he remained with his widowed mother, and inherited from her the old homestead. In 1830 he was married, and located thereon, continuing to make it his place of abode until 1883, when he was called to his final rest. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and took a deep interest in public affairs, but never sought office. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. Mrs. Hartshorn is still in the enjoyment of good health, although nearly ninety years of age. She was born May 28, 1807, and is a daughter of Abram and Elizabeth (Armstrong) Leonard. The family was founded in America by Patrick Leonard, her grandfather, who was born in Ireland, and spent his last days in Huntingdon county, Penn. Abram Leonard was reared and married there, and subsequently removed to Centre county, whence he came to Clearfield county, in 1803, locating near Clearfield creek, on land which at that time had not yet come into market. There he opened up a farm, which after his death was purchased by his son, James, and is now the property of Mrs. Hartshorn. He died July 23, 1840, and his wife passed away several years later, they were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Their children were James T., Thomas, Mrs. Hartshorn, Zenas, Hannah, Robert, Agnes, Elizabeth and Andrew. James T. Leonard became a very prominent man, and accumulated a large fortune, which, at his death, was divided among his relatives, as he never married. Jonathan and Rachel Hartshorn became the parents of nine children, as follows: Jane, wife of R. Neeper; Benjamin; Margaret, wife of R. Wrigley; Zenas; Mary A.; Mrs. Hannah Broughler; Jonathan T., who resides in California; Joshua, a farmer and miller; and Lavina, who died in childhood.

Zenas L. Hartshorn was reared on the old homestead farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. His life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and to lumbering, and his capable management of his business interests has brought to him a high degree of success. He was married, in 1890, to Miss Josephine Antes, of Centre county, a daughter of James Antes, a prominent farmer of that county, where he spent his entire life. His death occurred in 1889; his widow is still living in Centre county. They had seven children: James B.; Martha (Mrs. William Allen), in Kansas; Jerome B., of Clearfield; Mrs. Hartshorn; E. F., Esther, and Estelle. The mother of this family is a member of the Methodist Church, and is widely and favorably known in Centre county. She was educated in the public schools of Centre county, for several years was a teacher in that county, and later taught one term in Clearfield county.

Mr. Hartshorn exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, but has never desired political preferment. He is, however, public-spirited and progressive, ever true to his duties of citizenship, and in all the relations of life is an upright, honorable man, who has the warm regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

David C. Burkett, a prominent agriculturist of Bradford township, and a veteran of the Civil war, is one of the most enterprising and progressive citizens of Clearfield county. During the twenty-eight years of his residence in that county he has been actively engaged in business, and has won the esteem of a large circle of acquaintances.

On both sides his ancestors have been residents of Pennsylvania for several generations. His father, David Burkett, was born in Huntingdon county, and was married there to Miss Sarah Spanogle, a native of Centre county, whose forefathers were among the earliest settlers of that section. The father died in Shirelysburg in 1852, but the mother was spared many years, her death occurring at the same town, November 28, 1883. Our subject is one of a family of five children: Peter, who also served in the Union army, enlisting from Huntingdon county, now resides at Shirleyburg; Mary (Mrs. Lightner) lives at Shirleyburg; Kate (Mrs. Anderson) is a resident of
Harristown; and James, who enlisted in Huntingdon county during the war, died at Orbisonia.

Mr. Burkett, our subject, was born February 4, 1848, at Orbisonia, Huntingdon county, and February 4, 1864, he gave evidence of the same patriotic spirit which made all the sons of this family respond to the call to arms, by enlisting for three years, or "during the war," in Company H, 21st Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was mustered in at Harnsburg, and his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. Among the important engagements in which he took part was the battle of Cold Harbor, and in the struggle at Petersburg he received, on June 18, 1864, two gun-shot wounds—one in the thigh and one in the head. These confined him to the field hospitals at Little York, Penn., and Grace Church, Alexandria, for four months, when he rejoined his regiment in front of Petersburg. In 1865 he received an honorable discharge at Harrisburg, and returned to his native county. In 1868, he went to Clearfield county, and for some time was engaged in teaming and hauling lumber in Decatur township. He then became a merchant and coal dealer in Berwinsdale, and later a lumberman in Lawrence township, but in 1892 he went to Clearfield borough and kept a restaurant for a short time, giving it up in order to take charge of the "Susquehanna House" at Curwensville. In 1894 he purchased his present farm near Woodland, a fine property containing 266 acres, all improved. He is a general farmer, and his estate shows excellent management.

Mr. Burkett was married, in 1868, in Decatur township, Clearfield county, to Miss Alice Hughes, daughter of Richard Hughes, a leading resident of that township, and one of its pioneer settlers, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Three children of this marriage are now living, namely: Carrie (Mrs. Smith), of Clearfield; and Minnie and Maud, both at home. As a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Burkett has taken great interest in all questions and movements of the day. In politics he is a Democrat, and, although he is not a seeker after official honors, he was overseer of the poor in Decatur township for two years. He has been active in fraternal society work as a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

SILAS REECE, a well-known coal operator of Philipsburg, Penn., is a man of keen perception, of great sagacity, of unbounded enterprise, and to these characteristics may be attributed his wonderful success in business life. He was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, December 11, 1849, and there made his home for many years. For the past sixteen years, however, he has been identified with the commercial and industrial interests of Philipsburg, though his mining property is in Decatur township.

Elijah Reece, father of our subject, was born January 1, 1800, in Herefordshire, England, where his parents spent their entire lives. There he was reared, and attended the Church of which John Jay was pastor. In Bath he learned the currier's trade, which he continued to follow in that city until coming to the New World. He was married in his native land, in 1831, to Miss Mary Ann Blanthan, and at Liverpool, May 9, 1833, they started for America, in a sailing vessel, which, after two months, reached Newfoundland, whence it drifted to Greenland, but finally arrived at Philadelphia, August 9, 1833. By canal they proceeded to Lewistown, Penn., thence by stage to Bellefonte, and on foot to Philipsburg, where for a time Mr. Reece engaged in the tanning business. At an early date he purchased Hardman Phillips a tract of sixty-two acres of timber land, and located thereon when most of the country was still in its primitive condition, and many wild animals inhabited the forests. He immediately began to clear and develop his land, to which he added until he had 113 acres of as rich farming land as was to be found in the locality. He was one of the best known men in Decatur township, and one of its representative and influential citizens. In politics, he was a Democrat, and was the oldest subscriber to the Clearfield Republican, at the time of his death, which occurred November 3, 1883; his wife died in 1874. Her mother, who also came to America, died in Decatur township, August 24, 1833, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at Philipsburg.

Nine children were born to the parents of our subject, namely: (1) John, a native of Decatur township, was the first man in Clearfield county to offer his services as a soldier in the Civil War, enlisting in 1861, in the 1st Pennsylvania Artillery; he was commissioned lieutenant, and served thirty months. He died in Virginia, in October, 1887. (2) Elijah also enlisted in Decatur township, in September, 1861, and served for eighteen months as a member of Company K, 110th P. V. I. Being wounded at the battle of Winchester, he returned home, but in August, 1863, again went to the front as a member of Company K, 87th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He died in Decatur township, December 8, 1895. (3) Arthur enlisted in the 140th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He
made his home in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, where he passed away in 1883. (4) Mrs. Salina Morgan resides in Delaware. (5) Clara died at the age of eleven years. (6) James died when young. (7) Mrs. Adda Shaw is living in Huntingdon county, Penn. (8) Silas is next in order of birth. (9) Anna died at the age of four years.

Upon the home farm in Decatur township, Silas Reece spent his boyhood and youth, and in the common schools of the neighborhood began his education. Later he pursued his studies at State College and Edinboro, and after completing the prescribed course, graduated from the Iron City Commercial College of Pittsburg, Penn., in 1876. During the following twelve years he successfully engaged in teaching in Decatur township, and subsequently, for three years, carried on merchandising in Philipsburg. Since 1887 he has been actively engaged in the coal business, and upon his farm in Decatur township are three veins, which are being profitably worked. The first of these, which is the oldest in operation in that section of the country, was opened in 1883, but some years previously samples of the coal had been sent to Switzerland for analysis. The second vein was opened in 1886, and the third in 1892. In the management of his mines Mr. Reece has displayed excellent executive ability and sound judgment, and has thereby met with a well-deserved success in this undertaking.

In 1880, in Altoona, Penn., Mr. Reece was united in marriage with Miss Catharine Alleman, a native of Gulich township, Clearfield county, where her parents, David and Bathsheba (Campbell) Alleman, located at an early day. Her mother died there, but her father departed this life in West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Reece have four children: Paul and Lillian Ada (twins), born June 10, 1881; Bessie Alleman, born April 11, 1883; and Dora Ethel, born in July, 1885. Mrs. Reece received her education at the Clearfield County Normal School, Curwensville, after which she taught for about seven years in Clearfield and Blair counties, two years in the city of Altoona.

Although Mr. Reece has made his home in Philipsburg for the past sixteen years, his business interests are still in Decatur township, and he is a worthy representative of one of its honored pioneer families. At the time his parents located there only three families were living within its borders—those of Messrs. Goss, Hughes and Kephart—and they were obliged to go to Janesville (now Smith's Mills) to mill. They experienced all the hardships and difficulties incident to pioneer life, and took an active and prominent part in the upbuilding and progress of the township. Politically, Mr. Reece is a Democrat, and religiously is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as are also his wife and twins. His success in business life has been the result of honest and persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing, and his career has ever been such as to gain him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

ERNEST F. MIGNOT, who is engaged in the milling business in Karthaus, Clearfield county, is one of the leading representatives of the industrial interests of that place.

Charles Mignot, father of our subject, was born April 7, 1818, in Centrey, France, and is a son of Hyacinth and Frances (Cherbonet) Mignot, also natives of France, whence in 1832 they came to this country, locating in Bellefonte, Penn. In 1842 Charles became a resident of Centre county, where he learned the trade of blacksmithing, and in 1835 he moved to Karthaus township, Clearfield county, entering the employ of Peter Karthaus. With him he remained two years, in 1840 locating on a tract of timber land in Covington township, Clearfield county, where he and his father opened up a farm which they operated until the death of the latter. He had a family of eight children, as follows: Charles; Elizabeth, widow of Francis Barthot, who opened up a farm in Covington township, but died in France; Frank, of Covington township; Augustus, of Girard township; John, of Covington township; Florentine, of Wellsville, Kans.; Emil, of Covington township; and Boniface, who died in the same township at the age of seventeen. The mother of these died in the spring of 1875.

Charles Mignot was married January 6, 1849, in Girard township, to Caroline Amelia Leconte, who was born in Paris, France, a daughter of Augustus and Caroline (Sheron) Leconte, natives of the same country. In 1832 her parents came to Covington township, and the father engaged in merchandising and lumbering in Frenchville for some years. He afterward removed to a farm at the mouth of Deer creek, and carried on the same pursuits there until 1854, when he located on what is known as the homestead farm. He died there January 24, 1873. The family then carried on the business until September 11, 1875, when Mrs. Leconte removed to Clearfield, where she died in May, 1890. They had three children: Caroline Amelia (Mrs. Mignot); Eugenia, of Clearfield; and Fannie, wife of C. A. Woods, of Altoona. Charles Mignot lived in Girard township for some time, and was engaged
in merchandising and lumbering. He afterward lived on a farm on Deer creek, until the death of his wife, June 22, 1864, when he removed to the Leconte homestead, but since 1895 he has resided with our subject in Karthaus. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mignot, as follows: Ferdinand married Annie E. Briel, and lived on the old homestead in Girard township until his death, June 6, 1894; and Ernest F., the subject proper of this sketch.

Ernest F. Mignot was born in Girard township, Clearfield county, September 6, 1852, and received his education at the common schools of the neighborhood of his home. When old enough he united with his brother in business, and they carried on merchandising and lumbering in Girard township, our subject also conducting a farm. On November 9, 18—, Ernest F. settled in Karthaus, where, in partnership with J. S. Briel, he erected a flouring-mill on the river, and began milling and lumbering at that point. The partnership between them was dissolved November 9, 1887, at which time Mr. Mignot purchased a tract of timber land on Deer creek, and began lumbering. He is now engaged in the same pursuit in Girard township, where he also operates a sawmill, and is the owner of 900 acres of valuable timber land underlaid with coal.

In Covington township, Clearfield county, August 4, 1878, Ernest F. Mignot was married to Miss Nancy Jane, who was born in Covington township, a daughter of John and Margaret (McGonegle) Briel, the former a native of Germany, the latter of Pennsylvania. Five children have been born to this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: J. Ferdinand, May 18, 1879; Jesse J., November 8, 1882; Florence A., January 1, 1884; Clare Briel, July 8, 1890; and Angelus, January 6, 1894. In politics, Mr. Mignot is a Democrat, and has filled the office of collector.

FRANK GOSS. The business interests of Wallaceton, Clearfield county, are well represented by this gentleman, who has largely promoted commercial activity by his energetic efforts in the development of trade. He was born October 22, 1856, on the farm of his father, Jesse Goss, of Clearfield county. He is a representative of one of the old families of this locality. His grandfather, Abraham Goss, crossed the Atlantic to America, and became one of the early settlers in this section of Pennsylvania. His numerous descendants have been people of sterling worth; true to the duties of both public and private life and mostly have followed farming. The grandfather of our subject was George Goss. The father, Jesse Goss, was born in Clearfield county, and married Rebecca Smith, who was also a native of that county, and was an earnest Christian woman, holding membership in the United Brethren Church. In politics he was a Democrat, and was actively interested in public affairs, holding various township offices. In their family were four children: Frank, Mrs. Emma Connell, Charles and Mrs. Sarah Bret.

Under the parental roof Frank Goss remained until twenty years of age, when he started out in life for himself. Among his earliest ventures was merchandising, which he began in connection with a partner. He afterward continued the business alone, but later sold out. He then embarked in the lumber business, and also operated a sawmill, rafting the lumber down the river to market. As his financial resources have increased, he has invested in real-estate, and has found this a profitable source of income. It was largely through his instrumentality that the fire-brick works were established at Wallaceton. He became one of the stockholders in the company, superintended the construction of the plant, and continued the management of the works until after the enterprise was in successful operation. He then sold out, and in 1882 he erected the large hotel in Wallaceton, which he conducted until 1889, when he leased the property. After two years it returned to his management, and he continued in control until 1893 when he sold out. On January 1, 1886, he was made agent of the Pennsylvania railroad at Wallaceton, and is still acting in that capacity.

In 1875 Mr. Goss received the appointment of postmaster at Wallaceton. He had not yet attained his majority at the time, and in consequence could not take the oath of office, but Senator Wallace, his special friend, made arrangements whereby he assumed the duties of the position. He served for seven years, and then resigned. In his political adherency he is a Democrat, and though he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking he has served as justice of the peace, and is now acting in the capacity of constable. In 1896 he was sent as a delegate from Clearfield county to the State Convention, which met in Allentown.

In 1876 Mr. Goss married Miss Ella Campman, a lady of intelligence and of an honored family. She was born in Clearfield county, a daughter of Frederick Campman, who was born in Prussia, and came to America in early life. He purchased an improved farm near Walla-
ton, but now resides in the town, and carries on agricultural pursuits, also operating a meat market. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and a very prominent and influential citizen. A sketch of him appears elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Goss had six children, of whom four are living: Leonard, who is acting as station agent at Wallacetton; Minta; Fred; and an infant unnamed. Mr. Goss belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has been very active in the development of Wallacetton, his enterprise has been the means of securing many substantial improvements, and he is a typical representative of that class of citizens who, while promoting individual prosperity, advance the public welfare.

JOSEPH E. GEARHART. Among the early emigrants from Germany, who contributed to such large measure in their day to the redemption of the fertile lands of Pennsylvania from the primeval wilderness, was John Gearhart (born about 1782, died in 1857), the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch. He married Catherine Gray, of Centre county, who lived to be ninety-seven years old. In 1820 he located in Centre county, near the present site of Philipsburg, where he cleared a tract of land and established his home.

John Gearhart, our subject's grandfather, was born there in 1790, and, moved by the true pioneer spirit, he in his turn sought new lands in Clearfield county, and made his home in the woods in Decatur township, where he died in February, 1871. His wife, Lydia (Shivery) Gearhart, survived him till 1885. They had ten children: (1) David, a resident of Chester Hill; (2) Sarah (Mrs. David Goss), of Decatur township; (3) John S., our subject's father; (4) Susan, who married Joseph Milward, of Osceola, Penn., and died in 1886; (5) Andrew, who died at Chester Hill, in 1895, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Lydia Ellis, and four children; (6) Jane, the widow of Jonas Peters, of Boggs township, Clearfield county, who died in 1881; (7) Catherine, the widow of Abraham Goss, of Osceola, who died in 1891; (8) Enoch, who married Nancy Ellis, and resides at Chester Hill; (9) Hannah, formerly the wife of Jacob Havurrocker, who died in 1881, her own death occurring a few years later; (10) Jacob, who married Miss Eliza Runks, and resides in Crawford county, Pennsylvania.

John S. Gearhart, our subject's father, was born in Decatur township, April 20, 1818, and in early manhood, after his first marriage, followed the example of his ancestors by settling upon a tract of wild land in Boggs township, Clearfield county, which he transformed into a fine farm. He still resides there enjoying the well-earned fruits of his former labors. He was married in Decatur township, December 7, 1841, to Miss Lydia S. Showalter, born in 1824, died in 1851, a native of Clearfield county, and daughter of John Showalter, who was born in Pennsylvania, and died in Clearfield county in 1857. The family was of German origin. Four children of this marriage were as follows: (1) William enlisted from Huntingdon county, in 1864, in Company E, 45th P. V. I., was taken prisoner, and died at Salisbury, N. C., December 10, 1864. (2) Ellis died unmarried November 20, 1865. (3) Andrew Lloyd resides in Clearfield. (4) Joseph E. is our subject. The mother of this family died in Boggs township, July 2, 1851. The father on April 20, 1852, in Boggs township, married Miss Elizabeth Ann Smith, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of Samuel Smith, an early settler in that county, now deceased, Rev. Henry Kephart performing the ceremony. His widow, Barbara (Smith) Davis, now resides in Becaria township. Eight children were born of the second marriage, of whom seven are living: (1) George S. is married, and is a well-known furniture manufacturer at West Clearfield. (2) John Wesley and (3) Alvin C. married and settled upon farms in Boggs township. (4) Samuel is married, and resides in West Clearfield. (5) Lydia J. (Mrs. Charles Ricketts), lives in Becaria township, Clearfield county. (6) Charles died in 1885. (7) James is at home with his parents; and (8) Lewis is married and lives in West Clearfield.

J. E. Gearhart was born at the old homestead April 22, 1849, and after his mother's death, was cared for, and reared by his Grandmother Showalter, until about ten years of age; she (Grandmother Showalter) went to Illinois to spend the remaining days with her children who had moved to that State in 1853–5; she died in 1873. J. E. Gearhart was then taken home to his father. He was raised a farmer boy, and had only a meager education. From his boyhood he showed a mechanical genius by making mechanical contrivances for his own amusement. At twenty-one he engaged in lumbering for Hoover Hughes & Co., with whom he worked nine years, acting as foreman for the company. In 1869 he built a factory in West Clearfield, where he employs eight men, on an average, in the manufacture of knitting machines invented by himself, and which have a world-wide reputation. He is also interested in real estate, and rents a number of houses in West Clearfield. In
1871 he was married, in Decatur township, to Miss Mary E. Middleton, a native of this State, and the daughter of the late John Middleton, a well-known gunsmith, who died in Decatur township. Her grandfather followed the same trade, and made guns for the Colonial army during the Revolutionary war. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart have eight children: Sophia married Harry D. Hasson, of Philadelphia, Penn.; Leonard A. is a student at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; and the others—Ada B., John R., Edna E., Jessie P., Lydia May and Emory J.—are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Gearhart are prominent members of the M. E. Church, Mr. Gearhart being a teacher in the Sunday-school for twenty-five years. He is active in religious work, giving his spare time from business to Evangelistic work in the State. Politically, Mr. Gearhart is a Prohibitionist; in 1895 was nominated by the party for Assembly, and received quite a large vote in the county.

GIDEON WOODRING. This gentleman’s honorable record as a soldier, gained while he was still a mere youth, furnishes a trustworthy indication of a nature in which loyalty to every duty, however remote the claim, has always been a prominent characteristic. His recent efforts, happily successful, to secure the commutation of the sentence of a former employee, A. W. Van Houten, who had been condemned to be hung in Colorado, will be readily recalled by the public, by whom his warm-hearted and generous rush to the rescue was fully appreciated. His rare good nature and whole-souled attachment to his friends has gained the deep regard of those who know him well, while his strict integrity in business compels the respect of acquaintances. For eighteen years past Squire Woodring has been one of the most popular citizens of Du Bois, Clearfield county, and has held the office of justice of the peace since 1888, being re-elected in 1893, and again elected, February 15, 1898, for a continuous term of five years.

Our subject comes of old Pennsylvania stock, and his grandfather, Solomon Woodring (formerly spelled Wotring), who was born in Berks county, settled, about 1820, in Crawford county, upon a tract of land which is now the county poor farm. The parents of our subject, Charles and Mary (Beige) Woodring, were both natives of Berks county, and were married in Crawford county, where they remained upon the farm mentioned, Charles Woodring buying part of it from his father. Both attained a good old age, our subject’s mother breathing her last on February 23, 1888, aged seventy-four, and the father in March, 1892, aged seventy-nine years, eight months and twenty-two days.

Their children were William, a carpenter at Saegertown, Pa.; Henry, a carpenter at Mogadore, Ohio; Gideon, our subject; Samuel, a hotel keeper at Akron, Ohio; Lavinia (deceased), formerly the wife of Frank Hildebrand, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Alfred, a pattern-maker at Akron, Ohio; Anna, residing in Saegertown, Penn.; Daniel, superintendent of an oil company at Cyclone, Penn.; Wayne, who died in 1893 at McDonald, Penn.; Charles, who died in 1887 at Saegertown; and Kate, a resident of Saegertown.

Our subject was born June 16, 1843, near Saegertown, and was reared upon the old farm assisting in the work of the place as his boyish strength permitted. He was but eighteen years old when the Civil war broke out, nevertheless, in the fall of 1861, he enlisted at Erie, Penn., in Company I, 111th P. V. I., being mustered into service on December 26 of that year. His term expiring in February, 1863, he re-enlisted in the same company, and remained at the front as long as hostilities lasted, gaining the rank of orderly sergeant of his company, and not losing a day’s service between 1861 and May 15, 1864, when he was wounded at Resaca, Ga. He was one of the marchers in the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out in that city June 26, 1865.

Returning to the paths of peace, Mr. Woodring engaged in the oil business, continuing until April, 1880, when, having purchased the Van-Houten bottling works at Karns City, Penn., he transferred them to Du Bois and established himself permanently in that thriving town. He has been the victim of three fires, being burned out in the conflagration which destroyed the town in 1888, and on two other occasions. It is not strange, therefore, that he should have been one of the chief promoters of the present fire department, now one of the best in the State. He was the president of the first meeting held for its organization, was chosen as the first president of the fire company then formed, and was chief of the fire department up to 1884. Politically he is a Republican of the stalwart type. He organized the Garfield and Arthur Club in 1880, the first campaign organization ever formed in Du Bois, and served as its captain. In 1881 he took the initiative in organizing the Union League. He is prominently identified with various non-political bodies, being a member of Easton Post, No. 229, G. A. R., of which he is past post commander; of Garfield Lodge, No. 559, F. & A.
M.; and is a charter member of Du Bois City Lodge, No. 109, A. O. U. W.

On August 28, 1878, at Millville, Clarion Co., Penn., Squire Woodring was married to Miss Sarah Cribbs, of that county, a daughter of John and Catherine (Miller) Cribbs, the former of whom was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., September 9, 1807, the latter born at Mt. Bethel, Northampton county, June 27, 1810. They were married December 10, 1829, and children as follows were born to them, their names and dates of birth being given: Caroline, September 11, 1830; Anna, April 24, 1833; Elizabeth, September 22, 1835; Susannah, January 22, 1837; Christmah, July 6, 1840; Sarah, August 1, 1843; Adam, February 6, 1845; Fiannah, July 10, 1847; Henry Jacob Arnold, July 28, 1849; and John, February 18, 1854. The father of this family died April 23, 1873, but Mrs. Catherine Cribbs is still living; her parents were Jacob and Susan (Mohoney) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Woodring have one daughter, Anna.

JACOB AMON. This gentleman ranks among the retired farmers and prominent citizens of West Clearfield, where he is resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. By untiring industry and economy he has acquired sufficient property to enable him to spend his declining years free from the cares and responsibilities of active business life. A native of Canada, Mr. Amon was born near the city of Montreal, July 1, 1844, a son of John and Emma (Singer) Amon, also natives of that country, the former born of German parentage and the latter of American. Throughout life the father followed the occupation of farming in his native land, where his death occurred, but the mother is still living and makes her home in Canada.

Our subject acquired a good practical education in the schools near his boyhood home, and was taught valuable lessons of industry and economy upon his father's farm, where he remained until 1861, when he came alone to Clearfield county. After stopping at two or three places, he finally located near the "Knobs," in Goshen township, where he secured work in the woods, and continued lumbering until 1868. After operating rented farms for ten years, he purchased one hundred acres, known as the Abe Kiler farm, of which about one-half had been cleared, and he at once began its further development and cultivation. Eighty acres have now been placed under the plow, while good and substantial buildings have been erected, making it a most desirable farm. It is pleasantly located twelve miles northeast of Clearfield, near the "Knobs." Since 1887 it has been conducted by his son, while our subject makes his home in West Clearfield, where he has purchased a comfortable residence.

In 1866, Mr. Amon was united in marriage with Miss Martha Kiler, a native of Clearfield county, and a daughter of Abraham Kiler, one of the pioneer settlers of this region, who died upon the farm which he has developed from the wilderness. There Mrs. Kiler, who was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also passed away. Mrs. Amon is the only one of their three children now living. Ten children bless the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Mary, Calvin, Hannah, Thomas, Milton, Lena, Daffa, Gordon, Weaver and Alice. Mary, the eldest of the family, is now the wife of George Green, a lumberman by occupation.

Politically, Mr. Amon is identified with the Democratic party, and has served as overseer of the poor, but cares nothing for public office. He holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, while his wife is a Lutheran in religious belief. They are kind-hearted, benevolent people, who have many warm friends, and have the confidence and esteem of all who know them.

ISAAC RICKETTS, for many years one of the most prominent farmers of Clearfield county, was born April 28, 1814, at Banian Bend, near Glen Hope, and died November 16, 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-one years and seven months. His was a busy, useful and upright life, devoted to the faithful performance of the duties that fell to his lot, and all who knew him respected him for his sterling worth.

His parents were Isaac and Anna (Law) Ricketts. Coming to Clearfield county, the father located in Becaria township, near Glen Hope, and married Miss Law, who was reared in Canoe valley, Blair county, Penn. They located in Becaria township, and when our subject was four days old removed to Mt. Pleasant, where the father purchased one hundred acres of timber land, on which he built a round-log house. He made all the improvements upon the place, and continued its cultivation until his death, which occurred in 1831. His wife died in 1848.

They had a family of nine children: (1) Mary C., born in 1875, married James McNeal, and located at Fruit Hill, in Jordan township, Clearfield county, where they reared a large family and lived for many years. (2) Annie, born on a farm near Glen Hope, became the wife of Timothy Lunadue, who lived on a farm near...
Glasgow, Penn.; they reared a large family. (3) Deborah, born at Banian Bend, married Samuel Smith, and they resided on his farm at Smith's Mill until his death; his widow is now living at the advanced age of ninety-two years, and has a large family. (4) John, born at Banian Bend, married Mrs. Annie Hewitt, of Lancaster county, Penn.; he lived in Pennville, Penn., for a number of years, and then erected a home at Utahville, wherein he resided until his death. His widow has since married again, and is now living in Berwinsdale. (5) Martha died at the age of twenty years. (6) Lydia, born at Banian Bend, married Samuel Ray, of Jordan township, Clearfield county, and lived on his farm in Knox township until called to the home beyond. They reared a large family. (7) Jane, born at Banian Bend, married Joshua Davis, and they also had a large family; their home was on his farm in Gulich township, near Ramey. (8) Isaac was the next of the family. (9) Rebecca, born at Mt. Pleasant, married John Litz, of Stoneville, Boggs township, Clearfield county, who after his marriage purchased a farm near Mt. Pleasant, on which they spent their remaining days. They had daughters as follows: Anna E., who became Mrs. Scott, and lived in Gulich township, near Janesville; Nancy, who is the widow of George Gowen, and lives in Janesville; Martha, wife of Edwin Turner, of Maine, who now owns and operates a farm near Utahville; Mrs. Mary O'Hara, who lives in Colorado; Sarah, wife of Abram Smith, now living on the homestead in Becaria township; and Alice, wife of John Smith, of Irkona.

Isaac Ricketts was reared to farm life, and always followed that pursuit. He married Philenia Litz, of Boggs township, Clearfield county, daughter of Rudolph and Mary Ann Litz. The wedding was celebrated February 22, 1842, and on the following day they came on horseback to Mt. Pleasant, locating on his father's farm in Becaria township. Mrs. Ricketts was not fifteen years of age until the 4th of March following. They began their domestic life in a hewed-log house, and there resided until 1859, when they removed to a part of the farm which his brother John had formerly purchased. For twenty-eight years it was their place of residence, after which they made their home in Utahville until the death of Mr. Ricketts. His wife still survives him, and is a well-preserved old lady of seventy years, who vividly remembers the early pioneer experiences of their married life, when the forests were the haunts of wolves, panthers and other wild animals. She can relate many interesting incidents of frontier experiences. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts held membership with the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he was a Democrat, but never sought office, preferring to give his leisure time to the enjoyment of his home. Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts had a family of fourteen children, as follows:

(1) Mary Ann, born in 1843, and educated in the common schools, married Wilson Winslow, of Bradford county, Penn., and resides on his farm in Becaria township. Their children were—Minerva, married to James McKavish, and residing near Utahville; Philena, at home; John, who was accidentally shot by a neighbor boy; Thomas; Charles; Perry; Ellis, who died in childhood; Lewis and Rebecca, who also died young. (2) Rebecca, born in May, 1844, became the wife of John Robson, of Bradford county. They located in Glen Hope, where he engaged in lumbering and merchandising, having at one time the largest store in Clearfield county, and owning large tracts of timber land. He afterward moved to Hecla Furnace, where he became the owner of extensive farming property and a gristmill. On selling this, he removed to Marble Rock, Iowa, where his extensive dealings in real estate brought him a fortune, but ill health caused him to go to Nashville, Tenn., where he also made large investments in land. After disposing of his interests there he returned to Centre county, Penn., and purchased two large farms near Pine Grove, where he died, leaving a widow and eight children—(a) Emily, born in Glen Hope, and educated in a high school in Iowa, is the wife of Prof. Butts, who is connected with the Pennsylvania State College; they have three children. (b) Bertha, born in Glen Hope, and educated in a college of Iowa, became the wife of Rev. Long, a Methodist minister, and died some years ago leaving two children. (c) Alice, born at Hecla Furnace, Centre Co., Penn., and educated in Iowa, died in Pine Grove, Centre county, at the age of twenty years. (d) John I., born at Hecla Furnace, and educated in Iowa and The Pennsylvania State College, is now studying medicine in Philadelphia. (e) Frederick, born in Iowa, and educated in The Pennsylvania State College, is now employed in the electrical works of Johnstown, Penn. (f) George, born in Iowa, and educated in The Pennsylvania State College, is at home with his mother. (g) One child died in Iowa, and (h) another died in infancy at Glen Hope.

(3) Emily, born July 6, 1846, married Abdonigo Stevens, of Warrior's Mark, Penn., where they resided until he entered the Union army. He was captured in battle, and died in Andersonville prison, leaving a widow and one son,
Edgar. Mrs. Stevens afterward married Thomas Gates, of Huntington county, Penn., who died at their home in Iowa; she still resides in Rockford, Iowa. By her second marriage she has two children: A daughter, who married a Mr. Johnston, a railroad official of Iowa, by whom she has one child; and Charles, who is living with his mother. (4) John, born December 3, 1848, married Sarah Turner, only daughter of Samuel and Susan Turner, of Cambria county, Penn. They reside on the Turner homestead, one of the best cultivated farms of Cambria county, and have seven children living—Allen, a graduate of the State Normal School, at Lock Haven, Penn.; Susan, who was educated in Ebensburg, Cambria county; Samuel: Isaac; Bruce; Bertha; and Dorothy. (5) Sarah Jane, born January 26, 1851, married Chancellor Strunk, of Bradford county, a dealer in musical instruments and a teacher of music in Utashville. They have had three children—Nellie, who was born in Utashville, and died in Bradford county at the age of twelve years; Augustus and Philenia, both natives of Bradford county. (6) Edward, born March 8, 1853, was reared on his father's farm, and married Tessie Hammond, of Becaria township, where they reside on a farm. Their children are—Mrs. Sarah Scott, of Mountaintale; Rebecca, wife of William Scott, principal of the high school at Johnstown, Penn.; John; Uriah; George W.; Augusta; Melissa; Philenia; and Anna M. (7) Isaac E., born April 1, 1855, and educated in the common schools, married Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel and Rebecca Crowell, of Becaria township. He then resided on the home farm for a few years, and worked on the railroad. Subsequently he built a home in Utashville, where he resided five years, when he traded it to his mother for the hotel property in that village. He is now conducting a first-class hostelry, supplied with all modern improvements, and is a popular host. His children were—Bertha, Henrietta, Edgar, Roby, Elva, Isaac, and two children who died in infancy. (8) Philenia, born March 20, 1857, is the wife of John Mathews, who resides on the old Mathews homestead in Becaria township. Their children were—Laura, who died at the age of seven years; Charles; Ira; Lottie and Hannah J., at home. (9) Charles, born July 11, 1859, and reared on the home farm, married Lydia Gehrhart, of Blue Ball, and is now engaged in merchandising in Becaria, and also serves as postmaster of the town. They have one son—Walter. (10) Elza, born July 29, 1861, spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the old homestead, and since early manhood has followed sawmilling. He is an enterprising, industrious business man, respected by all who know him. (11) Melissa, born October 4, 1863, is the wife of William Chapman, who is now engaged in the real-estate business in Clinton, Cambria county, where he also conducts a hotel. They have four children living—Isaac, Augustus, Marguerite and Helen. (12) Ellen May, born December 7, 1866, is the wife of Blair Decker, a native of Blair county, Penn., who is now a furniture dealer and insurance agent at Coalport. They have two children—Nabel and Clyde. (13) Eliza, born February 15, 1869, died March 1 of the same year. (14) Martha, born May 1, 1871, spent her girlhood days on the home farm, and attended the common schools, where she displayed special aptitude in her studies. At the age of sixteen she was granted a first-grade certificate, and began teaching, which profession she has since followed with marked success, being regarded as one of the most competent teachers and cultured young ladies in Clearfield county. She makes her home with her mother.

A. C. LANSBERY, a prominent and highly-respected agriculturist of Graham township, Clearfield county, owning one of the best improved farms in his locality, was born in 1849, on the farm which is still his home, a son of Samuel and Mary (Hoover) Lansbery. The father of our subject was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, August 16, 1816, and was a son of Benjamin and Anna (Owens) Lansbery, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Pennsylvania. They located in Bradford township at an early day, and after their marriage the grandfather developed a farm, upon which he made his home until his death, which occurred on Easter Sunday of 1873. His wife passed away in 1886. Their children were: Samuel; Robert, who died in Bradford township; James, who died in Bradford township; Abraham, who died in Virginia; Benjamin and Peter, who died in Bradford township, the latter in 1802; Nancy, wife of Levi Hubler; and Rebecca, wife of Abram Luzier, of Virginia.

Samuel Lansbery was reared and educated in Bradford township, and for some time followed lumbering there. He was one of the first to engage in the development of the coal industry, and shipped the product of his mine down the river in "arks." In 1835 he wedded Mary Hoover, a native of Bradford township and a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Eminhizer) Hoover. Her father was born in Clearfield
Mr. and Mrs. Lansbery are members of the United Brethren Church in Fairview, and take a prominent part in its work and upbuilding. He is now serving as trustee and circuit steward, and for the past twelve years has been connected with the board of directors of the Bigler Camp Meeting Association, while since 1885 he has acted as its treasurer, and been very active in the promotion of its work. The management of the camp meeting devolves largely upon him, and his control of affairs is most satisfactory. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as assessor, and as a member of the school board. Socially, he belongs to Clearfield Lodge, No. 198, I. O. O. F.; to the American Mechanics, No. 310, of Kylerstown; and to Fairview Grange, No. 783. For many years he has been connected with the history of Graham township, and has ever been an advocate of those measures which are calculated to prove of public benefit, supporting all educational, moral, and social interests which tend to advance the general good.

HENRY WEBER. Germany has furnished to the United States many prominent and enterprising men who have left the Fatherland to enter the business circles of this country with its more progressive methods, livelier competition, and advancement more quickly secured. Among this number is Mr. Weber, of Brady township, Clearfield county, who was born in 1830, and when eight years of age took passage with his parents, Godfrey and Catharine (Schmidt) Weber, on a sailing vessel bound for the New World, where they arrived after a long and tedious voyage of forty-two days. Coming at once to Clearfield county, the father purchased 175 acres of wild land in Brady township, of which only ten acres had been cleared, and the only improvement thereon was a small log house. To its further improvement and cultivation he devoted his time and attention until called to the world beyond in 1849. His faithful wife died in 1851.

Our subject was the eldest of the four children of this worthy couple, the others being as follows: (2) Katie, a native of Germany, was reared in Brady township, and for a number of years after her marriage to Frederick Korp, of the same township, lived upon the present farm of our subject. They then removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where she died leaving a family of four children. (3) Godfrey, born in Brady township, married Margaret Wingert, of that township, and they resided upon a part of the old
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homestead until his death, which occurred some twenty-four years ago. He left a widow and four children—Mary, now Mrs. Beck, of Brady township; Katie, wife of Jacob Haag, a farmer of the same township; and Laura and Sadie (twins), who both married and resided in Brady township, where the former died about five years ago. She was Mrs. Haag. (4) Philip was born and reared on the home farm, and married Lizzie Aye, of Kittanning, Penn. For thirteen years they resided in Luthersburg, where he followed the shoemaker's trade, but since 1887 he has lived retired in Du Bois, where he owns much valuable real estate, including a large block at Nos. 911 and 913 Brady street.

During his boyhood and youth Henry Weber attended the local school during the winter months, while during the summer season he assisted in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm, where he still continues to reside. In 1867 he built the large barn still in use, and in 1880 erected a commodious frame residence. Many other improvements have been added to the place, the stumps have been removed, and to-day it is one of the most highly-cultivated farms in Brady township, its neat and thrifty appearance testifying to the careful supervision of the owner. In 1851 he was married to Miss Catharine Zilliox, a daughter of Charles and Mary Zilliox, farming people of Brady township. After a happy married life of more than forty years, Mrs. Weber was called to her final rest in 1893. They had become the parents of nine children, namely: (1) Lewis, born in 1853, was educated in the public schools, and is now a farmer in Bloom township, Clearfield county. He married Maggie Weaver, of that township, and has six children—Helen, George, Olive, Victor, Verne, and one whose name is not given. (2) Sarah, born in 1854, is the wife of Henry Hartzfeld, of Brady township, who owns and operates a farm four miles south of Luthersburg, and they have seven children. (3) Godfrey, born in 1856, lives on a farm near his father's plac. eHe married Minnie Blubaker, of Rockton, Penn., and has four children—Larue, Arthur, Elsie and Lula. (4) Mary, born in 1858, was educated in the public schools of Brady, and married August Heckman, a native of Germany, who was formerly a resident of Brady township, but is now extensively engaged in the boot and shoe business in Du Bois. They have two children—Annie and Gertrude. (5) William, born in 1860, received a common-school education, and lives upon a part of the old homestead. He married Katie Zilliox, and has one child, Iva. (6) Charles, born in 1866, married Flora Pentz, of Brady township, and is engaged in milling in Du Bois. (7) Lydia, born in 1868, is the wife of J. M. Lies, a merchant of Helvetia, and they have two children—Emory and one whose name is not given. (8) George, born in 1871, assisted in the work of the home farm until reaching manhood. He obtained his primary education in the public schools of the neighborhood. In 1890 he attended the State Normal School at Lock Haven for two terms, and was, later, a student in the Iron City Commercial College, of Pittsburg, where he graduated in 1891. For four years he was engaged in bookkeeping in that city for the firm of Bing & Co., and then came to Du Bois, Clearfield county, to enter the employ of his brother-in-law, Mr. Heckman, as salesman and bookkeeper, which positions he still fills to the satisfaction of all concerned. (9) Francis, born in 1875, attended the local schools, and is still at home.

In his political views, Mr. Weber, our subject, is a Democrat, has been active in promoting the best interests of his party, and has served his fellow citizens as supervisor, and as school director for two terms. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, with which Church his family is also connected. He is a man of genial disposition and affable manners, and is keen and sagacious in business. In everything pertaining to the up-building of the community he takes an active part, and is a liberal contributor to the enterprises which insure its progress.

THOMPSON READ, a prominent agriculturist of Goshen township, Clearfield county, is one of the most highly esteemed citizens, his long and useful life having won the honor which a quiet devotion to duty irresistibly draws. Since 1850—nearly a half a century—he has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church at Clearfield, and throughout his life no measure for the advancement of the community has failed to receive his generous encouragement. He is a descendant of one of the oldest families, of which a more complete record is given in the biography of John A. Read elsewhere.

Mr. Read was born in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, November 24, 1823. His grandfather, Alexander Read, came from Maryland at an early day, and after a short residence in Centre county went, in 1802, to Clearfield county. James A. Read, our subject's father, was born in 1793, and consequently was a child when the family moved, in 1803, to the new home which the father had prepared for them in Lawrence township. He married Miss Margaret
Ardery, a native of Lawrence township, and a daughter of George and Eleanor (Colter) Ardery, honored pioneers of that locality, now deceased. After his marriage our subject's father settled upon a tract of forest land, of which he in due time made a fine farm. He died there in 1871, his wife having passed to the other world some years before. He was a man of ability, and became prominent in local affairs, filling various offices of trust, including that of county commissioner, with satisfaction to his constituents and credit to himself. In political faith he was a steadfast Democrat. He had four children, namely: Eleanor, now Mrs. Ream, of Iowa; Thompson, our subject; Amos, a resident of West Clearfield; and Mathew, who died in Lawrence township, in 1883.

Thompson Read was trained from childhood to the honest industry of a farmer's life, and was educated in the schools of his native township. In 1840 he bought 140 acres of wooded land six miles north of Clearfield, and by toil and management has been transformed into one of the best farms in the vicinity. The greater portion of it is under cultivation, and there are fine orchards and substantial buildings, including a commodious residence and barn. In 1850, Mr. Read married Miss Susannah J. Fulton, a lady of fine intellectual gifts, and a native of Clearfield county. Her father, Samuel Fulton, was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1805, but went to Clearfield county in early life and made his permanent home there, becoming one of the influential and respected citizens of that time. Mr. and Mrs. Read have reared a family of four children: Margaret, now Mrs. Copp, of Altoona, Penn.; Olive at home; John R.; and Blanche, now Mrs. Flegal, of Oregon. Although Mr. Read has always been an ardent Democrat, he has had no desire to enter the political arena.

BURTON WINTER, who for about a third of a century prior to his death, January 29, 1898, had been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Decatur township, Clearfield county, and was the owner of one of the most desirable farms of the community, was born in Monroe county, Penn., in 1842, a son of Ira and Elizabeth (Hayes) Winter, who spent their entire lives in that county, where the father followed the occupation of farming.

Our subject was reared and educated in the county of his nativity, and remained until the South took up arms against the general government, when he resolved to strike a blow in defense of the Union. In Stroudsburg, Monroe county, he enlisted September 27, 1861, in Company D, 67th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered into the United States service at Philadelphia, where the regiment was assigned to the Middle Division, Sixth Army Corps. He participated in the battles of Occoquan, Fishers Hill, Cedar Creek and Winchester, at which latter engagement he received a flesh wound and was taken prisoner June 14, 1863. For four months as a prisoner of war, he was confined in Belle Isle and Libby prisons, but was finally paroled and returned to his regiment at Harper's Ferry. Being taken sick, he was sent to Carver Hospital, Washington, D. C., where he remained from November, 1863, until September, 1864. He then rejoined his regiment, but on October 30, 1864, he was honorably discharged after three years and one month of arduous and faithful service, during which time he experienced the hardships of Southern prison life. On leaving the army, Mr. Winter came to Decatur township, where he made a pleasant home, and in connection with farming worked in the lumber woods.

In Glen Hope, Becaria township, Clearfield county, on October 15, 1865, he was married to Miss Susannah Walker, a native of Indiana county, Penn., and a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Hoffman) Walker. Her father was born, reared, and married in Centre county, and on coming to Clearfield county, located in Decatur township, near the present village of Osceola Mills, which at that time contained only two or three houses. There he erected a sawmill where the tannery now stands, and would haul his lumber to Bellefonte. He died in Indiana county, February 5, 1877, long surviving his wife, who passed away April 22, 1854. Their children were Mrs. Jane Pardee, of Decker's Point, Indiana county; Mrs. Catharine Walker, of Woodward township, Clearfield county; Matthew, of Centre county; Daniel, of Indiana county; Mrs. Nancy Custard, of Decatur township; and Mrs. Winter. To our subject and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Rosanna Westover, who resides at Westover, Clearfield county; Pemberton, who is married and lives in the same county; John, who died in boyhood; Mrs. Lizzie B. Britton, of Decatur township; Mrs. Milletta Westover, of Westover; Ira; Uz; Burton; Charley; and Lucy.

Mr. Winter through life had always been a stalwart Republican, and for three years he creditably served as supervisor of his township. Fraternally he affiliated with Lieut. William H. Kinkaid Post, No. 293, G. A. R., and thus kept up his acquaintance with his army comrades. He
was not only true to his country in her hour of peril, but in times of peace proved himself a valuable and public-spirited citizen, doing all within his power to promote her interests and advance the welfare of the general community.

Josiah S. Richards is a prominent and enterprising lumberman of Greenwood township, Clearfield county. comparatively few men can attain to the highest offices in civil or military life, but in America the opportunity for advancement in business circles is open to all, and one may exercise his powers unrestrained and gain an enviable place in the ranks of trade. Mr. Richards has been dependent upon his own resources from an early age, and the success he has achieved is the reward of his own labors, while his life record furnishes a striking example of what can be accomplished by determined and honorable purpose.

Mr. Richards was born in Boggs township, Clearfield county, September 5, 1850, and is a son of James and Susanna (Dixon) Richards. His grandfather, George Richards, was a son of a Welsh emigrant, who, coming to America, located in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, Penn., among its first settlers. George Richards was there reared and followed farming, also was employed at the Curtin iron furnace. His death occurred in Centre county. His children were: James; Jesse; Henry; Hardman; Reuben; William; Armour; Alexander; Maria, wife of J. C. Calhoun; Mrs. Sophia Stover; and Mrs. Sarah McGarvey, whose husband was a soldier in the Mexican war. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, and the mother bore the family name of McMullen.

James Richards was reared on a farm in Centre county, and in early life was employed in the iron works there. In 1834 he was married in that county to Susanna Dixon, and in 1838 came to Clearfield county, locating near the present site of Wallaceton. He afterward took up his residence on a tract of wild land which he transformed into a good farm. In 1866 he removed to Ohio, and purchased a large farm, which he operated until his death in 1869. He was a stanch Republican in politics, and filled some township offices. He and his wife held membership in the Methodist Church. The family remained in Ohio for about two years after the father's death, and then returned to Clearfield county, where the mother died in August, 1876. Eleven of their children reached mature years, namely: Hardman Mahaffie, who served in the Civil war; John, a Union soldier, who was taken prisoner, and is supposed to have starved to death in Andersonville; George, who served three years in the 110th P. V. I., and is now making his home in Erie; Tama, wife of J. Ulrick; Sarah, the twin sister of Tama, and the deceased wife of A. Guinn, a soldier in the Union army from Blair county, Penn.; Mrs. Martha Guinn; Josiah S.; Daniel, a farmer, Curtin, a lumberman; Emma, wife of R. White, of Canada; and Velma, now Mrs. Aska, of Osceola.

Josiah S. Richards accompanied his parents on their various removals, and returned with the family to Clearfield county when sixteen years of age. They had little means of support, and he at once sought and found employment in the lumber woods. For thirty years he has been connected with the lumber business, and in 1850 he began jobbing on his own account. During the years 1869 and 1870 he worked in the lumber forests of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and also engaged in farming to some extent in the latter State. He then returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1875 was married. Owning property in Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Penn., he there made his home for twelve years. He also owned real estate in Patton, and in 1895 purchased an improved farm in connection with his brother. [This is part of the McCracken estate, and is pleasantly situated by the river.]

In 1888 Mr. Richards established a lumber camp there, making a contract with Mr. Irvin. In the following year he established a camp near Penfield, but after one season passed there he returned to Greenwood township. In the following year, while engaged in lumbering, he sustained an injury which caused him to remain in a hospital for some time. When he had recovered he drove logs on the river, and later, in connection with his brother, made a contract with Col. Irvin, and afterward contracted for the lumber interests in the land of Governor Bigler. He is now operating a large force of men there, and also conducts a store at the camp. He is thoroughly familiar with the lumber business in every department, and his managerial ability, his keen foresight and enterprise have brought to him a handsome return for his labors.

Mr. Richards was united in marriage, in 1875, with Rachel Henry, of Indiana county, Penn., a daughter of Jeremiah and Sarah (Radcliffe) Henry, the former of whom was born in Mifflin county, Penn., whence he moved to Indiana county, where he married Sarah Radcliffe, who was a native of Ireland, coming to this country with her parents. Two brothers of Mrs. Henry started West in 1849, and after a short stay in Utah proceeded to the gold fields of California.
Later these brothers, David and James Radcliffe, returned to Pennsylvania and during the Civil war entered the Union army. Both are still living. Jeremiah Henry was reared in Mifflin county, and throughout his life followed the shoemaker's trade. He was a Republican in politics, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in 1882. His children were: Mrs. Richards; Emma, wife of W. Smith; James, a saddler, of Gettysburg, Penn.; Jennie, deceased; Mollie, wife of J. Colmer; William, who is conducting a restaurant in Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Penn.; Phoebe, wife of J. Rodkey; Anna B., wife of J. Williams; Sarah, deceased; and Samuel and John, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richards have seven children, as follows: John D., Edward G., Naomi Grace (deceased), James S., Earl Daton, Harry L. and Elva W. Mr. Richards is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows societies, and has filled some of the offices in the latter. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since attaining his majority he has given his political support to the Republican party, and is deeply interested in its success; has been overseer of the poor, also school director of Green township, Clearfield county.

JOHN B. GARRISON, who throughout his entire life has been identified with the agricultural interests of Clearfield county, was born in Pike township, July 27, 1827, a son of Mason and Betsy (Bloom) Garrison. The father was a native of the Old Dominion, where he worked in a cotton factory during early life, but at the age of twenty he came to Clearfield county.

After being variously employed for three or four years, he and George Leach built the first woolen-mill in central Pennsylvania, which they conducted for about twelve years, and then sold the machinery to a factory erected at Bridgeport. Subsequently, Mr. Garrison bought a tract of wild land, from which he developed a good farm, now known as the John Holden place, and there spent his remaining days, dying in August, 1861. In connection with his farming operations, he also mined coal during the winter season, which he would raft down the river. Politically, he was an ardent Democrat, and served for four years as justice of the peace. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which the mother of our subject also belonged.

While conducting his woolen-factory Mason Garrison married Miss Betsy Bloom. Her father, Isaac Bloom, was a native of New Jersey, came to Pennsylvania about 1795, and arrived in Clearfield county in 1802, accompanied by his father, William Bloom, who for six years served in the Revolutionary war. To Mr. and Mrs. Garrison were born twelve children, six of whom lived to adult age, namely: Isaac, a resident of Kansas; Mrs. Amanda Detrich, now deceased; John B.; Mrs. Philena Leach, deceased; Mrs. Marian Woods, of Ohio; and Levi, of New Jersey. The mother of these children died about 1850, and the father subsequently wedded Elizabeth Templeton, who belonged to a pioneer family of Clearfield county, and by her he had four children: Annie, James, Emma and Zachariah.

In a private school of his native county, John B. Garrison was educated, and upon the home farm he became familiar with agricultural pursuits, which he decided to make his life work. Upon his marriage he left the parental roof and located upon the farm in Pike township, which is still his home. It was covered with a heavy growth of timber, which he at once began to clear, erected a small house and later built a saw mill, where he converted his trees into lumber, which he would then raft down the river to market; but the prices he received were very small. From time to time he purchased other wooded tracts of land, and from the timber manufactured lumber, successfully continuing this business for thirty years. He now gives his attention exclusively to the cultivation and improvement of his valuable farm of ninety-two acres, eighty of which have been cleared of the stumps and placed under the plow. His residence is a good, two-story frame structure, located two miles south of Curwensville, and is surrounded by all the outbuildings to be found upon a model farm. In the orchard is a fine variety of fruit trees, which never fail to bear. In connection with his home farm Mr. Garrison has also sixty-three acres of raw timber land in Lawrence township, at the mouth of Hog Back run, on which has been opened up a fire-clay mine, while underlying his farm is found a good grade of coal, and also fire-clay.

In 1848, Mr. Garrison was married to Miss Abigail Bloom, a daughter of John and Susie (High) Bloom, in whose family were eleven children: Mary, Eve, Catharine, Abraham H., Matthew, Margaret, George, David, Sophia, Abigail and John L. Of these, seven are living, including Eve, who has now reached the age of eighty-eight years. The father, who belonged to the original Bloom family of Revolutionary fame, was among the earliest settlers of central Pennsylvania, and in Pike township, Clearfield county, engaged in farming and reared his fam-
ily. He was born January 25, 1786, and died in June, 1872; his wife was born June 2, 1788, and died in 1874, both at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years.

Of the eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, five grew to manhood and womanhood: Catharine, wife of T. Farnsworth, a farmer by occupation; Philena, wife of William K. Henderson, a farmer; Julia A., wife of William Kanar, of Du Bois, Penn.; Mirta T., wife of Elmer Smith, a mechanic; and Jesse B., who is living upon the homestead farm. The parents and children are all consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and are held in the highest esteem by all who know them. Since casting his first vote, Mr. Garrison has always been a solid Democrat in politics, and although he has filled some township offices has never aspired to official distinction.

CURTIS REAMS. Among the agriculturists of Decatur township, Clearfield county, who have attained success in their chosen vocation, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is one of the most progressive and energetic farmers in this section of the country, and is a complete master of the calling which he is following. His entire life has been passed in the township, which is still his home, having been born there in 1826.

John Reams, father of our subject, was born in Centre county, in 1777, a son of Frederick Reams, who was also a native of that county. There John Reams was united in marriage with Frances Carney, and in 1822 they came to Decatur township, Clearfield county, taking up their residence in the woods, where he developed a farm. In 1848 he purchased the place where our subject yet resides, and made his home there until called to his final rest, in 1861. The death of his wife occurred in 1871. In their family were six children: Lydia, wife of William A. Bloom, of New Millport, Clearfield county; Sophia, wife of A. Baughman, of Montgomery county, Md.; Curtis, of this sketch; John, a resident of Decatur township; Mrs. Mary Ann Gardner, of Tyrone, Penn.; and William A., of Osceola Mills.

Curtis Reams received his education in the common schools of Decatur township, and as soon as old enough began to assist his father in the operation of the home farm. In connection with agricultural pursuits he also successfully engaged in lumbering during early life. While thus calmly employed, the storm of war broke out, and bidding adieu to home and its influences, Mr. Reams enlisted at Osceola Mills, in Company E, 149th P. V. I., for three years, or during the war, and was mustered in at Harrisburg. Later he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and stationed at Point Lookout, St. Mary's county, Md., where he guarded prisoners. At Frederick City, in that State, he was honorably discharged, in August, 1865, and returned to his home in Decatur township. He owns the old homestead, comprising eighty-four acres of well-improved land, and the well-tended fields and neat appearance of the place testify to his thrift and industry.

In 1866, in Philipsburg, Centre county, Mr. Reams was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Dale, who was born in Morris township, Clearfield county, a daughter of David and Mary A. (Hunter) Dale, natives of England and Clearfield county, respectively. They were early pioneers of Morris township, where they spent the last years of their lives. Seven children bless the union of our subject and his wife, namely: Mary, now the wife of James Motherbough, of Brisbin, Clearfield county; Cordelia, wife of Henry Custard, of Smoke Run, in the same county; Vinnie; Samuel; Allen; Luther; and William E., who was killed in the mines when twenty-four years of age.

Mr. Reams is unswerving in his support of the Republican party, and has been elected to the office of overseer of the poor. Socially he holds membership in Joseph McLaren Post, No. 553, G. A. R., of Osceola Mills. He is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent pioneer families of this section of the State, and has watched with interest its growth and development, in which he has borne an important part. Within his remembrance the towns of Osceola Mills and Philipsburg have been established and become flourishing places. He is one of the leading and influential men of his community, one who keeps fully abreast with the times in every particular, and by the faithful performance of life's duties has well earned the respect that is accorded him.

J. GOSS, who follows farming and lumbering in Woodward township, Clearfield county, is a representative of one of the old families of this section of the State.

Abraham Goss, grandfather of our subject, was born in Philadelphia, and, with his father and six brothers, entered the Colonial army in the war of the Revolution. As he was the youngest, he enlisted as a fifer, and so served until independ-
ence was attained. After the war no trace of his father and brother could be found, they probably having been killed in battle, and Abram Goss removed with his mother to Bellefonte, Penn., where he made a claim, but sold that property after two years. About that time he met and married Emma Hiser, and came to Clearfield county, purchasing what is now known as the old Goss farm, comprising 200 acres of timber land near Osceola. Clearing away the trees he developed the land into richly-cultivated fields, and there reared his family of seven sons and five daughters, namely: George, Jacob, John, Abram, Issac, David, Joseph, Polly, Elizabeth, Sallie, Margaret and Susanna. The grandfather having purchased an additional 400 acres of land, developed two farms, which he gave to his sons, Joseph and David. His wife died on the old homestead, and he was a second time married, surviving his second wife four years. His death occurred at the home of his son Joseph.

John Goss, father of our subject, was born near Osceola, and reared to manhood on the homestead farm. He married Rachel Smith, and afterward purchased one hundred acres of timber land about two miles from his father's home. There he built a log house, but after three months returned to the homestead, which he operated some six years. His father aided him to clear and pay for the farm, and then he returned to his own place, purchasing an addition of fifty acres of land of Hardman Phillips, and also bought another tract of fifty acres. Still later he purchased 120 acres of his brother George, and held eighty acres of unclaimed land adjoining, making in all a farm of 400 acres. In 1852, in connection with our subject, he bought 200 acres of timber land of Hardman Phillips, and erected a sawmill on Beaver run, to the operation of which he gave his attention. In 1854 the sawmill was sold to John L. Cutter, and John Goss erected a new residence on his farm, where he lived with his son-in-law, Daniel Kline, until he sold that property to William Kraus, of Philadelphia. He then removed to Woodward township, and bought 200 acres of partially-improved land where he made his home until his death; his wife also died there. They had three children: (1) William married Caroline Westbrook, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and resided on his farm in Woodward township until about 1890, when he removed to Hastings, Penn. Since 1896 he has engaged in lumbering in Somerset county, Penn. He has nine children—Mrs. Sophia McHenry, Frank, Elmer, Mrs. Louisa Stott, Harry, Mrs. Martha Chase, Isabel, Jackson and Elizabeth Alice. (2) Sophia A. Goss married Daniel Kline, son of Dr. Kline, of Osceola. They reside on his farm in Woodward township, and have children—John, who married Miss Hollaman; Catharine, wife of George Newsom, of Morris township, Clearfield county; Mary, now Mrs. Bush, of Boggs township; Daniel, who married a Miss Kline, and lives in Glen Richey; Benjamin and Annie, at home.

A. J. Goss was reared on the old family homestead, and for some years was associated with his father in business. When the latter began the operation of a sawmill he assumed the management of the farm, where he remained until purchasing 125 acres of land in Woodward township. He has since cleared about fifty acres, and has made excellent improvements upon the place, transforming it into one of the desirable farms of the county. The fields are well tilled, and everything is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating his careful supervision. In 1848 he married Miss Sarah Mays, of Huntingdon county, Penn., born in 1828, a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Gardner) Mays. Her paternal ancestry came from England and Germany. Her father died in Tyrone, Penn., in 1867, and her mother passed away there in November, 1890, in her ninety-eighth year. They had eight children, of whom four are living: William, in Osceola; Mrs. Mary Henderson, in Tyrone, who has two sons, one a railroad engineer in Colorado, and the other of Tyrone; and Mrs. Eliza Dugan, who is now a widow living in Blair county, Penn. She has a family of eight children.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss became the parents of three sons and two daughters: (1) John Wesley, born January 24, 1856, was educated in the common schools, and has always made his home on his father's farm. He married Nancy Herdman, of Centre county, who died in February, 1895. He has an adopted son, Allen. (2) Thomas, born October 30, 1858, married Annie Mains, of Bradford, and resides on a portion of the old homestead. They have three children—Howard, Bertha May and Raymond. (3) William, born June 18, 1863, married Clara Hampton, of Woodward township, and is living on the homestead with his wife and four children—Charles W., Milton, Sarah and Leonard. (4) Roby, born May 1, 1866, is at home. (5) Elizabeth A., born June 14, 1869, is the wife of Joseph Bailey, of Philadelphia. He is a graduate of the Normal High School, followed teaching for about nine years before his marriage, and is now a teacher in the Brisbin High School.
Mr. and Mrs. Bailey have three children—Ida May, Laura Bertha and Sarah E.

Mr. Goss is a member of the Church of God, and has reared his family in that faith. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and is a citizen of worth, giving a hearty support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit, while at the same time he successfully carries on his business interests.

JOSEPH UREN, the owner of a fine farm near Sabula, Clearfield county, is one of our representative self-made men. Coming to America from England in 1867 as a lad of seventeen, with no capital and but limited education, he worked in different localities in Canada and the United States, as opportunity offered, until he secured a foothold in business life, and is now numbered among the substantial citizens of his locality.

James and Elizabeth (Oats) Uren, parents of our subject, were born, reared and married in Cornwall, England, where the father died when our subject was but a small boy. The mother passed from earth in 1892, in Durham, England. They had eight children, all of whom were born in Cornwall: (1) James was married in England to Miss Jemima Jennings, and continued to reside there for some time; about ten years ago he came to Sabula, and, finding business prospects favorable, sent for his wife and family; they now live in Schuylkill county, Penn. (2) Thomas was married in England, and later came to America, but returned after a few years, and was killed at Durham by a fall of coal in a coal mine. His widow and family reside in England. (3) John came to this country about fourteen years ago, accompanied by his wife, formerly a Miss Milburn; they have eight children, and now reside upon a farm adjoining that of our subject. (4) Joseph is mentioned more fully below. (5) Elizabeth married James Botton, then of Cornwall, and now a miner in Durham, England; they have six children. (6) Susan Jane was married in England to William Moyle, and they afterward came to America; one year they spent in Schuylkill county, Penn., and then located at Silverton, Colo., where Mr. Moyle operates a silver mine; they have one child—Minnie. (7) Mary married John Wilson, a miner in Durham, England, and they have four living children. (8) Martha married William Baker, of Durham, and has three children.

Joseph Uren was born February 3, 1850, and even in boyhood was dissatisfied with the promise which life in Cornwall held out to him. At seventeen, as has been said, he left his native land, sailing for Halifax, Nova Scotia. For six months he worked at the "Old gold diggings" in that province, and then went to Luningburg to open up a gold field for an English company. After a short time he sailed for Portland, Maine, and from there went to the copper regions of Lake Superior, and worked in the Calumet mines for a year. A voyage to Canada was then taken, four months being spent in the silver mines near Thunder Bay, and on leaving that locality he sailed for Detroit, and thence proceeded by rail to New York. Later he went up the Hudson to Poughkeepsie, and for two months was in the employ of the city, afterward working for a short time in a stone quarry at Troy, going from that place to Massachusetts, where he did not remain long, however. His next employment was as a miner in the railroad tunnel at Cazenovia, N. Y., where he spent ten months, and then, after a brief stay in New York City, he came to Clearfield county, "Hickory Kingdom" (New Sabula), to work on the Allegheny railroad. This occupied him from 1873 to 1876, and in the meantime he entered upon a partnership which had the happy effect of ending his wanderings and establishing him in a fixed home. On January 6, 1874, he married Miss Lucinda Burns, a daughter of Elijah and Lavinia Burns, respected pioneers of Sandy township, Clearfield county, and during the first year of his wedded life he resided at the Burns homestead. He then purchased one hundred acres of land near Sabula, from John Du Bois, and to this he has since added twenty-three acres, making an excellent farm, all the land being kept in a high state of cultivation. His first residence being burned in 1877, he replaced it by a fine modern house with the latest improvements. His barn, a model structure, 60 x 42 feet, also burned. He has now a new structure 50 x 60, and altogether the estate compares well with any in the vicinity. Since 1876 Mr. Uren has been engaged in lumbering on Sandy and Narrow creeks, taking logging contracts from John Du Bois until the latter's death, and then from his nephew, John E. Du Bois, his connection with these shrewd business men through so long a period showing his trustworthiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Uren have one daughter, Martha, who received a common-school education, and in 1891 was married to F. M. Shrauger, of Meadville, Penn. They reside with Mr. Uren, and Mr. Shrauger is engaged in business as a carpenter. Their three children—Carrie, born June 4, 1892; Norman H., born February 16,
1894, and Joseph F., born July 17, 1896—make the home merry. The family is prominently identified with the M. E. Church of Sabula, Mr. Uren, his wife, daughter and son-in-law being active members of same; in fact Mr. Uren was one of the leaders in securing a new church edifice, and took the contract for its erection. Later, as one of the trustees, he was instrumental in the building of the fine parsonage, and he has always given freely of his time and means to advance the interests of the society. He is no less active as a worker in the Democratic organization in his township, and he has been supervisor two terms, overseer of the poor one term, and is now serving his third term as school director.

N. H. MAINES, a leading and influential farmer of Bradford township, Clearfield county, was born in that township in 1830, a son of Seth and Nancy (Forcey) Maines. The birth of the father occurred in Centre county, Penn., in 1812. His parents, Nehemiah and Phebe (Bunnell) Maines, were natives of Maine, whence at an early day they migrated to Centre county, later taking up their residence in Bradford township, Clearfield county, where they died. In their family were the following children: Melinda, who became the wife of William Murray, and died in Graham township, Clearfield county; Mrs. Esther Williams, who died in Venango county, Penn.; Seth, the father of our subject; Daniel, a great hunter, who lived and died in Bradford township; and John and Henry, who also died in Bradford township.

Seth Maines was a child when brought by his parents to Clearfield county, and in Bradford township he was reared, educated and married. In the midst of the forest there he developed a good farm, upon which he made his home until his death in 1859. His wife died in Korthaus township, Clearfield county, in 1881. Five children blessed their union: Arnold, who died in Bradford township in 1848; N. H., the subject of this sketch; Seth, who also died in Bradford township in 1848; Jane, wife of D. DeHaas, of Elk county, Penn.; and D. B., who removed to Virginia, and there died in 1892.

In the usual manner of farmer lads, N. H. Maines spent the days of his boyhood and youth, attending the common schools of Bradford township, and assisting his father in the arduous task of clearing and developing a farm. In 1851 he purchased his present place, which was then a heavily-wooded tract of 160 acres; but his untiring labors have transformed it into one of the highly-cultivated tracts of the township. In connection with agricultural pursuits he successfully engaged in lumbering and jobbing for twenty years.

In Bradford township, in 1853, Mr. Maines was married to Miss Mary A. Hitchings, a native of that township, of which her parents, William and Betsy (Jones) Hitchings, were early pioneers, and there died. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Maines, as follows: Gilbert L., a resident of Graham township, Clearfield county; D. M., of Morrisdale Mines, same county; B. F., of Bradford township; Martha, wife of Clark Hoobler, of Graham township; and J. W., of Bradford township.

Politically, Mr. Maines affiliates with the Democratic party, and is the supporter of all movements which have for their object the upbuilding and advancement of the community. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Bradford township, and has borne an important part in its progress and development.

ALEXANDER FERGUSON, a well-known agriculturist of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, is a worthy representative of one of the distinguished and prominent pioneer families of the county, being one of the first five families to make a permanent settlement. The township of Ferguson was named in their honor, and in the progress and development of this region they have borne an important part, aiding all worthy enterprises which would advance the interests of the community.

Here our subject was born March 30, 1831, a son of David and Rachel (McKee) Ferguson. The paternal grandfather, John Ferguson, was reared near Lock Haven, Penn., where he married Sarah Hanna, and at a very early day he left Clinton county for Clearfield county, being the fifth family to locate there. He settled a little below the present site of Lumber City, took up land and improved a farm in the midst of the wilderness, making it his home during the remainder of his life. It was then occupied by his son James, who died there at the age of sixty-eight, and was then sold to another son who is now deceased. At the present time it is owned and operated by a third son—J. B. Ferguson.

Upon the old homestead, David Ferguson, the father of our subject, grew to manhood. Studying civil engineering, he became a proficient surveyor, which occupation he followed throughout life, and for some time served as county surveyor. After his marriage, in 1826, he located
on a farm, which he improved, and which is now known as the Hile farm. A prominent and influential citizen, he ably represented his district in the Legislature in 1836 and 1837, also served as justice of the peace twenty years, and filled many other important offices in his township to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was well and favorably known, and did much for the moral and physical development of the community. He was a recognized leader in the Democratic party in his locality, and took an active interest in all public affairs. In 1839 he sold his first farm, and purchased a tract of 187 acres of raw land, which he improved, and upon which our subject still resides. In 1863 he departed this life at the age of seventy-seven years; his wife died in 1852. She belonged to a prominent family of Cumberland county, Penn., whose members were principally farmers by occupation. The parents of our subject were faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church.

To this worthy couple were born seven children, as follows: Sarah, who died in childhood; Alexander, the subject of this sketch; John, a prominent resident of Clearfield county; Jane, now Mrs. McCracken; David L.; James H.; and Sarah E., wife of Dr. Guernsey. The three brothers of our subject were faithful soldiers in the Union army, and James H. received a slight wound, was taken prisoner, and for six months was incarcerated in the loathsome Rebel prisons. All are now leading citizens of Clearfield county.

Being the eldest child, Alexander Ferguson remained at home, assisting in clearing, improving and cultivating the home farm, and his education was acquired in the country schools of the neighborhood. While his brothers were in the service of their country he remained at home to care for his father and the farm, but a short time before the close of the war he was drafted; hostilities ceased, however, before he was mustered in. With one of his brothers he purchased the old homestead, and later bought his brother's interest. As soon as he was large enough he began lumbering, which occupation he followed for many years, and also piloted on the river, but in later years he has given his attention principally to his farming operations. Coal mines have been opened upon his farm, and he is also interested in that business. He is a wide-awake, progressive man, whose success has come as the legitimate reward of well-directed labor and perseverance.

On June 28, 1860, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage with Miss Martha A. Straw, who was reared in Ferguson township. Her parents, Joseph and Nancy (Thompson) Straw, were honored pioneers of Clearfield county, and had their first home there under a tree until their primitive cabin could be erected, enduring all the hardships and privations of frontier life. Six children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Murray E., a farmer by occupation; David O., a lumberman of Humboldt county, Cal.: Mary A., a resident of Modoc county, Cal., first wedded Edward I. Cathcart, who died leaving three children, and she is now the wife of a Mr. Wendt; James N., a resident of Denver, Colo.; Jennie B., a teacher; and Elva L., who died at the age of two years. They also have a grandson residing with them—Alexander C. Ferguson.

In his political affiliations Mr. Ferguson is a Republican, and he has acceptably filled all the township offices, but has never aspired to higher positions. With the Presbyterian Church he and his wife hold membership, and they occupy an enviable position in the esteem and confidence of their fellow-citizens.

ELIJAH McDOWELL is numbered among the representative agriculturists of Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he has for some years successfully engaged in general farming. He is now the owner of 310 acres of valuable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, the well-tilled fields yielding to him a golden tribute, while the many improvements upon the place indicate his progressiveness. He has erected a comfortable residence and substantial barns and outbuildings, and gives to every department of the farm work his careful supervision.

Mr. McDowell is a native of Centre county, Penn., born in 1831, in Half Moon Valley township, where lived his parents, Jonathan W. and Keziah (Merryman) McDowell. His father was born in Centre county in 1796, and was a son of John McDowell, a native of the North of Ireland, and of Scotch ancestry. The latter came with his father to Centre county, Penn., and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Stone Valley, where he spent his remaining days. Jonathan McDowell was married in Centre county, of which locality his wife was a native, and in 1833 removed to Pike township, Clearfield county, where he opened up a farm. He purchased of Porter Bailey a partially-improved tract of land, and made it his home for some years, but his last days were spent on the farm of his son Elijah, where he died in 1878; his wife died in Pike township, in 1880.

Mr. and Mrs. McDowell reared a family of eight children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of M.
L. C. Evans, died in Pike township; Samuel resides in Curwensville; Elijah is the third in the family; Jane, who resides in Bell township, Clearfield county, married A. B. Tate, an early settler of the community, James and George are both residents of Clarion county, Penn.; Charles makes his home in Pike township; and Martha is the wife of Lloyd Shiny, of Bradford township.

Elijah McDowell was reared in Pike township from the age of two years, and is indebted to its public-school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed. Farming has been his work. He was trained in that industry during his boyhood, and since attaining years of maturity he has followed the same pursuit. He came to Bradford township in 1839, purchasing his present farm, to which he removed his family. In 1854 he was married, in Centre county, to Miss Nancy Jane Marks, a native of that county, and a daughter of Jacob Marks, a pioneer settler, who died some years ago. Twelve children were born of this union, eleven of whom reached mature years, as follows: Justus M., who resides in Bradford township; William M., who is married and lives in the same township; Westanna, wife of J. W. Gearhart, of Decatur township, Clearfield county; R. W., who is married and lives in Lajoie, Clearfield county; James, who is married and makes his home in Ansonville, Penn.; W. S., a resident of Newport, Penn.; Ashley P., who is married and resides in Pike township; B. B., who died December 18, 1895; R. L., at home; Lloyd D., twin brother of R. L.; and Blanche D.

Mr. McDowell exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and during his official connection with the school board has done effective service in the cause of education. He has long been a witness of the growth and development of this section of the State, and has ever borne his part in the work of progress. He did not have wealth to aid him in the beginning of his business career. His reliance has been placed in the more substantial qualities of untiring enterprise and commendable zeal, and, withal, his actions have been guided by an honesty of purpose that none have questioned.

ISAAC WILSON occupies a prominent position among the prosperous and representative agriculturists of Bradford township, Clearfield county, where his entire life has been passed. Since 1813 the Wilson family has found a home within its borders, and has taken an active and leading part in promoting its interests. They shared with the other brave pioneers the hardships and trials incident to frontier life in order to make homes for themselves and posterity, and in promoting their own welfare advanced the interests of the community.

Our subject was born on July 1, 1837, a son of George and Sarah (Graham) Wilson. The birth of the father occurred August 1, 1811, in Huntingdon county, Penn., whence when an infant he was brought to Bradford township, Clearfield county, by his father, David Wilson, who here engaged in farming until called to the world beyond. George was the eldest of his children, the others being as follows: David, who died in Bradford township, in February, 1896; Mrs. V. B. Holt, S. P. and John, all of whom died in the same township; Matthew, who died in Bradford township, in 1890; Mrs. James Hollenbeck, who died in Clearfield county; and Mrs. Robert Shaw, who died in Bradford township.

In the same township George Wilson was married to Sarah Graham, a daughter of William Graham, who was also one of the honored pioneers of Bradford township, where his death occurred. The young couple began their domestic life upon a timber tract of 105 acres, which Mr. Wilson purchased, and from the same developed an excellent farm. There he died in 1893. He was a Democrat in politics, and was widely and favorably known throughout the community. His widow resides on the old homestead at this writing, aged eighty-two years. They were the parents of six children: Isaac, of this review; Maria, who became the wife of John Forcey, and died in Bradford township, in 1888; Cornelius, who enlisted in 1861, in Company K, 84th P. V. I., under Capt. M. Ogden, and died in Washington, D. C., in 1863; Cyrus, a resident of Curwensville, Clearfield county; Hiram, who lives in the city of Clearfield; James, who resides on the old home farm in Bradford township; and Milton, a resident of Clearfield.

Isaac Wilson obtained a good practical education in the district schools of his native township, and on starting out in life for himself engaged in rafting on the river and lumbering in connection with agricultural pursuits, commencing at the age of fourteen years, and following the same for forty years. At the present time, however, he gives his exclusive attention to farming with most gratifying results. In 1862 he purchased his present farm of 302 acres, known as the Stewart farm, of which fifty acres had been cleared, but now eighty acres have been placed under the plow and yield a ready return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In Bradford township, in 1859, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Miss Emma Pow-
nell, a native of Morris township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of Jonas and Mary Powell, who were pioneers of that township, where both died. Our subject has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who passed away in August, 1888. Six sons and one daughter were born to them, namely: Elbridge, a resident of Clearfield, who married Eva Spence, and has four children; Edwin S. and Curtin G., also of Clearfield; Oscar M., a minister of the United Brethren Church, located at Bigler, Clearfield county; Warren S., of the borough of Clearfield; and Rev. A. B. and Emma Melissa, at home.

Mr. Wilson is a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, in the success of which he takes an active interest. He is a prominent and leading member of the United Brethren Church, and was one of the organizers and promoters of the Bigler camp meeting, with which he has since been identified. His support is cheerfully given to all worthy enterprises having for their object the betterment of mankind or the welfare of the community, and as an upright, honorable citizen, he justly deserves representation in any history of Clearfield county.

JOHN FRANKLIN PETERS was born October 9, 1852, on the farm in Boggs township, Clearfield county, on which he still makes his home, and is a son of Jonas H. and Jane (Gearhart) Peters. The mother belonged to an honored pioneer family of Clearfield county, while the father came from Centre county, Penn. They were married in Clearfield county, and began their domestic life in Philipsburg. The paternal grandfather, Leonard Peters, belonged to one of the old Pennslyvania-German families, that for many years had been prominently and honorably connected with the agricultural and mechanical interests of this State. The maternal grandfather, John Gearhart, came to Clearfield county in 1820, and is numbered among its leading pioneers. In 1876 his descendants held a reunion at the old home place, at which were present 138 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was long a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a man of high standing in the community.

Jonas H. Peters was a carpenter by trade, and in 1846 located on the farm which is now the home of our subject. At that time there had been a small clearing made, and the improvements consisted of a log house and log barn. Mr. Peters plowed and planted the land, developed it into rich and fertile fields, and erected substantial buildings. In connection with farm-
cated at Unionville, where he died April 30, 1873. His wife died at Lick Run Mills. They were parents of six children, of whom one died in early life; the others are Alonzo, a tanner; William, who is engaged in the lumber business; Netta; Mrs. Sade Burlie; and Mrs. Melissa St. Clair; the last named is now deceased. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peters, three of whom died within eleven days of each other of diphtheria; they were Howard A., Frank and Elizabeth, aged nine, five and three years, respectively. Those living are Jennie, at this writing fourteen years of age; Charles S., seven years old; Clarence, five years old; and Belle, three years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters were both reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, to which they still adhere, and he is a member of several fraternal societies, including the American Mechanics, Royal Arcanum and the Ancient Order of Knights of the Mystic Chain. His entire life has been passed in Clearfield county, and among his stanchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood, a fact which indicates his honorable career. Politically, he is an adherent of the Democratic party.

J. H. BAILEY, a prominent real-estate dealer of Du Bois, Clearfield county, is a son of the well-known pioneer of that section, the late Caleb Bailey, and can well remember the days when deep and unbroken forests covered Brady township, and the now populous region around Du Bois.

Mr. Bailey’s ancestors were early settlers in Lycoming county, Penn., and his father, who was born there in 1797, came in 1809, to Clearfield county, where he spent his remaining years. For some time during his boyhood he was employed in carrying the mail from Bellefonte to Franklin, Penn. He was married in Clearfield county to Miss Jenimma Sutherland, and then settled in the woods in Brady township to clear a homestead for himself. His energy and foresight were displayed in the acquisition of a large amount of land, two fine farms having been developed by him. His estimable wife passed to the unseen life in 1886, his death occurring four years later. They had six children, all of whom settled in Clearfield county: Elizabeth (now Mrs. Hole) resides in Pike township; Henry lives in Union township; Moses died in Pike township; J. H., our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Melinda (Mrs. Courtney), who died in Du Bois, was one of the first settlers in that town, her home being located on the corner of Long avenue and Brady street, then called Courtney street; and S. M., is married and resides in Du Bois.

J. H. Bailey was born at the Brady township homestead in 1833, and was reared to farm life, receiving educational privileges common to country youths of that day, in a log school house with primitive furniture. In early manhood he followed farming and lumbering for some time, clearing and cultivating land in Brady and Union townships, and later he removed to Grampian, Penn., to engage in mercantile business. On disposing of this, he returned to his native township and bought an improved farm, and in 1894 located in Du Bois, where he is now one of the most successful real-estate dealers. He owns nine residences in Washington street and two in Jared street, in Du Bois, and still retains his interest in the old homestead.

In 1857 Mr. Bailey was married, in his native township, to Miss Esther Schofield, a daughter of Joseph Schofield, a respected pioneer of Union township, Clearfield county, where she was born and reared. She died in 1885, and in the following year Mr. Bailey married Miss Sarah Agnes Horn, also a native of Pennsylvania. There are two living children by the first marriage: Ida, now Mrs. John Hayes, and Chauncey, both of whom reside in Brady township. By the second union there is one daughter, Esther Ballou. As a public-spirited citizen, Mr. Bailey takes keen interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community. He is a leading member of the M. E. Church, and is prominent in local politics as a member of the Republican party, having served ably for two terms as supervisor of his native township.

DANIEL J. KLINE is an exemplar of the truth that success is usually the outgrowth of energy, consecutive effort and perseverance, and not the result of genius, as some believe. He follows lumbering and farming in Woodward township, Clearfield county, and by reason of his honorable dealing and executive ability has profited in his undertakings.

Mr. Kline is of German descent. His grandfather, Daniel Kline, was born, reared and married in Germany, and after coming to America located in Reading, Penn., where occurred the birth of Daniel D. Kline (the father of our subject). He came to Centre county, and was married near Rock Forge to Catherine Stover, after which he removed to Centre Hall, where he was employed as clerk in a store for a number of years. During that time he read medicine, in course of time began practicing, at the same time compounded medicines, which he would sell
throughout the surrounding country. About 1830 he removed his family to Clearfield county, locating a mile from Bigler, where he purchased and cleared twenty-five acres of timber land. He erected there a house, barn, office and drug store, and carried on a successful business as a farmer, physician and druggist for ten years. He then sold, and purchased eighty acres on the Erie pike, about two miles west of Blue Ball, where he built a house and office, and continued in business for a number of years. Again he sold, and removing to Fish town there purchased ten acres of land, erected thereon a residence and office, and engaged in the practice of medicine for a number of years. On disposing of that property he bought twenty-five acres at Blue Ball, built a house and office, and was an active practitioner there until -removing to Osceola, where he practiced until the fire destroyed the town, whereby he lost all his property. With undaunted energy, however, he erected new buildings on his ground, and remained a practitioner of Osceola for a few years, after which he spent two years in Blue Ball. He then returned to Osceola, where he continued in active practice until within a short time of his death, which occurred in 1891.

(1) George W., the eldest child in the family, was born in Mill Hall Centre, came with his parents to Clearfield county, and was educated in Decatur township. He there married Susan Kephart, and located near the John Goss homestead, devoting his energies to carpentering until 1863, when he joined the Union army as a member of the 149th P. V. I. He was seriously wounded in the face at the battle of the Wilderness, and remained in hospital until after his recovery, when he returned home on furlough. Later he rejoined his regiment, but on account of disability he was discharged. Removing to Mercer county, Penn., he was employed as foreman by Gaston, Williams & Kline, extensive lumber dealers, with whom he remained until his death, in 1886. This resulted from the wounds which he sustained in the war. He left a widow and eight children, namely: J. B. H., who was married in Mercer county, and is now boss filer in a large mill in Virginia; W. D., who is married and resides on a farm in Mercer county; Sadie, who is married and lives in Oil City, Penn.; Laura, wife of Andy Smith, of Crawford county, Penn., by whom she has three children; Emma and Blanche, who are married and reside in Mercer county; Elda and Maud. The mother of this family died in 1891.

(2) D. F. Kline, the second son of Dr. Kline, was born in Mill Hall, and educated in Decatur township, Clearfield county, whither he removed with his parents. He married Amanda L. Goss, of Decatur township, and now resides in Osceola. He has eight children—Richard, married, lives in Oakdale, Penn., is one of the most expert machinists in the State, and is now employed in the manufacture of oil tools. Charles, married, has one son; is employed in the Pie foundry in Osceola. George also works in Osceola. Genevieve is the wife of Michael Schullen, of Osceola, and has one child. Benjamin is employed in the Pie foundry. Mary, Pearl and Justin Pie are at home.

(3) Dr. J. H. Kline was born at Mill Hall, attended the common schools, and after studying medicine for three years in his father's office completed a course in Jefferson Medical University, Philadelphia. He then married Sophie Radebach, of Blue Ball, where he engaged in practice for a number of years; then joined the medical fraternity of Osceola. Later he practiced for about two years in Mercer county, Penn., since which time he has been successfully prosecuting his profession in Penfield. He has five children—Georgie, married, resides in New York; Emma, married, lives in Penfield, where her husband is superintendent of a tannery; John, married, lives in Penfield; and one, at home, whose name is not given.

(4) Mary A., born in Mill Hall, was educated in the schools of Decatur township, Clearfield county, married Vincent Smeal, of Blue Ball, and is yard boss of a mill in Irvona, Clearfield county. They have children as follows—Cassie, wife of William Kephart, who is employed in a tannery in Irvona, by whom she has four children; Daniel, in Virginia; Ida, wife of Jerry Warwick, a farmer living near Glen Hope, by whom she has two children; Frank, of Irvona, who married Clara Russell, of Woodward township, and has two children; John, of Woodward township, who married Minnie Bowman, and has four children; George, in Ohio; Mrs. Rosie Everly, of Irvona, who has one child; Emma; of Irvona, who is married and has one child; Sophie, Earl and Owen, at home.

(5) Sophie Kline, who was born in Clearfield county, married Jesse Smeal, of Decatur township, and resided on his farm at Blue Ball until her death. She left three children—Edward, Leonard, and Bertie, wife of Levi Kyler, of Woodland; Mrs. Kyler has one child. (6) James M. Kline, born in Clearfield county, was a natural mechanic, an expert wood-worker; died in Osceola at the age of twenty-six. (7) Emma, a native of Clearfield, married John Melwood, of Osceola, where she resided until her death; she
left three children. (8) Frank, born in Clearfield, resides with his mother in Osceola, where he is employed as engineer in a tannery.

Daniel J. Kline, whose name introduces this article, was born in Mill Hall, Centre county, in 1837, and came with his parents to Clearfield county when about eight years of age. He was educated in the schools of Decatur township, and worked on the Goss farm for about eight years, also spent a similar period in the Goss sawmill, serving as foreman a greater part of the time. He was married, in 1858, to Sophie Goss, the only daughter of John and Rachel Goss, honored pioneers of Clearfield county. After his marriage, Mr. Kline purchased a half interest in the sawmill, and in 200 acres of pine timber. He then engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber, also cleared about forty acres of his land, erected a good two-story residence and a bank barn. After two years he sold to John L. Cuttle, and bought 140 acres of the John Goss homestead, where he erected a residence. Two years were there passed, when he sold to L. J. Kraus, of Clearfield. In 1864 he purchased 150 acres of land, forty of which were cleared, and in course of time he placed the entire amount under cultivation. He also bought one hundred acres adjoining, of which he cleared forty acres, planting it with wheat and rye; but his crops were destroyed by the memorable June frost of that year. Although he suffered a heavy loss in this way, he resolutely continued farming and lumbering, and erected on his land a good house, bank barn and substantial outbuildings. His barn was destroyed by fire with all its contents, including a large amount of wheat, rye and oats, eighteen tons of hay, two buggies, a wagon, and much farm machinery. In 1895-96 he rebuilt his house, put up an extensive barn, and made other substantial improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. Kline have eight children: (1) J. W., born March 22, 1861, and educated in the common schools of Woodward township, was married January 30, 1890, to Harriet Holman, of that township. He has since lived on a part of his father’s land. He had three children—William M., born May 23, 1890, died January 26, 1892; Della May, born January 13, 1892; and Earl, born July 17, 1893. (2) Catharine Emma, born August 29, 1864, is the wife of George Newton, who is employed by Burton Merritt, of Winburne. He owns property in that town and also a farm in Boggs township, Clearfield county. Mr. and Mrs. Newton have six children—Annie, William, Mary, Jane, Robbie and Emma Pearl. (3) D. W. Kline, born October 3, 1866, was married in 1886, to Tishie Kline. He owns a good residence in Glen Richey, where he is employed by the Blooming- ton Coal Co. He has six children—Blake, Susie, Paul, Bessie, Lennie, and one whose name is not given. (4) Mary E., born July 26, 1869, is the wife of John Bush, of Boggs township, who now owns the Henry Goss farm. They have six children—Charles, Bertie, Lynn, Frank, Carrie, and one whose name is not given. (5) Francis B., born November 1, 1872, died August 4, 1873. (6) Benjamin Thomas, born June 1, 1874, is at home. (7) Albert M., born January 27, 1878, died on the 11th of August of that year. (8) Annie A., born December 22, 1879, is with her parents.

In politics, Mr. Kline has always been a Republican, and at different times has held the offices of supervisor, school director and tax collector. He is a member and trustee of the United Brethren Church, and is a liberal contributor to Church and educational interests, and to all the enterprises calculated to benefit the community. He owns one of the finest farms in the county, and his life has been well spent, justly entitling him to the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

S. IDNEY SMITH, a well-known and highly-respected farmer and lumberman of Bloom township, Clearfield county, is a native of Clarion county, Penn. His father, James Smith, was a native of Centre county, whence he came to Brady township, Clearfield county, and later removed to Clarion county, where he married Miss Hannah Dale, and where two children were born to them. On leaving his farm in that county, he took up his residence in Jefferson county, this State, where he also carried on agricultural pursuits for a few years, and then returned to Brady township, Clearfield county. Later he came to Bloom township, locating on what is known as the Stull farm, where he continued to reside some nine years, and then came to the place now owned and occupied by our subject. Here his death occurred in 1887; his widow is still living on a part of the old homestead, with her son, Elmer.

In the family were seven children—five sons and two daughters—as follows: William C., who engaged in lumbering in Oregon for a few years, and there died; Sidney; G. L., a farmer of Bloom township, who married Nora Leech, and has eight children: Maggie A., who resides with her mother and brother; R. Milton, a farmer of Bloom township, who married Susan Leech, and has four children; Elmer, who married Maggie
Spencer, and has five children; and Emma, who died at the age of two years.

By his marriage, Sidney Smith, our subject, had a family of nine children, all at home, their names and ages at this writing being as follows: Furman, eighteen; Virginia May, sixteen; Millie, thirteen; Grover Cleveland, eleven; Alice W., nine; George Leslie, six; and Zora Marie, four years. Mr. Smith is a thorough and skillful farmer, a fact plainly indicated by the neat and thrifty appearance of his place, and the success that he has achieved in his chosen calling is certainly well-deserved, for he is industrious, enterprising and energetic. He is a man of genuine worth, and enjoys the respect and confidence of his neighbors. In him the Democratic party has one of its most earnest supporters.

WILLIAM C. RUSSELL, one of the enterprising young business men of Grampian, Clearfield county, is a valued citizen of that community, and is now serving in the official position of justice of the peace. Much of his life has been passed in Clearfield county, and by all who know him he is held in the highest esteem.

Joseph G. Russell, father of our subject, was born in Frederick county, Md., October 14, 1822, and on removing to Clearfield county in 1839 took up his residence in Penn township, where he purchased land and followed farming. He also built a tannery, and carried on that business for a number of years; but in course of time he abandoned that industry and gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. He was married August 19, 1850, to Margaret Carlisle, who was born in Clearfield county, July 14, 1832. During the Civil war he enlisted in 1863, in Company K, 149th P. V. I., and after his return followed farming in Penn township until the spring of 1869, when he removed with his family to North Carolina. In the autumn of 1872 he returned to Clearfield county, where he continued until 1879, in which year he made his residence in Stark county, Ohio. He died November 10, 1896, and is buried in Alliance, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Russell had a family of seven children: (1) Jesse U., born June 11, 1851, was married to Jennie M. Joseph, of Ohio, December 25, 1884, and removed to Newcastle, Penn., where he has since followed the trade of a machinist. (2) William C. is our subject. (3) Hiram C., born March 3, 1856, married Flora E. Joseph, of Ohio, September 24, 1882, and resides in Alliance, Ohio, where he follows the tombstone business; he has two children—Fannie M., born July 26, 1884; and John Joseph. (4) Joseph L., born October 29, 1857, was married January 13, 1881, to Mary A. Welty, of Ohio, by whom he has one child living—Ethel H., born July 3, 1886; he is extensively engaged in the grocery business in Alliance, Ohio. (5) Mary E., born July 23, 1859, was married June 9, 1879, to George N. Abbott, of Randolph, N. Y., who is now a grocer in Alliance, Ohio; they have two children—John R., born in Jamestown, N. Y., April 28, 1880; and Samuel G., born in Alliance, Ohio, May 30, 1885. (6) Myrtle A., born September 24, 1861, was married February 17, 1883, to James B. Keckley, of Ohio, who was a molder by trade; they had one son, Clyde U. Keckley, born July 1, 1886; Mr. Keckley died, and his widow afterward married J. M. Shaffer, of Alliance, Ohio, a conductor on the Lehigh Valley railroad. (7) John E., born February 12, 1864, married Miss Cora Leo, of Alliance, Ohio, where he engaged in general merchandising; they have two children.

William C. Russell was born in Brady township, Clearfield county, May 24, 1853, and obtained his education in the common schools there. At the age of sixteen he started with a team and wagon for Elizabeth City, N. C., leaving Grampian on the 12th of April, and drove to Baltimore, Md., where he loaded his horses and wagon on a steamboat, and thus journeyed to Norfolk, Va., whence he drove across the Dismal Swamp to his destination. For eighteen months he remained in Elizabeth City, employed in a sawmill, and then returned to Cameron county, Penn., where he spent a year, working in the lumber woods for Samuel Kirk. He then returned to Clearfield county, and has since been prominently identified with its lumber interests. On February 1, 1897, he commenced in the hotel business at Grampian as proprietor of "Hotel Aberdeen," in which he continued until July 1, 1896, when he purchased the grocery business of Dr. Currier, of Grampian, and is now also engaged in mercantile business.

On October 20, 1874, Squire William C. Russell married Miss Eliza M. Wall, of Penn township, Clearfield county, daughter of William and Sarah Wall, of Grampian Hills, and they have three children: Thomas W., born November 9, 1878; Charles G., born January 27, 1880; and Harry J., born February 20, 1881.

Our subject is one of the stanch advocates of Republican principles in Grampian, and has served as constable of Penn township for two terms. He has also held the offices of town councilman, burgess and school director, and is now serving his second term as justice of the peace of Grampian. His wife is a member of
the Friends Church, and both are highly esteemed people, having many warm friends in the community.

G E O R G E W. L I N G L E. Many of the worthy citizens of Clearfield county served their country during the dark days of the Rebellion, making a record honorable and glorious. One of these "brave boys in blue" is now a leading farmer of Goshen township. He was born in Centre county, Penn., October 1, 1840, a son of Thomas and Eliza (Morrison) Lingle, also natives of this State and of German lineage.

When a young man Thomas Lingle was employed as a farm hand, but after his marriage, which was celebrated in Centre county, he engaged in iron mining, following that occupation for many years. Later in life he took up farming, operating land in Centre and Clearfield counties. His death occurred in the former about 1857; his wife died in Clearfield county, in 1881. In religious belief he was a Methodist, while she was a Presbyterian, while his political support was given the Whig party, and he took an active interest in public affairs. Six children constituted their family, namely: Thomas, also a veteran of the Civil war, and a prominent farmer of this county; James, who served in the same struggle, and died at the age of twenty-eight years, several years after returning home; Sampson B., who lost his right arm in the service in 1862; George W., of this review; Priscilla, who died unmarried at the age of thirty years; and Elijah, a resident of Clearfield county.

The education of our subject was such as the common schools afforded, and much of his early life was devoted to iron mining. After the death of his father he took charge of the affairs, providing for his widowed mother until his enlistment in May, 1861, for a term of three years. He enlisted in Clearfield county, in Company C, Fifth Pennsylvania Reserves, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, being with that command in all its important battles, of which he considers the battle of Gettysburg the most severe. On May 8, 1864, during the battle of the Wilderness, he received a gunshot wound through the right arm, which shattered the bone. He was first sent to the field hospital, and then transferred to several different hospitals. While thus disabled his time expired, and he returned to Harrisburg, Penn, where he was honorably discharged. On his return home he worked as a common laborer for a time, helping to build a raft on the river, and working at anything he could find. He was mostly employed, however, in the lumber woods until about 1871, when he purchased his present farm of ninety acres, then in Girard township, but now in Goshen township. At that time it was only slightly improved, but he now has forty acres under a good state of cultivation, set out two good orchards, and has erected a commodious two-story frame residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. The farm is pleasantly situated twelve miles northeast of Clearfield.

In 1868 Mr. Lingle was married to Miss Ellen Kiler, who was born in Clearfield county, and died here March 5, 1885. Her father, Abram Kiler, belonged to the well-known pioneer family of that name. In 1880, Mr. Lingle was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary E. (Harrier) Graham, widow of Aaron Graham, by whom she had three children. Her father, John Harrier, was of German descent, and was an early settler in this section of Pennsylvania. By the second marriage two children have come: John F. R., born April 1, 1890; and George H. T., born December 16, 1893.

Since casting his first Presidential vote for Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Lingle has been an ardent Republican. For six years he served as auditor of Girard township, three years as overseer of the poor, and has filled other minor offices of honor and trust. In all the relations of life he has faithfully discharged every duty devolving upon him, and is a valued and worthy member of society.

S H. STILES. In time to come this volume will acquire added value as a repository of records whose historical significance will then be fully appreciated; but readers will doubtless pursue with special interest the stories of gallant service in that great struggle which settled once and for all that this nation is, in truth, "one and indivisible." It has often been said that the letters sent home during the war by the soldiers of all grades would make, if published, a better history of the war than has yet been given, and the suggestive views of the conflict in the individual experiences contained in this book certainly give new color to many a historic scene.

The subject of this memoir was but a lad of sixteen when he offered his services to the government, enlisting August 17, 1862, in a P. V. I. regiment, under Capt. Hopen and Col. Krouder, but he bore a man's part in the years that followed before peace was restored. His company made a short stay at Harrisburg, in Camp Curtin, and then went by way of Washington, D. C., to Stone Switch, Va., where they joined the
main body of the regiment. Mr. Stiles had his "baptism of fire" at the battle of Fredericksburg, and his next important engagement was at Chancellorsville, where he served in the artillery as a volunteer at the request of Gen. Sickles. Then followed the battle of Gettysburg, where he was struck in the left side during the second day by a minie ball, which lodged in a Bible given him by his mother. At the same time he was wounded by a shot which entered above the right eye, cutting the nerve and destroying the sight. The shot still remains back of the eye. For some people this experience would have been enough, but Mr. Stiles, when taken to a Philadelphia hospital and assigned to the Invalid Corps as unfit for field duty, ran away, and in October, 1863, rejoined his regiment at City Point. He remained with the main army, serving as post-guard, and on March 5, 1864, took part in the battle of the Wilderness. He was at Spottsylvania also, where he participated in the famous charge made by Gen. Hancock, and later he joined in the engagement at North Anna river and Cold Harbor, after which he crossed the James river to City Point. From that place, on June 18, 1864, the great charge on Petersburg was made. The engagement at Hatcher's Run followed, and soon afterward, on July 26, 1864, Mr. Stiles was taken ill with a fever and sent to Washington. On his recovery he returned to his regiment, in December, 1864, and again joined in the siege of Petersburg. He was present at the fearful early-morning charge, and was driven back by the Rebels before the break of day. Petersburg finally fell, however, and Mr. Stiles' regiment marched to Gaines' Run and engaged in a fight with Ewell's force, capturing a large part of his army and wagon train. From there he went to Clover Hill or Appomattox, where Lee's surrender ended the fearful struggle. Then came the triumphal march to Alexandria and the grand review at Washington, the final discharge at Harrisburg following on June 5, 1865. As will be seen below, the two elder brothers of our subject also enlisted in the service of the government, and one met a soldier's death.

Mr. Stiles is a native of Centre county, having been born in Half Moon Valley, September 9, 1815. His father, Thomas Stiles, was born in 1812, in Philadelphia, where he grew to manhood, receiving a fine classical education, and at the age of twenty-two he went to Becaria township, Clearfield county, where he engaged in teaching. He was successful in this work, and continued it for many years in Clearfield, Cambria, Blair and Centre counties. In 1834 he married Miss Annie Hollen, of Blair county, and they resided there and in Centre county until their removal to Janesville, Clearfield county, where he taught for some time. Later he located in Cambria county, where he died in 1878. Mrs. Stiles survives him.

The eldest of their seven children, Thomas T., was born in Blair county, in 1839, and received a common-school education in his youth. He married Miss Mary Hollen, of Blair county. In 1861 he enlisted from that county in a P. V. I. regiment, and July 3, 1863, was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. Later he was wounded in an engagement on the James river, but on recovering rejoined his regiment and took part in the siege of Petersburg, where he was shot by a sharp-shooter, his death occurring at City Point three days later. His wife survived him several years, and two daughters are still living: Ellen (Mrs. Fister), of Clearfield county; and Laura (Mrs. Cole), of Cambria county. (2) Anna M., born in Blair county, in 1841, accompanied her parents to Cambria county, and married (first) Perry Krist, then a farmer of the same county. He afterward moved to a farm in Gulich township, Clearfield county, where he died in 1879. His widow subsequently married Samuel Stuffer, and now resides in Ramey, Penn., where the three children of her first marriage—Joseph, Edward and Julia—also make their home. (3) William, born in 1843, in Blair county, remained with his parents during their various changes of residence, and the war breaking out in his early manhood he enlisted from Cambria county, in 1862, in Company H, 110th P. V. I. He participated in some severe battles—Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Culpeper, and the fierce struggle in the Wilderness, where he was wounded. On recovering he rejoined his regiment again, and was in the fight in the swamp in front of Richmond, the siege of Petersburg, the battle of Hatcher's Run, and returned to Petersburg in time to see the capitulation. His next engagement was at Gaines' Run, and he was at Clover Hill, or Appomattox, when Lee surrendered. The regiment then went to Alexandria, and after the grand review at Washington returned to Harrisburg, where it was mustered out on June 5, 1865. He came home, afterward married Miss Jane Dixon, of Wallacetown, Penn., and he now resides in Tyrone, Penn., where he is engaged in the lumber business. He has three sons—Arthur, Thomas and Grant, all at home. (4) S. H., our subject, will be mentioned more fully farther on. (5) Mary A., born in Blair county in 1848, was married, after the removal of the family to Cambria coun-


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Ty, to William L. David, formerly of Philadelphia, and now a resident of Ramey, where he holds the office of postmaster. They have two sons—Edward and Thomas—and four daughters—Katharine, Mary Jane, and two whose names are not given. (6) G. W., born in Cambria county, Penn., in 1850, now resides in Gulich township, Clearfield county, and is engaged in lumbering for the firm of Lee & Mcgaughey. He married Miss Mary Hampton, of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and has five children—Emma, Rosy, Pearl, Horton, and Mary (now Mrs. Haley, of Janesville). (7) Edward, born in Cambria county in 1854, is a farmer in Gulich township, Clearfield county. He married Miss Lizzie Miller, of Burnside township, same county, and has one son, Dominic, now a student taking a commercial course. He has unusual gifts as a public speaker, and took part in the last campaign, being the youngest on the force of local campaigners.

The subject of our sketch was five years old when his parents settled in Cambria county, and his youth was spent there, the common schools near his home affording him an education. In 1872 he was married to Miss Nancy Smith, a daughter of J. W. Smith, of Cambria county. In the following year he located in Janesville, Clearfield county, where he at once became prominent in business and political affairs. In 1874 he was elected constable; later he served two terms as township auditor, and two as school director. For ten years he was justice of the peace, and out of 230 cases he sent but two to the Clearfield courts; all but one of the civil suits brought before him were settled in his office. He is a stanch Republican, an effective worker, and for twenty-three years has been a member of the vigilance committee of his party.

Mr. Stiles has a pleasant home near Smith-mill, and since 1893 has been successfully engaged in mercantile business there. He is active in local affairs of a non-political nature, and while not a member of any religious society is inclined to the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which his wife is a valued member. They have six children: Eva, born in May, 1878, now attending school at Janesville; Minnie, born in 1882; Betsy, born in 1881; William H., born in 1884; Joseph, born in 1892; and Andrew, born in 1894, all of whom are at home.

Zenos Turner. Among the sturdy, energetic, and successful farmers of Boggis township, Clearfield county, who thoroughly understand the vocation which they follow, and are consequently enabled to carry on their calling with profit to themselves, is the subject of this sketch. He was born September 8, 1841, in Clearfield county, on a farm near his present home, and was educated by his father, Capt. George Turner, who gained his title while serving in the State militia.

Our subject is one of the family of twelve children born to George and Sarah (Williams) Turner, namely: John H., of Boggs township; Jane, widow of L. M. Lumadue; Priscilla, who married L. Stone, but both are now deceased; William J., of Chester Hill, Penn.: Edward, a farmer of Boggs township; Silas, who died leaving two children; Zenos; George, an agriculturist; Lewis, operating the old homestead; Mary A., who wedded Thomas B. Woodside; and two who died when young. The parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, of Dutch descent, the father born May 15, 1802, and the mother on September 23, 1809. They both died in 1888, in the faith of the United Brethren Church, he on May 5, and she on November 2.

In Clearfield county, Capt. Turner was reared, and on reaching manhood engaged in milling and farming, owning a good sawmill and a large amount of land. He was a prominent and influential man, looked up to by all who knew him, and was continuously called upon to fill some public position of honor and trust in the township. He was numbered among the pioneers of the county, erecting the first frame residence within its borders, which house is still standing, though now unoccupied. Active in all Church work, for over twenty years he served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school connected with Salem Church, which he attended, and to which he was a liberal contributor. He also gave large sums to other Churches as well as the missionary cause.

Almost the entire life of our subject has been passed in Boggs township, and at the age of twenty-two he commenced developing and improving the farm of 200 acres given him by his father. Half of the place is now under a high state of cultivation, improved with a good two-story frame residence, two large barns, substantial outbuildings, and a fine orchard, making it one of the model farms of the community. In 1893 he embarked in merchandising at Clearfield, but at the end of two years he sold out, and now gives his attention exclusively to his farming interests.

In 1861, Mr. Turner married Miss Ruth C. Barzer, who was born in Bradford township, Clearfield county, September 7, 1840, and died August 3, 1887. She was a consistent member
of the United Brethren Church, in the work of which her father, George Barger, took a leading part. He was of Dutch descent, and at an early day located in Clearfield county, where he was numbered among its most prominent citizens. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner: Maud, wife of George Bears, a farmer, of Cambria county, Penn.; George, who is married and is living on the homestead farm; Ormes, also a resident of Cambria county; and Paul B., a merchant of Clearfield. On December 10, 1891, Mr. Turner wedded Miss Mary E. Walters, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., April 14, 1845, a daughter of Thomas Walters, who died in that county.

Politically, Mr. Turner is identified with the Republican party, has served in several township offices, including that of tax collector, which he filled satisfactorily for nine years. He is numbered among the public-spirited men of the county, no one being more interested in its development and progress, and he holds a high place in the regard of his fellow-citizens.

DW. MICHAEL. Success in any walk of life is an indication of earnest endeavor and persevering effort. In analyzing the record of this gentleman we note that a resolute purpose, coupled with an unflagging industry, have been the essential points in his career and have brought to him a well-merited competence. The spirit of self-help is the source of all genuine worth in the individual, and is the means of bringing to man success when he has no advantages of wealth or influence to aid him.

Our subject, who is one of the most esteemed citizens of Clearfield county, was born in Chest township, May 11, 1850. Grandfather Joseph Michael was a native of Lancaster county, Penn., born of German lineage, while his wife was of Irish descent. He removed with his family to Lycoming county, thence to Centre county, and later to Clearfield county, where he arrived in 1825. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits.

David Michael, father of our subject, accompanied the grandfather on his various removals, and he, too, became an agriculturist. He married Margaret Thurston, by whom he had four children: Cyrus, Henry, Orrin and Mrs. Mary Painter. After the death of his first wife he married Margaret Straw, daughter of Joseph Straw, an honored pioneer of Clearfield county. Four sons were born of the second marriage, namely: Joseph, Robert, John S. and D. W. The mother was a most estimable lady and a consistent Christian woman, holding membership in the Baptist Church. She died in February, 1877, and Mr. Michael afterward wedded Mary Yingling, by whom he had two sons: Crawford and George. The father died in February, 1891, and the community thereby lost one of its most respected citizens. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and of the Masonic fraternity. He transferred his political allegiance from the Democratic to the Republican party, and served throughout the war in a cavalry command. He served as a private, refusing all promotion, was neither wounded nor captured, and his three sons, Henry, Cyrus and Orrin, were also with the "boys in blue" throughout the struggle, and all lived to return home, like their father, escaping all injury.

D. W. Michael was but nineteen months old when his mother died. He was reared by Mr. and Mrs. James Curry, with whom he remained until twenty-two years of age, assisting Mr. Curry in all the work of the farm and the lumber woods. For two years after his marriage he continued with his foster parents, and in 1878 he purchased the farm on which he now resides. He owns 125 acres of rich land under a high state of cultivation, and has made many substantial improvements on the place, including the planting of a fine orchard and the erection of a two-story frame residence and a large barn. In addition to this property he owns four other improved farms, and has some vacant lands underlaid with coal. He has been extensively engaged in the lumber business, and for many years has owned and operated a sawmill. In 1887, in connection with a partner, he established a large general mercantile store in New Washington, and in 1888, having erected a fine business block in Westover, he removed the store to that place, where under the firm name of Michael & Straw he enjoyed an extensive trade until 1889, when he sold out to his partner. He still owns twenty-five lots in Westover. In 1894, at Wanakesha, Clearfield county, adjoining the farm he now lives on, he established his present mercantile business, of which he is the sole owner.

In 1876 Mr. Michael was married to Catherine Wood, a cultured lady, whose parents, Wilson and Christiana (Spotts) Wood, were pioneers of Centre county. They were married in that county, and afterward removed to Ferguson township, Clearfield county, where Mr. Woods is still living. Farming has been his life occupation. His wife, a faithful member of the Baptist Church, died in 1888. Their children were: Margaret, now Mrs. Barrett; Catherine P.; Jacob; Henry; and Mrs. Hester Raney. Mr. and Mrs.
Michael have three children: Edward H., James C. and Edith, all of whom have been students of the State Normal, and are now successful teachers.

Mr. Michael is deeply interested in political affairs, supporting the Democratic party, and has held several public positions of honor and trust, including all the township offices. In 1886 he was merchant appraiser of Clearfield county, and since 1885 has served as justice of the peace, discharging the duties of that office with promptness, impartiality and fidelity. Since reaching his majority, Squire Michael has been the leader of the Democratic party in his locality. He is a man of excellent business and executive ability, and in all life’s relations has been true to the trust reposed in him.

G. W. KEPHART, a prosperous and substantial farmer of Decatur township, Clearfield county, residing in the Newcastle settlement, was born in 1841, on the farm which is still his home. It is a valuable and productive tract of 114 acres under a high state of cultivation, and the comfortable residence is flanked by good barns and the various other outbuildings required by the progressive agriculturist. As a tiler of the soil he is thorough and skillful, and has been uniformly fortunate in his investments.

Andrew Kephart, father of our subject, was also a native of Decatur township, born in 1817, and was a son of Henry and Catharine Kephart, who were born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, becoming pioneer settlers of Decatur township, Clearfield county. The grandfather opened up a farm northwest of Osceola Mills, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life. Upon that place his wife died, and a few months later he was lost in the Alleghany Mountains. Andrew Kephart obtained his education in the schools of Decatur township, where he was reared to manhood, and there purchased of Josiah W. Smith, of Clearfield, a timber tract of 200 acres, which he converted into a fine farm. Upon that place he died in 1882, his faithful wife passing away in November of the same year. In Decatur township he had married Rachel Kephart, who was born in Danville, Penn., in 1809. He was well known throughout Clearfield county, took quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, and acceptably served as supervisor of his township.

To the parents of our subject were born four sons and eight daughters: Mary, who died when young; Sarah, now the wife of Levi David, of Decatur township; Mrs. Elizabeth Britton, of the same township; Martin V., a Union soldier, who enlisted in a Clearfield company in 1863, and was killed in front of Petersburg, March 25, 1864; Isabel, who married Thomas Holt, of Graham township, Clearfield county, and died in Wallacetown; G. W., of this sketch; Emma, who became the wife of R. H. Walk, and died in Allegheny county, Penn., in 1895; Addie, wife of S. F. Randolph; Isaiah, twin brother of Addie, and a resident of Decatur township; Mrs. Amanda Henderson, who makes her home in Clearfield county; Mrs. Jennie Albert, a resident of Pittsburg, Penn.; and Levi, who died in infancy.

Mr. Kephart, whose name introduces this sketch, never left the parental roof, and is now the owner of the old homestead. In the neighboring school he pursued his studies, and under his father’s able instructions became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. In Boggs township, in 1863, he married Miss Matilda Flegal, a native of Morris township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of David and Catharine (Funk) Flegal. The father was born in Maryland, whence when a young man he removed to Centre county, Penn., where he was married, at an early day taking up his residence upon a farm in Morris township, Clearfield county, where his death occurred. The mother was called to her final rest while living in Boggs township. Seven sons and six daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Kephart, as follows: Mrs. Emma C. Turner, of Decatur township; Cora D., wife of George Mease, of Boggs township; Mrs. Cecia F. Kline, of Belsena Mills, Clearfield county; Harry W., married and living in Decatur township; Cyrus Baker, married and living in Decatur township; Rosa M., wife of Charles Bush, of Decatur township; Nora E., wife of William Phillips, of the same township; Foster A.; Kervy Omer; Antonia Gann; and Kenneth Kenelm.

Since the organization of the Republican party, Mr. Kephart has been one of its earnest advocates, and on that ticket was elected tax collector, which position he efficiently filled for three years. In 1888 he made application for a post office at Kephart, and on its establishment he was appointed the first postmaster, serving during President Harrison’s administration. He takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and has done much to advance the moral and material welfare of his community. With his wife and children he holds membership in the United Brethren Church, is a liberal contributor to all benevolent and charitable work, and justly ranks among the valued and representative citizens of Decatur township.
JOHN McDOWEL, who is probably one of the most prominent and leading agriculturists of Graham township, Clearfield county, is the owner of 325 acres of land, 120 of which he has cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation. The well-tilled fields and neat and substantial buildings testify to his thrift, enterprise and good management.

A native son of Clearfield county, Mr. McDowell was born in Bradford township, in 1842, his parents being David and Maria (Smeal) McDowell, whose births also occurred in that township. The maternal grandfather, George Smeal, was one of its very earliest pioneers, and took a prominent part in its development and progress. His last years were passed upon his farm in Bradford township.

After their marriage, the parents of our subject located upon a farm in Bradford township, where the father followed farming and also engaged in lumbering until 1846, when he came to Graham township, where he bought and improved a farm of 100 acres, which at the time of his purchase was still in its primitive condition. He was an adherent of Democratic principles, and held a number of minor offices in his township to the satisfaction of all concerned.

His death occurred in Graham township in 1870, and his wife passed away at the same place in 1895. In their family were six children: Mrs. Elizabeth Rinehart, a resident of Graham township; Mrs. Sarah Lytle, of the same township; Mrs. Eliza Blish, of Centre county, Penn.; Mrs. Kate Powell, of Graham township; Mrs. Della Williams, of Port Matilda, Centre county; and John.

In the family our subject is the second in order of birth, and was four years of age when he accompanied his parents to Graham township, where he was reared upon the home farm. His literary training was secured in the Fairview district school. After starting out in life for himself he was engaged in lumbering exclusively for ten years, and then turned his attention to the operation of the home farm, of which he is now the owner. It comprises one hundred acres, and forms a part of his present valuable possessions. He is a skillful and thorough farmer, meeting with a well-deserved success in his chosen calling.

In Bradford township, in 1871, Mr. McDowell wedded Miss Rebecca Wooldrige, a native of that township, and a daughter of William Wooldrige (now deceased), who was an early settler of Bradford township. Mr. McDowell was again married, this time in Williamsport, Penn., in 1889, to Miss Alice A. Shimek, who was born in Boggs township, Clearfield county, a daughter of George Shimek, who is still a resident of that township. One child has been born to them, Florence A. By his first marriage our subject also had one child, now deceased. In politics Mr. McDowell has always been a stalwart Democrat, and is one of the representative and influential citizens of Graham township, taking an active interest in its welfare and progress.

DANIEL W. KEPHART, a well-known lumberman and farmer of Bradford township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home since 1861, is a native of the county, having been born in 1844, in Decatur township. His paternal grandfather, George Kephart, was a native of Huntingdon county, and there his death occurred.

Daniel Kephart, Sr., the father of our subject, was born in Port Matilda, Penn., but grew to manhood in Huntingdon county, and in early life took up his residence in Decatur township, Clearfield county, where he opened up a farm. There he wedded Sarah Kephart, who died in that township, in 1852. Nine children were born to them: George A., who died in Decatur township in 1863; Elias, who died in the same township, in 1890; David, a resident of Nebraska; Benjamin, of Blue Ball, Penn.; Samuel, of Decatur township; Joshua, of West Clearfield; Edward, of Bradford township; and Daniel W., of this sketch. The father was again married in Bradford township (whither he had moved in 1861), Miss Katie Harrier becoming his wife. Her father, Samuel Harrier, was one of the earliest settlers of that township, where he died, and where she was born. By the second marriage seven children were born, namely: Ferdinand and James, who are both married, and are residents of Bradford township; Theodore, who makes his home in the Keystone State; Cyrus, of Bradford township; William, who died in that township; Mrs. Mary English, of Bradford township; and Alfred, who lives on the home farm. The father departed this life in Bradford township, in 1880. He was one of the representative farmers and valued citizens of the community.

In the common schools of Decatur township, our subject secured his education, and was trained to habits of industry and economy upon the home farm. He was about eighteen years of age on coming to Bradford township, where in 1866 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Harrier, a native of that township, and a daughter of Samuel and ——(Phillips) Harrier, who were born in Pennsylvania and were honored pioneers of Clearfield county. Both parents died in Bradford township. Ten children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kephart: Nathaniel (who died
in February, 1896, at the age of twenty-eight years), Justus, Alice, Henry, Mary, Esther, Corda, George, John and Ferdinand. After his marriage, Mr. Kephart located in the midst of the forest, in Bradford township, where he has developed a fine farm, and also engaged in lumbering with good results. The family to which he belongs has for many years been actively identified with the progress and advancement made by Centre county, and to our subject is due the credit of converting a wild, uncultivated tract into a rich and productive farm. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is one of the most public-spirited and enterprising citizens of the community. He and his wife are consistent members of the United Brethren Church, are charitable and benevolent, the poor and needy always finding in them a friend.

JAMES MAGUIRE. This highly respected gentleman is one of the successful lumbermen and farmers of Graham township, Clearfield county, and was also one of the brave "boys in blue" during the dark days of the Rebellion. His father, Mark Maguire, was a native of Huntington county, Penn., his birth occurring in Diamond Valley, and was a son of Michael Maguire. In 1855 the former came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where he purchased one hundred acres of land, known as the Kyler farm, and at once commenced to clear and improve the same. Subsequently he rented a farm in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre Co., Penn., for a time, and then emigrated to Ohio, where about six years were passed, after which he returned to Huntingdon county. Later he again took up his residence in Centre county, where his death occurred.

Mark Maguire wedded Miss Rebecca Mulholland, who died while the family were living in Ohio. To them were born children as follows: Scott is married, and has four children; Ruth is the wife of Charles Gage, of Half Moon Valley, Centre county, and they have five children: Michael, a farmer of Munson, Cooper township, Clearfield county, married a Miss Rothrock, and has six children; Paul, who is engaged in teaming for the mining company at Morrisdale mines, Clearfield county, married Miss Myers, and has six children; John, twin brother of Paul, married Miss Taylor, and is a resident of Chester Hill, Clearfield county; Mark is single, and makes his home with his step-mother in Centre county; Sarah is the wife of George Hoover, a farmer of Centre county, and has several children; Rachel is also with her step-mother; and James completes the family.

In Clearfield, in the fall of 1861, Mr. Maguire, of this review, laid aside all personal interests and enlisted in Company K, 84th P. V. I., and was mustered in at Harrisburg, Penn., whence they were ordered to Hancock, where they received their arms. Crossing the Potomac river to Bath, an engagement was brought on with Gen. Jackson, and they were driven back to Hancock. After two or three skirmishes they proceeded to Martinsburg, and later again met Jackson at Winchester, where the Union forces were victorious. During the following spring they participated in the engagements at Fredricksburg and Port Republic, being defeated at the latter place by Jackson. After the defeat at Fredericksburg they retreated across the Shenandoah river. Mr. Maguire took part in all the battles in which his regiment participated, and on the expiration of his term of service was honorably discharged in the fall of 1864, and returned home.

Mr. Maguire married Miss Emily, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Wilhelm, of Graham township, and three children bless their union: John, a plasterer, of Oregon, married a lady of that State, who is now deceased, leaving one child; J. Irwin and Mary are still with their parents. The mother and daughter are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Maguire takes a prominent part in the work of the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot, and for two terms has held the office of supervisor of his township. He is one of the representative and influential men of the community, whose genial, courteous manner and other pleasant social qualities, attract to him all with whom he comes in contact in the various relations of life.

JACOB BURGE, who was for several years actively engaged in general farming in Bradford and Lawrence townships, Clearfield county, is now retired from labor and occupies a comfortable home in West Clearfield. He was born November 29, 1844, in Clinton county, Penn., where he was educated in the common schools. His parents, William and Lida (Montgomery) Burge, were also natives of Pennsylvania, the former of English and the latter of Irish origin. Four of their nine children died in childhood, and the others are as follows: William; Samuel; Jacob; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Huling; and Samuel, a resident of Clearfield. The mother died in 1851, and six years later the
father came to Clearfield county, and made his home with a son in Graham township, until his death in 1859. By occupation he was a farmer and lumberman, and in politics was an Old-line Whig.

Mr. Burge, of this review, accompanied his father to Clearfield county, and remained with him until his death. He was then employed as a farm hand until 1861, when he enlisted in the First Pennsylvania Artillery for three years, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. At the end of his term he re-enlisted, and remained in the service until Lee surrendered at Appomattox, after which he returned north, to Harrisburg, where he was honorably discharged. Although he participated in many hotly-contested engagements, he was never wounded nor taken prisoner, but was always found at his post of duty, valiantly fighting for the preservation of the Union. On his return to Clearfield county, he engaged in lumbering until 1870, when he married and located upon a rented farm. In 1880 he was able to purchase a small tract, which he later sold, and then removed to his father-in-law’s farm, but subsequently bought another place in Lawrence township, where he made his home until his removal to West Clearfield, in 1885. However, he still owns a good farm in Bradford township, which is operated by others on shares.

In 1870 Mr. Burge was married to Miss Mary E. Whinery, a lady of intelligence and culture, daughter of Joseph and Lavina (Graham) Whinery, who were both natives of Pennsylvania, the former born in Centre county, and the latter in Bradford township, Clearfield county. By trade the father was a blacksmith, and continued to follow that occupation during the greater part of his life. In 1846 he purchased a farm, which he cultivated until buying the John Graham farm, where he made his home until his death, in 1855. His wife passed away, March 8, 1891. He held to the Presbyterian faith, while she was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In their family were six children, of whom Mrs. Burge is the only one now living; the others were: Isaac, who was born in May, 1842, and died in September, 1855; Ferdinand; John F., who died the day after his brother, Isaac, in September, 1855; Nancy J., who died unmarried, in 1884; and Lucinda, who died in March, 1870.

Mr. and Mrs. Burge have two children: Wayne and Grace, both at home. The parents hold membership in the United Brethren Church, while the daughter is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Socially Mr. Burge affiliates with the I. O. O. F and the G. A. R., and in politics is an uncompromising Republican, doing all in his power to promote the interests of his party. He is recognized as an honest man and good citizen, the encourager of religious and educational institutions.

HENRY M. JORDAN. The natural advantages of this section attracted at an early day a superior class of settlers. thrifty, industrious, progressive and law-abiding, whose influence gave prominent direction to the development of the locality. Among the worthy pioneers of Bigler township, Clearfield county, the Jordan family held a prominent place, and the results of the labor and self-denial of those past generations is manifest in the comfortable home and fertile, well-arranged farms which they left to their descendants.

The late John M. Jordan, the father of the gentleman whose name appears above, was a native of Clearfield county, born in 1821. He was a man of unusual business ability, and his foresight enabled him to make good use of the opportunities existing in his day for the establishment of the family fortunes upon a sound basis. In 1850 he married Miss Jane Hegarty, a member of a well-known family. The first ten or twelve years of his married life were spent upon a farm near Ansonville, but he afterward removed to Potter's Run and then to Wheatland, where he purchased from Henry Hegarty, Sr., a farm of 180 acres, known as the Cross farm. He then purchased of Henry Hegarty, Jr., a part (or 120 acres) of the old homestead of his wife (our subject's mother), making in all 300 acres, which he improved, building a fine two-story frame dwelling house and a well-planned barn, 58 x 60 feet. He was a successful agriculturist, and was also engaged extensively in lumbering.

Our subject was one of a family of five children: The eldest, Theresa, born March 22, 1852, received a common-school education, and became the wife of Martin H. Bloom, a farmer of Knox township, Clearfield county. She died some years ago, leaving two children—Annie, who married a Mr. Root, of Knox township, and has one son; and John, who is not married and resides with his father. (2) Alexander B., born November 10, 1854, was married in 1890 to Miss Jennie Bell, daughter of Greenwood Bell, of Bell township, Clearfield county. For some years he resided at the old homestead, and also had charge of a farm belonging to Mrs. Joseph McCullough, but in 1866 he bought the George Glasgow farm in Cambria county, where he now resides. He has two children—John M., named for his grandfather; and Julia, both of whom are
at home.  (3) Maggie, who was born September 30, 1856, at the old home near Ansonville, died at the age of two years.  (4) Anna M., born April 21, 1862, married Latius Imler, of Bedford county, Penn., who afterward built a fine hotel at Ramey, Penn., and now resides there. They have had four children, two of whom, Aaron and Besie, are living; Daisy died in infancy, and John M., when four years old.

Henry M. Jordan was born March 13, 1859, his parents being then at the old home near Pott's Run. His district-school training was followed by one term in the Patton graded schools, and in the Lancaster Normal School at Millersville. In 1889 he married Miss Mollie J. Stombaugh, daughter of Joseph Stombaugh, a prominent agriculturist of Bedford county, Penn., residing near Lovely. After his marriage Mr. Jordan bought, of Henry Croyle, a half-acre of land with a house thereon; in 1889 he purchased of James R. C. Fink four and one-half acres, making five acres in all. The house above mentioned he repaired, making it 28 feet square, and he also built a stable 30 x 40 feet. He has now as fine a residence as is to be found in Beulah City, Bigler township, where the property is located on the road leading from Ramey to Muddy Run, and about half a mile from his other farm, whereon A. W. Pollard, a practical farmer, of Clarion county, has lived here since 1894. It is a fine estate, comprising some excellent farming lands and containing valuable coal deposits.

In November, 1896, Mr. Jordan's home was bereft of the loving wife, who passed to the better world, leaving one son, Roy, now (1898) seven years old. Mr. Jordan attends the Presbyterian Church at Beulah City, his mother, a devout and consistent believer, having taught him that faith from his youth. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, as was his father before him, and his influence in local affairs is recognized as an important factor.

Sides C. Shoff, an intelligent and progressive agriculturist and lumberman of Becaria township, Clearfield county, was born February 23, 1844, on the farm which is still his home. His grandfather removed to Clearfield county from Lancaster county, Penn., and located on Clearfield Creek, near the present town of Madera. Later he removed to Hegarty's Cross Roads, purchased 110 acres of heavily timbered land, and built a log house and barn. On the farm which he there cleared he reared his family of eleven children as follows:

(1) Christopher was born in Clinton county, Penn., whence he accompanied his father to Lancaster county, and afterward to Clearfield county. He married a Miss Packer, of Clinton county, purchased land and developed a farm near Ansonville, making his home there until his death. He left a family of nine children.  (2) Betsy Shoff became the wife of Abraham Keagy, who operated his farm in Bigler township, Clearfield county, until his death; his wife survived him some years, and died in Glen Hope, leaving a family of fourteen children.  (3) Martha Shoff was married to Benjamin Wright, of Becaria township, where they lived on a farm until his death; his widow afterward went to Glen Hope, and died at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth A. Wright; she had six children.  (4) Abram Shoff died, after attaining his majority, at the home of his father.  (5) Samuel Shoff, born in Clinton county, came with his father to Clearfield county, and married Jane Hegarty; he resided near Madera, on the Shoff farm, now occupied by his son Robert; he and his wife are both deceased; they had a family of ten children.  (6) Susan Shoff, born in Clinton county, married John McCord, of Stoneville, Clearfield county, who purchased a large tract of land near Berwinsdale; there he developed an extensive farm and erected substantial buildings, making his home on that place until his death some years ago.  (7) John Shoff, father of our subject, is the next in order of birth, and will be fully spoken of farther on.  (8) Abram Shoff died when a young man.  (9) Sallie Shoff married Joseph Hegarty, and resided on his farm near Berwinsdale; both died some years ago.  (10) Fannie Shoff became the wife of Joseph Smith, a farmer residing near Hegarty's Cross Roads, in Becaria township; they died a number of years ago, leaving five children — Josiah, Monroe, Abram, Levi and John M.  (11) Frederick Shoff, born in Clinton county, married Wilhelmina Ginter, of Jamesville, Clearfield county, and resided near Hegarty's Cross Roads; he had a family of seven children — (a) Elizabeth, is the wife of Solomon Byers, of Huntingdon county, Penn., and has four children.  (b) Mary Martha is the widow of Henry Witherow, who was the owner of a farm near Ansonville, in Jordan township, Clearfield county; he died leaving two children: Lima, who is married and lives on the Witherow homestead; and a daughter, who died a few years ago; Mrs. Witherow has since married John Johnson, of Ansonville, and has one son by that union.  (c) Henrietta married Thomas Mullen, of Utahville, who follows farming in Becaria township; they have five children.  (d) Christopher, who follows farming in Jordan township, is married
and has nine children. (e) Delilah is the wife of Frank Dunlap, of Knox township, Clearfield county, and with their son Frederick they now reside on part of the old homestead near Hegarty's Cross Roads. (f) Hannah married Archer Witherow, of Ansonville, and with their four children they reside near Hegarty's Cross Roads. (g) Sadie is married, and lives in New York. (12) Andrew Shoff, the youngest member of the grandfather's family, was born in Clinton county, but was reared near Hegarty's Cross Roads. He married Sarah Ginter, of Gulich township, and in the home neighborhood purchased land and developed a farm. He and his wife died some years ago, leaving seven children—(a) Anna Amanda became the wife of David Smith, who enlisted in the Union army, and died during the Civil war, leaving two children: Warden, of Becaria township, who is married and has four children; and Lewis, a farmer residing near Utahville, who married a Miss Turner; Mrs. Smith afterward became the wife of John Davis, and now lives on a farm near Hegarty's Cross Roads. (b) David born on the homestead, died in the army during the Civil war. (c) Rebecca is the wife of Jacob Copenhoffer, and with their children they reside near Hegarty's Cross Roads. (d) Martin, who lives near Janesville, Clearfield county, married Rose Dunlap, and has four children. (e) Wilhelmina is the wife of A. Davis, a farmer of Becaria township, by whom she has one son, Samuel. (f) Susie, now Mrs. Echard, is living on a part of the old homestead in Becaria township. (g) Abram, who also lives on a part of the old homestead, married Susan Everly, of Blair City, Penn., and has one child living.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Shoff, the subject proper of this review, were John and Margaret Glasgow, who were both natives of Blair county, born on the present site of Altoona. From the British Isles their respective parents came to America at an early day, locating near Bellwood, Blair county, whence they afterward removed to Glasgow (making the journey across the mountains on horseback), where the father purchased 200 acres of land at, what is now the Glasgow settlement in Cambria county. In his family were seven children: (1) Eliza became the wife of Thomas Noble, and lived on a farm in the Glasgow settlement. (2) Jane became Mrs. Smiley, of Mt. Pleasant, Penn., and removed with her husband to Iowa, where they died leaving six children. (3) Hannah is the mother of our subject. (4) Mary Ann became the wife of Gideon Colderwood, and after several years' residence in Becaria township removed to Tyrone, Blair county, where she and her husband died some years ago; they had six children—Hannah became the wife of Stewart Cowan, of Tyrone, by whom she has four children; John died in Libby prison during the war of the Rebellion; Thomas was married, had five children, and lived in Tyrone; Porter, a resident of Fallen Timber, Penn., is married and has two children; Andy, of Altoona, is married and has two children; David has not been heard from since going west some years ago. (5) Betsy Glasgow is married, and lives in Tyrone. (6) John Glasgow married Susie Lamar, of Cambria county, and lived on the old homestead in Glasgow until his death; his children were Mary Jane, wife of James McGhehan, a farmer of Jordan township, Clearfield county, by whom she has four children: George, of Glasgow, who is married and has three children; Anna, who married Christ Shoff, of Jordan township, and has nine children; Katie, who married J. Gates, of Cambria county, and has three children; Laura, who married James McCartney, of Cambria county, and has four children; Sadie, who married John Troxel, ex-treasurer of Clearfield county, who is extensively interested in lumbering in Tennessee, although his wife and two children remain in Clearfield county; Luther, who lives on the homestead in Glasgow, married a daughter of Daniel Fulkerson, of Gulich township, Clearfield county, and has three children; and Hutton, who is engaged in merchandising in Fallen Timber, Penn., married an Ohio lady, and has two children. (7) James Glasgow is married and lives in the town which bears his name; his children are William, of Glasgow, who married Sarah Irwin, and has two children; Eliza, wife of John Troxel, of Glasgow; Hannah, who is married, has six children and lives in Blair City, Penn.; Sadie, wife of John Troxel, of Coalport, Penn.; Jane, married; Line, wife of J. Irwin, of Glasgow, by whom she has two children; James, who married Miss Everly, of Utahville, and has two children; and John, who is teaching school in Cambria county.

John Shoff, the father of the gentleman whose name opens this article, was born in Clinton county, in 1808, and came with his parents to Clearfield county. After his marriage to Hannah Glasgow he purchased eighty-seven acres of timber land near Hegarty's Cross Roads, built a little log cabin and barn, and began the development of his land. In 1841 he replaced the first home by a large two-story frame residence, a few years after building an extensive barn and making other substantial improvements. In 1859 he purchased 120 acres adjoining the home place, and developed one of the finest farms of the community. His wife was born in Blair county, and
when seven years of age came across the mountains to Clearfield county. She largely shared in the hardships of frontier life, was to her husband a true helpmeet, and is now living, a well-preserved old lady of eighty-four years. A member of the Presbyterian Church from her girlhood, she has ever been active in Church work, and has led a consistent Christian life which has won her the love and respect of all.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shoff had ten children: (1) Elizabeth is the wife of William Wells, express agent at Osceola, and also interested in the electric light plant there; they have two children—Harvey, superintendent of the Berwin-White Co. electric light plant; and Harry, connected with an electric light company in Philadelphia. (2) John G. Shoff, born on the family homestead, married Rachel Goss, of Osceola, and died some years ago, leaving a widow and six children, namely—Bertha, wife of Frank Buchanan; Lloyd, married, conducts a livery stable in Osceola; Frank, a railroad employee in Pittsburg; Kittie, married; Harry and Charlie, at home. (3) Fannie Shoff married Lewis Stoneroad, of Lewiston, Penn., and they reside in Des Moines, Iowa; their children are Maggie, now Mrs. Morehouse, of Iowa; John, married, a merchant in Oregon; Charles, married, resides in Des Moines, Iowa; Arthur, a machinist of Iowa; and Ruth, at home. (4) Emily Shoff, born on the family homestead, became the wife of Matthew M. Cully, who died some years ago; she now resides in Jersey Shore, Penn., and has five children—Burton, married, follows merchandising in Pittsburg; Paul, a carpenter of Pittsburg, is married and has three children; Gertrude, now Mrs. McGraw, of Jersey Shore, is the mother of two children; Leslie, a barber of Philadelphia; and Sterrel, of Jersey Shore, who is married and has one child. (5) Edward Shoff, who was born and reared on the homestead, removed to Huntingdon county, where he married Sadie Gossage, by whom he had three children—John was married in Huntingdon county, has three children, and is now an electric motor man in Moshannon; Dollie is the wife of Will Simpson, of Huntingdon, and has two children; and Grace makes her home with her brother in West Moshannon. (6) Frank Shoff, who was born on the old homestead, runs an electric motor for the Berwin-White Co. in West Moshannon; he is married and has six children. (7) Mary, born on the old homestead, is the wife of Harry Parks, an architect of Ridgway, Penn.; they have a family of six children—Mattie, who is married and lives in Ridgway; Liddie, John, Pearl, one whose name is not given, and Calvin. (8) Mary C. Shoff, born in 1844, died in infancy. (9) George W. Shoff, born on the old homestead, married a lady in Texas.

Sides C. Shoff, our subject, who was born and reared on the homestead farm, had but limited educational privileges. He worked with his father until 1870, when he wedded Mary Flanders, a native of Maine. They began their domestic life on the old homestead, and Mr. Shoff devoted his energies to farming and lumbering. In 1881 he bought that property, and has since made it his home. In 1892, however, he divided a portion of this into town lots, and sold it to the Berwin-White Co., who are now operating in coal there on an extensive scale. The village, which is called Becaria, now contains about eighty homes, a large hotel, and a school building, about seventy-five pupils attending same.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoff have had a family of seven children: John Edward, who was born in Osceola, died in infancy. Nathan, who was born on the old Shoff homestead, also died in infancy. Hattie died at the age of five years. Jennie died in infancy. Charles L., born on the old homestead, attended the common schools of Becaria township, and is an intelligent, enterprising young man, living with his parents. Josephine is now attending school. Leslie completes the family. Mr. Shoff gives his political support to the Democracy, and is one of the active workers of the party, but has never aspired to office. His wife and two children belong to the Church, the latter being members of the Methodist Episcopal, while Mrs. Shoff is a Presbyterian. Mr. Shoff is a most energetic business man, his close application and industry having brought him to success. He comes of a family widely and favorably known in the community, whose history is closely interwoven with that of Clearfield county.

WILLIAM VARNER. The importance of the farming interests of a County, State or Nation cannot be overestimated, and the representatives of this vocation form a substantial element in the prosperity and steady growth of a locality. Mr. Varner is a worthy representative of this class, and has been a resident of Bradford township since 1866.

Our subject was born in Jefferson county, Penn., in June, 1845, a son of Abraham and Sarah (Anderson) Varner, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., where they were reared and married. In an early day they removed to Jefferson county, where the father developed a farm, continuing its cultivation until his death, in 1851;
his wife died in the same county, in 1886. They had a family of eight children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: Abraham, a resident of Virginia; Jeremiah, of Pennsylvania, who served through the Civil war as a member of the Ninth Infantry, enlisting in Westmoreland county; John, who was also a soldier, and is now living in Jefferson county; Mrs. Martha Fanning, of Westmoreland county; Sarah, of Jefferson county; Mrs. Elizabeth Stager, who died in Clearfield county; and William.

William Varner, the subject of this sketch, was reared in the county of his birth, and in Clearfield county learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for many years. He was employed as a smith in Luthersburg, afterward in Wallacetown, and in 1866 came to Bradford township. For many years he followed blacksmithing in Woodland, working for Mr. Riley, and in 1873 he built a shop of his own, doing the blacksmith work for the Clearfield Fire Brick Company, until 1899, when he removed to his farm. He was an expert workman, and his accuracy and skill in this direction secured him a liberal patronage. He is now numbered among the progressive agriculturists of the community, and is the owner of one hundred acres of valuable land, which is highly cultivated, and improved with good buildings and all modern accessories.

Mr. Varner was married in Tyrone, Penn., in 1873, to Sophia Wisor, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Beers) Wisor (both now deceased), natives of Pennsylvania, who became pioneer settlers and farmers, of Boggs township, Clearfield county. Mr. and Mrs. Varner have two children: Harry B. and E. E. Our subject has led a busy and useful life, and his steady application, energy, and honesty of purpose have brought him a fair measure of success, so that he is now the possessor of a comfortable competence.

J. L. CONKLIN. The rapid development of this region from a waste, howling wilderness to its present degree of civilization can scarcely be more effectively shown than by the statement of the fact that the late Isaac Conklin, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the first male child of the Caucasian race born in Clearfield borough.

Richard Conklin (father of Isaac Conklin), who was a native of Wales and a mason by trade, settled in Clearfield borough in his early manhood and cleared a farm. He married Sarah Litz, a widow, and had seven children: Lewis, who died young; Isaac, our subject's father; Oliver, who resides in Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Jackson, who died in that township in 1888; Eliza (Mrs. Shaffner), who died there; Amelia, the widow of Charles Duff; and Maria, the widow of John Butler, both of Lawrence township. Richard Conklin was murdered, and some years later his widow passed away in Lawrence township.

Isaac Conklin was born in 1816, and died in August, 1894, having seen within the compass of his seventy-eight years the entire growth of the thriving towns of his locality, and by his work as a stone mason he took an active part in bringing about the change. In 1862 he enlisted in the 54th P. V. I. for three years or during the war, and served until his discharge, in 1865, when he returned home and continued his trade. He was married in Clearfield borough, in 1840, to Miss Martha Dixon, a native of Centre county, Penn. Her father was born in Ireland, and died at Curtin Furnace, Centre county; her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Owen, was born in Clearfield county, and belonged to one of the pioneer families of the locality. Mrs. Conklin is still living in Clearfield. Of her eight children, the last two and Hartswick died in infancy; the others are: Richard, who served three years in the Civil war in Company K, 8th P. V. I., and is now a well-known stone mason; J. L., our subject; Oliver P., a painter by trade; George, a resident of Lawrence township; Emma (Mrs. Kline); and Sophia (Mrs. J. B. Ogden). All except our subject reside in Lawrence township.

J. L. Conklin was born at the old homestead in 1845, and was reared as a farmer boy. He attended the schools of Lawrence township, and in due time learned the stone mason's trade, in which he has been engaged for many years, working on contract. Since 1886 he has made his home in West Clearfield. He was married, in 1871, in Lawrence township, to Miss Clara Orr, a native of that locality, a daughter of James Orr, who was also born there, and granddaughter of William Orr, an Irishman by birth, and one of the pioneer settlers of the township. Her father died there in 1887, and her mother, whose maiden name was Miriam Ogden, followed him two years later. Mr. and Mrs. Conklin have eight children: James (a stone mason), Roscoe, Frank, Hugh, Rose (now Mrs. William Schucker, of Lawrence township), Maggie (who married B. McClellan, of Clearfield borough), Martha and Sophia.

In politics Mr. Conklin is a Democrat, and at present he holds the office of borough auditor. He is a member of the O. U. A. M., Clearfield Lodge, No. 281. As a public-spirited citizen he
takes a keen interest in the progress of the community to which he and his family have so notably contributed.

PHILIP K. PENTZ. The Pentz family has taken a prominent part in the development of Clearfield county, and while many of its members have been successful in general business lines, most of them have engaged in agriculture. Their influence has always been exerted on the side of progress, the building of schools and churches in their respective neighborhoods receiving substantial aid from them. Brady township was covered with almost unbroken forests when George Pentz, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, purchased 300 acres of land there for his sons. He was a prosperous agriculturist in York county, Penn., where his father, a native of Germany, had acquired a large tract of land at an early period. This pioneer was a son of an Englishman who married into an old German family and settled in the Fatherland.

It was not until 1837 that Jacob Pentz, our subject's father, and two brothers, John and Andrew, came to Clearfield county to clear and improve their land, at which time there were but two other families residing in Brady township. Jacob Pentz settled in the woods in primitive fashion, and soon had a fine farm, where he spent his remaining years. In 1842 he married Miss Sarah Rishel, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Rishel, wealthy farmers of Jefferson county. The Rishel family is also descended from the best German ancestry. After his marriage, Jacob Pentz built a small frame house, and later, in 1858, he replaced it by a handsome two-story frame building with modern improvements. A bank barn also superseded the old log barn of the early days. His wife, who bore her full share of the hardships incident to pioneer life, was an admirable woman, courageous, resourceful, and at the same time affectionately devoted to her husband and children. When a young girl one arm was amputated at the elbow because of an accident, and in view of this fact the following incident, which would have reflected credit upon a strong man, shows remarkable strength of character: "One day while her husband was away 'in the clearing,' a bear attacked some young pigs near the house. Mrs. Pentz seized a pole-axe, and, striking the unwelcome visitor several blows on the head, killed him. She died in October, 1874, and her husband in 1875. They had seven children: I. Lucy, born in 1843, married Elijah Ashenfelter, the owner of a fine farm in Brady township, and they had three children—(1) Norman C., who resides on his father's farm, married Miss Rose Terp, of Brady township, and has two children, May and William; (2) Carrie married James Murphy, of Bradford, Penn., and has one daughter, Ida; (3) Annie is the wife of Doc. Clayton, a farmer in Brady township. II. Philip K., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. III. John L., born in July, 1846, married Miss Mary A. Hallpeter, of Union township, Clearfield county, and located on a farm in South Brady belonging to his father. Two years later he purchased what is known as the Samuel Troy farm near Luthersburg, and after living there four years he sold the place and moved to Indiana county, near Cherry Tree, where he remained six years. He has since resided in Kansas City, Mo., where he is engaged in milling. He has three sons living—Dean and Dallas (twins), born in 1869, were given good educational opportunities, attending school at Ottawa, Kans.; he and the younger son, Edward, are now residing with their parents. IV. Isaiah J., born in February, 1848, received a common-school education, and became a farmer near the old homestead. He died in 1876, leaving a widow, formerly Miss Malinda Smeal, of Pike township, Clearfield county. She has since married a second husband, and resides on a part of the homestead. Isaiah J. Pentz had three children—(1) Elzie married Miss Ruth Adams, of New York State, and has two children. John and an infant unnamed; (2) Sadie married Finley Clark, then of Armstrong county, and now a resident of Johnstown; they have four children; (3) Jacob is single and lives at the homestead. V. Sarah E., born in 1850, married David Dunlap, and now resides on the Alex Dunlap homestead; they have eight children—Clarence, who married Miss Ella Hammond, of Sandy township, and resides near DuBois; Cora, who married Sherman Starr, a farmer, near Brockwayville, and has one child; and Jacob, Rosy, Pearl, Thomas, Charles and Plumb, who are at home. VI. J. Henry, born in 1853, married (first) Miss Ella Courtney, who resided near Rockton, Penn., and until her death, in 1876, he remained at the old homestead. In 1880 he married Miss Lizzie Knox, of Indiana county, and he is now a resident of DuBois, where he follows the real-estate business. By his first marriage he has one daughter, Della, and by the second there are five children—Florence, Nellie, Maud, Major, and one whose name is not given. VII. William C., born in 1858, attended the common schools of Brady township until the age of fifteen, when he entered the normal school at Curwensville, and there spent two
terms. In 1878 he began a course in the State Normal School at Lock Haven, where he was graduated with honors. He then began the study of law with Frank Fielding, of Clearfield, and four years later was admitted to the Bar, and entered upon the practice of his profession at Du Bois. He married Miss Kessie Ross, daughter of Dr. Ross, of Lumber City, Penn., and they have four children—Helen, John, Mary and William, all at home.

Philip K. Pentz, our subject, was born in March, 1845, on the old homestead, where he spent his boyhood working on the farm in summer and attending the local schools in winter. In 1861 he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, of Brady township, and a year later went to Punxsutawney to work, remaining one year, and then completing his trade by another year with a Mr. Ernest, of the same town. The business being thoroughly mastered by this time, he opened a shop for himself in New Salem, and continued until 1878. In the meantime he purchased forty-two acres of woodland at Du Bois Junction, and of this he now has thirty-four acres in a fine state of cultivation. He has built a tasteful two-story frame dwelling, a bank barn, wagon shed, and other structures, making one of the pleasantest homesteads in the locality. In January, 1876, he married Miss Beckie Miller, daughter of Andrew and Hannah (Garber) Miller, prosperous agriculturists, living near Mifflinburg. The first year of wedded life was spent at Salem, but he has since resided on his farm. A brief record of their three children: (1) Etta A., born in January, 1877, received a common-school education, and in 1894 was married to Harvey L. Magee, of Clarion county. They lived for one year at Wilkinsburg, near Pittsburg, and then moved to Clarion county; but since December, 1896, they have made their home with Mr. Pentz; their daughter, May Irene, lives with them. (2) Clyde A., born in August, 1879, and (3) Myrtle A., born in September, 1884, are at home attending school.

Mr. Pentz and his wife belong to the German Baptist Church, better known as the Dunkards, and in local affairs he has always shown sympathy with the conservative element. While he is an ardent Democrat in politics, he has never aspired to political office.

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B. STINE has for some twenty-three years been an important factor in the business circles of Osceola Mills, and his popularity is well deserved for he is a man of the strictest integrity, unabating energy and tireless industry. In 1877 he established a foundry at that place, and his business energy and earnestness have won for him a wide and increasing patronage. The main building of his plant is 120 x 30 feet, and the blacksmith shop is 40 x 60 feet. Here are manufactured all kinds of mining machinery and specialties, and employment is furnished to from twenty-five to thirty men.

Mr. Stine was born in 1846, in Williamsport, Penn., where his parents, Jacob and Sarah (Gabell) Stine, spent their entire lives, the former dying in 1886, and the latter in 1888. They were of German lineage. Being a mason by trade, the father laid the foundation for most of the large mills in Williamsport. In the family were seven children: Mrs. Rose Stroup, Mrs. Elizabeth Beck, Mrs. Mary Malaby, Mrs. Emma Blaisdell and Mrs. Julia Kline—all residents of Williamsport; Gabel, a merchant of that city; and S. B., of this review.

In the city of his nativity, Mr. Stine, our subject, grew to manhood and received his literary education. He began his business career as a clerk in a store, where he remained for five years, and then learned the machinist's trade in the shops of the Northern Central railroad, at Williamsport. Later he worked for Potter & Wondrel, and Linloot, Dawson & Co., at the same place, and on leaving the last named firm, in 1869, he moved to Clearfield, where for five years he was employed in the machine shop of Boynton, Young & Co. In July, 1875, he came to Osceola Mills, and formed a partnership with Justin J. Pie in the foundry business; but two years later the connection was dissolved, and our subject has since been alone in business. Being himself a thorough and skillful machinist, as well as a man of sound judgment and good executive ability, he has been remarkably successful in his undertakings, and now ranks among the substantial and well-to-do citizens of the community. As the products of the foundry are first-class, they find a ready sale in the market.

In 1866, in Columbia county, Penn., Mr. Stine married Miss Mary Josephine Butt, who was born in this State, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Hodge) Butt, natives of Luzerne county, Penn., and pioneers of Columbia county, where both died. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stine, namely: Joseph Clarence, Dolly and Blaine. The eldest, who is now associated with his father in business, is married, and makes his home in Osceola Mills. Mr. Stine gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and has been elected a member of the school board. Fraternally, he affiliates with Osceola Lodge, No. 315, F. & A.
M., and Osceola Lodge No. 747, I. O. O. F. He is one of the representative and prominent men of the community.

DENNIS OWENS. The Owens homestead, in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, has been held continuously in the family ever since John Owens, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, purchased it in 1802. It was heavily timbered and surrounded by unbroken forests, and all the discomforts and privations of pioneer life were encountered before a log cabin was built and made comfortable, and the land brought into cultivation. John Owens was a native of Pennsylvania, and came to this section from Huntingdon county. He died at the homestead, his wife, Nancy, passing away a few years later. They reared a large family, none of whom are now living.

Robert Owens, our subject's father, was born at the old farm, in 1807, and, after attending the local schools during boyhood, settled there, engaging in farming and lumbering. He was twice married, first to a Miss Hoover, who died, leaving five children. His second wife, to whom he was married in Clearfield county, was Miss Rebecca Crowell, a native of this State, and a daughter of Dennis Crowell, an early settler of Decatur township, Clearfield county. Mrs. Rebecca Owens passed to the unseen life, in April, 1886, and her husband followed her to the grave, in January, 1889. The five children of the first union were: James, who died in Lawrence township; Jane, Mrs. Shunkweiler, who died in Clearfield; Nancy, Mrs. William Brown, of Clearfield; Elizabeth, Mrs. McLennan, who resides in this State; and Cornelius, who died in Clearfield, in 1892. He enlisted at Clearfield at the beginning of the war, in the 149th P. V. I., the renowned "Bucktail Regiment," and served three years. There were eleven children by the second marriage, namely: Angeline, Mrs. Coon, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county; Catherine, Mrs. Tate, of Lawrence township; Sophia, Mrs. Shunkweiler, of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn.; Henry, who served two years in the Civil war, in the 84th P. V. I., and whose death occurred in Lawrence township, in 1884; John, a resident of Clearfield; Dennis, our subject; Maria, Mrs. Kramer, of Lawrence township; William, a resident of Lawrence township; Milton, a farmer of the same locality; Robert, who died there in 1884; and Margaret, who died in childhood.

Mr. Owens, our subject, was born at the old homestead, September 30, 1846, and has passed his life there. The schools of the vicinity afforded him fair educational advantages, and on assuming manhood's cares he engaged in agriculture and in lumbering, rafting on the river for many years. He now owns the homestead, which contains 118 acres, nearly all cleared, and he also has a one-third interest in another tract of 112 acres. He was married in Lawrence township, in September, 1872, to Miss Sophia Woolheater, a native of Boggs township, Clearfield county. Her parents, Samuel and Margaret (Henderson) Woolheater, were born in Huntingdon county, Penn., and settled at an early day in Clearfield county. The father died in 1890, but Mrs. Woolheater is still living in Boggs township. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have had the following children: Isaac married Miss Lizzie Read; children—Fred, Walter and Margaret; Gladys; Catherine; Alfred died at the age of eighteen months; Newton died in childhood; Laura; Stella; Kyle; Ida and Samuel.

Mr. Owens gives his influence to the Republican party, but does not aspire to office. He takes a keen interest in the improvement of his locality and in public affairs generally. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of two fraternal orders—the American Mechanics and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

J G. L. MYERS, M. D., is an eminent physician and surgeon of Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, where he has made his home since 1880. His talent and culture have gained for him an honorable position in the medical profession, and he enjoys an extensive practice. He was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1846, a son of Michael and Catherine (Holtzapple) Myers. The father was born in 1808, in Mifflin county, this State, a son of Samuel Myers, and remained a resident of the county of his nativity until 1842, when he removed to Huntingdon county, where he purchased an improved farm, on which he made his home until called to his final rest in 1892. The mother died on the same place in 1882.

To this worthy couple were born thirteen children, as follows: Enoch, who resides on the old homestead in Huntingdon county; Ephraim, a resident of German Valley, in the same county; Reuben, who served for five months in a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Sheriesburg, Huntingdon county; Mrs. Mary Rhodes, of McVeighton, Mifflin Co., Penn.; Mrs. Sarah Allen, of Iowa; Jeremiah, who died in Kansas in 1869; Daniel, a
police officer at the Pennsylvania railroad station in Huntingdon; Rudolph, a physician of that city; Seth, a minister of the Dunkard Church at Altoona, Penn.; Mrs. Catherine Lukens, of Atkinsons Mills, Mifflin county; J. G. L., of this sketch; Michael, a farmer of Huntingdon county; and Mrs. Clara Belle Wright, who died in that county in 1877.

Upon the home farm the Doctor passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and greatly assisted in its cultivation and improvement. After completing a course of study in the Shirliesburg Seminary, he engaged in teaching in Huntingdon and Mifflin counties, and also in the State of Indiana for some years. Subsequently he attended medical lectures in the Philadelphia Medical College, also at Ann Arbor, Mich., and Keokuk, Iowa, but graduated from a medical college in Indianapolis, Ind. He began the practice of his chosen profession in Port Matilda, Centre Co., Penn., in 1869, and there remained until coming to Osceola Mills in 1880. Here he has succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice among the best class of citizens. In 1868, in Huntingdon county, he wedded Miss Mary T. Wry, a native of that county, and they have had six children: Alva, wife of William Dressler, of Jeannette, Penn.; Nora; M. R., who is engaged in teaching in Decatur township, Clearfield county; and Gray, Jasper and Dorner, who are attending school.

Politically, Dr. Myers is a Republican, and has efficiently served his fellow citizens as a member of the school board three years, and as a member of the city council two years. Fraternally, he holds membership in Osceola Lodge, No. 747, I. O. O. F. His life is devoted to the demands of his profession, of which he is still a close student, and, therefore, occupies a prominent place in the ranks of the medical fraternity.

JOSEPH A. HECKENDORN is one of the most enterprising, energetic and prominent business men of Karthaus township, Clearfield county, where his birth occurred January 8, 1860.

Young Heckendorn commenced his education in the local schools, but later attended the State Normal at Millersville, Penn., and the schools of Clearfield, thus acquiring a good common-school education, which well qualifies him for a successful business career. After leaving school he engaged in teaching for a few terms. With his father, George Heckendorn, he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for five years, being for one year in the employ of a railroad contractor. We are told he was a very rapid and systematic mechanic, and had wonderful endurance.

In October, 1884, Mr. Heckendorn embarked in merchandising in Karthaus, which he continued until February, 1895, when he sold his stock of goods, but still owns the store buildings. In the meantime he had become interested in the coal business, having an interest in one colliery and owning one exclusively, which still claims his attention, and he is also secretary and treasurer of the Salt Lick Oil & Gas Company, which already has three wells, none of which proved a success, but prospects are very encouraging. Since disposing of his store, he has been interested in the development of the fire-clay industry in connection with his other lines of business. Through his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, and stands to-day an example of what determination and force can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character.

On the 9th of May, 1889, Mr. Heckendorn led to the marriage altar Miss Clementine R. Beates, a daughter of J. H. and Sarah E. (Bowes) Beates. The father was reared in Lancaster, Penn., whence he removed to Centre county in 1850, and there erected a sawmill, which he operated a number of years. Later he purchased a farm, upon which he has made many substantial and valuable improvements, and continues to reside on that place. He is an ardent Republican in politics, but has never cared for official positions higher than the township offices which he has held. His father was a Lutheran minister, to which Church his wife belongs. She is of German-Irish descent. In their family are eleven children, namely: Mrs. Mary E. Pedrick, of Wilmington, Del.; Edward J.; C. Herbst; Hamlin F., of Wilmington, Del.; Anna, at home; Clementine, wife of our subject; Mrs. Margaret Wagner, of Bellefonte, Penn.; and Jennie, Caroline, Edith and Harry A., all at home.

Mr. Heckendorn takes deep interest in public affairs, always supporting the Democratic party by his ballot, and a strong advocate of the free coinage of gold and silver, and has acceptably filled many township offices, and is at present county auditor. Socially, he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has all the highest degrees of the order, and religiously is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, while his wife clings to the faith in which she was reared—that of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Heckendorn is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is a man of above average size,
of splendid physique and pleasant address, progressive and public-spirited, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

JONATHAN OGDEN, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, is one of our most progressive and successful agriculturists, and is known as a ready supporter of all measures that promise to promote the welfare of the community. He was born in 1846, upon the farm where he now resides, and his family has been identified with that locality since the pioneer days. His grandfather, Matthew Ogden, a native of Pennsylvania, made his home in Clearfield, and built the first mill there. He died in Clearfield at the age of seventy-five, and his wife, Elizabeth (Bloom), died in Lawrence township.

Their son, Abraham, our subject's father, was born in 1806, upon a farm within the present limits of Clearfield borough, and grew to manhood there, receiving his education in the Clearfield schools. In 1829 he was married, in Lawrence township, to Miss Esther Kline, a native of that locality, and a daughter of well-known pioneer settlers, John and Betsy (Haney) Kline, who both died there many years ago. Judge Abraham Ogden followed agriculture from early manhood, and in 1836 he purchased the present homestead, then a partly-improved tract, with a log house as a residence. He made his home there, adding many improvements from time to time. His fellow citizens esteemed him greatly on account of his abilities and high character, and he held a commanding influence in local affairs and in the councils of the Democratic organization. In 1876 he was elected associate judge of Clearfield county, and held the office five years. His wife died in 1873, and he in 1889.

Our subject was the youngest of their seven children. Of the others Hiram is married, and is now in the employ of the John Deere Plow Co., at Moline, Ill.; Lavina died in Clearfield borough at the age of five years; Fannie married John McBride, of Lawrence township; Mary resides in West Clearfield; Martha, who also resides in that town, is the widow of the late G. B. Hancock; and Elizabeth married W. W. Watson, of Clearfield. The life of our subject has been spent in the quiet and useful calling of agriculture, and since he succeeded to the old homestead he has maintained it in a high state of cultivation. It contains 200 acres with about 100 acres cleared. In 1880 he was married, in Pike township, Clearfield county, to Miss Martha Jane Bailey, a native of that township. Her father, Joseph Bailey, was born in Centre county, Penn., and settled in early life in Pike township, where he still resides. Her mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Boal, died in 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden have a family of six children: Fred, Branford, Ruth, Bruce, Kay and Helen.

In all public questions Mr. Ogden takes great interest, and he is a stanch adherent of the Democratic party, although he has no longing for political office. He is a member of the Grange in his township.

LEWIS TURNER, a representative farmer of Boggs township, Clearfield county, was born April 12, 1847, on the place which is still his home, and comes of a family that has been long identified with the interests of that county. His grandfather, Samuel Turner, a native of Pennsylvania, settled on a farm in Centre county, on Clearfield creek, in 1813. Upon his place he killed a panther, the year of his arrival.

Capt. George Turner, the father of our subject, was among the earliest settlers of Clearfield county, where he helped to build the old Graham grist and saw mill, which he operated for a number of years, at the same time conducting a farm. Selling out he purchased the place where our subject now lives, improved the land and erected thereon good buildings. He erected the first frame house in the county, became a large land owner, and being an able financier was quite wealthy at his death, which occurred in May, 1888. For some time he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which he would raft down the river to market. He was a great hunter, and in the early day, game being quite plentiful, had ample opportunity to indulge in that sport. A man of prominence in the community, he took a leading part in public affairs and Church work, contributing to the support of several Churches in addition to the United Brethren denomination to which he belongs; he also gives liberally to foreign missions. In early life he was a Democrat, but later supported the Republican party. He was a captain in the militia, and one of the best at drill in the State.

Capt. Turner was united in marriage with Sarah Williams, a daughter of Edward Williams, formerly of Centre county, but later of Clearfield county, where he engaged in both farming and merchandising at what was known as Williams Grove, Biglers Station, on the railroad. Later he removed to Philipsburg, Penn., where he died, his remains being brought back and interred in Clearfield county. Twelve children were born to Capt. Turner and his wife, two of whom died when young, the others being as follows: John:
Jane, deceased wife of L. M. Lumadue; William, now of Philipsburg; Priscilla, who married Lindsay Storm, but both are now deceased; Edward, a prominent farmer of Clearfield county; Silas, who died leaving two children; Zenos, an agriculturist; George, a resident of Clearfield; Lewis; and Mary A., wife of Thomas Woodside, a farmer.

The education of Lewis Turner, our subject, was such as the common country schools afforded, and his entire life has been passed upon the homestead farm, comprising 119 acres, all under cultivation with the exception of five acres, and underlaid with a good grade of coal. Coal oil can be seen oozing from the hillsides, but no prospecting has ever been done in this region, though no doubt much oil can be found. After the death of the father, the mother of our subject lived with him until she too was called to the world beyond, in the fall of 1888. Upon the farm he has erected a commodious residence, and the whole place denotes the thrust and enterprise of the owner. In 1875 Mr. Turner was married to Miss Sarah J. Haines, who was born in Clearfield county, December 25, 1861, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Dixon) Haines. Her parents were reared in this section of the State, where the father worked as a common laborer. In 1861 he entered the Union army, faithfully defending his county until taken prisoner. He was incarcerated in Libby Prison, where he died, it is supposed from cruel treatment. There were three children in his family: Florence, who married Seth Manes, who died leaving six children, four yet living; Sarah J., wife of our subject; and Margaret, who died at the age of two years. The mother is yet living.

Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Turner: Edwin, a miner; Samuel, a dairyman and farmer; and Harvey E., Ernest W., Charley W. and Russell L., all at home; Ida, who died December 13, 1895, at the age of six years; and Maud, at home. The parents are faithful members of the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. Turner is steward, and he endeavors to carry forward the good work which his father inaugurated. His political support is always given the Republican party, but he cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office.

George V. Cyphert is a leading contractor and builder at Du Bois, where many evidences of his artistic taste and his rare ability in workmanship are to be found among the handsome residences and churches that have sprung up since the great fire of 1888. Among these may be mentioned the building at the corner of Brady street and Long avenue, the first to rise from the ashes of the town; the Du Bois National Bank; the Deposit Bank; the Baptist Church; the Prothero block; the Schrcengost building and others, and he did part of the work on the present court house at Clarion. In partnership with Mr. Osborne, Mr. Cyphert constructed many notable buildings, including St. Catherine's Church (Catholic); the "Hotel Windsor;" the residences of Mrs. McDonald, Dr. Sullivan, Mr. Shannon, Mr. Nunn, and a church and parsonage at Adrian, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Cyphert was born, in 1847, in Lime-stone township, Clarion Co., Penn., where his father, the late John Cyphert, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., located in early manhood and established his home, clearing a farm from the primitive woods. In Clarion county John Cyphert met and married Miss Elizabeth Ruffner, who, since his death in 1893, still continues to occupy the homestead. Four sons and five daughters were born to them, and of this large family seven are yet living: A. R., a resident of Clarion, Penn.; G. V., our subject; Clarissa (Mrs. Montgomery), of Union township, Jefferson Co., Penn.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Brady), of Westmoreland county; Emma (Mrs. Aaron), of Clarion county; Peter, who resides in Westmoreland county; and John, who manages the old homestead.

Being reared as a farmer's son, Mr. Cyphert, our subject, enjoyed the usual common-school advantages and, making choice of a calling at an early age, he learned the trade of carpenter and joiner in his native county. For a time he worked as a journeyman in different cities, and in 1871 he began in business on his own account at Brookville, Penn. The destruction of Du Bois in 1888 brought his services into urgent demand there, and he has since remained, his business keeping from fifteen to twenty men constantly employed. He has seen many changes in that locality, and, in fact, once picked fruit from an orchard which covered a portion of the site of Du Bois.

In 1869 Mr. Cyphert was married in Brookville to Miss Eliza Jane Montgomery, daughter of John Montgomery, a well-known pioneer of Jefferson county. Her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Osborne, died some years ago, and her venerable father, who was born in June, 1811, now resides with Mr. and Mrs. Cyphert. Ten children have blessed their home: Mrs. Depp, of Du Bois; Clarence and Frances, who died in Brookville; George C. and John, who are at home; Thomas Clark, now attending school in Pittsburg; Valeta, Ethel, Irene and Arthur, who
are all at home. Mr. Cyphert has always been a warm advocate of local improvement of every sort. Politically he is a Democrat, and he is a leading member of St. Catherine's Church, and of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association.

SAMUEL SEMPLE is a leading representative of the business interests of Becaria township, Clearfield county, and an influential and valued citizen. His life has been one of industry and enterprise, and by indomitable perseverance he has overcome the obstacles in his path, and worked his way steadily upward to success.

Mr. Semple was born in Becaria township, January 12, 1849, and is a son of David and Eliza (Stewart) Semple, who were natives of County Derry, Ireland. Coming to this country, they resided for a number of years in New York, and thence removed to Clearfield county, locating near Hegarty's Cross Roads, where the father purchased one hundred acres of timber land. He erected a log house, 20 x 30 feet in size, built a log barn, and cleared about seventy-five acres. His wife was to him a faithful assistant, and together they shared the hardships of the frontier until advancing civilization and their own earnest efforts brought them all the comforts of modern life. The father died December 28, 1891, the mother two weeks later.

This worthy couple had a family of eight children: (1) James, who was born in Ireland, died during the voyage to America, and was buried at sea. (2) Henry, who was born on the ocean, died in infancy, and was buried in New York. (3) Susan, born in County Derry, Ireland, came with her parents to New York and to Clearfield county. She was reared on the home farm, received good educational privileges, and for two terms was a teacher in Blain City, Penn. She married George Hegarty, of Ramey, and removed to a farm adjoining the Henry Hegarty homestead, where they resided for a number of years. They then went to Madera, where Mr. Hegarty carried on merchandising for some years, after which he went to Houtzdale and purchased property. He erected two large brick business blocks and other buildings, and devoted his energies to the promotion of various enterprises, being one of the active and prominent business men of the place. He died very suddenly, July 4, 1895, leaving a widow and six children to mourn his loss—(a) George, born on the Hegarty farm near Ramey, married Maggie Murphy, of Houtzdale, and resided in that place until his death, in 1892; his wife died two years later; they had one child, Annie. (b) Howard married Hattie Clark, and resides in Houtzdale; they have one child living and have lost two. (c) Elmer E. married Vella Smith, of Hanover, Md., and is engaged in the bakery business in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., where he owns property; their children are Gertrude, Leroy, Malan and an infant unnamed. (d) C. H., an intelligent, enterprising young man, is district passenger agent on the Pennsylvania line, with headquarters at No. 48 Market street, Louisville, Ky. (e) Jennie, born in Madera, is the wife of Joseph Amond, telegraph operator in the union depot at Pittsburg; they have two children, George and Gordon. (f) Ida Alice Hegarty, born in Madera, died in Houtzdale at the age of three years. (4) Mary, the fourth member of the Semple family, was born on the homestead in Becaria township, educated in the common schools, and married John S. Kough, of Clearfield county. They removed to the Hegarty farm near Ramey, later to Hegarty's Cross Roads, and subsequently to Stephenson county, Ill., but after a few years returned to Clearfield county, and for five years lived on the Lisle Mcllury farm. Mrs. Kough then purchased a lot and built a house in Ramey. In 1893 they removed to Colorado, and purchased land, but after a year returned to their home in Ramey. In the spring of 1896 they removed to the Patchin farm, near Glen Hope. Their children are: (a) Clara Jane is the wife of George Smeal, a farmer of Decatur township, Clearfield county, by whom she has three children. (b) Ida Alice is the wife of Dan Waltz, of Shirley, and they have three children. (c) W. J. is married, and is engaged in the stock business at Denver, Colo. (d) David, (e) Lydia, (f) Katie and (g) Maggie are at home. (5) David Semple was born on the home farm, in October, 1847, and is now residing there. He married Amanda Root, daughter of Lemuel Root, of Becaria township, and they have nine children—David, who married Miss Eckard, has two children, and resides on his father's farm near Hegarty's Cross Roads; Mary, Annie, William, Edward, George, Paul, Martha, and an infant unnamed. (6) William Semple, born on the homestead, in August, 1852, and educated in the common schools, assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, in July, 1872, to Catherine Elizabeth, daughter of John and Martha Hersh, of Becaria township. He then operated the farm for his father, and engaged in lumbering through the winter. In 1881 he purchased a part of the farm of Joshua L. Comstock, in Glen Hope, which he operated in connection with lumbering. They have four children—John F., Harry D. and Oscar, born on
the Semple-homestead; and Kittie, born in Glen Hope.

Samuel Semple, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads of the neighborhood. He assisted in clearing the old homestead, and in the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. He was married April 4, 1871, to Rebecca Frances McCoy, of Becaria township, and for a year remained on his father's farm. In 1872 he bought seventy-five acres of partially-improved land adjoining the old homestead, and on the place has made extensive and substantial improvements. He has removed the stumps, built a large bank barn and wagon shed, and has now one of the best improved country homes in Clearfield county. It is most neat and thrifty in appearance, and evidences the progressive spirit of the owner. He has resided there since 1872, and in connection with agricultural pursuits he follows lumbering.

Mr. and Mrs. Semple have two children:

John David, born May 10, 1872, was educated in the common schools, and remained at home until his marriage, September 11, 1892, to Ida A. Esch, of Cambria county, Penn., daughter of Adam Esch, a well-to-do farmer. She was educated in the Ebensburg Normal School, and is a highly accomplished lady. They now reside on a farm adjoining his father's place. Frank Lindsey, the second son, was born April 23, 1874, and died December 9, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Semple and their son are members of the United Brethren Church. Since attaining his majority he has been a stanch Republican, and has taken an active part in promoting educational interests, serving for many years as school director.

WILLIAM J. BEATTY, a popular liveryman of La Jose, Clearfield county, is a native of the Keystone State, born in Indiana county, March 3, 1869. On the paternal side he is of Irish origin, his ancestors having come from Ireland during Colonial days, and taking up their residence in Pennsylvania, where most of their descendants still live. The grandfather of our subject having died when quite young, but little of the family history is known.

Robert M. Beatty, the father, was born and reared in Indiana county, where he was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Hazlette, also a native of that county. Most of the Beatty family were tillers of the soil, and he also followed the occupation of farming in connection with work at the carpenter's trade. He died July 26, 1889, leaving his widow with six children, namely: William J., of this review; Sarah E., wife of M. Carson; Malinda J.; Mary B.; Christopher B.; and Frank, who is still with his mother. The parents both held membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Since the death of her first husband the mother has become the wife of S. Dennison, and is now living at Blairsville, Indiana county. She is a daughter of David and Virginia (George) Hazlette. Her father, a native of Butler county, Penn., removed at an early day to Indiana county, where he developed a farm, on which he made his home throughout the remainder of his life. In connection with agricultural pursuits, he also engaged in carpentry. While attending to a contract he suddenly died of heart failure, but his wife yet survives at the advanced age of ninety years, and resides with some of her children in Taylorsville, Indiana county.

The educational privileges of our subject were such as the common schools of his native county afforded. At the early age of twelve years he left home and began the struggle of life for himself, being employed as a farm hand for ten years, during a part of which time he was able to attend school during the winter term. For the following three years he drove a stage from Cherry Tree to Mahaffey, Penn., and while thus employed saved $1,000. On coming to La Jose in 1892, he bought the livery business of G. W. Jose, and has since successfully carried on that enterprise, having one of the best feed, livery and stable stables in this section of the county, a favorite with all commercial men and other travelers. He keeps on hand a fine line of vehicles and a good grade of horses. In this connection he also handles car-load lots of feed—oats, corn and mill feed—which he sells at retail.

On July 10, 1895, Mr. Beatty wedded Miss Millie McMurray, a refined young lady, daughter of Milton and Mary (Weaver) McMurray, of Clearfield county, both now deceased. They were residents of Burnside, and belonged to prominent families of this section. In their family were but two children—Millie, and James, who is now living with his sister. One child graces the union of our subject and his wife: Mary Caroline, born June 4, 1896.

Fraternally, Mr. Beatty affiliates with Clearfield Lodge No. 314, F. & A. M., and also Cherry Tree Lodge No. 417, I. O. O. F., while politically he is identified with the Republican party, and takes a deep interest in all public affairs. He has acceptably filled some local offices, being a member of the city council, and in 1895 was appointed constable of Newburg borough to fill a vacancy, to which office he was elected in 1896. He is one of the most wide-
awake and enterprising young business men of La Jose, and the success that he has achieved has been due entirely to his own unaided efforts, as he has been the architect of his own fortunes.

JOHN A. VANSICE, a successful agriculturist and lumberman of Union township, Clearfield county, where he has made his home for the past twelve years, has one of the most desirable farms in the community. He has worked untiringly, and his labors have been well rewarded. Prior to coming to Union township he was a resident of Du Bois, same county.

The father of our subject was born in 1825, in Bradford county, this State, where he was also reared and educated and engaged in farming until his removal to Steuben county, N. Y., where he also followed agricultural pursuits for a number of years. During the dark days of the Rebellion he enlisted in Tioga county, Penn., in Company L, Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served until hostilities had ceased.

He also had eight brothers who were in the service, one of whom died of starvation in Andersonville prison, and another of army fever, but the others survived that terrible struggle. In 1872 the father of our subject located at Sabula, Clearfield county, and engaged in work on the tunnel of the Low Grade Alleghany Valley railroad, but two years later went to Du Bois, where he followed lumbering until 1881. In that year he purchased the farm of Mr. Fletcher, in Union township, on which he made his home until his death, in 1892. In Bradford county, Penn., he had married Lucy Layton, who was born there in 1830. She passed away in 1893.

This worthy couple had the following children: (1) Kate, born in Bradford county in 1840, died in New York in 1868. (2) James, born in Bradford county in 1848, came with the family to Clearfield county in 1870. Enlisting in the regular army at Buffalo, N. Y., he entered the cavalry school at Fortress Monroe for one year, and there died of typhoid fever. (3) John A. is next in order of birth. (4) William G., also a native of Bradford county, grew to manhood upon the farm in Union township, Clearfield county, and married Miss Annie Brooks, of Big Run, Jefferson Co., Penn. Later, he removed to Du Bois, where he engaged in lumbering until 1888, was subsequently a brakeman in the railroad service, and at the present time is serving as conductor. He has five children. (5) Philip also accompanied his parents on their removal to Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood, and was employed in the lumber woods for some time, but is now engaged in the oil business in Virginia. (6) Thomas, the youngest, resides upon the old homestead farm, and, in connection with its cultivation, engages in lumbering.

John A. Vansice was a young man on taking up his residence in Union township, where he has since been engaged in lumbering and farming. In 1887 he was married to Miss Maggie Stever, of Indiana county, Penn. They are faithful members of the Methodist Church, and hold a high position in the social circles of the community. Politically Mr. Vansice affiliates with the Democratic party, of whose principles he is a strong and earnest advocate, and does all within his power for the success of the party. Of enterprises tending to benefit the people of his community, morally, socially and financially, he has been an earnest and cheerful supporter, and he enjoys the respect and confidence of all who know him.

W. H. GRAY, who since 1878 has resided in Du Bois, and is now the efficient and popular city treasurer, was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., in 1849, a son of W. E. and Ellen (Falkner) Gray. His father was born in Sullivan county, in 1806, and the mother was a native of Orange county, N. Y. In 1873 they removed to Du Bois, where W. E. Gray engaged in the real-estate business until his death in 1894; in the Empire State he had followed lumbering. His wife passed away in 1891. They had two children: W. H., and Isabella, wife of David Baroman, of Du Bois.

The subject of this review was reared in the county of his nativity, and is indebted to its public-school system for his education. He engaged in farming in Sullivan county until 1878, when he came to Du Bois and secured a situation in the lumber yard of John Du Bois. He was afterward employed as clerk in a store owned by that gentleman, for seven years, and then embarked in the butchering business, conducting a meat market at No. 102 South Brady street, as a member of the firm of Gray & Lord. He successfully carried on that enterprise until 1896, when he sold out. He is now interested in agricultural pursuits, owning some valuable farm land, and since 1896 has also acceptably and promptly discharged the duties of city treasurer of Du Bois.

Mr. Gray was married, in 1873, to Amelia Johnson, a native of Sullivan county, N. Y., and a daughter of Rev. Hiram and Martha (Gregory) Johnson, who were pioneers of that county. Mrs. Gray died in 1876, leaving two children: Leslie
and Minnie. In Du Bois, Mr. Gray was again married, his second union being with Charlotte Buzzard, a native of Clarion county, Penn., where her father, Thomas Buzzard, located in pioneer days; the wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Platt. This union has been blessed with five children—one son and four daughters—namely: Florence, Maud, Nellie, Grace and John. Mr. Gray is unwavering in his support of Republicanism, and in 1887 was elected on that ticket a member of the city council, where he served three years, and in 1896 was elected city treasurer. He is a faithful officer, and the trusts committed to his care are ever promptly executed. Socially, he is a charter member of Garfield Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M., and served as worshipful master in 1895. He also belongs to the O. U. A. M. His political, business and private life are all above reproach, and those who know him entertain for him the highest regard.

R. CANFIELD, a well-known furniture manufacturer of West Clearfield, Clearfield county, is one of the shrewd business men, who were identified with the growth of that borough when its future was less promising to the general view than it is to-day. Thoroughly imbued with the public spirit which marks the typical American, Mr. Canfield displays an active interest in all that pertains to the prosperity of his locality, and is regarded as one of our most progressive citizens.

The ancestors of our subject were early settlers in Dutchess county, N. Y., where his grandfather, Jacob Canfield, and father, D. W. Canfield, were both born, the latter on May 1, 1820. They followed agricultural pursuits exclusively, and D. W. Canfield removed in early manhood to a tract of wild land in Orange county, N. Y., which he cleared and transformed into a fine farm, where he still resides. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Blondine Lawrence, reared three sons, of whom our subject is the eldest, Albert is in the stone business in New York, and C. H. resides in Ulster county, New York.

Mr. Canfield was born at the farm in Orange county, N. Y., in October, 1851, and enjoyed the usual advantages of a country boy, attending the neighboring school and acquiring habits of industry at home. In 1868 he started out to make his way in the world, and coming to Clearfield he worked for a time at the carpenter's trade, also doing some work on contract. He then bought a building on Railroad street, now occupied by a grocery, and engaged in the furniture business, and in 1889 he built his present factory in West Clearfield where he has conducted his business since 1891, employing from four to eight men. He has also been engaged in the real-estate business, and in the loaning of money. In 1872 he married in Clearfield, Mary A. Burchfield, a native of the town and a daughter of the late Joseph Burchfield, a prominent contractor and builder, who settled in Clearfield at an early period; his widow, Mrs. Nancy (Wright) Burchfield, still resides there. Mrs. Canfield died in 1877, leaving one daughter, Alice. In 1888 our subject formed a second matrimonial union, this time with Miss Barbara A. Armstead, a native of Lancaster, Penn. Mr. Canfield takes great interest in public affairs, and is an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

PHILIP DUSH, who is engaged in lumbering and farming in Brady township, is a native of Clearfield county, having been born on his present homestead in 1851. His parents, John and Barbara (Tarce) Dush, were both born in Germany, and on coming to this country became residents of Brady township, Clearfield county, locating along the Luthersburg pike between Curwensville and Luthersburg, where they lived for one year. The father then bought eighty-five acres of woodland from Mr. England, of Philadelphia, erected a log house and barn, and at once began the development of his land. He had only cleared a small portion of the tract when he passed from earth, leaving a widow and six children.

The family consisted of the following named: (1) Mary, born in Germany, came with her parents to the New World, and on reaching womanhood married Martin Harder, of Clearfield, who died some years ago, leaving one son, John, who is now married and living in Du Bois, where his mother also resides. (2) Katie is the wife of William F. Clark, a carpenter and lumberman of Du Bois, by whom she has one child, Esther. (3) Hattie, born on the old homestead in Brady township, is the wife of John Sheiser, a farmer of Union township, Clearfield county, and they have five children. (4) George, an agriculturist of Penn township, Clearfield county, married Sadie Smith, and they have five children. (5) Daniel, also a farmer of Penn township, married Maggie Smith, and has one son and three daughters.

Mr. Dush, of this review, through his boyhood and youth assisted in the cultivation of the
home farm, and at the age of sixteen, on the death of his father, took charge of the place, which continues to be his home. He has cleared most of it, and has added to it all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century. In 1862 a good two-story frame residence was erected, and a substantial barn and other outbuildings have also been built. The educational advantages provided our subject were very meager, he being able to attend school for only about four months during his entire life. He married a Miss Hollopeter, of Union township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Samuel and Susan Hollopeter, the former a substantial farmer of that township. Two children bless this union: Hattie May and Annie.

In all his business dealings, Mr. Dush is straightforward and honorable, never taking undue advantages of any one, and has gained thereby not only a comfortable competence, but has also secured the high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact. With the Lutheran Church both he and his wife hold membership, and in his political views is a stalwart Democrat.

R. H. JORDAN. This gentleman is familiarly known as one of the most energetic, progressive farmers of Union township, Clearfield county, where his entire life has been passed, he having been born there. He has been eminently successful as a tiller of the soil, and being a man of good judgment is usually wise in his investments.

David and Barbara (Laborde) Jordan, parents of our subject, made their home in Curwensville, where the father worked at the miller's trade until his death. In 1851 his widow married George Doney, who came from Juniata county, Penn., to Clearfield county, in 1844, and took up his residence upon the farm in Union township, where our subject now resides. Two children were born of the second union, namely: John, who died in infancy; and Josiah, who died at the age of ten years. The mother has also passed away, but Mr. Doney is still living at the ripe old age of seventy-seven years, honored and respected by all who know him.

Upon the Doney farm in Union township, Mr. Jordan was reared to manhood, and obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. In the same township, in 1877, he married Miss Elizabeth Welty, a native of Brady township, Clearfield county, and a daughter of David Welty, an early pioneer of Union township, where he still resides. Three children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, all still at home, who, in order of birth, are as follows: David Edmund; Mary Irene; and Albert F. Both parents are earnest and consistent members of the Lutheran Church, with which the mother has been connected for about twenty-five years. Politically, Mr. Jordan is a strong supporter of the Democratic party, and has always taken an active part in public affairs.

BENJAMIN H. JURY is a well-known machine agent residing in Du Bois, where he is also successfully engaged in the baggage-transfer business. Thoroughness and persistency have characterized his entire business career, and although he has met with reverses, he has, by careful attention to details and by honorable, straightforward effort, overcome all obstacles in his path to success, and has gained a most excellent and enviable reputation as a business man.

Adam Jury, our subject's father, was born in 1807, in Dauphin county, Penn., whence, in early boyhood, he was brought to Girard township, Clearfield county, by the grandfather, Abraham Jury, who located near Gallows Harbor, where he purchased what is known to-day as the Peter Bosumire property, and there continued to reside until after the death of his wife. He then made his home with the father of our subject until he, too, was called to his final rest. In his family were four sons and four daughters, namely: Adam; Benjamin; Unis; John; Elizabeth, who became the wife of William Wooldridge, of Bradford township, Clearfield county; Rebecca, wife of John Newcome, a farmer of Girard township, Clearfield county; Mary, wife of George Wise, now a resident of Kansas; and Susan, who married Barnard McGovern, of Girard township, and resided on a farm near Gallows Harbor during the remainder of their lives.

Adam Jury married Miss Elizabeth Wetzel, of Dauphin county, and they lived in Girard township, Clearfield county, where she died in 1851, leaving eight children: Evaline, now Mrs. John Curley, of Philadelphia; Mary, who married Noah Benford, of Snyder county, Penn., and they now live in Stephenson county, Ill.; Barbara E., who wedded George Davidson, of Clearfield county, and they also reside in Stephenson county, Ill.; Albert, who was drowned in early manhood while crossing the river at Deer Creek, Clearfield county; Elmyra, who died in early life; Lorenzo, who died of spotted fever in 1863, while rafting at Lock Haven, Penn.; Sarah J., who married Abram
Hoover, of Clearfield county, and resided at Bald Hill, where she died, leaving two children—Irban, who is now married and lives in West Clearfield, and Grave, who is married and lives in the West; and Katie, now Mrs. R. E. Shaw, of Clearfield.

After the death of his first wife, Adam Jury married Mrs. Sarah A. Carr, niece Hoops, a sister of Dr. G. F. Hoops, of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn. He continued to reside on the old homestead in Girard township until 1864, when he enlisted in the Union army. In the service he was taken prisoner, being confined for a time in Libby prison and later in Salisbury prison, where he died from starvation. He was well known and highly respected, and his death was mourned by many friends as well as his immediate family.

Our subject is the eldest of the three children born of the second union. (2) Pascaline began her education in the common schools of Girard township, but later attended the Soldiers' Orphan School at Cassville, Penn. She married Thomas McGee, of Morris town, Penn., and they made their home in Philadelphia, where he died leaving three children—John, Grace and Thomas. Later she became the wife of Davis Middleton, of Clearfield county, and with their family they now reside in Oshanter, Penn. (3) Newton M. was also a student for a time in the Soldiers' Orphan School, at Cassville. He wedded Miss May, daughter of Henry Kyler, of Graham township, Clearfield county, and has four children, all at home, namely: Willard, Alton. Ruby and one whose name is not given. After his marriage he located in Wallacetown, Clearfield county, where he engaged in merchandising for a number of years, but in 1896 sold out and entered the Law School of Baltimore, Md., where he graduated in June, 1897, and still resides.

Mr. Jury, whose name introduces this sketch, was born on the old homestead in Girard township, September 23, 1833, and was educated in the public schools of that locality. After his father's death he remained with his mother until she, too, passed away, in October, 1868, when he went to live with an uncle, William Wooldridge, in Bradford township, Clearfield county, making his home with him until twenty years of age. He then, for a few years, engaged in hunting, and in rafting timber on the Susquehanna river for Miller & Mitchell, and later followed farming for his uncle until 1874, when he went to Macon county, Ill., and from there to Stephens county, where he remained two years. He next traveled in different parts of the West until 1877, when he returned to Clearfield county, and soon afterward married Miss Frances A. Hoover, of Morris township, a daughter of Samuel and Margaret Hoover. He then located at Allport, on the old Hoover farm, where his wife died in June, 1882. To them were born two daughters: Irene, who is now living with her maternal grandmother in Philipsburg, Penn.; and Libbie, who died at the age of six months.

After the death of his wife, Mr. Jury removed to Clearfield, where he engaged in the livery business with George Gearhart until 1883, and then carried the mail from that city to Karthaus for two years, after which he embarked in the livery business in Du Bois, buying out John S. Harlow. In October, 1886, for his second wife he married Miss Mary C., daughter of David and Mary Lansberry, highly respected residents of Lawrence township, Clearfield county. They have two children: Mary Ruby, born in Du Bois, in August, 1887; and Bessie L., born in January, 1889. After his marriage Mr. Jury purchased a house on Cottage Hill, Du Bois, where he continued to reside until his property was destroyed by fire in the great conflagration of 1888. In the same year, however, he rebuilt, and continued in the livery business in that place until 1893, when he sold out and started a transfer and machinery business, which has since proved quite profitable.

In the Presbyterian Church of Du Bois Mr. and Mrs. Jury hold membership, and politically he is identified with the Republican party. For six years he acceptably served as assessor in the Second ward, and whether in public or private life has faithfully performed every duty that has devolved upon him. Through his own resources and by his own energy and ability, he has succeeded in his business undertakings, for on starting out in life for himself he was in limited circumstances.

BRYANT D. SCHOONOVER. Few men are more prominent or more widely known in Graham and surrounding townships, in Clearfield county, than this gentleman. He has been an important factor in business circles, and his popularity is well deserved, as in him are embraced the characteristics of an unbending integrity, unabated energy and industry that never flags. He is public-spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

P. B. Schoonover, the father of our subject, was a native of Tioga county, N. Y., where his parents, Benjamin (a practicing physician, and Catherine (Clendening) Schoonover, had removed at an early day from New Jersey, and there died. In their family were four children. On coming
to Clearfield county in 1852. P. B. Schoonover located on Alder run in Morris township, where he followed lumbering for a time, and subsequently conducted a sawmill at the mouth of the Moshannon until his return to Tioga county, N. Y. He operated his father's farm for a number of years, but after the latter's death returned to Clearfield county, and made his home with our subject until he, too, passed away. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lorain Luce, was also a native of Tioga county, N. Y., and ever proved a most devoted wife and helpmeet. She also died at the home of our subject, the mother of children as follows: Bryant D., of whom this sketch more particularly relates; Frances, wife of M. B. French, by whom she has three children (in 1865 they removed from their home in Graham township, Clearfield county, to Virginia, where they still reside); Orin L., one of the wealthiest and largest lumber dealers of Cooper township, Clearfield county; Delia L., who married Harry Everest, and died in Wisconsin, leaving two children; Emma, who made her home with our subject, and died in Cooper township, Clearfield county; J. N., married to Helen Merrill, of Kylerstown, and with their family they now make their home in Philipsburg, Penn., where he is engaged in the real-estate business.

Bryant D. Schoonover, the subject of this review, was born December 22, 1832, and in 1852 accompanied his parents to Morris township, Clearfield county, where he purchased a 100-acre timber tract, and began lumbering. He also bought the mill property of John Cook, and has since successfully engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. From Jones Brothers he purchased 400 acres of timberland adjoining the mill, which land he is now clearing, converting the timber into lumber.

On September 30, 1890, Mr. Schoonover wedded Mrs. Lavinia Hartline, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Kyler, of Morris township, Clearfield county. Kylerstown was named in honor of Mrs. Schoonover's father, Thomas Kyler, who built the first house in the town. He had two children, Benjamin F., and Lavinia (Mrs. Schoonover). He died September 17, 1890, aged seventy-six years. Politically, Mr. Schoonover is an ardent Democrat, and has served as justice of the peace one term, school director twenty years, and overseer of the poor for about eighteen years. Both himself and wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and take an active interest in all benevolent and charitable work. He is a man of broad capabilities, as his extensive business interests indicate, and is a gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

MILTON OWENS, a substantial, progressive citizen of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, resides near Clearfield upon the farm where he was born in 1856, a fact which is worthy of note in these nomadic days. His father, the late Robert Owens, was born there in 1807, and passed his life as a successful agriculturist, his death occurring about the year 1885. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Crowell, breathed her last in 1882.

Mr. Owens, our subject, received his education in the schools of Lawrence township, and since undertaking the management of his estate he has won a high reputation as a farmer, his 118 acres being under excellent cultivation. He makes no specialties in his work. In 1884 he was united in marriage with Miss Laura Warren, a native of Boggstown, Clearfield county, where her parents settled many years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Owens have had children as follows: Pearl, who died in childhood; Cora; Alfred; Elmere; Harry, who died at the age of three years; and Ella.

Thoroughly public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Owens sympathizes with every movement for the public benefit. He is not a politician, however, and has never sought or accepted official honors, but takes great interest in political questions, and votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of two fraternal orders, the American Mechanics and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

P. ROOT. Of the business interests of Becaria township, Clearfield county, this gentleman is a worthy representative. His industry and enterprise cause him to be ranked among the progressive citizens, and his sterling worth has won for him the esteem of those with whom he has been brought in contact. He was born July 15, 1855, on his father's farm in Becaria township, and his entire life has been passed in that locality.

Mr. Root's parents were Lemuel and Martha A. (Shoff) Root. The father was born September 29, 1823, in Blair county, Penn., and in 1845 came to Clearfield county, locating in Glen Hope. He was employed by Israel Cooper for a number of years, and afterward worked for John Byers for some time. In 1850 he was married in Woodward township to Martha A. Shoff, who was born September 19, 1824, and they began their domestic life in a little cabin at the Byers sawmill, wherein Mr. Root found employment for several years. He then purchased land, ultimately becoming owner of 216 acres, covered
with pine, oak and hemlock timber. Clearing this place, he transformed it into a good farm, erecting a two story residence, a large barn, 60 x 72 feet, and substantial outbuildings. The land was underlaid with coal and other minerals, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, whose line crosses his property, has leased a portion of the land and operates a coal mine.

Lemuel Root was the eldest in his father's family. John resides on a farm in Blair county, and has four living children: Edward, the eldest, is now employed in a railway office, is married and has a family; Lemuel, of Bellwood, is married, and occupies a clerical position in a railroad office; Luther has engaged in teaching in the public schools of both Clearfield and Blair counties; Mary is married. The mother of this family died, and John Root afterward married Mrs. Lydia West, and removed to his farm in Blair county; by this union he has one son, Preston. Edward Root was married, and for some years followed railroad service in Ohio; he afterward removed to Colorado, where he died in 1894, leaving a widow. Mrs. Mary A. Fimbaugh made her home in Ohio until her death. Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey resides in Ohio, and has a family. Martha was twice married, and removed to Illinois. Amanda, a half-sister of Mr. Root, married a Mr. Bailey, of Ohio. Lucinda became the wife of G. Smith, and lives in Ohio. Ezra completes the family.

The parents of our subject had a family of seven children. (1) Amanda, born February 28, 1852, is the wife of David Semple, a farmer residing in Becaria township, near Utahville. They have a family of nine children, as follows: Lemuel, who married Alice Echard, and lives on a farm in Becaria township; Mary, Willie, Annie, Edward, George, Martha, Paul, and an infant; all at home. (2) Lydia E., born April 15, 1854, is the wife of Stephen Frederick, of Jordan township, and they have four children: Mattie, Annie, Ernest and Alice, all at home. (3) R. P. is the third in the order of birth. (4) John C., born December 22, 1856, married Rhoda Jane Frederick, of Becaria township, and is now proprietor of a temperance house at Eureka Mines, No. 13. He has four children: Harvey L., Russell, Lloyd and Nellie. (5) Annie M., born June 1, 1858, is the wife of Joseph L. Troxell, of Becaria township, and they now reside in Jordan township, with their four children: Walter, John, Ellen and an infant; all at home. (6) Emma C., born May 16, 1860, died July 25, 1864. (7) Alice, born March 17, 1862, married A. L. Warrick, of Becaria township, and resides on the old Root homestead. They have two children: Amanda and Jay. (8) Elizabeth H., born March 8, 1863, was married to G. W. Warrick, of Becaria township, where they are now living on a farm; they have a son, Raymond.

Born on the family homestead in Becaria township, R. P. Root was educated in the schools of the neighborhood, and in summer months aided in the work of the farm. When twenty-three years of age he wedded Mary M. Troxell, daughter of Joseph and Hannah M. Troxell, of Utahville, Clearfield county, and they have had five children: Mattie E., Joseph L. and Lemuel W., at home; Edgar Roy, who died at the age of one year; and Virge M. Mr. and Mrs. Root began their domestic life on a farm at Hegarty's Cross Roads, which he rented of Frederick Shoff, and a year later he removed his family to Utahville, where he followed railroading and also worked in the lumber woods for a year. Removing then to the old homestead, he operated his father's land until 1893, since which time he has been engaged in the butchering business. His political support is given the Democracy, and he is deeply interested in its success, but has never sought office. He and his wife, together with one son and one daughter, are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in the community where they live they have many friends.

**Walter R. Hoover.** Among the pioneer farmers of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, Jacob Hoover, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, held a prominent place. His ancestors came to Pennsylvania at a very early period, and he was a native of the State, the inherited liking for frontier life leading him to settle in early manhood in what was then a primitive, forested Clearfield county. He spent his remaining years there; his wife, Molly Reynolds Hoover, died in 1873. Of their six children our subject's father, Wilson R. Hoover, was the eldest; George resides in Illinois; G. Bishop lives in Curwensville, Penn.; William lives at the old home in Lawrence township; John was killed there; and Jane resides in Curwensville.

The late Wilson R. Hoover was born at the homestead in 1817, and became a leading farmer in his native township, taking up a tract of wild land and making from it a well-improved farm. His later years were spent in Boggs township, Clearfield county, where his death occurred in 1894, his life having spanned the entire period of the development which has resulted in the social
progress and commercial and industrial activities of the county. He was married in Lawrence township, in 1844, to Elnora Lawhead, who still resides in Lawrence township. She was born in Centre county, Penn., a daughter of one of the early settlers of Boggs township. They had children as follows: Caroline (Mrs. Haney), of Boggs township; Nathan L., a dealer in lumber and hardware at Du Bois, Penn.; Susan (Mrs. McCurdy), of Clearfield borough; William A., of Detroit, Oregon; Lettie (Mrs. Charles Brown), of Clearfield; Edward J., a lumber dealer at Clearfield, and Walter R.

Walter R. Hoover was born in 1860 in Lawrence township, whence the family removed to Boggs township during his early years, and he was educated in the schools of that section. He followed farming for a time, but in 1884 engaged in the hardware business, and four years later gave up that occupation for railroading, to which he gave his time for two years and a half. Since then he has been interested in gardening, and his nine-acre tract near West Clearfield shows great improvement under his management. In 1886 Mr. Hoover was married in West Clearfield to Miss Mary Arnott, a native of Sullivan county, Penn. He is deeply interested in the progress and prosperity of his locality, and takes an active part in town affairs, having served as a member of the West Clearfield council. In politics he is a Democrat.

E. B. WAYLAND. Prominent among the representative business men and agriculturists of Brady township, Clearfield county, stands the subject of this sketch, who was born December 3, 1861, on the old family homestead in Winslow township, Jefferson Co., Penn., two miles from Reynoldsville, and is a son of J. V. and Sarah (Baum) Wayland. His father, a native of the same county, was born in Summersville, and throughout life successfully followed the occupations of farming and lumbering, owning at the time of his death 300 acres of valuable land in Winslow township. There he died in 1878; his wife passed away in 1893. He was one of the most enterprising and energetic business men of Jefferson county, and was widely and favorably known.

Our subject is the fifth in the order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: (1) Pearl, born in Jefferson county, in 1851, was eight years old when his father bought the home farm in Winslow township, upon which he worked until reaching manhood. In 1874 he married Susan Walburn, of Clearfield county, and for a short time resided at the old homestead, but has removed to Port Barnet, near Brookville, where he is engaged in the sawmill business. He has one son, George. (2) George W., born in Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, in 1852, was married in 1875 to Mary A. Deemer, of that county, and has since purchased a part of the home farm, where he built a house and barn, and still resides. He has ten children. (3) Frances, born in Falls Creek township, Clearfield county, in 1854, married William K. Smith, of Reynoldsville, and lived upon a part of her father's farm until her death in 1886. She left a husband and one child, Brank, who died in infancy. (4) Jessie, born in 1857, at Falls Creek, is the widow of William Deemer, late of Jefferson county, who lived upon a part of her father's farm until his death in 1895. She has since married a Mr. Smith, of Jefferson county, and they have one son. By her first marriage she had two children, Nettie and Edna. (5) William C., born in Winslow township, Jefferson county, in 1864, follows lumbering, and resides near Reynoldsville, in the same county. In 1891 he married Nora Hetrick, of Jefferson county, and has two children. (7) Johanna, born in 1866, became the wife of Samuel Pantell, of Clearfield county, and they live at Cleary Run Camp, near Du Bois, where he is managing the camp stables. Their two children are Theof and one whose name is not given. (8) Sarah Estella, born in 1870, is the wife of Herbert Pentz, formerly of Union township, Clearfield county, and they make their home near Du Bois. (9) Charles A. H., born in 1873, is engaged in surveying, and resides in Du Bois.

As soon as he had reached a sufficient age, E. B. Wayland, our subject, entered the public schools of his native township, which he attended during the winter months, until thirteen years of age, when he laid aside his text books, and began his business career. Until he attained his majority he assisted in the cultivation of the home farm, and then bought timber of his mother, and engaged in logging on Big Sandy creek for two years. Subsequently, in partnership with his brother, George, he purchased a tract of timber land in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, where he continued logging for three years. At the end of that time he bought one hundred acres in Winslow township, near the old homestead, and there engaged in the manufacture of lumber and railroad ties until 1893, when he sold out to Robert Douthit and Mrs. Hartman.

In 1887 Mr. Wayland was united in marriage
with Miss P. A. Faltz, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and they began their domestic life upon his first purchase, remaining there until 1893, the year of his mother’s death, when he returned to the old homestead. In March, 1895, he bought his present farm, in Brady township, Clearfield county, comprising sixty-five acres of improved land, known as the Katherine Dunlap farm, which is pleasantly located one and one-half miles east of Troutville. Here he is successfully engaged in farming and operating in coal, a six-foot vein of the finest coal underlying his land.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland have six interesting children, all born in Jefferson county, with the exception of the youngest, and their names and dates of birth are as follows: Alfred, October, 1887; Curtin Cyrus, May, 1889; Laura May, October, 1890; Scott, May, 1892; Irvin, May, 1894; and one whose name is not given. The parents are both consistent and active members of the United Brethren Church, and being a strong temperance man, Mr. Wayland is a leader in the local Prohibition organization, always supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. His record is that of a man, who, by his own unaided efforts, worked his way upward to a position of influence. His life has been one of industry and perseverance, and the systematic and honorable methods which he has followed have won him the support and confidence of many.

W. H. ALBERT, the genial and popular proprietor of the “Windsor Hotel,” DuBois, Clearfield county, deserves special mention as one of the most enterprising and successful of the younger business men of the city. Born March 3, 1864, in Boggs township, Clearfield county, he has always been identified with this section. After completing his education in the schools of his native township he engaged for a time in lumbering in the same locality; but in 1891 he became interested in the hotel business at Woodland, Clearfield county.

Finding the occupation congenial, Mr. Albert resolved to secure a wider field of action, and in 1893 went to DuBois and rented the “Windsor Hotel,” which had been newly furnished in April of that year. It contains twenty-five rooms, and under Mr. Albert’s capable and energetic management enjoys increasing prosperity. Its location, at the corner of Long avenue and Franklin street, is excellent, and everything points to the continued success of the enterprise. In 1882 Mr. Albert was married in Decatur township, Clearfield county, to Miss Gertrude Kephart, a native of that township and a daughter of Adam Kephart, an early settler, who died there.

Mr. Albert’s grandparents were pioneers of Centre county, Penn., and his father, the late Edward Albert, was born there in 1822. The latter grew to manhood in Clearfield county, and engaged in lumbering and agriculture, making his home in Boggs township, where he cleared a fine farm. He was a man of excellent standing, and was well known throughout the community. His wife, Anna Jane (Cross), died in 1895; he surviving her only twelve weeks. They had eleven children, namely: George, a resident of Boggs township, Clearfield county; Ella, who died at the homestead; Allen, a resident of Boggs township; Edward Breckenridge, of Bradford township, Clearfield county; Ernest, a merchant of Woodland; W. H., our subject; Helen, who died at the homestead in 1896; Russell, a resident of Bradford township; and Maggie, Walter and Anna, all residing in Boggs township. In his political preferences Mr. Albert is a Republican.

T. J. WAYNE, senior member of the well-known hardware firm of Wayne, Weber & Co. (Limited), of Du Bois, Clearfield county, although a young man, ranks among the leading capitalists of that town. He starts in business life with every advantage, his ancestors bequeathing him a goodly maternal heritage, together with a brain quite equal to the task of increasing it.

As early as 1842 William and Ann (Bass) Wayne, the grandparents of our subject, came from Leicestershire, England, their native land, and settled in the woods in Sandy township, Clearfield Co., Penn., where they made their permanent home, clearing a farm. They had two children, Thomas, our subject’s father, and Emily, who married Elihu Dixon, of the same township.

The late Thomas Wayne was born March 12, 1821, in Leicestershire, England, and consequently was about twenty-one years of age when he came to the new home in Sandy township, Clearfield county. He was married there, not many years afterward, to Miss Margaret E. Mix, a native of Clarion county, Penn., and a daughter of Ephraim and Elizabeth (Reed) Mix, who settled in Jefferson county, Penn., at an early day to pass their remaining years. The young couple settled in Sandy township upon a farm, and became known and respected throughout that region for their excellent qualities of character. The father died July 7, 1892, and the mother on
December 7, 1893, their remains being interred upon the homestead in a family burial lot which was opened fifty years ago. A handsome monument has been erected to their memory by our subject. Of their children, four are living: Lavina E. (Mrs. E. F. Hand, of Du Bois); Ry- some, a resident of Big Run, Jefferson county; Araminta D., who resides at the homestead; and T. J., our subject.

Mr. Wayne, whose birth occurred at the old farm May 13, 1866, was reared after the custom of country boys, attending the local schools and gaining a practical insight into farm work under his father's direction. He still resides at the homestead, but since 1896 he has been engaged in the hardware business in Du Bois. In that year he and his partner purchased the hardware business of Grier Brothers, and they now carry a complete stock of goods in that line, and do an extensive and profitable trade, both wholesale and retail. Mr. Wayne is the owner of a large amount of realty. With his sister he owns a fine farm of 320 acres in a good state of cultivation, and among his holdings in Du Bois we may mention the two-story brick business block on Brady street, which he built in 1889, the "Wayne Hotel," a good three-story building containing about forty rooms, a brick store building, which he rents, and a valuable lot on Brady street.

Mr. Wayne is a Democrat in politics. Socially he is popular, and he is prominently identified with Du Bois Lodge, No. 951, I. O. O. F.

H. G. PURNELL, M. D., a prominent and leading physician and surgeon of Anson ville, Clearfield county, is meeting with excellent success in his chosen calling. Most of the more exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of the physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, and a nicety of judgment but little understood by the laity. Then again the profession brings its devotees into almost constant association with the sadder side of life—that of pain and suffering—so that a mind capable of great self-control and a heart responsive and sympathetic are essential attributes of him who would essay the practice of the healing art. Thus when professional success is attained in any instance it may be taken as certain that such measure of success has been thoroughly merited.

Dr. Purnell was born July 1, 1869, in George town, Susquehanna Co., Del., a son of Charles and Maggie (Wingate) Purnell, who belonged to honored families of that State, and are widely and favorably known. The grandfather, Kendall Wingate, for many years followed the blacksmith's trade in Georgetown, accumulating quite a large estate, and now in his declining years he is living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He is serving as trustee of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a leading member. The parents of the Doctor are still residents of Georgetown, Del., where the father is interested in the lumber trade and other business enterprises. He is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democratic party in his locality, takes an active and prominent part in political affairs, and has creditably filled a number of important offices of honor and trust, including that of sheriff of Sussex county. With the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his wife hold membership, and he is now serving as trustee in the same. In their family are four children: H. G., of this sketch; Mattie, wife of Dr. Messick; Mary, wife of J. B. Townsend; and Annie, a teacher of recognized ability.

The primary education of Dr. Purnell was obtained in the common schools, and he later attended the State University at Newark, Del., where he graduated. As a boy he worked in a printing office in Georgetown, and for five years clerked in a drug store. After completing his university course he went to Philadelphia, where he secured a position in a drug store, and with Dr. Joseph Hearne, as preceptor, he began reading medicine. A year later he entered Jefferson Medical College, where he graduated in 1889, and the year following served as resident physician of Jefferson Hospital, thus gaining a good practical, as well as theoretical, knowledge of the science of medicine and surgery. In 1891 he opened an office in Ansonville, Clearfield county, where his skill and ability soon won recognition, and he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice.

TOMAS HENDERSON (deceased) was one of the most prominent business men in Woodward township, Clearfield county, being connected with its industrial, agricultural and mercantile interests. He was progressive and enterprising, and his well-directed efforts brought to him success, while his honorable dealing secured him the confidence of the entire community.

His parents were Hugh and Margaret (Gem mel) Henderson. The former was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and on crossing the Atlantic to America, first located at Philadelphia, whence he removed to Philadelphia, Centre Co., Penn. Afterward he resided for two years in Amesonville, and then purchased one hundred acres
of timber land in Woodward township. In the midst of the forest he erected a log house and made a home for his family, consisting of his wife and six children: (1) Thomas was the eldest. (2) Robert, who purchased 105 acres of land adjoining the old homestead, married Martha Mathers, and reared a family of four children. (3) William, who lived on his father's farm, married Isabella Mathers, and had nine children. (4) Samuel H. married Sarah Goss, by whom he had nine children, and resided near the homestead in Woodward township. (5) James, who resided on a farm near Bellefonte, Penn., married Margaret Mathers, of Woodward township, and has ten children. (6) Margaret L. resides on the old homestead with her brother William.

Thomas Henderson was born in 1820, in Tyrone, Ireland, and came to America with his parents in 1827. The family located in Philipsburg, and he was apprenticed to the blacksmith's trade under John Hegarty. When he had mastered the business he built a shop on his father's farm, and there carried on operations. In September, 1846, he married Miss Eliza, daughter of Daniel and Ellen Kephart, of Decatur township, Clearfield county. The ancestors of her family came from Germany. Her father was a native of Reading, Penn., and after his marriage located in Decatur township, near Osceola, where he reared a family of sixteen children, of whom the following are living: Mrs. Britton, of Sinnamonhoning, Penn.; Mrs. Doll, of the same place; Mrs. Lydia A. Potter, of Nebraska; Andy, who married Lucinda Kennedy, and with his family of seven children resides near Osceola; Daniel, of Sterling, Penn., who married Susan Walker, and has seven children; and John, who is living on the old Kephart homestead.

For three years after his marriage, Mr. Henderson followed blacksmithing on his father's farm, and then purchased one hundred acres of timber land adjoining that place. Having erected a log house, he began the development of a farm, and in 1849 built a log barn and blacksmith shop. He followed his trade, and purchasing an extensive tract of land adjoining his first purchase, also engaged in lumbering for a number of years, making square timber, which he would raft down the river and ship to the Eastern markets. While thus engaged he also embarked in merchandising, and that pursuit he followed throughout the remainder of his life. He discontinued blacksmithing some twenty years before his death. He was a man of great energy, and his well-directed efforts brought to him a handsome competence.

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were parents of eleven children: (1) Samuel, born June 18, 1847, was reared on the home farm, and after attending the common schools was a student in the Curwensville Normal School, also in the Leonard High School at Clearfield, where he was graduated. Subsequently he was engaged in teaching in Clearfield. In 1870 he married Jennie Whiteside, of Ramey, and died three months later. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Katie, who is living with her mother. (2) John, born July 30, 1849, married Amanda Kephart, of Decatur township, and purchased the James Henderson farm, whereon he now resides. He has three children—Mrs. Hilda Hollman; Mrs. Roby Hollman; and Lena, who is living with her sister. (3) Jane, born September 22, 1851, is the widow of Michael Stone, of Woodward township, who was killed while logging near his home. He left four children—John, Thomas, Bessie and Grover Cleveland. His widow has since married James Stone, of Entriiken, Huntingdon Co., Penn. (4) Thomas J., born January 30, 1854, traveled extensively in the West when a young man, and married Emma Bell, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. He then removed to San Francisco, Cal., and two years later located in Elena, Shasta Co., Cal., where he follows farming. He has five children: Janet, Horace, Ethel, Berenice, and an infant unamed. (5) Hugh, born May 5, 1856, moved to Wisconsin when a young man, and for five years worked in the lumber woods, after which he went to Portland, Ore., and later to San Francisco. He there married Emma Scott, of Wheatland, Cal., but resides in San Francisco. He has four children—Elmer, Edgar, Maud and Columbus. He is superintendent of the Water and Fire Proof Paint Co., and proprietor of a wood and coal yard; he is a member of the board of education of the city. (6) Martha, born January 5, 1862, is the widow of Alfred Anderson, of Jefferson county, Penn., who died in October, 1866, in Barnesboro, Cambria Co., Penn., where he followed the hotel and livery business. The four children—Lida, Byron, Boice and Esther—are still with their mother. (7) Daniel died in infancy. (8) Elmer, born January 4, 1864, is living on the old homestead, which he has managed since his father's death, also taking care of his mother. (9) Alphen, born March 17, 1866, assumed the management of the mercantile interests on his father's death, and continued the same until about two years ago. At this writing he is discharging the duties of a township officer. He married Katie Richards, of Woodward township, and they have two children living—Maud and
Ira. (10) Annie, born May 10, 1869, was married in 1886 to Wilbur Dunlap, of Woodward township, who is now weighmaster for the Moshannon Coal Co. They have four children—Elvin, Florence, Ernest and Roy. (11) Mary L., born June 16, 1873, is living with her mother. In 1892 they went to California, stopping at Chicago, en route, to view the World’s Fair buildings, then being erected. They proceeded on their way by the Denver and Rio Grande railroad to Ogden, Utah, and from there went to San Francisco. They visited Oakland, Sacramento, Alamedia and other points of interest in the State, and while there the daughter entered a school of dress-making, where she learned the art of cutting and fitting. After seven months on the Pacific slope they returned home.

In politics Mr. Henderson was always a Democrat, and for eleven years served as postmaster at Jeffries. He was also township auditor and supervisor for a number of years, and held other local offices. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, to which his widow and one daughter also belong. He was a friend of education, served on the school board, and took an active interest in all measures pertaining to the general welfare. His death occurred July 27, 1852, when he had reached the seventy-third milestone on life’s journey, and throughout the community he was deeply mourned, for he was a progressive citizen, a faithful friend and a kind husband and father.

Our subject is one of a family of children, the others being as follows: Mary wedded Daniel Blake, a merchant tailor of Burnside township, Clearfield county, by whom she had several children, and both she and her husband are now deceased; Louisa is the wife of John Sunderland, of Gage county, Neb., and they have a large family; Azariah, who enlisted in the Union service in 1861, lost his arm at Hilton Head, and was killed in a collision at the mouth of Acquia creek; Annie died at the age of twenty-four years; and John, born July 26, 1844, makes his home in Covington township, Clearfield county.

Thomas W. Grant accompanied his father on his removal from Indiana county to Clearfield county in 1847, and also returned with him to Indiana county in 1849. There he continued to reside until 1855, when he went to Centre county and engaged in the lumber trade until July 28, 1861, when he volunteered as a member of Company E, First Pennsylvania Cavalry. He went into camp at Pierpont, Va., and the first engagement in which he took part was the battle of Gainesville, in the spring of 1862. Later he was in the battle of Parnitha—in fact participated in all in which his regiment was engaged. From Williamsburg he was sent to Clifton Barracks, later to Lincoln Hospital, in Washington, D. C., from there to City Point, Petersburg and Deep Bottom. On July 13, 1864, he was taken prisoner and incarcerated in Libby prison for two months, when he escaped by digging his way out, but was re-captured by Mosby’s guerrillas on the Rappahannock river, and was sent to Belle Isle, Richmond, Va. Eight of the eleven captured died, and the other three, including our subject, were taken to the hospital. He was paroled February 15, 1864, in Richmond, and sent to Annapolis, where he received a furlough and returned home. At City Point he again reported for duty, and remained with his regiment until honorably discharged in Philadelphia, September 15, 1865. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty, and deserves an honored place among the “boys in blue” as well as among the representative citizens of Clearfield county.

Since his return home, Mr. Grant has engaged in all kinds of general labor. In 1856 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J. DeLong, and they now reside in Karthaus township, Clearfield county. Children as follows blessed their union, namely: Sarah Jane, born November 13, 1856, died May 19, 1872; George W., born July 28, 1858, married Laura Burns, and lives in Sandy township, Clearfield county; John Thomas and Daniel D. (twins) were born.
April 27, 1860; Nancy L., born January 26, 1861, was married in 1883 to Neil McKinzie, and removed to Victoria, British Columbia; Jacob B., born October 23, 1864; and Joseph W., born August 4, 1871, is teaching in the grammar school of Karthaus.

Politically, Mr. Grant is a stalwart Republican, and is now serving as supervisor of his township. Both he and his estimable wife enjoy the friendship and acquaintance of a large number of the best people of Karthaus township and vicinity, and are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

JOEL CONWAY, of Huston township, is one of the leading agriculturists of Clearfield county, and his fine estate near Penfield is one of the largest tracts in the township, owned and cultivated by one man. He was born in Cameron county, Penn., in 1847, and was four years old when he was taken to Clearfield county. The locality at time was very different from what it is at present, and his awakening intelligence took note of many scenes and incidents which the children of to-day can scarcely imagine.

Samuel Conway, our subject's father, was a native of Cameron county, born in 1802, and his parents died during his boyhood. He had a brother, Charles, and a sister, Nancy, both now deceased. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and for some years traveled about, working as he found opportunity. In 1840 he was married in Cameron county to Miss Susannah Shafer, a native of the county, and a lady who was well fitted to become the helpmeet of a pioneer. After a residence of about eleven years in their native county, at Driftwood, they moved to Huston township, Clearfield county, and April 13, 1851, Mr. Conway purchased from Reynolds Bros. 234 acres of partially cleared and improved land. At that time there were only two other settlers in the township. Mr. Conway settled upon his new estate, giving to its cultivation much of his time, although he still continued to follow his trade. He took a keen interest in public questions of his time, and in political belief was a Democrat. He died at the old home farm in 1885; Mrs. Conway is still living, her usefulness culminating in an honored old age.

She belongs to old Pennsylvanian stock, and her parents, John and Elizabeth (Bartholomew) Shafer, were born in Clinton county, the mother at the county seat, Lock Haven. They were among the early settlers at Sterling, Penn., clearing a farm there for their permanent home.

Both passed from earth in 1872, the father on the 8th of September, and the mother in October. They had ten children, as follows: Margaret (Mrs. Bearfield), who died in Cameron county; Catherine (Mrs. Barholomew), who moved to Wisconsin; Mary (Mrs. Richey), of Cameron county; Eliza (Mrs. Bearfield), who went to Wisconsin; Susannah (Mrs. Conway); Savilla (Mrs. Rudolph); Rachel (Mrs. Spangler), of Cameron county; Mrs. Smith, of Sterling Run; Frederic, who lives at the old homestead; and Bartholomew, who went to the West. Samuel Conway and wife also had ten children, namely: Mary Ann (Mrs. Alexander Burky), of Penfield, Clearfield county; Delilah (Mrs. Joseph Burky), of Elk county, Penn.; Joel, our subject; Absalom, a resident of Elk county; Elizabeth (Mrs. Kilmer), of Sandy township, Clearfield county; Nancy (Mrs. Dodd), formerly of Huston township, who died September 29, 1870; Edward, who died in 1862; Amos, deceased; Oliver, who died in 1858; and Ebenezer, deceased.

Joel Conway was reared upon the old farm in Huston township, and attended the schools near his home. Ever since assuming manhood's responsibilities and cares he has been engaged in agriculture, and he now owns 237 acres of land, 175 of which are cleared and improved. The farm shows able management, and the buildings are good, the residence, which was built in 1808, being among the most substantial in the locality. In 1892 Mr. Conway married Miss Etta Kirk, a native of Brady township, Clearfield county. Her father, John Kirk, was born in Centre county, Penn., and her mother, whose maiden name was Amelia Way, was a native of Curwensville. They located in Huston township in 1831, where the mother died in March, 1884; the father is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Conway have one son, Samuel, born February 22, 1897. Politically Mr. Conway is a Democrat.

REV. R. G. ROSENBAUM, the former pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Du Bois, Clearfield county, was born in Smith county, Va., in 1854.

John and Matilda (Mahood) Rosenbaum, his parents, were natives of Tazewell county, Va. The father for a time followed farming in Smyth county, Va., also was a farmer for a number of years in the State of Missouri, but now is a resident of Marion, Va. The mother died in Tazewell county.

Rev. Rosenbaum passed the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity, and in private schools received his primary education,
which was supplemented by a three-years' course at the Rural Retreat Academy in Wythe county, Va. Subsequently he taught a number of terms of public school, then in a seminary for one year, and in 1879 entered Roanoke College, at Salem, Va., where he graduated with the class of 1882. On leaving that institution he became a student in the Southern Theological Seminary, at the same place, and was there graduated in 1885. In the same year he entered upon his pastoral work in Preston county, W. Va., but throughout the greater part of his ministry he has been located in Pennsylvania, his second charge being at Donegal, Westmoreland county, where he remained three years. He was next at Cochran's Mills, Armstrong county, for four years, and since 1892 until recently he was the pastor of St. Paul's Church at DuBois.

This is an English Evangelical Lutheran Church, and was established in February, 1881, the first minister being Rev. R. H. Kline. For about a year services were held in Scanlin's Hall, and then a commodious brick church was erected at an approximate cost of $8,000. It was dedicated in 1882. Rev. Kline was succeeded by Rev. I. K. Wismer, who remained in charge until Rev. Rosenbaum became pastor in 1892. The parsonage was built in 1891 at a cost of $2,000, and is a good substantial frame structure. On its organization, the Church had a membership of only about twenty-five, but under the pastorate of Rev. Rosenbaum it constantly gained until it now numbers two hundred and six members.

In 1884, at Salem, Va., our subject was married to Miss Alice Crawford, and to them have been born five children: Leonia, John, Mary, Paul and Laura. Rev. Rosenbaum has most faithfully performed his work in the ministry for a period of thirteen years, during which time his conscientious labors for the Master have met with their reward in the satisfaction which he feels in contemplating the fact that he has done what he could to fulfill the Master's will.

H. VROMAN, yard master at Osceola Mills for the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in Bradford county, Penn., in 1843, a son of Barney and Dorinda (Palmer) Vroman. The father was born in Pennsylvania of German ancestry, and when a young man became a resident of Bradford county, where he married, his wife being a native of that county. By occupation he was a farmer. In 1876 the parents removed to Missouri, where the father died ten years later; the mother is still a resident of that State.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of ten children, the others being as follows: Horace, who enlisted in the Union army at Bradford, and died in front of Richmond, Va.; Peter, who also served during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Sullivan county, Penn.; James, who makes his home in Bradford, Penn.; Stephen, who also enlisted in Bradford county, and is a resident of Sullivan county; Nathaniel, who became a member of a Pennsylvania regiment, and was numbered among the missing; Edgar, Ezra and Henry, who are all living in Missouri; and Polly, also of that State. The family was one of the most patriotic and loyal to be found in Bradford county, and, besides the five sons who gallantly went to the aid of their country during her hour of need, the father also served in a Pennsylvania regiment until discharged on account of disability.

H. H. Vroman passed his early life in the usual manner of farmer boys, and in the public schools of Bradford county he acquired his education. There he enlisted in 1861, in Company K, Fifty-fifth P. V., for three years or until the close of the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg. With the Army of the Potomac, he took part in the engagements at Hilton Head and Buford Island, S. C., and was then under Pope at the battles of Bull Run, Chantilly, Antietam and South Mountain under McClellan, and Fredericksburg under Burnside. His regiment then went to Kentucky, and subsequently participated in the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss., after which they returned to Kentucky and took part in the siege of Knoxville. Returning to Virginia, our subject was with Grant's army during the three-days' battle of the Wilderness, and in all the other engagements up to the battle of Peters burg, at which place he was honorably discharged in September, 1864, as his term of service had expired. He continued to make his home in Bradford county, until coming to Osceola Mills in 1870, since which time he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, serving for some time as brakeman and conductor, but since 1880 he has held his present position as yard master. He is one of the trusted and faithful employees of the road, and has the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

At Osceola Mills, in 1876, Mr. Vroman was married to Miss Sarah Wheat, a native of Chemung county, N. Y. Her parents, George W. and Martha (Streyer) Wheat, were also born in New York State, and on first coming to Pennsylvania located in Philipsburg, whence they removed to Bradford county, where both died, the
MICHAEL BRANIFF, an active and enterprising farmer and lumberman of Becaria township, Clearfield county, was born November 17, 1837, in Blair county, Penn., and in 1850 was brought to Becaria township by his parents, Philip and Catharine (Jordan) Braniff.

Michael Braniff, grandfather of our subject, was of Irish parentage. At an early day he located on a farm in Cambria county, near Wilmore, where he died when the father of our subject was quite small. The latter was born in that county in May, 1811, and there he grew to manhood. For some years he was employed at the Bald Eagle Furnace, during which time he purchased a tract of land on Clearfield creek at Becaria Mills, where he located on coming to Clearfield county. For a number of years he followed rafting, but later in life gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, having transformed his wild land into productive fields, and improved the place with good buildings. There he died in 1872, his wife in 1869.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: (1) Mary A., born in Blair county in 1836, came with her parents to Clearfield county, and later married John Shay, of Becaria township. They located in Utahville, where he followed lumbering. As a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, he participated in all the battles of his regiment, and was promoted from private to first lieutenant. They have a large family. (2) John, born in 1840, in Blair county, grew to manhood on the home farm in Clearfield county, and in early life worked in the woods. After his marriage to Mary Bair, of Glen Hope, he removed to the oil fields of Venango county, Penn., where he remained until 1884, since which time he has lived on a farm near Atchison, Kans. He has five children—Nancy, Martin, Alice, Maggie and Edgar. (3) Ellen is now Mrs. John Dillon, of Becaria township. (4) Martha, born in 1846, in Blair county, grew to womanhood in Clearfield county, where she was educated in the common schools. She is now keeping house for her brothers in Venango county. (5) Catharine, born in Blair county in 1848, attended the common schools of Clearfield county during the winter; she married A. K. Lewis, of Venango county, where he is engaged in the oil business, as superintendent for the Bradford Oil Co. (6) William, born in Becaria township, Clearfield county, remained on the home farm until 1865, when he and his brother John went to the oil fields of Venango county, where he is still located. (7) Ambrose, born in Becaria township, accompanied his brothers to Venango county, where he is still engaged in the oil business. In 1896 he was sent by the company to Kansas to prospect in the oil fields there. (8) Henry, born in Becaria township, went to Venango county, where he married, and later removed to New York, where he is now engaged in drilling for oil. He has one child.

During his boyhood and youth, Michael Braniff, our subject, assisted in the labors of the farm, and was allowed to attend school about three months during the winter season when the farm work was not heavy. On January 1, 1862, he married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of George and Sarah Bratton, of Becaria township, after which event, and same year, he purchased fifty acres of land of Groom Lightner & Co., one mile north of Ivona. He at once began to clear the heavily-timbered tract, and erected a hewed-log house and round-log barn. He rafted lumber down the creek and river to Marietta and Columbia, and is still interested in that business. He has converted his land into a most desirable farm, in 1887 erected thereon a fine two-story residence, and, the year following, a good barn and other outbuildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry.

To Mr. and Mrs. Braniff have been born twelve children, as follows: (1) James, born in 1863, learned the barber's trade, and was conducting a shop in Ivona at the time of his death, in August, 1889. (2) John, born in 1865, assisted in the work of the farm until August, 1879, when he was killed on Clearfield creek by a log rolling on him. (3) Sarah C., born in 1867, married J. G. Hopkins, of Becaria township, and they lived on a farm near Utahville, where he died in 1895, leaving a widow and two children—Dale, born in 1892, died in January, 1896; and
Horace M., born in June, 1894, now living with our subject, as does also Mrs. Hopkins. (4) Philip G., born in 1869, went to Virginia in 1891, and engaged in lumbering. In 1894 he married Hattie Munson, of West Virginia, and with their little daughter, Beatrice, they live in Davis, W. Va. (5) William H., born in 1872, was reared on the home farm, and attended the district schools of the neighborhood through the winter season. In 1892 he went to Virginia, where he engaged in lumbering, but is at present employed in the oil fields of Sisterville, W. Va. (6) Frank M., born March 12, 1874, was educated in the home schools, and is still at home, but has worked to some extent in the lumber woods of West Virginia. (7) Mary J., born in 1876, is now the wife of L. G. Hollingshead, of Altoona, Penn. (8) Martha L., born in 1879, died October 18, 1896. (9) Harvey A., born April 19, 1881, assists in the operations of the home farm. (10) Amanda, born in 1883. (11) Hattie R., born in 1886, and (12) Stella A., born in 1889, are all at home.

Mr. Branniff uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party. In religious faith he is a member of the Catholic Church, while his wife is a Protestant. They have many warm friends throughout the community, and have the confidence and respect of all who know them.

ALEXANDER C. MCDONALD, who has spent his entire life in Clearfield county, was born April 9, 1841, in Penn township, a son of William and Maria (London) McDonald. His paternal grandfather emigrated from Scotland, and took up his residence in Luzerne county, Penn. During the war of 1812 he enlisted at Kingston, in the American army, and marched with the troops to Erie. He died while returning to Kingston at the close of the war.

William McDonald removed to Northumberland, Penn., in 1839, to Clearfield county, locating in Penn township, where he followed lumbering and farming. He was married in Luzerne county to Maria London, and upon their first farm in Clearfield county they resided for a number of years, then removed to the Wall farm. Subsequently they returned to their first home in Penn township, where the father died, in 1839, while the mother survived until 1875. In their family were twelve children: (1) Melissa A. became the wife of Rufus Lawson, and, after some years' residence in Grampian, removed to Jefferson county, Penn, where she died, in 1867. She was the mother of a large family. (2) Jane married Patrick Rafferty, who died in 1889, but she is still living on the Rafferty farm, in Penn township. Her family numbered twelve children. (3) William died in 1861, after returning from the gold fields of California. (4) Hulda is the wife of John Hepburn, a resident of Belle- ville, Clearfield county, and they have twelve children. (5) Allen, who resides in Grampian, married Sarah Murphy, and has one child. (6) Sarah became the wife of Philo Barrett, and their two children are living, but the parents are deceased. (7) Catherine is the widow of Martin Muter, who owned and operated a farm in Penn township. Mrs. Muter now makes her home in Clearfield, and has four living children. (8) Isaiah, who enlisted in the Union army, in May, 1861, and was for three years in the service, is now residing at the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio. (9) Olive became the wife of Valentine Dale, of Grampian, and died in 1889, leaving two sons and two daughters. (10) George, who served in the old "Bucktail Regiment," of Penn- sylvania, during the greater part of the war, married Miss Rachel E. Moore, of Grampian, by whom he had one daughter. He made his home in Grampian until his death.

Alexander C. McDonald spent the days of his boyhood and youth in his native county, no event of special importance occurring during that period. In 1861 he enlisted in Company K, of the old "Bucktail Regiment," leaving Curwens- ville for Harrisburg on the 3d of October. From the latter place the regiment proceeded to Washing- ton, and crossing the Potomac remained in Camp Pierpont during the winter. In the spring of 1862, Mr. McDonald participated with his command in the battle of Dranesville, then went to Fredericksburg and on to the Peninsula, where he was engaged in the seven-days' battle of the Wilderness. There the company was captured, its members being sent to Libby prison, where they remained for three weeks, when they were transferred to Belle Isle. A month later they were exchanged, taken down to Turkey Bend, on the James river, and from there by boat to Aquia creek, whence they marched to Fredericksburg and on to Warrington. In the battle at that place they drove the enemy back and continued on their march to Bull Run, where they participated in a four-days' engagement. Driven back to Washington, they went from there to Antietam and South Mountain, and after participating in the hotly-contested battles at those points, Mr. McDonald was taken ill and lay in Church Hos- pital some four weeks. He then rejoined his regiment at Sharpsburg, and later participated in the battle of Fredericksburg on the 13th of De-
November, when he was again captured. After
spending four weeks in Libby prison he was
paroled and sent to Annapolis, Md., where he
was exchanged, rejoining his regiment at Cul-
peper in 1863. Crossing the Rapidan, the Union
forces engaged the Rebels all day long in a severe
battle; thence went to Spotsylvania. Mr. Mc-
Donald was there slightly wounded in the foot,
and was sent to Churchill Hospital, Philadelphia,
where he remained until once more fit for service.
Returning to his command at Petersburg, he par-
participated in all the engagements of the Fifth
Army Corps through that winter, fought in the
battle of Gravelly Run in the spring of 1865, and
participated in the capture of one entire Rebel
division. The Union forces then followed Gen.
Lee's army until his surrender at Appomattox.
Mr. McDonald then returned to Washington,
and from there proceeded to Harrisburg, where he
was honorably discharged June 5, 1865. He
was ever faithful to his duty, and valiantly fol-
lowed the starry banner as a loyal defender of
the cause it represented until the Union arms
were victorious and the preservation of the nation
was an assured fact.

In 1868 Mr. McDonald married Mary J.
Murphy, and located in Grampian, where he has
since been an esteemed citizen. They reared a
family of thirteen children, namely: John A.
(of Mahaffey, Clearfield county), Lewis, Allen,
George W., Jessie, Isaiah, William, Edward,
James, Gerald, Adam, Martha Ellen and Mary
Jane, all at home except the eldest.

Mr. McDonald is a supporter of the men
and measures of the Republican party, and has served
on the election board a number of times. His
wife and family are members of the Methodist
Episcopal Church at Grampian. Well known,
he has a wide circle of friends in this locality,
and his sterling worth has won for him high
regard.

J.
F. SHIREY, of Bradford township, Clear-
field county, was born there in 1814, and is
a representative of one of the pioneer fami-
lies of that locality. His parents were John and
Hannah (Mapes) Shirey.

The father of our subject was born in Clear-
field county in January, 1800, was married in
Lawrence township, and began his domestic life
upon a farm in Bradford township where he con-
continued to make his home until his death in March,
1863. His wife died in 1843. They had a fami-
ly of nine children: Israel, who died in early life;
Mrs. Sophia Kyler, of Boggs; Isaac, who
died in 1894; W. D., of West Clearfield; Matil-
da, of Lawrence; W. H., of Bradford township;
Mary Ellen, who died in childhood; Mrs. Susan
Forscy, of Bradford township; and J. F. After
the death of his first wife, the father was married
in Bradford township, in 1846, to Nancy Norris,
a native of Lawrence township, and a daughter
of Moses Norris, one of the pioneers of the coun-
ty, now deceased. Her death occurred in Brad-
ford township, in 1887. Mr. Shirey served as
justice of the peace for many years, in politics
was a stalwart Republican, was a recognized
leader in public affairs, and a highly-respected
citizen. He had two children by his second mar-
rriage: R. B., now of Philipsburg, Penn.; and
J. H., who was married, and died in Bradford,
in 1890.

J. F. Shirey was reared on his father's farm,
and received his education in the schools of the
neighborhood. As soon as old enough to handle
the plow he began work in the fields, and has al-
ways followed farming. In 1872 he purchased
the Matthew Forscy homestead, comprising 210
acres of improved land, on which he has erected
substantial buildings. He now owns 285 acres,
all under a high state of cultivation, and the well-
tilled fields yield to him a good return for his la-
boring, while the neat and thrifty appearance of
the place indicates his careful supervision. He has
also engaged in lumbering. In 1879 he was mar-
rried, in Bradford, to Rebecca Woolridge, who
was born there, a daughter of William and Eliza-
abeth (Jury) Woolridge, natives of England, who
in early life came to America, locating in Phila-
delphia, whence they came to Bradford. The
father died in 1893, and the mother is now living
in Graham township. The home of Mr. and
Mrs. Shirey is blessed with five children: Mary
Ivy, Maud, Bessie (Elizabeth), Wayne Winters
and Sarah Alva.

Mr. Shirey takes an interest in politics, but
votes independently, giving his support to the
man whom he thinks best qualified for office,
regardless of party affiliations. He belongs to the
Society of American Mechanics, at Kylertown,
and he and his wife are members of the United
Brethren Church. He has always lived in Clear-
field county, and for more than half a century
has witnessed its development and progress, while
as a loyal citizen he has ever borne his part in
its advancement. True to the duties of both
public and private life, he has so lived as to merit
the high esteem in which he is held.

W.
H. FREEMAN, who is recognized as
one of the most progressive citizens of Penn
township, Clearfield county, was born in
1844, in Centre county, Penn., of which county his father, Richard Freeman, was also a native, his birth occurring in Nittany Valley December 9, 1818.

There he resided until 1843 when he married Miss Mary Ann McDivitt, of Half Moon Valley, and for two years made his home at Hannah Furnace, Centre county, where he worked at the molder's trade. Going to Clarion county, Penn., he there followed molding for two years, and later engaged in the charcoal business some four years, at the end of which time he came to what is now Lumber City, Penn. township, Clearfield county, living on the William Irwin farm for three years. The following two years he spent on the John Irwin farm, whence he removed to the John D. Thompson farm in Pike township, Clearfield county, and in 1859 purchased the Ben- net farm of seventy-six acres in that township, on which he resided until called to his final rest December 5, 1893. He was a son of Adam and Matilda (McQuillen) Freeman. The maternal grandparents were natives of Scotland, and the grandfather aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence, during the Revolutionary war.

To the parents of our subject were born nine children, the others being as follows: (1) Mary is the wife of Joseph L. Bloom, a resident of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn., and they have two children living. (2) N. J., a farmer of Pike township, Clearfield county, married Annie Smith, of Greenwood township, and has seven children. (3) Sarah A. married Albert Smith, of Greenwood township, and both died in 1883, leaving four children who are still living. (4) Jennie L., unmarried, died in February, 1896. (5) Frances P., is the wife of Scott McFadden, who works in the tannery at Curwensville, and they have two children. (6) John A., a farmer of Pike township, wedded Mary Durnel, of Penn township, and has five children. (7) James, who resides on the Porter farm in Pike township, married Edith Hoover, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and has one daughter. (8) Emma married Jacob Doughman, of Grampian, who died in September, 1888; with her seven children she still resides on the homestead left her in Penn township.

During his childhood W. H. Freeman accompanied his parents on their various removals, remaining with them until his marriage. On May 15, 1866, he wedded Miss Arabella Bloom, of Pike township, a daughter of David and Sarah (Hoover) Bloom, and for three years they made their home in that township, after which they removed to his father's farm in Penn township, where they resided some thirteen years. In the same township he then purchased the property where he still resides. Seven children came to brighten the home: Fay died at the age of four years; Ethel died in infancy; Clyde passed away at the age of two; Alice is now the wife of John A. Johnson, of Penn township, by whom she has one child, Hazel, at this writing aged three years; Ralph is a resident of Santa Cruz, Cal., where he is engaged in lumbering; Irene, born October 26, 1879, and Ruth, born June 3, 1880, are with their parents.

On November 7, 1864, Mr. Freeman enlisted in the Union army as a substitute for Julius Perp, and was mustered in at Waterford, whence he was sent to Carlisle Barracks. He was assigned to Company I, 58th P. V. I., and joined the army at Chapman's farm, Virginia. The first engagement in which he took part was at Fort Harrison, under Col. Clay, and he was then on guard duty all winter. On March 4, 1865, the regiment went to Fredericksburg, where it captured a train-load of tobacco, and then proceeded to White House Landing, where it encamped for a few days. Returning to Fort Harrison, it marched on to Richmond, where it remained two weeks, after which it crossed the river to Manchester, and was there until the 11th of June. Going to Staunton, Va., Mr. Freeman did guard duty until November 1, 1865, when he went to Lynchburg, where he was honorably discharged on the 7th of the same month. While erecting quarters during the winter of 1864-5, in putting up a log stable, a log fell back, breaking his arm and shoulder, from which injuries he has never recovered.

The Democratic party has always found in Mr. Freeman an earnest advocate, and by his fellow citizens he has been elected to a number of official positions, being constable one term, supervisor three terms, and school director fifteen years. He is at present serving as justice of the peace of Penn township, and president of the school board. He is one of the most popular and influential citizens of the community, and his course in public life is above reproach, winning the commendation of all concerned. His estimable wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Grampian.

WILLIAM K. IRVIN. The natural advantages of this section attracted at an early day a superior class of settlers, thrifty, industrious, progressive and law-abiding, whose influence gave permanent direction to the development of the locality. Among the worthy pioneers
of Clearfield county the Irvin family hold a prominent place, and the results of the labor and self-denial of those past generations is manifest in the comfortable homes and fertile, well-arranged farms which they left to their descendants.

At an early day, David Irvin, the father of our subject, came to Clearfield county accompanied by six brothers, who took a prominent part in the upbuilding and development of this region, and were numbered among its valued citizens. They were as follows: (1) John, who located in Curwensville, married Eliza Lee, who died some years ago, leaving a large family of children. He engaged in lumbering and merchandising throughout life. (2) Mathew became a very extensive lumber dealer of Burnside, and was very wealthy at the time of his death. (3) James finally removed to Akron, Ohio, where he was numbered among the successful business men. His wife is still living at the advanced age of eighty-five years. (4) Jared was for some time engaged in the hotel business in Philadelphia, where he died some years ago, leaving two children, the elder of whom is Mrs. Sarah Hancock, of that city, who has two daughters. (5) Alexander married Elizabeth Bloom, of Pike township, Clearfield county, and resided in the city of Clearfield until his death. He left a widow and one daughter, who married a Dr. Beam, and removed to California, where her mother died. Later the Doctor and his wife returned to Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. Mrs. Beam and one child still survive. (6) William married Jane Patton, of Curwensville, where they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. He was one of the largest land owners in the county, and accumulated a vast fortune. His wife survived him a few years, and their large family of children still reside in Curwensville. Among the number is Col. Edward Irvin, of the famous “Bucktail Regiment.”

David Irvin, the father of our subject, was a native of Centre county, Penn., and on coming to Clearfield county, he purchased 185 acres of wild land in Brady township adjoining the town of Luthersburg, where he extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber and shingles. He did not confine his attention to one line of business, but was interested in a number of different enterprises, being a man of rare business ability and sound judgment. In connection with farming and lumbering he conducted a general mercantile establishment in Luthersburg for a number of years, and once each year would make a trip to Philadelphia to buy goods, traveling either on foot or by stage. His stock would then be shipped by canal to Lewistown and brought from there to Luthersburg in wagon until the Pennsylvania railroad was completed to Tyrone. In the '50s he purchased a large tract of land on Little Anderson creek, where he erected a sawmill and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which he would haul to Curwensville or raft down the river to the Eastern markets. Upright and honorable in all dealings, he gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact.

On July 10, 1836, David Irvin was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of John and Lydia Kirk, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and they began housekeeping in Luthersburg. Mr. Irvin building a residence and store building near where the Methodist Episcopal Church now stands. In 1858 he erected a more commodious residence on his farm at the east end of the village, and there he continued to make his home until called from this life, August 23, 1859. The mother of our subject had passed away in February, 1845, leaving three sons. James, the eldest, was born in Luthersburg, May 27, 1838, and was reared at the homestead. After attending the common schools for some time, he pursued his studies in Tuscarora Valley for two terms. For a few years, he looked after his father's interests, but for some time previous to his death, which occurred March 27, 1894, he lived retired from active business. He never married, but made his home with his brother William. Austin, the second son, was born October 22, 1841, and remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he enlisted in the noted “Bucktail Regiment” of Curwensville. He participated in all the battles with his regiment up to his death, which occurred at Fairfax Court House, in March, 1862.

After the death of his first wife, David Irvin was again married, September 27, 1849, his second union being with Miss Cecelia Moore, a daughter of R. W. and Esther Moore, of Rockton, Clearfield county, the former a native of Half Moon Valley, Centre county, and the latter of Chester county, Penn. There was one daughter born of this union, Jerusha, now the wife of F. W. Porter, of Luthersburg. They reside with Mrs. Irvin at her father's old home in that place, which she now owns, and which was built by F. K. Arnold and later sold to Mr. Moore.

William K. Irvin, of this review, was born in February, 1845, and, as he was an infant at the time of his mother's death, was taken to the home of a maternal uncle, William Kirk, with whom he remained until reaching manhood. He then returned to Luthersburg, and has since had
charge of the old homestead farm. A thorough and skillful agriculturist, he has met with excellent success in its operation, and to-day is numbered among the most prosperous citizens of Brady township. Genial and social in disposition, he has made hosts of warm friends throughout the community, and is held in high regard by all who know him. On June 30, 1874, he married Miss Nellie Shaw, a daughter of Archie and Rebecca Shaw, honored pioneers and highly respected farming people of Shawsville, Clearfield county. Two daughters grace this union: (1) Rebecca, born February 22, 1877, obtained her literary education in the common schools, and in 1895 entered the State Normal of Indiana, where she pursued a thorough musical course. She is now engaged in teaching music, and is considered an excellent instructor in that art. (2) Mary A., the youngest daughter, was born June 18, 1881, and is still attending the graded schools of Luthersburg.

JOHN MAGINNIS, an honored and highly respected citizen of Du Bois, now retired from active business cares, was for many years connected with the lumber interests of Clearfield county; but having accumulated an ample competence, he is now enabled to rest from active labor, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. He belongs to that class of self-made men, who have made their own way in life from humble circumstances to a competence, having started out to make his way in the world with no capital save health of body and mind and a strong will.

Mr. Maginnis was born in Philadelphia, in 1846, a son of Henry and Jane (Maxwell) Maginnis, both natives of Tyrone, Ireland. The father, who came to the New World in 1829, located in Philadelphia, where he engaged in linen weaving until 1850, when he removed to Beech Woods, Jefferson Co., Penn., purchasing a tract of wild land of Mr. White where the town of Coal Glen is now located. Shortly afterward, however, he sold that place and bought the Tibbits farm on the Brookville road. There he continued to make his home until the death of his wife in 1891, when he sold the place to our subject and went to live with a daughter, at whose home he passed away in 1895.

Our subject is the eldest in the family of four children. (2) Mary, born in Philadelphia, in 1844, married Dexter T. Wilson, of Warsaw, Jefferson county, and they now reside in the oil district, five miles from Pittsburg. They have two children, Fred and Jennie, both at home. (3) Catherine, born in Philadelphia, in 1846, married Joseph McClelland, of Beech Woods, and they reside on his farm in Jefferson county. They have one son, William. (4) Eliza, born in Philadelphia, in 1849, is the wife of Nathan Clark, of Warsaw, Jefferson county, where he owns a farm. They have three children, Hosea, Harry and Eugene.

In the schools of Philadelphia, John Maginnis, our subject, began his literary education, which was completed after the removal of his family to Beech Woods. At the age of nineteen he offered his services to his country to assist in putting down the rebellion, enlisting from Elk county in the famous "Bucktail Regiment," but as he was not mustered in after spending two weeks at Camp Curtin, he and six of his companions returned home. In December, 1861, however, he enlisted in Company I. 62nd P. V. I., from Pittsburg, and from there went to Washington, D. C., where the regiment was assigned to the Fifth Army Corps. They then proceeded to Fairfax Court House, and from there went to Fortress Monroe and Yorktown, taking part in the entire siege at the last named place. By steamer they then went to White House, and in the engagement at Hanover Court House drove the enemy back. On June 27, 1862, they met the Rebels at Gainesville, but were repulsed, meeting with a heavy loss. The next engagement was at White Oak Swamp, where the Union forces were victorious, and at the battle of Malvern Hill the Confederates also lost heavily. The 62nd P. V. I. then marched to Harrison's Landing, where Mr. Maginnis was injured while assisting in the construction of a "corduroy" road, and was also taken ill with typhoid fever. After being confined in the Philadelphia Hospital for about six months, he was transferred to the Invalid Corps, and remained on duty at Gen. Alger's headquarters in Washington until July, 1864, when he joined the force sent to check Early's advance on the capital. They held that general at bay until relieved by the Sixth Army Corps, but lost six men out of the company of forty. They followed Early to Cedar Creek, advancing to the left of the Eighth Army Corps; but as the company was not fit for active service it was sent back to Washington, carrying a Rebel flag, which had been captured. Mr. Maginnis remained in the capital until honorably discharged December 1, 1864, and he now receives a small pension, a slight compensation for a great deal of hard service.

On his return home, our subject followed lumbering for a number of years on the Alleghany
and Ohio rivers and Toby creek. In 1872 he married Miss Esther Brocious, of Troy, Jefferson Co., Penn., and has since made his home in Du-Bois, where he purchased a lot on the east side, and built a fine two-story frame house, supplied with all modern improvements. For seventeen years he served as lumber boss and inspector for John and John E. DuBois, and then contracted to carry the mail for two years in DuBois; he is now living retired. By his own efforts he has risen to a position of affluence, is a stockholder in the DuBois National Bank, and the competence he has acquired now enables him to lay aside all business cares.

This worthy couple have four children, namely: (1) Harry, born in DuBois in 1873, learned the machinist’s trade, and for a number of years worked in the DuBois Machine Shops, but is now an employee of the Adams Express Co. He married Miss Zuleike Shields, of Baxter, Jefferson county, and resides in DuBois. (2) John E., born in 1875, is a fireman residing in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn. (3) George, born in 1877, is a printer by trade, and is now employed in the DuBois Courier office. (4) Louisa J., born in 1879, married Samuel Hepfer, of Penn township, Clearfield county, who is a tanner by trade. They also live in DuBois, and have one son, John. Our subject is a member of Lodge No. 257, F. & A. M., of Elk county; of the G. A. R. Lodge No. 229, of DuBois, and of the Veteran Legion, of Brookville, No. 42; the American Mechanics, and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Politically, he has always been identified with the Republican party, while, in religious faith, both he and his amiable wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

David, a resident of Philipsburg, Centre county; John, of Bradford township; William, who resides on the old homestead in Bradford township; Henrietta, wife of J. L. Wood, of Grahamton, Clearfield county; J. A., of this sketch; and Gideon, of Bradford township. The other children all died in that township.

Upon the home farm J. A. Forcey was reared to habits of industry and economy, which have proved invaluable lessons to him in later years. He assisted in the labors of the farm and also worked in the lumber woods during the winter season until leaving home and going to Unionville, Centre county, where he studied dentistry for a time. Subsequently he returned to Bradford township, where he again engaged in lumbering, and later conducted a restaurant. He also followed hotel keeping in Mahaffey, Clearfield county, for a time, but in 1887 came to Munson. In that year he erected his present comfortable residence, and in 1890 his store building, where he is conducting a first-class restaurant. He is an enterprising, wide-awake business man, whose success has been achieved through his own untiring labor.

In 1885, in DuBois, Clearfield county, Mr. Forcey was married to Miss Esther Dunlap, a native of Brady township, same county, and a daughter of Wilson and Adaline (Luther) Dunlap, who were also born in Clearfield county, and now reside in Rockton. Mr. Forcey has always affiliated with the Democratic party, and takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He is a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county, has done much to promote its growth and upbuilding, and has ever borne his share in all enterprises which would in any way prove of benefit to the community, and is therefore accounted one of its most valued citizens.

J. A. FORCEY, owner and proprietor of a restaurant in Munson, is a native of Clearfield county, having been born in Bradford township September 12, 1848.

Matthew Forcey, father of our subject, was born near the city of Clearfield, and was a son of Thomas Forcey, a native of Wilmington, Del., who at an early day took up his residence in Bradford township, where in the midst of the forest he developed a good farm. The father, who was also an agriculturist of that township, married Margaret Murray. His death occurred in 1868, and she died some years before. Of the seventeen children born to the parents of our subject, the following lived to years of maturity: T. H., a banker of Clearfield; Mrs. Mary Askey, who died in Graham township, Clearfield county; Jane, wife of H. H. Morrow, of Woodland, Penn.;

REV. R. E. CRUM, pastor of the Reformed Church of DuBois, was born in Armstrong county, Penn., in May, 1824, a son of Jonathan and Hannah (Allihouse) Crum. The former was also a native of Armstrong county, born March 24, 1812, while the birth of the paternal grandfather occurred in Northampton county, Penn. Throughout his active business life the father carried on farming and blacksmithing in the county of his nativity, where his death occurred in 1864, but his estimable wife, who was born June 11, 1814, is still a resident of Armstrong county. They reared a family of ten children—seven sons and three daughters—namely: Mary Jane, wife of Bixler Beighley, of Armstrong
COUNTY; Salem, a farmer of the same county; Amos, a merchant of Butler county, Penn.; Emanuel, a resident of Westmoreland county, Penn.; Lavina, at home; Sue, wife of Rev. Summer, of North Washington. Westmoreland county; Henry, of Jeannette, Penn.; Jacob, of Wilkes Barre; R. E., of this sketch; and William L., who resides on the old home farm in Armstrong county.

Under the parental roof our subject was reared, his early education being acquired in the district schools of the neighborhood, and he later engaged in teaching through the winter, while the summer months were spent at farm work. In 1883 he entered the seminary of the Reformed Church at Lancaster, Penn., where he was graduated and ordained three years later. He at once located in Du Bois, and under his able pastorate the Church at this place has rapidly advanced.

The Reformed Church of the United States (formerly known as the German Reformed Church) first organized a congregation in Du Bois in 1886, consisting of but ten or twelve members, and including the following: Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Weber, James Pentz, L. E. Weber, P. S. Weber and Lewis Zeigler. For two years there was no resident pastor, and the pulpit was supplied by Rev. H. King, A. K. Kline, John Wolbach and others, while services were held in the central school building or in the Presbyterian church edifice. In 1882, Rev. D. H. Leader became resident pastor, and in June of the following year a lot was purchased on High street and building commenced. In July the corner stone was laid, and on the 2nd of December, 1883, a good frame church was dedicated with appropriate ceremony. On the ground which they had purchased was a residence, which served as a parsonage until 1892, when it was replaced by a more pretentious dwelling. The church is now free from debt, and is in a flourishing condition both spiritually and financially. In July, 1884, Rev. D. H. Leader resigned, and in February of the following year was succeeded by Rev. William Andrews, who resigned a year later, and in the following June Rev. Crum took charge. The congregation at that time numbered only twenty-five members, but now has a membership of 110, with a good Sunday-school of 100 members and a Christian Endeavor Society of thirty members, all doing excellent work under our subject's leadership. In the fire of 1888 the church records were destroyed, and also the fence around the building, but the edifice itself was fortunately saved. Besides the congregation at Du Bois, Rev. Crum also has charge of two others, one at Luthersburg and the other at Boone Mountain, Penn., where he is also doing excellent work in the cause of the Master.

In South Bend, Armstrong county, in 1880, Rev. Crum was married to Miss Luella George, a native of that county, and to them have been born two children: Clare and Olive. For eleven years Mr. Crum has faithfully served in the Master's vineyard, doing all in his power for the betterment of mankind, and has gained the confidence and respect not only of his own people, but of the community at large.

JOHN S. BRIEL is a leading representative of the industrial interests of Karthaus, Clearfield county, where he is now engaged in the milling business, as a member of the firm of Mignot & Briel.

Mr. Briel was born in Covington township, Clearfield county, in 1854, a son of John and Margaret (McGonigle) Briel. The father was born in Germany, in 1827, and his parents, John and Margaret Briel, were also natives of that country. The grandmother died there, and the grandfather, after marrying again, sailed from Germany to Baltimore in 1838. He worked at the molder's trade there for a short time, and in 1842 came to Karthaus, where he entered the employ of Peter Karthaus, an iron founder. After some years spent in that service, he returned to Baltimore, where both he and his wife died. They had six children, namely: John; Mary, wife of John Hoyt, of Baltimore; Mrs. Nancy Ritz, of Baltimore; George, who was drowned at Karthaus in his fifteenth year; Margaret, who died in Baltimore; Agnes, who was born during the voyage to America, and is now living in Baltimore.

John Briel, father of our subject, was a lad of eleven years when the family came to the United States, and was fifteen years of age on locating in Clearfield county. He learned the trade of blacksmithing, which he followed for some years in Karthaus; then went to Salt Lick, and later to Mulsonburg, where he carried on blacksmithing and lumbering. He was married in Clinton county, Penn., to Margaret, daughter of Hugh and Grace McGonigle, natives of Ireland, who at an early day located in Bellefonte, Penn., but died in Keating township, Clinton county. John Briel died in Covington township, June 23, 1871. His widow, who was born in Bellefonte, Penn., is now living in Frenchville, Clearfield county. They had nine children, as follows: Nancy J., wife of Ernest Mignot, of Karthaus; John S.;
Grace E., wife of Sylvester McGovern, of Kartenhaus; Mrs. F. A. Mignot, of Covington; Agnes and Cecelia, who both died in childhood; Sarah, wife of John D. Gill, of Cambria county, Penn.; George D., who died in Covington; and Joseph J., who also died in Covington township, Clearfield county.

John S. Briel, whose name commences this record, was reared and educated in Covington township, learned the blacksmith's trade there, and followed it in his native community until 1888. In that year he came to Kartenhaus and established a smithy, which he conducted until 1892, when he formed a partnership with W. S. Gilliland in the hardware business, conducting that enterprise until 1894, when he withdrew from the firm. During the same time he was engaged in the milling business, and the well-known and popular firm of Mignot & Briel operates a substantial mill, which was erected in 1890. It is a three-story building, supplied with the roller process, and the excellent quality of the product thereof insures a liberal patronage. In 1895 Mr. Briel purchased the general store of J. A. Heckendorn, but sold the same year. He is now proprietor of the only undertaking establishment in Kartenhaus.

In Covington township, in 1878, Mr. Briel married Lucy A. Hugar, a native of that township, and a daughter of James and Rennet (Bigelman) Hugar, natives of France. Her father served as a soldier under Napoleon, and took part in the siege of Moscow. Grandfather Hugar emigrated to America, and purchased a tract of timber land in Covington township, Clearfield county, developed there a farm, on which he made his home until his death, about 1876. His wife passed away in 1873. James Hugar and his wife are numbered among the pioneer settlers of Covington township, and are still living there. Mr. and Mrs. Briel have had nine children, as follows: Clara, Cecelia, John, James, Iola, Maud, Frances, Jenette and Ferdinand; Clara and James being deceased.

By his ballot, Mr. Briel supports the Democracy, and has served as a member of the school board in both Covington and Kartenhaus townships. He is now serving his third year as township auditor, and discharges his duties with a promptness and fidelity that have won for him high commendation. He and his wife are members of St. Francis Catholic Church. He is a very prominent business man, and his connection with the commercial and industrial interests of Kartenhaus has not only been of material benefit to himself, but has largely promoted the prosperity of the community.

LEROY H. WIDEMIRE, a farmer of Penn township, is descended from one of the old families of Clearfield county. Fortunate is he who has behind him an honorable ancestry, and our subject is especially favored in this respect. His grandfather, a native of Lancaster, Penn., removed to Penn township at an early day, and purchased the old Widemire farm, upon which he passed the rest of his days. On that farm, John Widemire, the father, was born and reared. He purchased 160 acres of partially-improved land and, later, in connection with his brother, bought 212 acres of timber land, on which they built the Widemire mill, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber for about twenty years. After a time they divided the tract, which was used for farming purposes, but continued their partnership in the timber tract. John Widemire erected all the buildings upon the homestead where our subject now resides, cleared the land and made many excellent improvements. He married Jane Wall, daughter of William Wall, of Penn township, who resided in the Irish settlement. By this union were five children: Orlando, born in 1855, died in 1866; Albert, born in 1857, like his brother, died of diphtheria in 1866; Thomas J., a resident of Penn township, who wedded Mary Daugherty, of Bloom township, Clearfield county, a daughter of Thomas Daugherty, of Clearfield county, Penn., by whom he has four children—Minnie, Zora, Willie and Francis; Ida, widow of Isaiah Bartow, of Huntingdon county, Penn., who died in Penn township, in March, 1886, leaving three children, after which Mrs. Bartow married Millard Wall, of Penn township, their home being on the Widemire mill property.

Leroy H. Widemire was born on the old family homestead, March 12, 1834, obtained his education in the adjacent schools, and was reared under the parental roof. In 1880 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hoover, of Lawrence township, Clearfield Co., Penn. Her paternal grandfather was one of the pioneer settlers of that township, and purchased the land and made all of the improvements upon what is known as the old Hoover farm there. He was the father of eight children. William Hoover and his wife are still living on the old place at an advanced age.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Widemire has been blessed with two children: Alice, born July 8, 1884; and Minnie, born April 20, 1889. The father is a member of the Friends Church, while the mother holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. His political support is given the Republican party, and he takes a
deep interest in its success, but has never sought office for himself. The greater part of his time and attention is given to his business, and his well-managed interests return to him a comfortable competence as the reward of his labor.

JOHN F. EARLEY, the efficient and popular postmaster at Osceola Mills, was born October 5, 1835, in Boston, Mass., a son of Patrick and Alice (Tague) Earley, who were natives of Ireland and Providence, R. I., respectively. The father was about sixteen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic and located in Providence, where he married. From that city he removed to Boston, and subsequently took up his residence in Wilkes Barre, Luzerne Co., Penn., where he worked as a farm laborer until going to Colorado, in 1880. He now owns a stock farm in that State, and is also interested in silver mines, all of which property has been acquired through his own industrious and well-directed efforts. The mother of our subject died in Wilkes Barre in 1871, leaving two children: John F., our subject; and Peter, still a resident of Luzerne county. The father was again married, this time in Wilkes Barre, in 1873, to Mrs. Mary Kelly, widow of James Kelly.

Most of the early life of our subject was passed in Luzerne county, Penn., where he obtained his education in the common schools, and later engaged in mining. On coming to Osceola Mills, in 1877, he secured employment in the coal mines of the Bernin-White Co., with whom he remained for about a year, and then secured a position in the Mapleton mines. He continued to actively engage in mining until 1891, when he established a confectionery store and news stand, which he successfully conducted until appointed postmaster at Osceola Mills, when he sold out his business to a Mr. Baird. On April 5, 1894, he received his appointment, succeeding David Hamilton, and has since discharged the duties of the office to the satisfaction of its many patrons. It is a Presidential office, and is allowed a salary for a clerk. Being a distributing point, here the mail is handled for seventeen different offices outside of Osceola Mills, and all registered matter for these offices is attended to. The present mail route was established through the efforts of our subject, and he has succeeded in having the salary increased to $100 per month to correspond with the increasing business of the office which has been secured through his efforts. He has proved a most capable, official, prompt and faithful in the discharge of all his duties.

In 1881, Mr. Earley was married to Miss Clara Burns, a native of Osceola Mills, and a daughter of John B. and Mary (Troxell) Burns, pioneers. Five children blessed this union: William, Mary, John and Ann, all living; and Leo, who died at the age of seven months. Mr. Earley uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, is a Catholic in religious belief, and since the age of twelve years has been a prominent member of a Labor organization, of which he has served as secretary, treasurer and check weighman for four years. He has also been secretary of a Temperance society, and gives an active and earnest support to all enterprises which he believes will in any way benefit the community or advance the interests of his fellowmen.

J. BROCKBANK, an eminent physician and surgeon of Du Bois, Clearfield county, was born in Elk county, Penn., in 1838, and is a son of William and Susan (Kemerer) Brockbank. The birth of the father occurred in 1824, in the county of Westmoreland, England, where his parents, Senes and Ann (Breed) Brockbank, were also born. In 1850 they crossed the Atlantic and took up their business in Philadelphia, whence they removed to Elk county, Penn., but in 1864 they came to Luthersburg, Clearfield county, where they spent their remaining days.

Upon the home farm in England, William Brockbank was reared, and in early life he became a railroad engineer, having charge of the engine which carried the first "Queen's speech" (Victoria's) from Glasgow to Edinburgh. He accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, and in 1864 also became a resident of Luthersburg. In Elk county he was married, in 1857, to Miss Susan Kemerer, a native of Germany and a daughter of Peter Kemerer, also born in that country, who located in St. Mary's, Elk county, when it contained but one house. His entire life in America was passed in that county, his death occurring in Centreville. By occupation the father of the Doctor was an agriculturist, and opened up a farm in Elk county. On coming to Clearfield county, he purchased an improved farm in Brady township, known as the Peter Seyler farm, on which he made his home until called to his final rest in 1882, and there his widow still resides. Of their fourteen children our subject is the eldest; T. W., is a physician of West Philadelphia; R. J. is a farmer of Brady township; Rev. S. R. is pastor of St. Dominico's Church, Washington, D. C.; C. C. resides on the old home farm; Mary, a successful teacher of Clearfield county, died in a
hospital at Philadelphia when twenty-four years of age; the others died when quite young.

Dr. Brockbank was seven years of age when he came with his parents to Brady township, Clearfield county, and in the schools of that locality he acquired a good literary education, after which he engaged in teaching in Brady township, and also in the high school of Luthersburg in the winter of 1884-85. In 1882 he had commenced the study of medicine in Troutville under the direction of Dr. J. M. Lydick, now deceased. In the fall of 1883 he entered the College of Physicians & Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., and was graduated from the University of Baltimore with the class of 1886. Coming to Du Bois in May of that year, he at once opened an office, and now has a large and lucrative practice. His thorough knowledge of medicine and skill in surgery have won for him the confidence of the people, and he has met with remarkable success in his chosen calling.

In Du Bois, in 1887, Dr. Brockbank was united in marriage with Miss Etta M. Faust, who was born in Stoneville, Boggs township, Clearfield county, a daughter of R. C. and Mary (Mowry) Faust, also natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Boggs township. They are now honored residents of Du Bois. Three children grace the union of the Doctor and his excellent wife, namely: Leo R., Mary Pauline and Thomas W. The Doctor is a valued member of the County Medical Society: socially, he affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees. Since June, 1894, he has been the efficient health officer of Du Bois, and from 1890 until 1896 he served as county coroner, and was a member of the school board when the Fourth ward school building was erected. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. As a physician he enjoys the honor of being a peer of any in Clearfield county. His life has been characterized by energy, perseverance and unting labor, and to these principles his success is due.

was born in Luthersburg, and reared in Brady township, where on arriving at years of maturity he married Lucretia Moore. For many years he engaged in merchandising in Luthersburg, and for twenty years was the efficient and popular postmaster at that place. He also built a sawmill, and was the owner of 800 acres of land on which the Stanley and Helvetia mines have since been opened. He was a man of excellent business and executive ability, and successfully carried on his various enterprises until 1861, when he offered his services to the government, enlisting for three years in the 145th P. V. I. He joined the army as a private, but meritorious conduct on the field of battle secured him promotion to the rank of captain. He participated in all the engagements of his regiment, which did duty with the Army of the Potomac, and after being captured was incarcerated in Libby prison. He succeeded in making his escape, but blood hounds were put upon his track and he was recaptured, being then sent to Andersonville prison. At the close of the war, in 1865, he was honorably discharged and returned to Luthersburg, where he purchased the mercantile store of Samuel Arnold. In connection with his operations along that line he also engaged in lumbering. He died in February, 1895, from disease contracted in the army; his widow is still living in Luthersburg. Their daughter Edith is now the wife of R. L. Potter, of Clearfield.

Their only son, H. M. Carlisle, the subject proper of this review, was educated in Brady township, and pursued a collegiate course in Randolph, N. Y. He then returned to Clearfield county, and in 1887 embarked in the grocery business in Luthersburg, where he continued his operations until 1892, when he removed to Du Bois. During the following year he embarked in the livery business on Scribner avenue, where he remained until the completion of his large livery barn on Jared street. Here he has one of the best equipped stables in this section of the county. He has eighteen horses, a full line of carriages, and an attractive feature of his establishment is a large white sled, which is drawn by four white horses and furnished with white robes, which specialty he procured for sleighing parties.

On May 20, 1890, Mr. Carlisle was united in marriage with Miss Anna Draucker, of Luthersburg, daughter of P. M. and Mary Draucker, pioneers of that place. They have one son, George L. In politics, Mr. Carlisle is a stanch Republican, and is well informed on all political problems. His business career has brought to him a merited success, for he is honorable in his dealings, and ever desirous of pleasing his patrons.

M. CARLISLE, who is engaged in the livery business in Du Bois, Clearfield county, is one of the progressive business men of the city, taking an active part in all measures calculated to advance the welfare of the town. He was born in Brady township, Clearfield county, October 25, 1868. His grandparents, John and Mary Carlisle, were also natives of this State, and were pioneers of Luthersburg, where the former embarked in merchandising. Later he engaged in the same pursuit in Troutville until his death. His wife departed this life in Curwensville.

Capt. L. B. Carlisle, father of our subject,
GEORGE W. GRANT, a well-known citizen of Sandy township, Clearfield county, who follows the dual occupation of lumbering and farming, was born in 1859, in Centre county, Penn., a son of Thomas W. and Martha J. (De Long) Grant. The birth of the former occurred in 1833, in Indiana county, Penn., near Cherry Tree, but the paternal grandparents were both natives of Scotland, coming thence to America and taking up their residence in Indiana county, where the grandfather purchased a farm. At that homestead both he and his wife spent their last days, she surviving her husband a few years.

In the family of this worthy couple were children as follows: (1) Uriah entered the Union army during the Civil war as one of the Pennsylvania volunteers, and after two years and a half of faithful service was drowned while his company was crossing the Potomac. He was unmarried. (2) Anna, a native of Indiana county, married Daniel Blake, and they resided in that county for some time, but are now residents of Potter county, Penn. They have three children. (3) Mary, who was also born in Indiana county, became the first wife of Daniel Blake, and at her death left three children—George, Susan and Katie. (4) John C., an invalid, was born in Indiana county, and now resides with the father of our subject in Karthaus, Penn. (5) Louisa is the wife of John Sunderland, a prominent lumberman of Burnside township, Clearfield county, and they have two children—John and Alice. (6) Thomas W. was our subject’s father.

Thomas W. Grant was provided with very limited school privileges during his youth, but later acquired a good education through his own unaided efforts. Learning the shoemaker’s trade, he followed it for some years. About 1855 he married Miss Margaret J. De Long, of Centre county, where they located, and there he continued to reside until the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861, when, feeling that his country needed his service, he left his wife and two small children and went to the front. He remained in the army during the entire struggle, and participated in all the engagements with his regiment until taken prisoner. He was confined in Libby for some time, but being severely wounded in the thigh he was taken to the hospital, where he remained several weeks. When hostilities ceased he returned to Centre county, and soon afterward took up his residence in Pine Glen, that county, where he followed jobbing in the woods for Capt. White, for two years. He next engaged in logging on Mosquito creek for Phelps, Dodge & Co., for about the same length of time, but since then he has given his attention principally to farming in Karthaus, where he owns a valuable property.

Thomas W. Grant and his wife had a family of children, as follows: (1) Sarah J., born in Centre county, died at the age of fifteen years. (2) George W. is the second in order of birth, and was a mere infant when his father enlisted. (3) John, a very promising young man, was drowned at the age of twenty-two, while driving logs for Cochran Brothers, on Bennet branch. (4) David, twin brother of John, was born in Centre county, and is now acting as foreman for N. L. Hoover, of Elk county, Penn. (5) Nancy is the wife of Neal McKinzie, of Nova Scotia, where they now reside. They have six children—Sadie, Charles, Nettie, Nellie, and two whose names are not given. (6) Jacob B. is now working in the lumber woods of Virginia. (7) Mollic A. died in childhood. (8) Ezariah died in infancy. (9) Frederick died at the age of four years. (10) James H. died at the age of two years. (11) Joseph W., twin brother of James H., was born in Karthaus, where he attended the common schools until sixteen years of age, and then pursued his studies for three terms in the State Normal School, at Lock Haven. He is a very fine scholar, and has successfully engaged in teaching for about five years, at present having charge of the grammar grade at his old home in Karthaus. (12) Eva and (13) Samuel both died at the age of four years.

Descended from sturdy Scotch ancestry, George W. Grant, our subject, has inherited many of the sterling traits of that race, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and reliable agriculturists of Sandy township. He accompanied his parents on their removal to Karthaus, where he grew to manhood, attending the winter schools, and working among the farmers of the locality during the summer months until fifteen years of age, when he entered the employ of Orin Schoonover, with whom he remained for one year. During the subsequent eleven years he continued to work in the lumber woods for Cochran Brothers, on Mosquito creek and Bennet branch. In 1884 he married Miss Laura E. Burns, of Sabula, a daughter of Elijah and Sarah Burns, well-to-do agriculturists of Sandy township, and they began their domestic life two miles west of Sabula, on what was known as the Burns farm, formerly the J. Gilnut farm, in Sandy township. There they still reside, the place having been given to Mrs. Grant by her father. Two children have come to brighten their home: Louella G., born September 22, 1885, is now at-
tending school; and Norman D., born August 23, 1891, is at home.

Mr. Grant has ever given his unwavering support to the Republican party, and is now faithfully serving his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor of Sandy township. Religiously, he is a Protestant, but his wife is a communicant of the Catholic Church. Ever true to his duties of citizenship, he is a worthy son of one of the brave soldiers who so freely sacrificed his own interests for the good of the country.

David C. Hensal, the genial proprietor of the "American House," at Madera, Bigler township, Clearfield Co., Pa., is one of the pioneers of that region. He has lived to see the vast forest which once stood on the present site of Madera transformed into a pleasant little town containing about 1,000 inhabitants. He has been one of the most progressive men of the place, and his name has always been prominently identified with any movement tending to advance the common good and welfare of the community.

Mr. Hensal is a descendant of an old Pennsylvania family. His ancestry can be traced back to days of Colonial fame, and upward, during the perilous times of the Revolution, to the present day. His mother was of sturdy Holland stock, and a distant relative of the celebrated Commodore Vanderbilt. His grandfather, Jacob Hensal, was a Pennsylvania German. His early years were spent on a farm seven miles northeast of Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., where he was married. In 1811 he immigrated to the Big Miami Valley, in the State of Ohio. He remained there about five years, but owing to the prevaIency of theague he was forced to return to Pennsylvania, and settled in Westmoreland county on a farm. Growing discontented here, he returned to the place of his birth, Franklin county, where he died in about 1836. His wife, Catherine Hensal, who was of Irish extraction, abandoned the farm after the death of her husband, and took up her abode with her eldest son, John, at Cashtown, Adams Co., Pa. She departed this life in 1848.

Their union was a happy one, and was blessed with ten children—six sons and four daughters, as follows: John, the eldest, and father of D. C. Hensal; Jacob, Joseph, Israel, George, Catherine, Isabelle, Christina, the names of the other two being now forgotten. Jacob, the second eldest son, removed to Bucks county, Pa., on a farm. Hon. W. U. Hensal, Secretary of the Commonwealth under Gov. Robt. L. Pattison, of Pennsylvania, was one of his sons. Joseph migrated to New York State in 1835. George enlisted as a volunteer in the war with Mexico in 1833, and served under the command of Sam Houston. The other children in turn married, and all lived long and useful lives.

John, the father of the subject of our sketch, was born February 14, 1801, in Franklin county, seven miles east of Chambersburg, Pa. In 1831 he was married to Miss Annie Coshun. She was of Holland extraction, and came from a race of people renowned for their robust strength and longevity. By occupation he was a tailor, and conducted a shop at Cashtown, Adams county. At the age of fourteen years he contracted rheumatism of an inflammatory nature, from the effects of which he was crippled for life and was compelled to walk with crutch and cane. In 1840 he met with an accident that eventually caused his death. The place where he then resided was a thickly-settled forest infested with snakes of all kinds, particularly the deadly copperhead. The snakes often penetrated houses through crevices and openings in the walls. On one occasion Mr. Hensal, arising in the darkness of the night, unfortunately trod on a copperhead. The snake, thoroughly aroused and angered, bit him in the leg, causing a very painful wound. For many years this wound gave him trouble, until finally, in 1856, his leg was amputated by a physician traveling on the staff of Gen. Kossuth, the great Hungarian Liberator, who was at that time touring the United States. He died six months afterward, on November 2, 1856, and was buried at Cashtown, Pa. His wife lived to a ripe old age, dying in Guthrie county, Iowa, at the age of seventy-two years.

They were survived by eight children—six boys and two girls. James, the second eldest, now a farmer of Guthrie county, Iowa, enlisted as a trooper during the war, in that famous body of lighters known as "Colonel Jamison's Jayhawkers." This troop was afterward mustered into the United States Cavalry, and did efficient service until the war closed. James was under the immediate command of Gen. Dodge, and acted in the capacity of scout during Sherman's memorable march to the sea. He returned from the army with a lieutenant's commission, and married Miss Lavina Diehl, of Adams county, Pennsylvania.

Emery, the third son in age, is a stock dealer at Mt. Carroll, Ill. He enlisted in the 161st P. V. I., and served in the Peninsula campaign with the Army of the Potomac. His term of service having expired in 1863, he returned home, but re-enlisted in 1864, and served until
hostilities ended. He was married at Mt. Carroll, Ill., to Miss Ellen Duffenbarger. He has a family of three sons and one daughter.

Charles Hensal, the fourth son, is now a resident of Altoona, Blair Co., Penn. He enlisted in the nine-months' service during the war. While he was at the front Gen. Lee made his famous raid into Pennsylvania, and, during the bloody fight at Gettysburg, Gen. Lee had his headquarters at the old homestead at Casstown, where the mother of the Hensal boys then lived, eight miles from the battle field. While there the old lady and the wife of Charles did the cooking for Lee and his officers. When Lee retreated he left twenty-eight wounded Confederates on the rear porch of the house, to be cared for and nursed back to health and strength. Among them were two Southern officers, who while there had each a leg amputated, and remained with the family of Charles for four months before returning to their Southern homes.

Amos, the next brother, enlisted for three years in Company K, 101st Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was then only sixteen years of age. At the expiration of his term he re-enlisted. His regiment marched to the front by way of Washington, D. C., to the Peninsula, and there joined McClellan's army. Their first engagement was at Williamsburg, followed in rapid succession by the battle of Fair Oaks and the battle of the Wilderness, in June, 1862. The regiment fell back to Norfolk and Suffolk, and passed four or five days of heavy skirmishing with the Rebel forces under the command of Gen. Pettigrew. Their next point was New Berne, N. C., where they made a raid to destroy the Weldon railroad, meeting the enemy's forces at White Hall, Kingston and Goldsboro. The regiment was then ordered to Hyde county, N. C., to subdue the guerrillas, and from there to Washington, N. C., where they engaged in conflict with the Rebel troops. They then boarded transports at New Berne, N. C., for Plymouth, N. C., which they succeeded in capturing and holding. Their next engagement was with Gen. Pickett, on March 27, 1864, and here Amos was taken prisoner, and was confined for eleven months and seven days in that most infamous of prisons—Andersonville. He was then removed to Charleston, S. C., where he remained three weeks, and was afterward taken to Florence, S. C., being transferred on the 27th of February, 1865, to Wilmington and Goldsboro. At the last-named place he was paroled and taken to the parole camp at Annapolis, Md. Here he secured a furlough of thirty days, and after returning home and recruiting his strength he again reported for duty at Annapolis. His regiment, being re-organized, was assigned to guard duty on Roanoke Island, where it remained until June 25, 1865. Their service being no longer required, Mr. Hensal was mustered out at Harrisburg, and returned to Clearfield county in August, 1865, where he took up his residence with his brother David. In 1870 he married Miss Mary Stugart, and at present resides at Madera. He has a family of children: Nettie, Mattie, Margaret, Frank, Guss, Cloyd and Sadie, all of whom are yet at home.

The youngest of D. C. Hensal's brothers living is John Heckerman Hensal, now a railroad engineer residing at Chicago, Ill. Newton, the youngest of the family, died in 1854, at the early age of five years. The eldest, Hannah Mary, married Ephraim Bittinger, and died in 1894, in Guthrie county, Iowa. She was survived by a family of three sons and two daughters. The other sister, Jane, married Reuben Kuhn, and they live, at the present time, in Iowa, where the family is doing well.

D. C. Hensal, the subject proper of our sketch, is the eldest member of the family of John Hensal. He is one of the leading business men of Madera. He was born March 20, 1833, at Floor's Church, Adams Co., Penn., one mile below Casstown. In early life he followed the occupation of a carpenter. In the fall of 1850, packing all his possessions in a carpet sack, he trudged to Johnstown, where he was employed in the erection of the first station built there by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. He continued in the employ of the railroad company until March 20, 1852. He then removed to Jamesville, Clearfield county, to superintend the erection of sawmills, known as No. 1 and No. 2, for the Moshannon Land and Lumber Company. Then he began to take contracts for the buildings of barns and doin general carpenter work. At Glen Hope Mr. Hensal met the young lady that afterward became his wife. Her name was Miss Margaret M. Mullen. She was of Irish origin and a daughter of George and Sarah Mullen, of Glen Hope. Mrs. D. C. Hensal (née Mullen) was born in the Parish of Clonflied, County Armagh, Ireland, July 5, 1834. She has two brothers living, William J. Mullen and Thomas Mullen, both of Clearfield county. D. C. Hensal and Margaret M. Mullen were united in the bonds of matrimony March 2, 1855, at Glen Hope, Penn., by Rev. Lintacum, of the M. E. Church, of that place. Mr. Hensal, finding that lumbering was a more congenial and lucrative occupation than contracting in carpen-
ter work, began to buy and sell timber. During the war Mr. Hensal was successful in lumbering. He was drafted in 1863 and 1864, but got exempted on account of being asthmatic from infancy. He was burned out, house and all his effects, on the 26th of April, 1872; was then following butchering and farming. There was no insurance, and it was a big loss to him: but with his energy and strong will he soon was up again, exploring for coal. It is to Mr. Hensal's credit, the opening of the first Moshannon seam of coal in Bigler township, from which has since resulted the great coal trade in this district. Mr. Hensal moved off the farm in 1860, to Madera, and embarked in the hotel business, where he is at present, and he owns several fine properties in the town, also a large tract of several thousand acres of coal lands in Somerset county, Penn., located on the B. & O. R. R.

Mr. Hensal was at one time (from 30 to 50) an expert marksman, and the trophies which adorn the walls of his hotel at Madera bear testimony to his skill with the rifle. His idle moments are spent in the woods, and as an angler and hunter he has very few equals in this section of the State.

Mr. Hensal has fourteen children, seven of whom are dead. Those living are George, John, Thomas, Amos, Sherman, Blanche J. and Cora V. George is married and resides in North Dakota. Since removing there he suffered the misfortune of losing his left arm in a traction threshing machine. John is married to Dilly Alexander, and has three children—Elizabeth, Alice and William. He resides at Madera, and by occupation is a butcher. Thomas is a farmer, and lives at Springfield, Ill. Amos resides at Fargo, N. Dak., where he has a responsible position in a bank. Sherman V. is at home with his father, conducting the hotel business. Blanche married Dr. T. J. Boyer, who is now practicing medicine in the city of Pittsburg, Penn. Cora V. is the wife of J. O. Stanly, and is living at Kamey; they have one daughter, Grace. Of those dead, Sadie, a bright young girl, twelve years of age, was drowned June 10, 1888, in the Clearfield creek at Madera; Mary perished in the Johnstown flood; David died November 11, 1893, of Bright's disease, leaving to survive him one son, Blythe; the other four sons died in infancy.

D. C. Hensil, though now sixty-five years old, is yet alert and active, and bids fair to live many more years. He is one of the earliest settler of Clearfield county. He has witnessed the material development of Madera from a vast wilderness to a thriving industrial community with a happy, prosperous and educated population.

JOHN W. REED, Judge of the Fifty-fourth Judicial District, a resident of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., combines in his character and disposition the earnestness of the advocate and the fairness and impartiality of the Jurist. He is just entering the threshold of his judicial career, and is yet a young man, but not until his sterling qualities as a lawyer were established did the ermine descend upon his shoulders.

Judge Reed is a self-made man. His father, John Reed, who was a martyr to his country's cause, was born and reared in Butler county, Penn., a son of John Reed, who became the proprietor of a hotel at Clarion, Clarion county, and died in that county. The family were of Scotch-Irish extraction, and had been living in America for several generations. John Reed was a machinist by trade. He married Miss Rachel A. Everhart, a native of Centre county, whose misfortune it was to lose both parents in her early childhood, her father having been killed in a mill when she was quite young. To John and Rachel Reed were born three children: Clara A., now the wife of Warren Whitehill, an oil man of Allegheny county, Penn.; John W., subject of this sketch; and Ernest W., a dentist of Clarion. In the early days of the Civil war, or in the fall of 1861, when men were needed to assist in quelling the Rebellion, John Reed left his little family and enlisted in Company F, 63rd P. V. I., as a private. He remained in active service until after the battle of Fair Oaks, when he was stricken with typhoid fever, and perished while yet a soldier. His widow, the mother of our subject, now resides in Clarion, Clarion county.

John W. Reed was born at Clarion May 13, 1853. He attended the public schools, and his earlier education was supplemented with an academic course at Carrier Seminary, and for a time he was a teacher in the public schools of Clarion county; later choosing law as his vocation in life, he entered the office of the late Hon. James Campbell, of Clarion, and under his tutelage was admitted to practice August 23, 1875. The young lawyer began his career as a lawyer at Brookville. Two years later he became a member of the firm of Wilson, Jenkins & Reed, of Clarion. Later still he went to Grand Forks, Dak., but in 1884 returned to Clarion, where he remained in practice until 1895, at which time he again came to Brookville. While residing at Clarion he served as burgess, and was also a trustee of the State Normal School in that place.

Mr. Reed was a very successful practitioner in almost every department of practice, and in
criminal law won unusual distinction. It is stated that during the last ten years of his practice he was professionally identified with some fifteen homicide cases in Clarion and adjoining counties. On June 17, 1855, he was appointed president judge in the newly created district, composed of Jefferson county, and in the fall of that year he was elected for a term of ten years, and took his seat on the Bench, under that election, on the first Monday of January, 1866. It may be of interest to state that while a resident of Clarion county, when it was in the same judicial district with Jefferson, Mr. Reed was a candidate for the nomination, his competitor being Judge Clark, the present incumbent.

On June 16, 1880, Judge Reed was married to Miss Myrta Corbet, born October 3, 1857, a daughter of Col. W. W. Corbet, of Brookville, and they have one child—Elizabeth. Judge and Mrs. Reed are members of the Presbyterian Church, and the Judge is identified with Clarion Lodge No. 277, F. & A. M., and Clarion Lodge No. 252, I. O. O. F. He is one of the incorporators of the Dickinson School of Law at Carlisle, Penn. The Judge is also a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, composed of judges and lawyers from the various districts of the State: also a member of the general committee on legal education of the State, whose object is to establish a uniform curriculum of study for admission to the Bar.

It is perhaps safe to say that the most important part of Judge Reed's professional career is yet in the future. He is young in years, but has already impressed his constituency, which he now serves in an important capacity, with his ability and force of character. As a lawyer he is broad and liberal, as a judge, conservative and just.

HON. ROBERT REED MEANS (deceased) was a native of Greenwood, Mifflin Co., Penn., born April 23, 1819, and was taken by his parents, in 1821, to Curlsville, Clarion county, where he grew to manhood. In 1847 Mr. Means went to Brookville, and in the following year engaged in the mercantile business. About the same time he was appointed deputy sheriff under Thomas Wilkins, the then sheriff of Jefferson county. In 1850 he was elected a justice of the peace, and served the full term of five years with credit to himself and satisfaction to the people. Shortly after retiring from that office, in 1856, he purchased the "Railroad House," which he owned until 1864. On July 23, 1861, he entered the 62nd regiment, P. V. I., under Col. Samuel Black, as captain of Company I, having entered the service for three years. He participated in the campaign of the peninsula, and at Malvern Hill, during the memorable Seven Days fight, he was wounded in the thigh and left upon the field. Having fallen into a little ravine, which shortly after, owing to heavy rain, filled with water, he managed to prevent inflammation of his wound until picked up by a Rebel scouting party. He was carried to Richmond a prisoner of war, and incarcerated in Libby prison; but after a short time he was exchanged and taken to David's Island Hospital, N. Y., where he remained several months. He then returned, on furlough, to Brookville, and after a residence of several months at his old home, finding recovery of his health impossible, he tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and he retired from the army.

In 1870 he was elected associate judge of Jefferson county, and during his term of office filled the position with marked ability, attaining, by his impartiality and eminent good sense, a still higher place in the estimation of the people than he had before enjoyed, if such a thing were possible. Upon retirement from the Bench at the close of his term, in 1873, Judge Means gave his entire attention to his large lumbering interests; but in the spring of 1877 he was prostrated by a violent attack of fever, which terminated in general debility, and finally ended in his death, on October 4, 1877.

On March 26, 1849, Judge Means was married to Mrs. Sarah W. Clark, widow of Jesse G. Clark, and a daughter of Thomas Hastings, of Brookville, Penn., whose death occurred in Brookville June 3, 1889. Seven children were born of this union, two of whom died in infancy. A brief record of the remaining five is as follows:

(1) GEORGE W. MEANS, a prominent attorney of Brookville, was born in that thriving city, April 23, 1853, and has always made his home there. His elementary education was obtained in the public schools of his native place, and he subsequently attended Reid Institute in Clarion county, where he prepared for college. In the fall of 1871 he entered the Freshman class of Bucknell College, at Lewisburg, Penn., where he was graduated in June, 1875, with the degree A. B.; two years later he received the degree of A. M. from the same institution. In September, 1876, he was admitted to the Bar, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of law in Brookville. In 1890 he entered into partnership with Judge Clark, and shortly afterward B. M. Clark, son of the Judge, was associated with the firm, which then became known.
as Clark, Means & Clark. Since the election of Judge Clark to the Bench, in 1891, the firm has been Means & Clark, and they continued to hold a high place among the legal practitioners of Jefferson county. George W. Means was married June 19, 1878, to Miss Emma E. Newton, daughter of Robert D. Newton, of St. Louis, Mo., and they have had two children—Robert Newton, who died March 26, 1882, at the age of ten months; and George William, Jr., born June 22, 1891. Socially, Mr. Means is a member of the F. & A. M., and is a K. T.; in politics he is a Democrat. Ever mindful that the law is a jealous mistress, he has never turned aside to test his skill in the political arena, but has studiously devoted his energies to his professional work.

(2) Thomas H. Means, second son of Judge Means, was born March 1, 1853, in Brookville, Penn., and was educated at the schools of that city and in the academy at Lewibus. About the year 1879 he formed a partnership with Judge Mills in a mercantile business that continued for about two years when Mr. Means purchased Mr. Mills' interest, and continued the business alone until 1889. In that year he sold out to his brothers, John and Harry Means. On April 1, 1893, he re-opened a mercantile house in Brookville, where he has since successfully engaged in business. On October 16, 1878, he was married to Mollie E. Mills, of Brookville, a daughter of John Mills; they have no children.

(3) John Barton Means, the third son of Judge Means, was born March 30, 1857, and received his education in Brookville. After several years spent in hunting, and in various enterprises in different parts of the country, he formed a partnership, in 1889, with his brother, Harry G., in mercantile business in Brookville. On November 13, 1890, he married Ada M. Dickey, daughter of William Dickey, of Brookville; they have no children.

(4) Sallie A., fourth child of Judge Means, was married to George T. Rodgers, of Brookville. In 1889 Mr. Rodgers and others from Brookville established a bank at Lamar, Mo., of which he was cashier. On September 18, 1890, he died in Brookville. Mrs. Rodgers now resides in that city with her three children—Mary McClure, Ruth and George T.

(5) Harry G. Means, the youngest of the family, was born July 7, 1864, and received his education in Brookville, and in the Lewibus academy. In 1889 he entered into partnership with his brother, John B., and for eight years has been successfully engaged in mercantile business in Brookville. Mr. Means was married September 7, 1887, to Emma Smith, of Brookville, and they have had three children—Robert Reed, who died May 30, 1890; Sara, born June 12, 1893, and William Means, born February 4, 1895, are still living.

Robert Hamilton is undoubtedly the oldest native-born citizen of Jefferson county, who yet makes his home within its borders. For eighty-five years he has resided here, bearing his part of the material development, sharing in the labors that have transformed its forests into marketable products and its lands into highly-cultivated farms, and exerting his aid and influence for the welfare of churches, schools and all moral interests.

Mr. Hamilton was born in Perry township, in January, 1813, a son of David and Margaret (McFarland) Hamilton. His father was born in County Derry, Ireland, and in that country was married, one son, James, being born to them before their emigration to America. On coming to the United States they located near Greensburg, Penn., where Mr. Hamilton spent two years in the employ of Judge Young, a prominent man of that day. In 1805 he purchased 180 acres of land in Perry township, Jefferson county, and in the midst of the forest located his family, their home being a round-log cabin. He afterward built a hewed-log house, in which he lived until his death in 1830. His wife passed away in 1821. David and Margaret Hamilton had six children: (1) James, born in Ireland, remained with his father until his death at the age of forty-two years, largely operating his land, which covered 1,000 acres in Indiana and Jefferson counties. (2) Joseph died in childhood. (3) Young was killed by a falling tree in his boxwood. (4) John, born in Perry township, in 1807, married Mattie Hopkins, of Indiana county, and located in East Mahoning township, that county, on a farm given him by his father. There he spent his remaining days, dying in March, 1894, at the age of eighty-eight years. His widow and four children survive him. Margrett, the eldest, is the widow of William Nichols, who died in 1894, but she is still living on a farm given her by her father adjoining the old homestead. Nancy became the wife of Nathaniel North, of Indiana county, and resided on a farm in North Mahoning until her death a few years since; Anna [Mrs. Haslet] resides on a part of her father's farm; and Elizabeth [Mrs. Winecoop] resided on a farm near her father's until her death, which occurred in 1892. (5) David, who was born and reared on the old homestead, married a Miss North, and died on the home
place in May, 1895, leaving a widow and four children, who still reside there.

Robert Hamilton was reared under the parental roof, and received but limited educational privileges, for there were no free schools in the neighborhood. He and his brother John assisted their father in clearing the farm, and were connected with him in the purchase of land until his father's death. In 1837 the entire management and settlement of the estate devolved upon our subject. His father gave him 300 acres of partially improved land adjoining Perryville, and at the time of his marriage he located on that property, building there a good residence. For many years he successfully conducted a mercantile establishment there, carrying a large and well selected stock of goods, and receiving from the public a liberal patronage. He also superintended his farming interests. He purchased the Hadden and Bell farms adjoining the old homestead, and has dealt extensively in real estate. He is now one of the largest land owners of Perry township, having 1,000 acres in the neighborhood of his home. In 1845 he was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Johnston, of Armstrong county, and for almost fifty years they traveled life's journey together, but on the 2nd of January, 1894, they were separated by the hand of death. They had eight children: (1) James J., born in November, 1846, and educated in the select schools of Perryville and the common schools of Perry township, married Maggie Gourley, of Jefferson county. They now reside on his farm a mile north of Perryville, and in connection with agricultural pursuits he deals in live stock and follows lumbering. Their children are—David B., who is married, is a graduate of the Columbus (Ohio) Medical School, and is now practicing in Mason, Ohio; Ella, who became the wife of Alexander Mitchell, of Jefferson county, and died in 1895, leaving a daughter, Ella; and Blanche, yet at home with her parents.

(2) William S. Hamilton, born in Perryville, in 1848, was educated in the public and select schools, and in his early life engaged in farming, stock dealing and merchandising. In 1876 he went to the town of Indiana, where he followed merchandising for ten years, part of the time as a partner of William R. Loughrey. He married Emma Rowe, of Indiana, daughter of Adam and Susan Rowe, a lumberman and real estate dealer of Indiana county, Penn. A daughter was born to them March 21, 1885, and died in August of the same year, and the mother passed away January 23, 1886. In May, 1885, William S. Hamilton became associated with J. R. Johnston in the brokerage business, having an office at the corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street, Pittsburg. His experience in business as a speculator and broker were quite extensive, from 1886 to 1888, and the firm were members of the Board of Trade in Chicago. They leased 12,000 acres of land in Greene county, Penn., for oil purposes, and were pioneers in what was known as the Nineveh oil fields, but owing to the ill health of Mr. Hamilton the partnership was dissolved in 1889. Since that time he has resided on the old family homestead, engaged in farming and kindred pursuits. In 1893 he built one of the finest residences of the county, supplying it with all modern improvements. He is a very energetic and capable business man, a scholarly gentleman and a trusted friend who in all life's relations is true and faithful to his duties.

(3) D. A. Hamilton, the third of the family, was born in February, 1851. attended the public schools of Perryville, and pursued a commercial course in Mt. Union, Ohio. He clerked in his father's store, and was manager of the business for a number of years. Later he engaged in merchandising on his own account. In 1884 he married Annie Edmonds, of Bethlehem, Penn., and then located in Perryville, where he erected a very fine residence, his time being now devoted to the management of his farming interests. He has a daughter, Garnett, and a son, Robert E., both at home.

(4) Mary E. Hamilton, born on the old homestead in 1854, married Dr. A. D. McComb, of Clarion county, Penn., who is now practicing his profession in Hawthorn, Penn. They have one child, Myrtle, who is still under the parental roof.

(5) Laura A., born in November, 1854, and educated in the select schools of Perry township, is the wife of Dr. J. A. Miller, of Jefferson county, who for thirty years has successfully practiced medicine in Perryville. They have two children—Robert H., a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, is now associated with his father in business; and Mary N., a cultured young lady, is a graduate of Hollidaysburg Seminary.

(6) Martha J., born on the old homestead, in August, 1856, married Dr. John K. Brown, of Somerville, Jefferson county, where for many years he has practiced medicine. His wife died on March 10, 1887, leaving a daughter, Bessie, who is still with her father; a son, Robert McFarland, died at the age of two months; and another son, John B., died at the age of two years.

In his political views, our subject was originally a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks. He has held
the office of postmaster of the Hamilton office for a number of years, and for an extended period has been school director and treasurer. He is a member of the Perry Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged, and in that faith they reared their family. He is a venerable old man, whose well-spent life has won him the unqualified respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact. The family is one of prominence in the community, and father and sons have long been known as leading business men.

MON. ALEXANDER COLWELL WHITE, of Brookville, Jefferson county. It is natural that men should look upon one who has made his way to distinction in defiance of adverse circumstances with more consideration than is given those to whom a kind fortune gave an advantageous start in life. That many have done so in this land of wide opportunities in business, political and professional lines, does not in the least detract from the credit due to each one who has bravely faced and measured the odds against him, and bravely determined to win.

The early struggles of the subject of this sketch before he acquired an education, completed his legal studies as law student, and gained a foothold in the legal profession are well known to many of our readers who have watched his career from early manhood with sympathetic interest, and it is fitting that the story should be recorded here that all may learn its inspiring lessons. Mr. White was born near Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., December 12, 1833, and was reared upon a farm, attending the common schools in winter until the age of twenty. He then began teaching in the public schools, and in the following summer pursued his studies in Jacksonville Institute, and from that time he attended school in summer and taught in winter, putting in his spare time in harvesting, or, as a hand, rafting and running lumber. He was graduated at Dayton University in the fall of 1859, and in the summer of 1860 he went to Jefferson county to take charge of the public schools at Punxsutawney. During that fall he commenced studying law under the Hon. Phineas W. Jenks; in the spring of 1861, he enlisted with the first three-months' men, in Company I, 8th P. V. I., under Col. A. A. McKnight. On his return he completed his legal studies, and was admitted to practice at the December term, 1862. In the spring of 1863 he commenced the practice of law with Capt. John Hastings, of Punxsutawney, under the firm name of Hastings & White, and speedily gained an enviable place in the profession.

On May 23, 1864, Mr. White was married to Ellen M. Murray, and this union was blessed with two children: John M., born August 18, 1871, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere; and Nellie March, who was born March 26, 1876, and died July 26, 1879. In 1867 Mr. White was elected District Attorney of Jefferson county, and in the spring of 1868 he moved to the county seat. His able discharge of his duties pleased the people, and in 1870 he was re-elected to the same office. From 1860 to the present time he has taken an active part in politics as a stanch Republican, having no sympathy with third parties or half-way measures. While he respects an honest opponent, he has little consideration for men without politics, religion or principle. The Twenty-fifth Congressional District composed of the counties of Armstrong, Indiana, Jefferson, Clarion and Forest was formed in 1874, and, as it was carried by the Democrats in 1880 and 1882, it was considered hopeless for a Republican. In 1884 Mr. White received the nomination, and after a hotly contested campaign was elected by over 1,800 majority. He served two years in the United States Congress with distinguished ability, and has since been actively engaged in the practice of law.

WILLIAM LONG. As a representative of the intelligent and hardy pioneers who opened up Jefferson county for settlement, and have since taken a conspicuous part in developing it, we are pleased to place in this volume a brief sketch of the life of the gentleman whose name introduces this notice. For many years he was actively identified with the farming and lumber interests of Young township, but has now practically laid aside business cares.

William Long was born in Hailes township, Centre county, Penn., near Cooks Mills, September 14, 1819, a son of Joseph Andrew and Margaret (Kuntz) Long, natives of Germany and Dauphin county respectively. The father, Joseph Long, was about nineteen or twenty years of age when he emigrated to America, locating in Centre county, Penn., where he worked at the tailor's trade for many years. During the war of 1812 he aided his adopted country, and when hostilities had ceased returned to Centre county. In 1824, he left Centre county, and arrived in Punxsutawney February 24, of the same year, but being an invalid at that time was unable to do much work; his death occurred in the latter
part of November, 1832. He built one of the first houses in Punxsutawney, which is still standing, and is yet known as the Long building—a landmark of pioneer days. His wife passed away in 1884, at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Although his school privileges were meagre, William Long made the most of his advantages, and obtained a fair knowledge of the common branches of learning. He was reared on the frontier farm, and early became familiar with the duties that fell to the lot of the agriculturist and lumberman, which occupation he followed throughout his active business life. In 1824 he had accompanied his parents to Jefferson county, and was only sixteen years of age at the time of his father's death. During his early days he raised a company in Jefferson and Indiana counties called the Jefferson Rangers, for the Third Battalion Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, and was commissioned as captain by Gov. Porter. This regiment proffered its services to the government during the Mexican war, but was a couple of days too late.

In 1842 William Long was married to Miss Susannah Miller, who was born in Tyrone township, Huntingdon Co., Penn., September 18, 1819, a daughter of John M. Miller, who afterward moved to near Trade City, Indiana Co., Penn. Eight children graced their union, and seven of the number are still living: Anna E., now the widow of John Cary; James K., a prominent contractor and builder, of Clayville, Penn.; Mary M., wife of Harry L. Armstrong, of Clayville, Penn.; Samuel H., a resident of Lincoln, Kans.; Kate M., wife of John B. Johnston, of near Horatio, Jefferson county; David B., of South Young township, Jefferson county; and Martha, wife of J. A. Snyder, of Covode, Indiana Co., Penn. The one deceased is William C., who passed away August 19, 1887. The wife and mother departed this life April 19, 1895, at the age of seventy-six years and eight months. Although William Long never aspired to office, he is a stanch Republican in politics, and in his religious views he holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is one of the honored and valued citizens of the community, and well deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

David B. Long, the youngest son of our subject, now operates the old farm, making his home with his father. He was reared upon the place, and for some years successfully followed school teaching, but later devoted his time and attention to farming. In connection with the latter he is a contractor and collector for the

Johnston Harvester Company, of Batavia, N. Y. In 1883 he was married at Lincoln, Kans., to Miss Olive B. Askey, a native of Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., and they now have six children, namely: Max W., Paul N., Harry A., Zola I., Ethel D. and Morris Dean.

Mrs. Long is a consistent member of the Baptist Church; fraternally Mr. Long is connected with the Knights of Pythias; in politics he is a stalwart supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, but is no politician in the sense of office seeking.

James L. Brown. The interesting history of the Brown family, and of the worthy gentleman whose name opens this sketch, would lose much by being given in the third person, and we therefore present the simple narrative as, at our request, it was prepared by Mr. Brown:

"It may not be interesting to a majority of the masses to read the genealogy of any particular person, but at the same time it should be a subject that all of us ought to be interested in. As a general thing, in the make-up of our human family, we regard but little the blood that flows in our veins, from whence it came, and what will be the condition of generations that follow after. It is an old Scotch saying that blood is thicker than water. I have often seen charts giving the pedigree of horses and dogs, and at the same time, those that seem to take such an interest in them when asked regarding their own genealogy could hardly tell who their grandparents were and could seldom trace their genealogy any farther. Now, why is this so? Is not our blood equal to that of a brute?

"As a descendant of the pilgrims who landed at Plymouth in 1626, I find satisfaction in tracing back the line through intervening generations. Peter Brown came over in the 'Mayflower,' and landed at Plymouth, with wife and one or more children, leaving in England a brother, John, who followed soon after, landing at Plymouth in 1626. John brought with him his wife, Dorothy, and two sons—James and John—and became greatly distinguished. He died in 1662, April 10, and was buried at the head of Bullock's Cove, Bristol Co., Mass. Shipwright by trade, Assistant to the Governor, Commissioner of the United Colonies, etc. Was married in England, December 22, 1611, to Dorothy Beauchamp, who was born in 1584, and died at Rehoboth, Mass., January 27, 1674. They had three children—John, James, and Mary, who married Thomas Willett, the first English mayor of the city of New York.
and from who descended the famous Col. Marinus Willett, who fought in the battle of New York City, in the army of the Revolution.

The subject of this sketch is a descendant from John, the line being traced as follows: John, the first, who landed at Plymouth, John 2—John 3—John 4—James 5—James 6—Amasa 7—James 8—Orlando 9—and James L. Brown 10.

(1) John (2) married Lydia Buckland, daughter of William Buckland, and had five children—John, born September 2, 1630; Lydia, born August 6, 1636; Anna, born January 9, 1657; Joseph, born April 8, 1658; Nathaniel, born June 9, 1661. John (2) died November 24, 1709.

(2) John (3) Captain in King Phillips war, married Anna Mason, daughter of Maj. John Mason, and had six children: John (4) born April 28, 1675; and died April 23, 1752; and the rest of the children were Samuel 2—Daniel 3—Stephen 4—Joseph 5—and Anne 6.

(3) John (4) married Abigail Cole, July 2, 1696, and had a son, James (5), born January 2, 1706, and died May 4, 1777. John (4), was also a captain in the colonial army and served with great distinction.

(4) James (5) married Ruth Pierce, daughter of Ephraim Pierce. She was born 1707, and died May 6, 1777. Four children were born: James (6), born September 14, 1732; Aaron, born April 6, 1734; David, born November 11, 1741; Abigail, born June 30, 1720.

(5) James (6) married at Providence, R. I., Mary Anthony, born December 22, 1737, died February 24, 1810, and had seven children as follows: Amasa (7), born January 9, 1754; Alice, born 1756; Anthony, born 1758; Stephen, born 1761; Ruth, born 1763; Jonathan, born 1765; David, born 1769. Amasa above was a noted preacher at Hartford, New York; died January 22, 1830, and by his second wife, Deborah Carr, had eight children: James (8); Abigail; Benjamin; John; Amasa (II); Stephen; Anthony; and David. The Rev. Amasa Brown was my great-grandfather, and James (8) my grandfather. I have in my possession a cane having a silver head upon it bearing this inscription, 'Jacob Cole. 1694,' given to me by him, with the request that I hand it down. Jacob Cole was the father of Abigail, who was the wife of Capt. John Brown, and the mother of James (5). Isaac Cole, the father of Jacob, resided in Charleston, Mass.; he and his wife, Joanna, having come from Sandwich, County of Kent, England, about 1638. James was born July 16, 1641, and married Sarah Lain, and by her had one daughter—Abigail, above named. Jacob was a soldier in Capt. Moseley's command in the great Narragansett fight on December 19, 1675.

The cane mentioned, being over 200 years old, is highly prized as a relic of by-gone days, and when I look upon it it refreshes the recollection of my grandfather, as I saw him when he handed me the cane at ten years of age. He was over six feet in height, and of lofty and soldierlike bearing, at the age of eighty, I can never forget. We now come to those endearing words 'our father': Orlanda Brown (9) was born at Swanton, Vt., October 27, 1800, and died at Brookville, Penn., December 12, 1881. He was married in Rushville, N. Y., in 1823, to Meriba Loomis, and five children were born of their union: Amanda Sophia; Louise Marie; Orlando Howell; James Loomis (myself); and Carrie Adelphia. My mother died January 3, 1873, at Moravia, N. Y. Father became very lonely after mother's death (as all his children had married and left him), and was married a second time, his second wife being Edatha Loomis, widow of Hiram Loomis, of Chicago, Ill. She is now living at Brookville in the enjoyment of good health.

I was born at Avon, New York, August 27, 1838, and my parents moved to Belfast, Allegany Co., N. Y., when I was a babe. It was in the dead of winter. The house we moved into was made of single boards set up on end, and not even battened. Mother has often told me how the snow would blow in at the numberless cracks, and what a hard time she had to keep me from freezing. From Belfast we moved to Caneadea, and in 1842 we moved to Angelica, the county seat. There my boyhood days were spent: the only education I ever received being at the district schools. The tallow candle was the only light we had to brighten our evenings. The only paper that came to the house, outside of the town paper, was a weekly published in Philadelphia, and in the evenings when we would sit around the table to listen to father reading the stories to us, it was always my business to snuff the two and sometimes three candles we had burning. Camphene was the next great improvement in light for our stores, and for our home reading burning fluid took the place of candles, but on account of its supposed danger it was a long time before it was fairly introduced. The Drake oil well in 1860, and the discovery of oil in Oil Creek, Penn., opened the way for its general use, capital poured in, and the establishment of refineries gave us our present cheap and abundant light. Inventive minds came into the field to utilize the waste products of our wells, and to-day we enjoy the blessing of natural gas for heating as well as for light.

At the age of sixteen I went into a store at $8.00 per month, which kept me in clothes, my
board being provided at home. My sister Amanda having married Mr. Charles H. Sturtevant, who was doing a general mercantile business at Delevan, Wis., I went there at nineteen to clerk for him. While I was in the West in 1857, political matters were consuming the attention of the whole country, and the great debate between Lincoln and Douglas was going on in Illinois. All banking was done by state and private banks, and when the panic came, you could not tell at night if the various bills you held would be worth anything in the morning. During my stay at Delevan, my father bought out Patrick McTaff in the foundry and machine business at Brookville, Penn., and moved the family to that place during the winter of 1857-58. I left Wisconsin in the fall of 1858 for our new home, and had to stage it from Kittanning, as that was as far as the cars extended up the Allegheny Valley. Coming from the western prairie, staging over the frozen stubbles and over our long hills, I thought it a terrible ride. Soon after my arrival I entered the employ of Brown & Wann as bookkeeper, at $20 per month. The spring of 1861 next comes vividly to my memory, when news came of the bombardment of Fort Sumter. Business of all kinds was suspended, and it was a year of great anxiety; I remember Hon. K. L. Blood (then a State Senator), James E. Long and myself having a personal interview with President Buchanan in February, 1861, at the White House. In talking over the situation, the President cried over the fact that some of his cabinet had proved traitors to him. I cannot remember all that he said, but to see great tears running down the cheeks of that kind-hearted man, showing the interest he felt in the whole country, while powerless in a measure to stay the impending conflict of brother against brother, and father against son, left an impression on my mind never to be forgotten. They were the tears of an honest, noble man, who was trying to do his whole duty. During that year almost every able-bodied man was enrolled in the three-months' service to crush the Rebellion.

In 1862 I was married to Emma S. Keatley, of Strattonville, Penn., daughter of Major John Keatley, who had received an appointment from Edwin M. Stanton, as paymaster in the army. Being still in the employ of the firm, I gave Mr. Wann two weeks notice of the date of the marriage, and when the appointed time came he handed me $20. This was all I had to celebrate the coming event, and the Rev. J. J. Bentley, who married me, got $5 of it. In 1863 I leased Mr. Wann's interest for one year, and at the expiration of that time, father and I bought his entire share. In 1865 we took in John P. Roth as partner, the firm continuing as Brown, Son & Co. Business had already commenced to revive. The first legal act of January, 1862, as reported to the Ways and Means Committee, embodied the principle foundation for sustaining our National credit, by the issuing of a circulating medium known as the greenback of 1863. Money became plenty, and that saved our lumbermen from bankruptcy. Timber rose from 3c a foot to 28c and 30c, and mills started up all over the county. We really had more than we could do, building engines, boilers, gang and circular mills, and all kinds of machinery. I remember going to Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York for machinists, and coming home without them, for everybody was employed at good wages, and you could not get a man from the city to go to the country.

In 1872 incendiaryism destroyed our plant. Our loss was heavy, but we re-built and took in W. H. Jenks as a partner. In 1877 incendiaryism again wiped out our earnings for years of toil. We finally disposed of the property and burnt material to Mr. Jenks in 1878, who at the present time is in successful operation.

The building of the Low Grade railroad in 1873 changed the condition of the channels of our trade, as far as Brookville was concerned. Du Bois and Reynoldsville sprang into existence, on account of their great coal deposits, cutting off a large amount of trade that generally came to us. Instead of a hundred teams coming in one day loaded with goods from Mannoning and Ridgway, the iron horse supplanted all that, and more particularly did we feel the effects when the Rochester & Pittsburg R. R. Co. extended its line across our eastern boundaries, making Punxsutawney an objective point, and building rival places for our industries, and we had no minerals worth mentioning, and our lumber was fast disappearing. But notwithstanding the change in the condition of our trade, the advent of the iron horse proved a great blessing. Our lumbermen who depended on the sprung and June freshets in Sandy and Red Bank creeks to market their lumber, and when in market were at the mercy of the buyer, could now ship direct by rail, and by receiving quick returns, could do business on far less capital. Brookville, after several disastrous fires, moved to the front. Her old wooden structures were supplanted by substantial brick buildings, and so where you may, you cannot today find more modern improvements. Our schools and churches, natural gas works, electric light plant, telephone and telegraph communications, up-to-date residences, stores and street im-
In 1878 William French and I made the first discovery of fire clay at Bells on the line of our road. We opened it up, and I made the first shipment of clay from this section. I continued in the business for ten years, shipping thousands of tons to many of our principal cities. In 1881 I saw that a movement was being made to reach the undeveloped coal fields lying south of us, and I interested the Hon. J. E. Long, and began taking up leases and options. At one time we had 50,000 acres of land for sale. We sold 2,700 acres of coal lands at Punxsutawney to Herbert P. Brown at $180,000, which insured the people there the building of the Rochester & Pittsburg R. R., and brought Punxsutawney to the front, as her coal fields proved superior for steam, domestic and cokeing purposes. In 1875 Mr. McCormick and I patented a turbine water-wheel, known as the Hercules, and I had it on exhibition at the Centennial in 1876. I went to Holyoke, Mass., the same year with a 24-inch wheel to see what results could be obtained at Emerson’s testing flume, and the records of the test were so far above anything that had ever been obtained that Emerson published them broadcast and excited the attention of all wheel builders and users throughout the United States. I afterward sold my interest to the Holyoke Machine Company. and to-day it is the standard wheel of the world. In 1885 I opened up a limestone quarry at Lawsonham, Clarion county, Penn., and after manufacturing lime for a few years, I organized a company at Oil City, which was chartered as the Avondale Mining and Manufacturing Company, composed of C. H. Duncan, Barney Lowentritt, W. A. Duncan, N. C. Clark and myself for the purpose of mining and shipping coal. The plant is in successful operation to-day. In 1885 I organized a gas company, and obtained a charter for oil and gas, putting down the first well on a lot belonging to Sebastian Christ. It proved a very good gasser, and at the present time is being utilized by W. H. Jenks for use under the boiler. The company, after reorganization, put down in all five dry holes in this vicinity, besides two in Iowa. It proved to be an expensive job to the stockholders. In 1891 I went to Pittsburg, and, in company with J. H. Mullin, manufactured specialties, one of our leading articles being Anthracite Stove Mat for cooking purposes. It is the friend of a good housewife, and has been exported largely to England, Australia and New Zealand. Last season I moved the plant to Brookville.

In January, 1887, I received official notification of my appointment by the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the counties of Jefferson, Venango and Clarion, and I served in that capacity for two years.

Four children blessed my home: Katherine Meriba, born April 24, 1864; Frank Keatley, January 10, 1867; James E., January 26, 1871, and Jeannette Emma, September 27, 1879. Katherine Meriba was married to John M. Hastings of Pittsburg, Penn., November 16, 1887, and died November 29, 1891, leaving a babe, Helen, ten days old, who is to-day the sunshine of our household, having been with us since her birth. Frank Keatley married Miss Lulu Dickey of Brookville, June 21, 1894, and at the present time is superintendent for the Watsons Land & Lumber Co., at Mayburg, Forest Co., Penn. James E. is employed with Clark, Kizer & Kipp as locomotive engineer.

FREDERICK KLUGH ARNOLD (deceased) was for many years a leader in financial circles in this region. But few men can point to a record of continuous but varied effort in which good fortune has been so constant; but Mr. Arnold possessed in full measure the qualities which command success.

His paternal ancestors were early settlers in York county, Penn., where Peter Arnold, his father, was born, and was married to Miss Susanah Klugh, of York county. In 1837 they moved to Clearfield county, settling in Brady township, where they both died in April, 1869. Mr. Arnold’s quiet tastes making him averse to public life, he gave his attention closely to business affairs, but in all social phases he was held in high esteem by those with whom he associated.

Frederick Klugh Arnold, whose name introduces this sketch, was born May 9, 1824, in York county, and grew to manhood after the custom of country life in those days. The work at the home farm required much of his time and interfered sadly with his studies in the neighboring schools, which were, of course, not to be compared for efficiency or scope with those of the present time. At sixteen he was apprenticed to a cabinetmaker, and after spending two years in learning the trade, he opened a shop of his own in Luthersburg, Clearfield county. He prospered, and in five years had saved enough money to enable him to engage in mercantile business, which he followed profitably for seventeen years. In 1871 he began his career as a banker, taking half of the capital stock, $40,000, of the F. K.
Arnold & Co.'s Bank at Luthersburg. In this, as in other enterprises, he was successful from the time he devoted his attention to banking. After having passed three years in Luthersburg he sold his interests there and removed to Reynolds ville, where for ten years he was connected with the F. K. Arnold & Co.'s Bank. In 1884 he was the prime mover in the establishment of the First National Bank at Du Bois, Penn., with a capital stock of $50,000, and for the first four years he was its president. He then resigned, and, returning to Reynolds ville, he opened a private bank, which he conducted two years before disposing of it to Seely, Alexander & Co. Failing health made it necessary for him to retire from active business several years ago.

During Mr. Arnold's active business life he was interested in many lines of enterprise, public and private, aside from his regular business. He was one of the chief promoters of the Reynolds ville Water Works, and his influence was the main factor in the establishment, July 26, 1894, of the Reynolds ville Woolen Mills, which are now in successful operation and employ about forty hands, manufacturing flannels, blankets and jeans, and consuming some 200,000 pounds of wool per annum. He also invested to some extent in the Colorado gold fields, especially at Cripple Creek. In 1886 he built the Arnold block at the corner of Main and Fifth streets, which to-day stands as a monument to his enterprise.

On May 9, 1848, the twenty-fourth anniversary of his birth, Mr. Arnold was married to Miss Elizabeth Goodlander, a native of Lycoming county, Penn., born October 10, 1828, a daughter of Henry Goodlander, a well-known citizen of that section. Three children of this union are now living: Clara E., wife of William B. Alexander, a prominent banker of Reynolds ville; James B., a sketch of whom follows; and Isabel R., who is at home. The father was a member of the English Lutheran Church, to which Mrs. Arnold also belongs, but their children are all Presbyterians in faith. Mrs. Arnold, at the age of sixty-eight, is blessed with the vigorous health which was so noticeable in her husband, and no one would have taken them for great-grandparents, although they attained that dignity some years ago. Mrs. Arnold's mother is still living aged eighty-eight years, making five generations now in existence. Mr. Arnold was never active in politics, but like all good citizens he took a keen interest in public affairs, and from 1860 until his death he affiliated with the Republican party. When eighteen years of age he joined the Lutheran Church in Luthersburg, in which he ever afterward kept his membership. For twenty years he was faithful in his attendance at and the support of the Presbyterian Church at Reynolds ville, although never a member of that society. His successful and well spent life closed April 19, 1897, and in his death Reynolds ville lost one of her best business men and most popular citizens, while his family were bereft of a loving husband and a devoted father.

James B. Arnold, only son of the late Frederick Klugh Arnold, was born July 26, 1856, in Clearfield county, Penn., and received his education at the common schools of his native place, and at the Commercial College, Pittsburg. From the age of fourteen years he was with his father in business until the latter's death, since when he has been secretary and treasurer of the Reynolds ville Woolen Mills, established by his father as above recorded. On November 1, 1877, he was married to Miss Emma L. Smith, of Can dor, Washington Co., Penn., and they have one son, Harold E. Politically, Mr. Arnold is a Republican; in religious faith he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

MICHAEL PALMER, a lumberman and farmer of Perry township, Jefferson county, has long been an esteemed citizen of his section of the State.

A son of Henry and Barbara (Enfield) Palmer, the father was born in Bedford county, Penn., but when a young man went to Indiana county. He was one of a family of five brothers. Peter, the eldest, was twice married, reared a large family and spent his entire life in Indiana county. John married a Miss Enfield, and died in Indiana county some years ago. Charles also married, and lived in Indiana county until his death.

Henry Palmer removed to Jefferson county after his marriage and, purchasing timber land, developed a farm in the midst of the forest, building thereon a hewed-log house and barn. He died in 1865, at the age of seventy-three, and his wife, who had long shared with him the joys and sorrows of life, died the same year at the age of sixty-nine. They reared a large family, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Isaac Palmer, the second of the family, wedded Mary Whitesel, and located upon a part of his father's farm, where he spent his remaining days, dying in 1855. He had five children, namely: Michael, of Indiana county; Sarah, wife of James Wachob, of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Philip, who married a Miss Brown, of Jefferson county, and served for three years as a soldier in the Union army, after
which he resided in Big Run until his death; George, of Big Run; and Mary, wife of George Fetterman, of Punxsutawney. (3) Henry married Miss Susher, and removed to Lewiston, Penn., where he died twelve years ago, leaving a wife and nine children. (4) Sarah became the wife of Peter Depp, and both died in Jefferson county some years ago leaving three children—Isaac M., deceased; Mary Ellen, wife of Joseph Newcomb, of Perry township, Jefferson county; and Henry, of Apollo, Indiana county. (5) 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; Jane, wife of Joseph Stewart, of Indiana county. One son belonging to this family, Clement, married Ella Rogers, of Jefferson county, and died some years ago, leaving a wife and one son, Donald. (6) Peter, born in Indiana county, died on the homestead in Perry township at the age of eighteen years. (7) Mary, born in Indiana county, became the wife of Philip Whitesel, and lived on a part of her father's farm until her death some years since. (8) Caroline, born in Perry township, became the wife of Charles Williams, and died at their home near Clayville, Penn., leaving three sons, Henry, William and Clauson. (9) George, born in Jefferson county, in 1839, married Martha Bowerson, and lives on the old homestead. They have four children—Laura, wife of John Tucker, of Punxsutawney; Ward; Etta, wife of Patrick Mann, of Punxsutawney; and Joseph. (10) Martha, the youngest child of Henry and Barbara Palmer, died in early life.

Michael Palmer was born in Indiana county, in 1814, and after the removal of the family to Jefferson county, aided in the arduous task of developing the home farm. In 1841 he was elected constable of Perry township, which then also included Porter, Oliver and Ringgold townships, and served for four years. He purchased land, to which he removed after his marriage, and from the wild tract developed a rich and fertile farm. His first buildings have been replaced by a more modern set, and in 1887 he erected a large two-story frame residence, one of the best homes in the township. In 1851 he was elected justice of the peace, serving for twenty consecutive years in a most creditable and satisfactory manner. Since his retirement from office, in 1871, he has devoted his attention exclusively to his farming interests, and although now nearly eighty-four years of age possesses the physical and mental vigor of a man of fifty.

In 1844, Mr. Palmer married Miss Annie, daughter of John and Elizabeth Martin, well-to-do farming people of Jefferson county. Their family numbers nine children: (1) Nancy A., born in 1845, in Perry township, began teaching at the age of sixteen years and followed that profession in Jefferson, Clearfield and Indiana counties. In 1880 she became the wife of Wallace A. Dowdish, of New York, and removed to Brockwayville, Penn., where he followed the jeweler's trade until his death in December, 1885. His widow and son, Earl W., reside on her father's farm, and she still follows teaching, having for nine successive years been thus employed in Horatio. (2) Jane, born in 1847, was for two years a teacher in the public schools. (3) Elizabeth died at the age of nine years. (4) B. F., born in 1851, married Malinda North, of Ohio, and is now a railroad man living in Punxsutawney. They have a daughter, Alice. (5) Harry died at the age of five years. (6) Mary, born in 1855, successfully followed teaching for a number of years, and in 1877 became the wife of H. A. Raught, of Du Bois. Ten years later they removed to Washington, where they now reside on a farm. (7) Alice B., born in 1857, died in 1887. (8) Isaac, born in 1839, removed to Logan county, Kansas, where he secured a homestead of 160 acres. He married Annie Marker, of Kansas, and on account of the drought in that State went to Centralia county, Wash., where he is now living. They have four children—Roy M., Mabel, Anna L. and Frank.

Our subject has long been prominently identified with the best interests of Jefferson county, belonging to one of its pioneer families. His people were instrumental in building the first church in Perry township, erected in 1839, and he has ever been a liberal contributor to Churches and schools. His is one of the most highly cultured families in the locality, and has furnished to the county some of its most successful teachers. He has held the office of school director for two terms, has been assessor and collector, was constable for four years, and has discharged his duties in a most commendable manner. His political support is given the Republican party.

GEORGE KRAMER (deceased) was for many years a leading citizen of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and it can be truly said of him that his influence was always a potent force
for good. His sympathy with the various progressive movements of his locality was shown in practical and effective ways, educational affairs receiving his especial attention. In the wider interests of the nation he also felt a keen interest, and his patriotic stand during the Civil war drew upon him the bitter enmity of the numerous friends of the South in his vicinity. His life was in danger more than once, but his outspoken loyalty never wavered or lessened.

Mr. Kramer was born March 18, 1815, in Schuylkill county, Penn., and growing to manhood there was married to Miss Sarah Berkheiser, of the same county. The first four years of wedded life were spent at Auburn, Penn., where Mr. Kramer was engaged in butchering, and he then moved to Tuscarora, Penn., and continued the same business for a year. In 1847 he removed to Winslow township, Jefferson county, and made his first purchase of land—a timber tract on the Big Sandy. The following year was spent there in taking out square timber to be rafted down the Allegheny to Pittsburg, and in 1848 he bought 160 acres of forest land on Stump creek in Henderson township, where he made his permanent home. He continued his lumber operations there, clearing a large part of the place, and in time had a fine homestead with a commodious and comfortable residence, a bank barn and other modern improvements. Lumbering formed his chief occupation, but he also engaged at times in other pursuits, and became well known as a dealer in real estate. Politically he was a stanch Republican, holding a prominent place in the local organization. For several terms he held the office of supervisor, and his interest in the cause of education was shown by long service as school director. He died November 20, 1894, and was sincerely mourned in the community as well as in the circle of relatives and intimate friends.

Mrs. Sarah Kramer, who survives him, and still occupies the old home, is a most estimable lady, and in the early years of toil and hardship she did her full share to win prosperity. She is a devout member of the Evangelical Church at Troutville, and has always been in sympathy with its work. Her family was among the oldest in Schuylkill county, where she was born April 25, 1824, and she received an education in the subscription school of that day, the instruction being given in German. Some of her ancestors took part in the Indian wars of Colonial times, several being killed by the savages, and a number of her relatives served in the war of 1812. Her grandmother Berkheiser used to do the trading for the family at Reading, Penn., traveling on horseback the entire distance to and from the city. John and Polly Berkheiser. Mrs. Kramer’s parents, were among the well-to-do residents of Schuylkill county.

Mr. and Mrs. Kramer had no children, but Mrs. Nettie Kicher, the widowed daughter of Mrs. Kramer’s brother, made her home with them some years ago. She has two daughters, Maud and Jessie, who are attending the schools near the homestead.

THOMAS GAHAGEN. This venerable pioneer of Porter township, Jefferson county, is the son of William and Elizabeth (Lantz) Gahagen. The father, a native of Huntingdon county, this State, moved to Indiana county when a young man, and bought a farm in the midst of the forest, which he later sold on his removal to Armstrong county, Penn. There he purchased 160 acres of timberland, on which he erected a hewed-log house and round-log barn, and at once commenced to clear and cultivate his place.

William Gahagen died at the age of forty-seven years, leaving a widow and several children: (1) Mary, the eldest, was born in Indiana county, in 1814, and married William K. Patrick, a farmer of Armstrong county, where she died, leaving a family of children. (2) Thomas is next in order of birth. (3) Susan is the widow of Isaac Mohney, and lives on the farm in Armstrong county left her by her husband, who died some years ago. (4) John, born in Indiana county, married Julia A. Skinner, by whom he has several children. He is still living in Freeport, Allegheny Co., Penn. (5) Martin, born in Indiana county, married Lizzie Allen, of Jefferson county, and they lived on the old homestead in Armstrong county, where she died some years ago, leaving a family, who are now in Kentucky. (6) Elizabeth, born in Armstrong county, is the wife of William Postlewait, and with their family they live near Brookville, Penn. (7) Margaret, born in Armstrong county, is the wife of John Gohun, formerly of Clarion county, Penn., and now a wealthy citizen of Indiana county, who for many years was engaged in merchandising, but is now living retired. They have a family. (8) Michael, born in Armstrong county, was the youngest of the family, and died on the old homestead at the age of twenty-one.

Thomas Gahagen was born in 1816, in Indiana county, but was reared in Armstrong county, receiving his education in the common schools near his home. In 1841 he was married to Miss Agnes Hollar, of Armstrong county, and they
began housekeeping upon his present farm in Porter township, where he purchased 160 acres, still in its primitive condition. He cleared 130 acres, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with a good set of farm buildings and all other accessories found upon a first-class farm. His worthy wife, who patiently shared all his early hardships and privations, was called to her final rest in January, 1892. In their family were the following children: (1) William E., born in Porter township in 1842, was killed by being thrown from a horse when a young man. (2) Samuel, born in March, 1844, died at the age of two years. (3) Arthur M., born in April, 1846, was educated in the common schools, and now lives near Olivesburg, Jefferson county. He married Susan Seachrist, of Jefferson county, and has seven children—Viola, at home; Cora, now the wife of Clover Howard, who lives in Jeannette, Penn., near Pittsburg; and William, Essie, Myrtle, Maggie and Hazel, all at home. (4) G. C., born in May, 1848, received a common-school education, and makes his home in Erie, Penn. He wedded Sarah Travis, of Indiana county; and has six children—Della, at home; Merrill: Irena, wife of John Bricker, of Indiana county, by whom she has one son, Charles B.; and Bertha, Clair and Charles, all at home. (5) Maggie J., born in May, 1850, is the wife of Milton Gaston, a farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, by whom she has three children—J. O., J. T. and Lola. (6) James A., born in August, 1852, married Ida Coleman, of Indiana county, and has four children—Mabel, Jay, and two whose names are not given. For a time he resided on his father's old homestead, but is now living in Marion, Kans. (7) Mary C., born in September, 1854, wedded William Good, of Indiana county, where they lived until his death, in 1879. He left one son, Harry, who is now in Illinois. His widow later married Russell Duncan, of Iowa, who is now engaged in farming in Armstrong county, Penn. They have three children—Ethel, Lula and Rea. (8) Byron A., born in July, 1857, emigrated to Missouri, where he married a Miss McElroy, who died some years later. leaving four children. (9) Elizabeth L., born in February, 1860, married M. J. Irwin, of Armstrong county, and they now live in Illinois. Their children are—Lillie, Olive and Boyd. (10) H. B., born in March, 1863, moved to Nebraska, where he married Lucy Gross, of that State, and he is now a dentist of Fairbury, Jefferson county, Neb. They have one son—Harry. (11) O. E., born in August, 1865, was educated in the public school near the old homestead, and was married in March, 1894. to Jennie Himes, of Armstrong county, a daughter of Matthew and Catherine Himes, well-to-do people of that county. He now has charge of his father's farm. Their only child is Nora. (12) K. F., born in October, 1867, died in July, 1878.

Our subject is answering in his allegiance to the Democratic party, and has efficiently served as collector, assessor and supervisor of Porter township. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belonged. Although past eighty-one years of age, he has the vigor of a much younger man, and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime. There is an old age that is a benediction to all that comes in contact with it, that gives out of its rich stores of learning and experience, and grows stronger intellectually and spiritually as the years pass. Such is the life of Mr. Gahagen, an encouragement to his associates and an example well worthy of emulation to the young.

THEOPHILUS PANTALL, one of Jefferson county's most progressive citizens, resides near Punxsutawney, and has probably done as much as any other one individual to promote the prosperity of that locality. He helped to organize the First National Bank and the Citizens Bank of Punxsutawney, in each of which he is a director and large stockholder. He is the owner of valuable real estate in the same place, at Clayville, and in Young township. The mammoth "Hotel Pantall," at Punxsutawney, is among his possessions.

Mr. Pantall's parents, James and Elizabeth (Reece) Pantall, were of English origin, having come to America from England in 1825, after their marriage, bringing with them two children. They located in Centre county, Penn., for a time, then made their permanent home near Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county; the mother died in 1867, the father in 1882. The latter was a miller by trade, and for some years had charge of Dr. John Jenks' mills at Punxsutawney, but later he engaged in agricultural pursuits, in which his last years were spent.

Theophilus Pantall was born in 1841 at the old homestead near Punxsutawney, where his life has been passed. Like many of the successful men of the day he was reared to farm work, and his education was obtained in the schools of the vicinity of his home. Since engaging in business he has been chiefly occupied with lumbering and real-estate interests, but his sagacity and foresight have made him a leader in many of the enterprises which have developed the resources of the locality and pushed Punxsutawney to the front.
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He is a self-made man; beginning without a dollar, his large possessions to-day are due to his own personal efforts. He has been a shrewd and capable business man and a money-maker. He recalls with pleasure the first half dollar he ever earned; it was received in payment for the splitting of one hundred rails for Mrs. Mary Jordan, of Jefferson county, Penn. Mr. Pantall is now largely engaged in dealing in live stock, principally for the local market. He slaughters from 500 to 1,000 head of beef cattle annually. He was one of the promoters of the enterprise which resulted in the securing of the Punxsutawney Iron Works, and was also the largest contributor to the enterprise. In addition to his possessions in Punxsutawney he has a fine farm of 200 acres in Young township. Although Mr. Pantall takes a keen interest in public questions and is a steadfast Republican, he has never been an aspirant for office. His first vote in a Presidential campaign was cast for Abraham Lincoln. Socially he is identified with the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the K. of P. He has a pleasant home.

His wife, who was Margaret Work, to whom he was married in 1860, was a native of the same locality. Of their five children the eldest daughter, Lillian, married J. U. Moore, a merchant of Piqua, Ohio, and died, leaving a daughter, Helen, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Pantall. Their only son, Lon, is the able and popular cashier of the First National Bank of Punxsutawney, and of the three surviving daughters, Clara, wife of J. F. Goheen, a merchant of Lindsey; Lottie, who married J. Dorn, also a merchant of Lindsey; and Minta, wife of W. A. Sutter, assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank of Punxsutawney. The family attend the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which Mrs. Pantall is a prominent member, as are all of their children.

He was born December 27, 1817, near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Penn., where his mother's ancestors were early settlers. His father, John Pifer, a native of Dauphin county, Penn., was married in Westmoreland county to Miss Charlotte Frye, and made his home there until 1829, when he moved with his family to Jefferson county, traveling with an ox-team. The weather was very cold, and the journey occupied seven days. Our subject had been taken sick just before the time for starting, and his parents bought an old jumper sleigh for his especial use. They located in the wilderness in Henderson township, where John Pifer and Frederick Kunley purchased 202 acres of land at one dollar an acre, which they divided. The Pifer tract is now in the possession of the family, our subject's brother, David, occupying it. The family lived in a truly primitive fashion for many years, their meal and flour being ground in an old mill which broke a grain of corn in about eight pieces. The father died suddenly in 1851, at the age of sixty-two, a half mile from Brookville while returning home with his son, George. The mother lived to the age of seventy, passing away in 1871, and the remains of both now rest in Rider's graveyard one mile from the old homestead. Of the children born to this worthy pioneer couple, Jonas, the eldest, died in 1884, aged sixty-five; John F., a retired farmer in McCalmont township, now, 1897, eighty-four years old; Simon died in his youth; William Elias is mentioned more fully farther on; George is now living in retirement in Henderson township, at the age of seventy-seven; Elizabeth, aged seventy-four, is the wife of James Dickey, of Winslow township, Jefferson county; David, now seventy-one, resides at the old homestead in Henderson township; Mary A. died at an early age, and Thomas, who at the age of sixty-seven weighs 340 pounds, is living in retirement in Henderson township. William Elias Pifer remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, his time being occupied with the farm work. On leaving home he worked through the spring months for Mr. Rhodes, clearing a field, and in the fall of the same year he married his first wife, Miss Lida Shetterly, daughter of Jacob Shetterly, and located at his father-in-law's farm which he cultivated for three years. He bought fifty acres of woodland from his brother, John, at three dollars per acre, and building a small house, he resided there four years. On setting out he moved to his present homestead, which has since been enlarged until he now has 253 acres of the finest land in the township. Three of his sons have settled upon adjoining farms,
and one, Solomon T., relieves his father of the care of the homestead. Our subject’s marriage to Miss Shetterly, who was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., occurred in 1839, and on October 6, 1888, after nearly fifty years of wedded life, she passed away at the age of sixty-four, her mortal remains being interred in the Rhodes graveyard, where repose also her parents, Jacob and Mary Ann (Gearhart) Shetterly, natives of Armstrong county, Penn. On July 31, 1890, at Punxsutawney, Mr. Pifer was married to Mrs. Barbara (Wise) Winger, widow of Henry Winger, a farmer, who died June 11, 1886, aged sixty-nine years, one month and twenty-eight days, and was buried in Polk township, Jefferson county. They had twelve children, all of whom are living. Mrs. Pifer was born January 1, 1827, at Lembach, Germany, the daughter of Adam and Barbara (Syphert) Wise, who came to the United States in 1835 and settled upon a farm in Jefferson county. The mother died August 24, 1861, aged seventy, and the father, May 23, 1873, both being buried in the cemetery at Troutville. They had four children: Adam, a farmer in Jefferson county; Mary, the second in order of birth; Barbara, now Mrs. Pifer, and Catherine, wife of Henry Weaver, of Troutville. Mrs. Pifer is a handsome woman, and no one would imagine from her appearance that she has five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Pifer now numbers two great-grandchildren among his descendants. He had ten children (all by his first marriage): (1) James D. died when fifteen years old. (2) John P., a farmer and lumberman in McCalmont township, married Miss Elizabeth Weaver, and has four children—Lida C., Simon A., Mary A. and Emma C. (3) George C., a farmer in McCalmont township, married Miss Catherine Weaver, and has five children—Melsina, Henrietta, Cyrus, Milton and William. (4) Solomon T., who operates the homestead, is one of the ablest agriculturists of this section, the farm showing in every department the results of his progressive and energetic management. (5) William was killed at the age of fifteen by a fall from a chestnut tree. (6) David is a hardware merchant in Big Run. (7) Elizabeth married John North, a farmer in McCalmont township, and has had three children—Verna, Cordelia, and Seely (deceased). (8) Philip, a farmer in McCalmont township, married Miss Lena Mooth, and has one child—Myrtle. (9) Simon Alexander died when two years old. (10) Jacob, a farmer in McCalmont township, married Miss Sarah Conrad, and has had six children—Cleveland (deceased), Clyde, Morrow, Alice, Homer and Elmer.

As a citizen William Elias Pifer has always held a high place in public esteem. He served for three years as supervisor and for one year as school director. He is regarded as one of the leading Democrats of his locality. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and, although he resides four miles from the church at Stuart, with which he united three years ago, he is a constant attendant.

Theodore Morris is one of the highly respected citizens of Young township, Jefferson county, and has taken a very important part in the upbuilding and development of the locality in which he lives, lending his support to all measures calculated to promote the public good.

Mr. Morris was born in Northampton county, Penn., in 1819, a son of Obed and Mary (Bowman) Morris, the former born in Bucks county, Penn., in 1792, the latter in Northampton county, in 1791. In 1820 they removed to Indiana county, and after a few years located in Young township, Jefferson county, where the father purchased 106 acres of timber land. He built there a log house and barn and developed a good farm, which he continued to cultivate until his death in 1881. His wife died in February, 1859, leaving a family of five sons. Her two daughters are both deceased. (1) James M., the eldest, was born in 1815 in Northampton county, was reared on the homestead in Jefferson county, and after his marriage to Phoebe J. Williams, purchased a farm in Perry township, Jefferson county. He afterward traded that for a farm in Oliver township, whereon he now resides. He has a family of five children, namely—Mary E., wife of Enos Wolph, a carpenter of Coolspring, by whom she has two children; William P., who was married and resided in Oliver township until his death in 1895; Emily, who became the wife of R. J. Crisman, and died some years ago; Charles A., who is married and lives on his father’s farm in Oliver township; and C. L., who is engaged in teaching. (2) Theodore, the subject of this sketch, is mentioned farther on. (3) C. R. B., the third of the Morris brothers, is married and resides in Frostburg, Penn. (4) J. B. is married and lives on his farm in Young township, Jefferson county. (5) Moses A. married Miss Means, of Whitesville, and died some years ago.

Theodore Morris was a child of only two years when brought by his parents to Jefferson county, where he has now resided for three-quarters of a century. He received but limited school privileges, his youth being largely devoted
to farm work. He was married in 1841, after which he purchased 200 acres of timber land in Young township, a mile north of his father's homestead. There he developed a large farm, and also followed lumbering, floating his products down Mahoning creek to the Pittsburg markets. He continued lumbering and farming on that property for about forty years, and after the death of his youngest brother, Moses, in 1883, removed to the old homestead, where he and his wife are now spending their declining days.

Mrs. Morris bore the maiden name of Matilda Gibson, and is a daughter of Andrew Gibson, a well-to-do farmer of Oliver township, Jefferson county. Eight children blessed their home: (1) Mary E., born in Young township, in 1842, became the wife of Harry Law, of Jefferson county, and in 1862 her husband enlisted in the 109th P. V. I. He rose from private to staff officer, and at the time of Lee's surrender volunteered to carry ammunition across the battlefield. While thus engaged he was shot and killed. His only child, Carl C., was educated in the Orphans' School in Dayton, Penn., and in Lewisburg College, and after his graduation became a teller in a Pittsburg bank. He served in that capacity for some years, and was then appointed by Gov. Hastings as bank examiner of Pennsylvania. He is married and owns a fine home in Pittsburg.

After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Law married S. B. Williams, now a resident of Perry township, Jefferson county, and by this union had three children—Martha, wife of John Kayes, of Brockwayville; Joseph, of Punxsutawney; and Bertie, who died at the age of nineteen years. (2) T. J. Morris, the second in our subject's family, now resides on the farm first occupied by his father. He wedded Mary Means, of Jefferson county, who died leaving three children—John C.; Carrie, who is married and lives in Elk county, Penn.; and Minta, who died some years ago. T. J. Morris later married Annie Meaner, of Indiana county, Penn., by whom he had seven children—May, Wesley, Thomas, Jessie, Albert, Matilda and Rachael. (3) Rev. J. R., born in 1846, was graduated at Waynsburg College, and is now pastor of the West Union Presbyterian Church. He married Mattie Means of Whitesville, and has five children, namely—Bert, who is a graduate of Waynsburg College, is married and practices medicine in Pittsburg; Lucy is also a graduate of Waynsburg College; Maud and John are students in Waynsburg College; and Read is at home. (4) Nancy E., born in 1848, became the wife of George N. Redding, Jefferson county, who afterward purchased a large farm in Indiana county, upon which his family still reside. In partnership with Mr. Hyde he is doing an extensive business as a stock dealer of Ridgway. His family numbers nine children. (5) Martha, born in Young township, Jefferson county, in 1850, is the wife of Charles B. Jordan, who owns and operates a farm in Oliver township, Jefferson county, and is also manufacturing sawed lumber. They have seven children. (6) Clarissa, born in Young township, in 1852, married Rev. S. G. Redding, of West Virginia, who was graduated in Lewisburg, Penn., and is now pastor of a church in Williamsport, this State. They have five children. (7) J. B., born on the old homestead, in 1860, pursued his studies in Waynsburg College, was graduated in the Lincoln University of Illinois, and also in Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He is now successfully practicing in Punxsutawney.

He married Ella Means, of Jefferson county, and they have three children—George, Walter and Theodore. (8) Salina, born on the old homestead in 1864, is the wife of L. M. Lewis, of Perry township, Jefferson Co., Penn., who now operates her father's farm. They have five children—Fannie, Edmond, Paul, Ruth and Alice.

Theodore Morris and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They have reared a family of children who have become useful and respected members of society. Their lives have been well spent, and the circle of their friends is very large. In politics Mr. Morris is a Democrat, and the confidence reposed in his honesty is well indicated by the fact that for thirty-three consecutive years he has served as school treasurer. He has also been school director for a quarter of a century, and was supervisor and auditor for a number of years. He has been a liberal contributor to the building of churches and schools, and no one has done more for the best interests of Young township than this honored pioneer.

A. BOWERS is one of the early settlers of Jefferson county, who has long and honorably been connected with its interests as a farmer and lumberman. He was born in Clearfield county, Penn., in 1820, and during his childhood came to Jefferson county with his parents, Philip and Caroline (Kipps) Bowers.

Philip Bowers was born in Newmarket, Va., and after his marriage removed to Clearfield county, Penn., locating on the Susquehanna river. In 1813 he came to Gaskill township, where he purchased 150 acres of timber land and built a log house and barn. He afterward erected a
plank house, and made many other substantial improvements upon the excellent farm which he there developed. He died in June, 1856, and his wife passed away in January of the same year. This worthy couple had ten children: (1) Elizabeth became the wife of Martin Packer, a farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and died some years ago, leaving three children. (2) Annie, born in Virginia, came with her parents to Jefferson county, where she married John Rhodes. Both died some years ago, leaving a large family. (3) W. A. is the next younger. (4) Susan, born on the old homestead in Jefferson county, is the wife of Joseph Keller, a farmer of Du Bois, where they reside with their family. (5) Michael, born on the homestead farm, married Elizabeth Devers, of Indiana county, and in that county was killed by the falling of a tree. He left a widow and two children—Catherine, wife of James Neal, of Indiana county; and Michael, who married Sarah Ross and lives in Indiana county. (6) John, born in Gaskill township, married Elizabeth Vandivender, of Indiana county, where he made his home until his death, thirty years since. He left four children, all of whom are married and live in Indiana county. (7) Abram married Emily Devers, and with his wife and six children resides in Indiana county, where he follows farming. (8) Andrew, born in Gaskill township, married Christiana Macalvain, of Jefferson county, now deceased. He is at present living in Punxsutawney, where he married Mrs. Reading. (9) Isaac married Margaret Keel, daughter of Rev. Keel, of Armstrong county, Penn. She died leaving six children—John, Jacob, Philip, Rebecca, Maurice and Peter. The father of this family afterward married Lillie Spencer, and they now reside on the Wainwright farm near the old home. They have two children—Edith and Martha. (10) Leanna, born in Virginia, died in childhood. (11) Mary, born in Jefferson county, became the wife of Isaac Warner, of Armstrong county, and both died in Illinois some years ago, leaving a large family.

W. A. Bowers, of this sketch, was reared on the home farm in Gaskill township, and at the age of twenty-eight married Elizabeth Anthony, of Henderson township, Jefferson county. He then purchased a farm adjoining the old homestead, built thereon a good house and barn, and continued the cultivation of his land until 1894, when he enlisted in Company F, 58th P. V. I., serving with the Army of the Potomac until the close of the war. While in the service Mr. Bowers was called upon to mourn the death of his wife, who died in July, 1895. Their children were: Mary E., who was born on the home-

stead in June, 1849. She married John Lantz, and resided in Indiana county until killed by a bull in 1885. She left six children—William, who is married and lives in Georgeville, Penn.; Chester; Nora; Lizzie; Harry; and Jessie E., who died in childhood. (2) Henrietta, born in January, 1851, is the wife of Anthony Dover-spike, who resides in New Salem, Armstrong county. Their children are—Calvin, Edwin, Albert, Orpha, Ralston, Edith and Clark. (3) Minerva J., born in February, 1853, is the wife of James Lantz, of Indiana county, who now resides at Anita, Jefferson county. Their children are—William, who died in childhood; Anna and Mary, at home; Bertha, wife of Henry Dunnire, of Anita; Maurice; James; Eli; Ira; Lee; Walter; and Lula. (4) William, born in December, 1860, wedded Mary Engle, of Milton, Armstrong county, resides at Glen Hazel, Penn. Their children were—Ralston, who died in infancy; Erna, deceased; Edith, Laura and Minnie, at home. (6) Matilda, born in March, 1855, died at the age of five years.

In 1872 our subject was married to Margaret E. Neal, daughter of Thomas and Mary Neal, of Neal's Mills, Jefferson county. Her father, as a member of the 105th P. V. I., participated in many engagements of the Civil war, and was wounded at Bull Run, at Fair Oaks, and very seriously at the Wilderness. He was one of the brave soldiers of the war. He died in 1891, and his widow now resides with Mrs. Bowers.

In politics Mr. Bowers is a Democrat, and has served as assessor, collector, school director and in other township offices. He and his wife are consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are highly esteemed people, whose personal worth enables them to move in the best circles of society.

WILLIAM IRVIN, senior member of the firm of William Irvin & Son, proprietors of an extensive tannery at Big Run, Jefferson county, is a self-made man, whose abilities and energy have gained him a leading place in his community. He has been identified with all the important enterprises of his town, including the Citizens Bank, of which he was the first president and so remained for five years.

Mr. Irvin is a native of Pennsylvania, as was also his father, the late Benjamin Irvin, who was a collier by occupation until 1848. His quiet tastes and disinclination for public life making him most contented with a country home, he purchased a farm in Tioga county, and, locating there, engaged in agriculture.
It was in the year 1835 that the subject of this sketch was born, his parents being then residents of Lehigh county, Penn. His early education was limited to a brief course of study in the public schools of that day, and at fourteen he began the work of bread winning, finding employment in the woods at lumbering. At nineteen he purchased from his father for $200 the right to “his time” until his majority, paying the money as he could. When the war broke out he took up arms in the defense of the Union, enlisting in Company D, 106th P. V. I. Three years were spent in active service, but few of the many important engagements in which his regiment participated being missed by Mr. Irvin. At Savage Station, on the Peninsula, he received a buckshot wound which disabled him for a short time, and, in the battle of the Wilderness, he was seriously wounded in the left shoulder, and also received a flesh wound in the hip. He served the full term of his enlistment, and then returned to his native State. Engaging in the tannery business in Tioga county, he remained there two years, when, in partnership with L. R. Gleason, he built a tannery at Canton, Penn., and operated it for some time. In 1881 he built another tannery, this one at North Bend, Clinton Co., Penn., where he spent six years, and in 1888 he established his present business at Big Run, with his son, Charles H. Irvin, as partner. They do a large business, and employ about seventy-five men throughout the year.

In 1865 Mr. Irvin was married to Miss Mary C. Veil, daughter of the late Judge C. F. Veil, a leading citizen of Tioga county, Penn. Seven children have blessed this union, of whom one daughter died in infancy; Charles H., the eldest son, is now in business with his father, as previously noted; Emma is the wife of Elmer Dittman, a furniture manufacturer of Williamsport, Penn.; the Misses Ida, Nellie and Jennie, and another son, Benjamin, are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Irvin and the eldest five children are members of the Christian Church, in which Mr. Irvin is an elder. He also belongs to the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, but, while he takes a keen interest in public questions and movements, he is not an aspirant for official honors.

JOSEPH RUTTER (deceased) was one of the brave men who gave up their lives in the Civil war. He was a member of an old Pennsylvania family, and his wife now lives on the old homestead in Winslow township. Jefferson county, made desolate thirty-six years ago, when the news came home after the desperate fighting at Fair Oaks.

Mr. Rutter was born May 3, 1822, in Westmoreland county, Penn., the son of John and Harriet (Gamble) Rutter. In 1838 he left his native county and came to Jefferson county. He worked for a time at farming, lumbering and building sawmills, then purchased from Samuel Sheesley the present Rutter homestead. On October 23, 1850, he was married to Miss Barbara A. Hess. She was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, September 5, 1831, a daughter of John and Sarah (Smith) Hess, natives respectively of Lancaster and Westmoreland counties. During the Rebellion he entered the service of his country as a member of Company H, 105th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Fair...
Oaks, May 31, 1862. Mrs. Barbara A. Rutter, his widow, lives at the old homestead. Mr. Rutter was a man of industry and high principles. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

John F. Mulhollan (deceased). Among the prominent citizens of Jefferson county who have passed away in recent years, the late John F. Mulhollan holds an honorable place. A native of Centre county, Penn., he was born January 17, 1823, in Boggs township, a son of William and Mary (Yother) Mulhollan, the former of whom was a native of Centre county, Penn., the latter of York county, same State.

Rudolph and Elizabeth (Weirham) Mulhollan, paternal grandparents of our subject, natives of Ireland and England, respectively, came to America in an early day, and settled at Wallace Run, Centre Co., Penn., there remaining until 1832, when they removed to Ohio. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Daniel Yother, of York county, Penn., came to Centre county among the early settlers of that portion of the State.

William Mulhollan, father of our subject, was a teamster in the war of 1812, and also for many years did teaming between Baltimore and Pittsburg. He died in Centre county, January 28, 1839, aged forty-seven years, and was buried over the line in Clearfield county, Penn. His wife, Mary (Yothers), passed away July 20, 1875, at the age of eighty-two years, in Virginia, where she lies buried. To them were born children as follows: Elizabeth married Evans Steers, and both died in Virginia; Rebecca married Thomas Bowes, and both died in Missouri; Deborah married James Gunsalus, and both died in Nebraska; Joseph died in Centre county, and is buried in Clearfield county; John F. comes next in order of birth; and Lafayette is a retired machinist living in Curwensville, this State.

The boyhood days of John F. Mulhollan, our subject, were passed on the home farm with his parents, his education in the meantime being secured in the common schools of the district. Up to 1854 he was employed exclusively in lumbering, at which time he also commenced farming, at the same time operating a sawmill extensively at Stanley, Penn., in all of which industries he continued until 1877, in that year retiring from business, and moving to the village of Prospect, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he made his home until 1892, then selling out and removing to Reynolds ville, where his widow and son are now residing. During the war of the Rebellion he was a member of Company G, 48th Regt. Penn. Vols., having enlisted January 11, 1865, and served until the close of the struggle, receiving an honorable discharge at Alexandria, Va., July 17, 1865.

On May 30, 1848, Mr. Mulhollan was united in marriage with Rebecca J. Passmore. Rev. Eugene Kincaid, a Baptist missionary, performing the ceremony. A brief record of the children born to this union is as follows: (1) William A. (whose sketch appears elsewhere), born August 5, 1849, is ex-commissioner of Jefferson county, and a merchant of Rathmel, Penn. (2) Louis E., born August 18, 1851, died May 13, 1852. (3) James F., born February 21, 1853, is an ex-school teacher, having taught occasionally from 1872 to 1890—ten years in all, after which he acted as private tutor for other teachers; of late years he has lived with his mother: he served on the election board for fifteen consecutive terms, until moving to Reynolds ville. (4) John E., born April 13, 1856, is a farmer and proprietor of a meat market in Winslow township, Jefferson county. (5) Jesse, born February 21, 1859, is a farmer in McCallmont township, Jefferson county. (6) Elmer E., born April 1, 1862, died February 15, 1870; he was on his way home from school, and while riding on a log wagon, a log rolled on him, fatally crushing him. (7) Clara M., born April 16, 1866, died December 30, 1893; she was the wife of D. B. London, who is now residing in Winslow township, Jefferson county. The father of this family died January 2, 1894, leaving a wide circle of sincere friends to mourn his departure from their midst. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and in 1890 erected the buildings for that denomination at Rathmel. In politics he was a stanch Democrat (as were also his father and grandfather before him), and he held several township offices. Always industrious, careful and judicious, he amassed a comfortable competence, and left behind him no small amount of wealth.

Mrs. Rebecca J. (Passmore) Mulhollan, widow of our subject, was born February 8, 1827, in Boggs township, Centre Co., Penn., a daughter of Enoch and Rebecca (Evans) Passmore, of Chester and Mifflin counties, Penn., respectively. Enoch Passmore died March 15, 1842, in Centre county, aged seventy-five years, and is buried in that county. He was an extensive land owner, having about 40,000 acres in Tioga county, Penn., and 3,000 acres in Centre county; his business in his younger days was that of a shoe merchant at Bellefonte, Penn. His wife, Rebecca (Evans) Passmore, died in Clearfield county, Penn., December 4, 1872, aged eighty-
nine years, seven months and a few days, and her remains rest in Clearfield county. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, while her husband was an adherent of the Quaker faith. They had but one child—the lady of whom we are writing.

Joseph and Elizabeth (Martin) Passmore, paternal grandparents of Mrs. Mulhollan, were natives of England, whence, about two years after their marriage, they came to America, settling in Chester county, Penn. Some time afterward Mr. Passmore returned to England for the purpose of securing an estate that had been left him, but on his arrival in New York City he died. His widow remained on the farm in Chester county, Pennsylvania.

David and Rosanna (Milroy) Evans, maternal grandparents of Mrs. Mulhollan, were natives of Berks county, Penn., and were married November 11, 1777. To them came children as follows: Mary, born October 5, 1778, married Alexander Criswell, and died in Dearborn county, Ind.; Martha, born November 15, 1779, married John Lamburn, and they both died in Centre county, Penn.; Thomas, born January 10, 1782, was killed December 29, 1846, by a falling tree which he was chopping; Rebecca, born February 24, 1784, was the mother of Mrs. Mulhollan; Eleanor, born January 26, 1787, married Joseph Steer; Jane L., born May 10, 1789, died when young; and Rosanna, born April 20, 1792, married John Hanson.

ROBERT M. ANTHONY, after a long and honorable business career, in which he has acquired a handsome competence, is now living retired at his pleasant home in Perry township, Jefferson county. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, and has built up wisely and well, not only winning success in his business ventures, but also gaining the respect and confidence of those with whom he has had dealings.

Mr. Anthony was born in Indiana county, in 1824, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the State. At an early day his grandfather removed from Rhode Island to Philadelphia, later located in Armstrong county, subsequently lived in Indiana county, and thence came to Jefferson county, where he was numbered among the prominent and enterprising citizens. In 1840 our subject came to this country with his parents, Levi and Mary (Miller) Anthony. His father was born in Indiana county, and in the year mentioned purchased land in Henderson township, which he transformed into a good farm. He had two sons and three sons-in-law who were Union soldiers in the Civil war, and one son lost his life in the battle of the Wilderness. The family numbered twelve children, namely: Jacob, Margaret, Mary A., Elizabeth, Nancy J., Henry M., P. J., James D., Levi T., Harrison, Evaline and Robert.

In the usual manner of farmer lads of that period Robert M. Anthony spent his childhood. After attaining his majority he wedded Elizabeth C. Calhoon, of Armstrong county, daughter of Hon. John and Catherine Calhoon. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony began their domestic life on the east branch of the Mahoning, where his father had purchased land some years previous. He there erected a sawmill and continued the manufacture of lumber for about three years, when he sold his interest in the business to his brother, Jacob, and purchased 220 acres of timber land in Clearfield county, on which was a sawmill. He there continued to manufacture lumber for two years, marketing his products in Curwensville, when he sold out to Arnold & Hartshorn. He then purchased a farm near Putneyville, Penn., to which he moved his family in 1834, making it his home for eleven years, during which time he built a large bank barn, erected a brick residence and made many other improvements. He sold that property in 1865, and for the past thirty-two years has resided at his present home in Perry township, Jefferson county. Here he has erected a fine residence and good barns, and has added to the place all the improvements and accessories of a modern farm of the 19th century, so that he now has one of the finest country homes in Jefferson county.

Our subject and his wife have become the parents of seven children, namely: (1) Hattie J., born in Henderson township, in 1851, was educated in the common schools and in Dayton Academy and Indiana Normal, married Dwight Bardeen, of Steuben county, N. Y., and resides on a farm near Horncliffs, that State. (2) Mary C., born in Clearfield county in 1853, is the wife of R. R. Hickox, of Jefferson county. They now reside in El Reno, Okla., and have six children living—Kern H., Alto and Verona, who are married; Robert G., George and Lizzie, who are single. (3) Charles Newton, born in Armstrong county, in 1855, was married in 1885, to Ida Means, of Jefferson county, and superintended his father's farm until 1894, when he was stricken with consumption and died, leaving a widow, and four children—Mabel May, Cora Belle, Fannie Fern and Ruth, who still remain on the old homestead. (4) Nancy E., born in Armstrong county in 1857, is the wife of J. F.
Stockdill, who owns and occupies a large farm near Dayton, Armstrong county. They have four children—Charles A., John, Bessie and Robert. (5) Elizabeth F., born in Armstrong county, in 1860, is the wife of E. Barton Moore, a farmer of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, by whom she has one son, Charles. (6) Alice E., born in Armstrong county, in 1862, is the wife of W. A. Wells, of Frostburg, by whom she has two children—Mary E. and Anthony. (7) Margaret A., born in December, 1865, is the wife of J. S. Jordan, who owns and occupies a fine farm in Oliver township, Jefferson county. They have three children—Quay, Nellie and Arthur.

Robert M. Anthony was a Whig in early life; he is now a stanch Republican. He has served as supervisor and assessor for one term each, and for eight years was school director, discharging his duties with marked promptness and fidelity. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church; in social circles they occupy an enviable position. After a well-spent life he is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil and his pleasant home in Frostburg, where he is surrounded by many friends.

He represented Tioga county in the lower branch of the State Legislature for two years, 1861-2; and in January, 1861, offered, in that body, the resolution upon which the State was finally, in April of that year, put on a war footing to protect and defend the Union.

In 1853 he married Harriet Clark. Two children, Mrs. Ada M. Brown, and Ward C. Elliott, were the fruits of that marriage. Mrs. Elliott died in July, 1887, and since that time he has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Brown, in Reynolds ville, Pennsylvania.

For fourteen years Mr. Elliott was president of the board of trustees of the State Normal School at Mansfield, Penn. He was largely instrumental in building and establishing that institution, and looks upon the results of that effort of his life with, perhaps, the greatest pride and satisfaction.

He has one brother, Hon. C. V. Elliott, of Mansfield, Tioga Co., Penn., and no sisters.

C. ELLIOTT, the proprietor and editor of the Reynolds ville Volunteer, in Jefferson county, is the only son and second child of S. B. Elliott.

W. C. Elliott was born on a farm about two and one-half miles south of Mansfield, in Rich mond township, Tioga county, Penn. The first four years of his life were spent there. Later he lived for brief periods in Mansfield, at Corning, N. Y., Arnot, Penn., and Elmira, N. Y.; his home, however, was never more than thirty miles from his birthplace until in 1884, when he removed to Du Bois, Penn. Early in life he made a choice of journalistic work, and in 1888 was one of the owners of the Du Bois Courier. On February 16, 1889, he bought the present Reynolds ville paper from Frank J. Black, and has ever since conducted it, the name having been changed to the Reynolds ville Volunteer, and changes made in the location and equipment of the office. The paper was founded in 1874 and known as the Reynolds ville Herald—the second newspaper in the town—the Advocate, which was the first, having become defunct after a brief life of six months. The Herald was an eight-column, four-page paper. In 1875 the building where it was printed was burned, and the paper fell into other hands. The machinery was bought, and the paper was enlarged to a nine-column folio, but it did not retain the name very long. For, in 1877, it was called the Herald and Star. In 1878 the name was changed to the Eye. The size of the paper was also changed at that time to a six-column quarto. Later the
name was changed from the *Erie* to that of the Reynolds ville Herald. In 1880 it was known as Our Reynolds ville Paper, and in 1881 as the Reynolds ville Paper. It is now an eight-column folio, and under its improved management its circulation has been greatly increased. The *Volunteer* has always been thoroughly loyal to the best interests of the community, and has led many a gallant crusade for improvement.

In March, 1892, Mr. Elliott proposed through its columns that the school district of Reynolds ville should bond the borough to the sum of $25,000, for the purpose of erecting a new school house in the center of the town where pupils could be prepared to enter college, the need of which had long been realized by the tax payers. He vigorously and persistently agitated the question for three months, and on June 25, 1892, the people, by an almost unanimous vote, gave their consent to bonds being issued for that purpose. A number of other citizens took a very active part in bringing about the results. The school building was erected, the finest in Jefferson county, and has but few equals in any town of the size of Reynolds ville in Pennsylvania. Efforts are now being made to raise the standard of the schools so high that its graduates will be able to enter any college without further preparation. Mr. Elliott is a staunch Republican, and the *Volunteer* reflects his opinions in thoughtful editorials. He has devoted considerable labor to historical matters, among other things, he in 1894 gave a sketch of Reynolds ville and vicinity, which gave a history of that region from the time it was a dense forest, a century ago, to the present time. It was written in a very compact form, but covered about fifty pages, and nearly two thousand copies were issued. This little pamphlet will be invaluable in future years, and it may be well if other towns had such a public-spirited writer to preserve local history.

On October 22, 1890, Mr. Elliott was married to Miss Ella Hastings, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Hastings, of Brookville, Penn., and two daughters, Dorothy and Florence, have blessed the union. The father of these is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Reynolds ville.

and in his declining days he is enjoying the reward of a well-ordered life, and one in which he has exerted himself to do good to those around him.

Mr. Martz was born May 27, 1825, in Northumberland county, Penn., while the birth of his parents, John and Mary (Weary) Martz, occurred in Schuylkill and Northumberland counties, respectively. The father was born June 16, 1801, a son of John Martz, also a native of Schuylkill county, who died near Shamokin, in Northumberland county. The parents of our subject were married in Mahanoy, where they continued to reside until 1835, when they came to Ringgold township, Jefferson county, where the father and a Mr. Campbell purchased a large tract of land. There the former continued to engage in agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred February 17, 1888. The mother, who was born in 1808, and died in 1867, was laid by his side in Ringgold Cemetery.

The children of the family were Daniel, who died unmarried in Ringgold at the age of fifty years; Elias, who died in 1897; William, also deceased; Benjamin, of this sketch; Charles, a farmer of Ringgold township; Catherine, who married Michael Shilling, but both are now deceased; Solomon, a farmer of Nebraska; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Samuel Stewart, who was drowned; and Polly, widow of William Slagel, of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

Until twenty-two years of age, Benjamin Martz remained upon the home farm, and then went into the woods, where he cleared and improved a good farm, on which his son now resides, and continued to reside thereon until coming to North Freedom, in the fall of 1892, since which time he has lived retired. As a stalwart Democrat, he has ever taken an active and prominent part in public affairs, and has been called upon to fill a number of responsible positions, including those of councilman, supervisor, school director, tax collector and overseer of the poor. He is a prominent and faithful member of the English Methodist Episcopal Church, and has ever given his support to all measures calculated to benefit the community or advance the general welfare.

In Ringgold, December 10, 1847, Mr. Martz was married to Miss Catherine Shaffer, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Young. She was born in Northumberland county, January 12, 1827, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Shaffer, and died in December, 1896, being buried at Ringgold. The following children graced this union: John, born July 24, 1848, married Re becca Haines, and is engaged in farming near
Emerickville, in Jefferson county; Lucetta, born June 19, 1850, is the wife of Henry Shillings, a farmer of Ringgold township; Daniel, born July 13, 1851, wedded Mary Weaver, and also follows farming in Ringgold township; Amos, born November 2, 1853, married Lydia Thomas, of Beaver township, Jefferson county, and died December 31, 1886; Franklin, born March 7, 1856, died January 13, 1880; Mary E., born September 9, 1858, is the wife of Daniel Sherry, a farmer of Ringgold; Sarah E., born January 13, 1862, is the wife of William Merket, an oil driller and farmer of Clarion county, Penn.; Ida A., born July 6, 1865, died April 22, 1883; Katherine J., born September 5, 1868, married J. H. Yont, of Armstrong county, and died in 1894; and George C., born June 25, 1871, married Annie Huber, and resides on the old homestead in Ringgold township. Mr. Martz has had forty-one grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, six of the former being now deceased.

JOHN SMATHERS, who passed away August 25, 1895, through his own exertions attained an honorable position and marked prestige among the representative men of Jefferson county, and with signal consistency it may be said that he was the architect of his own fortune, and one whose success amply justified the application of the somewhat hackneyed, but most expressive term, "a self-made man."

Mr. Smathers was born in Clarion county, Penn., January 4, 1828, and was a son of Christian and Susan (Harriger) Smathers, who came from east of the mountains, and located in Clarion county at an early day. There they successfully engaged in farming, and reared their family of eight children, namely: Sarah, who married Henry Milliron, but both are now deceased; Eliza, wife of John Nigh; Margaret, wife of John Jones; John, of this sketch; Susannah and Rosanna (twins), the former the wife of James Shirey, and the latter the wife of William Shingledecker; Jacob, a farmer of Clarion county; A. J. Smathers, of Stanton, Penn., deceased; and William Smathers, deceased, of Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

Although John Smathers started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, by industry, economy and good business ability he became one of the most extensive farmers and stock dealers of Jefferson county, where he located in 1853. For a few years he resided in Oliver township, and then removed to the farm in Ringgold township, where his widow and son, Charles, are still living. He gave each of his children a large and valuable farm, or its equivalent, all of which property he had acquired through his own unaided efforts and good management. Enterprising and progressive, he was numbered among the valued citizens of the community, was a firm supporter of the Democratic party, and an active and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. On January 30, 1850, he was married to Miss Anna Jones, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Wilson J., born March 28, 1851, married Maggie Fulton, and is now a leading physician of Du Bois, Penn.; M. Fillmore, born September 8, 1853, married Maggie Wilson, an ex-school teacher, and is engaged in farming and stock raising in Ringgold township; Emily A., born May 25, 1860, died at the age of two years and nine months; Winfield S., born April 1, 1858, married Amanda Yaney, and is engaged in merchandising in Worthville, Jefferson county; J. Curtis, born June 23, 1863, married Mattie Campbell, and follows farming in Indiana county, Penn.; Charles, born September 10, 1866, wedded Mary Buck, and operates the old homestead farm; and Anna A., born March 7, 1870, died April 16, 1870. The family is one of prominence, its members holding high positions in social and business circles.

MRS. SMATHERS, a most estimable lady, was born in Beaver township, Jefferson county, March 9, 1829, and is a daughter of John and Lydia (Grinder) Jones, of Huntingdon county, Penn., who at an early day came to Beaver township, Jefferson county, where the father followed agricultural pursuits. He was a son of Thomas Jones, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to the New World in early life, first locating in Maryland, whence he removed to Westmoreland county, Penn., and later to Beaver township, Jefferson county, where he was numbered among the early settlers.

To John and Lydia (Grinder) Jones were born the following children: Doris, deceased wife of James Guthrie, a carpenter of Summerville, Penn.; Louisa, widow of Charles Jaycox, of the same place; Richard, deceased; John, a farmer of Beaver township; Anna, widow of our subject; Emily, widow of Abraham Flemming, of Shannondale, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Hand, an agriculturist of Nebraska; David, who was killed in the army: Thomas, who is conducting a boarding house in Seigle, Penn.; Reilly, who also laid down his life on the altar of his country during the Civil war; and Elias, a prominent farmer of Beaver township. The parents of these children have also passed away, the former dying in 1864, aged sixty-three years, the mother in 1892, aged eighty-seven, and both were in-
tere in the Beaver township cemetery. They were faithful members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Jones was an ardent Republican.

NATHAN MILLER, an agriculturist of Gaskill township, was born in Armstrong county, Penn., October 10, 1817, a son of Henry and Mary (Smith) Miller. The father was born in Westmoreland county, and after his marriage removed to Jefferson county in 1849, locating in Gaskill township, where he purchased 175 acres of land, covered with pine and hard-wood timber. He built a round-log house and a log barn, engaged in lumbering and cleared about thirty acres of his place. His death occurred in 1870.

The following is the record of his family: Jacob Miller, the eldest, born in Westmoreland county, December 8, 1813, married Anna Snyder, of Armstrong county, and removed to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a farm on which he lived until 1872. He then sold and removed to Parkersburg, W. Va., where he bought a farm, making it his home until his death in 1873. He left five children—Bardon, of West Virginia; Malinda, wife of William Beaty, of Indiana county; Isabel, wife of David Campbell, of Indiana county; Daniel, a soldier of the Union army, who died in Indiana while on his way home from the war; and Mary A., who became the wife of Thomas Logan, of Indiana county, and removed to the West, where Mr. Logan died some years ago, after which his widow returned to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where she died, leaving a daughter, Annie E., now of Marion, Penn. (2) Henry, born October 21, 1815, in Armstrong county, married Jane Long, and located in Indiana county, where he died in 1895, while his wife died in 1897. They had one son, Benjamin F., who is married to Mary Coon, of Indiana county, and lives on the old homestead in that county. Laura became the wife of Wesley Roof, of Indiana county, and died some years ago, leaving a family. (3) Nathan is the third of the family. (4) James, born on November, 26, 1821, married Ruth Cochran, who died some years ago, and he now lives with his married daughter, Perline, in Indiana county. He had nine children—Washington married a Miss Peeler; Alexander married a Miss Cunlue; Jefferson married a Miss Walker; Perline (the eldest daughter) married a Mr. Carney, of Indiana county; Matrona married a Mr. Louman; Jane married a Mr. McGoughley; Nancy married a Mr. Hall; Clarra married a Mr. Fleming; and Addeth married a Mr. Thompson. (5) Lavina, born in Armstrong county, May 12, 1824, makes her home with her brother Nathan. (6) Mary, born in Armstrong county, October 19, 1826, died on the old homestead in Jefferson county. She had two children—Susanna Elizabeth married Nelson Messie Best, of Indiana county, and Benjamin Franklin married Sarah Catharine Wineberg, of Indiana county. (7) Laah, born November 30, 1828, died on the old homestead. (8) John, born in Indiana county, November 27, 1830, married Annie E. Best, and resided in his native county. They have three children—Nelson; Mary S., wife of Franklin Craft, of Indiana county, Penn.; and Emma M., wife of James Toy, of the same county. (9) Eli, born in White township, Indiana county, June 7, 1833, wedded Mary Vandivinder, and had the following children—Mary E., wife of Olin Coffman, of Iowa; Eli W., who married Laura King, and lives in Indiana county; William, who married Laura Best, and resides in Indiana county; Clorinda J. and Hanie, who died in childhood; and Lavina, who died in infancy. The father of these children for his second wife married Mrs. Amelia Smyers, and they now reside in Punxsutawney. By his second union he has three children—Clara, wife of Otto Scharfer, of Ridgway; Mrs. Myrtle Read, of Punxsutawney; and Haseltine, wife of John Smother, of Punxsutawney. (10) Reuben, born in Indiana county, August 14, 1836, died there at the age of fifty-nine years. He was the youngest of the family, and never married.

Nathan Miller, whose name opens this article, was born in Armstrong county, November 10, 1817, and came with his parents to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he aided in the arduous task of developing a new farm. As his father failed to pay for the land, he agreed with Mr. Davis, the land agent, to take the property, making payments thereon from time to time. He was married in 1831 to Annie E. Sheesle, a daughter of Ludwig and Sophia Sheesly, of Gaskill township, and after his marriage he removed to his present farm, whereon he has made his home continuously since. He at first built a substantial hewed-log house, which in 1885 was replaced by a large two-story frame residence, supplied with all modern improvements. In 1874 he built a large frame barn. His land is richly cultivated, and the improvements upon his place stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born three children: (1) Labana, born June 23, 1855, was educated in the public schools, and has always resided upon the home farm. Mary and Sophia (twins) were born October 1, 1855. The former
is the wife of David Scheesley, a farmer of Gas-
kill township, by whom she has five children—
Emanuel, Andrew, Sophia, Annie and Ellen.
Sophia Miller is the wife of Robert R. Long,
whose farm adjoins the Miller homestead. They
have ten children—James E., who married Dielie
Bare, of Indiana county; and resides on his father's
farm; W. L., Mary J., Annie E., Lavana A.,
Nathan R., Henry M., Gettie Ellen, Ettie May
and William Riley, all at home.

Nathan Miller is numbered among the pioneer
settlers of the county, and he has been a promi-
inent factor in the development of Gaskill
township. He aided in the arduous task of devel-
oping new land and bringing about a civilization
equal to that of the older districts of the State.
In politics—he is a Democrat, and he and his wife
are members of the Lutheran Church, taking a
very active part in its work.

GEORGE W. KIPP, one of the leading lum-
bermen of Jefferson county, a resident of
Cortez, is well worthy of prominent mention in
the pages of this work.

Born in Pike county, Penn., March 28, 1847,
Mr. Kipp is a son of John and Hannah (Correll)
Kipp, natives, John of Philadelphia, Penn., and
Hannah of Sterling, Wayne Co., Penn. They
were married at Sterling, Penn., and shortly
thereafter moved to Pike county, where they
passed the rest of their days, the father dying in
October, 1892, at the age of seventy-five years,
the mother in June, 1899, aged sixty-nine, and
they are laid to rest in Kipp Town cemetery, in
Pike county. They were members of the Meth-
odist Church, and Mr. Kipp, in his political pre-
dilections, was a Democrat. He carried on farm-
ing and lumbering, also operating a sawmill in
connection with the lumber business. To this
honored couple were born children as follows:
Isaac, a blacksmith by trade in Wayne county,
Penn.; Horace, a lumberman in Wayne county;
Benjamin, who operated the old homestead mill
in Pike county until fire destroyed the place;
George W., our subject: John, an attorney of
Milford, Penn.; Mary, married to S. Vangorder,
of Scranton, Penn.; Susan, wife of Thomas Gil-
pin, a farmer and lumberman of Pike county;
Margaret, married to Horatio Simons, a mer-
chant of Wayne county, Penn.; Thomas died
when young; Elizabeth, married to George
Banks, a farmer of Pike county; and Baxter, a
farmer and lumberman, also of Pike county.
Isaac Kipp, great-grandfather of our subject, a
Farmer by occupation, died in Pike county.

George W. Kipp, whose name opens this
sketch, was reared on his father's farm, receiving
his education in the public schools of his native
township. He remained on the farm until he
was twenty-one years of age. He then for six
years was engaged in the lumber business in Luz-
erne county, Penn.; thence, at the end of that
time, removing to Wayne county, where for three
years he conducted a gristmill and general mer-
chandise store. From there he went to Brad-
ford county, in the same State, the lumber in-
dustry occupying his attention five years; thence
to Sullivan county, Penn., where he again en-
gaged in the lumber business, his residence being
part of the time in Monroeton, Bradford Co.,
Penn., and part of the time in Luzerne county.
In April, 1894, Mr. Kipp removed from King-
ston, Penn., to his present home in Cortez, Jef-
ferson county, in which year he built the mill
here. Some idea of the magnitude of his busi-
ness may be gained from the fact that he handles
about fifteen million feet of lumber per annum, and
sometimes ships one and one-half million feet in a
month. He is also at this time extensively en-
gaged in lumbering in other localities. He owns
one-half of the stock in, and is the president of,
the Towanda Water Works, the company being
composed of George W. Kipp, of Cortez, and
E. F. Kizer, of Towanda, Penn. The timber for
the lumber manufactured at the mill here is
taken from 6,200 acres of woodland in Mc-
Calmont and Oliver townships, Jefferson county.
The Home Lumber Co., in which our subject is
active, is composed of D. H. Clark, E. F. Kizer
and G. W. Kipp.

On July 15, 1872, in Wayne county, Penn.,
our subject was married to Miss Adelaide M.
Kizer, of Lackawanna county, Penn., born in Lu-
zerne county, Penn., a daughter of Jacob Kizer, a
farmer and lumberman of Lackawanna county,
Penn., and two children have blessed their
union: Margaret and Beatrice, both at home.
The family are identified with the M. E. Church,
while in social standing Mr. Kipp is a thirty-
second degree Free Mason. He has always been
loyally interested in the progress of any com-
unity wherein he has made his home, and as a
stanch Democrat has taken an active interest in
politics, although his influence has been used for
his friends rather than for himself. He has
served a three-year term as a commissioner of
Wayne county.

THOMAS REYNOLDS, Sr., deceased. In
a few favored communities there have been
characters peerless in life, whose matchless deeds
and ideal worth transcend the flight of time, and
grow rich and mellow as the years speed on toward eternity. It may be that a more fitting estimate of the strength and nobility of the character of Thomas Reynolds may be formed to-day than at the time of his death, less than a score of years ago.

It is well within the bounds of modest dicti on to make the plain, unvarnished statement that his was a master mind, resourceful and fertile in expedient. Wedded until death to the principles of unflinching truth; gifted with crystal insight into human motives; righteously indignant at wrong and oppression, deep and broad in mental grasp; and, withal, possessed of a wonderful reserve force, rarely called into action. In stature he was above six feet in height, and in physique he was knit from the stock of sturdy pioneers, yet to these he added a grace of carriage and a charm of manner as rare as it was attractive. Looking to the ancestry of Thomas Reynolds, it was American for four generations, extending back over two hundred years to the early settlement of New Jersey, when an honored family of Chichester, England, of noble lineage, was engraven upon the human life of a new continent. In the year 1661, more than a century before the immortal Declaration of Independence, Henry Reynolds, after a tempestuous voyage of twenty-two weeks from England, landed upon the hospitable shores of the New World. He first settled at Burlington, N. J., and later at Chester, Penn., he and his descendants becoming extensive free holders of land, now incorporated in the City of Philadelphia. Ten children were born to Henry Reynolds and his wife Prudence, and the third of these was Francis, born August 15, 1684. Samuel Reynolds, son of Francis and Elizabeth Reynolds, was born January 31, 1735, and married Jane Jones, daughter of John and Mary (Goodwin) Jones, born in 1734. Samuel died February 26, 1786, his wife in 1779. Of their seven children, Thomas Reynolds, the eldest, was born January 2, 1759. He married Nancy Reynolds, and to them were born the following seven children: Mary, Jane, Abram, Samuel, Tilton, William and Thomas. The youngest of these, Thomas, the subject of this sketch, was born on the parental homestead, near Parkesburg, Chester county, Penn., September 19, 1807. Such, in brief, is his paternal ancestry. His father, Thomas, died July 7, 1837, aged seventy-eight years, his mother January 5, 1845.

The pioneer life in those early days developed strong types of character. The father of our subject was a man whose mind was attuned to the voices and moods of nature; within his mem-
continued Thomas Reynolds postmaster thereof. Thus the town received its name. Although he had quite a little village started, yet it was called by the post office as Prospect Hill till the postmaster general named it in his honor. Mr. Reynolds had previously surveyed Winslow township, and named it in honor of his friend, Judge Winslow. He was a guiding spirit in the little settlement. For many years, and until his death, he acted as postmaster. He induced the first physician to locate in the village, and in various ways contributed to its advancement.

Yet, while public spirited in an eminent degree, Mr. Reynolds repeatedly declined office. The subject of personal advantage in a public capacity was repugnant to his nature, and the postmastership, which clung to him so long, was borne as a duty rather than an honor or a position of gain, for the emoluments in those days were not commensurate with the time and attention required. The death of this distinguished pioneer occurred May 10, 1881. To many he had seemed eccentric, for he was not understood. His life was fashioned on heroic lines. Beneath an inscrutable exterior burned deep emotions, an uncompromising detestation of shams and hypocrisies, a keen wit, a broad humor, a sympathy for humanity. He was gentle and tender as a woman, yet firm and unyielding for right and truth. Of a nature like his were martyrs made.

His wife survived him seven years. She had been a worthy helper. Juliana Smith was the descendant of William Smith, who emigrated to America from Gloucester, England, in 1635, and settled in Boston. Here he was one of the victims of that religious persecution, which forms the one blot in New England Colonial history, and for his faith was driven from his new home. With forty sympathetic Boston families, he settled at Hempstead, Long Island, in 1639, and finally perished by Indian hatred and treachery. From this ancestry the line of descent to Mrs. Reynolds was through Abraham Smith, Isaac Smith, 1657-1746, who died at Hempstead Plains; Jacob Smith, 1690-1757; Isaac Smith, who was born in 1722, and emigrated from Queens to Dutchess county in 1669. Jacob Smith, 1746-1810; Uriah Smith, 1771-1819, and Valentine Hulet Peters Smith, 1796-1860, the father of Mrs. Reynolds. Valentine H. P. Smith married Rebecca Sprague, daughter of John Sprague, of Chateaugay, N. Y. Of their four children, Juliana was the third. She was seven years old when her father emigrated from New York to Jefferson county, Penn., and her girlhood was spent under the hardships of pioneer life. She possessed the Christian virtues in an eminent degree, though a member of no Church, and as the wife of Thomas Reynolds, whom she married in early womanhood, she was renowned for the sweet graces of charity and good will, and during the Civil war her sympathies and efforts were actively exerted in behalf of the Union soldiers, and her eldest son, a mere lad, was tearfully given to his country's service. For meritorious service he rose to the rank of captain. Mrs. Reynolds died at Covington, Kentucky, July 7, 1888, succumbing to a surgical operation for the removal of a cancer from her face; her remains repose beside those of her husband in Beulah cemetery, on part of the Reynolds farm.

Seven children were born to Thomas and Juliana Reynolds, as follows: Tilton, born October 26, 1843. He enlisted as a member of Company H, 105th P. V. I., and was commissioned its captain. He married Ida McCalister, and has two children—Ruth and Arthur; Arthur Parke, born December 5, 1845, died December 12, 1874; Clara E., born April 11, 1848. She married G. J. Scott, a prominent citizen of Jefferson county, and after his death wedded E. D. Seely, of Reynoldsville; Margaret, born June 9, 1850. She married W. W. Gorsline, and has one child, Reynolds; William S., born April 7, 1853. He married Ella Yarrington, and is a noted artist now residing in New York City: Thomas, born September 25, 1856; and John Doagherty, born September 1, 1858, married Gertrude Dolan in 1884, and died March 19, 1886.

Thomas Reynolds, the youngest living child, and his sister, Margaret, are now living on the old home farm. Thomas has lived amid the clustering memories of the homestead except one year which was spent in Covington, Kentucky. He has inherited the sterling traits of both parents, and is one of the keen, progressive young business men of the county. Besides general farming, he conducts a lumbering trade, and is also interested in real estate, coal and other large and kindred pursuits. His sister is one of the cultured women of the community, and presides with dignity and hospitable grace at the beautiful ancestral home.

JAMES ALEXANDER CATHERS. One of the prominent and influential residents of Winslow township, Jefferson county, has lived in this vicinity from his early youth. He came with his parents when the country was yet virgin, and helped bear the burden of its preparation for settlement. Mr. Cathers has been closely identified with the natural and largest interests
of this vicinity, has engaged extensively in farming and lumbering, and is now living a retired life.

His great-grandfather Cathers and a brother came to America together, the brother finally settling in the South. Two of his great-grandsons now reside at Omaha, Neb., where they are bankers and prominent business men. The great-grandfather of our subject was married to a Miss Wallace, whose brother was a general in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution, and fought gallantly for the independence of the colonies. Our subject’s great-grandmother Blake, whose maiden name was Smiley, had a brother, Robert Smiley, who was a colonel in the war of the Revolution; also fought in the Indian war, and was shot through the lungs by an Indian, but, being a large and powerfully built man, recovered.

James Alexander Cathers was born in Clarion county, a mile from the present town of that name, April 24, 1828, the son of Robert and Nancy (Thompson) Cathers. Robert Cathers was born in Somerset county, and became a prominent citizen of Clarion county, and later was identified with important industries of Jefferson county. His parents were Joseph and Rachel (Blake) Cathers, who were of Scotch-Irish extraction, and were also early residents of Juniata county, and who spent the closing years of their lives in Clarion county. James and Nancy (Murray) Thompson, the maternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of Ireland and became early settlers of Clarion county. James Thompson was drowned in the Juniata river, while coal-boating.

It was in April, 1848, that Robert Cathers became a resident of what is now Winslow township; he had purchased 100 acres of land, paying $1.25 for it per acre, and in 1844 had come out with his two sons, James A., subject of this sketch, and William, and cleared the farm and put in a crop of wheat. He thus looked after the farm until he moved his family to the place in 1848. Later he purchased 500 acres at $3.00 per acre, which has good coal under it. Robert Cathers, in addition to other enterprises, also had a farm in Clarion county and operated an old “up-and-down” water sawmill at the mouth of Cathers run on the Clarion river. He also built a saw and grist mill in Winslow township, which was destroyed by fire August 23, 1877. It was rebuilt, and is now known as the McCreight mill. Robert Cathers and his son, James Alexander, in their operations, bought considerable land. The father purchased the timber on 1,000 acres, paid stumpage for it, manufactured the lumber and took it to the Pittsburg market; he also cleared up two farms, giving employment to many men. The son bought and paid for 1,100 acres of coal and timber land in Clearfield and Jefferson counties. In religious faith Mr. Cathers was a Seceder, and in politics a Whig. He died in February, 1878, aged eighty-six years. His wife, the mother of our subject, died in the spring of 1865, aged seventy-six years, and they are both buried on the Fuller farm in Winslow township. To Robert and Nancy Cathers were born the following children: Rachel, who married William McGhee, and died in 1875, surviving her husband fourteen years; Joseph (deceased); William T., a retired farmer of Rathmel; James A., subject of this sketch: Robert S., a liveryman, living in Kansas, and Rosanna, of Jefferson county.

James Alexander Cathers was twenty years of age when he came with his father’s family to the new home in Jefferson county. For a year he worked on his father’s farm and at the sawmill, then for a year engaged in clearing some land near Prescottville, which his father had given him. He was married, June 6, 1850, at Beach Woods settlement, Jefferson county, to Miss Eliza Ann McGhee, who was born at Beachwood, June 16, 1830, daughter of John and Nancy (Smith) McGhee, natives respectively of New York, and County Tyrone, Ireland. John McGhee was the son of William and Lena (Johnson) McGhee, natives of Scotland and England respectively, and Nancy Smith was the daughter of James and Margaret (Hamilton) Smith, lifelong residents of Ireland. John McGhee was a millwright by trade, and followed farming later in life. He settled in Washington township, Jefferson county, and died at the old homestead in May, 1865, aged sixty-nine years. In religious faith he was a Quaker, while his wife was a Baptist. She died in 1855 aged thirty-seven years. The children of John and Nancy McGhee were: Margaret, who married John McMinn, and both are now deceased; William (deceased); Sarah, living at the old homestead; Charlotte, widow of David McGearry, also living at the homestead; James, a lumberman of Sandy Valley, Winslow township, and Eliza A., wife of our subject. In 1851, soon after his marriage, Mr. Cathers came to his present farm, moving into a small house which he had erected. In 1889 he erected a cozy brick dwelling, and took possession the following year. He has been a prominent farmer and lumberman, engaging in extensive operations up to about 1887, since which time he has lived a more retired life.

His children are as follows: John T., born July 20, 1851, an attorney at Omaha, Neb., who
married Louie McDaniels, and has two children; Robert S., born September 17, 1833, a prominent lead miner in Missouri; James A. Jr., born February 5, 1856, a farmer of Winslow township, who married Alice H. Morgan; Anna E., born June 20, 1858, died in 1860; Charlotte J., born March 23, 1861, wife of A. L. Long, a farmer living on subject's place; Cassa Adana, born August 23, 1863, died November 22, 1863; Rachel, born January 4, 1865, wife of Joseph Patton, a miner of Winslow township; William C., born October 22, 1867, died March 4, 1882; Harry W., born October 12, 1874, living at home; Abigail E., born December 13, 1877, died March 4, 1882.

In politics Mr. Cathers is a prominent Republican. He has been honored by elections to numerous offices, and, in 1877, he was elected commissioner of Jefferson county, for a term of three years. He is a man of sterling character, and is highly esteemed by the people among whom he has lived for many years. Mrs. Cathers is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and their pleasant home is cheered not alone by the material comforts which it possesses, but by the graces of hospitality, culture and rectitude.

THOMAS C. LAWSON, M. D., a prominent physician of Brookville, Jefferson county, is one of the leading citizens of that place, ranking high in social and political life, as well as in that of his chosen calling. He is a member of a well-known family of this State. His father, the late Hon. James B. Lawson, a prosperous agriculturist and iron manufacturer of Clarion county, Penn., was prominently identified with public affairs, representing his district in the State Legislature in 1871-72, and serving as associate judge of Clarion county. Among the other offices of trust to which he was chosen was that of county commissioner. His death occurred in 1866, that of his wife, Lavina (Orr), in 1887.

Dr. Lawson was born at the old home near Lawsonham, Clarion county, July 26, 1843, and had the advantage of farm life during boyhood. At the breaking out of hostilities between the North and the South he was but eighteen years old, yet young as he was, he enlisted, and went to the front as a member of the 155th P. V. I. He remained in active service three years, taking part in all the many engagements in which his company participated, and, as color bearer for his regiment, was often where the bullets flew thickest. Fortunately he was neither wounded nor captured, and on receiving an honorable discharge he returned to his studies, attending school at Bells Mills, near Altoona. Later he pursued a course of study in medicine, graduating in 1871 from Jefferson College, Philadelphia. For some time he was engaged in his profession at Greenville, Clarion county; but after taking one year in post-graduate study at Philadelphia and New York City he opened an office, in 1880, at Brookville, where he soon established a large and lucrative practice.

In 1874 Dr. Lawson was united in marriage with Miss Alice Patton, daughter of Thomas Patton, a native of Philadelphia, who went to Clarion county when a young man and became a prominent merchant. He was quiet and unassuming, highly respected by all who knew him. He died in 1860; his wife, Elizabeth Parsons, of Centre county, Penn., passing away in 1883. The Doctor's home has been brightened by eight children, but the first two did not long remain on earth; the others are Margaret, Charles T., Bessie L., Mary E., James B., and Alice P., an interesting family, all of whom are residing with their parents.

The Doctor's non-professional interests are varied, and show the esteem in which his abilities are held by his associates. In the Presbyterian Church, of which he and his wife are members, he holds the office of ruling elder, and that he is well-known in business circles is shown by his election to the presidency of the Brookville Furniture Co. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the A. R., and the Veteran Legion, and to the County and State Medical Societies. In politics he is a Democrat at all times and under all circumstances, and he has served as chairman of the county committee and been otherwise active in his party's welfare.

CHARLES M. MATSON, M. D., of Brookville, Jefferson county, is recognized as a leader in his profession in this section, not only among the people at large, but by the medical fraternity. He was one of the founders of the Jefferson County Medical Society, organized in 1877, and was its first president. As one of three delegates, he represented the society in the State Medical Society for the first time, and in 1878 he was chosen as the first delegate to the American Medical Association.

Dr. Matson was born July 22, 1853, at Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., the son of James C. and Harriet (Potter) Matson, and in early life he began to prepare for the medical profession, reading under the preceptorship of Drs. Dowling and Heichhold, of Brookville. Later he attended lectures at Cleveland, Ohio, and, on completing
his course, located at Corsica, Penn., April 1, 1858, as a partner of Dr. Mark Rogers. From April 1, 1859, to December, 1862, he was engaged in other business, but then resumed his practice as an assistant to Dr. John Mechling, of Brookville. In February, 1863, he formed a partnership with Dr. Mechling, and in March of the same year he bought the practice, Dr. Mechling to remain as a partner, however, until he should find a satisfactory location. Having been appointed army surgeon-in-charge of the enrollment for the Nineteenth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, on April 21, 1863, Dr. Mechling was ordered to report on May 1, to Col. H. S. Campbell, at his headquarters in Waterford, Erie county, and Dr. Matson was thus left to continue along the large practice established by Dr. Mechling. He was fully equal to the occasion, and not only retained the old friends, but made new. Dr. Mechling resigned his position April 21, 1864, and Dr. Matson was appointed to succeed him, being ordered to report for duty May 1, 1864. At this time the duties of medical examiners for the army were very arduous, the number of volunteers, substitutes and drafted men being very great, while a constant stream of men liable to draft, seeking to be stricken from the enrollment list on account of real or physical disability for military service, still further increased the labors. Dr. Matson served until June 15, 1865, when he was honorably discharged by Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War. During his term the Doctor examined nearly fifteen thousand men, of whom about three thousand were twice examined. At the close of the war he returned to Brookville, where he has ever since continued his professional work.

On September 3, 1857, Dr. Matson was married to Miss Alice Johnson, only child of David S. and Naamah Johnson, and three children were born to the union, two of whom are deceased. Eugene G., the survivor, is now professor of Histology and Bacteriology in the Western Pennsylvania Medical College at Pittsburg, and bacteriologist for the board of health in that city. He is an Alumnus of Syracuse University, also of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, after leaving which institution he proceeded to Europe, and at Berlin, Germany, followed special study under Dr. Von Bergman, Dr. Schroeder and Dr. Henoch.

Mrs. Alice (Johnson) Matson died May 2, 1893, and October 27, 1864, our subject wedded Miss Amanda Truby, three children being born to the union: (1) W. W., a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, and now practicing with his father in Brookville;

(2) Claude W., a civil engineer, educated at the Western Pennsylvania University, Pittsburg; and

(3) Caroline, who is at Miss Thurston's School for Young Ladies, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

John Matson, paternal grandfather of Dr. Charles M. Matson, was born on the shore of Loch Swilly, near Fannet, Donegal county, Ireland, in 1774, emigrating to America with his father, Uriah Matson, his mother Belle, and brothers and sisters, in September, 1786. The family settled first in Chester county. Penn., afterward removing to Indiana county, where, in 1803 or 1804, John Matson married Mary Thompson, and shortly after the birth of his first child removed to Jefferson county, which had been erected, by an Act of Legislature, passed March 26, 1804, from the western portion of Lycoming county. He purchased a large tract of land northwest of, and adjoining that, on which the borough of Brookville was afterward located. Out of a portion of this tract, one mile north of the town, now on the Clarington road, he cleared a farm, now owned by his son, Robert L. Matson, on which he spent the balance of his life, dying in 1866. His oldest daughter, Isabella, was born in Indiana county before his removal to Jefferson county; the balance of his family, viz.: Jane, James, Clark, Uriah, John W., Rebecca, Lydia, Robert L., William F., Harrison A. and Mary Ann, were all born on this farm, and here, Mary, his wife, died in 1876.

Little is known of Uriah Matson (father of John) outside of the Church certificate, which he brought to this country with him, as follows:

"That the bearer hereof, Uriah Matson, and Belle, his wife, have been members of this congregation from their infancy, and always maintained an honest, sober and industrious character, free from public scandal of any kind; and now intending to settle in some of the United States of North America, are therefore recommended as regular members of any Christian Society where God in His Providence may appoint their lot. By

"JAMES DELAY, D. M."

"Dated at Fannet 11th June, 1786. County of Donegall, Kingdom of Ireland."

Joseph Potter, maternal grandfather of Dr. Charles M. Matson, married Rachel Jackson. August 13, 1777, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Johnston, pastor of the Harts Log and Shaver's Creek and Huntingdon Presbyterian Congregations. Rachel Jackson was a daughter of George Jackson, who came from Wilmington, Del., and settled on the Raystown branch in that part of Huntingdon
county which was afterward, in 1766, erected into Jackson township. In the course of some six years he settled on the Little Juniata, in the present township of Logan, below Jack's Narrows, on what was known in 1883 as the G. P. Wakefield farm, and here lived during the Revolution, forting at Anderson's, where he served as a member of a scouting party. He died in 1806, and was buried in Shaver cemetery. His children were as follows: Joseph, William, Thomas, Jane (who married Col. John Free), Mary (Mrs. John Beatty), Rachel (Mrs. Joseph Potter), Elizabeth (Mrs. William Spencer), and Prudence (Mrs. Samuel Keller). Joseph was one of the first white children born in the county. In 1791 he married Margaret Wilson, daughter of John Wilson, and in 1796 they settled at Herod's Run, on what is known as the Jackson homestead. Joseph Jackson settled there in 1792, and died in 1838.

B. ORCUTT, of Corsica, was for many years prominently identified with the business interests and development of Union township, Jefferson county, but has now retired from active labor, enjoying a rest which he so richly deserves.

A native of Maine, he was born in Charleston, Penobscot county, October 3, 1827, a son of David and Asenath (Engles) Orcutt, the former also a native of Charleston, and the latter of Blue Hill, Me. The paternal grandfather was an Englishman by birth, and emigrated to America during Colonial days, locating in Maine, where throughout the remainder of his life he engaged in farming. Religiously he was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. In his family were the following children: David, John, Samuel, Otis, Ezra, Sally A., Eliza, Rosilla and Cordelia. Of these, David Orcutt was reared to agricultural pursuits, but later engaged in lumbering. In his native State he married Asenath Engles, who died about 1830, leaving two sons: E. B., and James, now a farmer of Iowa. The mother was a most estimable lady and exemplary Christian, a faithful member of the Baptist Church. During the '30s David Orcutt came to Jefferson county, Penn., and located at Brockwayville, where with a partner he erected the first sawmill on Toby creek. After operating it for about ten years, he sold out and removed to Roseville, Union township, where he followed farming and lumbering until 1842, and later engaged in the same pursuits on Clarion river, in Limestone township, Clarion Co., Penn., where his death occurred in 1863. He was also an active and prominent member of the Baptist Church, and contributed liberally to the erection of Mount Pleasant church edifice. Some years after coming to Pennsylvania, he was married at Roseville to a Mrs. Mills, by whom he had three children: David, Isaac and Nannie. Mrs. Orcutt, who was a Presbyterian, died after their removal to Clarion county, and he later wedded a Miss Means.

After the death of his mother, E. B. Orcutt and his brother were left with his grandfather in Maine, while his father came to this State. Although his early education was greatly neglected by his own energy and perseverance since attain ing manhood he has acquired a good practical knowledge of affairs, learning the multiplication table after embarking in merchandising at Corsica. He is not only a self-educated but also a self-made man, starting out in life for himself at the early age of fourteen as a farm hand, at the meager salary of $30 per year. The following year, in the employ of another farmer, he received $50, and then began working in the lumber woods on Penobscot river at $15 per month. Six months later he obtained employment in a hotel, where he also remained six months. His father, returning to Maine in the fall of 1844, brought his sons to Pennsylvania, and our subject remained with him until twenty years of age, when he began merchandising in Corsica, as a partner of John J. Y. Thompson and Samuel Barr. Two years later Mr. Thompson sold his interest to the others, the firm becoming Barr & Orcutt, but at the end of three years Mr. Orcutt purchased his partner's interest. Subsequently for two years John Reed was a member of the firm, but with that exception was alone in merchandising.

Mr. Orcutt did not confine his attention solely to mercantile pursuits, but has been interested in real-estate dealings, lumbering and stock-raising. With his brother James he purchased a 200-acre tract of timber land and a sawmill, and until 1875, when the property was destroyed by fire, they successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber, which they marketed at Pittsburg. As the mill was only insured for a small amount the loss was very heavy. Rebuilding they continued operations for three years when the firm was changed to Orcutt & Jackson, but four years later they discontinued business. Selling his store, Mr. Orcutt purchased the "Corsica Hotel" and other property in the city, which was mostly destroyed in the big fire of 1873, but he built a more commodious hotel, which is still the leading hostelry of the place. For nearly forty years he was interested in the hotel business in Corsica, but in 1892 retired to his private residence,
and is now enjoying the fruits of his former toil. For some time he was an extensive dealer in horses, which he marketed in the East, and in promoting his own interests has materially advanced the welfare of the community by furnishing employment to many, building up important industries, and in developing and improving the land. He was ever a progressive, enterprising business man of the strictest integrity, and his straightforward course won for him the esteem and friendship of a host of acquaintances far and near. In politics, formerly he was a Republican, but now supports the Prohibition party, while in religious belief both he and his estimable wife are Presbyterians.

In 1854 Mr. Orcutt was married to Miss Rachel McCulloch, a lady of intelligence and worth, and they have become the parents of seven children: Laura, Rose Albo (Mrs. Dr. Holden), Cad, John, Pearl, Winnie and Read. Sheridan McCulloch, the father of Mrs. Orcutt, was a native of Baltimore, and of Irish descent. At an early day he came to Jefferson county, Penn., where in the midst of the wilderness he improved a farm and spent his remaining days, dying in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. His children were: Jane, the eldest, died at the age of sixteen; William; Linn; Rachel; Elizabeth; David died August 10, 1897, at Yorktown; Rebecca; Anna and John.

JACOB WAGNER. Success worthily won and well deserved has crowned the efforts of this gentleman, and to-day he is living a retired life, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. His life has been a busy and useful one, and he is numbered among the worthy citizens of Worthville.

Born in Northumberland county, Penn., August 28, 1827, Mr. Wagner is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Geist) Wagner, natives of the same county. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Wagner, was a farmer and veterinary surgeon who died in Schuylkill county, Penn., at an advanced age. The maternal grandparents were Andrew and Christina (Snyder) Geist, natives of Lancaster and Northumberland counties, respectively. The parents of our subject were married in Northumberland county, whence they removed to Schuylkill county, where the father engaged in farming. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and gave his political support to the Democracy. He died in 1827, just six months before the birth of our subject. His widow afterward married Solomon Shunkwiler, and returned to Northumberland county, where she died in 1887, at the age of sixty-nine years. Her children by her first marriage are: Catherine, widow of Jacob Kaufman, of Northumberland county; Daniel and George, who died in Union county; Lydia, widow of Daniel Foster, a retired farmer of Macomb, Ill.; Reuben, who died in Union county, Penn.; and Jacob. By her second marriage, Mrs. Shunkwiler had four children: Caroline, deceased wife of Washington Shonberger, of Northumberland county; Mary, deceased wife of Andrew Brocion, of Northumberland county; Andrew, who died in that county; and Christina, who married Jacob Horst, and now the widow of Conrad Raybuck, is a resident of Northumberland.

Jacob Wagner, the subject of this review, was reared by his maternal grandparents until sixteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself. He served an apprenticeship at the harness-maker's trade under Eli Orand, of Adamsburg, Penn., with whom he remained three years, and then returned to the home of his Grandfather Geist, where he followed harness-making on his own account for a year. He then spent one year in Schuylkill county, and in 1848 came to Jefferson county, locating on the present site of Worthville, where he resided with Eli Geist for two years. He then purchased 200 acres of land on which the town is now situated, and operated a saw and grist mill, and carried on a mercantile store, also farmed and lumbered. During this time he was associated in business with Eli Geist, but after three years the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Wagner taking as his share of the property his present homestead, comprising 111 acres of rich and arable land. He continued to engage in lumbering and farming for a number of years, and his son-in-law, Samuel W. Shick, was his partner in carrying on these industries. He also engaged in merchandising for four years. He is a man of resourceful business ability, sound discrimination and untiring energy, and by the exercise of these qualifications he carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, and thus won a handsome competence.

In January, 1851, in Coolspring, Penn., Mr. Wagner was married to Dorisa Mauk, the wedding ceremony being performed by Squire McKinstry. Their children are: Catherine, wife of John Haines, a farmer of St. Louis, Mich.; Sarah, who died at the age of three years; and Daniel, who died at the age of one year. The mother was called to the home beyond in 1855, at the age of twenty-five, and her remains were interred at St. John's Church, in Jefferson county. Mr. Wagner was again married, in January, 1856, his second union being with Rebecca Haines, an
estimable lady, whose many excellences of character have won her a large circle of friends. She was born in Northumberland county June 11, 1835, and is a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Hoff) Haines, who were born and married in Northumberland county. In 1838 they removed to Clearfield county, and after two years came to Jefferson county, locating at the present site of Freedom. The father died in 1840, at the age of sixty years, and was buried in the cemetery there. His wife died in January, 1895, at the age of eighty-seven, and was buried in Hawthorn churchyard, in Clarion county, Penn. Both were active members of the Reformed Church. The mother was blind six years prior to her death.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wagner are: Malinda, wife of Samuel W. Shick, a merchant of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of George W. Graham, a farmer and merchant of Ringgold township; Alice, wife of Albert M. Smith, a carpenter of Johnsonburg, Penn.; Jacob E., who married Anna Shaffer, and operates the home farm; Flora, wife of Seth Shaffer, a blacksmith of Marionsville, Penn.; John, who is attending the normal school in Lock Haven, Penn., and Minnie, at home. The father of this family holds membership in the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a leading citizen of Worthville, whose deep interest in the welfare of the town has led him to give an active support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He is a man of progressive views, who keeps abreast with the times in all particulars, and his well-spent life is indeed worthy of emulation.

Mrs. Wagner is one of the three surviving children of her father’s family, the others being: Mary, wife of George Neece, a retired farmer of Oakridge, Penn.; and Catherine, wife of Van Lawnhead, a miner and farmer of Oakridge. There were also three children, now deceased: Eli: Anna, who died at the age of three years, and Samuel.

Robert Norris was born in Allegheny county, Penn., and died February 3, 1897, at the age of sixty-eight years, eight months and one day. His identification with the interests of Jefferson county was long and honorable, and he was esteemed as one whose sterling worth made him a valued factor in the community.

Robert Norris, his paternal grandfather, was a wealthy citizen of Ireland, who took great delight in hunting, and spent much time in following the hounds. He was six feet and six inches in height and weighed 250 pounds. The parents of our subject, John and Mary E. (Moore) Norris, were natives of County Derry, Ireland, and in 1824 emigrated to Canada, whence they removed to Allegheny county, Penn., in 1828. Their children were: Robert; William and Henry, farmers of Winslow township; Jane, wife of Andrew McCullough, of Birmingham, Penn.; Esther, wife of John A. Crawford, of Allegheny City, Penn.; Nancy, who died at the age of twenty-three; Ruth, who is living with her brother Joseph; Adam M. and Joseph, who reside on the old homestead in Allegheny county;
Thomas S. Milwright
and Sarah E., wife of John Stark, also a farmer of Allegheny county.

Robert Norris remained on the homestead in Allegheny county until sixteen years of age, when he went to Pittsburg, Penn., where he worked in a brick yard for four years during the summer, returning each winter to Allegheny county. He afterward worked in the lumber woods and then began lumbering in Jefferson county, which he followed until his death. He was also the owner of several farms, his second purchase being 175 acres of land, which is now owned by his sons, James C. and John M. He paid for this $6 per acre, and afterward sold twenty acres for $20 per acre. This is one of the most valuable farms of the county, being underlaid with coal. He made many excellent improvements upon the place, which stood as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. During the war, March 15, 1865, he was drafted; but hired John Hoffman to go as a substitute, paying him $1,300, of which amount he had to borrow $300. Mr. Hoffman asked him to keep the money for him until his return from the war, such was his known honesty in all business transactions. In politics he was always a Democrat, and for eleven years he served as school director of Winslow. He was a man six feet, three inches in height, and weighed 205 pounds prior to his last illness. In business and social circles he was highly regarded, and he left to his family an untarnished name. He was married to Jane Mays, who was born in Venango county, August 5, 1827. Her parents were J. C. and Mary M. Mays. Her grandparents were George W. and Mary (Hamilton) Mays, the former a native of South Carolina, and the latter of Northampton county, Penn. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and in battle suffered injuries which caused his death at the age of fifty-five years. By trade he was a millwright and miller, and in 1843 he located in Clarion county, Penn., where he lived until called to the home beyond. His wife died at the age of seventy-five years, and was buried in Butler county, Kans. The great-grandparents, Thomas W. and Mary Martha (Hamilton) Mays, were natives of Germany and Ireland, respectively. The former served in the Revolutionary war and was wounded in the struggle for independence. He was a millwright by trade, and built one of the first mills in Westmoreland county, Penn. Later he moved to Venango county, Penn., where he spent his last days.

Mrs. Robert Norris belonged to the family of which the following named were also members: Margaret E., deceased wife of Oliver Cathers; John, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of William Cook, a farmer of Clarion county, Penn.; Eleanor, widow of Simon Huntington, and a resident of Reynolds ville; Thomas W., a farmer of Little Rock, Iowa; Mrs. Jane Norris; and Daniel, a farmer of Missouri.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norris were born the following children: John M.; Margaret E., wife of J. F. Chambers, of Reynolds ville; Mary, at home; James C.; Nancy J., wife of L. B. DeHaven, of Johnsburg, Penn.; Adra A., who is with her mother; Daniel, deceased; and Robert W., who is studying medicine in Philadelphia.

John M. Norris, who is living on the old homestead, was born in Winslow township, April 25, 1853. He was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, and after arriving at years of maturity was married November 6, 1879, to Miss Mary Hillis, by whom he has three children: Dora M., Robert J. and Julia Estella. Mrs. Norris was born in Philadelphia. June 19, 1858, and is a daughter of James and Jane (Graham) Hillis, the former born in New York, and the latter in County Derry, Ireland. Her mother came to Philadelphia with an aunt, and was married in that city to Mr. Hillis. In 1861 they removed to the farm in Jefferson county which is now their home. Their children are Mrs. Norris: Robert J., a physician of Altoona, Penn.; John R. and Sarah E., at home.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. John M. Norris, Robert and Mary (McColley) Hillis, were natives of County Derry, Ireland, and on coming to America located in New York. The latter died in Philadelphia, and the former in Jefferson county, Penn., at the age of eighty-two years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John M. Norris made his home with his parents until December, 1879, when he removed to a house about one hundred yards distant. He is an energetic, progressive farmer, and has a valuable property in the old home place, the land being underlaid with a rich vein of coal. He has been called to public office by his fellow townsmen who recognize his sterling worth and ability, was supervisor one year, township auditor three years, and a member of the election board sixteen times. In politics he is a Democrat, is a member of Paradise Grange, No. 834, and belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

James C. Norris, who occupies that part of the old family homestead lying in Henderson township, was born in Winslow township, April 2, 1859, and in the school room and on the farm his youth was passed. He was married January 17, 1894, the lady of his choice being Miss
Jennie C. McDonald, and they have one child, Howard T. In the year of his marriage, James C. Norris built his present home. He and his brother reside on the same farm with their mother, and their business operations are conducted with the utmost harmony. He has served as auditor of his township, but has never aspired to political honors. He also belongs to Paradise Grange, and gives his political support to the Democracy. Like the others of the family, he is an intelligent and progressive member of society, a worthy citizen whom to know is to honor.

EDWARD REITZ. In the great competitive struggle of life, when each must enter the field and fight his way to the front, there is ever particular interest attaching to the life of one who has turned the tide to success, has surmounted the obstacles, and has shown his ability to cope with others in their rush for the coveted goal. Such has been the life of Edward Reitz, who has achieved success by his own unaided efforts. Born in Northumberland county, Penn., in September, 1831, Mr. Reitz is a son of Jacob Reitz, who removed to Beaver township, Jefferson Co., Penn., in 1842. His father was in limited circumstances, and his educational privileges were in consequence limited, but he and his brother, Manuel, attended school alternate days. Thus he laid the foundation for a good practical education, which has been supplemented by experience, observation and reading. He remained with his father until he attained his majority, when he learned the carpenter's trade, and in 1854 he went with his brother, Manuel, to Illinois, where he followed that occupation until 1857. Returning then to Pennsylvania he was appointed deputy sheriff under his brother, in 1863, and served the full term of three years. In 1866 he took up his residence in Bellevue (now called Stanton), removing thither from Brookville, where he had located in 1861, in the interest of his father-in-law, H. W. Spare. In 1866, with his three brothers, he embarked in general merchandising, and is still carrying on that business in connection with his son, Gilmore C. He has also devoted his energies to farming and stock-raising, and his extensive business interests, being well-conducted upon honorable lines, have brought him a handsome and well-deserved competence. In 1859 he was married to Miss Sarah Spare, of Beaver township, and to them were born thirteen children, ten of whom reached mature years, namely: Ralph B., Gilmore C., Emma, Ella M., Letitia, Ladd M., Joseph S., Harry W., Sarah C., and Richard. Of these Letitia is the wife of W. A. Johns. The mother died in 1891, at the age of fifty years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Reitz and his children have long held membership therein, the father having been class leader from his first connection with the Church, now nearly thirty years. The family home has been maintained since the mother's death, the daughters assuming the management of the household affairs.

In politics our subject is a Republican, and in this particular his sons have followed in his footsteps. He has served his fellow citizens as constable and justice of the peace, and as postmaster for more than twenty years, but he has never been an office-seeker, preferring to give his attention to his business and family interests. His eldest son, Ralph B., after completing his literary education by his graduation from Allegheny College, at Meadville, Penn., took up the study of medicine, and spent one year in Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City. He then entered the dental department of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, where he remained three years. He was president of the graduating class, but two months prior to the time of graduation he accepted a business proposition. Re-entering the school, he graduated in the class of 1897.

GILMORE C. REITZ, the second son of the family, and his father's partner in business, was born in Brookville in 1863, and obtained his education in the public schools near his home. From his boyhood he has been connected with mercantile pursuits, having entered his father's store as clerk when seventeen years of age. In 1887 he was admitted to a partnership in the business, and has since been an active member of the firm, while for some time past he has largely controlled the store, his father devoting his time to other affairs. In connection with the goods generally found in a general mercantile establishment, he has also handled harvesting machinery on an extensive scale for several years. Annually he makes a three-months' trip, selling agricultural implements, and has been very successful, perhaps selling more machinery than any other one man in the county. He handles the agricultural implements manufactured by Walter A. Wood, and in all departments of his business carries a most excellent grade of stock, thus insuring a liberal share of public patronage.

In 1888 he was married to Minnie Houpit, a native of Jefferson county, a daughter of Rev. William Houpit, who was born in Armstrong county, Penn. Four children bless this union,
as follows: Ruth, Florence, Edward and William. The parents of these are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now serving as steward, while for several years he has been superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He also belongs to the Grange, United American Mechanics and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, being past grand of the last named. He is a stanch Republican in politics, he was elected on that ticket as town clerk, school director and overseer of the poor, and was appointed postmaster at Stanton April 20, 1897. He is a wide-awake, progressive young man, well known throughout the county, and is a worthy representative of an honored family.

MANUEL W. REITZ has for many years been connected with the business interests of Jefferson county, has been honored with official preferment, and is now living retired; but no matter what the relation that he has sustained to the public he has ever been known as a model citizen, true and faithful to all life's duties.

Mr. Reitz is one of the native sons of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Northumberland county, December 6, 1829. His parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Wagner) Reitz, were also natives of Northumberland county, and there resided until 1842, when they removed to Beaver township, Jefferson county, where they spent their remaining days. The father followed agricultural pursuits, and was recognized as one of the leading agriculturists of the community. He and his wife reared a family of five sons and two daughters. The father passed away in January, 1877, and the wife was called to the home beyond in November, 1887. Manuel Reitz, the second of the children living, received but limited educational privileges, for the schools of the community in which he lived afforded but meager opportunities. He and his younger brother, Edward, would go alternate days, and by close application were enabled to secure a good knowledge of the English language and of the common English branches of learning. Anxious to advance as rapidly as possible, they would study at home and review their lessons in their minds as they proceeded with their daily tasks. Manuel remained on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, after which he served a two-years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and then followed that pursuit until 1859. In the spring of 1854 he, in company with his brother Edward, went to Illinois, where they carried on carpentering until 1857, returning then to Jefferson county. In the fall of 1860 he was appointed deputy sheriff, and after serving in that capacity for three years was elected to the office of sheriff in the autumn of 1863, discharging the duties of that position for three years. He was ever fearless and faithful, and proved an able officer. In 1867 he embarked in general merchandising in Stanton, Penn., and also established a lumber yard, his associates in business being his brothers, Edward, Aaron and Benjamin. Under the firm name of Edward Reitz & Brothers they continued a successful business until 1873, when Manuel Reitz sold his interest to his partners and erected a steam sawmill in Knox township, Jefferson county. He continued its operation until the fall of 1887, and his capable management, well directed energy and honorable dealing brought to him success; but failing health caused his retirement from that industry, and he has since devoted his energies to real estate, dealing in farm lands.

Since 1870 Mr. Reitz has been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now serving therein as trustee and steward. Since 1856, when he voted for John C. Fremont, he has been a stalwart advocate of Republican principles, never wavering in his allegiance to the party which stands for sound money, protection to home industries and loyalty to the old flag. Since 1863 he has resided with his brother Edward, and throughout the community he has many friends.

JOHN S. BARR, register and recorder of Jefferson county, is one of the ablest officials whom the administration of county affairs has called to Brookville. He was born in 1823, in Centre, and is of pioneer blood, his father, David Barr, having been a native of that county. At about the age of thirty, David Barr removed to Jefferson county where the remainder of his life was spent, his attention being given to agriculture and the management of his tannery. Although never prominent in public affairs, he was well known and highly esteemed in the community. He died in 1856, and his wife, Rachel (Paxton), a native of Maryland, passed away three years before him.

The schools to which the subject of this biography had access in his youth were by no means equal to the common schools of to-day, and the terms were short for effective work under any system. Consequently Mr. Barr acquired his education under difficulties, the results of his efforts being decidedly creditable to him. For several years in early life he followed the tanner's trade. In 1854 he was elected constable
in Union township and was re-elected in 1855; in 1857 he moved to Troy (now Summerville), Penn. In 1864 he bought the "Oak Hall Hotel" at Brookville. In 1871 he became engaged in the livery business. In 1872 he was elected sheriff of the county, and in 1880 he built the "St. Cloud Hotel" at Du Bois. In 1882 he took charge of the "American Hotel." In 1883 he became proprietor of the "Red Lion Hotel" at Pittsburg, and conducted it four years. In 1887 he moved to Punxsutawney, where for seven years he was connected with different hostelries: "City Hotel," the "National Hotel," and the "Hotel Pantall." In 1895 he was elected register, recorder, and clerk of the Orphans' Court of Jefferson county, and his efficient work in these positions was rewarded by a re-election, in 1896, by a plurality of 2,327. Mr. Barr is a veteran of the Civil war, having served a year in the 57th P. V. I. He is an active and influential worker in the Republican party, and socially is identified with the K. of P., the Mechanics Union and the G. A. R.

In 1850 Mr. Barr was married to Miss Susan Weirich, of Jefferson county, who died leaving one daughter, Agnes, now the wife of R. T. Kelley. By a second marriage, with Miss Nancy Sir, of Jefferson county, also now deceased, there were two children (both deceased). Mr. Barr formed another matrimonial union, this time, January 1, 1857, with Nancy J. Anthony, who is prominent in philanthropic work as a member of the Baptist Church. They have five children: Elizabeth (wife of James McDonald), Samuel P., John W., George M., and Blanche (wife of John D. Evans, deputy register and recorder of Jefferson county).

LEVI SCHUCKERS, of Winslow township, is one of the representative agriculturists and extensive lumber merchants of Jefferson county. He possesses untiring energy, is quick of perception, forms plans readily, and is determined in their execution; and his close application to business and his excellent management have brought him the high degree of prosperity which is today his.

Mr. Schuckers was born January 26, 1840, in Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Penn., a son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Himes) Schuckers, also natives of that county, where their marriage was celebrated, and where they remained until their removal to Jefferson county in 1857. The father purchased what was known as the Jacob Horn farm in Winslow township, comprising 107 acres, for which he paid $2,000, and there continued to reside up to within a year of his death. He was a successful farmer, was a stalwart Democrat in politics, and served his fellow-citizens in the capacity of school director, supervisor and auditor of Frailey township, Schuylkill county. He died March 14, 1838, aged forty-five years, his wife in December, 1863, aged fifty, and the remains of both were interred in Emerickville cemetery, Jefferson county. They held membership in the Lutheran Church, and were people of the highest respectability. Henry and Nancy (Stauman) Schuckers, the paternal grandparents of our subject, were also natives of Schuylkill county, where the latter died, and was buried in the Klouser Church cemetery. In 1834 the grandfather came to Jefferson county, where he spent his remaining days.

Levi Schuckers is the second in order of birth in the family of nine children, the others being as follows: Sarah A., who married Henry Kroh, but both are now deceased; Emanuel, a farmer and lumberman of Pinecreek township, Jefferson county; Valentine, who died, and was buried at Portland, Ore.; Franklin, deceased, who was a farmer and lumberman of Washington township, Jefferson county; Joseph, an agriculturist of Pinecreek township; Emma, wife of Adam Mohney, a laborer of the same township; Amanda, wife of James I. Brady, bookkeeper for the firm of Long & Brady, proprietors of a sawmill at Brookville, Penn.; and Elizabeth, wife of John Baum, a farmer of Pinecreek township.

The early educational privileges afforded our subject were quite limited, he being able to attend school for only two four-months' terms; but he has made the most of his advantages and become a well-informed man. He remained with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-three, working on his mother's farm during the summer and in the woods during the fall and winter months. Much of his time has been spent in clearing the wild land, grubbing up the stumps, and in other arduous and laborious tasks; but prosperity at length crowned his efforts, and he is to-day one of the well-to-do citizens of Winslow township. In early life he took many rafts of lumber down Sandy Lick and Red Bank creeks and the Alleghany river, but he is now practically living retired at his beautiful home in Winslow township. He first purchased 187 acres of land for $3,000, paying only $1,200 down; but at the end of four years the price was free from debt, although he had to pay ten per cent interest on the principal. He has added to the original tract until it now comprises 417 acres of the most valuable farming land in central Pennsylvania. It is supplied with all the conveniences and accessories of a model farm, and Mr. Schuck-
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REV. JACOB E. DEAN, who is residing on what is known as the old Feely homestead in Winslow township, Jefferson county, devotes his life to farming and to the work of the ministry. He is a man of strong intellectual powers, and much force of character, and has left the impress of his individuality upon the community. Highly esteemed by all who know him, his influence has been a power for good, and he may well be numbered among Jefferson county’s best citizens.

Rev. Dean was born August 27, 1833, near Harlansburg, Lawrence Co., Penn. His parents, Noah and Elizabeth (Emeny) Dean, were natives of Huntingdon and Mercer counties, Penn., respectively, and were married in the latter by Rev. John Munson, a Presbyterian minister. The father followed farming in Lawrence county. He was born July 24, 1804, died in 1870, and was buried at Harlansburg, Penn. His wife, who was born October 30, 1802, died in 1884. Their children were Sarah, widow of Zachariah Dean, of Newcastle, Penn.; William E., a farmer of Lawrence county; Mary, wife of Riley Bruce, and both now deceased; Enoch, deceased; Nancy, who was killed in a railroad disaster at Chatsworth, Ill.; Jacob E.; Noah, a farmer of Missouri; Martha, wife of Lemuel Andrews, of Mercer county, who served three years in the 100th P. V. I.; Caroline, wife of Jesse Locke, of Lawrence county; Alfred, a farmer of Newcastle, Penn.; John C., who served three years in the 100th P. V. I., and died in 1895; Isaac N., who served in the 100th P. V. I., and died at Vicksburg, Miss., July 15, 1863, the result of a sprained ankle.

The Dean family was founded in America by the great-great-grandfather of our subject, a native of England, who located on the present site of Baltimore, but at the opening of the Revolutionary war returned to his native land. The grandfather, Zachariah Dean, was born in Maryland, March 26, 1772, and died April 18, 1862, in Lawrence county, Penn. He was married in Huntingdon county, Penn., to Allie Thompson, a native of this State, who died in June, 1847, at the age of seventy-three years. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Jacob Emery, was of German descent, served in the war of 1812, and died in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dean, of this review, resided with his parents until twenty-one years of age, during which time he assisted in the labors of the home farm and attended the public schools. He was also a student in a normal school in Lawrence county prior to leaving home. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, which he followed for ten terms. On attaining his majority he purchased a farm in Mercer county, whereon he made his home for ten years. In 1859 he went...
to Pikes Peak, Colo., in search of gold, but found little, and in the fall went to Iowa, where he taught school. In 1861 he returned to his farm and the same year entered the ministry. Later he attended Reeds Institute, in order to further fit himself for this calling. He began preaching at Brownsville, Penn., where he remained two years, and in 1863 took up his residence in Clarion, Penn., where he remained a year. During that time he preached at Strattonville and Corsica, and thence removed to Leatherwood, Penn., where he continued four years, having charge of the Leatherwood and Bethlehem Churches. In 1868 he went to Mackville, Penn., and from 1868 to 1875 preached for the Union Church and a charge at Freeport. In 1875 he served as financial secretary for Reeds Institute, and the following year came to his present farm of 121 acres, which he has since kept under a high state of cultivation, and in addition he has carried on much Church work. From 1876 until 1879 he was pastor of the Soldiers Run Church at Reynoldsville, and while there organized the Baptist Church, at West Liberty, of which he was pastor for eleven consecutive years. During that time he organized the Church in Du Bois, for which he preached every fourth Sunday for four years. He also organized the Church at Caledonia, and for nine years occupied the pulpit half of the time at Allen's Mills. During that period he also preached for three and a half years at Union Church, Armstrong county, and then organized the Church at Johnsburg, Elk county, where he continued for four years. Later he had charge of the Baptist Churches in Sykesville and West Liberty, and for a year and a half was pastor of the Churches at Coalport, Mountdale and Medix Run. He is now preaching at Medix Run and Brockwayville, having organized the latter Church in 1891. He was its pastor for a time, and on the 1st of March, 1897, resumed his labors there. He is an able speaker, most earnest and thoughtful, and his labors have been productive of good that is immeasurable. He is a man of broad general information, and does all in his power to promote the best interests of the communities with which he is associated. Rev. Dean is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry Grange No. 44, of Armstrong county, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Reynoldsville. His political support is given the Republican party.

Rev. Dean was married August 16, 1854, in Mercer county, Penn., to Miss Clara Furman, who was born in Strattonville, Clarion county, May 1, 1830. They have a family of nine children: Noah married Rosa Tubbs, by whom he had two children, both now deceased. The mother also died, and he married Belle London, by whom he has four children. They now reside in Rathmel, Penn., where he is agent for a nursery company. Sarah E. is at home. Onis V. is deceased. Permilla A. married J. C. Williams, of Caledonia, Penn., and they have four children. Ida E. is the wife of F. E. McKee, a sawyer of Michigan. Carrie A. died at the age of six years. Charles T., a farmer of Winslow township, married Priscilla Shields, and has two children. Clara A. is the wife of U. Grant Perry, a clerk in the war department at Washington, D. C., by whom she has one child. Myrtle M., a graduate of Lockhaven State Normal, completes the family and lives at home.

It will be interesting in this connection to note something of the family to which Mrs. Dean belongs. Her paternal grandfather was Daniel Furman. Her father, Jonathan Furman, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., and was there married to Sarah Howe, a native of Maryland. He followed farming as a life work, and died in Strattonville, in 1838, at the age of seventy-two. His wife died in Mercer county, in 1850, at the age of sixty-four. He was a Whig in politics, and both were members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: William, who died at the age of twenty-one; Nathan, who died at the age of eighty; Hannah, deceased wife of George Kelley, also deceased; Samuel, a Baptist minister, who died at the age of seventy-three; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jacob Dunkel; Jane, deceased wife of Henry Fulton; John, who has also passed away; Sarah, deceased widow of Henry Runkel, of Mercer county; Ambrose, who has also passed away; and Mrs. Clara Dean, the estimable wife of our subject, who has proved to him a most capable helpmeet, and who has won the warm friendship of many by her excellencies of character.

Samuel Irvin (deceased), late a prominent merchant of Big Run, Jefferson county, was a man who was held in high esteem wherever he was known, and whose history, showing as it does his courageous struggle with adverse circumstances, will afford a helpful lesson.

Benjamin and Prudence (Dunbar) Irvin, his parents, had a large family and limited means, and the value of thrift and industry early became apparent to our subject. The father was a collier for some years after his marriage, but in 1848 engaged in agriculture in Tioga county, Penn., where he purchased a farm, and, in addition to this work, he found employment among the iron furnaces of that neighborhood, much
of his time being spent in burning charcoal, and in similar labor.

Samuel Irvin was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., in 1831, and had but limited schooling, his help being needed at home. On attaining his majority he embarked in business for himself, engaging in lumbering and milling, which he continued until 1861 in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The outbreak of the war and the call for defenders of our national unity, aroused his patriotic spirit, and he went to the front as a member of Company D, 106th P. V. I. He was in active service more than three years. At the battle of Cold Harbor, in 1864, he was wounded in the head by a shell and disabled for further duty. Returning to Pennsylvania he spent one year in lumbering, and then engaged in mercantile business at Liberty, Tioga county, but sold out after three years. He purchased a farm in the same county, which proved an unprofitable investment, and at the end of eight years there he was obliged to seek employment by the day in a tannery at Canton, Penn. In 1882 he moved to North Bend, where he continued in similar work for five years, after which he moved to Williamsport, where he was employed by the hardware firm of J. H. Linck & Co. In 1888 he moved to Big Run, where he was again employed in a tannery for a year, but having secured the means for another start he engaged in the grocery business, which he conducted successfully. In 1885 he was married to Miss Mary M. Wright, of Tioga county, and one son survives, J. B. Irvin, who was for a time in business with his father.

Politically Mr. Irvin was a Republican, and his popularity among all classes made him a favorite candidate for local office when he consented to run. He was a member of the G. A. R., and he was identified with the Christian Church, in which he was serving as deacon and treasurer at the time of his death. His widow is a member of the same Church.

Daniel Reitz, one of the prominent and representative citizens of Beaver township, Jefferson county, has now laid aside the cares and responsibilities of active business life. He has been and is distinctively a man of affairs, and one who has wielded a wide influence. A strong mentality, an invincible courage, and a most determined individuality have so entered into his make-up as to render him a natural leader of men and a director of opinion. The county may well accord honor to him.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Reitz was born in Northumberland county, in 1834, a son of William and Mary (Lease) Reitz. The birth of the father also occurred in that county, where he made his home until coming to Beaver township, Jefferson county, in 1825. In early life he engaged in merchandising, but later devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits. He died in 1892, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife, who was born in Georgetown, Northumberland county, passed away when in her eighty-fourth year.

Daniel Reitz, of this review, is second in order of birth in a family of ten children—five sons and five daughters. He supplemented the knowledge acquired in the common schools of his native county by extensive reading and study in later years, and is well informed on all topics of general interest, as well as the leading questions and issues of the day. At the age of twenty-four he left the parental roof, and obtained employment in the lumber woods of Jefferson county, where he at first worked by the month, and later engaged in jobbing. During this time he was saving his means by which to provide a home for his parents, as his father had met with reverses in business. Our subject continued lumbering until 1865, when he went to the Pacific coast, and traveled extensively over the Western States and British Columbia, spending nearly seven years in the Rocky Mountains in search of his fortune. Although he encountered many obstacles and difficulties, he was mainly successful, and on his return to Pennsylvania, in 1872, he purchased the fine farm in Beaver township, Jefferson county, where he still resides. While in the West he came across many hostile Indian tribes, and at times narrowly escaped with his life. For several years after his return, Mr. Reitz was actively engaged in general farming, and for fifteen years served as justice of the peace, during which time he administered and settled many estates, having at one time fifteen on hand for settlement, but he has now laid aside all business cares, and is enjoying a well-earned rest. In 1872 he was married to Mrs. Mary Spare, nee Lurch, of Jefferson county, a most estimable lady, who is a faithful member of the Evangelical Church. Fraternally, Mr. Reitz was for many years a member of the Masonic order, but took his dimit owing to his age. However, he still belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs, is a member of the Grand Lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the American Mechanics and the Farmers Alliance.

In politics, our subject has entertained Greenback proclivities since 1864, prior to which time