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CONTAINING

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

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he was a Democrat, but supported Lincoln in 1860. He has been frequently urged to accept the nomination for different offices, but declined to run for sheriff and for member of the Assembly at different times. In 1884 he attended the Democratic and Greenback Congressional Convention at Kittanning, and after two days' unsuccessful balloting, his name was proposed, and he was triumphantly nominated for representative. Although he received 2,800 votes more than Grover Cleveland, he was defeated as his district was strongly Republican. At the Labor Convention of his Senatorial District, he was nominated for State Senator in 1896, but declined the honor. No man in Jefferson county stands higher in the estimation of his fellow citizens, or is more deserving their regard than Daniel Reitz.

ARTHUR O'DONNEL. Wherever there is pioneer or unusual work to be done, men of energy and ability are required, and success or failure depends upon the degree of those qualities that is possessed. In wrestling the land of Winslow township, Jefferson county, from its native wilderness; in fitting it for the habitation of men; in developing the natural resources of the community in which they live, few, if any, have contributed more largely than Arthur O'Donnel, and it is meet and proper that for the arduous and important labor he has performed he should receive his due reward. He is now a wealthy lumber manufacturer, and operates two large sawmills, one of which is located at Camp Run, Jefferson county, on a tract of 1,392 acres of land, owned by Andrews & Son, and by A. O'Donnel & Son; the other at O'Donnel Station, same county, which station was named for our subject.

Mr. O'Donnel was born, December 26, 1824, in Clearfield township, Butler Co., Penn., a son of Arthur and Marjorie (Duffy) O'Donnel, and a grandson of Arthur O'Donnel. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents came from Ireland. The father was a native of Dauphin county, and the mother of Butler county. They were married in Butler county, and there Arthur O'Donnel, the father of our subject, engaged in general farming. He was prosperous in business, and was one of the leading men in that county, serving as justice of the peace for many years and filling various other local offices. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a Catholic. He died July 30, 1875, aged seventy-seven years, his wife having passed away several years previously, aged seventy-five years. Both are buried at St. John's Church, Clearfield township, Butler county. Their children were as follows: James, born March 19, 1823, died at the age of two years; Arthur is the subject of this sketch; Mary A., born October 19, 1826, married Thomas Graham, and both are now deceased; John D., born October 21, 1828, died December 24, 1895; Charles, born June 17, 1830, is a merchant of Bradford, Penn.; Daniel, born May 12, 1832, died in 1864; James, born October 30, 1833, is now living with our subject; Matilda, born May 30, 1835, is the wife of James Rogers, employed in the glass works at South Pittsburg; Hannah and Marjorie (twins), born February 18, 1837, are both now deceased, Hannah dying unmarried in 1897, and Marjorie as the wife of Samuel Shankle, a molder of Kittanning; Bridget E., born June 8, 1839, died unmarried; Edward, born September 6, 1844, is a railroad man of Winslow township, Jefferson county.

Our subject remained on his father's farm until the age of eighteen, but for two winters he assisted his father in working an ore bank at Buffalo Furnace, Armstrong county. The lad then ventured out for himself, engaging cheerfully in whatever employment he could find; for several months he operated an engine at Buffalo Furnace, later running an engine at Pittsburg, and then was similarly engaged in a nail factory until the mill burned, when he returned home. After harvest he began an apprenticeship of two years with Payne & Bigley, carpenters and contractors in Clarion county. For his first year's services he received six dollars per month, for the second eight dollars, receiving also two-months' schooling each year. He was now equipped for life and eager to begin business for himself. Payne & Bigley dissolved partnership about this time, and our subject associated himself in business with Mr. Payne. They followed carpentering, and also engaged in shipping iron to Pittsburg by boat on contract. Mr. O'Donnel two years later purchased the business of his partner, and continued it until 1850, when he removed to New Bethlehem, and for eight years leased from Jacob Shankle a dam privilege, building the first sawmill at that place. He rented it for two years for $500, and then sold the privilege to another firm for $300 per year, in the meantime carrying on his business of carpentering and contracting.

On January 27, 1853, at New Bethlehem, Mr. O'Donnel was married to Miss Margaret D. Graham, who was born April 13, 1833, at Centre Furnace, Centre county, a daughter of William and Mary (Adams) Graham, who were of Scotch-Irish extraction, and members of the M. E. and Presbyterian Churches, respectively. Margaret
was only three years old when her mother died, and eight years later she lost her father, who was a teamster. Thrown largely upon her own resources, after spending several years with her maternal grandparents, the young girl developed strong habits of self-reliance. The family of William and Mary Graham consisted of the following children: Marshall, now living retired in Peoria, Ill.; Samuel, who died aged twenty-one years; Sarah, who married Lot Tetts, and is now deceased; Mary J., who married Isaac Lewis, and is since deceased; Nancy, wife of Joseph Siler, both deceased; Margaret, wife of our subject; and Maria, who died aged six months.

To Arthur and Margaret O'Donnel were born the following children: William, born March 16, 1854, died December 18 of the same year; Matilda, born October 2, 1855, died of scarlet fever May 31, 1861; Flora, born July 27, 1859, died of scarlet fever June 9, 1861; John, born November 25, 1861, died December 23 of same year; Charles G., born December 16, 1863, married Mary Heis, and has six children (he is a partner with his father in the mill at Camp Run); Anna, born April 27, 1866, married Alexander Best, a tanner of Reynoldsville, and has three children; and Arthur, Jr., born September 15, 1869, married (first) Anna Nulph, and (second) Cora Swartz, and has two children (he is manager of his father's mill at O'Donnel Station).

In 1858 Arthur O'Donnel built the first steam mill at New Bethlehem, on land which he had previously bought. He leased this mill for three years, but soon after sold it for $3,500. He continued carpentering, but the black frost of 1859 having killed business in that locality, he abandoned the trade, and took charge of the "Lafayette Hotel" at New Bethlehem, remaining its proprietor for fifteen months. Returning to the woods, he took out square timber and built the two bridges across the Clarion river. He was engaged in various similar enterprises until June 1, 1863, when he established himself in the wilderness in Winslow township, Jefferson county, first engaging as a carpenter and millwright for Andrews, Kitley & Co. He contracted to build the mill for this firm, and subsequently arranged to manufacture and deliver lumber to them at New Bethlehem, floating it down the river. A year later he purchased a third interest in the business for $15,000, his salary as superintendent being fixed at $1,000 per year. He conducted this business until the mill was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1873 at a loss of $12,000. During the three following years, owing to the hard times, the business was suspended, but in 1876 the mill was rebuilt, and has since been operated by Mr. O'Donnel on a large scale, the O'Donnel mill turning out from 25,000 to 30,000 feet of manufactured lumber per day. Charles E. Andrews is associated in business with Mr. O'Donnel, and receives a royalty on the lumber cut from one tract of 1,437 acres of land. Mr. O'Donnel's life has been too active to permit him to accept any office. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and he is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Brookville. He is pre-eminently a self-made man, possessing a great capacity for hard work and good financial ability. He has large interests, is highly esteemed for his integrity and honest dealings. He is moreover a well-preserved man physically, with steady hand and keen eye, and both he and his estimable wife possess winning and gracious social qualities.

HENRY BEAM (deceased) was one of the leading pioneers of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and his beautiful farm near Big Run gave evidence of his industry and wise management. Coming to that locality in 1840, he was from the first identified with its best interests, his influence being thrown always on the side of progress, and his death in 1888 was felt as a personal loss by all the members of the community where he had so long resided.

Mr. Beam was born in Dauphin county, Penn., the son of Henry and Nancy Beam, both natives of Lancaster county, this State. On coming to Jefferson county in 1840 he bought 213 acres of woodland which he transformed into a home, clearing it and making improvements from time to time as his means permitted. His first residence was a log house, and the barn which he built at the time was of the same primitive order of architecture. In 1850 he brought to his home a beloved helpmeet, Miss Mary Pauline Best, whose wise counsel and assistance proved her worth and ability. In 1851 he built a commodious frame residence of modern style, and in 1878 he erected a large bank barn, these and other improvements making the place one of the best in the vicinity. He was a generous supporter of schools, churches, and all charitable movements, and for years was a consistent member of the M. E. Church. In politics he was a Democrat, but he never turned his attention in the direction of partisan work or sought public office, as he preferred his own quiet yet useful mode of life.

His estimable wife, who survives him, shared in his kindly feeling toward all worthy enterprises, and has been especially active in religious work as a member of the Disciple Church. She was
born July 19, 1830, in Armstrong county, Penn., and is descended from an old Swiss family, her ancestors having come to America in Colonial times. Several of her relatives served in the Revolutionary army under Washington, and her father, William Best, who was born in Northampton county, Penn., settled at an early day in Jefferson county, where he and his wife, Mary (Pauline) Smith, were held in the highest esteem for their excellent qualities of character.

Mr. and Mrs. Beam had a large family of children, all of whom are well settled in life and do credit to their parents: (1) Jesse, born February 28, 1853, married Miss Emma Rhoads, of Clearfield county, and after residing on his mother's old homestead for two years moved to Virginia, in 1857, and has since followed lumbering there. He has four children—Cyrus, Olenza, Pearl and the baby. (2) Sarah E., born June 16, 1854, married Michael Schucker, of Brady township, Clearfield county. They now reside in Huntingdon county, Penn., on his farm. They have two children—Rachel, who was burned to death at the age of three years; and Henry, who is at home. (3) Maggie, born November 4, 1855, married Mitchel Watson, of Karthaus, Clearfield Co., Penn., and they now reside in Elk county, Penn., where he is engaged in oil boring. They had two children—Frank Howard and one who died in infancy. (4) Susie, born October 25, 1857, was educated in the common schools of Henderson township, and in 1881 married Charles Engle, of Indiana county, Penn. They lived for a time in Penfield, and later in Winterburn, Clearfield county, but in 1884 they located upon a portion of the old homestead where they erected a house and cleared out a small farm. They remained there until 1890, but since that time have lived with Mrs. Beam at their sea home. They had five children—Ida May, Chilsie Leroy, Ira Clair, Effie Lula, and Milo V., all at home. (5) George, born September 4, 1859, married Mollie Curry, of Frontville, and now resides in Sykesville. They have three children—Harlow, Minnie and Clair. (6) Henry Jefferson, born October 4, 1861, married Etta McQuoain, of Big Run, and is working in D. J. Pifer's hardware store. They have no children. (7) Hannah C., born January 16, 1864, married Harry McQuoain, now postmaster of Big Run. They have five children living—Wymard, Lillian, Lucile, Ruth and Pauline; and two—Wauland and Florence M., are dead. (8) Suitella, born April 2, 1866, married Canida B. Deemer, of Jefferson county, Penn., and they now reside on a farm in Winslow township. They have two children—Twalla and Alma. (9) Jacob, born April 16, 1868, married Amanda Graffius, of Big Run, where he is now a clerk in J. A. Campbell's hardware store. They have three children living—Okley, Leanore and Glen. (10) Frank, born February 23, 1871, married to Miss Eunice Anthony, of Jefferson county, now resides at Glen Hazel, Elk county. They have two children—Leone and Joanna.

MON. W. J. McKnight, M. D. A man who has won his way in the world by sheer force of will and intellect, opposing his honest efforts to adverse fate, cannot fail to hold in a high degree the esteem and confidence of the people among whom his early days of trial were spent. Brookville is proud of Dr. McKnight as one of her ablest sons, and Jefferson county has three times given him her support for the office of State Senator. In his professional work he has shown an unwavering determination to keep well posted upon the latest discoveries of science, and since Fortune has smiled upon him, he has availed himself of the best opportunities within his reach for extending his knowledge and perfecting his skill.

His family is of Scotch-Irish origin. His great-grandparents, Alexander and Isabella [McBr- Bridge] McKnight, who were natives of County Down, Ireland, emigrated in 1790 to Franklin county, Penn. About 1795 they moved to and settled on a farm in Crooked Creek, Indiana Co., Penn. They had five daughters and two sons—Alexander, Jr.; and James, the grandfather of our subject, settled in Indiana, Penn., and became prominent in local politics, holding several offices. He was married twice, first to Jane McNutt, by whom he had two sons—Alexander, the father of Dr. McKnight; and William, who died in 1830, at the age of twenty-three years. The second wife was Jane McComb, by whom he had one son, James, and one daughter, Jane, now Mrs. Walbridge, both of whom moved to Texas, where James attained distinction. Alexander, Jr., brother of the grandfather of Dr. McKnight, married Susanna Cummins, and had two sons, viz.: Hon. William C., (now deceased), who resided in Chambersburg, Penn., and James (now deceased), who resided on the old Crooked Creek homestead in Indiana county. Alexander, son of James and Jane (McNutt) McKnight, was married May 10, 1831, to Miss Mary Thompson, daughter of William Thompson, of Indiana county, and sister of Hon. John J. Y. Thompson. She was a granddaughter of Rev. John Jameson, who was born in Ellerslie, Scotland, and whose mother was a Wallace, of Sir William Wallace's clan. Alex-
Mr. Amor McKnight was born in Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., May 6, 1836, and was educated at the common schools. At the age of eleven, he was thrown upon his own resources, however, and he worked on a farm for four years. At sixteen he was employed by Samuel McElhose, of the Jefferson Star, and at seventeen he commenced the double task of setting type with J. Powell, Esq., of Ridgway, Penn., and of reading medicine under Dr. A. M. Clark, of Brookwayville, Penn.; in this way during a period of three years, by a species of economy, known best to himself, he saved enough money to enable him to attend during the winter of 1856-7 a single course of medical lectures in Cincinnati, Ohio. In March, 1857, he opened an office in Brookville, Penn., and for two years met with success. In 1859 he joined Dr. Niver, of Brockwayville, and as the junior member of the firm had a large and active practice during the four and one-half years of partnership. In 1863 he returned to Brookville, and established a drug store in connection with his practice, his brother, Thomas L. Templeton, joining him in this enterprise. Dr. McKnight gave personal attention to the drug store for six years, and the business is yet successfully conducted by him and his son, under the firm name of McKnight & Son. In 1864 Gov. Curtin appointed Dr. McKnight examining surgeon; he was also appointed and served as U. S. Pension Surgeon for seven years, but in order to faithfully perform other duties he was compelled to resign this position. He served in the "emergency men" as private and orderly sergeant in Company G, 57th Regiment, and later was promoted to quartermaster sergeant, taking part in the campaign against and capture of Morgan. In 1869 he attended lectures in Philadelphia, and received the degree of M. D. He supplemented this course by attending two full courses in succession at Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, graduating in March, 1884. In the same year he received a degree from the School of Anatomy and Surgery. He also took a post-graduate course at Jefferson Medical College in 1885.}

In his political views the Doctor is an ardent Republican. In 1876 Jefferson county presented his name for senator, and Indiana county presented Dr. St. Clair, and finally to secure harmony and to save the congressman's election to his party, Dr. McKnight handed to the conference the following letter of declination:

**Gentlemen:** When I received the nomination for senator from the convention of Jefferson county Republicans by a large and flattering vote, I believed then as I still believe to-day, that I, as the choice of Jefferson county, was then and am to-day entitled to the Republican nomination for senator of this district. But I fully realize the fact that we are in an important political campaign, when the utmost harmony and union are required in all our ranks, and that I, as a faithful Republican, should not ask personal preference antagonistic to the general welfare of the party, but should act honestly for the people consistent with my Republican principles, and be just to myself. I have no personal contest; I am nothing. The success of the party is everything. I therefore withdraw from the contest and hope my friends and the party may act wisely in the interest of the public good. Thanking my friends from the bottom of my heart for their warm support and their assurance to continue it in the event of my remaining a candidate, I say here in all candor, that I hope I may never be so ungrateful as to forget their kind assurances. I am, as ever,

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. J. McKnight.

Brookville, Sept. 29, 1876.

In 1880, Jefferson county once more presented Dr. McKnight for nomination; but Indiana county again claimed it, and after several conferences the State Committee was called on to settle the matter, which they did by pronouncing Dr. McKnight the nominee. He was elected, and served in the Senate from 1881 to 1885. He was a fearless, outspoken member, and was ever found in line battling for right and economy. The Doctor was again (in 1884) nominated by his county; a spirited contest arose in Indiana county, however, and after again calling on the State Committee, Dr. McKnight was nominated, but this time defeated by Indiana county running in the district an independent candidate. After the contest for nomination for senator in 1884 (already referred to) Hon. M. S. Quay, of
the National Republican Committee, requested Dr. McKnight to call on him at Pittsburg. The Doctor replied to him, through his brother, in these words: "I am the nominee of the Republican party of this district; I carry the Republican flag, and no power on earth but the votes of the people or the hand of Almighty God will make me lay it down," thus again showing his fidelity to his party. He has always been loyal and unwavering to his party's interests. Sometimes his high spirit and firm adherence to principle have brought about exciting scenes, as in 1856-57, while he was attending lectures at the Medical Institute in Cincinnati, where nearly three-fourths of the students were Southerners. He boarded in the same house with nineteen of them; all armed with dirks and pistols. The Doctor says: "From September until November politics ran very high—the Southerners being very dictatorial, unreasonable and domineering, and they humiliated many of the Northern students. Knowing that my time would come I purchased a revolver and put it in my hip pocket. I sat between two of the Southerners at College. Dr. Duhling, of Mississippi, came by while a lecture was going on, and deliberately insulted me, and when I resented the rudeness Dr. Duhling rushed at me with a chair, but was met by my revolver pushed against his breast. I then said: 'Put that chair down,' and repeated my words, 'Now I tell you for the third time put that chair down,' and that was the end of my troubles with those people. I was ever afterward respected by all of them.'

Dr. McKnight, as a physician, has been eminently successful, and as a business man is energetic and useful. He has now ready for the press a compilation entitled "Pioneer History of Jefferson county, Penn.," which relates many historical facts as they came under his personal notice in the early days. At the earnest solicitation of Maj. John McMurray, Dr. McKnight published, in 1895, a thirty-two-page pamphlet entitled "My Recollection of Brookville, Penn., in 1840 to 1843," which has proven very interesting reading to the citizens of the county.

Hon. George A. Jenks. It is an important duty to honor and perpetuate, as far as possible, the memory of an eminent citizen—one who by his blameless and honorable life and distinguished career reflects credit not only upon his city and State, but upon the whole country. In our subject we find one of the most prominent and distinguished citizens of Jefferson county, where his entire life has been passed, his birth occurring March 26, 1836, in Punxsutawney. His father, a physician, was descended from a Quaker family, who were among the early settlers of Philadelphia. His mother was a daughter of Rev. D. Barclay, a Scotch Presbyterian minister.

When a child, Mr. Jenks was asked by his elder brother, D. B. Jenks, a lawyer, what business he would follow when he became a man, and his reply was, "Wait till to-morrow morning and I will tell you." During the night his determination was formed, and the next morning he announced that he would be a lawyer. The purpose so early formed was unalterably fixed, and to that end he labored and studied. When fourteen years of age his father died, and two years later he entered upon an apprenticeship of two years to the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he followed for a time in connection with school teaching and civil engineering. In the spring of 1855 he assisted in laying out the city of Omaha, Neb., and in the fall of that year entered the junior class at Jefferson College, having diligently pursued his literary studies mornings and evenings while teaching and working. Previous to this time, however, he had taken up the study of law under the direction of Hon. W. P. Jenks, his guardian, who from early boyhood had directed his legal and literary reading. He was graduated from Jefferson College in the class of 1838, and in February, 1859, was admitted to the Bar in Jefferson county, having completed his legal studies under his brother, P. W. Jenks. In the following September he conducted his first case in court, which was an important one to his clients—a widow and her minor children, whose home was their all, and that home dependent upon the result of the case. Although he was opposed by eminent lawyers, including Hon. I. G. Gordon, Hon. W. P. Jenks and Hon. G. W. Zeigler, he won the case, and was thenceforth employed on most of the important cases in Jefferson county, while his name became familiar in many of the courts in western and central Pennsylvania, where he was often employed.

Being a stalwart Democrat, Mr. Jenks, in the fall of 1874, was tendered the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Twenty-fifth Pennsylvania District against Hon. Harry White. The district was strongly Republican, but our subject's personal popularity and the "tidal wave" elected him to the Forty-fourth Congress. Speaker Kerr appointed him chairman of the committee on Invalid Pensions. A masterly report on the condition and working of the pension bureau, derived from an investigation by order of the House, he made, and followed this by a bill which was cal-
culated to prevent further abuses. Bounty land warrants, which before this had been personal property, had become the plunder of a dishonest ring, which at one single time had seized upon over 100,000 acres of land, were changed to realty through his efforts, and so guarded that only the rightful owners, their legal heirs or assigns, could obtain them. Mr. Jenks' forensic ability first became known to the House in a discussion concerning the character of an invalid pension. He had asserted that an invalid pension for death or disability of a soldier in the service in the line of his duty was a contract right. This was denied by some of the leading Republicans in the House, who alleged it was a mere gift or gratuity, and a warm debate ensued, at the conclusion of which Mr. Jenks made a legal argument tracing the legislation of the subject from and since the Revolutionary war, and establishing so conclusively the position he assumed that it has not since been denied. This was soon followed by a legal discussion concerning the refusal of Hallett Kilbourne to testify before a committee of the House.

The legal prominence Mr. Jenks had already attained led the House to elect him as one of the seven managers on the part of the House to conduct the impeachment of Secretary Belknap, the others being Messrs. Lord, Knott, Lynde, McMahon, Hoar and Lapham. On that trial before the Senate the defendant was represented by three leading lawyers of the nation—Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Hon. Matt H. Carpenter and Hon. Montgomery Blair. Mr. Jenks was elected by the managers as one of the committee to draw the pleadings. He was afterward appointed to make one of the arguments on the question of the jurisdiction of the Senate to impeach after the officer had resigned, and subsequently, in consequence of the illness of Mr. Lapham, he was selected to discuss the facts. His legal attainments were on this trial made conspicuous to the Senate and the Nation, and conceded to be unsurpassed by any in the cause.

The subject of the distribution of the Geneva award came before the House on majority and minority reports. From the judiciary committee, Mr. Jenks offered an amendment to the majority report, and in support of the amendment and report as amended made an argument involving some of the most difficult questions of international law. The report as amended by him was passed by the House. Soon after the meeting of the second session he was appointed, by Speaker Randall, one of the committee of fifteen to investigate the conduct of the elections in Louisiana, and on his return was appointed by the chairman of the Democratic caucus, with Mr. Field, of New York, and Mr. Tucker, of Virginia, to represent the Democracy of the House in preparing, presenting and discussing the facts and the law before the electoral commission. It fell to Mr. Jenks to make the opening arguments in the cases of Louisiana and Oregon. While he was engaged in the discussion of the first of these cases before the commission, Senators Thurman and Bayard sat side by side. Senator Bayard passed a note of admiration of the argument to Senator Thurman, and in response received the following reply—'The more I hear this man the more I like him. He speaks like a Newton or a La Place. He has spoken a half hour and has not spoken a superfluous word.' This complimentary opinion was generally concurred in by those who heard or read the proceedings before the electoral commission. In most of the legal discussions that arose in the House, Mr. Jenks participated in addition to the full performance of his duties on the very laborious committee of which he was chairman.

At the expiration of his congressional term, Mr. Jenks immediately resumed his professional pursuits, in which he has ever since been engaged. His extensive practice has included almost every branch that arises in the State, and covers a very broad range of its area. On July 1, 1885, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Interior, which office he resigned May 15, 1886, to accept the position of attorney for John E. Du Bois, the wealthy Clearfield county lumberman. He accepted this appointment, giving up his official position at Washington, in compliance with a promise made by him to John Du Bois, the uncle of his client, prior to his appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Interior, that he would take charge of all legal business for his nephew.

On July 28, 1886, Mr. Jenks was nominated as Solicitor General of the United States, and next day was confirmed by the Senate without the nomination being referred to a committee—a rare compliment seldom made to any one who had not been a member of that body. When this appointment was offered, Mr. Jenks would not accept until he had sent for Mr. Du Bois and obtained his consent, as he had promised the elder Du Bois before his death that he would serve his nephew and heir for a period of years, and felt that promise must take precedence over any other consideration. Mr. Du Bois cordially consented to the appointment, and our subject employed Hon. W. P. Jenks to assist in discharging the duties under the contract with Mr. Du Bois. This appointment and that of Assistant
Secretary of the Interior came to him entirely unsolicited. He was recommended to President Cleveland by Secretary Lamar, who had served with him in the Forty-fourth Congress, and who remembered his unusual legal ability, although he had not seen him since March, 1877, and did not even know his address, getting it from Hon. W. H. Snowdon, or ex-Governor Curtin. The first intimation he had of his appointment as Solicitor General was when the place was offered him by the President, after he had summoned him to Washington by telegram. This appointment was made by Mr. Cleveland entirely on his own responsibility, basing his judgment largely on what he had seen of Mr. Jenks while the latter was acting as Assistant Secretary of the Interior, during which time he had come in contact with him frequently in the transaction of important business connected with the public lands under the direction of the Interior Department.

Mr. Jenks has always been an unswerving Democrat, and has been frequently honored by his party with the most important offices in their gift. His legal attainments are admitted on all sides, and that he is one of the ablest and most prominent men both Democrats and Republicans admit.

On January 3, 1860, Mr. Jenks wedded Miss Mary Agnes, daughter of the late Thomas Mabon, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Brookville, where our subject and his wife also make their home. Of the two children born to this union, Thomas Mabon died at the age of thirteen years; and Emma is the wife of Hon. B. F. Shively, of South Bend, Ind., who represented his district in Congress for several terms, and in 1896 was the Democratic nominee for governor of Indiana.

Manuel Sheesley belongs to one of the prominent pioneer families of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he is now engaged in lumbering and farming. He is a son of Ludwig and Sophia Sheesley.

Ludwig Sheesley was born in Dauphin county, Penn., and in Maryland wedded Miss Sophia Kesterling, of that State, who died leaving a son John, who came with his father to Armstrong county, Penn., where he married and reared a family. For ten years Ludwig Sheesley lived in Armstrong county, after which he sold his farm and spent the succeeding six years in Indiana county. In 1849, accompanied by his son Emanuel, he came to Gaskill township; Jefferson county, where they purchased 320 acres of timber land, and built a log house and barn. They then began clearing the place, and the father brought his wife and children to the new home. There he remained until his death in 1863. In his family were children as follows: (1) Samuel, born in Maryland, went to Armstrong county, with his parents, and married Susanna Kener, of Indiana county, who died in 1893 leaving a large family. He now resides near Richmond, Penn. (2) Annie E. is the wife of Nathan Miller, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. (3) Mary died in childhood. (4) Michael died at the age of twenty-two years. (5) Rebecca, born in Armstrong county, became the wife of Nathan Woodsides, and died at their home in Gaskill township, in 1864, leaving five children, namely: William, George, Daniel, Sophia E. and Nancy. (6) George, born in Armstrong county, married Miss Cochran, and resides on the farm in Indiana county. They have a large family. (7) Lavina, born in Armstrong county, married George Helfrich, and after his death became the wife of John Robb, of Armstrong county. (8) Salem, born in the same county, married Jane Cochran, and for a number of years resided in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, but is now living on a farm in Indiana county. (9) Levi, (10) Canedy, (11) Riley (12) Emanuel.

Emanuel Sheesley, of this review, was born in 1825 in Armstrong county, and in early manhood learned the trade of a millwright under the direction of Thomas Reuter, of Indiana county. He followed that business for fourteen years, and in 1854 built the first sawmill in Gaskill township, it being equipped with an "up-and-down" saw. He continued the manufacture of sawed lumber for a number of years, but in 1865 sold the milling property to one of his brothers, and purchased real estate in Grant township, Indiana county, where he made his home for eleven years, working at his trade most of the time. He then sold out and purchased 158 acres of pine and hard wood timber in Gaskill township, on the dividing line between Jefferson and Clearfield counties. He afterward sold this at a profit of $5,000, and purchased the old family homestead, upon which he is now living. He cared for his mother during her declining years, her death occurring at the age of eighty-three.

Our subject gives his political support to the Democracy, but has had neither time nor inclination for public office, preferring to devote his energies to his business affairs, in which he has met with well-merited success. He started out in life empty-handed, but has steadily worked his way upward, and his excellent business and executive ability, combined with sound judgment, have brought to him prosperity.
THOMAS P. NORTH. On a fine farm in Young township, Jefferson county, stands the brick residence which is the home of this gentleman. In the rear are good barns and outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. These are surrounded with well-tiled fields, whose golden autumn harvests reward the toil of the spring and summer months. The neat and thrifty appearance of this place well indicates the careful supervision of Mr. North, who is justly regarded as one of the leading and worthy farmers of Jefferson county.

Mr. North was born near his present home in 1824, a son of John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, both natives of Ireland, where they grew to mature years and were married. Coming to America, in 1810, they located in Indiana county, Penn., where they spent the remainder of their lives. The father followed farming and also worked at the weaver's trade, which he had learned in early life. He died in November, 1845, and his wife passed away in May, 1848.

Thomas P. North, of this review, received but limited educational privileges. He attended the old-fashioned school, with its puncheon floor, one window and stick chimney. The terms were short and the teaching very inferior. The old United States speller was used and the English reader, there being but four readers for a class of fifteen. His school life ended when he was seventeen years of age, and his business career began. He followed lumbering from 1846 until 1864, and during most of that time was also engaged in farm work. Since 1864 he has devoted his attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits. He save for the time when he defended his country during the Civil war. He enlisted in 1864, as a member of Company C, 206th P. V. I., under Col. Brady, and served until the close of the war. His regiment was the first to carry the United States flag into Richmond after the evacuation of that city.

When the war was ended, Mr. North returned to his farm and his family. He had married, in 1851, Sarah A. McConoughy, daughter of David McConoughy, of Indiana county, Penn., and they had seven children: Kate, wife of Will Pifer, of Du Bois, Penn.; Clayton; Jennie, wife of Charles Hauck; Rhoda, wife of Fred Raugh, of Washington; David E. and Mead, both of Du Bois; and Lizzie L., wife of Dr. Corl, of New York City. Mrs. North died in June, 1866, and Mr. North was again married in July, 1867, his second union being with Miss Eva Sutter, daughter of Philip Sutter, and they have four children: John G., of Punxsutawney; William P., at home; Irvin C., a teacher of Jefferson county; and Nora B., at home. The parents of these are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father is now serving as class-leader. Socially, he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Politically, he was identified with the Republican party until 1896, when he allied himself with the free-silver movement. He has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of assessor, school director and road supervisor, and has for twenty-four years been overseer of the poor, in which capacity he is still serving. He is most faithful and prompt in discharge of his duties, and his fidelity to every trust reposed in him is most marked.

VAL S. MURRAY (deceased) in his lifetime was a progressive and enterprising business man of Punxsutawney. The world instinctively pays deference to him who has achieved success worthily, and by his own efforts advanced from an humble position to one of influence. Such was the life record of Mr. Murray. Born in County Longford, Ireland, in February, 1836. Mr. Murray was a son of John and Julia L. Goldsbury Murray. The father was a native of Scotland, and was a capable business man who carried on a wholesale liquor house, and was also a real-estate and grain dealer. He was graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, and was a man of broad education and culture. He died in 1847, and his estimable wife, who was of English birth, died in Jefferson county, Penn., in 1859. Val S. Murray was only eight years of age at the time of his father's death. His education was begun under private tutors, and when a lad of ten years he came with his mother to America, landing at Philadelphia, where he attended school for three years. On the expiration of that period he came to Jefferson county, and has since made his home within its borders. The family on coming to America was comprised of the mother and children as follows: Val, John, Arthur, and four sisters. On attaining his majority Val S. Murray served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, and followed that pursuit in connection with farming and lumbering for twenty years. During the last twenty years of his life he devoted his attention to farming and stock dealing, and although at the time of his death he was residing in Punxsutawney, he still owned a valuable tract of land in Gaskill township, upon which he so long resided.

In June, 1859, Mr. Murray was united in marriage with Miss Amelia A. Campbell, daughter of William F. Campbell, then of Punxsutawney, but now deceased. They had children as
follows: William C., a resident of Punxsutawney; Arthur Henry, a clerk in the Walston Company store at Punxsutawney; Martha Julia, wife of William D. Campbell, of Punxsutawney; Dr. John H., of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, who married Miss Mildred Fuller; Ellen M., wife of Harry Widdowson, of Mahaffey, Pa.; Olivia Frances; Frank R., a resident of the city in Gaskill township; Clyde C.; and Annie Pearl, residing with her mother. Different members of the family attend the Baptist and Methodist Churches. Mr. Murray was reared in the Episcopal faith. When the sectional differences between the North and the South precipitated the country into civil war, and the aid of all loyal sons was needed to preserve the Union, Val S. Murray joined the boys in blue of Company B, 74th P. V. I., and served through the closing year of the war. At the time of his death he was a member of the G. A. R., and for twenty-four years had been identified with the I. O. O. F. In politics he was an enthusiastic and earnest supporter of the Republican party, and had been honored by a number of local offices, including those of assessor and school director. In March, 1896, he was nominated for county commissioner on the ticket of his party, and was elected the fall following. He was most faithful to every trust committed to his care, and his public career and private life were alike above reproach. On his death the Punxsutawney Spirit of December 30, 1896, said:

The name of Val Murray has long been regarded by those who knew his generous, self-sacrificing nature, as a synonym for kindness and liberality. His services, his purse and the products of his farm were always at the disposal of those in need. Genial and hospitable to the last degree, he was ever ready to sacrifice his own comforts to the comfort of others. He followed the dictates of his own heart, which was full of sympathy for his fellow-men. He was always an ardent Republican, and was a candidate for county treasurer in 1884, but was unsuccessful. He was elected county commissioner last fall by a large majority, and would have begun his official duties on January 1st. Val Murray was in the fullest sense of the word a 'good man,' and those who knew him best will feel the keenest grief at his departure.

JOSEPH McCrackin, a leading agriculturist and a successful one of Warsaw township, has for many years been prominently identified with the commercial, agricultural and lumber interests of Jefferson county, and has taken an active part in the progress of the community.

Mr. McCrackin is a native of the county, born July 23, 1841, in Eldred township, a son of John and Fanny (Riley) McCrackin, representative citizens and honored pioneers of this region, were born in Armstrong county, Pa., and in Clarion county, Penn., respectively. They were married in Armstrong county, and, coming to Jefferson county, the husband purchased 150 acres of wild land in Eldred township, which he converted into a good farm, enduring in the meantime all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life, the nearest mill being at Kittanning. In 1864 he retired from farming and the lumber business, and removed to Brookville, where he conducted the ‘Union Hotel’ until his death, which occurred March 2, 1891. He died very suddenly; complaining of a pain in his arm, he asked a daughter for some remedy, then walked to the bed and laid down, expiring in a few minutes. His wife, finding that her life companion had passed away, laid down, and, a few minutes later, died, both deaths being attributed to heart failure. Several years previous they had celebrated their golden wedding, and when called from this life were about seventy-eight years of age, being among the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the community. A man of stern integrity and honor, John McCrackin had the confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and his word was considered as good as his bond. His wife was a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children—six sons and six daughters—eight of whom are still living, occupying honorable positions in life. The children are as follows: Dinah, deceased wife of J. Stewart; Joseph, the subject proper of this sketch; Mrs. Jennie Wilson; Mrs. Margaret McKinley; Mrs. Caroline Corbin; Henry and Lowery (both deceased); Albert and William, both engaged in farming; Mrs. Mary Corbin; John (deceased); and Mrs. Clara Petser.

Joseph McCrackin received a practical education in the local schools, and was reared upon the home farm, remaining there until his marriage, July 22, 1862, to Miss Maria M. Scott, who was born December 23, 1843, a daughter of Dr. B. Rush and Mary A. (Sheridan) Scott, the latter being a daughter of John Sheridan, a blacksmith of Johnstown, Penn. Dr. B. R. Scott was a native of Ohio, coming in early life to Pennsylvania with his father, Dr. K. Scott, who for some time engaged in the practice of his profession in Corsica, but later returned to Ohio, where he died. Dr. B. R. Scott, who became a leading physician of Corsica and Greenville, on the breaking out of the Civil war enlisted in the 67th P. V. I., and, after a year and one-half of faithful service, was killed at Winchester, Va., where his remains were interred. On July 4, 1896, his widow died at Johnstown. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: Maria M., wife of our subject; Robert J.; Alonzo C., a molder by
Joseph W. Brewer
Mallory W. Brewer
trade; Samuel H., a telegraph operator; and Mrs. Mary E. Swank. Of the eight children born to Joseph McCrackin and wife four lived to maturity, namely: William R., a farmer; Mrs. Mary M. Van Orman; Mrs. Anna M. Dunmire; and Joseph P., still at home.

Early becoming familiar with farming and lumbering, Joseph McCrackin has been more or less interested in those occupations throughout his business career. At the age of sixteen he also began piloting on the river to Pittsburg, and successfully followed that vocation until 1896. For three years after his marriage he rented his present farm in Warsaw township, then bought the place, but in 1868 he removed to Richandville, where he purchased a hotel, which he conducted until 1873. A year after locating there he, in partnership with James Pearsoll, also embarked in general merchandising, but at the end of six months their store was destroyed by fire, causing a heavy loss, as the insurance was light. The partnership ceased with the fire. Rebuilding the following year, our subject carried on business until 1873, when he sold out and returned to the farm, which he has since successfully operated.

This farm is a valuable tract of 150 acres, all cleared and under excellent cultivation, and improved with substantial buildings. Mr. McCrackin himself has developed 100 acres of the amount, transforming the wild land into one of the most productive tracts of Warsaw township. Although he has lost about $20,000 during his business career, he has prospered in nearly all of his undertakings, and has given to each of two of his children a good farm.

As was his father and as are his brothers, Mr. McCrackin in politics is a stalwart Republican, but he has never cared for official honors, although he has held some township positions, and was once a candidate for county commissioner. Public-spirited and progressive, he has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development, and with hardly an exception has been connected with every interest that has promoted the general welfare. He and his wife are both faithful members of the Methodist Church, and their influence for good is widely felt throughout the community.

THOMAS M. HAUCK. This section furnished many gallant soldiers for the defense of the Union during that dark period of our history when secession and dismemberment were threatened, and it is peculiarly fitting that the records of individual experiences while in the service should be preserved here for the perusal of coming generations.

The subject of this sketch, now a prosperous citizen of Big Run, Jefferson county, volunteered in 1862, and although he was at one time discharged for disability he had no sooner recovered his strength than he re-enlisted. His service continuing until the close of the war. His reputation for courage and faithfulness was never tarnished, and, although his health has suffered permanently from the hardships and exposure of active campaigning, he can console himself with the thought of duty well done. His estimable wife showed her patriotism in her own womanly way, cheering and sustaining his resolution, and looking after business affairs and the four little children during the long absence of her husband.

Mr. Hauck belongs to a well-known family of this section. Daniel Hauck, his father, was born in 1795, in Dauphin county, Penn., and after his marriage to Miss Catherine Herring, located near Howard Furnace, Centre county, on a farm on Bald Eagle Mountain, owned by Judge McKinney. He remained there six years, and in 1838 he removed to Hecla Furnace, in the same county, where he conducted a farm for Davis McKinney for three years. In 1841 he bought one hundred and seventy acres of land in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, and moved his family there, the place being partly improved, with about twenty acres cleared. For the next six years he continued the work of improvement, and then he spent four years on a farm near Brookville, but about 1851 he returned to the McCalmont farm, and resided there until his death in 1872. His wife passed away two years before. Of their ten children, the eldest, Joseph, was born in Union county, and, after removing to Jefferson county, was married to Miss Mercy A. Tindle, of that county, and located upon a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county. He died in 1881, leaving nine children, and his widow now resides in Pymntsawney. (2) Isaac, who was born in Union county, was married, in 1842, to Miss Neal, and has since died in Centre county. (3) William, also a native of Union county, was married in Jefferson county to Miss Catherine Himes, of Reynoldsville. He was a miller by trade, and resided in Du Bois for some years previous to his death, which occurred in 1891. His widow and family still reside in Du Bois. (4) Uriah, who was born in Union county, was married in Jefferson county to Miss Katie Mundie, of Germany, and purchased a farm in Bell township, Clearfield county, where he remained until his wife's death. He now lives with a son-in-law in Clearfield county. (5) Andrew, also born in
Union county, married Miss Sarah Grube, of Centre county, and settled upon his farm in Bell township, Jefferson county, where he died in 1888 and his wife in 1886. They had six children—Mrs. David Rhodes, of McCalmont township, Jefferson county; Henry, of Henderson township, in the same county; Joseph, who lives in Iowa; George, a resident of Bell township, Jefferson county; Irwin, of Brockwayville, Penn., and Philip, a resident of Big Run borough. (6) Daniel, who was born in Monroe township, Centre county, went to Jefferson county with the family, and after his marriage to Miss Margaret Bigley, of Reynolds ville, settled in Perry township, where he died in 1890. His wife died some years before. Of their three children the eldest, Miss Nancy Jane, resides with her sister; William is married and lives in Du Bois; Joseph was accidentally shot and killed at Reynolds ville when sixteen years old. (7) Robert, a native of Centre county, accompanied his parents to Jefferson county, but in early manhood went to Kittanning, Armstrong county, Penn., where he married, and made his home until his death in 1863. He left four children. (8) Catherine was born in Centre county, and after the removal to Jefferson county was married there to Daniel Coder, of Brookville. They went to Ohio and afterward to Denton county, Iowa, where Mr. Coder died, but she is still living there. (9) Jane, who was born in Centre county, married Joseph Shesley, of Reynolds ville, and they have a large family.

Thomas M. Hauck was born June 30, 1827, near Howard Furnace, and in 1841 accompanied the family to the new home in Jefferson county, where he grew to manhood. In 1855 he married Miss Sarah J. Gray, daughter of James L. and Mahilla Gray, who owned a valuable farming property in Bell township, Jefferson county. After his marriage Mr. Hauck bought a farm in the same township from Daniel Graffus, and made his home there until 1889, his attention being given to agriculture and lumbering. In 1862 he enlisted at Pynsoutawney in Company F, 106th P. V. I., and was mustered in at Pittsburg. On going to Washington the regiment was sent to Colarana Heights to do picket duty, and after six months was transferred by boat to Fortress Monroe where they were organized as a part of McClellan's forces. They marched to Yorktown and took part in the siege, driving out the enemy in May, 1863, and pursuing them to Williamsburg, where they had built entrenchments. A fierce battle was fought there with heavy loss on both sides, but the victory was won by the Union Army. Mr. Hauck's regiment then crossed the Chickahominy river and took part in the battle of Fair Oaks, where they lost one hundred and seventy-one men. They were next sent to Savage Station, nine miles below Richmond, and after three weeks of guard duty marched onward to join in the seven-days' fight on the "Peninsula." Their first engagement there was at Charles City Cross Road, and from that point they followed the Rebels to Malvern Hill, where another desperate battle was fought. During the seven days of bloodshed the Union forces lost fifteen thousand men and the Rebels over twenty thousand. When Mr. Hauck and his comrades reached Harrison's Landing he was taken sick and sent to Point Lookout hospital, where he remained four months, and on December 24, 1862, was discharged as permanently disabled. Returning home, he recovered, and in August, 1864, he re-enlisted at Pynsoutawney as a veteran for one year or during the war, joining Company B, 206th P. V. I., under Capt. Neal. Going to Pittsburg he was mustered in at Camp Reynolds and sent to City Point, Va., by way of Baltimore, being assigned to the forces under General Butler. Their time was mainly occupied in picket duty and the building of forts at various places, and when Richmond fell that regiment was the first to enter the city, and go on guard. They remained until June, 1865, when orders came to march to Lynchburg to attack Mosby's guerrillas, who were making trouble there. After driving them out the regiment returned to Richmond and on June 6, 1865, they were discharged. They returned to Baltimore by water, and from there proceeded by rail to Pittsburg where they were mustered out, and on July 4, 1865, Mr. Hauck arrived at home. He resumed his business, continuing it successfully for many years, but in 1889 he sold his property in Bell township and bought real estate in Big Run, where he has since resided. Politically he is a Republican with Prohibition tendencies. He and his wife are prominent members of the Lutheran Church in Bell township, and their sympathies are with every worthy cause.

Seven children have brightened their home: (1) James, born in February, 1855, died at the age of sixteen. (2) Daniel M., born in August, 1856, is single, and resides at Sugar Hill, Jefferson county, where he owns real estate. (3) Henry L., born August 29, 1858, is single, and lives at Medix Run, Elk county, Penn. (4) Joseph C., born in May, 1861, is also unmarried, and resides in Oakland county, Mich. (5) Martha E., born in October, 1863, married Joseph Hannah, of Jefferson county, and resides in Du Bois, where she died March 3, 1884. She left
one son, William L., who, since his mother's death, has made his home with his grandparents.

(6) May E., born in April, 1866, married Thomas J. Newcom, of Philadelphia, whose father was killed at Fredericksburg during the Civil war. After marriage they moved to Reynoldsville, where they now reside, and they have one son, Thomas N. (7) Emma S., born in January, 1868, was educated in Bell township, Jefferson county, and married Jacob Henry, of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. They now reside in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and have six children—Nancy J., Joseph N., Lottie, Mabel, Cyrus, and one whose name is not given.

JAMES C. KING, M. D., is engaged in the practice of medicine in Reynoldsville. Within the past few decades there has been a most marked advancement in the science of medicine, and with the improvement which is continually carried forward, Dr. King has kept pace. With a comprehensive and accurate understanding of the principles and methods of the medical science he has achieved excellent success as a practitioner, and his marked ability ranks him high in his chosen calling.

The Doctor was born March 17, 1841, in Clarion county, Penn. Jacob King, his father, was born in Centre county, this State, but during his youth removed to Clarion county, where he later married Sarah A. Corbett. Early in life he learned the miller's trade, but followed it for only a short time, giving the greater part of his attention to the quiet but honorable pursuit of farming. All who know him respect him for his sterling worth. In 1862 he laid aside business cares and removed to Reynoldsville, where he and his estimable wife are now living retired at the age of eighty-four and eighty years, respectively.

Dr. King received his primary education in the district schools of his native county; and remained on the home farm until fifteen years of age, when he entered the academy in Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he pursued his studies for about three years. On the completion of his literary education he took up the study of medicine in the office and under the direction of Dr. R. B. Brown, of Smokeyville, Jefferson county, and later entered the medical department of the University of New York City, where he was graduated in 1865. He at once began practice, establishing an office at Rockdale Mills, Penn., but after eighteen months came to Reynoldsville, and soon demonstrated his right to a place among the leading physicians of the county. He has prospered from the beginning, and enjoys a liberal and lucrative practice. He belongs to both the County and State Medical Societies.

In 1869 the Doctor was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Coleman, of Clarion county, and by this union have been born eight children, namely: Dr. Harry B., who is engaged in the practice of medicine in Reynoldsville; Dr. R. De Vere, a dentist of Reynoldsville; Charles L.; Katie M.; Frank; J. Craig; and two deceased. The parents are members of the Baptist Church, and Dr. King is serving as one of its trustees. In politics he is a conservative Democrat, voting with that party on questions of national importance, but casting his ballot independent of party ties at the elections where no issue is involved.

WILLIAM TULLY VAN WOERT, who is now living retired in Sykesville, Jefferson county, has had an eventful and interesting life. A frontiersman on the prairies of the Northwest, a soldier of the Civil war, and an Indian fighter on the Plains, his various experiences if written out in detail would prove a story more thrilling than that of the novelist. He is now living quietly at a pleasant home in Sykesville, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil.

Mr. Van Woert was born June 3, 1838, in Rotterdam, N. Y., a son of Dr. Abraham and Lucena (Ransom) Van Woert, who were also natives of the State of New York. It is believed that this family is the same that furnished the distinguished officers to the Colonial service in the war of the Revolution. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Jacob and Jemima (Scoutman) Van Woert, who spent their entire lives in Saratoga county, N. Y., where also lived William and Seania Ransom, the maternal grandparents of our subject.

The parents of William Tully Van Woert also resided for many years in Saratoga county, where the father successfully practiced medicine. He was a man of superior intellect and endowments and strong mental force, who possessed considerable poetical talent and was also a historian of note. In his early life he was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, but later he left that order and became a member of the Baptist Church. He died in 1848, at the age of thirty-four years, and his widow passed away in 1856 at the age of forty-five. They were buried at Clifton Park, Saratoga Co., N. Y. They had four children: William T.; Caroline, who became the wife of Henry Miller, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and died in Troy, that State, in 1874;
John, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Miss Lucena, of Troy, New York.

William T. Van Woert's father died when the son was but ten years of age. The son remained with his mother until eighteen, then started west with the intention of living with an uncle in Milwaukee, Wis., but after two weeks spent at that place he resumed his travels, going to Wabasha county, Minn. His experience in the West was in many respects a very interesting and exciting one. That section of the country was then very wild. Settlements were few, the land was still in its primitive condition, Indians were numerous in that portion of the State, and wild game, including buffalo and deer, was frequently seen. Young Van Woert was only about nineteen years of age when he went to Minnesota, and there he followed farming, hunting and trapping. After working for a time on the farm of his uncle in Wabasha county, he went to Henderson, which had just been laid out, the trees being so thick that it was almost impossible to see from one house to another. There were also about 1,000 Sioux Indians camping near the place, but many people were moving in from the East, and our subject had plenty of work, taking an important part in the development of the new town. While he was located there the first Indian massacre in the State occurred, the settlers at Spirit Lake being killed by the Indians under the leadership of Inkpaduta. In 1858 Mr. Van Woert drove a mule team to the mouth of Red Lake river, and on his return was employed by Major Brown, the Indian agent, to go to the agency sixty miles above Fort Ridgely, on the Minnesota river, to help make brick and build houses for the Indians, and also a government warehouse there. In 1859 he made preparations to go to Pikes Peak, and proceeded to Leavenworth, Kans., but finding no wagon to haul his supplies to the Peak, he proceeded by boat to St. Louis, thence he returned to Henderson, Minn., and engaged in hauling goods from there to the Indian agency.

In 1861 Mr. Van Woert enlisted in the First Minnesota Regiment, which did gallant service in the Civil war. He continued with that command for twenty-three months, participating in the battles from first Bull Run to Antietam, and in the latter a bullet pierced his trousers near the left knee. On being mustered out he returned to Minnesota and engaged as cook to the Tenth Regiment, which, under command of Lieut. James Gorman, was engaged in fighting the Indians on the frontier. The following year he enlisted in Company I, 10th M. V. I., in which he served for more than a year, then returned to his Minnesota home. In 1866 he joined a wagon train, en route for Montana, and, after many hardships and trials, at length reached Helena. In that then wild western district he engaged in mining, and also acted as recorder at Pioneer Gulch. After a few years he sold his interest there and returned to Henderson, Minn., but finding that many of his old friends had moved away, he started on foot to Duluth, and from that place proceeded to Buffalo, N. Y., thence to Manassas, Va., to New York, and Hartford, Conn. He worked in Troy, N. Y., for a short time, then returned to the West, and after living in Cedar Falls, Iowa, for a short period, engaged with a surveying party that surveyed a large tract of land along the Red River of the North. When this was accomplished he made a trip to northern Michigan, and secured a soldier's homestead, but after a short time sold out.

In 1880 Mr. Van Woert took up his residence in Millin county, Penn., since which time he has lived successively in Philipsburg, Indiana county, Big Run and Sykesville. In politics he is a Republican, but has never sought or desired political honors. He is a very popular and highly esteemed citizen, and has a large circle of friends in his locality.

WILLIAM F. BEYER, M. D. The Beyer family in Pennsylvania is descended from Abram Beyer, who came to America from Holland in 1736. He was originally from Silesia, Austria, from whence the family were driven by religious persecution, going to Holland with some followers of Casper Schwenckfeld, who entered the Reformation with Martin Luther and were known as Schwenckfelders.

Our subject, a resident of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, one of the leading physicians of this section, was born in 1831 in Indiana county, Penn., where Samuel Beyer, his father, who is also a native of Pennsylvania, settled about 1839, and, after working for a time at the carpenter's trade, located upon a farm. Samuel Beyer followed agricultural pursuits until 1888 when he retired from active business, and is now living in Punxsutawney, in the enjoyment of excellent health, at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, who was Caroline Weltwell, a native of Clearfield county, passed to the unseen life in 1889, leaving the memory of a character in which rare womanliness was exemplified. Dr. Beyer received his elementary education in the district schools near his early home, and subsequently took an academic course at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he was prepared
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David L. Smeyers, a wealthy and influential resident of the borough of Big Run, Jefferson county, is prominently identified with the agricultural and lumbering interests of that locality, and is also a leader in the various progressive movements which mark the development of the community. As a citizen he is highly esteemed, and by his gallant service as a soldier during the Civil war, he did credit to an ancestry which was distinguished in Colonial days for courage and patriotism.

His grandfather, Philip Smeys, served in the Continental army in the war of the Revolution, and also in the war of 1812. With such blood in his veins it is not strange that our subject should have been found among the defenders of the Union in the days of the Rebellion; three other brothers also fought for the old flag, one of them being severely wounded, and two having suffered the horrors of imprisonment, confined in Libby prison, Richmond, Virginia.

The Smeys family is of German origin. The head of the branch under consideration settled in Maryland at an early day, where, in 1749, Philip Smeys, our subject's grandfather, was born; he was also reared and married. Late in life he moved to Cambria county, Penn., to pass his remaining years. Daniel Smeys, our subject's father, was born in 1806, in Maryland, and coming to Pennsylvania with his parents during boyhood, was reared in Cambria county. In 1827 he married Miss Annie Beringer, a native of the locality and a daughter of John Beringer, whose wife was formerly a Miss Leifer. In 1849 Daniel Smeys located at Bells Mills, Jefferson county, and some years later moved to Big Run, where he purchased real estate which he improved for a homestead, building a house and barn and otherwise developing the place. Afterwards he bought a tract of timber land on Big run, where, with two sons, Benjamin and George, as partners, he erected a saw-mill, run by water power, and for a number of years carried on the manufacture of lumber on an extensive scale for that day. He died at his home at Big Run, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, and the worthy wife, who had shared all the hardships of his early life, passed away in 1874, aged sixty-eight years. They had eight children, all but one of whom were born in Cambria county, Penn.: (1) John, born in 1829, married Miss Maggie Rinchart, of Jefferson county, and bought and settled up a farm in Bell township, in the same county, where he died in 1896. His wife died about twenty years ago, leaving four children—Scott, Benjamin, Kenben and Emeline (now Mrs. Stagerts, of Jefferson county).

(2) William, born in 1831, married Miss Caroline Kapine, of Indiana county, Penn., and after residing there for some time removed to Big Run, where he is now engaged in the shoe business. They have four children—Alphie, George, Etta and Haseltine.

(3) Philip, born in 1833, married (first) Miss Rinchart, of Jefferson county, and made his home in Bell township until her death. She left one daughter, Amanda, now Mrs. Christ Rupert, with whom the bereaved husband removed to Big Run. When the Civil war broke out he en-
listed in Company B, 206th P. V. I., and served in the Army of the James under Gen. Grant, participating in all the battles of his regiment. After he returned he followed lumbering at Big Run until his death. His second wife, Amelia Rhodes, with four children—Curtin, Viola, Jane and Alice—survives him.

(4) Benjamin, born 1835, was married in 1861 to Miss Cynthia Cupler, of Jefferson county, and, in August of the same year, enlisted in Company A, 62nd P. V. I., with Col. Black, of Pittsburgh, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under McClellan. During the seven-days' fight at Malvern Hill he was wounded in the right leg, and lay for eight days on the battlefield. He was then captured by the enemy and taken to Libby prison, where he remained two months. His wound was neglected during all that time, and when exchanged he was nearly dead. He came home where careful nursing restored his health; but nothing daunted by his previous experience, he re-enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I., and remained in the service until mustered out in July, 1865. Later he engaged in the lumber business with his father, continuing until his death. His first wife died soon after his return from the army, and left no children; but by his second wife, Eliza Crissman, who survived him several years, he had four children—David B., John D., Margaret E., and Andrew P.

(5) Lucinda J., born in 1837, married Balger Stiver, of Union county, Penn., and they now reside in Shellsburg, Iowa, where Mr. Stiver owns real estate. They have children—Webster, Emlin, John, James, Maude, and Lura.

(6) David L., our subject, is mentioned at length farther on.

(7) Daniel J., born in March, 1843, enlisted, in 1861, in Company A, 105th P. V. I., with Capt. John Hastings, of Punxsutawney, and served in the Army of the Potomac under McClellan. They encamped on Lee's farm at Franklin Hill, Va., and were there for a month before they were uniforms and equipped. Their first engagement was a skirmish near Alexandria, Va., in April, 1862. Later they went by boat from Alexandria to Fortress Monroe and engaged the Rebels at Williamsburg, and again at Savage Station. They fought all through the seven-days' campaign near Charles City Cross Roads, and Mr. Smeires was captured there and taken by way of Fort Darling to Libby prison. There he remained until September 25, 1862, having an attack of typhoid fever in the meantime; and on being finally paroled and released from the loathsome place, he, on reaching Baltimore, was discharged because of disability. He returned home in January, 1863, and, in February, was married to Miss Mary E. Kerr, of Big Run, who died in 1890. In 1891 he married his second wife, Elizabeth M. Henry, of Lock Haven. He has continued to reside in Big Run. In 1865 he built a cabinet factory and planing-mill there. Politically he is a Republican; he has served two terms as town councilman, one as assessor, and two or three as school director. He and his wife, in their religious belief, are both Protestants, being identified with the M. E. Church. By his first wife he had seven children—G. W., who married Miss Kelly and resides at Big Run; one whose name is not given, also of Big Run; Henrietta, now Mrs. Clark Brooks, of the same town; Laurence, who married Miss Ida Wheeler, of Indiana, Penn., and now a resident of Philipsburg, Penn.; Lucinda (Mrs. Joseph Williams, of Punxsutawney), Charles W., who is not married, resides at home; and Miss Nettie, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Williams. By this second marriage there is one daughter, Dudie Phoebe.

(8) George, born in 1847, at Pine Creek Furnace, in Armstrong county, Penn., is the only member of the family born outside of Cambria county. He married Miss Naomi Cupler, of Jefferson county, and, after residing for a time at Big Run, he settled at the old home in Henderson township, where he manages his father's mill. He has eight children—Clara, William, Lynn, Katie, Hassie, James, Minnie L. and Terry.

David L. Smeires, the subject proper of this sketch, was born April 15, 1839, at the Cambria county homestead, and accompanying his parents to Jefferson county, grew to manhood there. He received a common-school education. In 1863 he was married to Miss Maria Cupler, of Cambria county, Penn., daughter of Adam and Elizabeth Cupler, who later removed to Clearfield county, where her father died in August, 1866. After his marriage Mr. Smeires settled in Big Run, purchased real estate and erected a fine residence. This he afterward sold, and in 1866 he bought sixty acres, a part of which is in Big Run borough, where he built a large two-story house and a barn and made many other improvements, his homestead being one of the best in the vicinity. He also owns a number of good houses in the same borough, which he rents, and has other property, including a tract of land in Indiana county.

The war record of our subject deserves especial mention, although he was fortunately spared some of the sufferings which befell two of his brothers. In 1862 he enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I., under Captain Neal, of Perrys-
ville, but, before going to the seat of war, was taken with typhoid fever at Camp Copeland; on the Monongahela river. On recovering he came home on a furlough, but later returned to Pittsburg, and from there was sent to Virginia in General Ord's division of the Army of the James to take part in the campaign under Grant. For about five months his regiment was on picket duty at the Chapman farm, and had daily skirmishes with the "Johnnies." Later they built Fort Brady while under a heavy fire from the enemy, some of the brave workers being killed each day. On April 3, 1865, orders came to march upon the Rebel forts about Richmond, where the Union forces were met by the mayor, who surrendered the city, and Mr. Smeyr's regiment was probably the first to plant their flag in the fallen capital of the Confederacy. They remained there on guard duty for six weeks, and then marched 147 miles up the James river to Lynchburg to relieve General Horner, but soon marched back again to resume guard duty at Richmond. On being mustered out of the United States service, the men returned to Pittsburg to receive their final discharge.

In politics Mr. Smeyr has always been a Republican. He has held numerous local offices, serving eight years as councilman. While he is not identified with any Church, he was reared in the Protestant faith, and takes a generous interest in religious advancement. His wife and family belong to the Christian Church at Big Run. To the marriage of Mr. Smeyr's and his wife have come eight children, two of whom are married; (1) Cynthia, born June 13, 1864, died August 6, 1872. (2) B. Clarence, born March 29, 1869, married Miss Clara Gray, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and resides upon a portion of the old homestead at Big Run. They have three children—Nora, Ralph and Terry Emerson. (3) John L., born December 14, 1870, married Miss Annie Hillburn, of Bell township, Jefferson county, and also occupies a part of the old homestead, where he has built a comfortable and tasteful residence. He is now employed by the Rochester Coal & Iron Company at Big Run. He has three children—Byer L., Beatrice L. and Lula B. (4) James Henry, born January 10, 1875, was educated in the schools of Big Run, and, being still unmarried, resides at home. (5) Edgar B., born September 22, 1876, is unmarried. He attended the local schools, and is now employed by the Kark Glycerine Company, at Bradford, Penn. (6) Terry C., born June 17, 1878, died August 26, 1879. (7) Miss Ella May, born March 23, 1881, and (8) Marion D., born February 24, 1883, are at home.

**Daniel Brewer**, one of the brave "boys in blue" during the dark days of the Rebellion, is now a highly respected and honored citizen of Perry township, with whose business interests he has long been identified. His entire life has been passed in this section of the State, where his parents took up their residence during its pioneer epoch, becoming important factors in its development and prosperity. They were Peter and Letitia (Work) Brewer.

Peter Brewer was born in Northumberland county, Penn., in 1790, during early manhood located near Richmond, on the Indiana and Jefferson county line, and after his marriage removed to East Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he took up a tract of government land and improved a farm. In connection with agricultural pursuits, he also followed surveying for a number of years. Upon the old homestead both he and his wife died, the former at the age of sixty-two, and the latter at the age of seventy-eight years. In their family were the following children: Mary, who was born on the home farm in Indiana county, married Nathaniel Dougherty, and died some years ago; Sarah died when a young lady; John died in early manhood; James died at the age of twenty-five; Daniel is next in order of birth; Margaret died on the old homestead in early womanhood; Elizabeth is the wife of Robert Stewart, a farmer living near Plumville in Indiana county, by whom she has two children; Christina A. is the wife of Thomas Wadden, also a farmer living near Plumville; and Samuel is married and has three children. He is a carpenter by trade, and for a number of years worked for John Du Bois, in Dubois, Penn. Later he made his home in Ridgway, Penn., but now lives in Centerville, N. Y., between Buffalo and Rochester.

Daniel Brewer, of this sketch, was born September 28, 1826, on the old homestead in Indiana county, where he grew to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained on the home farm with his parents until 1857, but five years previous he had married Miss Annie M. Robinson, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Thomas Robinson. On leaving the parental roof he went to Perryville, where he was a partner of William Lanison in the foundry and gristmill, the firm being Lanison & Brewer, until his enlistment in the Union army. In August, 1861, he joined Company A, 105th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac under General McClellan, and his first engagement was at Savage Station in June, 1862. This was followed by the battle of Williamsburg and the Richmond
campaign, where he contracted the swamp fever, and for a time was confined at the hospital at Harrison's Landing. Rejoining his regiment he assisted in guarding the bridge near Manassas Junction, where an engagement was brought on with Lee's army, and the Union troops were driven back to Savage Station. Later followed the second battle of Bull Run, where half of Company A were killed or wounded, the remainder marching back to their old camp at Centerville, near Alexandria. On the retreat General Kearney was killed. The troops next marched to Camp Smith, where Mr. Brewer was elected second lieutenant of his company, and later proceeded to Poolesville, Md., to stop the advance of Stewart's cavalry. Here our subject was taken ill withague which unfitness him for duty for some time, but finally he was able to rejoin the army at Leesburg, where they remained three weeks. They were next stationed near Warrington, and from there went to Fredericksburg, where a battle was fought, which lasted three days, with a heavy loss to both sides. After reaching camp Mr. Brewer was stricken with sciotic rheumatism, and was later discharged at Fredericksburg on account of disability. On his return to Perrysville, he resumed his business in connection with Mr. Lamson in the foundry until 1864, when he and George Blose bought out that gentleman and continued operations for four years. Our subject then sold his interest and purchased a wagon shop, and, subsequently, a planing-mill, which he has since successfully conducted. Having prospered in his undertaking he is now the owner of considerable real estate in Perrysville, and is accounted one of its representative and prominent business men.

Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Brewer, but nine died in infancy. Those living are as follows: (1) Sylvester E., born in 1855, married Miss Amanda Jones, and with their five children reside in Reynoldsville, Penn. (2) T. B., born in Perry township, in 1861, makes his home in Perrysville, and is a partner of his father in the planing-mill business. He married Miss Annie Marsh, of Jefferson county, and has two sons—John and Edward. (3) Harry M., born in 1864, in Perrysville, where he still resides, married Miss Shields, and has two children—Ruth and Rellah. (4) King, born April 22, 1878, is at home with his parents. In early life our subject was an Old-line Whig, but espoused the principles of the Republican party on its organization, and has since been one of its most earnest advocates. For the long period of twenty-eight years he most efficiently served as justice of the peace, resigning in 1893 when elected commissioner of Jefferson county, a position he filled to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. In religious belief he and his wife are Cumberland Presbyterians, belonging to the Church in Perrysville, and are well worthy of the high regard in which they are uniformly held. Their sterling worth and many excellencies of character are fully appreciated by their many friends.

FRANK J. BLACK. Among the young and energetic business men of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, as well as those who have been successful and whose efforts through life thus far, through their own perseverance, have borne ample recompense, is the subject of this personal history. He is now successfully conducting the "Hotel McConnell," in Reynoldsville, and cheerfully gives his aid to all interests which will in any way benefit the community.

Mr. Black was born in 1864 in Armstrong county, Penn., a son of Thomas and Marcella (Dougherty) Black, also natives of Pennsylvania, who for the past twenty-five years have made their home in Reynoldsville. He is the eldest in their family of eight children, and was provided with only a limited common-school education. Since the early age of thirteen years he has been dependent on his own resources, and, being ambitious and energetic, he has met with excellent success in his undertakings. He embarked in business for himself as a dealer in books, stationery, cigars, etc., and continued along this line for ten years. However, for four years prior to disposing of his stock, he also engaged in the newspaper business, publishing the "Reynoldsville Paper" for more than seven years. Owing to an injury which disabled him from actively attending to the business, he was compelled to sell out, and a year later he became interested in "Hotel Belnap," with which he was connected for two years. In 1891 he purchased the "Hotel McConnell," and has since satisfactorily conducted this popular hostelry, which is known as the "Commercial Men's Home." The building is steam-heated, lighted by gas, and in fact equipped with all modern appliances found in a first-class hotel of the present day.

In religious belief Mr. Black is a Roman Catholic: socially he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, also of the Sons of Veterans, his father having belonged to the 156th Pennsylvania Volunteers during the Civil war. Our subject takes an active and prominent part in political affairs, is a pronounced Democrat, and at one time was proffered the nome-
tion for assemblyman by his party, but declined the honor. He is a wide-awake, enterprising young businessman, standing high in commercial and social circles, and has been a prime mover in every public undertaking connected with Reynoldsville. He was one of the projectors of and a stockholder in the water works; is a stockholder in the woolen-mills; also in the proposed silk-mills, and is one of the directors of the proposed street railway, the company having already been granted a charter and right of way. He is a director in the Reynolds Oil and Gas Co.; a shareholder in a plat of ground adjacent to the borough to be given to manufacturing industries as an inducement to bring them to Reynoldsville; also a stockholder and director in an independent telephone company. For fifteen years Mr. Black has been chief of the fire department of Reynoldsville. In fact, no worthy enterprise is ever undertaken in that place, that he does not become actively interested in, and he has therefore been an important factor in promoting the material welfare of the community, and deserves an honored place among its valued and representative citizens.

JOSEPH KEYS. No State in the Union can boast of a more heroic band of pioneers than Pennsylvania. In their intelligence, capability and genius they equalled the pioneers of New England, and in their daring and heroism were equal to the Missouri and California Argonauts. Their privations, hardships and earnest labors have resulted in establishing one of the foremost commonwealths in America.

From a very early day the Keys family has been closely identified with the development and progress of Jefferson county, and one of its prominent and worthy representatives is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. Here he has spent his entire life, his birth occurring in Washington township, November 14, 1827, and amid scenes of frontier life was reared, beginning his education in an old log building with no windows. Light was admitted through a hole cut out of the logs, or came from the large fire-place at one end of the shanty; the seats were of puncheons, and the school was conducted on the subscription plan. The grandparents of our subject, Joseph and Susan Keys, were natives of County Derry, Ireland, and were the parents of three children: Henry, Mathew and Elizabeth, who died unmarried in 1848. In 1818, with his family, Joseph Keys sailed for the United States, and first located in Centre county, Penn., where for a time he was employed in the Curtin Iron Works, but in 1823 he took up his residence in Jefferson county, becoming one of the first settlers of Beechwoods, Washington township. Securing a large tract of land, he at once began its improvement, and also engaged in the manufacture of maple sugar and syrup which he took to other counties and exchanged for such supplies as were needed by the family. The first wheat he raised he was forced to haul to Curwensville to have ground. His wife died in 1840, aged seventy-five years, and he, in 1849, at the age of eighty-two. Both were earnest members of the Presbyterian Church and honored pioneers of this region. After the father's death the sons divided the property, and there reared families of their own.

Henry Keys, the father of our subject, married Catherine Wilson. also a native of Ireland, where her father died. About 1826, her mother with the family emigrated to America, and also became prominent early settlers of Beechwoods. Besides Mrs. Keys there were two sons, Galbreath and John, both of whom married and reared families. After his marriage Henry Keys remained upon his portion of the old homestead until 1848, and there our subject was born, being the second white child born in that settlement. At one time the father had to go fifteen miles to get his axe sharpened, and while on the way his dog discovered a bear sitting up against a tree. The bear being attracted by the barking of the dog did not notice Mr. Keys, who crept round the tree, and soon killed it with his axe. On leaving the old farm, Henry Keys removed to Warsaw township, Jefferson county, where he also improved a place, making it his home until 1873, when he took up his residence in Brookville. There he died, in 1880, at the age of eighty-five years, and his wife, in 1891, at about the same age. Both were faithful members of the Baptist Church, of which he served as deacon for many years, and which he helped to organize, it being the first Church of that denomination in the country. He was a director and stockholder in the First National Bank of Brookville, and for a time successfully engaged in speculating in lands, leaving at his death a large estate, of which our subject was administrator. Few men have left an example more to be desired than he, and his progressiveness, business ability, and the part he took in public affairs will long be felt in the community.

Joseph Keys is the oldest in a family of twelve children, the others being as follows: Wilson, who was wounded during his service in the Union army, and is now a farmer of Kansas; Mrs. Susan Suffold; Matthew, who laid down his
life on the altar of his country during the Civil war; Mrs. Mary A. Shaw; Mrs. Eliza Raught; Mrs. Rebecca Casper; Henry, who was seriously wounded, and taken prisoner during his service in the Union army, but is still living; Catherine, who died unmarried; William J., who died in childhood; and John and Martha, twins, the former of whom died in childhood, and the latter is now Mrs. Miller, of Virginia.

On attaining to man's estate Joseph Keys was united in marriage to Miss Margarie Patterson, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Wilson) Patterson, who came from Ireland to the United States, and after spending a few years in New York located in Beech Woods, Jefferson county, in 1834. There the father improved a farm which he later sold, and removed to Pittsburg, where both he and his wife spent their remaining days. Their children were John, deceased; Mrs. Mary J. Quillian; Margarie; Thomas, who died in Jefferson county; Catherine, who died in Pittsburg; Galbreath, a Union soldier; and Rebecca. The children accompanied their parents to Pittsburg, but all are now deceased. In that city was celebrated the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Keys, and they became the parents of five children: John R., who is now engaged in the lumber business in Alabama; Henry, who died at the age of eighteen years; Mathew; Frank M.; and Elmer M. The wife and mother, who was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, passed to the world beyond May 24, 1893, and her death was widely and deeply mourned.

After his marriage Mr. Keys remained upon the old homestead for two years, and then purchased his present farm—a valuable tract of 115 acres, of which he has placed seventy acres under cultivation. Besides the comfortable two-story frame residence he has erected, he has built good barns and outbuildings, set out an orchard and made many other useful improvements which add to its attractive appearance. The land was not only covered with a heavy growth of timber, including poplar, ash, etc., but he also had to cut a road to his place on locating there. Wolves often made the night hideous with their howling, and he would be compelled to frighten them away by discharging his gun in order to get sleep. As years have passed, however, the country has become thickly settled, all the comforts of civilized life have been introduced, and one by one the early settlers are fast passing away, leaving few to tell the story of their early experiences. Among these honored and prominent pioneers Mr. Keys stands pre-eminent, and during his long and useful career he has gained the respect and confidence of young and old, rich and poor, his friends being numerous throughout the county. In religious faith he is connected with the Baptist Church, and in political sentiment is a Republican. Although he has faithfully served in a number of township offices, he has never cared for political honors.

George Ament Blose, Ex-County Superintendent of the schools of Jefferson county, and a teacher for years in this section of Pennsylvania, is of Revolutionary lineage, and has descended from ancestors who came to the State a century and a half ago.

Daniel Blose is the name of the first of the family that the descendants have been able to trace. He came from Germany, and was living in Northampton county, Penn., September 13, 1778, the date of the birth of George Blose, the grandfather of George Ament Blose. Daniel was the father of six children: George, Michael, Barney, Mary (married to Joseph Walton), Daniel, and Ann (married to Isaac Shuster). George Blose was married to Sarah Walton about 1800, and to them were born ten children: Polly and William (died in infancy), Josiah (died in youth), John George, Boaz, Emily (married to George Schrock), Sarah (married to Thomas Sharp Mitchell), Daniel and Elizabeth (twins), Rachel Maria (the only one now living, is married to John Niel). Of these, Elizabeth married Charles Redding, moved to near Elizabeth, in what is now West Virginia, where she lived till her death.

George Blose (grandfather of George Ament) had moved to Westmoreland county, and located about eight miles north of Greensburg, previous to the birth of his son, John George, father of the subject of this sketch, but in 1831 he moved to Perryville, Jefferson county, and resided there till his death, August 31, 1849. His widow, who died in Jefferson county, July 10, 1860, was born in Northampton county, Penn., January 3, 1779. She descended from an old American family of Scotch origin. Boaz Walton, her father, was twice married, and had a numerous family: Obadiah and a brother, whose name is not recalled, and, perhaps, a sister, were children of the first marriage; and Joseph, Sarah (married to George Blose), Mary (married to William Martz), Rachel (married to Peter Wagaman), Martha (married to Daniel Blose), Elizabeth (married to George Ament), Emily (married to Isaac Martz), and Samuel, were children by the second wife.

John George Blose, who in the latter part of his life was know as George Blose, Sr., was born
in Westmoreland county, Penn., August 3, 1803. On April 20, 1826, he was married to Esther Ament. A few years after their marriage they moved from Westmoreland county to Armstrong county, where they resided a number of years. In 1834 they came to Jefferson county, and were residing on their farm in Perry township, at the time of their deaths. He died very suddenly on January 19, 1877—and she passed away April 6, 1881. She was a woman of more than average intelligence and superior management, and contributed largely to the support of the family by her industry and frugality. For about nine years before her death she was an invalid. She was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church from her thirteenth year; and was a most estimable woman, pious and upright, and bore her long and trying affliction with great patience and Christian fortitude. To George and Esther Blose were born eight children: Josiah, who lives near the old homestead; Rachel Mary Dennison, who married Nathan Croasmun, and lives near Whitesville, Jefferson county; Esther Markle, who married James Madison Hadden, and lives in Claville, Jefferson county; Jeremiah, who died April 20, 1858, of consumption, at about twenty-four years of age; Susannah Catharine, who married John Henry Weaver, lived in Whitesville a number of years, and then moved to Altoona, Penn., where her husband studied medicine and became a practicing physician, and where she died in May, 1895; Sarah Jane, who married David Miner Postlewait, and resides near Perryville, Jefferson county; Darius, who resides in Claville; and George Ament, the subject of this sketch.

George Ament, the father of Esther (Ament) Blose, was born December 2, 1758, in York county, Penn., a son of Philip Ament, who came from Germany. Philip died when George was young, and the son was bound out. He was badly treated by the family into which he went. At about the age of eighteen he joined the Continental forces, and was with General Washington during that terrible winter at Valley Forge. He had a brother who also was in the Patriot army, and was captured by the British, and died while a prisoner; and he had a half-brother who resided near Salem, Westmoreland county. On September 19, 1786, George Ament married Esther Markle, and nine children came to this union: Jacob (died in his youth), George, Susannah (married to John Hill), Elizabeth (married to Frederick Berlin), Philip, Esther (married to John George Blose), Mary (married to Jesse Walton), Sarah (married to Elias Berlin), and Catharine. The parents, after the birth of two of their children, moved to within two miles of the present site of Salem Cross Roads, on the head waters of Turtle creek in Franklin township, Westmoreland county, where the husband built a gristmill and a sawmill. Export, a mining town, has recently been built on the old farm. His death occurred December 11, 1843; and she died in Westmoreland county, September 10, 1854. She was born in Berks county, Penn., September 13, 1766. It is related of her, that after the removal of herself and husband to Westmoreland county, at such time as her husband was away from home in pursuit, or in search of Indians who had been committing depredations and killing the settlers, she would take her two children—Jacob and George—and go out into a little meadow that was cleared, and remain in the willows along the stream on which the mills stood, that she might be in a safer place and more readily escape with her children, if an attack was made by the Indians. At the mill the settlers had a block-house into which they gathered during perilous times for protection against the Indians.

The Markle family is a very old American family. Gasper Markle, the father of Esther (Markle) Ament, was a native of Holland. He was twice married, and had a large family, of which, Catharine, Mary, and Hannah, sisters, and Joseph, Gasper, and John, brothers, are all of those whose names are now known to the relatives in Jefferson county.

George Ament Blose, is a native of Jefferson county, and was born on his father's farm, November 13, 1842, where he was reared. At an early age he developed a desire for knowledge, and was a persistent inquirer for information before he could read, which he could do at five years of age. By the time he was eight he had read a large "History of the United States," and when a few years older he read Scott's "Life of Napoleon." He attended the country public school each winter for a term of three months, from the time he was five years of age; but during the fall of 1859 and early part of 1860, he went to Salem Academy, walking with his cousin to and from his uncle's, a distance of three miles. He also attended a select school at Whitesville during the summers of 1860, 61 and 62, under the principalship of Samuel Miller Davis. In the winter of 1861-62 he taught his first school at the Bath school house, in Perry township, Jefferson county; and was thereafter engaged in teaching through the winter, excepting the period he was in the army, until he entered college, in 1870. He enlisted in the United States service in 1893, and served as a member
of Company C, Second Battalion, Pennsylvania Infantry, and was discharged in 1864. During this service he contracted malarial poisoning, which came near causing his death. After his return home from the army he attended Covode Academy the latter part of the summer of 1864, and Glade Run Academy the summers of 1865 and '66. During the spring term of 1867, he was at the Edinboro State Normal School. In September, 1870, he entered the junior class of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Adams county, and was graduated in 1872 with the degree of A. B., and at the commencement of that college in 1875, he received the degree of A. M., conferred by the Faculty. He boarded himself during a part of the time when preparing himself for college, and while in college, because he had to practice the most rigid economy, to enable him to pursue his studies. From the spring of 1868 to the fall of 1870, when not engaged in teaching, he carried on the farm for his parents, who were old and poor. After his graduation he returned home and taught a part of the time in various places, and farmed some until 1875, when he was elected county superintendent of schools of Jefferson county. When he went into office he found a great many inefficient teachers employed, and deemed it necessary to raise the standard of eligibility to the position of teacher much higher than it had before been in the county. As a result of that he rejected many applicants, but the change proved very beneficial to the schools. He taught Normal Schools during each summer of his incumbency for the benefit of the teachers. He was engaged in teaching up to the fall of 1880, when, owing to failing health, he practically retired from the profession. As a teacher Prof. Blose has the reputation of being, at all times, a rigid disciplinarian, and a most thorough worker in the school-room. He did not teach for the purpose of keeping order, but it was impossible for him to teach without good order. He was always conscientious, eager to have his pupils learn, and spared no efforts to produce that result. Some of his former pupils are in the ministry; some practicing medicine, and some are in the legal profession.

On May 26, 1877, Prof. Blose was married to Louisa Jane Raybuck, and to the marriage have come eleven children: Esther May, Jeremiah Markle, Catharine, Samuel Bond, Seth Vivian, Mabel Clare, Clyde, Sarah Agnes, Hazel, Laird and Lilian Renel. His wife was the daughter of Jonas and Catharine Knarr Raybuck, and was the youngest of thirteen children. Her mother died in August, 1871, and her father in October, 1880. Prof. Blose and family reside on the old homestead, where they cared for their invalid mother Blose until her death. In the fall of 1882 their house was destroyed by fire, and everything in it, including the Professor's library worth in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars. Prof. Blose was admitted to the Bar of Jefferson county in September, 1886, having prepared himself under the direction of Wm. M. Fairman, Charles M. Brewer and Hon. Wm. P. Jenks. Although he has never located as a practitioner, he has done some work in that line. His health failed him, so that since 1888 he has been able to do but little. In 1876 he prepared a historical sketch of Jefferson county for Dr. William H. Egle's "History of Pennsylvania," and a history of the schools of Jefferson county, for the "School Report of 1877." He is the author of an article on the schools of Jefferson county that appeared in "Caldwell's Atlas." In 1887 he prepared a history of education in Jefferson county, which appeared in the "History of Jefferson County," edited by Miss Kate M. Scott. In October, 1892, he was admitted as an attorney to practice before the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

ANDREW P. COX, M. D., a prominent physician of Big Run, Jefferson county, is one of the representative citizens. He has not only displayed marked ability in professional and business life, but as a mere youth he demonstrated his courage and patriotism by his service as a soldier in the war for the Union.

Dr. Cox is of English descent, his grandparents having crossed the ocean early in this century to make their homes in Allegheny county, Penn. The Doctor's father, the late Robert Cox, was quite young at the time of this removal, and the greater part of his life was spent in Allegheny county, where he engaged in farming, being by disposition inclined to a quiet occupation, free from the distractions incident to more public pursuits. His death occurred in 1882, and his wife, Caroline Fisher, who was a native of Allegheny county, survived him until 1884, when she, too, passed to the unseen world.

The early life of our subject was spent at the old home in Allegheny county, where he was born in 1843. He made the most of the course of instruction offered in the local schools which with private study gave him an admirable foundation for his later intellectual work. In 1863 he enlisted in Company G, 4th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. His regiment took part in many important battles, and
PHILIP W. MUTH (deceased). This State owes much to the indomitable energy and wise forethought of the hardy German race, of which so many worthy representatives have found homes among us. Unlike some of our other foreign-born citizens, they do not crowd into the already congested cities, and their homes, scattered about through the sparsely settled districts, speedily become centers of development for the forces of civilization. The subject of this sketch, who came to America as a lad of ten years, possessed in a high degree the excellent qualities of his people, and his history is most appropriately given here among those of other prominent men of this section.

It was in 1853 that his parents, Charles and Elizabeth (Echot) Muth, both natives of the province of Nassau, Germany, crossed the ocean with their little family to secure the wider opportunities which America affords. They located first at Catfish Furnace, in Clarion county, Penn., where Mr. Muth found employment. After a few years of hard work and close economy he purchased a tract of wood land in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, and established his home there, clearing and improving the place as time passed by, and rearing his children to habits of industry. His wife died in Clarion county, and when all his children were grown he returned to the Fatherland to spend his last years, his death occurring in 1875. Our subject was the eldest of a family of eight children. (2) Earnestina was born in Germany, and is now the wife of John Reiter, a farmer in Brady township, Clearfield county. They have children as follows: Charles, Lizzie, Willie, Samuel, Jessy, Frank, Aaron, Rosanna and George. (3) Philip C., born in Germany in 1844, was educated there, attending school only three months after coming to this country. He married Miss Mary Reiter, of Jefferson county, and located for a time on his father’s farm in McCalmont township. They now reside on another farm in the same township, near Eleanor, and have had eleven children: Lydia, who married George Knarr, a farmer near Kreamer Station, Jefferson county; Magdalene F. L., who married Philip Pifer, of McCalmont township, Jefferson county; and has one daughter: Thomas W.; Ella; Daniel; Willis; Mina; Idella; Orphie; Nora and Charles. (4) Christian, who was born on the Atlantic, during the voyage from the Fatherland, is now the owner of one of the best farms in Henderson township, Jefferson county, situated about two miles north of Big Run. He married Miss Elizabeth Shepler, of the same county, and has had nine children: Isaac, William, Henry, Eva, Isala, Sarah, Ruth, Samuel and Oliver. (5) Henrietta was born in Clarion county, and grew to womanhood in Jefferson county. She married Jacob Heiburn, a farmer in Bell township, Jefferson county, where they resided for a few years. He then moved to Oil City to engage in mercantile business, but after some years he sold out and came back to his home in Jefferson county, where he has since remained. They have seven children: Emma, now Mrs. John Sueyres, of Big Run, James, August, Mary, Charles, Sarah and Irvin. (6) Adam, who was born in Clarion county, married Miss Maggie Weisgarver, and resides on a farm
near Curwensville. They have a large family. (8) Ludwig, who was born in Jefferson county, married Miss Sarah Twitheart, of the same county, and settled in Punxsutawney, where he engaged in the manufacture of birch beer. His wife died there and he moved to our subject’s neighborhood, where he made a purchase of the Charles Weber farm. For a few years he followed farming, then engaged in lumbering, continuing until his death in 1887. He left one son, Martin I.

The late Philip W. Muth was born January 17, 1843 in Germany, and as he was old enough to be of assistance to his parents at the time of their removal to this section he took an active part in the work of clearing the old homestead. In early manhood he married Miss Magdalene Reiter, daughter of John and Mary Reiter, well-to-do agriculturists of Henderson township, and began to make a home for himself, purchasing one hundred acres of wood land in the same township, one mile north of Big Run. He first erected a log house and barn, but as he cleared the estate and brought it under cultivation he was able to make better improvements. In 1885 he built a large bank barn, and in 1889 a fine two-story frame residence was erected, and at present it is an attractive and comfortable home. He was held in high esteem throughout the community, and took an active part in local affairs, being one of the leading Democrats of the locality. For three years he served as school director, and for one term he held the office of township assessor. He and his estimable wife were prominent members of the M. E. Church, of Big Run, and their children were reared in that faith. Mrs. Muth passed from earth on May 1, 1892, and four years later, on April 8, 1896. Mr. Muth also breathed his last.

They had nine children, all of whom are living: (1) Mary E., born March 29, 1868, received a common-school education, and is now the wife of George W. Zufall, a farmer in Henderson township. They have four children—Charles, Cyrus, Miles and Luther. (2) Miss Minnie H., born May 19, 1869, was educated in the common schools, and is now at home. (3) Albert A., born June 15, 1871, grew to manhood on the homestead, and after attending the public schools during boyhood he entered Grove City College, in Mercer county, Penn., in 1892, and continued his studies for three years. He expected to graduate, but owing to the death of his father he was obliged to return home and take charge of the farm and family, being the administrator of his father’s estate. He is a very worthy young man, talented and energetic, and is much respected by his associates. (4) William C., born September 18, 1873, married Miss Augusta Winslow, of Big Run, and resides in Henderson township, where he follows the sawmill business. They have one daughter, Bertha. (5) Lavina, born July 18, 1875, married John W. Zufall, a farmer of Jefferson county, Penn., and they have one son, Orval. (6) George, born April 18, 1877. (7) Miss Maggie L., born March 19, 1880, (8) Alice M., born June 29, 1882, and (9) Priscilla, born June 6, 1885, are all residing on the homestead. Martin I. Muth, the son of Ludwig Muth, deceased, is at present living with his uncle on the homestead.

Joshua Rhoades (deceased) was for many years one of the prominent and highly esteemed citizens of Knox township, Jefferson county. His entire life was spent on the old family homestead, where his birth occurred on the 1st of April, 1843.

Daniel and Rebecca (Doverspike) Rhoades, his parents, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Schuylkill county, Penn., were married near New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn., and in 1835, came to Jefferson county, locating in Knox township, where they spent their remaining days. They were members of the Evangelical Church, and in politics Mr. Rhoades was a Republican. He died in August, 1852, at the age of fifty-five, and his wife died in 1878, at the age of seventy-five. Their children were: Lavina, deceased wife of Fred Gillhouse, who was killed in the army; Rev. Henry, a retired Evangelical minister of Tionesta, Penn., who was in the army; Catherine, who died in childhood; George Washington, a farmer of Knox township, Jefferson county; Mary (deceased); Susan, wife of George Horner, an oil driller of Pennsylvania; Rachel, deceased wife of Daniel Uplinger, a farmer of Knox township; Daniel, also a farmer, of the same township; David, who was killed in the army; Joshua; and Amelia A., wife of David Gould, a farmer and lumberman of Coolspine, Jefferson county, who served in the Civil war.

Joshua Rhoades, of this review, assisted in the labors of the home farm until August 26, 1863, when, at the age of twenty years, he responded to the country’s call for troops, enlisting in Company A, 76th P. V. I. In a skirmish he was wounded by a sharp shooter, a ball passing through his cheek and lodging in his right arm. This piece of lead is now in the possession of Mrs. Rhoades. Mr. Rhoades remained at the front until the close of the war, although his injury rendered
him a cripple for life. He followed farming and lumbering as a livelihood, and by the careful conduct of his business interests accumulated a comfortable competency. He was the owner of the Rhoades homestead, comprising 140 acres of valuable land underlaid with coal.

Joshua Rhoades was married, May 12, 1870, in Indiana county, Penn., to Miss Sarah Pfeffer, who was born in that county September 24, 1848. Her paternal grandparents were John A. and Margaret (Bishop) Pfefer, natives of Germany. The latter came to America, and lived with her children in Indiana county. The maternal grandparents, George and Eve (Winning) Pfefer, natives of Germany, came to the United States in 1829, and located on a farm in Indiana county. The parents of Mrs. Rhoades, Rev. John and Eve (Pfefer) Pfefer, were also born in the Fatherland, and in 1835 crossed the Atlantic, establishing a home in Indiana county, where they remained until 1885, when they became inmates of the home of Mr. Rhoades. The father died April 24, 1887. For many years he was a prominent minister of the Evangelical Church, and also carried on a mercantile establishment at Marchand, Penn., until 1885. He was married in January, 1842, to Miss Pfefer, whose birth occurred January 10, 1824. Their children were: Elizabeth, who died in early life; Mary, wife of John Hoop, a farmer of Indiana county; Mrs. Rhoades; John, who died at the age of thirty-nine years and six months; Maggie, wife of William Steffy, a farmer of Indiana county; Lydia, wife of John Zener, an agriculturist of Marchand, Penn.; Samuel, who operates a tannery at Du Bois; and Susan, wife of John Nolph, a farmer and carpenter of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Rhoades are: Mary A., wife of George Ishman, a lumberman of Knox township, by whom she has four children—Mina L., Birge O., Orrel O., and Iva V.; Nora L., who died December 11, 1875; Sadie C., wife of M. J. Walters, a lumberman of Cambria county, Penn., by whom she has one child; J. William P., who died December 25, 1879; Cora M., of Patton, Penn.; and Emma S., an accomplished young lady at home.

Our subject was an industrious and energetic man whose business methods were above question, and who commanded the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He supported the Republican party, and held a number of local offices, discharging his duties in a most prompt and commendable manner. He held membership with the Evangelical Church, was one of its active workers, and held among other offices those of class leader and Sunday-school superintendent. He had a host of warm friends who esteemed him most highly. He met his death by drowning, while bathing near Fuller's Station, August 30, 1881, and all who knew him mourned his death. He left his family in comfortable circumstances, and, more than all, transmitted to them an untarnished name.

MARION M. DAVIS, a prominent attorney of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, was born February 10, 1843, in Indiana county, Penn., of which county his father, William T. Davis, was also a native, and there spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1890. His widow, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Ansley, was born in the State of Indiana, and is still living at the age of seventy-five years.

The primary education of our subject was received in part in the common schools of Indiana county, and at Glade Run Academy. When the Civil war broke out, responding to his country's call for troops, he enlisted in Company A, 61st P. V. I., and went to the front, and, at the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., he received a very severe gunshot wound. After a year and three months in active service with that regiment he was honorably discharged, but later enlisted for a six-months' period. On his discharge from the United States service he returned to Indiana county, where he attended the previously mentioned academy, completing a course of law. After this he went to Kansas, where he practiced law for one year, then returning to Pennsylvania he went from there to West Virginia, where he taught school for a time; thence he moved to Pennsylvania, and taught there two years prior to commencing the practice of law in Reynoldsville, in 1872, since which time he has been one of the leading members of the Jefferson County Bar. A man of progressive ideas, fine attainments, high minded, one who has made the most of his opportunities, Mr. Davis has risen to a foremost place among the representatives of the local legal fraternity.

In 1869 Mr. Davis was united in marriage with Miss Martha Le Bowser, of Indiana county, Penn., and four children have blessed their union, namely: Althea M., wife of J. W. Stephenson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles S., a mining engineer, now of Michigan; Marie, wife of Dr. De Vere King, a dentist of Reynoldsville, Penn., and Elizabeth. The parents of these are consistent members of the Baptist Church; socially, Mr. Davis affiliates with the Masonic fra-
ternty; in politics he is an ardent Republican but has never cared for office, though he has filled a number of local positions. The community finds in him one of the most valued and highly respected citizens, the Bar one of its most able members, and his associates a most loyal friend.

EDWARD CRAWFORD. Comparatively few men can attain the highest offices in civil or military life, but commerce offers a broad and almost limitless field in which one may exercise his powers unrestrained, and gain a leadership as the head of a chosen calling. Drawing the lessons which we do from the life of Mr. Crawford, we learn that the qualifications necessary for success are a high ambition and a resolute, honorable purpose to reach the exalted standard that has been set up.

Mr. Crawford is one of the leading and successful lumber dealers of Jefferson county, owning a lumber yard at Falls Creek, in Washington township, where he resides, and also one in Pittsburg, Penn. He was born in Washington township, Jefferson county, in 1832; a son of Samuel M. and Elizabeth (Osburn) Crawford. The father was born in 1829 in that county, and the grandfather, Samuel Crawford, was a native of Indiana county, Penn., coming of Scotch ancestry. At an early day the latter located in Jefferson county, where he cleared and improved a good farm, and there continued to make his home until his death. He is supposed to have been murdered. His wife departed this life in Washington township, Jefferson county.

Upon the old homestead Samuel M. Crawford grew to manhood, and throughout his active business life he has followed lumbering and farming; he now resides at Rockdale Mills, Washington township. The mother of our subject died in 1863, in that township, leaving one child—Edward, of this review. The father was again married, in Clearfield county, his second union being with Miss Amanda Keischel, by whom he has eight children: Mrs. Nancy Calhoun (of Washington township), Jackson (of Washington township), George, J. E.; Elizabeth, Samuel R., Lafayette, and Walter.

In his native township, Edward Crawford spent his boyhood and youth, and since attaining to man's estate he has turned his attention to the lumber business, in which he has met with remarkable success. He at one time owned the property where the Osburn & Schaffer mill is located, and now has 440 acres adjoining Falls Creek, to which village he platted an addition in 1895. In 1882 he removed to Pittsburg, where he opened a lumber yard, and later engaged in the same business in Sharpsburg, Penn., remaining at the latter place until 1894, when he returned to Falls Creek.

In 1880 at Pittsburg Mr. Crawford was married to Miss Mary R. McBride, a native of Ireland, who became a resident of Pittsburg when quite young, and there died in 1892. Subsequently Mr. Crawford was again married, this time at Sharpsburg, his second union being with Miss Nellie M. Richards, of Sharpsburg, daughter of M. H. and Judith (McClean) Richards. Her grandfather, George B. McClean, built the second house in Sharpsburg, and there died.

Formerly our subject was a Republican in politics, but he now gives his support to the men and measures of the Prohibition party as he is a pronounced enemy of the liquor traffic. In religious faith he is a consistent and active member of the Reformed Presbyterian or Covenanters Church, and his exemplary Christian life has for him the confidence and esteem of all who know him. Progressive, enterprising and public-spirited, he is justly entitled to an honored place among the representative and prominent citizens of Jefferson county. Mrs. Crawford is a member of the M. E. Church of Falls Creek.

NATHAN CROASMAN is one of the most prosperous lumbermen and farmers of Perry township, Jefferson county, and as the result of his untried labors, his ambition, his energy and well-directed efforts, he is to-day the possessor of a handsome competence, and a beautiful 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 the living.

Asa Croasman, his grandfather, was born in Boston, Mass., about 1770, and on leaving that State first located in southwestern New York, whence he later removed to Indiana county, Penn., and there purchased the John Drummond tract of land. Later he sold and bought what is known as the Isaac Carnalt farm, near Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county. His next purchase consisted of 1,200 acres near Cherry Tree, of which he sold 400 acres to Mr. New- man, but from the remainder developed a good farm, on which he made his home until his death, in 1828. His wife died on the same place at the age of fifty-three years, leaving six children, four sons and two daughters. Of this family, Asa Croasman, our subject's father, was second in order of birth. He was born near Boston, Mass.,
and accompanied his parents on their removal to Indiana county, Penn., where he wedded—Miss Mary, daughter of James and Elizabeth McHenry, well-to-do farming people of that county. After his marriage he purchased land one mile south of Perrysville, in Indiana county, which was still in its primitive condition, but he at once began to clear and improve the place, his first home being a hewed-log house. This was afterward replaced by a comfortable frame dwelling, and the land transformed into one of the finest farms of North Mahoning township. There his death occurred in 1864, and his wife passed away about five years later.

The children born to this couple were as follows: (1) Mary, born on the old homestead in North Mahoning township, in 1822, was educated in the common schools, and married W. Crissman, who died on his farm in Indiana county, near Smicksburg, leaving a widow and one child—Eliza, now Mrs. Michael Lance, of Indiana. The mother died a few years ago. (2) Isaac, born in 1824, married Mary A. Muttersbaugh, of Indiana county, and located on a farm adjoining his father's, where he followed lumbering and farming for a number of years. His wife died in 1864, and the following year, he removed to Falls Church, Fairfax Co., Va., where he purchased real estate and still resides. (3) Nathan is next in order of birth. (4) Asa, born in 1828, wedded Mary Robison, of Jefferson county, and lives near the old homestead where he is also engaged in lumbering and farming. He was a Union soldier during the Civil war. His children are Hetty, wife of Daniel Syler, of Franklin Mills, Jefferson county; James A., who married Miss Oberline, and is clerk in the commissioner's office in Indiana, Penn.; Mrs. Lizzie Enterline, of Jefferson county; Everett Lincoln, who married Miss Fetterhoff, and lives in Indiana county; Isaac, who married Annie Oberline, and lives in Big Run, Penn.; Anna C., wife of H. Smith; Augusta H., wife of a Mr. Oberline; and Susan J. (5) Miles, born in 1831, married Margaret Beck, of Armstrong county, and lives on the old homestead. His children are—George A., who died in 1872; Mary and Margaret (twins); William C.; and Nathan and Asa (twins). (6) James, born in 1834, married Julia A. Sutter, of Indiana county, and lives on a farm near Whitesville, in Jefferson county. His children are—Jennie, wife of Albert Wallace, of Forest county, Penn., who is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company, and by whom she has one daughter, Fay; and Henry and Adda (twins), the former of whom married Effie Malik, and resides on his father's homestead, and the latter now Mrs. Moss, of Chicago, Ill. (7) Elizabeth J. is the wife of James M. Chambers, a farmer of North Mahoning township, Indiana county, and to them were born eight children—Harry, who married a Miss Sprankle, of Indiana county, and now resides at Red Cliff, Forest county; Dora; Inez, who died in childhood; M. Blanchard and Effel (twins); Julia; James Garfield; and Maud.

The birth of Nathan Croasman occurred in 1826, on the old homestead in Indiana county, where he grew to manhood, obtaining a very limited education. In 1852 he was united in marriage with Miss Rachel M. D. Blose, of Jefferson county, and they began their domestic life upon his present farm, where he had located the year previous, having purchased 180 acres of partially-improved land. To its further development and cultivation he then devoted his time and attention, erected a large and comfortable residence in 1873, has built good barns and made many other excellent improvements, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. In connection with farming he has also been extensively interested in lumbering, and several years ago purchased a tract of timber land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, which he cleared, rafting the lumber down the Mahoning and Allegheny to western markets for a number of years. Later he bought 100 acres on Elk run, converted the timber into square lumber, and in 1884, in company with George Putney & Sons and others, purchased 2,400 acres of timber land on Maple creek in Forest county, where they erected a large sawmill and extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Croasman: (1) Cyrus G., born at their present home, in 1833, died at the age of two years. (2) William A., born in 1835, was educated in the schools of Whitesville, and is now successfully engaged in lumbering in Forest county, having purchased land of the company to which his father belonged. He married Elizabeth Neal, of Jefferson county, and has three children—Dale F., Max and Luther Bell, all at home. Since 1885 they have resided in Forest county. (3) John D., born in 1838, graduated at Allegheny College, Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., later studied law, and is now successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in Punxsutawney. In 1888 he married Annie Coalter, of Cairo, Ill., by whom he had four children: Iris, Edith K., and Jorel D., all living, and John, who died at the age of two years. (4) Lola J., born in 1860, is at home. (5) Ina M., born in 1863, married H. D. Dafibaugh, of Huntingdon county, and they live in Whitesville, Jefferson county. They have
one child—Nathan C. (6) Darius M., born in 1866, was educated in the schools of Whitesville, in which place he is now living, engaged in the planing-mill business. In 1889 he married Miss M. M. Henry, of Perrysville, and had two children—Mary N., still living; and Harry, who died in infancy. (7) S. Ralph, born in 1869, graduated at Duff's Commercial College at Pittsburg, and is at present engaged in lumbering in Forest county.

Reared as an Old-line Whig, Nathan Croasman became a pronounced Republican on the organization of that party, and has held the offices of school director two terms, and supervisor one term, but has never cared for political preferment. He and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Valier, Jefferson county, and are people whose sterling worth has gained for them a large circle of friends and acquaintances. As a business man Mr. Croasman is honorable and straightforward, gaining the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and in promoting his own interests he has done much to advance the material prosperity of the community. Churches and schools have always found in him a stanch supporter, and he contributes liberally to the same, being especially interested in the building of the new Methodist church in Whitesville. Although his early advantages were limited, he has ever made the most of his opportunities, and justly merits the high degree of success that he has achieved.

DAVIS K. THOMPSON, a military veteran, who served for three years in defense of the Union during the Civil war, is now a prominent resident of Big Run, Jefferson county, where he owns valuable real estate. His life has been a busy one.

The Thompson family has been prominent in this section from pioneer times, several settlers of that name having located years ago in Centre, Clearfield and Jefferson counties, where they left numerous descendants. Honesty and uprightness have characterized their conduct in all the relations of life, and several members of the family have attained distinction in public affairs. D. K. Thompson, our subject's grandfather, a native of Ireland, was an early settler in Centre county. Among his children was a son, James L., who was born and reared in Centre county and was married there to Miss Catherine Gearhart. He afterward located at Philipsburg, where he was employed for a few years as a charcoal burner for the Philips factory. He then went to Strattonville, Clarion county, and followed the same business at the Madison Furnace for about two years. In 1839 he went to Wayne township, Armstrong county, where he was engaged in carpentering for a time and then spent a year at his former occupation of burning charcoal. Later he moved to Milton, Armstrong county, where for some time he built coal boats for the Pittsburg market. In 1860 he removed to Blue Ball, Clearfield county, where he died in 1876. His first wife died in Armstrong county on January 28, 1850, and later he married Rebecca A. Layton, who survived him. He had thirteen children, of whom twelve are living, and, excepting our subject, are as follows: (1) George W., now residing in Westmoreland county, Penn., is not married. (2) John B., a resident of Graham county, Kans., is married. (3) Mary J. married Robert Martin, and now resides at Siegel, Jefferson county. (4) Sarah A., the widow of Stephen Travis, lives in Cloud county, Kans. (5) William T., a resident of Blue Ball, married Mary Gearhart, and has several children. (6) James C. married Miss Nancy Devine, of Clearfield county, and located first in Iowa, but after a few years settled at Morrisdale, Clearfield county, Penn., where he was killed, in 1861, while engaged in logging. (7) Ellen B. married Perry Kahle, a farmer near Siegel, Jefferson county, and they have a large family. (8) Anna E. died in infancy. (9) Peter N., a resident of Duke Centre, Penn., married Miss Mary Stannard, of New Washington, Clearfield county, and has a large family. (10) Catherine E., who was born in Armstrong county, married David Kahle, a farmer residing near Siegel, Jefferson county. They have three daughters—Vernie, Maudie and Nettie. (11) W. C., born in Armstrong county, is now a resident of South Dakota. He married, and has ten children. (12) Narcissa L., born in Armstrong county, married Frank Flick, formerly of Jefferson county, and they now reside near Scotch Hill, Clarion county, Penn. They have several children.

Davis K. Thompson was born November 20, 1828, in Clearfield county, but grew to manhood in Armstrong county, where he learned the carpenter's trade with his father. In 1854 he married his first wife, Miss Lavina Coleman, daughter of Rev. Elijah Coleman, of Indiana county. The young couple located at Milton, Armstrong county, where Mrs. Thompson died in 1859. On August 14, 1861, Mr. Thompson enlisted from Armstrong county, in Company B, 7th P. V. I., under Capt. James Hilberry, and joined his regiment at Pittsburg, where they were equipped and sent forward by boat to Louisville, Ky., having been assigned to the forces under Gen. Buell,
with James S. Negley as brigade commander. Two months were spent in drilling at Camp Nevin, fifty miles from Louisville, and in November, 1861, they marched to Camp Negley, and from there, on December 11th, they proceeded to Green river, where they had a battle with the Texas Rangers. While in winter quarters Mr. Thompson was taken sick, and in January, 1862, he was sent to the barracks hospital at Louisville. He reported for duty in April, in time to take part in the summer campaign, his regiment marching to Pulaski, Tenn., and down to Alabama. On May 21st they returned to Pulaski, and later marched to Rogersville, Ala., but after a short time was sent to Columbia, Tenn., for garrison duty. In September, 1862, they joined the forces under Gen. Thomas, passing three months in Nashville, and, in December, they marched to Murfreesboro and participated in the battle of Stone River. There Mr. Thompson was wounded in the left arm by a minie ball, necessitating a stay in hospital at Nashville until February 26, 1863, when he rejoined his regiment at Murfreesboro. They lay in camp recruiting until June 24th, when they started after Bragg's army, their first engagement being at Hoover's Gap, where the Rebels were driven back with considerable loss. A number of skirmishes followed, but after Bragg crossed the Cumberland Mountains the Union forces moved on to Chattanooga. In September, Mr. Thompson and his comrades took part in the battle of Chickamauga, where the losses were very heavy on both sides. Later, at Chattanooga, they threw up breastworks and held their position until Sherman's army reinforced them, and they were in the famous charge at Mission Ridge. They remained at Lookout Mountain until May, 1864, when they joined Sherman's army and marched to Graysville, Ga., and from there to Kenesaw Mountain, fighting the Rebels all the way. The regiment was then sent back to Chattanooga as a train guard, and they afterward marched on various errands to Decatur, Ala., Stevenson, Ala., to Nashville, to Franklin, Tenn., to Nashville again, to Pulaski, Tenn., back again to Nashville, to Franklin, to Columbia, to Florence, Ala., and again to Nashville. Their term of service had expired on August 14, but they remained on duty until the latter part of October, when they returned to Pennsylvania, receiving their discharge at Kittanning on November 4th. Mr. Thompson remained in Clearfield during the winter of 1864, following the wagonmaker's trade. In the fall of 1865 he married his second wife, Miss Caroline Coleman, of Armstrong county, Penn., and located at Blue Ball, where he remained until March, 1866. He then returned to Armstrong county, where he purchased property and continued to follow his trade until 1870, when he sold out and bought real estate in Big Run. He formed a partnership with M. J. Smith, and built a foundry, which they conducted for four years, and then, selling out, he bought more real estate, and in 1880 built a large house. This he afterward sold, but he built another on lots adjoining his first purchase, and since 1888 he has made his residence there.

His second wife died in Armstrong county, in August, 1870, and on September 3, 1875, he formed a third matrimonial union, this time with Miss Eva Jenkins, daughter of James and Christiana Jenkins, well-to-do agriculturists of Indiana county. Mr. Thompson had two children by his first marriage: (1) Edwin H., who resides in Armstrong county, is married and has three children—Charles, Lottie and George B. (2) Alice L. died in infancy. There were no children by the second marriage, but by the third there were three: James M., Dora L. and Sarah A., all at home. Mr. Thompson has always taken an influential part in local affairs. Politically he is a Republican, and he has held a number of offices, including that of councilman. He and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are helpfully identified with various worthy movements.

JAMES H. MAIZE, cashier of the Citizens Bank of Punxsutawney, one of the leading financial institutions of Jefferson county, is a self-made man whose history will afford an encouraging lesson. He was born in Indiana, Penn., July 3, 1846, and is a descendant of two well-known families of the Keystone State. His father, James C. Maize, was a prominent merchant and although quiet and unassuming in disposition was a man of influence. His death in 1857, at the early age of forty-four, cut short a promising career. His wife, Elizabeth Clark, who died in 1851, was an aunt of the late Judge Silas Clark, of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

Orphaned in childhood, Mr. Maize experienced the hardships incident to the modern "struggle for existence," at an age when other boys are in school. At fourteen he was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade, and the better part of his education was gained while thus employed. At the age of twenty-two, he was called from the compositor's desk by an appointment as deputy protonotary of Jefferson county, and he was connected with official life at Brookville for about nine years. Mr. Maize is a man whose
character and personality inspire confidence, and when once known he became a popular candidate for local office. He was twice elected, and once appointed, by Gov. Pattison, justice of the peace of Brookville borough, but in 1883 during his third term, he resigned to accept the position of cashier in the First National Bank of Punxsutawney, the institution having just been organized. He resigned this post in November, 1895, having discharged its duties ably and faithfully for twelve years. In April, 1896, the directors of the Citizens Bank, a State bank, organized in 1890, offered him his present position in their institution without any effort on the part of Mr. Maize, or even a previous consultation with him, a compliment which his record fully justified.

In 1877 he was united in marriage with Miss Edith Chevalier, of Waterford, Erie Co., Penn., and five children have blessed their union—Ella F. died at the age of three years, and four sons survive: Fred S., William R., James H. Jr., and Norwood P. Mr. Maize and his wife are leading members of the M. E. Church, of which he is a trustee, and both are popular socially. He belongs to Hobah Lodge, F. and A. M., at Brookville, in which he is a past master, and to the Royal Arcanum. Politically he is a Democrat of the old-fashioned sort, being a steadfast supporter of sound money and national honor.

JOHN CAMDEN COCHRAN, M. D., of Big Run, Jefferson county, is one of the leading physicians of his locality, and at present holds the responsible office of county coroner. The scientific spirit is, in him, united with unusual business acumen, and, in addition to his professional work, he also conducts a prosperous drug store at Big Run.

Dr. Cochrans was reared upon a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county, where he was born in 1836. The late Joseph Cochrans, his father, was a well-known citizen of the county, having settled in that locality at the age of eighteen years, on removing from his native place in Mifflin county. He was a successful agriculturist, and was prominent in local affairs, holding various offices of trust. His death occurred December 15, 1863, but Mrs. Eliza A. (Carey) Cochrans, his wife (our subject's mother), who was born in the vicinity of Wilkesbarre, Penn., is still living. Dr. Cochrans's early education was not sacrificed to the demands of farm work, as is too often the case with country lads. After attending the local schools he pursued the studies in the High School of Indiana county; Penn. However, much of his time was spent on the farm, and it was not until the age of twenty-two that he left home to engage in teaching. Later he became a clerk in a mercantile house at Big Run, where he began to read medicine with Dr. A. P. Cox. His first course of lectures was taken at Burlington, Vt., at the State University, and from that school he went to Dartmouth Medical College, at Hanover, N. H., where he took his degree of M. D. He then entered the senior class at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in 1890 received a diploma from that institution also. Returning to Big Run, he began the practice of his profession, in which he has ever since been successfully engaged. In 1892 he took a course at the New York Post Graduate Medical School, and he is constantly on the alert to note the advances in medical science. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association; is also a member of the International Association of Railway Surgeons. He is the surgeon for the B. R. & P. R. R. Socially he is popular as a member of the K. of P.; of the Order of American Mechanics; of the I. O. O. F., in which he is a past grand of the local lodge, and a member of the Grand Lodge of the State; of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge, the Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 223, Brookville, Penn., and of Knapp Commandery, No. 40, K. T., of Ridgeway, Penn. He is one of the proprietors and also one of the originators of the Big Run Tribune (neutral politically), the first issue of which appeared December 14, 1897.

ABNER REED is one of the substantial citizens of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and his pleasant home near Sykesville is among the best of that locality. The fertile and well-managed farm which surrounds it gives evidence of the thrift and industry of the owner, who also owns an estate in Wilsontown, in the same county. For many years he has been a leading lumberman of the section, having located in Jefferson county in pioneer times and engaged in clearing off the heavy forests and in manufacturing lumber.

The Reed family is of Massachusetts stock, and our subject's grandfather, who was a soldier and officer in the Revolutionary war, came from that State to Luzerne county, Penn., at an early period. Hezekiah Reed, the father of our subject, was born in May, 1791, in Massachusetts, but accompanied his parents to Pennsylvania when a boy, and on attaining manhood went to Ohio, where he followed surveying for some time. He
served in the war of 1812 under Gen. William Henry Harrison, and not long after the close of that struggle he removed to Westmoreland county, Penn., to engage in lumbering on the Red Bank and Allegheny rivers, the product being rafted to various markets and even as far as New Orleans. He also engaged in boring for salt on the Conemaugh river, the enterprise proving successful and profitable. Purchasing a home in Westmoreland county, he remained there until his death, which occurred in January, 1874. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Julia Shrum, a granddaughter of Dr. Marchand, who was one of Gen. LaFayette's surgeons during the war of the Revolution, died in 1847. They had a large family of children, all of whom were born in Westmoreland county: (1) George married Miss Cassandra Matthiat, of the same county, and located at Ebensburg, Penn., where he practiced law. He died in 1843, leaving one son, Matthiat, who is still residing in Ebensburg, Penn. (2) Hezekiah married Miss Barbara Detweiler, of Westmoreland county, and resided upon a farm there until his death in 1861. His widow survived him with two children: Susan, now Mrs. Marshall, of Somerset county, Penn., and Phineas, who died in childhood. (3) Phoebe married William Hare, of Westmoreland county, and both died there leaving a large family, as follows: Lucretia, now Mrs. Rom; Jennie, Mrs. Thomas Hall; Kate, the wife of Rev. Albert Cameron, of West Virginia; Jessie, Mrs. McCluster, of Conemaug, Penn., now deceased; Melissa, wife of R. W. Wright, of East Conemaug; Reed, who is married and resides at Wall, Penn. (near Pittsburg); Edwin married Miss Mamie Hull, of New Florence, Penn., and now resides there, and Stephen, a railway engineer, is married and lives in Texas. (4) Lucretia died at the age of nineteen. (5) Nathaniel married Rebecca Hare, of New Florence, and resided there until his death, which was caused by an accident upon a railroad on which he was employed at the time. He left a widow and four children, all of whom are married and reside in Indiana county—Lewis; Catherine, now Mrs. Latte; Ella, now Mrs. Alfred Wood, of Marien Centre; and Emma, Mrs. Sowers. (6) Albert, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (7) Rebecca, who was born in 1827, married Smith Berryhill, of Blair county, Penn., and now resides in Westmoreland county. They have three children living. Frank, Jennie and Albert. (8) Jacob married Miss Barbara O'Hara, of Clearfield county, Penn., and after making their home there for some time they moved to South Dakota, where both died. They left three daughters all of whom have since married. (9) Phineas, who was born in 18—, married Miss Mary Jane McKee, of Westmoreland county, and afterward moved to Lucas county, Iowa, to settle upon a farm. They have four children: Lutetia, who is married; Watson; Loa, now Mrs. Lung, of Iowa; and Lizzie, who married George Weaver, of the same State. (10) Catherine, who was born in 18—, married Ebenezer Deeker, and now resides in St. Joseph, Mich. They have six children. (11) Thaddeus died in childhood.

The subject of this sketch was born April 11, 1826, and was reared at the old home in Westmoreland county. On October 2, 1849, he married Miss Harriet Rutter, of the same county, who was a granddaughter of General Gamble, of Revolutionary fame, and for a few years they resided in Indiana county. He then purchased, from Judge White, a tract of one hundred and twenty-four acres of land in Winslow township, Jefferson county, and after building a log house on the place he moved there with his family and spent seven years, engaging in the meantime in getting out square timber, and rafting down the Allegheny river to Pittsburg. In 1866 he bought the old Fox farm in Henderson township, where he has ever since made his home. In 1881 he built the large two-story-and-a-half frame residence, with all modern improvements, and no pains have been spared to make the place a comfortable as well as a beautiful home. At his other farm in Winslow township he has a sawmill, built in 1886, where he manufactures lumber. Having been in the trade for so long, he is thoroughly familiar with all its details, and is well known as a dealer along the Allegheny and Mahoning rivers and their tributaries.

Mr. Reed is a man of strong convictions, and reserved in disposition; his honesty wins him friends wherever he goes. In politics he was originally a Whig and later a Republican, but his vote and influence are now given to the Prohibition party. He is always interested in religious work and in the various progressive movements of his community, and he and his family are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sykesville.

Eleven children have brightened his home, four of whom were born in Indiana county: (1) Miss Juliet accompanied her parents to Jefferson county, and after acquiring a public-school education attended Covode Academy at Indiana, Penn., for two terms. She taught school successfully for twenty years, and at present is at home. (2) Margaret also completed her education in Covode Academy, and, after teaching for a few terms, was married, in 1876, to Rev. J. B. Neff.
D. D., formerly of New Washington, Clearfield Co., Penn., who is now a prominent Methodist minister at Erie, Penn. They have three children: Abner, a graduate of Randolph Institute, and is now in the office of N. T. Arnold, an attorney of Ridgway, Penn.; Grace and Bertha, who are at home. (3) Orlando, who came to Jefferson county in boyhood, is now a resident of Uniontown, Fayette Co., Penn., where he is engaged in business as a real-estate and lumber dealer. He married Miss Barbara Ruffner, of New Florence, Penn., and has five children—Clarence, Nettie, Elsie, Earl and George M. (4) Alice, the youngest of the four children who were born in Indiana county, was educated in Jefferson county, and taught nine years there and in Clearfield county. In 1881 she married James A. Brown, of Jefferson county, and after residing for three years at Stanton, in the same county, they removed to Colorado, where Mr. Brown died in March, 1894. Later Mrs. Brown returned to the home of her parents with her two children, Roy and Rosaline, and they now reside there. (5) Clara, who was born after the removal of the family to Jefferson county, was educated in the local school and in the Normal School at Curwensville, and then taught school one year. In 1884 she married Samuel Painter, of Clarion county, and now resides at Fairview, Butler Co., Penn., where Mr. Painter is employed as a telegraph operator, and is also engaged in the oil business. They have three children: Bessie, Edna and Roland. (6) Annie received a public-school education in Jefferson county, and married William McKnight, of the same county. She has no children, and now resides with her parents. (7) Hezekiah died when eleven years of age. (8) Phineas, who was born in Winslow township, Jefferson county, received his elementary education in the local schools there and at the present homestead. Later he pursued the higher branches in the State Normal School at Lock Haven, and in Spring Garden Institute at Philadelphia. He is not married, and now resides at home, relieving his father of the cares which passing years have made somewhat burdensome. (9) Lot was born on the present homestead, and was educated in the public schools of the locality and in Pittsburgh at the Iron City Business College. At present he is the manager for a lumber firm in West Virginia. (10) Samuel I. was born and reared in Henderson township, Jefferson county, and after receiving a common-school education engaged in business on his own account elsewhere. (11) Catherine attended first the schools of Henderson township, and later took a course in the Meadville Conservatory of Music. In October, 1896, she married Charles E. Couch, of Jefferson county, a graduate of the Valparaiso (I Ind.) Normal School, and they now reside at Cumberland, Md., where Mr. Couch is employed as bookkeeper for a law firm, and is himself a student of law.

WILLIAM E. BELL, who in his lifetime was a progressive and enterprising farmer of Bell township, Jefferson county, was born January 27, 1829, in Armstrong county, Penn., but when only two years old was brought to the former county by his parents, Hon. James H. and Anna (McConaughy) Bell, who became honored pioneers and prominent citizens of this region.

James H. Bell, the father, was born October 2, 1800, in Walton, N. Y., of Scotch ancestry, but emigrated with his family to Armstrong county, Penn., a short time previous to the war of 1812. There he was married in 1826, and in 1831 removed to what is now Bells Mills, Jefferson county, which was named in his honor. Although he began life here in limited circumstances, he soon became one of the most substantial and well-to-do citizens of the community, as he was enterprising, persevering and industrious. In the midst of the forest he secured a tract of land, and after paying for the same, he erected a saw and grist mill on the Mahoning, which became known as Bells Mills. There a post office was subsequently established, bearing the same name, and he was made the first postmaster. He was one of the leading business men of the locality and was an active politician, but always refused to accept official honors, though for many years he served as a delegate to the county, senatorial, legislative and congressional conventions of the Democratic party. In 1853 Governor Bigler appointed him associate judge to fill a vacancy, and during the following campaign he was compelled to accept the nomination to the same office, to which he was triumphantly elected. As a conscientious Christian, he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church, and died in that faith in September, 1877. His wife had passed away some time previous, her death occurring March 12, 1866. They had two sons: Capt. John T. and William E., both now deceased, and several daughters, all living, except one.

During his boyhood our subject attended the public schools of Punxsutawney, but his educational advantages were rather limited as he had to walk quite a distance to school. Later his father, with two other gentlemen, erected a
small house, in which short terms were taught by private teachers. He grew to manhood amid scenes of frontier life, and early became quite familiar with farming and lumbering in their various departments. For a few years he assisted his father in his lumbering and milling operations, but later devoted his time chiefly to agricultural pursuits. He was married, in 1858, to Miss Hannah M. Barclay, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., April 20, 1839, a daughter of James Barclay, a native of Scotland. They had five children, namely: Kate, now the wife of F. A. Hill, of Kansas; Nancy J., postmistress at Bells Mills; John R., a resident of Punsutawney; and James I. and Fannie C., both at home.

In his political views, Mr. Bell affiliated with the Democratic party, in the success of which he took an active interest, and he did all in his power to secure its victory. For ten years he acceptably served as justice of the peace of Bell township. Socially he was a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and had filled all the chairs in the latter order, having been past grand. He was highly respected and esteemed by the entire population of the township, and was looked up to as a man truly honorable and upright in all things, and one whom they could depend upon as a friend. Like her husband was, Mrs. Bell is held in high regard, and is a consistent member of the Baptist Church of Punsutawney.

PROF. THOMAS TELFORD MILLIN is one of the successful educators of Jefferson county, and is also a leading farmer and cattle dealer of Oliver township. He resides on the old Millin homestead, where his birth occurred, March 20, 1853.

Prof. Millin is a son of John and Ann J. (Hanthorn) Millin, the former a native of Lancaster, Penn., and the latter of Shippensburg, Penn. The paternal grandparents were Hugh and Esther (Wilson) Millin, and their children were: Charles (deceased); Nancy, who became the wife of Jacob Steele (both now deceased); Joseph L. (deceased); John, father of our subject; James, of Jefferson county; Mary (deceased, wife of McKee Newcomb); Barbara, wife of Charles E. Temple, of Brockwayville, Penn.; Esther, wife of James Gaillbreath: Esther (deceased); and Hugh W., a farmer of Jefferson county. Of these, John Millin was born March 5, 1821, and was married, in Knox county, Ill., to Ann J. Hanthorn, who was born April 14, 1826. She was a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Hanthorn) Hanthorn, natives of Ireland, who, on emigrating to America, took up their residence in Jefferson county, Penn. In 1847 they removed to Knox county, Ill. The grandfather of our subject was engaged in business as an iron master, contractor and farmer. He had also operated a sawmill in Oliver township, Jefferson county, before going to the West, and was the owner of 500 acres of land there. He was a capable man, and prosperous in his business undertakings.

In 1847 John Millin and his wife returned to Jefferson county, Penn., locating on the farm where our subject now resides; and which continued to be their home throughout the remainder of their lives. He always followed agricultural pursuits, and by his well-directed efforts accumulated a comfortable competence. He was a prominent citizen of the community, held a number of township offices, and for forty years served as ruling elder of the United Presbyterian Church. He died in May, 1891, and his wife passed away in November, 1890, their remains being interred in Beaver Run cemetery, in Rose township. They had eight children, namely: Thomas H., born July 3, 1849, died at the age of two years; Rev. H. Wilson, born March 26, 1831, is a minister of the United Presbyterian Church, now located in Beaver county, Penn.; Thomas T. is the next of the family; Rev. James R., born November 25, 1854, is now a professor in Knoxville College and Theological Seminary in Knoxville, Tenn.; Joseph A., born October 21, 1858, died at the age of a year and a half; Rev. John C., born July 8, 1860, died at the age of twenty-nine; Mary L., born April 13, 1862, a school teacher, died at the age of twenty-eight; and Anna O., born July 0, 1864, is the wife of Dr. David B. Best, a physician of Wheeling, West Virginia.

Prof. Millin, whose name introduces this review, was born and reared on the farm which is now his home, and which has continuously been his place of residence with the exception of five years which he spent in the West. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and has since followed that pursuit. In 1877 he went to Knox county, Ill., where, in addition to his educational labors, he engaged in farming and dealt in cattle. After three years he returned to Pennsylvania, but a year later again went to Knox county, where he remained for two years. In 1884 he located on his present farm, purchasing the interest of the other heirs. He has been especially successful in his school work, having the faculty of imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired. His
farming interests have also been managed with skill and ability, and his various enterprises have brought to him a well-merited success. In politics Prof. Millin has long been a stanch Republican, and has been very active in the work of the party, probably doing as much for its interests as any other young man in the county. For about ten years he has served as township auditor. He is recognized as one of the most prominent and influential citizens of the community, his business ability and strong intellectual endowments gaining him prestige in all circles.

On September 4, 1883, Prof. Millin was united in marriage in Punxsutawney with Sarah K. Startzel, who was born in Ringgold township, Jefferson county, April 25, 1836. They now have three interesting children: Florence G., born May 26, 1884; Edith M., born March 28, 1887; and Mary O., born April 27, 1892. It may be interesting in this connection to note something of the family history of Mrs. Millen, the mother of these children. Her parents, George and Charlotte (Postleweight) Startzel, are now residents of Oliver township. Her paternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine (Weary) Startzel, were natives of Berks and Northumberland counties, Penn., respectively. In 1839 they became residents of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, and afterward removed to Oliver township, where the grandmother died March 18, 1852, at the age of forty-eight years. The grandfather, who was born February 22, 1807, is now living retired in Brookville. He was a contractor, builder and farmer. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican. His children were: George; Daniel (deceased); Eliza (deceased wife of Joseph Mooney, of Guthrie, Okla.); Alvin, a carpenter of Falls Creek, Penn.; Mary M., wife of Jerry Hemminger, of Northumberland county, Penn.; Henry, a miller of Kansas; John, a merchant of Brookville; Rashann (deceased wife of Charles Boyer, of Northumberland county); Lucetta, wife of Samuel Buzzart, a lumberman of Jefferson county; Amandus, a stock raiser and banker; and William (deceased).

George Startzel was born in Northumberland county, March 17, 1829, and remained on his father's farm until twenty-two years of age, when he rented that place for five years. He then rented an adjoining farm in Ringgold township for two years, then his present place for three years. On the expiration of that period he purchased the property for $3,200, and two years later was offered $5,000 for it. He was married February 12, 1852, in Ringgold township, to Charlotte T. Postleweight, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., November 10, 1830, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Neill) Postleweight, natives of Jefferson county. The father was a farmer and died in 1864, at the age of fifty years. Her mother died in 1859, at the age of forty-three. Their children were: Mrs. Startzel; John, a farmer of Nebraska; William and James, farmers of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; Mary (deceased); Watson; and Henry, who was killed in the army; and Susanna (deceased).

The children of Mr. and Mrs. George Startzel are Franklin P., a farmer of Oliver township, who married Martha J. Hawthorn; S. Kate, wife of T. T. Millin; James, an agriculturist of Oliver township, who married Sarah Isenhart; Mary L. and Daniel A. (both deceased); Laura A., wife of Edward Thompson, a merchant of Milton, Penn.; John W., a lumber dealer; Mira J., wife of Morris R. Schaffner, and Belle, at home. Mr. Startzel has filled a number of township offices and has been an active factor in the administration of public affairs. He is a very active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was class leader for twenty years, Church steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school. He has done much to promote the best interests of town and county, and his services in behalf of the public welfare have been most effective and beneficial.

GEOGE G. SPRAGUE, president of the Seely & Alexander Bank, of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, is a man whose long and useful life has brought ripe experience and clear insight without the physical weakness which too often attends advanced years. Born February 12, 1818, Mr. Sprague has already passed the allotted limit of life, yet his vigorous mentality and sound health promise many more years of activity.

He comes of good New England stock, and is himself a native of Caledonia county, Vermont. Samuel B. Sprague, his father, was born in New Hampshire, but went to Vermont in youth, where he met and married Miss Hannah Farley, a native of that State. In 1824 they removed to New York State, and eight years later they came to Pennsylvania, and made their permanent home in Jefferson county. Samuel B. Sprague was a quiet, unassuming citizen, his attention being devoted to his own affairs, and for the greater portion of his life he followed farming as an occupation. He died in 1843, but his estimable wife survived him many years, passing away in 1880.

George G. Sprague's early education was ob-
tained with difficulty, the school which he attended in boyhood being three miles from his father's farm, while the work at home often deprived him of the opportunity to go at all. The instruction of that day was inferior to that afforded under our present improved system, and Mr. Sprague's experience has made him an earnest supporter of improvement, his interest being shown by a service of nearly a quarter of a century as a school director. In early manhood he engaged in agriculture, which he followed continuously until 1886, when he retired from business and moved to Reynolds ville to spend his remaining years. He was not allowed to remain in idleness, however, as he was chosen in 1892 to the position of president of the Seely & Alexander Bank, whose affairs he has ever since administered with ability and faithfulness.

Mr. Sprague was united in marriage, in 1844, with Miss Prudence Broadhead, a native of England, who had come to America with her parents in 1832. Eight children were born to this union, of whom seven are yet living, viz: Angeline, wife of Samuel Bailey; Edwin; Albert; Walter; Charles; Mary, who married Asa Phillipi, and Edith, widow of Milan Phillipi. Mrs. Sprague is a member of the Baptist Church, in which she was reared. As is her husband she is well preserved, and at the age of seventy-one enjoys excellent health. In 1894 they expected to celebrate their golden wedding, but the death of their son-in-law prevented the occasion. Their pleasant home in Reynolds ville reflects in its hospitable atmosphere the kindliness and good cheer with which its owners have brightened life's pathway for themselves and others.

Mr. Sprague has always taken keen interest in public affairs, his efforts in the cause of better education having been already noted. In politics he is a Democrat, first, last and all the time, and he is thoroughly opposed to monopolies and special privileges. Official distinction has no charms for him, and, although he has been many times chosen to positions of trust in his locality, he is not a politician.

CLARENCE ALEXANDER STEPHENSON. One of the prominent representatives of journalism is the gentleman whose name introduces this brief notice, the well-known editor and proprietor of The Star, of Reynolds ville. A son of Josiah Augustus and Elizabeth Stephenson, he was born October 1, 1857, in Milton, Armstrong Co., Penn., and in that place received his primary education, but later pursued his studies in the schools at Worthington, Parker and Reynolds ville, this State.

In 1876, Mr. Stephenson entered a printing office as an apprentice, in the last named place, where he remained for two years, and then secured a position in a first-class job office in Pittsburg, Penn., where he worked for the same length of time. For the following year he served as foreman of the St. Mary's Gazette, and then turned his attention to a different line of work, being fireman on the Allegheny Valley railroad for two years. Returning to the printing business, he was made foreman of The Paper, of Reynolds ville, of which Frank J. Black was editor, and held that position for five years. Subsequently he served for three years as foreman of The Volunteer, W. C. Elliott being editor. On May 11, 1892, Mr. Stephenson began the publication of The Star in Reynolds ville, of which he has since been editor and proprietor, and has met with a fair degree of success in under tak ing, the paper having now a large and constantly increasing circulation.

On May 21, 1884, at the home of the bride's brother, Dr. S. Reynolds, of Reynolds ville, Mr. Stephenson was married to Miss Laura Gilson Reynolds. Our subject is a man of much force of character, strong individuality, and his pleasant social manner has won him a host of warm friends. For seven years he was superintendent of the Reynolds ville Methodist Episcopal Sunday-school, and has ever taken an active part in advancing the moral, educational and material welfare of the community.

FRANCIS A. WEAVER. America owes much of her progress and advancement to a position foremost among the nations of the world to her newspapers, and in no line has the incidental broadening out of the sphere of usefulness been more marked than in this same line of journalism. Jefferson county has enlisted in its newspaper field some of the strongest intellects among the statesmen of broad mental grasp, cosmopolitan ideas and notable business sagacity. Prominent among these is Mr. Weaver, who for many years has been the popular editor of the Brookville Republican.

Born on January 22, 1842, in Westmoreland county, Penn., Mr. Weaver is a son of John and Eliza St. Clair Weaver, the former of German parentage, and the latter of Scotch-Irish descent. The parents were also natives of Westmoreland county, and throughout life made their home in Unity township, where the father fol-
followed the occupation of farming. There Francis attended the public schools during each winter term after arriving at school age until he had attained his seventeenth year, when he entered the office of the Herald, of Greensburg, Penn., of which D. W. Shroyock, Esq., was editor and proprietor. Three years were spent in acquiring a knowledge of the "art preservative," and like most apprentices in those times, he made his home with his employer, and, besides his "boarding and washing," received $2 per month for the first year, $3 per month for the second, and $4 per month for the third.

Mr. Weaver's apprenticeship was ended early in 1861. When the President called for 75,000 volunteers to suppress the Rebellion, two companies were formed in Greensburg, and six days after the first gun was fired on Fort Sumter the subject of this sketch enrolled himself in what was soon afterward Company I, 11th P. V. I., under the command of Capt. Richard Coulter, who later became lieutenant-colonel, and afterward general. Mr. Weaver served with his company until the close of his three-months' term of enlistment, and then re-enlisted in the same regiment for three years, or during the war. During the last two years of his service he was a non-commissioned officer of Company I, Ninth Ohio Cavalry, and participated in all the active engagements of that branch of the army of the West, under Gen. Kilpatrick. On July 20, 1865, at Lexington, N. C., he was honorably discharged, and returned home.

He obtained employment at his trade in the Brookville Republican office, John Scott being the editor and proprietor. After holding that position for one year, he purchased a half interest in the office and publication, and the paper was then conducted under the name of Scott & Weaver, the junior member of the firm being the editor and having charge of the business for about six years. The firm then became Weaver Brothers, and under the several changes in name that have since taken place our subject has continued to edit the paper, his name appearing at the head of the editorial page for more than thirty continuous years.

In 1879, Mr. Weaver was elected by the Pennsylvania State Senate one of the transcribing clerks of that body, and for two terms satisfactorily filled that important position, receiving the thanks of that body upon retirement for efficient and faithful service. In 1884 he was appointed postmaster at Brookville, by President Arthur, a position which he filled to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the office until relieved by President Cleveland for "pernicious political activity." In 1886, he was a candidate before the Republican convention for the Assembly, Dr. William Altman being his leading opponent, and the latter was nominated by the peculiar rules then governing the party nominations, although he did not receive a plurality of the popular vote. Two years later, 1888, our subject was nominated and elected, and was a prominent member of the House in 1889. At the close of the session, he was appointed chief of the division of lands and railroads, in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, and assumed the duties of that position May 25, 1889. For nearly four years he continued at the head of that important division of the public service at the National Capital, but upon the accession of Hoke Smith as Secretary of the Interior, he promptly resigned and returned to Brookville.

Mr. Weaver has since given his undivided attention to the editorial work of the Republican, with the exception of a short time in 1894, when he sought the Republican nomination for Congress in the Twenty-first Pennsylvania District. Although he had the support of the Jefferson county delegates, he withdrew from the district conference in session in Brookville, in order that a nomination might be made on the last day and nearly the last hour in which a legal nomination was possible. Editing the only Republican paper in Jefferson county, he has acquired a recognized influence in the affairs of his party, but has never used this influence for his own selfish purposes, and his course on this occasion was but one instance in which self was subordinate to the interests of the many.

On January 1, 1867, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage with Miss Libbie S. Scott, a daughter of John Scott. They began life together in Brookville, and have since lived at their pleasant home at the corner of Barnett and Jared streets, excepting the four years Mr. Weaver was officially employed at Washington, D. C., and made the National Capital his place of residence.

WILLIAM M. LAMISON, a well-known citizen of Perry township, has for many years been prominently identified with the industrial and agricultural interests of Jefferson county, and has taken an active part in its upbuilding and progress. He has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises which tend to public development, and is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of the community.

Thomas Lamison, his father, was a native of the Cumberland Valley, where he grew to manhood and married Nancy Ann Heller. There he
continued to work as a molder until sixty-five years of age, when he removed to Cambria county, working in the Cambria furnace for many years, but spent his last days in Kittanning, where he died in 1870. His wife passed away at the same place a few years later. Their children were as follows: (1) Adam, like the other members of the family, was born in Cumberland county, Penn. When a young man he removed to Armstrong county, where he worked at the molder's trade, and still resides near Kittanning, that county. He married Margaret Benton, of Cumberland county, and reared a family. (2) Jane was married in Cumberland county to David Hess, and later removed to Cambria county, where she died in 1892, leaving a family. (3) William M. is next in order of birth. (4) Martha is the widow of William Daugherty, who died some years ago on his farm in Butler county, Penn., near Worthington, where she and her family still reside. (5) John went with his parents to Cambria county, where he was married and still lives, making his home in Johnstown. He was a soldier of the Union army, and was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness. (6) Joseph married a lady of Armstrong county, Penn., and moved to East Liberty, where he died in 1896, leaving a widow and children who still reside at that place. He was also a soldier of the Civil war. (7) Israel is married, and with his family lives in Kittanning, Armstrong county. (8) Samuel, who was one of the boys in blue, is married and resides in Somerset county, Penn. (9) George died in Armstrong county, leaving a wife but no family. (10) Mary Ellen is the wife of Alfred Row, of Kittanning, and has a family of children.

In Cambria county, Penn., William M. Lamison was born in 1820, and when a young man went to Bedford county, Penn., where he worked as a molder in the Hopewell furnace until coming to Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, but after a year spent in the Jacob Hoover Foundry, he returned to Bedford county, remaining there some years. He then came again to Jefferson county, where he was married, in 1843, to Miss Caroline Robison, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Robison, the former a prominent lumberman of Jefferson county. They began their domestic life in Punxsutawney, where Mr. Lamison worked as a molder for some years, and then purchased a small farm in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, but two years later he sold out and went to Woodbury, Bedford county, working in a foundry there for Keagy & Son for three years. On his return to Jefferson county, he located at Perrysville, where he started a furnace for F. S. Mitchell, father of Senator Mitchell, and worked in the same for six years. He then carried on the business for himself for one year, and the following year owned and conducted a hotel in Perrysville, selling out at the end of that time to Robert Patterson. He next bought the foundry and gristmill of Mr. Mitchell, and engaged in the manufacture of plows, stoves, etc., for about eight years, when he sold the property to Brewer & Blase. Purchasing the John Canaday farm, on the line of Perry and Porter township, he removed to the same in 1864, and has there continued to make his home ever since. His present fine two-story residence was erected in 1887, and he has made many other useful and valuable improvements upon the place.

Twelve children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lamison, namely: Thomas, born in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, in 1844, was educated in the public schools, and in 1861 enlisted in the three-months' service. Later, he re-enlisted, and faithfully served his country until the close of the war. He has since wedded Mary Holt, of Punxsutawney, and now resides in Horatio, Penn. His children are—William, who is married and lives in Horatio; Clara, wife of John North, of Punxsutawney; Sallie, who died in early womanhood; Walter: Ella: and Alexander. (2) William I., born in Bedford county, in 1846, married Miss A. Neal, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and now lives in Perrysville. His children are Harlan, Melvin S., Ruth and Helen. (3) David A. died in childhood. (4) Nancy E., born in 1850, is the wife of George Gamble, of Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn., and has six children—Annie J., wife of Richard Graham, of Apollo, an engineer on the Western Pennsylvania railroad: Mina, wife of Joe Turner, of Glass City, Ind., by whom she has one son, Harry; Maggie, wife of John Hickey, of Armstrong county, Penn., by whom she has a son, Leonard; Samuel: Rose and Helen. (5) Alfaretta, a native of Jefferson county, is the wife of Samuel Barrett, a stone-mason and farmer of Indiana county, and they have nine children—Minnie, Sharp, George, Lizzie, Cora, Joseph, Virgie, Walter and M. S. Quay. (6) Martha, born in Jefferson county, married Alexander Campbell, and lives in Brookville. (7) John H., a hotel-keeper of North Point, Indiana Co., Penn., married Annie Stear, of that county, and has three children, Frank C., Dolly G. and Maxie M. (8) Susan M., born in Perrysville, is the wife of Frederick Crissman, of East Liberty, Penn., and has six children—Charles, who died in childhood; Louella; Caro-
line; Jennie, William, and Gertrude, who died in childhood. (9) Laurence died at the age of five years. (10) Joseph M., born on the old homestead, is still with his parents. (11) Can-
darissa died at the age of five years. (12) George died in childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Lamison are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are most estimable people. His father was an Old-line Whig in politics, and since the organization of the Republican party our subject has been one of its most earnest supporters. During the Civil war he manifested his loyalty by enlisting in Company B. 74th P. V. I., and served through the last six months of that terrible struggle. While in West Virginia he contracted rheuma-
tis, and was confined in the hospital for a short time, but with that exception was always found at his post of duty. His wife’s brother, Thomas Robison, was a commissioned officer, and was killed during the battle of the Wilderness. The Lamison household is noted for its hospitality, the many friends of the family always being sure to find a hearty welcome, and the poor and needy are never turned away from their door empty-handed.

JUDGE WILLIAM P. JENKS, of Brookville, is the oldest and one of the most honored and able members of the Jefferson County Bar. His birth occurred in the same county in 1821, and with its interests he has been promi-
nently identified. He is of Welsh descent, his patri
tal grandfather having come to the New World from Wales in 1690.

John W. Jenks, the father of our subject, was a native of Bucks county, Penn., was reared at Newtown, and in early life studied medicine. For a time he engaged in practice, and also carried on mercantile pursuits for many years. He was a highly educated man, having graduated with honor at the University of Pennsylvania prior to the war of 1812. Though quiet and unassuming in manner he made many friends, and had the respect of all who knew him. He married Mary D. Barclay, whose father with himself purchased the land on which the city of Punxsutawney now stands. Mr. Jenks departed this life in 1850, and his worthy wife, who was a native of New Jersey, died sometime later.

William P. Jenks was provided with excellent advantages for securing an education, as the Quakers about his home in Punxsutawney employed the best teachers, and he subsequently attended for a time Washington College. At the age of twenty-two he began the study of law, and two years later was admitted to the Bar. A man of sound judgment, he won recognition at the Bar of Jefferson County, and for many years he had practically one side or the other of almost every case tried in the county. He suc-

The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1894.

Judge Jenks has witnessed almost the entire development and progress made by Jefferson county, as he well remembers when it contained only about 600 souls, and was almost an unbroken wilderness. Here he spent an eventful and useful life, taking a prominent part in public affairs, and no man in central Pennsylvania is more widely or favorably known. He has always been con-
scientious in his political views; he started as an Old-Line Whig. In 1856 he identified himself with the Douglas wing of the Democracy, and since that time has been a conservative Demo-
crat, voting for whom he considers the best and most competent man. Being elected to the Legislature he faithfully discharged the duties of that office during the sessions of 1867 and 1868. After retiring from the Bench, on January 1, 1882, he resumed the practice of law. There are few able attorneys or jurists in the State.

In 1837 the Judge associated himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Punxsu-
tawney, but on coming to Brookville in 1843, he united with the Presbyterian Church, of which he has ever since been an active and consistent member.

SAMUEL NIEL is a wide-awake, progressive business man, who for many years has been prominently connected with the lumber interests on Mahoning creek. He lives in Gaskill town-

SHIP, Jefferson county, and owns there a good farm.
Born March 2, 1822, in Indiana county, Mr. Niel is a son of John and Deborah (Pearce) Niel. His father was born in Indiana county, and after his marriage purchased a tract of land on the border line between Indiana and Jefferson counties. There he erected a grist and saw mill, which he continued to operate until his death, at the age of fifty-four years. His wife passed away some years later. Their children were: Samuel; David; Thomas; George; Margaret, who married Samuel Adamson, and after his death became the wife of Harvey Rager, who was killed in the Civil war; James: Mary, deceased wife of John Drummond, of Indiana county; and Benjamin, who was married and lived in Indiana county. He enlisted in the Civil war, and was killed at the second battle of Bull Run.

Samuel Niel is indebted to the common schools of Indiana county for his educational privileges. He worked on the farm and in the sawmill until he attained his majority. After his marriage he assumed the management of his father's mill, which he operated for a number of years, and in 1844 purchased 190 acres of land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, which he transformed into a good farm, and erected thereon a large house and substantial barn. In connection with agricultural pursuits, he has through the greater part of his life followed lumbering, rafting square timber down the Mahoning to the Pittsburg markets. He has also dealt largely in real estate, buying and selling timber lands, and by the careful management of his business interests he has accumulated a handsome competence.

On June 20, 1841, our subject was married to Miss Ellen Lindsey, of Indiana county, daughter of William and Martha Lindsey. Seven children have been born to this union: (1) Cassie, born in Jefferson county, in August, 1844, is the wife of Israel MacAllwain, a farmer residing near Punxsutawney, and they have four children—Orin, Mina, Lizzie and Frank. (2) Elizabeth, born in October, 1840, is the wife of Daniel Peace, an agriculturist of Indiana county, by whom she has one daughter, Effie. (3) John, born on the old homestead in 1849, and now employed in a tannery in Du Bois, married Annie Keller, of Jefferson county, and has had five children—Orin, Charles, Effie, Joseph (who died in childhood), and Clarence (who died at the age of eight years). (4) James, born in 1851, and now an agriculturist of Indiana county, married Cassie Bowers, of that county, and has six children—Lane, Samuel, Leman, Homer, Clay, and one whose name is not given. (5) David died at the age of twenty years. (6) Robert C., born in November, 1856, is employed in a tannery in Du Bois. He married Catherine Keller, twin sister of his brother John's wife, and they have six children—(a) Flora, wife of John Wagoner, of Du Bois, by whom she has two daughters—Maud and Lula Wagoner; (b) Susan, wife of James Ausburn, of Falls Creek, Penn., by whom she has two children—Zalma and Blanche Ausburn; (c) Etta, (d) Esther, (e) Earl, and (f) May, all at home with their parents. (7) Sarah E., born in September, 1860, is the wife of David Bender, a representative farmer of Indiana county, and their children are—Jane, Burton, Maud and Annie. (8) Sevilla, born in 1868, is an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Niel. She married George Bair, and with their two children—Carrie and Clare—they reside on a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county.

In early life Samuel Niel gave his political support to the Whig party, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks. He has served as supervisor for four years, and has ever been true and faithful to the duties of citizenship, doing all in his power to promote the best interests of the neighborhood. He and his wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Niel is a genial, Christian gentleman, warm-hearted and generous, who has been a liberal contributor to the Churches, and he has led an exemplary life.

JAMES C. ANDERSON, one of the energetic and progressive citizens of Clover township, Jefferson county, and a man of good business ability, is now devoting his time and attention to general farming. He was born May 30, 1829, in Westmoreland county, Penn., a son of James and Rebecca (Carson) Anderson, also natives of that county, where his paternal grandfather, David Anderson, a native of Ireland, spent his last years. His children were: James, Samuel, David, John, Thomas, Mary, Ann, Sarah and Eliza.

The father of our subject was reared to agricultural pursuits, but in early life became connected with a number of different enterprises, being employed in salt works, on a canal and railroad. Later he engaged in farming and the manufacture of salt in Westmoreland county, and on coming to Jefferson county, in 1843, established the first salt works in this section of the State. He operated the same for a number of years, and sold his product at from three to four dollars per barrel. For three years our subject carried on the business, and also assisted his father and brothers in clearing and improving the farm. They purchased a tract of one thousand
acres of timberland, which still belongs to the estate. The father died at the age of eighty-two, and his wife the year previous, at the age of eighty-one. They were widely and favorably known throughout the county, and were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. They had eight children, as follows: Mrs. Ann Nicholson; Mrs. Elaretta Holden; S. P., a prominent citizen of Clover township; James C.; Watson H., who is living at the old salt works; Silas R., of Brookville; Violet, wife of P. A. Fleming; and Margaret J., now Mrs. Fowler.

James C. Anderson obtained a practical education in the common schools, which has well fitted him for the duties of business life. For thirty years he successfully engaged in lumbering, and one of his most profitable sources of income was the buying and selling of live stock. He bought cattle, horses, and sheep, which he fattened for the markets. His farm, which is a part of the old homestead, comprises 108 acres, of which he has placed ninety under a state of cultivation, and improved the same with substantial buildings. The place is pleasantly located two miles from Summerville, and is underlaid with three veins of coal and limestone. In 1833 he was married to Miss Eliza Simpson, a daughter of George and Margaret Simpson, who were natives of Ireland, and came to this country at an early day, locating in Jefferson county, Penn., where the father developed a farm. He and his wife, who were Presbyterians in their religious belief, died in Clover township, leaving nine children: Martha, Ellen, Rebeccia, Samuel, John J., Elizabeth E., Mrs. Mary S. Ross, David, and Lucinda. The mother of these died November 13, 1852. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which our subject belongs; she was a most estimable lady. Politically, Mr. Anderson is unwavering in his support of Democratic principles.

S T E P H E N O A K S is one of the most enterprising and successful business men of Brookville, who for over half a century has been prominently identified with the industrial and agricultural interests of Jefferson county. To trace the history of a successful life, be it in the electrical world of business, where competition is rife; in the intellectual field, where devotees open up the wider realms of knowledge; in a public sphere, where is directed the source of government and the policies formed that sway nations; or in the calm and peaceful pursuits which have to do with the source of all supplies—the calling forth from earth her benedictions and good returns—must ever prove profitable and satisfying indulgence, for the history of the individual is the history of the nation; the history of the nation that of the world.

Mr. Oaks was born July 22, 1823, in Maine, and when about thirteen years of age accompanied his parents, Stephen L. and Sarah J. (Ames) Oaks, on their removal to Pennsylvania. They were also natives of Maine. In early life the father learned the carpenter's trade, but on coming to this State worked for some time as a millwright, and also engaged in farming for many years. He passed away May 1, 1874, at the age of seventy-nine years and three months, and his good wife died in Clearfield county, Penn., in 1885. The education of our subject was principally obtained in his native State, as after coming to Pennsylvania he had very little opportunity to attend school. He worked in a sawmill with his father until nineteen years of age, and then went to the Clarion river, where he was similarly employed for five years and eight months, practically having charge of the mill for most of this time. He next purchased a farm in Eldred township, Jefferson county, where he located in February, 1848, and there made his home until May, 1880, when he removed to his present handsome residence in Brookville. In that year, at the earnest solicitation of his friends, he made the race for associate judge, was triumphantly elected, and acceptably served for five years. During this time, however, he was also engaged in the lumbering and sawmill business, and is still actively interested in lumbering and farming, owning a mill in Eldred township. He is also one of the directors and president of the Brookville Manufacturing Company.

On July 3, 1845, Mr. Oaks was married to Miss Christina McManigle, of Jefferson county, who died in December, 1872. Ten children were born to this union, namely: Nathaniel; James C.; Sarah C. (deceased); Esther Ann, wife of Hansey Ferguson; Martha Jane, wife of Charles Steele; Mary Melissa, widow of James Caldwell; Edwin (deceased); Abel; Stephen D.; and Cordelia (deceased). On October 12, 1875, Mr. Oaks was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Mary (Cochran) Stewart. Two children bless this marriage: Everett Blake and Bessie Pearl. The mother of these died November 13, 1896. Mr. and Mrs. Oaks were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. His political support is given the Democratic party, and, aside from being associate justice, he has also held other local positions of honor and trust. Tireless energy, keen perception, honesty of purpose, genius for devising and executing the
right thing at the right time, joined to every-day common sense, guided by resistless will power, are the chief characteristics of the man, and have been important factors in bringing about his success. As a citizen he stands deservedly high in the estimation of all who know him, and holds an enviable position in business circles.

JOHN EVANS, who has for many years been identified with the industrial interests of Punxsutawney, is the owner and proprietor of a planing-mill at that place, and has taken an active part in the upbuilding and progress of the city. Upon the business activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of extensive business enterprises.

Mr. Evans was born in 1825, in Centre county, Penn., a son of Ellis and Rebecca (McMullen) Evans. The birth of the father occurred in Morristown, Penn., but the grandfather, William Evans, was a native of Wales, whence he emigrated to the New World about twenty-one years of age. He married Rachel Bonner, a sister of the grandfather of Robert Bonner, of the New York Ledger. Ellis Evans, who was a farmer by occupation, departed this life in 1878, having long survived the mother of our subject, who died in 1838. She was born in Centre county, of Irish parentage.

Amid frontier scenes John Evans was reared to manhood, his educational advantages being only such as the public schools of that early day afforded. The terms were very short, and the schools were of an inferior grade. His training at farm work, however, was not so meagre, and he continued to assist his father until he reached the age of twenty, when he began learning the carpenter's and cabinet maker's trades, which he successfully followed for many years. In 1875 he embarked in the planing-mill business in Punxsutawney, and although now seventy-two years of age, he is still well-preserved and able to look after his business interests. In 1848, he was married to Miss Mary J. Drum, daughter of John Drum, an honored pioneer of Jefferson county. Of the eleven children born to them, two died in infancy, but the others are still living, namely: Martha R.; Emma, wife of W. P. Hastings, proprietor of a publishing house at Milton, Penn.; Carrie, wife of Rev. H. W. Millan, of New Sheffield, Penn.; Mary M., wife of John Clawson, of Punxsutawney; Sallie, wife of A. B. White, who is engaged in the railroad business; J. Harry, a resident of Punxsutawney; John D., deputy recorder of Jefferson county; Anna, wife of James Dinsmore, of Pittsburg, Penn.; and Charles Ellis, of Punxsutawney. The children were all born and reared at the home which the parents still occupy, it being built by our subject a short time after his marriage.

During the Civil war, Mr. Evans manifested his patriotism by enlisting, in 1865, in Company B, Seventy-fourth P. V. I., and serving for six months, when hostilities ceased. For many years he was identified with the Democratic party, but now lends his support to the Prohibition party, whose principles he stanchly advocates. Both himself and wife are consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he is a ruling elder, and they have reared their children in that belief. For almost half a century they have traveled life's journey together, sharing its joys and sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and as they pass down the sunset hill of life enjoy the esteem and confidence of their neighbors and affection of their children and friends.

HORACE G. MILLER, editor of that bright paper, the Punxsutawney News, is a man, if one may judge of the future by the past, who is destined to increasing prominence in his chosen profession.

Mr. Miller was born March 1, 1839, in Punxsutawney, where his father, the late A. B. Miller, a native of Centre county, was for many years a leading business man (a tailor), and held a prominent place in local affairs, serving fifteen years as justice of the peace. He died in 1888, but his wife, Mrs. Margaret (Bender) Miller, an estimable lady, is still living. Our subject is the eldest of four children, the others being: Mrs. Harry F. Sprankle, of Punxsutawney, and the Misses Lunetta and Grace Miller, who are now trained nurses in Philadelphia, Penn. Horace G. Miller secured his elementary education in the public schools of his native place, and at seventeen entered upon the wider and more practical course which a printing office gives to a clever youth. He spent two years at the printer's desk, and then returned to school for two terms, before continuing his trade. Later he went to New York City and worked for two years as a stenographer, but in 1885 he established the News, and has since resided at Punxsutawney. His paper is a six-column quarto, devoted to general and local news, and is constantly increasing in popularity.

In August, 1893, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Lenore Stockdale, daughter of P. A. Stockdale, of Punxsutawney. She is a lady of fine
social gifts, and is prominent in the work of the M. E. Church, of which Mr. Miller is also a member. They have one child, a daughter, Margaret Jane, who, at this writing, is fifteen months old. Mr. Miller is identified with the Order of American Mechanics, and the I. O. O. F., being a past grand in the latter organization. He is naturally interested in all problems of the day, and in politics, as in all other lines, does his own thinking. On national questions he favors the policy of the Republican party, but when local affairs only are involved he votes as occasion may require in order to secure the "best man." Mr. Miller invented and secured a patent for a Perforator to be used on a printing press. This has proven to be a valuable addition to the printer's outfit. Of the Perforator, the Charles H. Binner Co., of Boston, Mass., who purchased two, after one week's trial say: "They do all you have claimed for them. Have saved the price of them already." The Bingham Paper Box Co., of New London, Conn., say: "Gives us satisfaction, and does all you claim for it." The Marion Centre (Penn.) Independent says: "We perforated the ballots for the general election and found it to be a decided success. Just the thing to fill a long-felt want." Mr. E. Goeth, of Schulenburg Texas, says: "A very handy thing, and would pay any one to buy. Has paid for itself a dozen times over." Orders for the Perforator have been received from England and other foreign countries. Mr. Miller has disposed of his patent to the F. Wessel Manufacturing Co., of New York, and has made an arrangement with that company for their manufacture on a royalty.

JOHN PATTERSON MURDOCH, a representative breeder of live stock in Jefferson county, proprietor of the Murdoch Stock Farm, and a justice of the peace of Oliver township for nearly fifteen years, has probably done more to secure a better grade of stock in the county than any other man, and has been a prominent factor in the promotion of agricultural interests. He was born July 23, 1836, in Murdochsville, Washington Co., Penn., a son of John and Agnes (Crawford) Murdoch.

The Murdoch family is of Scotch origin, the paternal grandfather being a native of Scotland, whence he emigrated to Ireland, where John Murdoch (the father of the subject of this review) was born. John Murdoch was married April 25, 1816, at Articlave, County Derry, Ireland, to Miss Crawford, a daughter of James Crawford, who spent his entire life there. He was an Orangeman, and took an active part against the rebels in the "rising of 1798." During his absence from home, Mrs. Murdoch, who was then an infant, was carried from the house by some of the rebels, who intended to burn the place.

In 1816, after a voyage of six weeks on the Atlantic, John and Agnes Murdoch landed at Philadelphia, and located near Wilmington, Del., where they resided until 1830. They then moved to Washington county, Penn., and in 1837 to Armstrong county, where the father died in 1841, at the age of sixty-nine years. In 1853 the mother came to Jefferson county, and ten years later went to Pittsburg where she spent twelve years. She then returned to Jefferson county and died in Knox township in 1884, at the age of eighty-eight years, and was buried in Beaver Run Cemetery. The father was a weaver in his early life, but later engaged in merchandising in Murdochsville, which place was named in his honor. He served as its first postmaster, and took a very prominent part in its development. He belonged to the Seceder Church, and in politics was a Democrat. He was very prominent in public affairs, and impressed his name indelibly on the history of the community with which he was connected.

John Patterson Murdoch, the subject of this review, when only nine months old was taken by his parents to Armstrong county, Penn., where he remained until December, 1847, when, at the age of eleven years, he started out to make his own way in the world. For a year and a half he worked for his board in Westmoreland county, Penn., and then returned to his home, where he continued for three years. He afterward went to Pittsburg, Penn., where he was employed at house painting during the winter, and in a glass factory during the winter for one and one-half years, at the end of which time he took up his residence in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he followed farming, house painting and lumbering. In the spring of 1859 (the year of the frost) he came to his present farm, comprising 135 acres of land in the dense forest. There was an old log cabin upon the place, which had a clapboard roof and no floor. Into this he moved with his wife, making it his home for sixteen years, when it was replaced by a more substantial residence. During this entire period he industriously engaged in the development of his land, which is now under a high state of cultivation. He is especially prominent as a stock dealer, and, in 1873, introduced the first thoroughbred Cotswold sheep into Jefferson county and, shortly after that, some Berk-
shire hogs. In 1877 he commenced to breed grade Jersey cattle, the first in the locality. In 1890–91 he imported from Connecticut and New Jersey the foundation of his present herd of registered, and about the same time invested in some Hampshire and Shropshire sheep. He has since carried on stock raising, and has done much to improve the grade of stock of his county. From 1880 until 1886 he also dealt in farm implements, and brought the first full carload to the county. He also sold steam-power engines. For the past thirty years he has been widely and prominently known as an auctioneer, and has conducted some of the most extensive sales in Jefferson county, although he has never solicited but two. He has settled many estates, and has carried on a successful business which has not only proved of benefit to himself, but has also been of incalculable benefit to the community with which he is connected. For some time during the Civil war he was enrolling officer. He has also served as special detective and deputy provost, but was never mustered into the regular service. He was instrumental in getting School District No. 8, Oliver township (now Coolspring, where there is now a graded school), organized, and in having the first school built.

On October 12, 1838, Mr. Murdoch was married in Rose township, Jefferson county, to Eliza J. Millin, the only daughter of Joseph Millin, Sr., a native of Ireland, who came to America, when very young. He wedded Mary Brown, a native of Armstrong county, Penn., and both died on the old homestead in Rose township, Jefferson county, Penn., and were buried in Beaver Run cemetery. Mrs. Murdoch was born December 16, 1831, and died January 15, 1892, her remains being interred about two hundred feet from her birthplace, in Beaver Run cemetery. She was the first white child born in the southern part of Rose township. The children born to Mr. Murdoch and his wife are as follows: Mary E., is at home; James A., married Alice Keister, a dealer in agricultural implements, of Mt. Pleasant, Penn.; Ida M. is the wife of B. R. Kline, an attorney of New Kensington, Penn.; Ella M. is the wife of Curtis Blakesley, a bookkeeper, of Bradford, Penn.; John B. G. is a school teacher; Clara J. also teaches school, and is now located at Bradford, Penn.; Ralph C., too, follows that profession; and Maynie is at home. In this family there have been six school teachers who successfully followed the profession and done much for the advancement of education. The family is one noted for its intellectual and culture, and the household is celebrated for its hospitality.

Our subject was one of the organizers and the first chairman of the Pennsylvania Jersey Cattle Club. His political support is given the Republican party, but, aside from his faithful performance of the duties of citizenship, he now takes no active part in public matters, his attention being devoted to his business cares, in which he has met with a well-deserved success. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the county, and his pleasant manner and genuine worth have gained him high regard.

JOSEPH B. MORRIS, Esq. Few men have wielded a more potent influence for good in a community than has this well-known resident of Young township, Jefferson county, whose seventy years have been mainly spent in that locality. Prominent in business and political life, Squire Morris has also been a leader in the various religious and philanthropical movements by which the spiritual progress of a community is measured. The Morris family has, in fact, been notably active in the promotion of religious interests, and our subject’s parents, Obad and Mary (Bowman) Morris, were among the little band, numbering about a dozen, who, in 1826, founded the first Presbyterian Church in that locality. In 1836, they, with others, dissolved their connection with the old Church and organized the C. P. Church, Obad Morris presiding over the meeting. It is interesting to note that the one person living, who was a member of the new organization during the first year of its existence, is James M. Morris, our subject’s brother, now a ruling elder in the Olive congregation. Squire Morris is himself a member of the C. P. Church at Punxsutawney, and has been a ruling elder since 1882. Obad Morris and his wife were born, reared and married in Northampton county, Penn., and in 1826 he located in Jefferson county near the present residence of our subject. He followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, and while taking an influential part in local affairs, seemed always to find pleasure in a quiet life. His wife passed from earth in February, 1850, and he survived her until September, 1882. Four sons are living; James M., born February 14, 1813; Theodore, born in March, 1819; Charles R., born in August, 1821; and Joseph R., our subject, born August 11, 1827; Moses A., another son, born January 29, 1830, is deceased. Also those living own and conduct fine farms in Jefferson county, and are honored for their sterling qualities of character.

Squire Joseph B. Morris was born on the old homestead, and as he grew to manhood he
learned the practical details of farm management under his father's instruction. His schooling was limited to that ordinarily enjoyed by country boys of his day, the terms being short and the methods of instruction old-fashioned. At twenty-one he engaged in the lumber business, which he continued for twenty years, and then he spent three years in mercantile business at Punxsutawney. In 1848 he opened a vein of coal on the old homestead, and as it has proved extensive and profitable he has continued to operate it ever since. In 1854 he purchased the farm, and has made his home there ever since, the neat, comfortable appearance of the place displaying the systematic management of its owner. In the spring of 1853 he married his first wife, Miss Julia Murray, a native of Ireland, who died in 1857, leaving no children. In 1858 he married Miss Catherine Crissman, a native of Indiana county, Penn., and a daughter of Enoch Crissman, of Huntingdon county, this State. Five children were born to this union: Malvern H., of Punxsutawney, a dealer in men's furnishing goods; Ida, wife of J. Clayton North, also of Punxsutawney; J. Lindsay, who is in partnership with his brother, Malvern H.; Clarence O., a graduate of Waynesburg College, and is now studying law; and Lucy A., a trained nurse. The mother of this family passed away in 1887, and, on January 2, 1890, Mr. Morris formed a third union, this time with Mrs. Margaret Miller, of Bloomington, Illinois.  

The Squire's political influence has been given to the support of the Republican party, and his fellow-citizens have not been slow to call upon him to serve them as an official. For thirty years he has held the position of justice of the peace, in which his sound and impartial judgment makes his services invaluable. He has held other local offices, and has also served as county auditor and jury commissioner. For many years he was connected with the State Militia, and for some time he was captain of the State Guards.

THOMAS CRAVEN. The world instinctively pays deference to the man whose success has been worthily achieved, who has acquired a high reputation in the calling to which his energies have been directed, and whose social prominence is not less the result of an irreproachable life than of recognized natural gifts. Among the prominent and representative business men of Jefferson county our subject occupies an enviable position. He is the pioneer merchant of Westville, where he still conducts a general store, and by courteous treatment of his patrons and fair dealing, he commands a fine trade.

Mr. Craven was born November 4, 1828, in Indiana county, Penn., a son of James and Jane (Blakely) Craven. Thomas Craven, his grandfather, was of Irish descent, and a farmer by occupation. The father of our subject was reared in Indiana county, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until 1844, when he came to Jefferson county and purchased a tract of wild land. He engaged in lumbering upon his place, and also improved and cultivated it, but later in life sold out and removed to Minnesota. His last years, however, were spent in Jefferson county, where his death occurred in 1885. The mother of our subject having died in 1842, the father was again married, and his second wife survived him until 1888. In politics he was originally a Whig, later a Republican, and in religious belief he was a Methodist, while his first wife was a Presbyterian. Their children were: Forgas, a retired farmer; Mrs. Eleanor Ostranger; Thomas; Mrs. Mary Heath; John, an agriculturist of Minnesota; Mrs. Julia A. Kirkpatrick; Mrs. Nancy Bartlett; Mrs. Martha Gilbert; Catherine, who died unmarried; and Milton, a resident of Kane county, Penn. There were no children by the second marriage.

Reared upon the home farm, Thomas Craven acquired his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, and continued to remain under the parental roof until his marriage, which occurred in 1850, Miss Mary J. Man becoming his wife. Her birth occurred in 1832 in the State of New York, but when young she was brought to Jefferson county, Penn., by her parents, George and ——— Man, who had four children: Mary J., Franklin, John and Loretta. The father improved a farm in Jefferson county, but later sold out and removed to Michigan, where he spent his remaining days; both he and his wife held membership in the Baptist Church.

Of the nine children born to our subject and his wife, two died in childhood, and the others are as follows: Mrs. Frances Shapner; John, who is engaged in the livery business; Mrs. Emma Steel; James, who is operating the old homestead; Mrs. Annie Koontz; Mrs. Jennie Tibbits, and Mrs. Maud Hamilton. For a few years after his marriage the father of these worked at the carpenter's trade, and then purchased a farm which he conducted until 1884, when he came to Westville and erected his store building and residence. For two years previous he had engaged in merchandising in Richardsville, and, on the completion of his store, moved his stock of goods to Westville, where he soon secured a liberal share.
of the public patronage. The coal company had just commenced the operation of their mines here, and the railroad was not completed until the following year. Although the company has since established two stores a mile distant each way, he still holds some of the miners' trade, and his customers come for many miles throughout the surrounding country. He is not only the pioneer merchant of the place, but he also erected the second house there, and has since been identified with every enterprise tending to advance its interests. He was instrumental in getting the post office established, and is the owner of six or eight dwellings which he rents. An energetic, progressive man, he has met with excellent success in his business ventures, is numbered among the prosperous and substantial citizens of Washington township, and at the present time, in company with others, he owns 10,000 acres of valuable timber land in West Virginia (this land is divided into ten shares, our subject owning two, several others owning shares and parts of shares), but they have not yet begun the manufacture of lumber there.

In August, 1864, during the Civil war, Mr. Craven enlisted in Company B, 211th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war. He was a sergeant; he participated in all the battles of his regiment, and received an honorable discharge from the service. He is a prominent member of the Republican party in his locality, and for ten years served as justice of the peace, holding the office half of the time since coming to Westville. He is a recognized leader in business circles, and his life demonstrates what may be accomplished through energy, careful management, keen foresight and the utilization of the powers with which nature has endowed one, and the opportunities with which the times surround him. In religious faith he and his wife are Presbyterians.

JAMES B. NEALE, M. D., is engaged in the practice of medicine in Reynolds ville, and has won by meritorious effort marked prestige in his chosen profession. He was born in Jefferson county, November 3, 1859, a son of Winfield Scott and Rebecca (Piper) Neale. His father was born in Indiana county, Penn., near the Jefferson county line, and almost his entire life was spent in the latter county. At an early age he was thrown upon his own resources, and followed various pursuits whereby he might earn an honest living, but was principally engaged in lumbering and farming, and by his steady industry, close application and good management he accumulated a comfortable competence. While landing a fleet of timber, in 1863, he met with an accident which resulted in his death in June of the same year. His estimable wife was born in Indiana county, Penn., and is still living at the advanced age of seventy-five.

The Doctor received his primary and academic education in Jefferson county, and subsequently pursued his studies in the National Normal University (also known as the Holbrook Normal University), at Lebanon, Ohio, where he completed the scientific course, and was graduated with the class of 1882. His choice of a life work falling upon the medical profession, at the age of twenty-three years he began its study under the direction of Dr. William B. M. Gibson, of Reynolds ville. He pursued a three-years' course in the Cincinnati Medical College, where he was graduated in the spring of 1885; and on the 6th of April, that year, opened an office in Reynolds ville, where he has since successfully engaged in practice. The very fact that this is termed one of the "learned professions" is indicative of the effort that must be put forth to win a place of prominence among the representatives of the calling, for wealth and influence avail little or naught in such a calling, and the practitioner must depend upon his skill and merit. A close student of the science and of marked ability, Dr. Neale has steadily worked his way upward, and to-day occupies a foremost place in the ranks of his professional brethren. He is a member of the State and County Medical Associations, served for one term as president of the Jefferson County Medical Society, and has been medical inspector of the board of health for two years. The has held the position of R. R. surgeon since the death of Dr. Gibson, ten years ago.

Our subject was married May 16, 1882, to Miss Joanna R. North, daughter of Daniel North, of Jefferson county. They have two children: N. Nilson and Fay. The mother is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Doctor belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum. He vote with the Democracy, and is a stanch advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, but he has never sought or desired political preferment, giving his undivided attention to his profession, in which he has met with signal success.

GEORGE H. KENNEDY. As an enterprising, wide-awake business man of Brookville, Jefferson county, and one who, through his own efforts, has established himself among the prominent and successful men of the city, we take pleasure in giving a brief biography of the gen-
tlesman whose name opens this sketch. He was born in 1831, in Brookville, a son of Samuel D. and Jane (Slack) Kennedy, also natives of Pennsylvania.

Until ten years of age the father lived in Philadelphia, where his father, Henry Kennedy, engaged in hotel keeping. The former came to Jefferson county about 1825, where for many years he engaged in lumbering, and subsequently turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, which honored calling he continued to follow until old age compelled his retirement. His death occurred in 1882, at the age of eighty-one, and his wife died a few years previously. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are yet living, namely: Elizabeth Wallace, wife of Joseph Garvin, of Troy, Penn.; Amelia, wife of S. P. Barnes, of Bethlehem, Penn.; and Mary A. and George H., of Brookville. Those deceased are: William, Jane, Ann and Susan.

About 1841 George H. Kennedy accompanied his parents to Clarion county, Penn., and in the public schools of this State he acquired his education. At the age of eighteen he began working at the cabinet-making trade, serving a four-years' apprenticeship, and for five years followed that occupation at Corsica, Penn., where for two and a half years he later engaged in merchandising in partnership with Dr. Rogers. He then came to Brookville, clerking in the store of Dr. Rogers at this place for eighteen months, when he returned to Corsica, and there followed merchandising for a year and a half. Coming again to Brookville, he has since been prominently identified with its commercial interests. He is the senior member of the firm of G. H. Kennedy & Son, dealers in dry goods, notions and shoes, making a specialty of the latter, and conducting one of the principal establishments of the kind in the city. In 1857 he was married to Miss Nancy Jane Rogers, a daughter of Hugh Rogers, of Kittanning, Penn., a hatter by trade. Six children have blessed this union, as follows: Amelia, wife of Prof. J. H. Hughes, for some years superintendent of schools of Jefferson county; Agnes M., Henry H., who married Adda, daughter of Dr. W. J. McKnight, of Brookville, and is now a merchant of that place; George K., who married Sarah J. Thompson, of Brookville, and is engaged in business with his father; Jennie V.; and Nannie M., wife of Samuel Barton, of Brookville. The parents and children are all earnest members of the Presbyterian Church.

For many years Mr. Kennedy has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has risen to the Grand Encampment degree, and in politics, he is a stalwart Repub-lican, a strong advocate of sound money, but has never aspired to political distinction. He has, however, faithfully served as a member of the school board and in other minor positions.

WILLIAM FRANK GEIST, proprietor of the Geist sawmill, is prominently identified with the industrial interests of Oliver township, Jefferson county. He deserves great credit for his success in life. He has made the most of his opportunities, and by a thorough understanding of the business, and by straightforward, honorable dealing, has secured the public confidence and the public patronage. He has accumulated a handsome property, and his life illustrates what can be accomplished through industry, perseverance and good management.

Mr. Geist was born October 22, 1863, in Oliver township, about two miles from his present home, and traces his ancestry back to Germany. George Geist, his great-grandfather, a native of that land, came to America at an early day and took up his residence in Schuylkill county, Penn., where he followed farming throughout the remainder of his life. The grandparents. George and Barbara (Kessler) Geist, were natives of Schuylkill county, and were married there. In 1830 they removed to Jefferson county, locating in Ringgold township, where the grandfather followed farming until his death in 1853, when aged fifty years. His widow afterward married Michael Boyer, with whom she removed to Beaver township, Jefferson county, where he died in 1882. A few years later Mrs. Boyer came to Oliver township, where she died February 15, 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. She was buried in Worthville cemetery, and her husband in Ringgold township. In politics he was a Democrat, and both were members of the Evangelical Church. Their family numbered the following—Rebecca, wife of Isaac Shaffer; Pansy, a farmer of Jefferson county; Cornelius C., who operated a sawmill and farm in Oliver township; Henry and Andrew, both of whom died in Schuylkill county, in early life; Catherine, wife of Jacob Shagel, a farmer near Freeport, Ill.; George D., who operates a flouring mill and farm at Cool Springs, Penn.; G. Washington, who died in Kansas at the age of forty-five; John A., a farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, a twin brother of G. Washington; and Franklin, who died in Kansas.

Cornelius C. Geist, the father of our subject, was born on August 30, 1835, in Schuylkill county, Penn., and followed farming and lumbering throughout his entire life. At an early
by he removed to Jefferson county, and in 1860 removed from Porter township to Oliver township, where he was extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1870 he built a saw and planing mill, and carried on a large and successful business along that line for a number of years. His well-directed efforts brought him a handsome competence and at his death he was regarded as one of the wealthy and prominent men of the county. In September, 1868, in Jefferson county, he was married to Mary J. Hice, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Martin Zirkle, of the Evangelical Association. Mrs. Geist was a native of Jefferson county, born March 26, 1841, her parents being Robert and Catherine (Gillhouse) Hice, natives of Westmoreland county. After their marriage they removed to Jefferson county, where Mr. Hice carried on farming until his death in 1846. His wife, who was born in February, 1821, died in March, 1896. They were buried in the Rounds cemetery in Oliver township. Both were members of the Evangelical Church, and Mr. Hice was a Democrat in his political views. Their family included the following named: John, who operated a sawmill in Pinecreek township; Louisa E., wife of John Evans, a farmer of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; Elias, a carpenter of Ringgold township; Robert, deceased; Mrs. Geist; Frederick, who died at the age of twenty-six years; Samuel, who died at the age of five; and Margaret A., who died in infancy. The parents of Mrs. Hice were Elias and Elizabeth (Brown) Gillhouse, natives of Germany, who came to Jefferson county at an early day and spent their remaining days as farming people of Oliver township.

Cornelius C. Geist, father of our subject, died November 16, 1894, at the age of fifty-nine years, one month and sixteen days, and was buried in Worthville cemetery. The members of his family are Elias, a farmer of Knox township, who was born June 14, 1859, and married Amanda Klontz; Rebecca E., born February 27, 1861, now the wife of Daniel Geist, a farmer of Oliver township, Jefferson county; John B., who was born October 26, 1862, and died in infancy; William F.; Barbara C., born February 13, 1866, wife of John Thompson, of Oliver township; Samuel T., born May 6, 1868, and married Susan Cochran; Robert E., who was born October 9, 1870, and is at home; Minnie B., born February 6, 1873, wife of Daniel Smith, a farmer of Oliver township; Bertie A., born February 11, 1875, wife of Charles Buzzard, a blacksmith of Cool Springs; Louise E., born August 28, 1877, is the wife of McKane Wonderling, who is a day laborer residing on the old homestead; Dorsie A., born January 6, 1879; Cornelius, born February 13, 1881; Rosanna, born August 28, 1882, and Mary J., born December 15, 1885, are all at home.

William Frank Geist, whose name opens this review, was reared on his father's farm and remained until his marriage, when he located upon a farm that has since been his home. He continued to work for his father until 1884, when he purchased a quarter interest in the mill, and on his father's death became sole owner of the same. This is one of the leading industries in his section of the county, and he is successfully operating it, turning out about 14,000 feet of lumber daily. The mill is finely equipped with all modern machinery and improvements for first-class work, and Mr. Geist now enjoys a large trade. In addition to this, he owns some landed property.

On June 17, 1884, at Ebenezer, Jefferson county, William Frank Geist was married by Rev. Samuel Millson to Miss Ellen C. Wonderling, who was born February 11, 1865, in Oliver township. Her father, Charles F. Wonderling, is a retired farmer of Oliver township. He was born February 1, 1827, in Northampton county, Penn., a son of Frederick and Sabina (Billman) Wonderling, natives of Switzerland, who, on coming to America in 1807, located in Northampton county. In 1839 they removed to Clarion county, where Frederick Wonderling died in 1860, at the age of eighty years. His wife died in Jefferson county ten years later, at the age of seventy years.

Charles F. Wonderling, father of Mrs. Geist, was married April 5, 1845, in Clarion county, to Catherine Klontz, and their children are William H., who died in the war; Reuben, a farmer of Oliver township, who married Lavina Reitz; John, deceased; Simon, a farmer of Oliver township, who married Beckie Harmon; Mary, wife of George Dobson, a farmer of Oliver township, and Joseph W., who died in childhood. Mrs. Wonderling, the mother of this family, was born in Clarion county, and died in 1865, at the age of thirty-five years. The following year Mr. Wonderling married Mary E. Fike, and their children are: Ellen, wife of William Geist; Silas, a farmer of Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Byerly; Miles, of Oliver township; Theodore M., a farmer of Oliver township, who married Louise Geist; Wilford, Garfield and Mina C., at home. The father of this family is one of the leading farmers of Jefferson county, and the many excellent improvements upon his place stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. He is identified with the Evangelical Association,
and takes a very prominent part in Church work; he has served as an officer in the Church for the past forty years.

The children of William Frank Geist and wife are: Florence, born February 12, 1885; Stella M., born January 14, 1887; Max, born March 5, 1889; Nellie, born December 16, 1893, and Ernest, born February 21, 1895, died on January 28, 1898. The family circle yet remains unbroken, and the parents hold a leading position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society. Mr. Geist is a member of the Lodge at Worthville of I. O. O. F., is a trustee in the Evangelical Association, and aided in building their present church edifice. In politics he is a Republican, and has served for three years as school director, but has never been an aspirant for office. He is highly esteemed as a man of sterling worth, and is a prominent representative of the best citizenship of his native county.

WILLIAM DICKEY, who resides in Brookville, belongs to that class of representative citizens whose sterling worth and fidelity to duty make them valued acquisitions to the community in which they reside.

Born December 14, 1832, in Jefferson county, Mr. Dickey is a son of Matthew and Elizabeth Ann (Templeton) Dickey. His father was born in County Derry, in the North of Ireland, in 1800, and came to America in 1817. For ten years after his arrival he engaged in school teaching, and in about 1831, he took up his residence in Jefferson county, where, in connection with his educational work, he also followed farming and merchandising. Every trust reposed in him was faithfully performed, and he was honored by all who knew him. He died in 1884, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. His estimable wife was a native of Armstrong county, Penn., and died in 1890.

William Dickey acquired his primary education in the old-time log school house, where he mastered the elementary branches of learning. Subsequently he pursued his studies in the academy in Brookville, and still later attended a select school at that place. His initiation into business life was through clerking in his father's store. After working in that way for about five years, his father established him in a mercantile business in Dowlingville, where he remained for two years, after which he went to Troy, where he was engaged in merchandising for a similar period. Returning then to Brookville, he conducted a store here for a quarter of a century, and since that time has devoted his energies to the lumber business, being one of the leading lumber merchants of Jefferson county. He is the president of the Brookville National Bank, and is a man of excellent business and executive ability, of keen discernment and tireless purpose.

In June, 1856, he was married to Miss Mary A. Douthett, a daughter of Rev. William Douthett. They have six children living, namely: Matthew W., a lumber merchant of Tennessee; William W., who is engaged in the same business in Pittsburg, Penn.; Maria A., wife of John Means, a prominent merchant of Brookville; Lula M., wife of Frank K. Brown, of Brookville; Myrtle H., wife of L. B. Long, of the same town; and Mary E., at home. Our subject and his family are faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church. Since casting his first Presidential vote for John C. Fremont, in 1856, Mr. Dickey has been a stalwart supporter of the Republican party, and is heartily in sympathy with its present policy, and is the advocate of sound money and protection to American industries. The world instinctively pays deference to the man who has won prosperity by honorable methods and untiring industry. Such has been the career of Mr. Dickey, and he well deserves mention among the leading citizens of Jefferson county.

JACOB ZEITLER is one of the most reliable and active business men of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county. Success comes not alone by taking advantage of surrounding opportunities, but from creating them, and our subject has achieved prosperity in this way. Garfield said: "We must not wait for things to turn up, we must turn them up." With such a view of life acting as a motive power, Mr. Zeitler has steadily and persistently worked his way upward, attaining the goal of his hopes.

He comes from across the sea, his birth having occurred in 1832, in Germany, of which country his parents, John Conrad and Margaret (Weiss) Zeitler, were also natives, but in 1847 the family emigrated to America, and for a short time made their home in Pittsburg, Penn. The following year, however, they came to Punxsutawney, where both parents died in 1876, at the age of eighty-four years. In early life the father had learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed in connection with buying and selling real estate, and also engaged in mercantile pursuits. An earnest, Christian gentleman, he was an active worker in the Lutheran Church, and was very instrumental in building up that denomination in Punxsutawney.
Jacob Zeitler is the seventh in order of birth in the family of eight children. While still a resident of the Fatherland, he attended school from the age of six to twelve years, and then worked on a farm until coming to this country. Here his father apprenticed him to the saddler’s trade, and during the four years he was learning the trade received only his board, washing and $3.50 per year, out of which he had to clothe himself. At the end of the time, however, he had comfortable clothes and $3.50 in money. After working a short time for his employer, he had earned enough with which to come to Punxsutawney, and establish himself in the saddlery business, which he has now successfully carried on since 1832. He also conducts a large insurance business, representing some of the leading life, fire and accident insurance companies in existence.

In 1857, Mr. Zeitler wedded Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel B. Hughes, a native of Jefferson county. Ten children blessed their union, six sons and four daughters, of whom four sons and one daughter are now deceased. Those who still survive are Jennie E., wife of Joseph H. Armstrong, of St. Paul, Minn.; Thaddeus and Lee, both residents of Punxsutawney; Zula Z., wife of Carroll McA. Fee, a prominent merchant tailor of Punxsutawney; and Dora B., at home. The father of these was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and his wife in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. They are people of prominence in the community, holding a high position in social circles. Since 1861, Mr. Zeitler has been identified with the Masonic fraternity, now holding membership in the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, and is past master. His political support has ever been given the Democratic party, and on that ticket he has been elected to a number of local positions, the duties of which he ever discharged in a prompt and able manner.

Mr. Hummel comes from the German Fatherland, where his birth occurred in 1833, his parents being George Jacob and Catherine (Wagner) Hummel, also natives of Germany. Coming to America in May, 1846, they located in Clearfield county, Penn., where the father engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was a quiet, unassuming man, attending strictly to his own affairs and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. His death occurred in 1893, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years, four months and twelve days, and his estimable wife passed away in 1886, at the age of seventy-seven years and eight months. The family on starting for America was comprised of parents and six children—four boys and two girls; one child died on the ocean en route, and another was born to the parents after coming to the United States. These children were: George, Jacob, Frederick (our subject), Henry, Jacob (2), Charlotte, and Catherine. Of these George, died about one year ago, leaving a widow and three sons and three daughters; Henry is married, and has eight children; Charlotte married John Clouser, and they have one boy and four girls; Jacob died en route to America, leaving a widow and three daughters: Catherine married John Blatt, and has a son, Frederick.

Frederick Hummel received the benefits of the schools of his native land until he attained the age of thirteen years, when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States. His father having entered a tract of wild land, he assisted him in the arduous tasks of clearing and improving the farm, and therefore had no chance to attend school until after reaching the age of twenty-one, when he again pursued his studies for three months. At the age of nineteen he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter’s trade, which he followed in connection with farming until 1869, when he came to Punxsutawney and purchased the present site of his hotel. He has met with misfortune by fires, losing his first hotel in that way in 1879, and after rebuilding had the second structure destroyed in the same way in 1886. With his characteristic energy, however, the following year he erected his present splendid three-story brick building, containing forty bedrooms, two parlors, as well as the other necessary rooms. It is well furnished, is convenient and comfortable, and the cuisine is unexceptionable. Notwithstanding his losses by fire, he has been very successful, for his courteous, genial manners have gained him a liberal share of the public patronage.
In 1832, Mr. Hummel was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ellen Rupert, of Bell town-
ship, Jefferson county, and to them were born
eleven children, those living being: Henry,
James, Christ, Reuben, Rubert, Barbara and
Mary. Our subject's grandchildren are: Manna,
Perle, Willalla and Frederick. The parents of
Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen (Rupert) Hummel were
born at Howard, Centre Co., Penn., and in 1845
came to Jefferson county.

Politically, our subject is a stalwart Demo-
crat, and at all times and under all circumstances
is strongly opposed to monopolies. He is one
of the representative citizens and solid and
reliable business men of Punxsutawney, who has
the respect and confidence of all who know him,
and has been called upon to serve in a number
of local positions. For the past twenty-seven
years he has been identified with the Independent
Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is serving as
past grand. His estimable wife is a member of
the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, but he
rather inclines to the faith held by the German
Reformed Church.

Our subject was reared by his paternal grand-
father, David Fairman, whom he accompanied
to Illinois when ten years of age, and for four
years attended school in Decatur, that State.
Later he was sent by his uncle to a school in
Jacksonville, Ill., where he completed an acade-
mic course, and then engaged in teaching in
Macon and Shelby counties, that State, until
1861. On the outbreak of the Civil war, he re-
turned to Pennsylvania, and enlisted in Company
I, 62nd P. V. I. Although he was in the serv-
vice throughout the war, and participated in many
hotly-contested engagements, he was wounded
only once, that being at Gaines Hill, Va., in
1862. His term of service having expired, he
was mustered out at Pittsburg, Penn., in 1864,
came to Punxsutawney. Until 1870 he en-
gaged in lumbering during the summer and teach-
ing during the winter season; then entered the
law office of Jenks & Winslow. He was admit-
ted to the Bar in 1874, and has since been
actively engaged in practice. His fellow citizens,
recognizing his ability, elected him district at-
torney in 1876, which office he creditably filled
until 1880, when he resumed private practice.
Possessing a thorough and comprehensive knowl-
edge of the fundamental principles of law, he has
had no trouble in securing a large and lucrative
practice, and to-day takes front rank among his
professional brethren.

In St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Fairman was married
to Miss Lizzie Jefferson, a native of Delaware.
She is a most estimable lady, and a faithful mem-
ber of the Christian Church. The Democratic
party finds in Mr. Fairman a stalwart supporter,
but he has never aspired to official distinction,
preferring to devote his entire time to his profes-
sion. He has, however, twice received the nomi-
nation for Congress, and the second time de-
clined to accept.

James McGee, an intelligent and progress-
ive agriculturist of McCalmont township,
Jefferson county, owns a homestead of 222
acres. This estate is, however, but one of sev-
eral tracts which he has acquired from time to
time, as he holds at present the titles to 315
acres of choice land in Jefferson and adjoining
counties.

Mr. McGee comes of good North-of-Ireland
stock. James and Hannah (Warden) McGee, his
great-grandparents, having been the first to come to
America. They settled in what is now Clinton
county, Penn., then Centre county, at a very
early period, and made a home in the wilderness,
clearing and improving a farm. Their son, Sam-
uel, our subject’s father, was born and reared there, and married a native of the same locality, Miss Jane McBride, a daughter of John McBride. In 1820 the young couple moved to Jefferson county, locating for a time in Perry township, and finally, in 1833, settled in McCallam townshio on a farm adjoining our subject’s homestead. In politics the father was a Republican. The mother in religious faith was a Cumberland Presbyterian. Their children were: James, who died in infancy; John, who was drowned in Mahoning creek in 1842; Samuel, who died in 1844; James, our subject; William, who died in July, 1803; Isaac, a farmer in Young township, Jefferson county; Thomas, who died at an early age; and Hannah J., now the wife of Jacob W. Means, a farmer near Georgeville, Indiana Co., Penn. The mother of these died in 1862, and was buried in the Presbyterian graveyard in Perry township, Jefferson county, and the father died in 1878, aged eighty-three years, and was buried in the Mt. Tabor United Brethren graveyard in McCallam township, Jefferson county.

Our subject’s birth occurred August 30, 1829, while his parents were living in Perry township. He remained at home until the age of twenty-six, when he married Miss Susannah Newcomb, and settled on his present farm. His first purchase consisted of 100 acres of land, for which he paid $1,000, giving $400 down and the balance in six years. At that time there were but forty acres cleared, and at this spot he has ever since had his residence. While conducting his farm he has dealt extensively in real estate, and at present he has a large tract of land in Armstrong county, Penn., and 137 acres of farming land in Indiana county, which is occupied by his son Samuel, and 102 acres of farming land in Indiana county which is occupied by his son, Lawrence S. McGee. The homestead is underlaid with coal, and in 1888, when he had 277 acres in the estate, he sold the mining rights for $75 per acre. On the surface everything is kept in perfect order. Mr. McGee has the faculty of managing large enterprises successfully without undue exertion on his part. He takes a prominent part in local affairs, and is one of the leading Republicans of his locality. For three years he served as jury commissioner, and for twenty-two years as school director, his keen interest in educational progress making the latter office a most congenial one. Being himself fond of the best literature, he believes in securing to all the possibility of entrance to the paths of knowledge. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Punxsutawney.

Mr. McGee’s marriage to Miss Newcomb took place July 15, 1856, in Perry township, and their union has been blessed by children, as follows: (1) Jane E., died at the age of eleven years. (2) John lived to the age of only nine years. (3) Samuel G., a farmer in Indiana county, married Miss Ora Tiger, and has four children—Susie, James, Effie and Milton. (4) Lawrence S. is a farmer in East Mahoning township, residing on one of his father’s farms. He married Miss Nettie Buhite, and they have two daughters—May and Hellen. (5) Lydia Emma married H. W. Smith, a farmer in Armstrong county, and they have three children—Grover, Earl and Floyd. (6) Melvin C. married Anna Jordan, and they are residents of East Mahoning township, Indiana county. (7) Maggie C. married Philip T. Smith, and resides on a part of her father’s homestead. (8) James Harvey is at home. In 1889 the parents took to raise Rebecca Green, born May 23, 1888, in Blair county, Penn. John and Rachel (Cochran) Newcomb, Mrs. McGee’s parents, were among the early settlers of Perry township, Jefferson county, and continued to reside there throughout their lives, her mother passing away in 1863, at the age of sixty-three years, and her father in 1876, at eighty-three. The remains of both now rest in the cemetery at Perry Church. Mrs. McGee, who was born May 19, 1837, was the youngest of nine children; Sallie (deceased) married Robert Hannah, who is now living in retirement in Winslow township, Jefferson county, with his son, William; Isaac and Samuel are deceased; Nancy (deceased) married the late Samuel Green; Elizabeth is deceased; Lydia is the wife of Joseph Swisher, a lime and coal merchant in Punxsutawney; George W. and Joseph both reside upon portions of the old homestead in Perry township.

HENRY I. WILSON, a prominent young attorney at Big Run, Jefferson county, is an illustration of the advantages gained in intellectual lines by an "all-round" development, which includes physical and social life within its scope. As a beginning in life he spent his first ten years upon a farm near Wellsboro, Tioga county, Penn., where he was born April 10, 1869, and it was in that wholesome environment that he began his education.

His parents, Daniel M. and Lydia (Stickley) Wilson, are both natives of that county, still residing at Wellsboro, the father having given up agriculture some years ago to engage in clerical work. He was a soldier during the Civil war, in Company A, 187th P. V. I., and is a man who
Mr. Sandt was born at Easton, Penn., in 1852, and his parents, William G. and Saluma (Frankenfield) Sandt, are both natives of this State. They are still living in Northampton county, in excellent health. The father has always devoted his attention to agriculture as an occupation, and is an unassuming but highly esteemed citizen. Our subject received his literary education in Easton Academy, and on leaving school began his work in the drug business with C. Lawall. After a time he entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1876, and in 1879 he went to Brookville as clerk for Dr. McKnight & Brother. Two years later he and his father-in-law, Bernard Verstine, established a business which has been continued successfully since that time. In 1893 Mr. Sandt became the sole proprietor, and now conducts the enterprise alone. His store is always neat and inviting, and his fine business judgment has won for him a place among the leading druggists of Central Pennsylvania.

In 1880 Mr. Sandt was married to Miss Mary T. Verstine, daughter of Bernard Verstine mentioned above, one of Brookville's well-known citizens. Four children have blessed this union: Valletta, Hattie, Walter, and Earle, all of whom are at home. In religious faith Mrs. Sandt is a Roman Catholic, but our subject is a member of the Lutheran Church. Politically, he is a Republican, and he belongs to the fraternal order of the Knights of Pythias.

JOHN LANG, JR. History no longer finds its material in a record of wars and conquests; the public annals are formed of the account of business activity and progress along the lines of both trade and mental development. Mr. Lang, of this review, is an honored representative of the industrial interests of Jefferson county, being now proprietor of a large woolen-mill, which has been in successful operation since 1860. He is also engaged in general merchandising, and is proprietor of a valuable farm.

Mr. Lang was born at Shavers Creek, Huntingdon Co., Penn., January 7, 1833. His grandfather, Henry Lang, a native of Scotland, emigrated to America at an early day, and served as a private in the war of 1812. He settled on a farm in Cambria county, Penn., and while he was in the war, his son, John Lang, Sr., father of our subject, would thresh wheat for a tenth share in order to support the family. John Lang, Sr., was born in Cambria county, and served an apprenticeship in a woolen-mill at Croft creek.
When twenty-one years of age he went to Huntingdon, Penn., where he was employed in a woolen-mill for four years. He then married Nancy Moore, and purchased land at Shavers Creek, where he engaged in farming and in the manufacture of woolen goods. In 1852 he came to Jefferson county, and settled on the present site of Langville, which town is named in his honor. In 1852 he established the woolen-mill now owned by our subject, and in addition to this property he owned three farms. He was a self-made man, who started out in life with a cash capital of fifty cents, but through his own efforts became quite wealthy. His death occurred in 1883, at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother of our subject died in 1841, at the age of forty years. Their children were: Mary, wife of William Stewart, who is living retired in Jefferson county, Iowa; Jane, who became the wife of John L. Barr, of Philipsburg, but both are now deceased; Ann, who married Samuel Gorley, and both are now deceased; Charles, a mechanic living in Iowa; John; William, who died in 1897; Catherine, deceased wife of Robert Simpson, an extensive farmer of Illinois; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Green, and both are now deceased; James, who served in the Civil war, and now has large farming interests in Lucas county, Iowa; and Jerusha, deceased wife of William Trout, of Leechburg, Penn. She was a twin sister of James. After the death of Mrs. Lang, the father of this family married Polly Work, and she became the mother of the following children: Aaron, of Marion county, Penn., who was for eleven months incarcerated in Andersonville prison; Baxter, who died in infancy; Rebecca, wife of Alvin Davison, a miller of Johnstown, Penn.; Juniata, wife of David Procius, a farmer of Beaver township, Jefferson county. The mother of this family died and was buried at Ringgold, Penn., and for his third wife Mr. Lang chose Lucretia Eaton, of Massachusetts, who is now living in Langville.

On the home farm John Lang, Jr., spent his youth, working in the fields through the summer, while in the winter he attended the public schools and worked in his father's woolen-mill. When twenty-three years of age he rented a woolen-mill in Blairsville, Penn., and a year later admitted his brother, William, to a partnership in the business. Three years later he sold out and came to Jefferson county, where he worked for his father until purchasing his present mill in 1868. This plant was erected at a cost of $6,000, and has since been improved with new machinery. His business is profitable, and in addition to this interest he has a good general store and a farm of 135 acres, from all of which he derives a good income.

On April 3, 1861, Mr. Lang was married to Miss Caroline Barkley, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., May 7, 1835, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rankin) Barkley. Her father was born in Westmoreland county, and died September 23, 1879, aged seventy-eight years. He removed to Indiana county at an early day, became quite wealthy, and was the owner of three farms. For more than half a century he was a member of Ebenezer Church, and was buried in the churchyard there. His wife, who was born in Indiana county, died in 1838, at the age of thirty-nine. Their children were: Martha, widow of William Erhart, of Blairsville; Mrs. Mary A. Brecken (deceased); Alexander Y., a farmer of Indiana county; Elizabeth R., wife of John McIntosh, a real-estate dealer of Wilkinsburg, Penn.; James M., an agriculturist of Indiana county; Mrs. Lang; William R., superintendent of a coal mine at Turtle Creek. After the death of his first wife Mr. Barkley wedded Mrs. Anna Clark, widow of Finley Cameron, who was a farmer of Brush Valley, Indiana Co., Penn. She died in June, 1895, and was buried in Ohio. The children of the second marriage are John C., a retired merchant of Baltimore, and Thomas B., a farmer of the State of Indiana.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Lang, Jr., has been born a daughter, Anna, now the wife of Dr. Ross Speer, of Greenville, Penn. Our subject and his wife are very prominent and influential people, who command the high regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact. They are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder for the past twenty-five years. He was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows Society and the Grange at Brookville. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lang are genial, pleasant people, whose well-spent lives commend them to the confidence of all.

SAMUEL STEEL, who with his wife was for seven years a leading and successful merchant of Sandy Valley, Jefferson county, where he served as postmaster four years, is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have secured for him a comfortable competence.

Mr. Steel was born July 14, 1834, in Indiana county, Penn., and comes of a family that has long been prominent in the affairs of the State. His early ancestors were
from Ireland, and on coming to the New World first located in eastern Pennsylvania, whence they removed to Westmoreland county and engaged in agricultural pursuits. The birth of William Steel, the father of our subject, occurred in Fayette county, but he was reared in Westmoreland county, where he married Experience Hill, a daughter of George Hill, a prominent farmer, and a minister of the Presbyterian Church, being one of twelve who organized the first Church of that denomination in Westmoreland county. Of his sixteen children, the following grew to years of maturity: John, Alexander, William, James, George, David, Elizabeth, Sarah, Deborah, Mary, Ann, Nancy and Experience.

In 1832 William Steel removed to Indiana county, Penn., where from the wilderness he developed a farm, and was later employed in the construction of the old Pennsylvania canal, serving as foreman on a division for eleven years. He also owned several flat-boats which he used in transporting iron to Pittsburg down the Conemaugh river, but later he gave his attention to farming. He died in 1857, his wife in 1866, both earnest members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of nine children, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Carnahan; George (deceased); Mrs. Esther Finley; John, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war; Sarah, who died unmarried; Mrs. Nancy J. Benchof; James, a carpenter by trade; Samuel, of this review; and Joseph, who also served his country during the Rebellion.

Samuel Steel, the subject proper of this sketch, was reared amidst rural scenes upon his father's farm, and attended the common schools near his home. On coming to Jefferson county, in 1858, he located in Brookville, where he was living when the Civil war broke out. He then offered his services to the government, enlisting in 1861, at Brookville, in Capt. E. R. Brady's company, Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves. The regiment, which was commanded by Col. Thomas Gallager, was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and during its three-years' service participated in many important battles. Mr. Steel was never wounded, but on May 5, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness, he was taken prisoner with eighty-two others, including Gov. Edward Scofield, of Wisconsin, and was transferred to Gordon, Lynchburg and Danville consecutively. Later he was incarcerated in Andersonville prison, and still later taken to Florence, S. C., where he remained until February, 1865, when he was transferred to Wilmington, N. C. During the siege at that place he was removed to Goldsboro, in the same State, and a week later returned to the Federal lines twelve miles from Wilmington, Gen. Scofield then being in command at that place. By boat our subject went to Annapolis, where he landed March 4, 1865, and after recuperating was returned to Pittsburg, where he was honorably discharged and paid off on the 16th of the same month.

Returning to Brookville, Mr. Steel engaged in lumbering, after his marriage locating on a farm, but continued to follow lumbering in connection with agriculture. At the end of sixteen years he disposed of his farm and removed to DuBois, Penn., where he made his home until coming to Sandy Valley in 1888. He purchased the property where he yet lives, and for a short time operated a planing-mill, but subsequently bought the store mentioned above, which he stocked with a choice assortment of general merchandise, and until recently carried on business there, receiving from the public a liberal patronage. From July, 1893, he served four years as postmaster of the place, and proved a most popular and capable official.

In 1867, Mr. Steel was married to Miss Nancy J. McGee, a daughter of William and Rachel (Cathers) McGee, honored pioneers of the county, who were natives of Jefferson county, Penn., and New Jersey, respectively. Her father, who was of Scotch-Irish extraction, was the first white child born in the Beech Woods settlement, Washington township, Jefferson county, and he improved a farm in that township, where his death occurred in 1861. He was a Baptist in religious belief; his wife, who died in 1875, held membership in the Presbyterian Church. They were parents of five children: Nancy J., wife of our subject: Mrs. Rose M. MacIntosh; Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson; and John T. and Robert, both residents of San Francisco, California.

Nine children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Steel, namely, George who died at the age of two and a half years; Minnie J., who died at the age of ten; Mrs. Sarah M. Hilderbrand; William, who died at the age of four; John, Samuel, Joseph G., Loren A. and Charles B., all five yet at home. The mother is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a most estimable lady. In his political affiliations, Mr. Steel is a Democrat; socially, he is identified with the Veteran Legion. He is a courteous, affable gentleman, and wherever he is found, whether in public or private life, his integrity is above question and his honor above reproach. Sandy Valley owes much to him, and numbers him among her valued citizens.
FREDERICK BONNETT. The lives of our self-made men give a convincing rebuke to the believer "in luck," for when they are analyzed it is seen that, underlying all the differences of environment and endowment, there is to be found a set purpose and a firm will to which obstacles are made to yield. The history of this well-known resident of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is an admirable illustration of this, as he came to this country when a boy, and, beginning his career without either friends or capital, has accumulated a handsome competence, and gained an honorable standing among his fellow-citizens.

The Bonnett family is of French origin, but our subject's father, Lrethas Bonnett, was born in Germany, and spent his life there, his death occurring in 1838. His wife, Elizabeth Priester, was of German ancestry. In 1849, our subject, then a lad of sixteen, came to America with an elder brother, Ludwig, and located in Clarion county, Penn., where he worked for about eleven years in the iron works of Duff, Lawson & Company. In 1853 his mother came to Clarion county with three of the children who had been left in Germany; Six children in all came to this country. (1) George, who was born in Germany in 1817, accompanied his mother to Clarion county, and was employed in the iron works until a few years ago. He then bought a small farm in the same county, where his last years were spent, his death occurring in 1896. His wife, whom he married in Germany, died in 1893, leaving no family. (2) Ludwig, who was born in Germany in 1819, worked at the Duff & Lawson mills for a number of years, and then bought a farm in Madison township, Clarion county. His wife, Elizabeth Borrell, whom he married in the Fatherland, is also living, and they have a large family. (3) Jacob, who was born in 1826, came to Clarion county with his mother, and was employed in the iron mills for a number of years. In 1859 he bought ninety acres of land in Henderson township, Jefferson county, which he cleared for a homestead. He died in 1883. His first wife, Elizabeth Priester, whom he married in 1854 in Clarion county, died some years ago, leaving three children—Philip and Elizabeth, both now deceased, and Caroline, the wife of Henry Frisched, a farmer in Henderson township. His second wife, Catharine Conrad, survives him with six children. (4) Henry A., born in 1835, was employed in the iron works in Clarion county for some years after his arrival. He now owns a farm in that county, but resides in Brookville, where he follows the gunsmith's trade. He married Elizabeth Gibbs, of Clarion county, and has five children. (5) Caroline E., born in 1838, was married after coming to Clarion county to Adam Schoup, a German by birth, who now resides upon a farm in Madison township, Clarion county. She died some years ago, leaving five children: Louis and Lizzie, who are married; George and Henry, who are single; and Catherine, who is married.

Frederick Bonnett was born in 1833, and after coming to Clarion county was employed, as has been said, in the iron works. In 1857 he married Miss Caroline Priester, daughter of Ludwig and Sophia Priester, who came to this country in 1854 from Germany, and in 1859 he purchased a tract of wood land upon which some improvements had already been made, six acres being cleared. A small log house and barn were on the place, and on removing there he continued the work of clearing, and in time secured a fine homestead. In 1862 he built a hewed-log house, and in 1874 a large bank barn. In 1891 a large two-and-a-half-story frame house was built with all modern improvements; and in this he now resides. In 1892 he purchased the Godfrey Keller farm of fifty acres, in Winslow township, Jefferson county, and two lots in Sykesville, where he erected a store building and dwelling house. Later he bought a number of lots in Sykesville, and in 1893 he purchased a house and lot in the town of Mahaffey. Mr. Bonnett has seen many changes since he came to this section, much of Jefferson county being then a wilderness, and when he settled at his present home there were but two school houses in the township. In the improvement that has taken place he has done his full share, taking especial interest in educational affairs, and serving two terms as school director. He has held other offices in the township, serving as justice of the peace for two terms, assessor two years, and supervisor two terms. In politics he is a Democrat, and he is active in religious affairs as a member of the Reformed Church at Paradise.

He and his wife have reared a large family to useful lives: (1) Elizabeth, the first-born, died in 1858, at the age of four months; (2) Philip L., born in 1860 in Clarion county, died at the present homestead at the age of nineteen years; (3) Mary L., born at the present homestead in 1862, married Alexander Lydick, a merchant at Mahaffey, and has three daughters—Esty, Laura and Daisy. (4) F. C., born in 1864 at the homestead, is now engaged in mercantile business in Sykesville. He married Miss Laura Dieckman of Clearfield, and has two children—Rachel and Lucy. (5) C. A., born in 1868, now has charge of the Keller farm. (6) Bertha M., born in 1866,
married Daniel Wise, a hotel keeper in Sykesville, and they have one son—Frederick. (7) Catherine, born in 1871, died in infancy. (8) Jacob J., born in 1872, is single, and has charge of the homestead. (9) Caroline W., born in 1875, and (10) Henry A., born in 1879, are still at home. (11) Estie L., born in 1881, died in infancy.

JACOB KUNTZ, Esq., supervisor of McCalmon township, Jefferson county, is one of the most popular men in that locality, and when he consents to lend his name to the Democratic ticket his election is a foregone conclusion. He is the owner of two fine farms, both of which are now rented to other parties, and he has also been for many years successfully engaged in lumbering.

Squire Kuntz was born October 15, 1835, in Brady township, Clearfield county, where his parents, Jacob and Catherine (Yockey) Kuntz, natives of Germany, settled on coming from the Fatherland in 1829. His father was engaged in agriculture for some time and then built the Eastbranch gristmill; but after operating it four years he sold out and went into mercantile business at Troutville. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were both devout members of the Lutheran Church. His last years were spent in retirement, his death occurring April 28, 1892, at the age of ninety-four, and his remains were interred in the Union cemetery in Brady township, Clearfield county, beside those of his wife, who passed from life May 27, 1891, aged ninety years. Of the early generations of his family but little is known as he was but a boy when his father died. Our subject's maternal grandfather, Casper Yockey, came to America in 1837, and died here two years later. To Jacob and Catherine (Yockey) Kuntz nine children were born, viz: Frederick, who was drowned in Sandy Lick at the age of twenty-eight; Catherine, wife of Amos Bonsel, a farmer at the old homestead in Clearfield county; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Grube, a farmer in Bell township, Jefferson county; Sarah, who married Daniel Rishel, a farmer; Lewis, who died in infancy; Jacob, our subject; Susannah, wife of Rev. A. C. Limberg, pastor of the Reformed Church, at Butler, Penn.; Caroline, widow of George Weber, of Troutville, and Samuel, a resident of Troutville, now serving as a justice of the peace.

As a farmer's son the Squire gained full knowledge of agricultural work in boyhood. He was thirteen years old when his father began to build his mill, and for two years he helped to haul materials, driving a yoke of oxen. After the completion of the mill he was employed there for four years, but when it was disposed of he began working for other people, the two years following being spent in the lumber woods. He then engaged in teaming, and continued four years, when he was married to Miss Susannah Grube, and settled down to farming. He purchased a fifty-acre tract of woodland in Clearfield county, paying $600, but a year later fire destroyed his household goods. On August 7, A. D. 1862, he sold, the title to that for $200. He next bought 104 acres in McCalmon township, Jefferson county, his present homestead, of which all but three acres was at that time in the primitive state. The price was $1,200, and he borrowed the first payment of $400, paying six per cent. interest. He paid $100 of this on October 1. By cutting the timber from this tract he met his obligations without difficulty, paying $350 the next June, 1863, $350 on June 1, 1864. Possessing such energy and sagacity, it is not strange that Squire Kuntz should have soon gained a place among the substantial citizens of his locality.

The same admirable qualities are most useful in a public official, and notwithstanding his own indifference to political honors he has held every office in his township except that of overseer of the poor. During his first year in office he held three positions, serving as constable, collector, and assessor. He was auditor for six years, and has three times been elected justice of the peace. His first term of five years began in 1869, and on being re-elected in 1874, he declined to serve. In 1873 he was again chosen, and held the office four years and eleven months. He is now serving his third term as supervisor. For many years he has been identified with the Lutheran Church, in which he has for twelve years, at different times, been an elder.

J. B. MEANS, a well-known merchant of Fordham, has been an important factor in business circles of Jefferson county, where 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.

Edward Means, his father, was born in Snow Shoe, Centre Co., Penn., in 1810, but when only nine years of age was brought to Jefferson county by his parents, John and Elizabeth Means, natives of Ireland, who came to America at an early day. They located in the village of
Wittesville, where their sons purchased 200 acres of land lying in Perry township, Jefferson county, and built a hewed-log house. The place was soon cleared and transformed into good farms. In the family were ten children, namely: James, Edward, John, Thomas, Foster, Joseph, Jackson, Eliza, Margaret and Caroline.

In Jefferson county Edward Means was reared to manhood and married Miss Sarah Hopkins. He then located at what is now the village of Fordham at the terminus of the Pennsylvania & Northwestern railroad on Mahoning creek, and here cleared and developed a farm, following lumbering in connection with agricultural pursuits. For a number of years he also engaged in merchandising, but his last days were spent in retirement upon his farm, where he died January 2, 1889. His wife, who had shared his early hardships and privations, died in 1853.

To them were born nine children, as follows: (1) W. A., born in 1837, studied medicine, and located in Big Run, where he engaged in practice for a few years. He next spent a number of years in Luthersburg, and on selling out removed to DuBois, where he enjoyed a large and lucrative practice for the remainder of his life, dying in 1890. He left a wife and family. (2) Jane, born in 1838, is the widow of M. A. Morris, of Punxsutawney, who died in 1882. (3) Thomas, born in 1840, was a soldier of the Civil war, enlisting in the 105th P. V. I., and participating in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged until taken ill after the battle of Fredericksburg, Va. He died in hospital, and was buried in the National cemetery at Washington, D. C., his death occurring in 1862, when he was in his twenty-second year. (4) Edward T., born in April, 1842, grew to manhood in Perry township, Jefferson county, where he was educated in the common schools. He enlisted in the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves and served for three years, during which time he was twice wounded, first in the leg at the battle of Antietam, and later in the face while bearing the colors of his regiment at South Mountain. After his return home he married Abbie Elliot, and resided in Whitesville, Penn., until his death in 1872. His wife survived him only a few years. He was attending the Waynesburg College in Greene county, Penn., when stricken with his last illness, but was brought home, where his death occurred. He left two children—(a) M. Rush, born in September, 1864, began his education in the common schools of Whitesville, and subsequently graduated from the Dayton Soldiers' Orphan School, of Pennsylvania, the Indiana State Normal, and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. He is now successfully engaged in the drug business in Punxsutawney. In 1894 he married Elizabeth McKelvy, of that city, a daughter of P. H. McKelvy. (b) Isla, is now the wife of William Ake, of Jamestown, N. Y. (5) Sarah A., born in May, 1844, married W. E. Simpson, of Perry township, and located on his farm near here, where she died in 18—, leaving a husband and four children—James C., who is married and resides in Galesburg, Ill.; Etta J., who is married and resides in Davenport, Iowa; Wade M., who is married and also resides in Galesburg; and Frank C., who still resides in Perry township. (6) Silas M., born in December, 1846, grew to manhood on the old homestead, obtained his early education in the select schools of Whitesville, and later graduated at the Iron City College of Pittsburg. He successfully followed teaching in the public schools for a number of years, and was also one of the brave boys in blue in the Civil war, enlisting in 1864, and serving until hostilities ceased. After the close of the war he obtained a position as bookkeeper for a Chicago firm, but at the end of six months enlisted in the United States Navy. While in the service he was taken ill, and died at Vera Cruz at the age of twenty years. (7) Mary L., born in December, 1848, married T. J. Morris, of Jefferson county, and located on his farm in Young township, where she died some years ago, leaving a husband and three children—John, who is married and resides in Punxsutawney; Carrie, wife of Lesley Kusiel, of Kane, Elk Co., Penn.; and Mintie, who married, and died some years ago. (8) Charlotte, born April 29, 1851. (9) George T., born in May, 1853, received a good common-school education, and successfully engaged in teaching in Jefferson county, Minn., and in other western States for a number of years. He now resides in Michigan.

After the death of his first wife Edward Means was again married, this time in January, 1855, his union being with Miss Rachel Elliot, of Indiana county, Penn., and of the five children born to them our subject is the youngest. (1) Martha, born in November, 1855, died March 3, 1857. (2) Jessie C., born in December, 1857, died in infancy. (3) Laura, born in December, 1859, was drowned in Mahoning creek in May, 1863. (4) Enoch, born in August, 1861, attended the public schools and later the Covode Academy, after which he engaged in teaching for two terms. He commenced the study of medicine under Dr. A. P. Cox, of Big Run, but died of consumption October 13, 1880, at the early age of nineteen years. (5) J. B. Means, our subject, is referred to in what follows:
Mr. Means was born December 21, 1863, and has spent his life mostly at his present home, it being the place his father first purchased on coming to Jefferson county. After pursuing his studies for some time in the common schools he attended the Covode Academy of Indiana county, and then engaged in teaching in the public schools for three years. In 1890, in company with W. E. Simpson, he embarked in merchandising in Whitesville, where he remained for some time. On selling out he platted some of the old homestead, has erected thereon fifteen houses, which he has sold to other parties, and also built a store, where he has since successfully engaged in general merchandising. He has thus become the founder of the village of Fordham, and as a public-spirited, enterprising citizen he has done much to promote the material interests of the community and advance the general welfare. In 1881 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Crebs, a daughter of Rev. W. E. Crebs, of Cumberland Valley, and they now have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Homer B., in August, 1882; Edward B., in September, 1884; Bessie I., in August, 1891, and Alta G., in May, 1896. The parents are both consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Means springs from old Whig stock, and is himself a stalwart Republican. For twelve years he has most efficiently served as school director. He possesses many of the admirable characteristics of his ancestors, who were typical pioneer settlers, sturdy, energetic and progressive, and he is everywhere acknowledged to be one of the most reliable, upright and honorable business men of Jefferson county. He gives liberally of his means toward the support of churches and schools, and is certainly entitled to be numbered among the valued and highly respected citizens of the community.

COL. CHARLES McLAIN (deceased), one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, and a prominent citizen of Jefferson county, was born in Indiana county, Penn., in 1831, a son of Joseph and Emily (Alford) McLain. In the district schools he acquired his education, afterward learning the trade of harness making and saddlery, which business he prosperous followed for some years. He established a harness shop in Brookville, and had secured a liberal patronage, when the Civil war broke out, but he laid aside all business cares to respond to the call of his country for aid.

In 1861 our subject enlisted, for the nine months' service, in Company B, 135th P. V. I., of which he was made first lieutenant. On the expiration of that term he enlisted for six months, and on July 23, 1863, he became captain of Company B, Independent Battalion. At the end of the half year the war was still raging, and he once more went to the front, this time as captain of Company B, 211th P. V. I. He served throughout the campaign of that year, and won the praise of his superior officers, and the love and respect of those whom he commanded. He was a brave and valiant soldier, leading his men to victory, and at the siege of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, he gave his life in defense of the Union. Only the day before, he had been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. When the news of his death reached Brookville, a meeting of the citizens was held, in which resolutions were passed, expressing deep-felt sorrow over the melancholy event, as well as condolence and sympathy for the family. A committee of soldiers was appointed to take charge of the remains, also to make arrangements for the funeral, and on April 30, he was laid to rest in Brookville cemetery, with all the honors of a soldier's burial.

On September 7, 1853, Col. Charles McLain was married to Miss MARY HARRIS, daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Whittaker) Harris. Her father was born in Lancashire, England, and, coming to America, he, in 1842, located in Philadelphia, where for seven years he resided. He then came to Brookville, and there spent his declining years on a farm. He was a plasterer by trade, an occupation he followed in both England and Philadelphia, but later on account of failing health he took up agricultural pursuits. He died in 1888, respected by all who knew him; his wife passed away January 17, 1878. In religious belief they were Episcopalians. The marriage of Col. and Mrs. McLain was blessed with three children, the eldest of whom, Ellen H., is now deceased; Anna is engaged in the dressmaking and millinery business in Brookville, and Charles G. is a civil and mining engineer, but failing health has lately caused him to retire to farm life. Mrs. Col. McLain is one of the leading ladies of Brookville, being a valued addition to all society functions.

ROBERT O. MOORHEAD, a well-known and popular dentist of Brockwayville, was born March 11, 1852, in Elk county, Penn., a son of Robert W. and Olive (Brockway) Moorhead. On the paternal side he belongs to an old and honored pioneer family of this State, it being founded here by five brothers of Scotch-
Irish descent, who left their old home in the North of Ireland and located in Indiana county, Penn., becoming its first permanent settlers.

Robert W. Moorhead was born September 23, 1822, in Kittanning, spent his younger years in hard work, mainly in farming, and started out in life for himself about 1850 as a lumberman in the employ of the elder Dr. Bennett. Later he worked in a sawmill and subsequently entered the service of Chauncey Brockway, his future father-in-law. Being a man of great strength, industrious and obliging, he commanded higher wages than his fellow-workers, but met with misfortune while rafting, having one leg injured so badly that it had to be amputated. After his marriage in 1850, Robert W. Moorhead opened a store in Richfordville in connection with his brother, but at the end of two years came to Brockwayville, where he erected a commodious building, which he used both for a residence and store. As a dry-goods merchant he did an extensive business, his trade extending for miles around, and he was soon forced to enlarge his store room. During the early part of the Civil war he purchased the "Clements House" of Brookville, which his wife conducted while he continued to carry on the store at Brockwayville, but the task proved too much for her, breaking down her health, and he finally sold the place, after which she made a visit to her parents, who were then living near Chicago. For nine years prosperity crowned the efforts of Mr. Moorhead, but in the early '70's his health also failed, and he went to Colorado to recuperate, remaining there six months. Finding the climate unfavorable on his return home, he again went to Colorado, where he resided for four years. From 1879, however, until his death, September 8, 1887, he lived in Pennsylvania. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, while his wife, who died in June, 1879, was reared a Baptist, but soon after her marriage united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which Mr. Moorhead and his daughter later became connected. They had two sons and one daughter—Robert O. and J. W., both residents of Brockwayville; and Annie O., wife of Mr. Carrier, a leading lumberman of Carrier.

After completing his education in the schools of Brockwayville, Robert O. Moorhead, of this review, assisted his father in the store for a time and also established a small newspaper—the pioneer journal of the place. In 1872 he became part owner of the store and on selling out embarked in the drug business, which he conducted while serving a four-years' term as postmaster, being appointed to that position in 1880. He later engaged in the grocery trade for a number of years, but in the fall of 1887 entered a medical college of Philadelphia, where he pursued a course of lectures for one term. For the following two years he was a student in a dental college, where he graduated in 1890, and has since successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Brockwayville. He is also interested in the Bell Telephone Exchange, and is serving as secretary of the school board. Fraternally he is a member of Cicero Oil Lodge No. 897, I. O. O. F.; Charity Lodge No. 488, K. P.; Industry Castle; and Knights of the Golden Eagle. His ambition has been to acquire himself of life's duties honorably before all men, to improve his capabilities and opportunities, and to become of use in the world, and it is this spirit mainly that has made him one of the representative and prominent citizens of Jefferson county. In the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his estimable wife hold membership.

In 1872 Mr. Moorhead had married Miss Elizabeth Kearney, who was born in Ireland, in November, 1852, and came to America during her girlhood. She has three brothers living in Jefferson county and one sister in Philadelphia, but her parents died on the Emerald Isle. Four children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead: Lucian A., at home; William J., a graduate of a dental college, who is now practicing in Camden, N. J.; Robert W., who is attending school at Andover, Mass.; and Omar O., a student in the home schools.

E. GATHERS, an honored veteran of the Civil war, whose devotion was tested on many a Southern battlefield, is now a leading citizen of Corsica.

This gallant soldier was born in Clarion county, Penn., September 15, 1835, a son of Henry and Mary (Mitchell) Gathers, who were natives of Venango and Centre counties, Penn., respectively. They were married in Clarion county, where they reared a family of five children, namely: Rhoda J., wife of R. Matier; E. L., our subject; Mary A., wife of J. Matier; Felista, who died unmarried; and Ross, a resident of the city of Clarion. For many years the father engaged in milling, but later turned his attention to farming; he died on the old homestead in 1869, his widow in 1877. In religious faith they were Baptists. After completing his education in the common schools, E. L. Gathers remained upon the home farm until 1864, when he enlisted for three years, or during the war, in the 155th P. V. I. With the Army of the Potomac he saw some
hard service, his first engagement being the battle of the Wilderness, which was followed by many other important battles and skirmishes. At Hatcher's Run a bullet passed through his right thigh, splintering the bone, and another striking his right knee, glanced to the left thigh, shattering the bone so badly that amputation was necessary. The ball lodged in the hip, where it remains, and can be felt from the surface. The right limb healed nicely, but the left had to be amputated within six inches of the body while he was in the field hospital, February 6, 1865. Later he was taken to City Point, and shortly afterward to Baltimore, and at Pittsburg, in May, 1865, he was honorably discharged and paid off. After returning home it was some time before he was able to perform any work, and is still obliged to use crutches. He receives a pension of $45 per month, but he maintains that he is justly entitled to one of $72 for total disability, as besides the loss of his limb he contracted several diseases from which he has never recovered, and at the battle of Petersburg his hearing was impaired.

In 1839 our subject married Miss Catherine Flack, whose father was employed for some years in an iron furnace in Clarion county. Of the four children born to them, two died in infancy; those still living are: Henry H., a resident of Clarion; and Samuel R., a farmer by occupation. The wife and mother, who was a devout Methodist, passed away March 25, 1869, and on May 18, 1871, Mr. Gathers was again married, this time to Mrs. Sarah Carson, a most estimable lady, the widow of James Carson, whom she married in June, 1865, soon after his return from the army. He died January 18, 1870, leaving one son, H. C. Carson, who has been reared and educated by Mr. Gathers, and is still at home. Mrs. Gathers' ancestors came from various countries—Ireland, Wales and Germany—but her parents, Andrew and Anna (McElhaney: English, were American-born citizens, natives of Lawrence county, Penn., and honored pioneers of the central portion of the State. Her father, an agriculturist by occupation, died in Venango county, May 14, 1891. He was a Methodist. Her mother passed from earth in April, 1846. Their four children still survive, namely: Mrs. Delilah M. Confer; Samuel E., a resident of Michigan; Sarah, wife of our subject; and John A., of Clearfield county, Penn. In 1847 the father was married to Elizabeth Crawford.

Besides other property, Mr. and Mrs. Gathers have a comfortable home in the town of Conscia, and a few acres which he cultivates. They are prominent members of the Baptist Church, and are held in the highest esteem and respect by all who know them. He enjoys life as well as could be expected with his impaired health, and is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

ANTHONY BONNETT. America is indebted to Germany for some of her most competent workmen, and the subject of this sketch, whose handicraft shows a rare union of artistic taste and mechanical skill, is deserving of especial mention in a volume which aims to record the names of the leaders in various lines of effort. Coming from the Fatherland as a boy of seventeen, and compelled from the first to rely upon his own exertions for a livelihood, Mr. Bonnett was engaged in various undertakings before he obtained a foothold in the business of manufacturing guns and violins, in which he has achieved so marked a success.

He was born in Charlottenburg, Nassau, Germany, in 1833, and his parents, Henry Charles Bonnett and Elizabeth (Priester), were also natives of that country. The father died there, but the mother came to Pennsylvania to pass her declining years, her death occurring in 1873. Mr. Bonnett attended school in his native land until he reached the age of fourteen, when he secured employment in the lead, silver and copper mines near his home. Three years later he crossed the ocean, being seven weeks in crossing in the sailship "Chesapeake," and on his arrival in this country he located at Pike Furnace, Clarion Co., Penn., engaging in the mining of iron ore. He remained in this vicinity about three years, and then went to Clarion, Penn., where he learned the gunsmith's trade. After working at that business for a time he moved to Catfish, on the Allegheny river, and remained one year.

Some lands north of Brookville attracted his attention, and he spent a year in clearing land, but returned then to Pike Furnace. In 1860 he moved to the vicinity of Reynoldsville, Penn., and in 1864 he went to Brookville, where he followed his trade and also learned the art of photography. The year 1868 found him in Clarion county, pursuing the two occupations, and from 1879 to 1882 he was engaged in agriculture. On leaving the farm he established himself in his present business in Brookville. Some time ago he made a study of violin construction, and he has made some of the best instruments in use in this section. In fact, Mr. Bonnett is a genius in his way, and his artistic ability is manifested in all that he undertakes, some specimens of his ornamental pennmanship being especially noteworthy. As a citizen he is progressive, as a
business man straightforward, and his fellow
townsmen hold him in high esteem.

In 1857, Mr. Bonnett married Miss Elizabeth
Gibbs, of Clarion county, Penn., and seven chil-
dren have blessed their union: Mary Elizabeth;
Rebecca Jane (deceased); Harriet A., wife of W. J.
Shaffer, of Brookville; Anna Elmina, the wife
of Louis N. Kline, of Montana; John C., a ma-
chinist and electrician; Olive Clementine; and
William H., a druggist. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnett
attend the Presbyterian Church. Politically our
subject has been identified with the Democratic
party heretofore, but at the present time he looks
above all party movements.

PHILIP D. WOLFE, a prominent lumberman
of Bell township, Jefferson county, is a na-
tive of Schuylkill county, Penn., born in Decem-
ber, 1836, a son of John A. and Catharine
(Boyer) Wolfe, who were born, reared and mar-
ried there, but during the childhood of our sub-
ject removed to Beaver county, this State, where
the father followed farming. In 1844, how-
ever, he went to North Mahoning township, Indiana
county, where he purchased a farm and made his
home until called to his final rest at the age of
eighty-five. After surviving him for a number
of years, his wife also died on the old homestead in
Indiana county, in 1884, at the advanced age of
ninety-five.

In the family of John A. and Catharine Wolfe
were four children, all born in Schuylkill county.
Those other than Philip D. are: (1) Henry ac-
companied his parents on their removal to Indiana
county, but after reaching man's estate drifted
westward, since which time nothing has been
heard of him. (2) Catharine grew to woman-
hood in Beaver county, where she married
Christopher C. Smith, a native of Germany, and
they also removed to Indiana county, where she
died some years ago. He was a leader of a regi-
mental band during the Civil war, and has
been dead for some years. Their several children
still reside in Indiana county. (3) Eve married
Henry Friar, of Beaver county, by whom she
has several children, and they also make their
home in Indiana county.

Philip D. received a fair common-school edu-
cation, and remained on the old home in Indiana
county until sixteen years of age, when he left the
parental roof and for some time was employed in
iron works in Armstrong and Clarion counties,
Penn. Later he entered the service of the
Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as fireman on
the Huntingdon & Broadtop railroad, where he
remained for two years, and then accepted a
position as engineer in a sawmill, with which
business he has since been connected. In 1860
he was united in marriage with Miss Mary
Weaver, of Jefferson county, a daughter of
George and Margaret Weaver, well-to-do farming
people of Young township. They became the
parents of two sons: (1) Thornton C., born in
Indiana county, in 1861, received a good com-
mon-school education, and as he grew to man-
hood followed his father's profession, being em-
ployed as engineer in different mills. He married
Emma Spindler, of Bell township, a daughter of
Charles A. and Eve Spindler, and then located
on his father-in-law's property. Subsequently
he bought what is known as the John Grube
property, where he now resides. His children
are—Annie, John, Charles S., Elizabeth and
Gilbert, all at home. (2) John H., the youngest
son, was born in Indiana county, in 1863, and
died in Young township, Jefferson county, at the
age of seventeen.

After his marriage, Philip D. Wolfe was en-
gineer in the sawmill of Colonel Brady in Indiana
county until enlisting in Company D, 7th P. V. I.,
under Capt. Swartz, and was sworn into
the United States service at Greensburg, West-
moreland Co., Penn., where the regiment was
assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, under
General Thomas. After participating in the
battle of Nashville, Tenn., he was held as a guard
at that city until after the surrender of Lee, and
was honorably discharged in that place in Sep-
tember, 1865, his regiment being among the last
to be mustered out. Returning to his home, Mr.
Wolfe purchased a sawmill in Young township,
Jefferson county, where he engaged in the manu-
facture of sawed lumber until 1872, when he
sold out to C. A. Spenley, and built a steam mill
at Harmony. After operating that for four years
he built a planing-mill at Punxsutawney, where
he remained for three years, and on disposing of
that property in 1885, bought a tract of land on
the south fork of Elk run, where he erected a
steam sawmill, and has since successfully engaged
in the manufacture of lumber. He has made
good use of his opportunities, has prospered from
year to year, has conducted all business matters
carefully and successfully, and in all his acts dis-
plays an aptitude for successful management.

Reared as a Whig, Mr. Wolfe joined the
ranks of the Republican party on attaining his
majority, and has since been one of its earnest
advocates. For five years he held the office of
justice of the peace in Young township, and was
also constable there for one year. In religious
belief he and his wife are Baptists, and in social
circles they occupy an enviable position. He
possessed to a full measure all the sterling qualities for which his Colonial ancestors were noted, and his honesty and integrity are never doubted. At all times and under all circumstances he has been found a loyal and patriotic citizen, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

JOSEPH D. ORR (deceased) was for many years a leading and influential citizen of Jefferson county. Only those lives are worthy of record that have been potential factors in the public progress in promoting the general welfare or advancing the educational or moral interests of the community. Mr. Orr was ever faithful to his duties of citizenship, and by the successful conduct of his business interests not only promoted his individual success, but also advanced the general prosperity. He was born February 5, 1837, in Philadelphia, and died March 27, 1894. In his life span of fifty-seven years he accomplished much, and left behind an honorable record well worthy of perpetuation.

He was a son of William and Martha (Dunn) Orr, natives of County Derry, Ireland, who, on coming to America in 1837, took up their residence in Philadelphia. Shortly after the birth of their son, Joseph D., they removed to Clarion county, Penn., and in 1839 came to Jefferson county, before the town of Corsica was laid out. The father secured a tract of land, and in the midst of the wilderness developed a farm, upon which he remained until his death, when he was aged eighty-two years. His wife survived him until March 26, 1897, passing away at the age of eighty-three. For fifty-two years they were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were Joseph D., William J., John H., Matilda M. and Nancy J. (both deceased), Thomas E., Albert S., and George B. McClellan. Of these, William J. was a soldier of the Civil war, and the exposure and hardships brought on a fever from which he died in hospital at Baltimore.

Joseph D. Orr was reared to the honest pursuits of a farm, and, when about eighteen years of age, began working in the lumber woods. Four years later (in 1860) he began contracting on a large tract of land for the firm of Hall & Darrah, with which he continued for three and one-half years. He then purchased timber lands, and from that time until his death engaged in the lumber business on his own account. In his efforts he was successful, and after some years purchased a farm and carried on agricultural pursuits in connection with lumbering. He also conducted a planing-mill and extended his operations as a lumber manufacturer until his business had assumed extensive proportions. At the time of his death he was connected with a firm owning large tracts of land in Elk county. He possessed excellent business ability, keen sagacity, great energy and sound judgment, and by the exercise of these qualities accumulated a large estate, which he divided among his wife and children before his death.

On the eve of the contract above mentioned, December 27, 1860, Mr. Orr was married to Miss Mary J. Gaston, and took his wife directly to his lumber camp, and the first meal she cooked was for sixteen lumbermen. She is a representative of an honored pioneer family of Jefferson county, and a daughter of Robert and Eliza (Manners) Gaston. Her father was a native of Westmoreland county, and with his parents came to Jefferson county at an early day. Entering a tract of land he developed therefrom an excellent farm, and won success in his undertakings. There he remained until his later years, but he now makes his home with one of his daughters. His first wife died in 1855. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. They had a family of three children: James M., who died in childhood; Mary J. (now Mrs. Orr); and John C., a farmer of Kansas. By his second marriage, this time with Mrs. Mary Davis, Mr. Gaston had four children: William R. (deceased); Robert M., a farmer of the State of Washington; Mrs. Emma Ingraham; and Mrs. Laura Brady, with whom the father resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Orr had a family of eight children, namely: William R., who died at the age of eight years; Lizzie M., wife of Adam J. Elder; Ferdinand W., who died at the age of six years; Matilda M., who died at the age of nine months; Bertha J., wife of H. T. Baker; Elva S., who died at the age of five months; Maggie J., who died at the age of twenty years; and Nannie O., at home. An adopted son, Joseph R., now a lad of eight summers, has lived with Mrs. Orr since he was five weeks old.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Orr were numbered among the leading members of Pisgah Presbyterian Church, with which Mrs. Orr is still connected. Mr. Orr first became a member of the Church when nineteen years of age, and his entire life was in harmony with his profession. His last illness was attended with much suffering, but he bore it all with Christian patience and fortitude. He was a man of the highest respectability, and these who were most intimately associated with him speak in unqualified terms of
his sterling integrity, his honor in business, and his fidelity to all duties of public and private life. He was faithful to his Church, to his country and his friends, and in his home he was a most exemplary husband and father. His death occasioned the deepest regret throughout the community, and Jefferson county thereby lost one of its most valued citizens. Mrs. Orr is an estimable lady, of many sterling qualities, and has a large circle of friends in the community.

THOMAS C. ANDERSON, to whose able management and genial manner the "Hotel Anderson," at Big Run, Jefferson county, owes its popularity, was born in Armstrong county, Penn., August 15, 1836, and both of his parents were natives of this State. The father, David Anderson, was a farmer in early life, but later engaged in coal mining. His death occurred in Armstrong county, in 1848, and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Kerr, preceded him by about two years, breathing her last in 1846.

The death of his parents left our subject to make his own way in life from an early age, and his educational opportunities were but meagre. For three years he made his home with an uncle and worked in a coal mine, and at sixteen he began to work in the pine woods of Jefferson county, where he was residing at the outbreak of the Civil war. Mr. Anderson was among the first to respond to the call for defenders of the old flag, and he continued in the service until peace was declared. He went to the front as a member of Company I, 62nd P. V. I., and during his three years of active service with this regiment received two wounds, neither of which proved serious. At the end of his term he re-enlisted, his regiment being consolidated with the 153rd Pennsylvania Zouaves. Among the important engagements in which he had a part was the last struggle at Appomattox, where his company was sent out on the skirmish line.

At the close of the war he returned to Big Run, where he has ever since resided with the exception of eleven years in Clearfield county. In 1892 he engaged in the hotel business, and finding the occupation congenial he has continued it with growing success. During the summer of 1896 he erected his present handsome and commodious hosteltry, which contains fourteen rooms, all large and airy, and it is fitted up with all modern conveniences. The home-like atmosphere no less than the new and elegant appointments make it an attractive spot to a traveler, and this fact the public has not been slow to appreciate.

Mr. Anderson was married, in 1855, to Miss Hannah Jane Kerr, of Big Run, an excellent helpmeet, who is prominent in philanthropic work as a member of the M. E. Church. Ten children have blessed their union: Joseph M., a resident of Big Run; David H., of Du Bois, Penn.; Thomas R., of Big Run; Elmina J., wife of Peter Gallagher; Alfred P. (deceased); Anna (deceased); Alonzo G., who is in the hotel business with his father; Bertha (deceased); Maria, wife of Peter Somes; and Miss Katie E. Anderson, who is at home. Politically Mr. Anderson is a Democrat, and he has always taken keen interest in public questions, but although he has at times held local office he has never aspired to be a professional politician.

JOHN R. TRIMBLE. Longfellow wrote, "We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what we have already done." If this golden sentence of the New England poet were universally applied, many a man who is now looking down with haughty stare upon the noble toilers of land and sea, sneering at the cut of a neighbor's coat or the humbleness of his dwelling, would be voluntarily doing penance in sackcloth and ashes, at the end of which he would handle a spade, or, with pen in hand, burn the midnight oil in his study, in the endeavor to widen the bounds of liberty or to accelerate the material and spiritual progress of his race. A bright example of one of the world's workers is the man whose name introduces this review, now the pioneer merchant of Hazen, Jefferson county.

Mr. Trimble was born August 13, 1836, in Armstrong county, Penn., a son of William and Elvira (Reddick) Trimble, the latter a daughter of an old pioneer minister of the Presbyterian Church of Armstrong county, who was of English descent. Arthur Trimble, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was of Scotch-Irish origin, and a farmer by occupation. In 1804, during the Indian wars in Pennsylvania, he held a commission in the Pennsylvania militia. He was accidentally killed by a falling tree while cutting a road from Saltsburg to Greensburg. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, to which Church the parents of our subject also belonged. William Trimble was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., where his father had located in an early day, and, in 1865, the son came to Jefferson county to superintend a tannery, but later assisted our subject in the store. Removing to Blairsville, Penn.
he died there in May, 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. His wife had previously passed to the world beyond, dying in 1884. They had only two children: John R., of this review; and Mrs. Elizabeth France, who resided in Westmoreland county, and died in 1893.

After pursuing his studies for some time in the common schools, John R. Trimble attended the academy at Freeport, and was thus ably fitted for the responsible duties of a business life. With his father he learned the tanner's trade and also became familiar with agricultural pursuits, but throughout the greater part of his career he has devoted his time and attention to merchandising. On coming to Hazen in 1861, he opened a store in partnership with A. B. Hosick, to whom, in the fall of 1862, he sold his interest, but the following year again embarked in business, this time with T. M. Vasbinder. With different partners he continued operations until 1873, when his store was burned to the ground, causing a heavy loss as it was not insured, but with his characteristic energy he was again ready for business twenty-eight days later. He carries a full and complete stock of general merchandise, does an extensive business with the farmers of the surrounding country by exchanging goods for produce of all kinds. His straightforward course and honorable dealing have won for him the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact. For some time he engaged in the sawmill business, bought and sold lumber, shingles, etc., but now he devotes his time principally to mercantile pursuits, for which he seems especially fitted.

As a Republican, Mr. Trimble has taken quite an active interest in political affairs; he has served as school director, auditor, justice of the peace for the long period of twenty years, and postmaster of Hazen for a number of years. In all the relations of life he has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, has proved a most capable official, and has been prominently identified with the progress and development of his adopted county. He and his estimable wife hold membership with the Presbyterian Church.

Returning to Westmoreland county in 1862, Mr. Trimble was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Graham, who was born in that county in 1838, and is a daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Blackburn) Graham, prominent citizens and honored pioneers of Westmoreland county. In early life the father was a teamster, but later followed farming. His children were: John, Joseph, Robert, Abram, Sarah J., Maria and Catherine. To Mr. and Mrs. Trimble were born two children—Bertha, who died in 1888, at the age of twenty-three years; and Harvey, a commercial traveler, who is married and has two children.

B. H. WHITEHILL, Esq., who has efficiently served as justice of the peace since 1892, is a well-known citizen of Falls Creek, Washington township. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Limestone township, Clarion county, in 1855, a son of Barton and Mary (Allison) Whitehill.

The father was born in 1819, in Centre county, Penn., of which the grandfather, John Whitehill, was an honored pioneer, but at an early day removed to Clarion county, where his death occurred. In the latter county, Barton Whitehill was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys at that period, and there continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1887. His estimable wife, however, is still living on the old homestead in Limestone township. In their family were the following named children: R. C., who is a resident of Millcreek township, Clarion county; B. H., of this sketch; W. A., of Limestone township, Clarion county; George B., editor of the Clarion Jacksonian, and a resident of Clarion, Penn.; Mrs. S. J. Stewart, of Brookville, Penn.; Mary A., who is with her mother; Mrs. M. A. McIntosh, of Elk county, Penn.; and one, now deceased, whose name is not given.

After attending the public schools of Clarion for some time, B. H. Whitehill pursued his studies in the Corsica Academy, where he completed his literary education. Coming to Jefferson county, in 1877, he began lumbering in Knox township, and later removed to Elder township, embarking in general merchandising in Howe, where he remained until his removal to Falls Creek in 1890. There he erected a substantial two-story building, in which he engaged in the same business for two years; but since being elected justice of the peace he has given his attention chiefly to the duties of that office.

In Jefferson county, in 1878, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Amanda M. Barber, a native of Knox township, Jefferson county, where her parents, Jefferson S. and Rachel (Matthews) Barber, located at an early day, and there her mother still resides, but her father died in Clarion county. Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife: Arthur B., Pearl J., Eva M., and R. Claire. The father of these uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and is a
prominent member of Falls Creek Lodge No. 957, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs, and which he has represented in the grand lodge. He has made an unmarred record and an unspotted reputation as a business man. In all places and under all circumstances, he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position.

JACOB A. WALTER, M. D., whose ability in the line of his profession ranks him with the leading physicians of Punxsutawney and Jefferson county, was born near York, Penn., in 1860. His parents, John and Rebecca (Stump) Walter, were also natives of Pennsylvania, and the father is still living at his childhood's home. His life has been a quiet and uneventful one, devoted to agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Walter passed away in 1891.

The Doctor pursued his education in the schools of his native town, and afterward engaged in teaching with excellent success through eight consecutive years. In 1882 he took up the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. O. C. Brickley, of York, Penn., and through the three succeeding years his time was given to the study of medicine and to teaching school. He then entered the Hahnemann Medical College, where he was graduated in the class of 1887, after which he spent nine months in the office of Dr. W. Vanvleat. On the expiration of that period he came to Punxsutawney, but after practicing for six months went to New York, where he pursued a post-graduate course. He also took a special course in the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, throat and nose, and has ever been a close student of his chosen profession, making continued advancement along the lines of progress. In September, 1889, he returned to Punxsutawney, where he has since successfully engaged in practice, retaining the large patronage, which indicates his skill and the confidence reposed in him by the public.

In 1892, Dr. Walter married to Miss Florence Condron, of Smicksburg, Penn., and they have an interesting daughter, Eleanor Daily. The Doctor and his wife are members of the English Lutheran Church, and socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also the Knights of the Maccabees. He takes no active part in politics, but his sympathies are with the Prohibition party. He belongs to the Homeopathic Medical Society of Central Pennsylvania, also to the State Homeopathic Medical Society, and in his chosen calling is meeting with that success which results from earnest effort, close application and a thorough and comprehensive understanding of the science.

GEORGE W. RICHARDS, of Brookville, Jefferson county, has an enviable reputation in that community both as a citizen and as a business man. In the hour of the country's peril from rebellion he was among the first to offer himself in her defense, and although a wound sent him from the front to join the home guard, he took up arms again as opportunity arose.

He is a Pennsylvanian by birth, as were both his parents. His father, David Richards, was born probably in Centre county, but spent his life mainly in Lycoming and Jefferson counties, his energies being devoted to the quiet and useful calling of agriculture. He died in 1878, followed some years later by his estimable wife, Christina Pfeiffer, a native of Lycoming county.

George W. Richards was born April 27, 1837, in Lycoming county, and as his parents needed his help at home his attendance at the schools of the neighborhood, inferior as they were, was quite limited. He remained under the parental roof until the age of twenty-one, when he went to Brookville and spent one season as a teamster. He then transferred his field of operations to the North Fork, where he was hauling lumber when the war broke out. He enlisted in Company I, 62d P. V. I., and was in active service twenty-two months, taking part in all of the engagements in which his company joined during that time. At Malvern Hill he received a gun-shot wound in the right leg, being hit with a spent ball, which caused varicose veins, for which, some six months afterward, he was discharged. Locating at Brookville he engaged in shingle manufacturing, and in 1864 he again entered the military service, joining in the Morgan Raid. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in contracting and lumbering, with the exception of three or four years spent in mercantile pursuits. He has a comfortable home at Brookville, his buildings being both substantial and tasteful.

In May, 1863, he was married to Miss Catherine Penrose, of Ross township, Jefferson county. Seven children have blessed this union, of whom six are living, viz.: Willard Wade; Clarinda Ella, wife of A. M. Wadding; Laura Levina, wife of I. F. Davis; Amer: Ray Henry, and Clinton, the three last mentioned being still at home. Mr. Richards and his wife are active workers in the M. E. Church, and he holds the office of steward. With his war record, he is also a member of the G. A. R. He is a Re-
publican, but has no aspirations for political
place, although he has served as road com-
missioner when chosen to that post of duty.

JOHN R. PANTALL is a leading factor in
commercial circles in Punxsutawney, and has
attained prestige in business pursuits by the
exercise of those qualities which never fail to
command success—energy, enterprise and good
management. To-day he ranks among the lead-
ing citizens of Punxsutawney, and well merits
the high regard which is given him in trade and
social circles.

Mr. Pantall was born August 10, 1838, at
Port Barnett, Jefferson county, a son of James
and Elizabeth (Reece) Pantall. His father was
born in 1797, in England, and in 1825 came to
America, taking up his residence in Philipsburg,
Centre Co., Penn. There he worked for Hard-
man Philips, who established one of the first
screw factories in the United States. He was a
miller by trade, however, and afterward con-
ducted business along that line at Port Barnett
until 1839, when he came to Punxsutawney.
Here he engaged in the milling business for five
years, and then purchased and moved to the
farm now owned by our subject. There he spent
the remainder of his life, and in his agricultural
pursuits won prosperity. He died in 1892 at the
advanced age of eighty-four years. His estimable
wife was a native of Herefordshire, England, and
died in April, 1867.

John R. Pantall had only the advantages of
the common schools in his youth, and these
were inferior in their methods of instruction. He
vividly recalls the first Sabbath-school which he
ever attended, it being held in a little building
with puncheon floor and seats formed of logs into
which pegs were driven. He assisted in the work
of the home farm until seventeen years of age
when he engaged in the lumber business, and, for
thirty years, he followed that pursuit, his indus-
try and steady application bringing to him a
comfortable competence. His labors were in-
terrupted in 1864 by his enlistment in Company
B, 7th P. V. L., in which he served until the
close of the war. Returning to his home Mr.
Pantall resumed lumbering, which he followed
continuously until 1894. During all that time he
carried on his farm and engaged in stock deal-
ing. He has always been a thrifty and progress-
ive citizen, following the most improved
methods in the conduct of his business. He came to
Punxsutawney in 1891, and is now the owner of
valuable property there. He was one of the or-
ganizers of the First National Bank of Punxsu-
tawney. For many years he has been identified
with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He
is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.
In politics he has always been an ardent Demo-
crat, and came within forty-two votes of being
elected county sheriff at a time when the county
was largely Republican. A friend of education,
he has given to his children excellent advantages
in that direction. He has always supported the
measures that have tended to develop the coun-
ty's best interests. In 1860 Mr. Pantall was mar-
rried to Miss Margaret F. Mahaffey, daughter of
James Mahaffey, of Centre county. She died in
October, 1861, and in 1865 he was married to
Mrs. Martha J. Douglass, daughter of David and
Ester (Terry) Benton, of Clarksburg, W. Va.
Her father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and
a cousin of the statesman, Hon. Thomas Benton,
of Missouri.

Mrs. Pantall had one daughter by her first
marriage, Kate Douglass, now the wife of Dr. J.
M. Grube, of Lindsey. Her uncle, William H.
Douglass, was a very prominent citizen. He was
appointed, by President Lincoln, one of the com-
missioners to separate West Virginia from the
Old Dominion. Our subject and wife have two
sons and four daughters, namely: John Irvin,
who for nine years has been connected with the
First National Bank of Punxsutawney, is mar-
rried to Miss Agnes McGuire, of Albion, Erie Co.,
Penn.; Bertha (deceased) was the wife of Dr.
John Grube, of Braddock, Penn.; Della M. (also
deceased); Fannie F. was educated at Wayne-
burg College, Penn.; while Lulu May and Walter
Benton are graduates of the Punxsutawney High
School. The parents of these are members of
the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which
Mr. Pantall is serving as elder.

SEBASTIAN CASPER CHRIST, an active
and energetic citizen of Brookville, and pro-
 prietor of the well-known Brookville Brewery,
was born in Hesse-Nassau, Germany, in 1838,
a son of Sebastian and Agnes (Steinmetz) Christ.
who spent their entire lives in that country.
There our subject obtained a liberal education in
the common schools, which he attended until
fourteen years of age, and for nine months was a
student in the high school.

In 1854 Mr. Christ bade farewell to friends
and native land and sailed for America, stopping
first in New York City for about six months. He
then came to Brookville, Penn., but remained
only a few weeks, going thence to Indiana,
Penn., where he served an apprenticeship to the
saddler's trade. He then set out as a journey-
man, working at his trade in various places in this State, including Pittsburg. In 1838 he returned to Brookville, where he opened a harness and saddle store of his own, conducting the same for three years with good success. On selling out in 1861, Mr. Christ returned to his native land, where he spent about fourteen months, and on the expiration of that period again crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of Brookville. Here he established a brewery, which he has since successfully carried on, manufacturing about 3,000 barrels of beer annually, and his trade extending throughout Brookville and for forty miles in the surrounding country. In 1895 he met with a misfortune, his brewery being destroyed by fire, but with his characteristic energy he at once rebuilt, and his plant is furnished with all modern improved appliances.

In January, 1861, Mr. Christ was united in marriage with Miss Florence C. Smith, a daughter of John Smith, one of the prominent citizens and pioneers of Jefferson county. Six children bless this union, namely: John S., who was born when his parents were on a visit to Germany, and is now in the employ of his father; Frederick S., a resident of Brookville; Kate D., wife of W. E. Snyder, a blacksmith, of the same place; Mary, wife of Harry Smathers, a harness dealer of Brookville; Frank, also of Brookville; and Eva. The father of these, since becoming an American citizen, has always affiliated with the Democratic party, but at present is anxiously awaiting a satisfactory settlement of the financial question. He is a man of decided views, sound judgment and common sense, and it is his desire to deal fairly and honestly with his fellow men.

ALBERT REYNOLDS. Men blessed with the gift of foresight are often to be envied. It is a precious attribute, and in business affairs it blazes the path that leads to honor and success. The pioneers, who left homes of comfort and penetrated the deep recesses of a wilderness to carve out anew a local habitation and a name, were brave men indeed, and their courage won the meed of fertile lands and peaceful homes. Twice blessed were they, who discerned in the new land its future possibilities, who had the courage of their convictions, and who moulded their actions along the lines of growth and development, unperceived by the masses.

The subject of this sketch, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Reynolds- ville, Jefferson county, proprietor and manager of the opera house, and an extensive real-estate operator, is a native of the town wherein he now resides, and his dwelling place is a portion of the old homestead. He has witnessed the transformation scene from wilderness to modern culture, save in its earliest manifestations, and before him his father, Woodward Reynolds, led the band of hardy pioneers, to whom is due the credit of earliest occupancy in that locality. Woodward Reynolds was in many ways a remarkable man. He was born at Kittanning, Armstrong county, Penn., in January, 1810, son of David and Mary (Woodward) Reynolds, who were representatives of a thrifty, energetic and prominent people. David Reynolds followed general farming, and also conducted a prosperous hotel business at Kittanning. After a busy and successful life, he died at that place at a ripe old age. In politics he was a Democrat, and he and his good wife were members of the Episcopal Church. Woodward Reynolds remained with his parents on a farm at Kittanning until his marriage in April, 1838, to Miss Amelia A. Ross. The young couple immediately started for a home in the wilderness, and came to the present site of Reynoldsville, then an unbroken forest. Arriving here he took up 300 acres of land, which was the gift of his father. When he first arrived he moved into a log cabin, called Potter house, which he occupied until 1850. It stood on the spot where his son Albert, subject of this sketch, now resides. When Mr. Reynolds settled here his nearest neighbor, John Fuller, lived three miles away. Mr. Reynolds from time to time added to his land until he became the owner of 1,100 acres, for which he paid only $1.50 per acre. He kept a "public house" at his log cabin, as the hostleries of that day were known, and in 1850 he caused a sensation in that part of the county by erecting the brick hotel, which now stands at the corner of Woodward and Main streets. He felled his own timber and burned his own brick for the new venture. It contained twelve rooms and two large halls, and people shook their heads and muttered to each other and said that Mr. Reynolds must have gone completely daft to build so fine and large a hotel at Reynoldsville. It has since been enlarged, and was sold by Mrs. Reynolds in 1887. This noted pioneer died January 21, 1861, and is buried in Beulah cemetery.

His widow still survives, a bright old lady now in her eighty-first year, whose misfortune it was, in July, 1892, to be injured by a serious fall, from the effects of which she has not fully recovered. She was born at Philadelphia, Penn., June 5, 1817, a daughter of John and Susan (Hay) Ross, natives of England, who in early life had emigrated to America. John and Susan
Ross were married at Philadelphia December 23, 1813, and three years later removed to Worthington, Armstrong Co., Penn., where George Ross became county surveyor, and for twenty years he taught school. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church. They lived for many years at Worthington, and there died and were buried. Mrs. Reynolds lives at the old homestead with her daughter, Ida M., and both are members of the Presbyterian Church. The children of Woodward and Amelia A. Reynolds are as follows: David, a farmer of Reynolds ville, Penn.; John, who died at Reynolds ville September 26, 1871, aged thirty-one years and fourteen days; Albert, subject of this sketch, born April 23, 1842; Mary, wife of Cassius Gibson, a merchant of Reynolds ville; Joanna, who died December 25, 1866, aged nineteen years, two months and twenty-eight days; Isabella, who died July 9, 1848, aged two years; Minerva, wife of L. L. Seely, a farmer living in Kansas; Harriet, wife of Joseph Morrow, a Reynolds ville merchant; Richard, who died October 31, 1880, aged twenty-six years; Ida M., living with her mother at Reynolds ville; Lida T., wife of Frank P. Miller, of Reynolds ville; and Susan, wife of Charles Montgomery, a railroad engineer living at Sligo, Pennsylvania.

Albert Reynolds was a youth of nineteen years, living with his parents, when the Rebellion opened. He enlisted August 29, 1861, for three years, in Company H, 105th P. V. I., with Captain A. H. Tracy, and later, Captain Conser. The 105th saw hard service when Mr. Reynolds was with it. He participated in many severe engagements, including the battles of Fredericksburg, Williamsburg, the Wilderness, etc., but through it all he escaped without wounds. He was honorably discharged August 29, 1864. Returning home he did not for several years actively engage in business. In 1870 he became interested in real estate, and has since been largely identified with transactions of that character. A year later he was appointed notary public, and has since continuously served in that capacity. In 1886 he was elected chief burgess of Reynolds ville, and in 1893 was elected councilman for a term of three years. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic Order, and is also a member of Reynolds ville Post, and of the G. A. R. In politics he is a stanch Republican. Mr. Reynolds is one of the leading citizens of Reynolds ville, and, aside from the prestige that is rightfully his by virtue of his long and intimate identification with its many interests, his natural business talents have won for him a commanding respect and esteem from his fellowmen.

In July, 1881, Mr. Reynolds was married to Mrs. Julia A. (Howlett) Green, who was born in Reynolds ville November 27, 1851, daughter of George and Laura (Ferris) Howlett. George Howlett was an Englishman by birth, who emigrated to America in 1845. He settled first in New York State, and in 1850 came to Reynolds ville, where he engaged in lumbering. Here his wife died in 1858, aged thirty years. Mr. Howlett enlisted in Company H, 105th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Fair Oaks May 3, 1862, aged thirty-five years, leaving children, as follows: Jennie, now wife of J. S. Morley, a retired merchant at Andover, Ohio; Julia A., wife of our subject; John W., a mine operator at Reynolds ville; Mary, wife of Milton Sloppy, constable at Du Bois, Penn.; Gordon, a tanner at Sterling, Iowa, and George, a carpenter at Andover, Ohio.

JOHN A. NEWCOME, M. D., of Sigel, Jefferson county, stands to-day as one of the most prominent representatives of the medical profession in his section of the State. By the exercise of his natural and acquired powers, and the improvement of every opportunity which has come to him, he has succeeded in securing an enviable prestige in his chosen calling.

Our subject was born in Perry township, Jefferson county, June 21, 1865, and is a son of George W. and Sarah J. (Jordan) Newcome, who were born, reared and married in that county, where both families were established at an early day. The paternal grandfather, John Newcome, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, became a pioneer of Jefferson county, where his death occurred, and the maternal grandfather, Alexander Jordan, also an early settler, improved a farm here, and died thereon at the age of sixty-five. In religious belief he was a Cumberland Presbyterian. Mrs. Newcome was the eldest of his five children, the others being Phoebe, Emma, James and Joseph. George W. Newcome, father of our subject, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Perry township, where after his marriage he improved a farm in the midst of the forest, and in connection with agricultural pursuits became extensively interested in lumbering. He is still one of the honored and highly esteemed citizens of that township. His wife, who departed this life April 11, 1897, held membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In their family were nine children, namely: Oran: John A., our subject; William C., a physician of Big Run, Jefferson county; Irvin L.; Ella; Anna M., deceased; Edward M., a me-
Dr. Newcome was reared upon the home farm, and acquired his literary education in the country schools, after which he successfully engaged in teaching for nine terms. In the meantime, under the direction of Dr. W. F. Byer, he began reading medicine, which he continued for about four years, a part of the time under the preceptorship of another physician. In 1890 he entered the Western Pennsylvania Medical College at Pittsburg, where for two years he attended lectures, and, after his graduation in 1892, located at Sigel, where he succeeded Dr. J. C. Wilson in his practice. He has met with excellent results, and merits and receives the confidence of the entire community as well as a liberal share of the public patronage. He is a member of the County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On August 15, 1889, Dr. Newcome was united in marriage with Miss Ella May Gourley, who was born December 5, 1865, a daughter of Crawford and Ellen (Grube) Gourley, early settlers of Jefferson county. Crawford Gourley was born and reared on a farm in that county, and for a number of years successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, later turning his attention to merchandising in Punxsutawney for a few years, but has since returned to the farm, where he still resides. His children are: Minnie and Ella May (twins), the former being the wife of O. F. Beldell, a civil engineer, and the latter the wife of our subject; Molly J., wife of Dr. H. Stunkard; Russell C., a practicing physician; and David G., a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Gourley are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, with which Dr. Newcome and his wife are also connected, while socially he affiliates with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Knights of Pythias. They have two children: Virginia B., born February 24, 1893; and Leila May, born March 9, 1896.

Thomas Gourley, Mrs. Newcome's paternal grandfather, was born in Ireland, came to America at an early day, settling in Perry township. He married Eleanor Adams, and had a numerous family of children.

As a citizen he is highly esteemed for his excellent qualities, and on more than one occasion he has been called to take some local office, being at present a member of the borough council.

Mr. Stoner was born October 12, 1840, in Blair county, Penn., the son of George and Rachel (Noble) Stoner, both of whom were born, reared and married in that county. The father, who was a lock-tender on a canal, died between 1850 and 1860, and his wife survived him but a few years. At the time of her death there were four children living: (2) Margaret, who was born in Blair county, married James Owens, of Clearfield county, and resided at Clearfield where Mr. Owens died some years ago, leaving five children—Elizabeth, now Mrs. John Re- nard; Rebecca, Mrs. James Wood; and Mary, Nannie and George, who are at home. (3) Emma, also born in Blair county, received a common-school education, and was married to George Reama, of Brady township, Clearfield county. They went to Michigan and later to Coffee county, Kansas, where she died leaving two sons—Dan and Scot. (4) George, a native of Blair county, at the age of eighteen enlisted early in the Civil war, in the 125th P. V. L., and died from fever while in the service. He was not married.

A. B. Stoner, the eldest of the children, was taken to Jefferson county when a boy by an uncle, Christian Stoner, and not long after his arrival he made his home with Joseph Keller, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, with whom he remained until 1861. He then enlisted in Company I, 62nd P. V. L., with Captain Robert Means, of Brookville, and after being sworn into the State service at Pittsburg they went to Harrisburg where they took the oath as soldiers under the general government. They were then sent to Washington by way of Baltimore, and on receiving their equipment, marched across the river to Arlington Heights, where they spent the following winter drilling and doing picket duty. In the spring of 1862 they marched down the Potomac to Fortress Monroe, and joining Mc- Clellan's forces proceeded to Yorktown to engage in the siege. After the evacuation of that place they marched toward Richmond, skirmishing all the way, and at Hanover Court House they had a sharp fight. Later they were in the seven-days' struggle on the Peninsula, participating in the battles of Gaines Hill, White Oak Swamp, where they fought all day, and Malvern Hill, where both sides sustained severe losses.

For some time Mr. Stoner's regiment was encamped on the James river, but they finally received orders to march by way of Aquia Creek to
Fredericksburg and on to Bull Run, where they arrived in time for the famous second battle. Returning to Washington, they were next sent on to campaign through Maryland, meeting the enemy at Mine Run and driving them across the river, and then advancing to Hagerstown, where Mr. Stoner was taken ill with fever. He spent six weeks in a hospital in Philadelphia, on the corner of Sixteenth and Filbert streets, and was then taken to a convalescent camp at Washington, but a relapse followed and he came near to death's door. It was not until July, 1863, that he was able to rejoin his regiment, which was then stationed at Culpeper Court House to guard the Alexandria railroad. They remained there until the spring of 1864, when, Mr. Stoner's time having expired, he re-enlisted "for three years, or the war." As a part of Grant's army the regiment joined in the fiercely contested battle of the Wilderness, being on the field the first two days, and were also in two bloody engagements at Laurel Hill. During the second, which occurred May 12, 1864, only four regiments were engaged, and the 62nd Pennsylvania lost sixty out of three hundred men. From that time they were continually skirmishing with the Rebels, and on reaching Petersburg, they had a regular battle. For a time they were employed in building forts and breastworks, and then moving to the right they met the enemy at the "Telow House," on the Weldon railroad, and fought a pitched battle, with a heavy loss to both armies. Our troops were victorious, however, and captured about six hundred prisoners. In July, 1864, Mr. Stoner was transferred to Company I, 155th P. V. I., and was detailed to drive a team on the ammunition train, and this post was held by him until the war closed. After Lee's surrender the train drove through Richmond and on to Washington, where the teams were turned over to the government. Mr. Stoner took part in the Grand Review, and, with other veterans of his company, was transferred to Company H, 191st P. V. I., from which he was discharged at Harrisburg, on June 28, 1865. On returning home he engaged in lumbering, and has continued until the present time getting out square timber and rafting it down the Mahoning to the markets along the Allegheny. Since 1890 he has also been in the employ of the B. R. & P. railroad, as a watchman and track-walker.

In May, 1867, Mr. Stoner was married to Miss M. J. McPherson, of Big Run, and soon afterward he bought a house and lot in that borough, and established a permanent home. Later he built a fine two-story residence and made other improvements, and he now owns one of the pleasantest homes in the vicinity. Of his five children two are married: (1) M. E., born in May, 1869, was educated in the school of Big Run and married B. H. Briggs, formerly of Huntington county, Penn., now a resident of Big Run. At present he is employed as section foreman on the B. R. & P. railroad. They have three children—Dessie, Herman and Isabella. (2) Jessie E., born June 24, 1873, married F. B. Dawson, then of Butler county, Penn. He was a telegraph operator at Big Run for a number of years, but in 1897 moved to Rockton, Clearfield county, Penn., where he is general manager of the telegraph office. Two sons, Albert and Donald, were born of this union. (3) George E., born August 12, 1875; (4) Rulie E., born March 11, 1878, and (5) John Elise, born February 24, 1882, are all at home.

Mr. Stoner is a Republican in his political affiliations, and takes an active interest in party affairs. He has held office as constable and school director, and is now serving his third term as councilman. The family are identified with the Presbyterian Church, and he and his wife are prominent members of the congregation at Big Run.

Edward Norton, Sr., is the efficient superintendent of the tanning department of the Elk Tannery Company, a position which he has occupied since November, 1892. He was born in Ulster county, N. Y., in 1842, a son of Thomas and Bridget (Connelly) Norton, both of whom were natives of Ireland, and came to Ulster county, N. Y. There they established a home, but afterward removed to Sullivan county. The father died in 1880, at Tioga, Penn. His widow is still living in that city, at the age of seventy-four years. They had a family of three children, namely: Edward, of this sketch; Mrs. Catherine Farrel, of Corning, N. Y.; and Jennie, who is living with her mother in Tioga.

Edward Norton, Sr., spent his boyhood and youth in Ulster and Sullivan counties, N. Y., obtaining his education in the latter. In 1856 he removed to Neversink, N. Y., where he learned the tanner's trade, which he followed at that place until 1861. In 1862 he went to Washington, D. C., and engaged in driving team for the government, hauling wood to the army at Beltsville and Laurel, Prince George Co., Md. He then took up his residence in Tioga county, Penn., where he engaged in the tanning business for O. B. Lowell & Co., in the village of Tioga. He remained at that place for twenty-six years. While there he entered the employ
of H. E. Lapham & Co., and then the Elk Tanning Co. In 1892 he came to Falls Creek in the employ of the Elk Tanning Co., and has since been superintendent of the tanning department, having charge of one hundred men. His thorough understanding of the business, combined with his executive force, well fits him for this position.

In 1860, in Tioga county, Penn., he was united in marriage with Miss Emma McCullough, a native of Steuben county, N. Y., a daughter of Thomas McCullough, now deceased. Their children were as follows: Charles, who is superintendent of the Sterling Run Tannery, Cameron Co., Penn.; Edward, who is married and resides at Falls Creek, where he is serving as assistant superintendent of a tannery; Edith, wife of James Ward, of Clarendon, Penn.; Lydia, and Jennie at home. Mr. Norton is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, belongs to Falls Creek Tent No. 211. His political support is given the Republican party, but he does not desire or seek office, preferring to give his attention to his business interests. He is one of the most proficient tanners in the State, and is well known in the line of his trade. His business methods are above question, and he is held in the highest esteem by all with whom he has been brought in contact.

WALTER RICHARDS, the courteous and popular postmaster at Brookville, Jefferson county, has always lived from early boyhood among the people of that vicinity, and he has demonstrated his fitness for any position of trust and responsibility to which he may be called. A few men of that character live in almost every community, as reserve forces of nature. Their lives flow silently or unobtrusively, yet swift in the qualities of mental force and adaptability, and when the Kaleidoscope of life brings them to the front the new relationships are easily and naturally filled.

Mr. Richards was born November 22, 1861, near Summerville, Penn., the son of Washington and Margaret (Mitchell) Richards. The father is a native of eastern Pennsylvania and has spent most of his active life in agricultural pursuits. He is now engaged in farming one mile from Brookville. His wife, Margaret (mother of our subject), who was born in 1844, died in 1877. Walter Richards attended the schools at Brookville and vicinity, and early in life became associated with the lumber trade there, filling a position in general office work. He was married, February 3, 1885, to Miss Anna Faulk, a native of Northville, Jefferson county. To Mr. and Mrs. Richards two children have been born: Bertha I. and Harvey E. In politics Mr. Richards is a Democrat. On July 1, 1894, he was appointed postmaster at Brookville for a term of four years. In that capacity he has proved to be the right man in the right place, for he has filled the office very acceptably to the public, prompt in his attendance to every duty, and courteous to all whom his public position requires him to meet. More than that, he has acquired in the public mind the character of a business man of integrity and ability, and in those prime essentials he has now the confidence of his fellow men. In a business sense a character of this kind possesses intrinsic value, and in the sense of a broad humanity it is alike honorable and praiseworthy. It has been largely by virtue of correct habits and by application to business that Mr. Richards is now so esteemed.

S A M U E L M. M O O R E, a prominent lumberman of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a representative of the best class of American citizenship. He was born on Christmas day, 1842, in Clover township, Jefferson county, and grew to manhood there in the healthful atmosphere of farm life. His father, John Moore, was a native of Ireland, who came to America when a young man and located permanently on the farm where our subject was born. He had no disposition to engage in public affairs, but devoted his time to his own business. His death occurred in 1874, and his estimable wife, who was Rachel McGary, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., passed away in 1891.

Our subject's educational advantages were limited, the schools of the locality being inferior, and only to be reached by a long walk. He remained at home until the age of twenty-one, when he went into the timber and lumber business, in which he has ever since been successfully engaged. He was married, in 1869, to his first wife, Eliza Summerville, of Jefferson county, who died in 1881, leaving two children: Bertha, wife of John Elliott, of Forest county, Penn.; and Oscar. For his second wife, Mr. Moore married Clara Hindman, who resided near Brookville. Two children have blessed this union—Evan and Earl—both of whom are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are leading members of the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Moore belongs also to the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P. In politics he is a Republican, and cherishes an abiding faith in the principles of the party. He has never
aspired to office, and his support of men and measures is none the less influential for being disinterested. In 1862, when the cause of freedom hung in the balance, Mr. Moore donned the blue, enlisting in Company B, 133th P. V. I., and was in active service for one year, escaping capture or wounds during his term. At the time of his discharge he was a non-commissioned officer.

JOHN STARTZELL, a well-known business man of Brookville, Jefferson county, and an honored veteran of the Civil War, is a man whose unflinching devotion to duty both in war and peace has won and retained the confidence of all who know him. As a boy of nineteen he answered the call "to arms" in defense of the old flag, enlisting in Company G, 150th P. V. I. He spent nearly four years in active service, taking part, except when disabled, in all the battles in which his company was engaged. He received his "baptism of fire" at Charles City Cross Roads, where he suffered the double misfortune of capture and a gunshot wound in the face. After nineteen days in Libby prison he was paroled and sent to the hospital, and a few months later was exchanged. At the battle of Wilderness he received another gunshot wound, this time in the right ankle, disabling him for further duty in the field, but, notwithstanding these severe experiences, he re-enlisted at the expiration of his first term of two years, and was transferred to Washington, D. C., as sergeant of Company B, 24th Veteran Reserves. He remained there until the close of the war, and while arresting a cavalryman for some offense he was shot by him in the left knee.

This gallant soldier is a native of Jefferson county, having first seen the light in Ringgold township, in 1842. His parents, Jacob and Catherine (Weary) Startzell, were born and reared in Northumberland county, and settled in Jefferson county in 1840. The mother passed to the unseen life in 1852, but the father, who was for years a successful agriculturist, died June 12, 1867, at the advanced age of ninety years and four months. As a farmer's son, Mr. Startzell was trained in his youth to industrious habits, but his educational advantages were limited. At the age of eighteen he engaged in lumbering, but this occupation was interrupted a year later by his enlistment in the army. On his being mustered out of service, he returned to his native county, and has since made his home at Brookville. He engaged in the milling business, which he has continued from that time, adding to it as time passed a mercantile enterprise and an extensive lumber business. In 1887 he was united in marriage with Catherine Burkett, daughter of Peter Burkett, a respected citizen of Armstrong county, Penn. Of the seven children of this union four are living: Emma J., the wife of R. M. Hasting, of Charleroi, Penn.; Flora V., who is at home; Maggie M., the wife of R. W. Morehead, of Richardsville, Penn.; and Fred, who lives in Brookville. Thomas M., one of the sons of our subject, was accidentally killed on August 20, 1897, at Buffalo, N. Y. The press in speaking of the occurrence said:

Thomas Startzell, the young man who was killed last night by coming in contact with a live wire while at work for the Buffalo Traction Company, was one of the best-known ball players in Buffalo. Last year he was signed by Manager Rowe for the Buffalo Baseball Club, and pitched several winning games, but on account of the large number of pitchers on the pay roll he was released about the middle of the season, and at once signed by Genesee, and made a wonderful record with Manager Wadsworth's club. When Startzell first came to Buffalo from Brookville, Penn., which by the way is the home of Pitcher Whitehill, late of the Syracuse team, he was signed by Manager J. E. Mulroy, of the Oakdale team of the City League. He participated in almost every game played by that crack amateur team two years ago, and was chiefly responsible for the winning of the pennant that year by the Oakdales. His work was noticed by Manager Franklin, and on that account he was signed for the Buffalo Eastern League Club.

Our subject is a prominent member of the M. E. Church, holding the office of trustee. He also belongs to the A. O. U. W. and the G. A. R. He is an ardent champion of Republican principles, but is by no means a politician in the modern sense of the word. He has served three terms as councilman, and has been treasurer and school director in his borough, giving to his duties in these positions the same ability and energy which has characterized his conduct in other fields of effort.

R. L. BUZARD is a worthy representative of that class of men who, having started on their various careers without capital save health of mind and body and a strong will, have made their own way in life to a competence. To-day, among the prominent business men of Jefferson county stands Mr. Buzard, who is extensively interested in the lumber industry, and is also engaged in stock-raising.

He was born in Clarion county January 22, 1842, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth working on his father's farm and in the woods. Soon after attaining his majority he began jobbing for himself, and as he prospered in this, he later, in company with Judge Theo. S. Wilson, bought and operated a large timber tract, in which he was very successful. He was
afterward associated with Elias Ritts, P. Graham and Judge James Campbell in lumbering, under the firm name of Buzard, Ritts & Co.

He bought the Alexander timber tract in 1885, and moved his family to Brockwayville in 1887, where he has built a handsome residence, pleasantly situated on the main thoroughfare, and supplied with all the modern conveniences. It is tastefully furnished, and is surrounded by beautiful and well-kept grounds.

Mr. Buzard was one of the projectors of the Brockwayville band, and he is still a manager and stockholder. His prosperity cannot be attributed to a combination of lucky circumstances, but has arisen from energy, enterprise, integrity and intellectual effort well directed. His business has been conducted on the strictest principles of honesty, and he is a worthy representative of that type of American character, that progressive spirit, which promotes public good in advancing individual prosperity.

R E V. HARRY GRANT TEAGARDEN, devoting his life to the ministry, is now pastor of the Oliveburg, Anita, Eleanor and Zion Churches, of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. He is a man of strong intellectual endowments, earnest and purposeful, and his success in his chosen calling ranks him among the leading representatives of the ministry of his Church.

Rev. Teagarden was born April 25, 1863, in Clarksville, Penn., a son of John C. and Rachel C. (Young) Teagarden. The father was born in Clarksville, and in his younger life followed carpentering, while he also gave some attention to merchandising. From the age of seventeen until his death he was an elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in his political views was a staunch Republican. He died April 18, 1879, at the age of forty-six years, and was buried at Clarksville. His father, Reuben Teagarden, was long a lumberman of that place. The mother was born in September, 1841, and is now residing in Clarksville. She holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and is a most estimable lady. Her parents were Stuffel and Rachel (Boyd) Young, of Washington county, Penn., who about 1830 removed to Clarksville, where they conducted the "Young Hotel."

The Teagarden family springs from Protestant Prussian stock, and the Prussian spelling of the name was Tigirten. The ancestry can be traced back to Abraham Teagarden, who was born in Prussia, and went to England, where he served as an officer in the English army. While there he won the heart of Lady May Parker, and after their marriage they came to America, in 1767, settling on Redston creek, in Fayette county, Penn. The Teagardens, however, made a settlement in or near Philadelphia in 1744. Abraham Teagarden was the father of David, whose son, Thomas Teagarden, of Clarksville, Greene Co., Penn., was the great-grandfather of our subject. The grandfather was Reuben Teagarden.

The subject of this review was reared in his native city, where he remained until eighteen years of age, when he became a student in the Cumberland Presbyterian College, at Waynesburg, Penn. There he pursued his studies until 1891; in order to fit himself for the ministry, and during that time taught six terms of school, one in Clarksville, two in Green Grove, two in Castle, and one at Rice's Landing. After his graduation, in 1891, he came to Oliveburg and took charge of the Olive and Zion Churches. In November of that year he organized the Eleanor Church in a school house at Eleanor, and on the 10th of May, 1892, he organized the Anita Church, with a membership of one hundred.

In 1896 he held a very successful meeting, having one hundred and fifty-five converts. The value of the Anita property is $2,000, that of the Eleanor church $3,000, and both are now being enlarged. He does excellent pastoral work, and is much beloved by his people. He is also a man of superior oratorical ability, and his addresses are fluent, logical and finished in literary style.

On June 29, 1887, in Waynesburg, Penn., Rev. James R. Morris, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, performed a marriage ceremony which united the destinies of Rev. Teagarden and Miss Nettie Z. Burson. She was born in Clarksville, Penn., November 8, 1866. Her paternal grandparents, Edward and Maria (Stewart) Burson, were natives of Massachusetts, and died in Clarksville. Her maternal grandparents, David and Mary (Hewett) Rose, were natives of Greene county, Penn., and also died in Clarksville. The parents of Mrs. Teagarden, William S. and Rebecca J. (Rose) Burson, were both natives of that place, and still make their home there. The father is a blacksmith by trade, and is now extensively engaged in farming. He has served as justice of the peace, and is a prominent and well-to-do citizen. He was born September 25, 1846, and his wife was born December 29, 1845. She is an active member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and he contributes to its support. In politics he is an ardent Democrat. In their family are three children: Nettie Z., wife of our subject; Cora A., wife of Harvey
C. Hope, a jeweler, of Harrisville, Ohio; and John K., who is studying for the ministry in the Cumberland Presbyterian College, in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Teagarden is a prominent Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Punxsutawney, the Chapter at Brookville, and the Commandery at Ridgway, Penn. He also belongs to the Odd Fellows Society, the underlying principles of these benevolent orders being in accord with his own life work.

Ezra Neff is serving as justice of the peace in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, a position he has filled at different times for many years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question. He is regarded as one of the leading and most highly esteemed citizens in Reynoldsville.

Mr. Neff was born March 7, 1843, in Indiana county, Penn., a son of Jonathan and Mary Jane (Farnsworth) Neff. His father was born in Indiana county, in 1814, and has spent his entire life within a radius of five miles of his birthplace. He has lived as a quiet, unassuming but loyal citizen, devoting his energies to farming. His wife was born in 1818, in Bald Eagle Valley, Penn., and they are still living at the ages of eighty-three and seventy-nine years respectively.

Our subject obtained his education in the public schools of Indiana county, but his privileges were exceedingly limited, owing to the fact that his assistance was needed on the farm. He continued to aid in the cultivation of the fields until the progress of the war seemed to make it imperative that he go forth in defense of his country. Accordingly, in 1863, he enlisted in Company A, Second Battalion P. V. I., from which he was honorably discharged in February, 1864. Re-enlisting July 11, 1864, he was appointed quartermaster sergeant, was discharged November 11, 1864; re-enlisted March 1, 1865, and was elected first sergeant of Company B, 74th P. V. I.; and was finally discharged, at the close of the war, June 29, 1865, and returned to his home in Indiana county. He was in active service through the entire time, but fortunately escaped wounds and capture. On April 11, 1865, two days after the surrender of Lee, he lost his voice, and it has never been fully restored. Until the spring of 1866 he followed farming, after which he engaged in railroad work until June, 1870. He then went to Dayton, Penn., where he engaged in the livery business and also followed the same pursuit in Marion Centre until the fall of 1872. In November of that year he came to Reynoldsville, and conducted a livery until May, 1873, when he sold out to become constable, in which position he served a four-years' term, resigning March 17, 1877, to assume the duties of justice of the peace, in which capacity he served for ten consecutive years; also in connection therewith he acted as pension agent, which line of work he still continues in, being a registered pension attorney. Next he embarked in the grocery trade, and served as notary public for four years. In the spring of 1892 he was again elected as justice of the peace, which position he has since acceptably filled, being re-elected in the spring of 1897. In connection with his other interests he has for many years been engaged in the real-estate business.

On September 10, 1865, our subject was married to Mary Neale, of Indiana county, who died in 1881, and three children were born to this union, namely: a daughter that died before her mother's death; a daughter that died after her mother's death; and a son. Thomas N., who is successfully engaged in school teaching. In 1883, Mr. Neff, for his second wife, married Mrs. Lika (Gibson) Peersoll, who lived only eight months and five days after their marriage. On May 3, 1885, Mr. Neff married Mrs. Louise M. (Seitz) Leroy, a native of Germany. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially Mr. Neff is identified with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, with the American Mechanics and the Junior branch of that order: also with the Improved Order of Red Men, and with the Grand Army of the Republic. In politics he has been a staunch Republican since casting his first Presidential vote on the battle-field, in 1864, for Abraham Lincoln. Squire Neff, as he is usually called, is one of the most highly respected citizens of Jefferson county, and no one is more deserving the public confidence and esteem than he.

Frank P. Rankin, a leading hardware merchant of Brookville, Jefferson county, is an industrious, progressive citizen, one whose rapidly extending business is a well-deserved recompense for his efforts. Brookville has special reason to take pride in his success, as he is native of the place.

Enoch Rankin, his father, was born in 1817, in Maine, and in early manhood, in 1845, came from that State and settled in Brookville, Penn., where he engaged in the business of shoemaking.
Frank B. Parkin
He was a man of unassuming manners, but in his quiet way he was an earnest and effective champion of the Abolition movement. He died in 1863. His wife, to whom he was married in 1843, was Isabinda Arthurs, who was born in Brookville and belonged to one of the honored pioneer families of Jefferson county. Several years after the death of the husband, when our subject was ten years of age, the widow was again married, this time to James Corbett. After this marriage they moved to the country, remaining two years. The mother passed away in 1887.

Frank P. Rankin was born November 22, 1836. He attended the Brookville schools until the age of ten when he went to the country with his mother and stepfather. At the age of thirteen he began working on a farm some four or five years, and attending school in the winter season. After this period he passed his time working at lumbering in the woods, working in sawmills and doing whatever he could find to do. In 1856 he engaged in the hardware and tinware business with his brother-in-law, whose interest he purchased at the end of the first year. For eight years he conducted the business alone, his industry and judicious management, combined with unfailing courtesy in his dealings with others, building up a profitable trade. His stock is the most complete of the kind in the borough. At present he owns a half interest, having taken in two partners under the firm name of Rankin, Kennedy & Co.

In June, 1881, Mr. Rankin was married to Miss Olive Wilson, daughter of Samuel Wilson, a respected resident of Brookville. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin are leading members of the M. E. Church, in which Mr. Rankin is a trustee. Socially, he affiliates with the F. & A. M., Royal Arch, and was later elevated to the degree of Knight Templar; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and altogether is active in fraternal work. Politically, he is a Republican, and though no office-seeker, he is at present faithfully serving as member of the borough council of Brookville.

JOHN E. GRUBE, M. D. 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 through love of his fellow-men gives his time and attention to the relief of human suffering. Dr. Grube is one of the ablest representatives of this noble calling, and until recently was successfully engaged in practice in Punxsutawney, but is now a resident of Braddock, Pennsylvania.

He was born in 1866, in the Grube settlement near the city where he now makes his home, a son of Joseph and Amy (Cochran) Grube, also natives of Jefferson county. The paternal grandfather was born in Switzerland, but at an early day came to America with a brother, and took up his residence in Pennsylvania. Throughout his active business career the father has engaged in farming and lumbering in Jefferson county, and now at the age of sixty-two years enjoys almost perfect health, having very rarely been ill. His honorable, upright life has gained for him the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact. The mother was called to her final rest in 1881. In their family were three sons, all of whom followed the medical profession, namely: Dr. George W., who died in September, 1896; Dr. Joseph Miles, a practicing physician of Lindsey, Penn.; and Dr. John E., of this sketch.

The primary education of our subject was received in the public schools of Jefferson county, and he subsequently pursued for one term his studies at Bellevue, Penn., then entered the Edinboro State Normal of Pennsylvania, where he completed a course of study. After leaving school, he up to 1888 taught some, then began the study of medicine under his brother, George W. In 1891 he graduated at the Medico Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, and at once associated himself in practice with his brother at Lindsey, which partnership continued for eighteen months. Our subject then established an office in Punxsutawney, and has already built up a large and lucrative practice, which his skill and ability justly merit.

In February, 1889, Dr. Grube was married to Miss Bertha Pantall, of Jefferson county, and to them was born a daughter, Edna Lucile, aged six years. The mother and wife died in 1896, and in December, 1897, the Doctor was married to Miss Minnie McClelland Newkirk, of Pittsburg, Penn. The mother of these is a consistent member of the Smithfield St. Methodist Church of Pittsburg, and socially the Doctor is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he has been a lifelong Republican, and is an enthusiastic advocate of the principles of his party.

SCOTT McCLELLAND, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is one of the leading citizens of that locality, and has filled most ably and acceptably a number of county offices. He is a
native of Jefferson county, born in 1843, in Washington township.

His father, the late Oliver McClelland, a successful agriculturist, was born in Hagerstown, Md., and came to Pennsylvania when a mere lad, locating in Centre county, where he met Miss Mary Ann McConnell, a native of the county. They both moved to Jefferson county, and were afterward married. She passed to her eternal rest in 1875, and in 1882 the father followed her, closing in peace a life which was remarkable for its quiet, even tenor, a reflection of his own mild disposition and devotion to duty.

Scott McClelland had the good fortune to be reared to farm life, the first twenty years of his life being spent at home. The neighboring district schools gave him an elementary education, of which he has made excellent use. For four or five years after leaving home he worked in the woods at lumbering, but through an accident he received a cut on the knee which disabled him for rough physical labor. He turned to mercantile pursuits for a time, and after three or four years he went, in 1876, to Brookville as commissioner's clerk, holding the position more than two years. In the fall of 1878 he was elected county treasurer, and served a term of three years. He was employed for a time as clerk in a mercantile establishment at Reynoldsville, and in office work at Du Bois, and then spent one year in the drug business at Brockwayville. In the fall of 1884 he was elected prothonotary of Jefferson county, and so well did he perform the duties of the office that he was re-elected in 1887 for another term of three years, making six years in all. At the expiration of the second term he went to Reynoldsville, and was engaged in the hardware business there for three years, when he returned to Brookville and has since made his home there. In 1884 he was married to Miss Annie Matthews, a well-known resident of Jefferson county.

Mr. McClelland is a member of several fraternal orders, including the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F., in which latter he is a past grand, and also belongs to the Encampment. He is a member of the G. A. R., in recognition of a short term of service with the militia during the Civil war at the time of Morgan's raid. In politics he is a Republican, and he is an ever-ready supporter of the principles of his party.

JOSEPH M. SCHRECENGOST, a successful grocer of Grove Summit, is one of the leading business men of Washington township, Jefferson county. His keen discrimination, great sagacity and unbounded enterprise have been important factors in his success. He is public-spirited and thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his adopted county.

Peter and Margaret Schrecengost, the parents of our subject, were born, reared and married in Armstrong county, Penn., where the father followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1834, his homestead being at West Valley. His wife died at the home of a daughter in Rural Valley, in June, 1872. In their family were twelve children, all natives of Armstrong county: (1) Jacob married, and spent his entire life in that county. (2) Martin wedded Catharine McFoust, and lived in Rural Valley until his death, but his widow now resides in Illinois. (3) Israel enlisted in 1862, in Company M, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served throughout the Civil war. He is now a resident of Elderton, Armstrong county, where he married and has reared his family. (4) Michael died at the age of nineteen years. (5) Finley P., also one of the brave boys in blue, enlisted in 1862, in Company M, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died the following year at Martinsburg, Va., leaving a wife and two children. (6) Harmon enlisted in 1862, in Company B, 139th P. V. I., was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville in 1863, and confined in Libby prison, where he was later exchanged. Rejoining his regiment, he served until the close of the war. He is married and lives on a farm near Crooked Creek, Armstrong county. (7) Sarah J. is the wife of Daniel Rosenberger, a farmer of West Valley, Armstrong county, who also served in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Rebellion. (8) Savilla E. married John Hertman, who was a member of Company M, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and is now engaged in farming in Rural Valley, Armstrong county. (9) Jerry died in childhood. (10) Christina died at the age of ten years. Of the two not named in the foregoing, one died in infancy and the other is the subject proper of this sketch.

J. M. Schrecengost was born in April, 1844, in Armstrong county, and was educated in its public schools. His father dying when he was fifteen years of age, he went to live with his uncle, Christopher Schrecengost, his guardian, with whom he remained until the Civil war. In 1862 he joined Company B, 139th P. V. I., under Capt. J. L. McKane, of Armstrong county, and was sworn into the United States service at Pittsburg. He then went to Camp Chase, and from there to Bull Run to assist in burying the dead, nine days after the battle at that place.
Under a flag of truce they worked for three days during August, 1862, in performing that sacred duty. The first battle in which our subject participated was at Malvern Hill. After spending the winter at Falmouth, Va., his regiment started on its campaign, and on the 5th of May, 1863, took part in the battle of the Wilderness, where he was wounded. For some time he was confined in Columbia Hospital at Washington, D.C., and was then granted a thirty-days' furlough, which he spent at home. On rejoining his command, he remained with the regiment until September 19, 1863, when he was again wounded at the battle of Winchester by a minie ball passing through his arm. After a short time spent in the Philadelphia hospital he was granted another furlough and returned home, where, in the fall of 1864, he cast his ballot for Lincoln. He rejoined his regiment in Virginia, later he participated in the four-days' battle of Gettysburg, and on his return to the Old Dominion was in the battle of Petersburg. The Union troops then followed Lee up to the time of his surrender at Appomattox, after which our subject's regiment was sent to North Carolina to meet the Rebel general, Kirby Smith. When he surrendered they returned to Washington in time to participate in the grand review, and at that place Mr. Schrecengost was discharged on June 3, 1865. After being paid off at Pittsburg he returned to his old home in Armstrong county.

In 1866 Mr. Schrecengost was united in marriage to Miss Katie McCoach, of Rural Valley, a daughter of James McCoach, and after one year spent upon his father-in-law's farm, he purchased a house and lot near Rural Valley, where they lived for two years. On selling out he embarked in the grocery business in Rockville, Armstrong county, but three years later disposed of his property there and went upon the road as a fruit agent. It was in 1885 that he first came to Washington township, Jefferson county, where he engaged in lumbering until 1892, and then purchased property in Grove Summit, where he now successfully conducts a grocery store, having by fair and honorable dealing succeeded in building up a large trade. On January 3, 1890, Mr. Schrecengost died, leaving eight children, who were all born in Armstrong county with the exception of the youngest. They are: (1) William E., born in 1870, married Carrie Krosh, of Brockwayville, by whom he has a son — Roland — and they now reside in Brockwayville. (2) James T., born in March, 1872, married Mabel Ray, of Warsaw, Jefferson county, and they live on a farm in Sandy Valley, Jefferson county. (3) Bessie O., born July 12, 1873, was her father's housekeeper after her mother's death until her marriage in December, 1896, when she became the wife of Joseph Nelson, a conductor on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad. He was born and reared in southern Alabama. They made their home in Bradford, Penn., until in January, 1898, when the husband resigned his position and went West. They are now located at Decatur, Ill., and the husband is in the railroad service, running from Decatur to Chicago. (4) Walter R., born in April, 1879, is employed in the lumber woods. (5) Cora M., born June 12, 1878, resides in Bradford, Penn. (6) Ethel M., born in July, 1880, and (7) Amie B., born November 27, 1882, are both at home with their father; and (8) Robert F., born in Washington township, Jefferson county, in June, 1886, is also under the parental roof. The wife and mother was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which several of the children also belong, and the family is one of prominence in the social circles of the community. Reared as a Whig, Mr. Schrecengost has been a stanch advocate of Republican principles since the organization of that party. He is everywhere recognized as one of the most upright and reliable business men, a loyal citizen, devoted to his country's interests, and a man of whom any community might be proud.

JAMES DEGNAN. It has often been said that men succeed best at that for which they have a natural aptitude. It might be inferred from this that James Degnan, senior member of the prominent and successful lumber firm of Degnan & McDonald, of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, had a liking for the trade; the inference would be correct. He not only has ability, but he knows the business from the foundation up. His boyhood was spent in the woods, and he swung the axe when a lad in a way that brought him the respect of his elders, and made his services most valuable. He grew up in the work which he now honors, and it is needless to add that as a lumber merchant his is an eminent success.

Mr. Degnan was born October 4, 1845, in Susquehanna county, Penn., son of Michael and Rose (Flinn) Degnan, natives of Ireland, who immigrated to America in early life and settled upon a farm in Susquehanna county. In religious faith they were Catholics. Michael Degnan, in politics, was a Democrat and a prominent man in the community in which he lived, filling very creditably various local offices, to
which he was elected, and held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. He died in 1854, aged fifty-four years, and his wife died in 1852, at the age of forty-nine. Both are buried in the Friendsville (Penn.) cemetery. To Michael and Rose Degnan were born the following children: Mary, wife of John Keough, a carpenter and contractor of Binghamton, N. Y.; John (deceased); Catherine, who married Michael Collins, of Binghamton, N. Y., and is now deceased; Peter (deceased); Michael, living on the old homestead in Susquehanna county; Elizabeth, who married Christopher Halpin, an Erie railroad conductor at Hornellsville, N. Y., and is now deceased; James, subject of this sketch; Thomas, who died in 1896, and William, who also died in 1896.

The subject of this sketch remained on the home farm in Susquehanna county until he was sixteen years old. He then began his own career in life by engaging with a farmer for one year, receiving as compensation $60 and three months' schooling. He remained another year, receiving $160 and also three months at school. Though kindly treated andloth to break the ties that bound him to this family, the young man realized that his services would command larger pecuniary returns. He went to Newark Valley, N. Y., and for a year worked for a tanning company on a large farm. Then for six months he was engaged in lumbering in Sullivan county, Penn. A year at Beechwoods, Cameron county, was then spent, and the young woodman came to Elk county, working there and in Clearfield county until June, 1875.

On July 18, 1873, at St. Marys, Elk county, Mr. Degnan was married to Miss Nancy A. McCune, who was born at Bennetset, Elk county, July 12, 1853, daughter of Arthur and Alice (Hayes) McCune, natives of Counties Armagh and Wexford respectively. They emigrated to America, in 1848, and settled in Centerville, Elk county. Later, in 1872, they moved to St. Marys, where the father died in October, 1893, aged sixty-seven years. The mother, who was born in 1833, still resides at St. Marys.

Arthur McCune, in religious faith, was a Catholic, and in politics he was a Democrat. The children of Arthur and Alice McCune were as follows: John, a blacksmith, living in California; Nancy A., wife of our subject; Mary, wife of Stephen Spald, a farmer and lumberman of Elk county; Arthur, a railroad man, at St. Mary's; Alice, wife of Edgar Prindle, of Ridgway, Elk county; Catherine, who married Joseph McDer, a railroad baggage master at Ridgway, Penn., and is now deceased; Anna, wife of John Leh, a lumberman of Ridgway; Matthew, deceased; Susan, Edward, and Elizabeth are all at home, and Sylvester is deceased.

The children born to James and Nancy A. Degnan are as follows: Mary died at the age of seven years; Elizabeth died in infancy; and James. Anna Catherine, Nellie, Francis, Alice, Rose, William, Thomas and Gertrude, living. The father of these, in June, 1875, removed from St. Marys to Reynolds ville, where he purchased a home. He also purchased the half interest of J. B. Conners in the general store of Conners & Thompsons, and was thus engaged in mercantile business with Gus. Thompsons. Three months later the store was destroyed by fire at a loss of $4,000, covered only by $2,500 insurance, but the store was immediately rebuilt. A year later Mr. McDonald, the present partner of Mr. Degnan, purchased the interest of Mr. Thompsons. Six years later, in 1882, they sold the store. The mercantile firm of Degnan & McDonald had for several years been engaged also in a number of lumber transactions, and after disposing of their mercantile business they devoted their attention exclusively to lumbering and contracting. The firm is now one of the most enterprising in the county, and is doing a large and profitable business. Mr. Degnan is an earnest Democrat in political faith, and is also a member of the Catholic Church. He is an active member of the Royal Arcanum at Reynolds ville. He has keen, sound business judgment, and is regarded and esteemed as one of the most prominent men of the county.

SOLOMON SHAFFER, a well-known lumber dealer of Reynolds ville, is one of the most energetic and progressive business men of Jefferson county; with whose industrial and commercial interests he has long been prominently identified.

Born in Redbank township, Armstrong Co., Penn., June 13, 1832, he is a son of Jacob and Angeline (née Stahlman) Shaffer, who had moved into Armstrong county from Clarion county, where they were born and reared. Throughout life the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and by integrity and fair dealing won the respect and confidence of all who knew him. He died in 1860, surviving his wife about two years, her death having occurred in 1864.

The subject of this sketch had the advantages of only a common-school education in his youth, but by study and perseverance, by taking advantage of every opportunity and improving the same, he has succeeded in becoming a well-in-
formed man. He spent his early years on the farm, remaining with his father until the latter's death, and still followed agricultural pursuits and attended school until he was eighteen years of age, when he sought a broader field of action and one better suited to his ideas of business. The lumber industry being at that time the paramount business in Jefferson county, he concluded to master its principles. He sought and found employment with a lumber firm, and continued in the employ of several firms in that line, winning the esteem of his several employers by his strict attention to business and loyal regard to their interests. In 1876 he concluded to go into business for himself, and, choosing the lumber business as his vocation and Reynoldsville as his base of operations, he, by strict attention to business, built up a large trade, and now ranks among the leading business men of the county. Besides dealing in lumber, he manufactures the same, having a saw and planing mill at Falls Creek, Jefferson Co., Penn. A careful, industrious and conservative business man, he has met the well-deserved success that always follows in the wake of such business qualifications, and he has won the confidence of all with whom he has had business transactions by his honorable and straightforward course.

In 1880 Mr. Shaffer was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Bloom, who was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county. Robert and Elizabeth (née Dougherty) Bouch, her parents, were natives of Armstrong county. Mr. Bouch was a brick maker by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer are the happy parents of six bright and interesting children, namely: Etta, Cora, Eula, Twilla, Zelma and Walter, who with Mr. Bouch constitute a very pleasant and interesting family circle. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer and daughter Etta are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Earnest, conscientious Christians, they take a prominent and active interest in all Church affairs. Mr. Shaffer is a trustee, steward and class leader, and is also superintendent of the infant department of the Sunday-school. Being a strong temperance man he identified himself with the Prohibition party, and has served as county chairman of that party for several years. All worthy enterprises, having for their object the welfare of the community and the upbuilding of humanity, are sure to find in him an active and sympathizing friend. He has creditably filled several town offices, but cares nothing for official distinction. All his actions are prompted by pure and honest motives, and in all his varied relations, in business affairs and social life, he has maintained a character and standing that have impressed all who know him with his sincere and manly purpose "To do unto others as he would have others do by him."

WILLIAM M. BLOSE, Esq. The record of a noble act is a perpetual inspiration to right doing, and, as a popular author has said: "It exhibits what life is capable of being made. It refreshes our spirit, increases our hopes, gives us new strength and courage and faith—faith in others as well as ourselves." A soldier who could volunteer to carry a message across an open space which was swept by a storm of shot from the enemy's guns, and who, though wounded, could drag himself to his destination and accomplish his errand, is a man worth knowing, and his memory should be preserved that future generations may know what manner of men were bred among the hills of Jefferson county in an earlier time.

Squire Blose, who is now a resident of Big Run, is a member of a pioneer family of Jefferson county, George Blose, his grandfather, having come from Westmoreland county, Penn., at an early date to settle at the present site of Perrysville, where he made the first improvements. He died there many years ago, and his son Daniel, the Squire's father, who was born in Westmoreland county in 1814, continued to reside in the same locality, his first homestead being about a mile and a half from Perrysville on a tract of land which he cleared and brought under cultivation.

He married Miss Isabella Hadden, and, after many years of residence at the old homestead, he sold the place in 1858 and removed to Perrysville. His son comes honestly by his patriotism and courage, for, although well advanced in years when the Civil war broke out, Daniel Blose enlisted in 1861 in Company G, 105th P. V. I., and served until discharged for disability in 1862. His wife, a most estimable woman, died in 1866, but he attained the advanced age of eighty-one, passing to his final rest in June, 1895. This worthy couple had five children, all of whom are living: (1) Ellen, born in 1842 at Perrysville, married Richard Donahue, a farmer, who settled first near Jacksonville, Indiana Co., Penn, but afterward sold his property there and bought a farm in Armstrong county. He died some years ago leaving four children—Verne, Alice, Clark and Charles. (2) William M., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. (3) Mary, born in 1846, was educated in the common schools of Perrysville, Perry township, Jefferson county, and married John De Haven, of the same locality. He worked for a few years in
McClure's mills at Big Run, but later moved to Perryville, where he died, leaving four children—Mattie, who is married and lives in Indiana county; Clarence, a civil engineer in California; Nora and Charles. The widow has since married Peter Washington, of Indiana county, by whom she has had several children. (4) Thomas S., born in 1848, at Perryville, is now a farmer in Oliver township, Jefferson county. He married Miss Jennie Smith, of the same county, and has five children—May, now attending school; Blanche; Earl, Clyde and Cloye. (5) Annie, born in 1850, married William S. Dilts, a farmer in Perry township, Jefferson county, and has four children—Benton, Clyde, Louie, who died in childhood, and Olive.

Our subject was born in March, 1844, at the old home in Perry township, Jefferson county, where he passed his youth. In August, 1861, when but seventeen years old, he enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I., and after being mustered in at Pittsburg was taken to Washington, D. C. His regiment marched from that city to the seat of war in Virginia, joining the Third Army Corps under McClellan. Their first engagement was at Accuakoy, whence they went by boat to Fortress Monroe to take part in the Peninsula campaign. Then came the second battle of Bull Run on August 30, 1862, when they were driven back to Alexandria and sustained severe losses. The battle of Chancellorsville followed, then came a month of hard fighting at Fredericksburg. On May 1, 1863, they met the enemy at Chancellorsville, the battle continuing three days, and the next engagement was at Gettysburg on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of July, 1863, under General Meade. This struggle took place on an open field, and the losses on both sides were heavy. After the battle a reorganization was necessary, and William Blose's regiment was transferred to the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, under General Hancock. They crossed the Potomac at Harper’s Ferry on their way to meet General Lee's forces, and at Kelly’s Ford, Va., they won a victory. In the next engagement, at Mine Run, Mr. Blose was wounded in the right knee by a minie ball, and as he refused to go to a general hospital he was treated in the field hospital. As his term of service expired in the winter of 1863, he re-enlisted, and, after spending a month at home on furlough, he rejoined the army on February 1, 1864, at Petersburg, his regiment being still under the command of Grant and Meade. On May 5, 1864, they engaged in the battle of the Wilderness, where Mr. Blose, who had been promoted to the rank of corporal in 1863, was on duty at the Po River. From this time the fighting was almost constant, the battles at Spottsylvania, North Anna, and Cold Harbor in June, and at Deep Bottom and Ream's Station in July, being especially severe, while the mine explosion of July was a historic episode. The operations around Petersburg continued until April, 1865, and in September, 1864, Mr. Blose offered to carry a dispatch from Colonel Craig, who commanded the besieging force, across an open field to the rifle pit on the picket line. The distance was not long, but the risk of being shot was so great that there was but one chance in a thousand of getting through the volley of bullets safely. One well-aimed shot hit the brave messenger in the left ankle causing him to fall, but he crawled the rest of the way on his hands and knees and delivered the dispatch to the officer in charge of the picket line. He remained in the rifle pit until after dark when he was carried back to the line of battle, where Col. Craig personally welcomed him. For this brave deed Mr. Blose was promoted to the rank of first sergeant. After a month in a field hospital he returned to active service, being in time to take part in the fight at Hatcher's Run in October, and the other battles of that campaign, including those of Sailor's Creek, Farmville and Appomattox. In February, 1865, he was commissioned second lieutenant, and at the Grand Review in Washington he was in command of Company A, 105th P. V. I. On July 11, 1865, he was mustered out at Pittsburg, and, on returning to Perryville, he prepared to enter upon business life by learning the details of tanning leather and manufacturing harness.

In 1866 he married Miss Mary E. Marsh, of Perryville, and made his home at Big Run, where he followed the saddler's trade for about six years. Since that time he has been employed by different parties as a log scaler and timber estimator, his keen and accurate judgment making him an invaluable aid in such work. Honesty and uprightness have marked his career, and he holds the entire confidence of his employers and of the community at large. In 1880 he was elected justice of the peace, and so well has he performed the duties of the office that he has been re-elected each succeeding term, and now holds four commissions, the last being signed by Governor Hastings. His popularity is not limited to the Republican party, of which he is a stanch supporter, and he has held various other offices, serving as school director, burgess, and borough councilman.

Mr. Blose owns an attractive home in Big Run, his house, which was built in 1868, having been enlarged and improved since. His wife and


RICHARD M. MATSON. Prominent among the energetic, far-seeing and successful business men of central Pennsylvania is the subject of this sketch. His life history most happily illus-

trates what may be attained by faithful and continued effort in carrying out an honest purpose. In-


tegrity, activity and energy have been the crowning points of his success, and his connection with various business enterprises and industries has been a decided advantage to this section of the State, promoting its material welfare in an un-

certain manner.

Our subject is a native of Brookville, Jeff-

erson county (which is still his home), born in 1845, the only child of Uriah and Minerva (Rey-

nolds) Matson, the former also a native of Brook-

ville, and the latter of Armstrong county, Penn. The family was one of the first to be established in Jefferson county, where the grandfather of our subject, John Matson, located in 1804. His birth occurred in Ireland, and he was ten years of age when he took up his residence here. With the business and commercial interests of the county the family have since been prominently identified. In Brookville, Uriah Matson spent his entire life, engaged in general merchandising, and lumbering, and was one of its most valued and useful citizens. He died in 1895, respected by all who knew him.

When our subject was two years old (in 1847) he lost his mother, and afterward lived with his grandfather on the old Matson homestead until the age of fifteen. He was afforded good educational privileges, completing the course in the schools of Brookville, and afterward attending the Beaver Academy for one year. He was reared on a farm, and at an early age entered his father's store as a clerk, and thus secured practical business training, which has been of great advantage to him in later years. Having devoted some time to the study of law, he was admitted to the Bar in 1866, and engaged in practice, in connection with his mercantile pursuits, until 1884. In that year he purchased an interest in a lumber plant in Forest county, Penn., and spent the following four years and a half in the forests of that county, after which he returned to Brookville to take charge of his father's business, and has since engaged in merchandising and lumbering in that place. Prominent among the business enterprises of Mr. Matson is the Falls Creek Brick Yard, and the lumber operations of Heidrick, Matson & Co. The former, located at Falls Creek, Penn., was established in 1891 under the firm name of R. M. Matson, Sons & Co. This plant has a capacity of 40,000 brick per day, in the manufacture of which employment is given to about thirty men. Besides the manufacture of building brick, they make drain tile, water table, window caps, hoist building brick, and various other useful articles.

The lumber firm of Heidrick, Matson & Co. was organized in August, 1894, for the purpose of purchasing and operating the Litch lands, situated in Jefferson county, Penn., the firm paying therefor the sum of $135,000. Extensive improvements were at once made in the mill and stream, which were both made to conform to the most improved methods of lumbering. A railroad connecting the mill and yards with the main line of the A. V. Ry. was built at an expense of $12,000. The mill was equipped throughout with all the modern machinery, and is to-day one of the best plants in western Pennsylvania, having a capacity of 100,000 feet. In addition to the above, the firm in the winter of 1895 entered into a contract with Truman, Hend-

derson & Co., owners of a large tract of lumber in Polk township, Jefferson county, to saw and deliver on the tracks of the A. V. Ry. at Brook-

ville all the lumber on their lands, estimated at from sixty to seventy million feet. This neces-

sitated the building of fourteen miles of railroad, which the firm immediately set about to accom-

plish, said road being built and equipped in the summer of 1896 at a cost of over $100,000. Since the organization of the firm they have made several smaller purchases of timber, and now have enough lumber in sight to keep their mill in operation for several years.

In 1866 Mr. Matson was married to Miss Elsie, daughter of John Busby, and they have three sons who are in business: Uriah J., of Falls Creek, Penn., is manager of the brick
works there owned by R. M. Matson, Sons & Co.; George R., of Brookville, is manager of the store of R. M. Matson & Co.; Norman D. is a builder, contractor and plumber of Brookville.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Matson hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a Democrat, but has not devoted much time to political affairs, although he has creditably filled a number of official positions of honor and trust. He is one of the most honorable business men to be found in Jefferson county. His integrity stands as an unquestioned fact in his history—endowed by nature with a sound judgment and an accurate, discriminating mind, he has not feared that laborious attention to business so necessary to achieve success, and this essential quality has ever been guided by a sense of moral right which would tolerate the employment only of the means that would bear the most rigid examination, by a fairness of intention that has neither sought nor required disguise.

HENRY ALEXANDER STOE was yet young in years, but in the prosperous and enterprising town of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, where he has lived for nearly a quarter of a century, he has won distinction in business life and has been honored with the highest political office within the gift of his fellow townsmen. His success is his own achievement. Entering a drug store as salesman at the age of fifteen years, he thoroughly learned the business, and had passed his majority by only two years when the opportunity of becoming a proprietor presented itself. Alert to his own future, and quick to grasp opportunities, the young man became a druggist. For fifteen years he has been a merchant at Reynoldsville, and with each year he has grown in ability and influence in the commercial interests of the town. His election as mayor of Reynoldsville, in the spring of 1897, was a tribute to the esteem in which he is held, and to his business and administrative methods.

Mr. Stoke was born June 2, 1859, near Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., a son of George W. and Joanna (Sullivan) Stoke, a grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hetrick) Stoke, and a great-grandson of John Stoke, who was a drummer boy in the war of 1812, and who moved from Centre county to French Creek, Crawford county, where he died. Jacob Stoke, who was a farmer, removed in 1837 from Crawford county to Armstrong county, where he and his wife lived to a good old age. Their children were as follows: Simon P., of Punxsutawney, Penn.; George W., father of our subject; Daniel A., a farmer and hotel keeper in Nebraska; Christiana (widow of Gilbert Austin), now living near Pittsburg, Penn.; Catherine, wife of Joseph McAnny, a liveryman of McDonald, Penn.; Wilmenna, wife of John Wallace, a stationary engineer, living near Pittsburg, Penn.; and Margaret, who died in infancy.

George W. Stoke, father of our subject, was born in Crawford county, February 22, 1834, was married in 1857, in Armstrong county, to Joanna Sullivan, a native of New York; whose father, John Sullivan, emigrated from Ireland to America in 1825, and now lives at Tylersburg, Penn. His wife died a year ago at Punxsutawney. Their children were as follows: Margaret, wife of H. Weaver, a wheelwright of Tylersburg; Joanna, mother of our subject; Mary A., who married Samuel Swires, and both are now deceased; Julia, wife of M. B. Mard, ticket and freight agent for the B. & O. Railroad Co., at West Newton, Penn.; John, who was killed in an ore mine; Timothy, a miner of Reynoldsville; James (deceased); and Ellen, wife of Edward Bolger, a miner of Helvetia, Pennsylvania.

During the early days of the Civil war, in August, 1861, George W. Stoke enlisted in Company D, 103d P. V. I., having helped to recruit the company. He was mustered into service, September 25, 1861, and reached the front with the regiment, in March, 1862, serving under Gen. McClellan during the Peninsular campaign. He was promoted from the ranks to a lieutenancy, April 10, 1862, after the battle of Fair Oaks, taking command of a brigade, and on his return to the regiment, in November, 1863, he was made captain of Company B. He re-enlisted as a veteran, and with the regiment was captured at Plymouth, N. C., April 20, 1864, and was confined successively at Andersonville (Ga.), Charleston (S. C.), and Columbia (S. C.) prisons. He escaped twice, but, first time, was recaptured the fourth night when seventy-five miles away. The second time he escaped by bribing the guard, giving him a gold watch, valued at $100, to allow six prisoners to go through the dead line. Three of these, setting out for Sherman's army, were re-captured: Capt. Stoke and two others reached the Santee river, found a small boat chained to a tree, released it, and, after eleven days and nights, reached Santee Island. Two days later they were picked up by some soldiers from a Union gunboat, doing blockade duty near Georgetown, S. C. Reaching home Capt. Stoke rejoined his regiment at Roanoke Island, N. C., thirty days later, and afterward served as its adjutant to the close of the war. He was mustered out in July, 1865, having served about four years, nine months of which time he was prisoner of
JOHN SMITH, whose busy and useful life well entitles him to a place among the representative men of Jefferson county, was born in Devonshire, England, January 16, 1843. The advantages of his youth were limited, but enterprise and energy ever carved the way to success, and by the possession of these qualities Mr. Smith has attained marked distinction in the business world of his adopted county.

Thomas and Jane (Pierce) Smith, his parents, spent their entire lives in their native England. The father was a railroad contractor, and held membership in the Episcopal Church. He died in 1859, and his wife passed away in 1861 at an advanced age. Their children were: James (deceased); Mrs. Martha Bush, whose husband is engaged in gardening near London; Grace, who is married; Elizaboth (deceased); Richard, who is railroad supervisor at Reynoldsville, Penn., and opened the Old Soldier mine in Winslow township, Jefferson county.

In his parents' home John Smith spent the days of his boyhood and youth, but when twenty-three years of age determined to seek a home in America. Taking passage on the vessel "Nes-torian," he landed at Quebec after twelve days' sailing, and by train made his way to London, Canada. In that locality he worked for a year and a half on a farm, hauling wood during the winter. He then went to Fayette county, Penn., where he became connected with railroad construction. After a year he was made foreman of a crew of men employed in building the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from Connellsville to Cumberland, Pennsylvania.

In the fall of 1870, while residing in Fayette county, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Abigail H. Linderman, and they had four children, but Lena G., the second in order of birth, is the only one now living. The others were: Sarah J. died at the age of four and one-half years; Eddie died at the age of twenty months; and Edna passed away when sixteen months old. Mrs. Smith was born in Fayette county, January 27, 1857, a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Hall) Linderman. Her paternal grandparents, Henry and Elizabeth (Eddesburger) Linderman, were natives of Germany, and located in Somer-set county, Penn., at an early day. Her maternal grandparents, Joseph and Polly (Mathews) Hall, were natives of England, and became residents
of Westmoreland county, Penn., during the period of its early development.

Mrs. Smith's parents resided for many years in Fayette county, where the father was extensively engaged in farming. He was a native of Somerset county, and died in 1895, at the age of eighty-one. His wife was born in Westmoreland county, and died April 6, 1893. Both were members of the Disciple Church, and in politics Mr. Linderman was a Republican. This worthy couple were laid to rest in Glade cemetery, in Fayette county. Their children were Catherine, wife of John Nicklor, a tailor of Kenton, Ohio; Lavina, wife of Herman Heffner, a farmer of Kenton, Ohio; Susanna, deceased wife of Henry Hall, of Fayette county, Penn.; Mary, wife of John M. May, foreman on the railroad in Fayette county; Aaron, who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg; Garret, a miner and farmer of Rathmel; Elsie, wife of Perry Klink, a farmer of Fayette county; David (deceased); and Mrs. Smith.

After the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, Mr. Smith was appointed section foreman, and for two years served in that capacity, after which he removed to Elizabeth, Penn., and was employed as foreman on the construction of the Pennsylvania Central & Virginia railroad for a year and a half. He then went to Brookville, as foreman of a track crew, but after a short time removed to Reynoldsdale, Penn., where he remained for several years. When the railroad was being constructed in that locality he was appointed foreman of a division at Falls Creek, where he remained until the workmen went on a strike. He afterward engaged in digging coal in the old Diamond mine, for six months, and then again secured a position as foreman on the railroad at Summit Tunnel. He was next employed for five years as foreman at Weedville, Penn., and then returned to Reynoldsdale, where he remained as foreman for a year in the employ of Powers, Brown & Co. He superintended the construction of the extension of the Reynoldsville & Falls Creek railroad, laid the track and built about two miles of the tramway roads for the John E. Wilson Lumber Company. He next took charge of the repairs of the railroad tracks and bridges, and when the company sold out two years later, he embarked in his present business as a general merchant of Rathmel. He is also engaged in farming, and his well-managed business interests bring to him a good return. In the fall of 1892 he was appointed postmaster, and served for four years.

Mr. Smith gives his political support to the Republican party, has served as constable for one term, also as school director one term. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian Church. The career of Mr. Smith is one which indicates the measure of success that may be attained through persevering and well-directed efforts. Taking advantage of every opportunity for advancement, he has steadily worked his way upward, and his success in life has been worthily achieved. On February 15, 1898, he was elected justice of the peace.

THOMAS KEYS, who was one of the brave defenders of the Union during the Civil war, is now a prominent citizen of Brockwayville, Jefferson county, where he is acceptably serving as justice of the peace. A native of Jefferson county, he was born September 1, 1846, in Washington township, and his education was obtained in the typical log school house of his boyhood days.

Alexander Keys, his father, whose birth occurred in County Derry, Ireland, in 1800, came to America at the age of twenty-one and first located in Montgomery county, Penn., where he married. Removing to Jefferson county, in 1843, he secured a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a fine farm, where he spent his remaining days, dying in 1877. He was an earnest, consistent Christian, a faithful member of the United Presbyterian Church, to which his wife, who died in 1872, also belonged. They had six children, namely: John; William; Mrs. Susan Smith; Henry, who died in 1863; Alexander, a resident of Iowa; and Thomas, of this sketch.

Although not seventeen years of age Thomas Keys resolved to aid his country in her efforts to preserve the Union, and, in 1863, joined Company B, Second Battalion of Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Major Herman Kretz. The regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and after being mustered in at Pittsburg was sent to Patterson creek, West Virginia, where it did guard duty for seven months, and it was then ordered to Wheeling. Receiving his discharge, Mr. Keys returned to Pittsburg, where he re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company G, 13th P. V. I., also a part of the Army of the Potomac. At Back river he again did guard duty at a railroad bridge, and at Wilmington, Del., re-enlisted in Capt. W. R. Jones' Company, 97th P. V. I., which was sent to Havre de Grace, Md., where our subject remained for three months. Going to Baltimore at the end of that time, he clerked in Brig. Gen. Lockwood's office.
until June, 1865, when he returned home with an honorable war record.

At the time of his enlistment Mr. Keys was attending the Iron City College, Pittsburg, and on receiving his discharge, he resumed his studies at that place, but on account of ill health was soon forced to leave school. He then assisted in the work of the home farm, and also rafted on the river in the spring of the year until 1868, when he went to Iowa. After a year spent in that State, he secured employment at Salt Lake City on the construction of a railroad, but the following fall again went to Iowa. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1870, he was married and located upon the old homestead, where he engaged in farming for four years, and then conducted a boarding house at Pancoast until 1878, when he purchased a half interest in the home farm. In 1882, however, he retired from agricultural pursuits, selling his interest in the place to a brother, and for five years engaged as manager of the Beech Tree store. Subsequently he had charge of a store at Dagus mines for the same length of time, and then entered the employ of the Toby Store & Supply Company, with which he has since continued, at first being located at Cartwright, but since 1891 at Brockwayville.

In 1870, Mr. Keys was married to Miss Sarah Patton, who belongs to an honored and prominent family of Jefferson county. Her father, James Patton, was a native of Ireland, but at an early day crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence here, becoming one of the prosperous agriculturists of Beech Woods, where his death occurred in 1896. He had long survived his wife, who had passed away in 1876. They were earnest members of the Presbyterian Church, and were the parents of nine children: John, Sarah, Mary, Esther, Martha, Maggie, Robert, and Burnetta. Mr. and Mrs. Keys have four children: Susannah E.; Elizabeth J., a stenographer for Clark, Kizer & Kipp, at Cortez; Harry, a clerk for the Northwest Mining & Exchange Company, at Brockwayville, and Harold.

In 1893 Thomas Keys was appointed to fill a vacancy as justice of the peace, was again appointed to fill a similar position in May of the following year, and in 1895 he was elected to that office for a period of five years. He is now ably discharging the duties of that position, and in public as well as private life is true to every trust reposed in him. In politics he is a pronounced Republican, and in his social relations is a member of Cicerone Lodge No. 897, I. O. O. F., of Brockwayville, Penn., in which he is serving as secretary, and is also a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge, Elk No. 379, Elk Chapter No. 230, and Knapp Commandery No. 40, of Ridgway. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. They are widely and favorably known throughout the county, and their circle of friends is only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

JA COB DEIBLE. The subject of this biography, one of the honored sons of Pennsylvania, and a most distinguished resident of Reynolds ville, is pre-eminently a self-made man. He began life with a definite purpose in view, worked faithfully, honestly, and with a will for its accomplishment, and is now at the head of a prosperous and paying business, being the senior member of the firm of Deible Brothers, extensive dealers in carriages and other vehicles, in Reynolds ville.

Mr. Deible was born in this State, in 1846, while his parents, Jacob and Emeline (Peters) Deible, were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married, crossing the Atlantic to the New World in 1845. They located in Pennsylvania, where the father followed the occupation of farming up to his death, which occurred in 1883. The mother departed this life in 1894.

Our subject had only the advantages of a common-school education in his youth, and was reared upon the home farm until the age of fifteen years, when he began learning the wagon-maker’s trade, at which he served a three-years’ apprenticeship. After mastering the business, he worked as a journeyman for three years, and then embarked in business on his own account at Ridgway, Penn., where he remained for two years. Coming to Reynolds ville on the expiration of that time, he worked at his trade for others, for two years, and then established a business at his present shop, in partnership with his brother, H. C. Deible. From the beginning their trade has steadily increased until they are now doing an extensive business. They are numbered among the representative business men of Jefferson county, standing high morally, socially and financially. In 1875 our subject was married to Arvila Field, of McKean county, Penn. Four children were born to their union, but one is now deceased. Those living are: Warren, Cornie and Roscoe. In religious belief the father of these is a Lutheran, and in politics he is a stalwart Democrat, strongly opposing monopolies. He has never aspired to official honors, but his fellow citizens have called upon him to serve in a number of local positions, which he filled in a most efficient manner. As an energetic, upright, conscientious business man
and a gentleman of attractive social qualities, he stands high in the estimation of the entire community.

William Kelso, one of the prominent business men of Brookfield, Jefferson county, is a typical American in his successful management of varied enterprises. He was born in Clover township, Jefferson Co., Penn., October 31, 1847, the son of John and Eliza (Thompson) Kelso. The father, who was a native of Jefferson county, passed his life in farming and lumbering. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, and, aside from holding some local offices, his time was given to his own affairs. His death occurred in November, 1860. His widow, who was born in Washington county, Penn., is still living at the advanced age of seventy-nine years, and making her home with our subject.

William Kelso had the usual district-school advantages in youth, supplemented by an attendance at Rev. John Todd's select school. He was reared on a farm, and in fact forty-three years of his life were spent thereon. During this time he was extensively engaged in lumbering. He owns three fine farms in Jefferson county, and is still extensively engaged in lumbering; the firm of Dickey, Moore & Kelso, of which he is a member, owning a valuable lumber plant in Elk and Jefferson counties. In 1890 Mr. Kelso moved to Brookville, and was engaged in the grocery business nearly three years, when he sold out. In September, 1895, he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, which he is at present successfully conducting. He is a progressive citizen, and thoroughly alive to the interests of the community in which he lives. He is a stockholder in the National Bank of Brookville. For thirteen years he was school-director in his district, and has held all the township offices in his township. In 1871 he was married to Mary Andrews, a daughter of Hugh and Mary J. (Dickey) Andrews, prominent citizens of Jefferson county, and natives of that locality. Five children have blessed this union, of whom, the eldest two—Mary Adelaide and Elizabeth Blanche—died at the age of seven and eight years, respectively. The survivors are: May, Annabelle and Jennie, who are at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Kelso and their daughters are members of the United Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Kelso is rather conservative, giving his time to his business affairs. Mrs. Kelso's mother, Mrs. Mary Jane (Andrews) Millen, is now enjoying a hospitable home with Mr. and Mrs. Kelso.

David Hailey Estes. All that is most valuable in life is obtained through personal effort. Labor is the key which unlocks the storehouses of success, of fame and of renown, and those who have attained greatest distinction have been toilers in their respective vocations. Mr. Estes has led a busy life, and all that he has achieved has come to him as the reward of his diligence and enterprise. He is now the senior member of the well-known firm of Estes & Long, general merchants of Sykesville.

Mr. Estes was born August 12, 1846, in Henderson township, Jefferson county, a son of Abraham and Margaret (Hall) Estes, the former a native of Binghamton, N. Y., and the latter of Centre county, Penn. The paternal grandparents, Philip and Dannie (Vosburg) Estes, were natives of Luzerne county, Penn., and he was a carpenter by trade. His death occurred in Sycamore county, Ill., and his wife died in Minnesota. James Hall, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland, and removing to this country located in Milesburg, Centre Co., Penn., where he spent his remaining days. The parents of our subject were married in Clearfield county, Penn., in 1844, and soon afterward came to Jefferson county, locating in Henderson township, where the father carried on farming and lumbering. He also engaged in carpentering in early life. He held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife in the Baptist Church. His death occurred January 21, 1868, when he had reached the age of forty-seven years, and his wife died July 31, 1871, at the age of fifty, their remains being interred in Union cemetery, near Troutville, Clearfield county. Their children are David H.; Matilda, wife of Eli Frantz, a farmer of Clearfield county; H. E., wife of J. L. Long, justice of the peace and dealer in agricultural implements in Sykesville; William J., a farmer of Minnesota; Samuel C., who is farming on the old homestead in Henderson township, Jefferson county; Amos E., who died at the age of one year; and Henry, who died in infancy.

David Hailey Estes resided with his parents during his minority, and during the summer months worked on his father's farm, while in the winter season he was employed at rafting and in the lumber woods. When he had attained his majority he began operating the home farm on shares for his mother, and thus continued until her death in 1871. The farm was then sold and he purchased fifty-two acres of the tract, continuing its cultivation through the summer until 1876, and working in the lumber woods during the winter. In that year his first wife died, and
he left the farm, giving his entire attention to lumbering and teaming during the succeeding ten years. In 1892 he purchased his present property of the Shaffer heirs, and has since been engaged in general merchandising in Sykesville in connection with S. B. Long. He carries a well selected stock of goods and has a liberal patronage, which he has secured through his honorable dealing and earnest effort.

On September 15, 1867, in Winslow township, Mr. Estes was married to Miss Susannah Zufall, who was born in Fayette county, Penn., November 27, 1844, a daughter of Elijah and Rebecca (Shaffer) Zufall, natives of the same county. Mrs. Estes died October 28, 1876, and was buried in Union cemetery near Troutville, Clearfield county. Her children were Lucinda E., who was born May 27, 1868, and died in 1869; Sinetta R., who was born October 2, 1869, and is with her father; Anna, who was born January 21, 1871, and is now the wife of A. C. May, a furniture dealer of Seattle, Wash., by whom she has two sons, Arthur and Lee, and one daughter; Hannah M., twin sister of Anna, and wife of Charles Doncett, a mechanic of Seattle, Wash.; Mary, who was born June 25, 1873, and is the wife of George Nash, an engineer in the paper mill of Johnsonburg, Penn., by whom she has one child—Norman M.; and Amos R., who was born September 13, 1876, and is now employed in the paper mill in Johnsonburg. He married Luella Wooster. Our subject was again married, April 28, 1892, this time to Miss Nannie Moore, and their only son—David M.—died in infancy. Mrs. Estes was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., and died April 17, 1893, at the age of twenty-seven years, and was buried in the cemetery at Sykesville, Penn. Mr. Estes is a member of Mingle Lodge No. 753, I. O. O. F., of Troutville, Penn., a charter member and trustee of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Sykesville, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, also of Sykesville. In politics he is a Republican, and his Church membership is with the German Reformed. He is a man of sterling worth, true to all life's duties.

James A. Hoon, the popular station agent, telegraph operator and express messenger for the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad at Sykesville, Jefferson county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurring at American Furnace, Armstrong county, November 18, 1848.

William and Brita (Freer) Hoon, his parents, were natives of Dauphin and Butler counties, Penn., respectively, and were married in the latter county. The father, who was in early life a coke burner and later a farmer by occupation, was born in 1819, and died in October, 1891, in Clearfield county, Penn. The mother also departed this life there in December, 1889, at the age of seventy-three years, and both were laid to rest in the Du Bois cemetery. William Hoon was the son of Henry Hoon, who was the son of Anthony Hoon, an emigrant of Swiss ancestry, who settled near the Susquehanna river above Harrisburg, Penn. Henry Hoon was born in 1760, was a member of the State militia, and at the age of seventeen years participated in the battle of the Brandywine. He lived for many years at Lewistown, on the West branch of the Susquehanna river. In 1818 he moved from that place to the farm where a son Anthony now resides, where he died in December, 1836, aged a little short of seventy-seven years. He was twice married, and by the first wife had two children: John, and a daughter who became Mrs. Turk. To his marriage with Frances Sargent, there were children: Henry, Samuel, James, William, Frances and Anthony. The mother was born in Ireland, and during the Irish uprising in 1790, her father was warned to either unite with the Irish or leave Ireland within eight days. Tradition says that the daughter Frances was then about thirteen years of age. Her father, it is said, accepted the latter proposition, and emigrated to the United States and to the vicinity of Harrisburg, Penn. It is said that the vessel in which they sailed was overhauled by a British war-vessel, and the eldest brother of Frances was pressed into the King's service.

James A. Hoon, of this review, is the seventh in order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: William J., a resident of Du Bois, Penn.; Hannah, widow of Joseph Butler, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Thomas E. Brady, a track boss living at Moss Grove, Penn.; Abram H., a miner of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Frank, freight agent for the New York, Lake Erie & Western railroad at Jamestown, N. Y.; Fannie, wife of Jacob Truby, now proprietor of "Hotel Penn," of Reading, Penn.; Charlotte A., a resident of Reading; and Mary J., of the same place, who is the widow of Joseph Lewis, a lumberman.

During his youth Mr. Hoon attended the log school houses near his childhood home, and at the age of sixteen began his business career as an employee in the Brady's Bend Iron Works. He continued to follow that occupation and farming until twenty-eight years of age, in the meantime making his home with his parents.
His first connection with railroading was in the office of the Allegheny Valley railroad at Catfish, Penn., where he remained for three months and then spent a similar period in the telegraph office at St. Petersburg, Clarion county. As an employee of the Atlantic & Pacific Company, he was stationed at Elk City until 1881, as operator for the Western Union Telegraph Co., and at Knox with the Western Union Telegraph Co., until September, 1883; then went with the Pittsburg & Western railroad at Edinsburg, since changed to Knox. With the same company he was at Kane for five years, and after a year spent in merchandising at Big Run, Jefferson county, he entered the service of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg R. R., working as an extra from December 6, 1889, until 1891. After serving as agent for that company at Ellmont, Penn., for four years, he was at Curwensville, Clearfield county, for nine months, and was then transferred to Sykesville, where he has now had charge of the office for four years.

On July 5, 1877, Mr. Hoon was married in Elk City, Clarion Co., Penn., to Miss Rebecca J. Thompson, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. S. Elder, of Clarion. They now have one son, Malcolm J., born October 30, 1883. Mrs. Hoon was born September 24, 1855, in Hartford county, Md., of which State her parents, William and Mary A. (Miller) Thompson, were also natives. There they remained until their removal to Jefferson county, Penn., in 1857, when they became residents of Knox township, where the father is still engaged in farming and lumbering. He was born in 1834, and his wife in 1835. They are both faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and highly esteemed citizens of Knox township. Politically the father is a Democrat. To this couple have been born eleven children, namely: Jacob M., an agriculturist of Knox township; Elizabeth, who married Irvin Sheck, but are both now deceased; Rebecca J., wife of our subject; Nanne, wife of William Coin, a carpenter of DuBois, Penn.; Mary M., wife of Elmer Stewart, a lumberman of Brookville, Jefferson county; D. R., superintendent of a lumber company in California; Schofield, a carpenter of DuBois, Penn.; Kittie and Ada, both deceased; and Philip and Blanche, at home.

Our subject is a self-made man in the fullest sense of that oft-misused term, his prosperity in life being due to his own 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.

In his political views he is a Democrat, and in their religious views both he and his estimable wife are Presbyterians.

On Pantall, cashier of the First National Bank of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, one of the enterprising, popular and successful of the younger business men of that town.

Born in that vicinity in 1863, Mr. Pantall is a member of a well-known family; his grandparents, James and Elizabeth (Reece) Pantall, natives of England, have been highly esteemed residents there for many years. His father, Theophilus Pantall, is a prominent lumberman and real-estate dealer, and ranks among the leading business men of Jefferson county. Our subject is one of a family of five children of Theophilus Pantall and his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Work, and who is still living at the old home near Punxsutawney.

A careful education prepared Lon Pantall to take advantage of good opportunities at the entrance of his business career. After attending the local schools until the age of seventeen he entered the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, where he was graduated three years later. In the fall of 1883 he became a student in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburg, and notwithstanding some delay caused by an attack of typhoid fever, he completed his course in February, 1884. Returning to Punxsutawney, he engaged in a wholesale and retail grocery business, as a partner in the firm of North, Miller & Pantall, but a year later he withdrew to take a position as cashier in the Mahoning Bank.

July 1, 1890, he accepted a similar place in the Citizens Bank at Punxsutawney, which he held from July 5 of that year to November 1, 1895, when he was chosen to his present position. He is an able and conservative financier and is a staunch advocate of sound money. So far he has shown no inclination for public life, but as a citizen he has taken an influential share in the local work of the Republican party.

On August 8, 1887, Mr. Pantall was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Rosenberger, daughter of Isaac S. Rosenberger, a well-known resident of Punxsutawney. Mrs. Pantall is prominent socially, and is a member of the C. P. Church; our subject is identified with a number of organizations—the K. of P., the Heptasophs, an insurance order, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, being a charter member of the local lodge, in which he has passed through the chairs, and of the I. O. O. F. In the local en-
campment of the last named society he is a past grand and past patriarch, and he also belongs to the Grand Lodge.

LASELLE R. ERDICE, a leading and representative citizen, and the efficient deputy postmaster, of Brookville, was born in that city in 1848, a son of William and Fannie D. (King) Erdice. The father was a native of Ireland, and when ten years of age emigrated with his parents to America, locating at Erie, Penn. In this State he grew to manhood, and engaged in carpenter work and contracting throughout life. About 1847 he located in Brookville, where he spent his remaining days, dying on September 3, 1877. His estimable wife, who was born at Kinsman, Ohio, is still living at Brookville, at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

The primary education of our subject was received in the common schools of Brookville, and he subsequently attended an academy and subscription schools, where he completed his literary training. He then worked for a number of years with his father at the carpenter's trade.

In 1888, Mr. Erdice was married to Miss Mary T. Verbeke, a native of Brookville, daughter of Adolphus Verbeke, who was born in Belgium. Two children grace this union, namely: Rosalie E. and Mercedes. Mrs. Erdice is a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church, but our subject has always been identified with the Presbyterian Church. At all times his political support is unstintingly given the Democratic party, and in 1865 he was appointed by President Cleveland as postmaster of Brookville, which position he acceptably filled for four years and four months. When the present incumbent, Mr. Richard, was appointed, Mr. Erdice was made deputy, and still retains his connection with the office. He is prompt and faithful in the discharge of every duty, whether public or private, and his career has been such as to win the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM M. STEAR, postmaster of Ringgold, and proprietor of the "Stear House," is one of the most widely known citizens of Jefferson county. Life has been to him a season of earnest labor, but as the result of his energy and perseverance he has accumulated a comfortable competence, while his sterling worth has gained him the highest regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

Mr. Stear was born February 18, 1849, in Porter township, Jefferson county, a son of Frederick and Mary A. (Stitler) Stear, both of whom were natives of Northumberland county. The paternal grandfather, John Stear, was born in Sinking Valley, in the same county, and was of Scotch and German extraction. He followed merchandising and farming, and died at Smicksburg, Penn. The maternal grandfather, Peter Stitler, was born at Sinking Valley, was an agriculturist, and also died in Smicksburg. The parents of our subject were married in Indiana county, and made their home there until 1836, when they removed to Porter township, Jefferson county, where the father carried on farming. He walked back to Northumberland county during the harvest season in pioneer days. He cut the first tree at Smicksburg, Penn., and was prominently identified with pioneer interests. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Republican until after the war, when he became a Democrat. He died December 10, 1889, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died in September, 1892, at the age of seventy-eight. Their children were: Susan, wife of William Moser, a farmer of Perry township, Jefferson county; David, who is living on the old homestead in Porter township; Peter, a farmer of East Mahoning township, Indiana county; Catherine and Elizabeth, both deceased; John C., who operates a gristmill at North Point, Indiana county; William M.; and Sarah M., deceased wife of James Brown, a farmer of Perrysville. Peter, John and William M. were associated in the carriage-manufacturing business until four years ago, when the first two retired.

Born and reared on his father's farm, William M. Stear, at the age of seventeen, entered upon a four-years' apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade under his brother, John C., and for his services during that time he received two suits of clothes valued at about $15. He lost but four days during the entire period, and on the expiration of the four years he opened a shop at North Point, Indiana county, which he carried on for two years. He then removed to Perrysville, Jefferson county, where he conducted a smithy for four years, and on the 1st of April, 1877, he removed to Ringgold. Here he engaged in blacksmithing and in the manufacture of carriages for eight years, after which he purchased a farm and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He also secured the government contract to make daily trips with a stage between Punxsutawney and New Maysville, and was thus engaged for four years. He is now following blacksmithing at Walston for the Bell.
Lewis & Yates' Mining Co., and until August 7, 1897, he was proprietor of the "Stear House," which on that date was, with its contents, destroyed by fire. After the fire he removed his family to Punxsutawney. He is a man of much energy and force of character, and in his business dealings has met with good success.

Mr. Stear was married, May 26, 1871, at North Point, Indiana county, to Miss Hulda J. London, who was born in Bell township, Jefferson county, October 22, 1853. She is a daughter of Isaac and Eleanor (Origan) London, natives of Luzerne and Armstrong counties, respectively. Removing to Jefferson county, they settled in Perry township, but both died in Bell township, the father passing away in August, 1892, at the age of seventy-four, the mother in 1895, at the age of fifty-one. He was a school teacher in his earlier days. Mr. London devoted his life to farming and lumbering. He joined the Baptist Church when eighteen years of age, and was ever afterward a consistent member. Mrs. London was a daughter of John and Elizabeth B. (Porter) Origan, who came from Ireland and took up their residences in Perry township, Jefferson county, Penn., whence they removed to Putneyville, Armstrong county, where they spent their remaining days. Mr. Origan was a soldier in the war of 1812. The children of Mr. and Mrs. London were Sarah, deceased wife of William Rittenhouse, a farmer of Indiana county; Isaac M., deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Josiah Deemer, a farmer of Bell township, Jefferson county; Rodie Ann, deceased; John C., a lumberman of Forest county, Penn.; Mrs. Stear; Isaac T., who has departed this life; Nathan A., a farmer living on the old homestead in Bell township; and Elizabeth E., wife of Ward Wood, a farmer and stone mason of Punxsutawney.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Stear are: Albert C., born September 30, 1873, was for several years engaged in railroading for the Pennsylvania Co., but is now a successful photographer; Wilbert and Gilbert (twins), who were born July 7, 1875, and died in infancy: Daisy L., who was born May 13, 1877, was, on January 19, 1898, married to William C. Fackiner, an enterprising young baker of Punxsutawney; Pearl C., born August 8, 1879; Charles, who was born October 11, 1881, and died on the 2nd of November, of that year; Homer, who was born February 4, and died February 20, 1883; Frederick W., born May 29, 1887; and Zane B., who was born January 25, 1894, and died on the 16th of June, following. The father of these has given his political support to the Democracy, and was appointed postmaster of Ringgold November 1, 1893, for a four-years' term. He has also served as assessor for three years, and supervisor and judge of elections. He belongs to the Junior Mechanics of Ringgold, and since 1874 has been a member of the Grange of Perry township. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is an active, earnest, Christian worker, who does all in his power to uplift humanity. His has been an honorable and useful life, and has won to him the high regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

Jacob J. Sutter, a member of the mercantile firm of Bing & Co., a leading dry-goods house of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, and superintendent of the Central Land & Mining Co., which controls 6,000 acres of land in Jefferson county—4,900 in Winslow township, and 1,100 in Washington township—is one of the most prominent and influential men of the county. Since early boyhood his life has been most active, and the experience he gained by close attention to the world, aided by his practical good sense and his unbounded energy, soon developed within him the sterling characteristics that have won for him the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Sutter was born in Bavaria, Germany, November 17, 1834, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Stahl) Sutter. The father was one of those many Germans, who, in 1840, sought a home in the New World. With his widowed mother, Elizabeth Sutter, his wife, Elizabeth, and three children, they sailed for America, and one child was born to them during the ocean passage. First locating in Beaver county, Penn., Jacob Sutter later removed to Covode, Indiana county, and there engaged in farming until his death, in 1852, when he was aged fifty-two years; the mother died in April, 1870, aged sixty-two years. They were members of the Evangelical Church, and in politics Mr. Sutter was a Whig. The children of Jacob and Elizabeth Sutter were as follows: Margaret is the widow of John Hoffman, late of Clearfield county, Penn.; Philip is a farmer of Indiana county; Jacob J. is the subject of this sketch; Catherine married Levi Sunderland, and both are now deceased; Daniel is a merchant of Livingston, Ill.; Christopher is a farmer of Moultrie county, Ill.; Elizabeth lives in Punxsutawney, Penn.; Julia Ann is the wife of James Crossman, a farmer of Whitesville, Indiana county; Henry (twin of Julia Ann) fell at the battle of Richmond, after having served through the previous engagements of his regiment, as a member of Company A, 105th P. V. I.; William, ex-sheriff.
of Jefferson county, is now a wagon maker at Lindsey; and Martin is with his brother, William, at Lindsey.

Jacob J. Sutter, the subject of this sketch, remained at the home farm until his father's death in 1852. He then went to Blair county, and worked for a year on the farm of J. David and John Mutersbaugh, at $7 per month. Returning home at the end of the year with $65, he offered it to his widowed mother, and she accepted $50 with which to pay the father's doctor bill. A few months later the young man returned to Blair county, and worked eight months on an adjoining farm for $11 per month. During the following winter he attended school at Tyrone, Penn. His services were engaged by another farmer in Blair county, at $13 per month; but after working three months he found that he could not collect his wages, even after bringing suit, and litigation proving expensive Mr. Sutter abandoned the claim. Next he worked five months on a gravel train between Huntingdon and Altoona, and went home for the winter. For a year he then made timber in Clearfield county. Beginning in 1860, he served two years as an apprentice in carpentering, receiving $35 per month the first year, and $10 per month the second year. In 1862 he worked at his trade for a few months in Alexandria, Va., and in the fall of that year began working in the navy yard at Washington, D. C., making cartridge boxes.

Returning home in the spring of 1863, he soon after went to Erie, where he followed his trade. In 1864 he went to Titusville and began selling oil-well supplies on commission for Jareckie, John Shawbecker being his bondsman. He was very successful, but caught the oil fever then raging, and, investing his earnings in oil wells, lost all. Returning to Erie, he contracted to build ten cheap houses, and in two months cleared $1,000. He then associated himself in the carpentering business with Michael Loesel, and was thus engaged for two years and three months, when he sold out, and in October, 1870, came to Reynoldsville, where he has since resided.

In 1865, at Erie, Penn., Mr. Sutter was first married, uniting with Miss Eliza Sanger. One son, Ellsworth, was born to this marriage, but both mother and child died in 1866, and were buried at Erie, Penn. His second marriage occurred at Erie, February 21, 1867, this time with Miss Mary Halpin, Rev. C. F. Hartung officiating. Mrs. Mary (Halpin) Sutter was born in County Clare, Ireland, August 27, 1845, a daughter of John and Mary (Russell) Halpin. The father died in Ireland in 1847, and his widow immigrated with her family to Canada, thence, in 1865, she came to the United States, and now resides in New York City. The children of John and Mary Halpin were as follows: John is deceased; William P. is a millwright in Minnesota; Ellen is living with her mother; and Mary is the wife of our subject. Mary was reared by her bachelor uncle, John Russell, who taught school for twenty-five years in Canada, and is now pensioned for life.

To Jacob J. and Mary Sutter have been born the following children: Lillie, wife of Dr. Harry Thompson, of Portland Mills, Elk Co., Penn.; Mabel, a stenographer and typewriter at Pittsburgh, Penn.; Frank O., now with Bing & Co., of Reynoldsville; Nellie M. E., attending Normal School at Lock Haven, Penn.; Lotta, wife of James Mitchell, a tailor of Kane, Penn.; and Alina L., Albert, Altha, Mildred and Carol, at home.

After his settlement at Reynoldsville, in 1870, our subject for two years followed the carpenter's trade, and for three years ran a meat wagon. In 1876 he was made the superintendent of the Central Land & Mining Co., a position he has since continually filled. This company was organized in 1872. Its president at this time is Albert Pancost, and its secretary and treasurer is W. H. Hollis, of Philadelphia, Penn. Mr. Sutter is a member of the M. E. Church, and was trustee for many years until 1896, when he was re-elected but resigned in 1897. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arcanum, at Reynoldsville; is prominently connected with the social affairs of the village, and was one of the first councilmen of Reynoldsville. The family occupy a beautiful two-story brick residence, which Mr. Sutter erected in 1891. His interest in the mercantile firm of Bing & Co. was acquired in February, 1893, his son Frank O. representing him in that business. Mr. Sutter is still active in the management of his large financial interests. He is a self-made man, and in the commendable pursuit of business affairs he has not neglected the broadening influences of study and culture. His opinion is sought in matters of public and local policy, and in all relations in life he has exhibited that trained and trusted mind which finds its best illustration among men who have manfully and successfully fought the battle of life.

A. FRED W. MULHOLLAN, postmaster at Kathmel, Penn., who is also successfully carrying on general merchandising and farming,
is a recognized leader in the affairs of Winslow township, Jefferson county. He well deserves the esteem in which he is so uniformly held, and has worthily won the success that has come to him through his business dealings.

Mr. Mulhollan was born August 5, 1849, in Boggs township, Centre Co., Penn., and is a son of John F. and Rebecca J. (Passmore) Mulhollan. He remained upon his father’s farm in Clearfield county until sixteen years of age, and through the summer months assisted in the cultivation of the fields, while in the winter season he attended the district schools. He then entered the Edinboro State Normal School, where he remained for two terms, and at the age of seventeen began teaching at Coal Hill, Clearfield county. The following spring he again attended the Edinboro State Normal, and was graduated with the class of 1871. He was then elected principal of the public schools of Punxsutawney, where he continued three terms, after which he spent three terms as a teacher in Clearfield, and one term as principal of the schools of Mifflin. He then taught one term in Chester county, after which he located near Parkersburg, and for five terms took charge of a class of teachers. During his stay in Chester county, on account of the convenience of the location, he was enabled to attend the Centennial in Philadelphia. He was afterward the teacher of a private school in Wheatland, Lancaster Co., Penn., near President Buchanan’s old home. After leaving here he went to Virginia, which visit resulted in one of the important steps of his life, for he there met the lady who became his wife. On the 11th of September, 1878, in Pottsville, Penn., Prof. Mulhollan wedded Miss Mary A. Brown, and although they have no children of their own, they are rearing two adopted children—William E. and Clara London, a nephew and niece.

Mrs. Mulhollan was born in Schuylkill county, Penn., and is a daughter of David and Margaret (Hamilton) Brown. Mr. Brown is a native of England and Mrs. Brown of Scotland, and they are now residents of West Virginia. Mr. Brown came to America when only eight years of age, the family being among the early settlers of Schuylkill county and among the first coal operators in that county. In 1872 the father of Mrs. Mulhollan removed to Rockbridge county, Va., where he served as superintendent of an iron mine until 1876, when he located on a farm in Fayette county, W. Va. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics is a stanch Republican. Mr. and Mrs. David Brown are the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, at home; Mrs. Mulhollan; William A., an extensive coal operator, in West Virginia; Belle V., wife of W. J. Lowery, a farmer and stock raiser of Springdale, W. Va.; Percy H., a coal operator at Brown’s Station, W. Va.; Ella G., the wife of Rev. Grose, of West Va.; J. Alger, a coal operator of West Virginia; Emily, wife of Fenton Morris, of West Va.; and Jessie, wife of Dr. Huffman, of Brookville, Penn.; and Olive C. and David S., still at home. Six daughters of this family, including Mrs. Mulhollan, have been successful school teachers.

After his marriage Mr. Mulhollan went to Elk county, Penn., and for three terms was principal of the schools at Centreville, Penn. In 1882 he came to Rathmel, where he engaged in merchandising until the fall of 1890, when he was elected commissioner of Jefferson county, and removed to Brookville. There he remained until 1895, when he returned to Rathmel and purchased the Henry Brothers’ mining store. He has since successfully engaged in general merchandising, and has a liberal patronage, which has come to him as the result of his enterprise and honorable dealing. His business policy commends him to the support and confidence of all. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth, have frequently honored him with official preferment. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, and is a valued member of the Odd Fellows Society of Centreville, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Rathmel. He and his wife hold a prominent position in social circles where true worth and intelligence are received as the passports into good society.

James M. Canning, one of the wide-awake and energetic business men of Brookville, now engaged in the grocery trade, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Pittsburg, February 12, 1849, a son of John and Bridget Doonet Canning, both of whom were natives of Ireland, coming to America when quite young. The father, who was a laborer and stone mason by trade, died in 1854; the mother passed away in 1884. They had four children: James M., Mary, John F. and Thomas, all now deceased except James M.

Our subject had but limited educational advantages in early life, and when a mere child he was thrown upon his own resources, and was obliged to fight the battle of life unaided. When eleven years of age he came to Brookville, and for several years worked at whatever employment he could find. He lived frugally and economically until 1876, by which time he had saved sufficient capital with which to embark in the
grocery trade. By close attention to his business interests and courteous treatment of his customers, he enjoys to-day a lucrative trade, and his store is the most completely stocked of any similar business house in the city.

On Thursday, September 17, 1874, by Rev. J. Stevenson, of Corsica, Jefferson county, Penn., James M. Canning was united in marriage with Miss Lillie F. Scribner, who was born February 10, 1855, in Kalamazoo county, Mich., whence, when a seven-year-old girl, she came with her parents to Brookville, where she has since made her home. Alexander S. Scribner, her father, kept the "American Hotel" in Pittsburg some fifteen years, having previously been engaged in the same line of business in Brookville. He died in that latter city, June 28, 1897; Cynthia B. (Cheesebro), the mother of the children hereinafter named, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Canning, on April 10, 1884, and their remains rest in the cemetery at Brookville. Children: Frank L., Lillie F. (Mrs. Canning), Samuel A., and Emma, the last named dying in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. James M. Canning have been blessed with two children: Cora C., born June 4, 1878, and James S., born September 19, 1880; both are still at home. The mother is a consistent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady.

At all times, Mr. Canning casts his ballot in support of the men and members of the Democratic party, but cares nothing for the honors of public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. He is entirely a self-made man, having worked his own way up unaided by capital or influential friends until to-day he is numbered among the substantial and leading business men of Brookville, and is one of the most highly respected citizens of the place.

GEORGE W. SYKES, general manager of the Reynoldsville Woollen Company, which is composed of our subject, F. K. A. Alexander and J. B. Arnold, has for almost twenty years been a resident of Reynoldsville, and his name is inseparably connected with its industrial interests. His thoroughly American spirit and his great energy have enabled him to mount from a lowly position to one of affluence, and the success that he has achieved illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's character.

Mr. Sykes was born in Clearfield county, Penn., in 1849, and is a son of Henry and Rebecca (Bilger) Sykes. The father was a native of Huddersfield, England, whence at the age of twenty-two years he crossed the Atlantic to America, where for some time he worked at the weaver's trade, which he had previously learned in the Old World. Subsequently he engaged in farming, and continued to follow that pursuit up to his death, which occurred in April, 1893, in Oregon. His wife, who was born in Union county, Penn., still makes her home in Oregon.

His parents being in limited circumstances, our subject had but little opportunity to attend school during his boyhood, and at the age of fifteen he laid aside his text books and turned his attention to farming, which he followed for seven years. He next went to northern Minnesota, where he engaged in lumbering, and, although he endured many hardships and privations incident to such a life, he met with a fair degree of success. Returning to Jefferson county, Penn., in 1873, he located in Henderson township, where he remained during the panic which began during that year. On his twenty-ninth birthday, May 10, 1878, he came to Reynoldsville, where he at once began the erection of a woollen-mill, and by July 20, of the same year, blew the whistle and began its operation. He was quite successful in his new undertaking until July 20, 1893, when his plant was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of $60,000; but the community, realizing the benefit of such an industry, induced Mr. Sykes to rebuild, and he now has a large and well-equipped plant. It is one of the leading business enterprises of Reynoldsville, employment being furnished some fifty hands throughout the year, and its products being sold in Minnesota, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and, in fact, throughout many portions of the United States. A man of good executive ability, energetic and progressive, Mr. Sykes carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and, although he has met with reverses, he has steadily overcome these by determined effort, until to-day he is acknowledged as one of the most reliable and substantial business men of Jefferson county.

In January, 1873, Mr. Sykes was married to Miss Hannah Fickling, a native of England, and they became the parents of eight children—Harry J., Lillie, Etta, Edward, Bertha, Lulu, Olive and Roland—all at home with the exception of Harry J., who is married. Mrs. Sykes and Lillie hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our subject has an abiding faith in the principles of the Republican party, which he has always supported by his ballot, and he is a strong advocate of sound money, protection and prosperity. Fraternally he affil-
iates with the Knights of Pythias, in which society he is a past chancellor, and also belongs to the Sons of St. George, in which he has served as treasurer for the last ten years.

JACOB K. SMITH is a gentleman whose success in life is attributable entirely to his own efforts, and who by capable management and enterprise has become the owner of one of the excellent farms of Gaskill township, Jefferson county.

Philip Smith, his father, was born in Union county, Penn., and, during his boyhood, accompanied his parents to Armstrong county, where he afterward married Miss Susan Smith, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn. For a number of years he followed shoemaking, but later in life carried on farming. In 1848 he came to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, purchased 150 acres of timber land and erected thereon a log house and barn. In 1851 he brought his family to this home, where he spent his remaining days, dying within a few years thereafter. Jacob K. Smith and his brother Philip then took charge of the home farm, and together continued its improvement until the latter's death in 1870. Our subject was married, in 1863, to Miss Jane Shink, a daughter of William and Mary Shink, of Indiana county. They located on his father's first purchase, living in the old log house for a number of years, when it was replaced by a large two-story frame residence, while a large bank barn and many other excellent improvements were made. His mother continued to live with him upon this place until her death at the age of ninety-one years, and his sister, Sarah, still resides on the old homestead. Of his father's family five remained in Armstrong county when the parents came to Jefferson county.

John, the eldest, when a young man went to New York, where he married, and for many years followed the blacksmith's trade. He still makes his home there. (2) Mary became the wife of Isaac Altman, of Armstrong county, where she died in 1851, leaving a family of children. (3) Daniel, born in Armstrong county, enlisted in the Union army, and was killed or died near the close of the war. (4) Adam E., a native of Armstrong county, married Miss Hannah Martin, of that county. He served throughout the war and then returned to his home, but after a short time disappeared, and in thirty-two years nothing has been heard from him. He left a wife, who died a few years ago, and four children. (5) Susan was married to Lewis May in 1853. They lived on a farm adjoining the old homestead. She died in 1876, leaving a husband and one child, both of whom died a few years ago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob K. Smith were born nine children, the old homestead being the birthplace of all: (1) Philip B. married Alice Beers, of Rockton, Penn., and resides in Bell township, Clearfield county. They have three children, Charles, Joy and William B. (2) Daniel H. wedded Mary Schaffner, by whom he has one child, and they now reside on a farm near his father's home. (3) Sybilla C., on November 10, 1897, was married to David A. McKee, of New Washington, Clearfield county, where they now reside on a large farm. (4) Cyrus A. is engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. (5) Labern. (6) Cora, (7) Clark. (8) Sannie Bell and (9) Withington are still under the parental roof.

In politics our subject is an advocate of Democracy, and for a number of years he has acceptably filled the office of school director. His life has been quietly passed in devotion to all public and private duties, and his example is one well worthy of emulation.

JOHN M. WHITE, Solicitor for Jefferson county, and Burgess of the borough of Brookville, though yet a young man, is one of the most prominent lawyers of the county.

Mr. White was born August 18, 1871, in Brookville, Penn., the only son of Hon. Alexander Colwell White, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere. Our subject received his literary education at the public schools of his native place, graduating in 1889, and in September of the same year he was registered as a law student. He at once began the study of law under the able preceptorship of his father, and was admitted to the Bar December 5, 1892, being the youngest attorney ever admitted to the Bar of Jefferson county. On June 6, 1894, he was united in marriage with Miss Nora E. Deemer, daughter of A. D. Deemer, of Brookville, a sketch of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume, and one child, Sarah E., born June 20, 1895, brightens their home. Since his admission to the Bar Mr. White has been successfully engaged in the practice of his chosen profession at Brookville. On January 1, 1897, he was appointed, by the County Commissioners, Solicitor for Jefferson county for a term of three years, and in February, 1897, he was elected, on the Republican ticket, Burgess of the Borough of Brookville, for three years, which position he fills with dignity and efficiency. Mr. and Mrs. White are members of the M. E. Church of Brookville, of which he is serving as trustee.
His Republican friends some time since strongly urged him to accept the nomination for District Attorney; but believing that the office should be held for two successive terms, instead of one, he courteously declined in any way to oppose the present incumbent of that office. Socially Mr. White is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the I. O. O. F., in which he is a past grand; of the K. of P., in which he is a past chancellor; also of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Senior Order of American Mechanics. The worthy son of a worthy father, Mr. White justly merits prominent mention among the members of the Bar of Jefferson county.

JOSEPH L. LONG, Esq., of Sykesville, Jefferson county, is so thoroughly identified with the leading movements for the development of that locality that his name deserves especial mention in a work which aims to give an account of all citizens of this section who have notably contributed to progress. As agent for the Shaffer estate he laid out the town of West Sykesville, and his influence has ever since been given to the best interests of the place, one of his chief works being the founding of the First Baptist Church there. He is also prominent in local politics, and at present is serving as justice of the peace in and for Winslow township.

Squire Long was born May 30, 1850, in Armstrong county, Penn., and while he is of German descent on the paternal side he comes in the maternal line from another gifted race, the Scotch-Irish. His parents, John B. and Jane (Sherley) Long, were both natives of Pennsylvania, and in their early married life resided near Kittanning, Armstrong county. In 1852 they removed to Jefferson county and settled in Gaskill township, where the father engaged in farming and lumbering. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife both belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The mother died in 1872, aged sixty-eight years, and in 1885 the father passed away at the age of seventy-two, the remains of both being interred in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery, in Jefferson county. They had nine children: Tobias J., a farmer in West Virginia; Robert, a resident of Gaskill township, Jefferson county; John S., who entered the Union army, was wounded in the battle of Petersburg, and died in the hospital a month later; Joseph L., our subject; Alexander D., a farmer in Clearfield county; Sarah E. and Marl, who both died in childhood; David W., a farmer in Minnesota; and Maria Jane, now living in Minnesota, is married to William G. Estes.

Until he reached the age of twenty our subject remained at home, assisting his father in farming and lumbering. He then engaged in the same occupations on his own account, continuing about ten years, but in December, 1880, he removed to Troutville, and was a clerk in the drug and general merchant store of Dr. J. M. Lydic. This lasted one year, when Mr. Long engaged in the lumber business, which he followed exclusively until 1887. Since that date he has made his home at Sykesville, where he first conducted a grocery and meat-market, but, in 1891, he gave up his store to establish a real-estate business. While thus engaged he was appointed agent for the Shaffer estate, and in 1891 the town of West Sykesville was laid out under his direction. In the fall of 1891 he embarked in the livery business, which he followed until the spring of 1893, when he sold his stock to the firm of Estes & Long, of Sykesville, Penn., to make a trip to Ottawa City, Ill. During that trip, on his return home, he visited the opening of the World's Fair, May 1, 1893. In December, of the same year, he received a commission as notary public, but in 1893 he resigned from that post to accept that of justice of the peace, May 4, 1895. For some time past he has also represented the McCormick Implement Co., of Chicago, as agent for his locality.

On July 3, 1870, Joseph L. Long was married at Punxsutawney to Miss Hannah E. Estes, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Samuel Miles, who was born in the arsenal at Philadelphia in 1807. Four children have blessed this union: Samuel B., of Sykesville, a member of the mercantile firm of Estes & Long, married Miss Clara Nichol; Joseph E., of Sykesville, who married Miss Ida Phillippi, and has one son, Roy; John P., and Ethel, who are at home. Mrs. Long was born April 6, 1851, in Jefferson county, the daughter of Abraham and Margaret (Hall) Estes. Her paternal grandparents, Philip and Damie (Vosburg) Estes, were natives of Luzerne county, Penn.; her maternal grandfather, James Hall, was born in Ireland, and on coming to America settled in Milesburg, Centre county, Pennsylvania.

Squire Long, since the campaign of 1880, has been a stanch Republican in politics, and socially he is identified with the Sykesville Lodge, K. of P., No. 185, of Sykesville, was one of its charter members and was elected first prelate, passed through all the chairs of the lodge and now holds the honor of past chancellor, and that of master of work. In July, 1892, he was
elected representative to attend the grand lodge meeting held in Reading City, Penn. He has been an energetic K. of P. ever since the institution of the lodge. His work in connection with the Baptist Church of Sykesville indicates his earnest and energetic support of any cause which he deems worthy. In this connection the Squire narrates the following: At the time of the remodeling of the rink building to that of a house of worship, the work was about completed except seating, when the money was about exhausted. An old friend of our subject hearing of the enterprise on the evening of the 4th of February, 1886, came into the building to see him and said, "Joe, have you any money?" "Not a dollar," was the reply. "What are you going to do?" "I don't know." At this point the stranger put his hand into his pocket and said, "here, go ahead with your work." The joy that filled our subject's heart could only be expressed by tears, for the man was sent there by the Lord.

Mr. Long gives the following sketch of the Church as follows:

"The First Baptist Church of Sykesville was born of pious parentage through the subject of this sketch, who organized a Union Sunday-school, June 14, 1885, in what was then called the Shaffer school house. He was elected superintendent; Fred Walker, assistant superintendent; and Asa W. Scott, secretary. The school was run on the union plan until October 11, of the same year, when it was concluded to continue it through the winter. The same officers were continued, and the school was the first winter Sunday-school held in this section. The school at this time took upon itself a Baptist garb by being supplied with Baptist literature, received from the American Baptist Publishing Society of Philadelphia. In December, 1885, our subject purchased what was then known as the old rink building, and with the assistance of a few other persons the building was remodeled for the use of a house of worship. The then called Baptist Bible School, on February 7, 1886, held its first session in the new building. In the meantime our subject procured the services of Rev. C. W. Ray, of Philadelphia, missionary for the Clearfield Baptist Association, and on the evening of February 6, Rev. Ray commenced a series of meetings, which were continued about three weeks. On February 15, 1886, the First Baptist Church of Sykesville was organized, J. L. Long being its founder, under the auspices of Rev. C. W. Ray. The constituent members were: J. L. Long, Hannah E. Long (his wife), William Null, Sr., Mrs. William Null, and S. C. Estes. The organization being completed the same day, there were five persons received into the Church; we at once repaired to the water, where they were buried with Christ in baptism by Rev. J. N. Williams, of Reynoldsville, Penn. At the official meeting of the Church the following officers were elected: J. L. Long, Asa W. Scott, deacons; Rosa Fye, clerk. The infant Church was given the name of Bethel Baptist Church. Rev. J. N. Williams served our little flock for about one year, and during his pastorate there were received into Church fellowship about forty members. The Church has been of a steady growth under the pastorate of Rev. H. H. Leamy from November, 1886, to August, 1887; Rev. R. L. Williams from September, 1887, to September, 1890; Rev. J. E. Dean, from November, 1890, to March, 1894. In June, 1891, through the agency of the subject of this sketch, ground was purchased from Christian Stahl for the purpose of erecting a new Church building. The corner stone was laid June 26, 1892, and a Church building was completed at a cost of $3,019, which was dedicated to the Lord, June 11, 1893, free of debt. The Rev. Samuel Mills was present at the dedication. He was the pioneer who preached the gospel of Christ in this association for about fifty years. Bethel Church held their first prayer meeting in the new Church building the evening of January 1, 1893, our subject having charge of the meeting. The Bethel Church kept on in its work of love, and in April, 1894, Rev. W. M. Jennings continued the work for about six months, when he was followed by Rev. W. H. Clipman, who did a grand spiritual work. Next came the services of Rev. W. G. Patterson, for the space of about fifteen months. Since November 1, 1897, the Church has enjoyed the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Palmer, of Punxsutawney, Penn.

"The subject of this sketch united with the First Baptist Church, of Punxsutawney, by being received into church fellowship and baptised in February, 1864. He has ever since contended for the faith once delivered to the Saints. Many and mysterious have been his experiences as a Christian worker for ten or more years. Prior to his organizing the Bethel Baptist Church of Sykesville, his lot was cast in a Pedo Baptist community. In the year 1872 he took his letter of church membership from the Punxsutawney Church to unite with the Soldier Run Baptist Church of Prescottville, for convenience of attending church, yet he had about seven miles to go to attend church. On February 12, 1886, he received a letter of church fellowship from the
Soldier Run Baptist Church of Prescottville, to organize the Bethel Baptist Church, of Sykesville, where he still holds his membership, where he has done his greatest work for the Master. Squire Long’s greatest ambition in life has been in working for the good of others.”

WILLIAM B. COWAN. Quite a number of the leading and prominent citizens of Jefferson county are of alien birth, and have brought to this land of thrift and plenty the industrious habits of their native country. Among these there is none that is better known or more widely respected than the gentleman whose name appears at the beginning of this sketch. He was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, March 30, 1850, and is descended from three of the most noted families of that country, namely: the Campbells, of which Archibald Campbell, Duke of Argyile, belonged, the Cameron and the Gordons.

Peter Boag, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was throughout life a successful teacher in Scotland, while William Cowan, the paternal grandfather, was a mining boss, and was treasurer of the Mining Association for a great many years. Both died in their native land. One of the daughters of Peter Boag was prominent as a temperance lecturer. She was for many years a leader in her lodge or society, and was made D. D. Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in 1892. Of the Cowan family, three sons — James, William and Hugh — came together to America, but the third named subsequently returned to Scotland. William is still a resident of Clarion county, Penn. Two of their sisters also crossed the Atlantic — Christina, who married Alexander Davie, both of whom are now deceased; and Mary, wife of Robert Pennan. The latter lived in Mercer county for a number of years, but later removed to Wyoming, where she is still residing. Her husband is now deceased. They and most of their children were Mormons, but the Cowan family has for generations been identified with the Presbyterian Church.

James Cowan, the father of our subject, was married in Scotland to Miss Margaret Boag, and three children were born to them previous to coming to the United States with his brother in 1852. On his arrival in New York, he went direct to Schuylkill county, Penn., where he spent five years, and at the end of that time located in Eldred township, Jefferson county. Purchasing a tract of wild land there, he lived in a school house until his own dwelling could be erected; but after improving his place he sold it and removed to Union township, where he also developed a good farm. There his death occurred in 1878; his wife is still living at the old homestead, and is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church at Brookville, having removed her membership from Corsica, in which Church he was serving as elder when called from this life. During his residence here he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits during the summer months, while the winter season was spent in mining coal.

Of the twelve children born to James and Margaret Cowan, all are still living with one exception. They are as follows: Nettie, wife of D. T. Leach; William B., of this sketch; Peter B., who still resides on the old homestead; Margaret, wife of H. D. Haugh; Mrs. Agnes Glen, wife of W. H. Glen; James J., also on the home farm; Alexander D. and John R. (twins), of whom the former is now a railroad man, and the latter a resident of Colorado; Mary, wife of G. Strong; Annie, wife of Isaiah Simpson; Emma, wife of P. T. Dickey; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood. With the exception of the two residing at the old homestead, all are members of the Presbyterian Church.

William B. Cowan was two years old when he crossed the Atlantic with his parents. He was reared and educated in Jefferson county, learning both mining and farming under his father’s able direction. He has since successfully followed these pursuits. After his marriage, in 1876, he located upon his present farm in Union township, and has since opened up profitable mines upon the place, the land being underlaid with a fine grade of coal four feet in thickness. He also owns two other tracts of valuable coal land, and upon his home farm, which is conveniently located near Roseville, he conducted a general store for four years, but at the end of that time his stock, on which there was little insurance, was destroyed by fire January 1, 1885. For many years he has been agent for a fertilizer, but devotes his time and attention principally to his agricultural and mining interests, in which he has met with well-merited success.

In 1876, Mr. Cowan married Miss Mary M. Cummings, who was born in Clarion county, May 2, 1853, a daughter of George W. and Paulina (Mills) Cummings, both born in Pennsylvania, the former of Scotch-Irish, and the latter of German descent. Throughout his active business career the father was a farmer, lumberman and stock draver. He died March 10, 1801. His wife, November 29, 1888. Their children were: Mary; Arthur, who died unmarried; Nannie J., wife of P. M. Yeany; John D., a farmer; and Cassius E., a farmer and justice of the peace. The parents
and all their children were connected with the Presbyterian Church, and the family is one of prominence. Nine children have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: Arthur L., Margaret P., Nannie M., Adda V., Edgar B., James C., Helen E. and Sarah E.; all are at home; and George B., who died at the age of three months. Like their parents, the eldest three are now members of the Presbyterian Church. The father of these is one of the prominent representatives of the Republican party in Union township, and has served as justice of the peace for five years. He has always taken an important part in Church work, has been a teacher and superintendent of the Sabbath-school for many years, and is secretary of the Jefferson County Sabbath-school Association, in which position he has already served three years, and has been re-elected for another term of two years. The object of this worthy organization is the unity of Evangelical Christians to advance Sunday-school work all over the nation. Mr. Cowan is an honored member of the local lodges of the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of Pythias; also the Ancient Order of Artizans. His encouragement and support are given to all measures calculated to promote the educational, moral and material welfare of his community, and he is recognized as one of its most valued and highly esteemed citizens.

Referring to the family of one of the ancestors of the subject of this sketch, his grandmother's youngest sister—Mary McDougal—married, in Scotland, Alexander Eason. They came to the United States about 1850, and when en route to California were killed in the Mountain Meadow Massacre, Utah, early in September, 1857.

SAMUEL E. WILSON, one of Punxsutawney's leading citizens, is prominently identified with the wholesale liquor trade, and is also connected with a number of corporate enterprises, being president of the Punxsutawney Street Railway Co., and the Jefferson Light, Heat and Power Co. He is a native of Clarion county, Penn., where he was born, September 10, 1851, and his father, the late Robert M. Wilson, though born in Centre county, passed the greater part of his life in Clarion county, where for many years he followed mercantile pursuits. He was never ambitious for public notice, his attention being given chiefly to his own affairs, but he was held in high esteem among his associates. His estimable wife, whose maiden name was Mary Gray, died in 1861, and he survived her sixteen years, passing away in 1877.

As the subject of this sketch was reared to the age of seventeen upon a farm, his education was limited to the country schools of that day. On leaving home he spent one year in the oil fields of this State, and a similar period at Pittsburg in a wholesale grocery. He then assisted his father in the store at East Brady, Clarion county, until 1873, when he took a position as traveling salesman for a wholesale house in Pittsburg. After two years in this employment he went to St. Petersburg, Penn., an "oil town," and remained until 1879, his next employment being at New Castle, Penn., as clerk in the "Leslie House," where he spent one year. From 1880 to 1885 he was engaged in the wholesale liquor trade at New Castle, but he then transferred his business to Punxsutawney. As has been stated, he is connected with various enterprises, and he was a leading promoter and organizer of the two companies named, of which he is now the head.

In 1883 Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Lucy I. Poe, daughter of Capt. Adam Poe, of Georgetown, Penn., and two sons—Robert Poe and Samuel E., Jr., have blessed the union. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the M. E. Church, and our subject is identified with several fraternal orders: the Elks, the F. and A. M., the K. T., the Mystic Shrine, and the American Club of Pittsburg.

Politically, our subject is a Republican, and although he has never been an office seeker, his influence is recognized as a power in his locality. In 1896 he was an alternate delegate to the St. Louis Convention, and he was also a member of the Electoral College from the Twenty-first District of Pennsylvania. Mr. Wilson is the owner of the "Malvern" stock farm of 150 acres, located twenty-one miles from Philadelphia, in Chester county, where he is engaged in raising thoroughbred trotting horses. He is the owner of "Acolyte," the horse that "Coxey" rode into Washington.

Capt. Adam Poe was born in 1816, in Ohio, and on February 16, 1842, he was married to Lucy T. Smith, of Pennsylvania, and to them have been born nine children, three sons and six daughters. The father of these died in 1853, but the mother still survives, residing at Malvern, Penn. Thomas Poe, the grandfather of Mrs. Samuel E. Wilson, was a native of one of the Eastern States. He married a Miss Huggner, who was of German descent, as are also the Poes. Andrew Poe, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Wilson, was known for his encounter with the Indians in Ohio in an early day.
RICHARD E. CLOVER, a well-known resident of Punxsutawney, and one of the proprietors of the "Hotel Pantall," a leading hotel of that thriving town, was born December 8, 1850, at Brookville, Jefferson county, and although a large portion of his early life was spent elsewhere, the attractions of this section served to draw him back to it in later years.

Harrison Clover, the father of our subject, was a native of Clarion county, Penn., and was a remarkable man, possessing decided mechanical genius, and being also endowed with enormous physical strength, greater than that of any other man of his day in his locality. By occupation he was a blacksmith. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Williams, is still living in the enjoyment of excellent health, residing at Erie, Penn. He died in 1859.

As Richard E. Clover was but a child when his father died, he was taken to Allegheny county, this State, and was reared by an aunt, receiving a fair education. He is an expert bookkeeper, and previous to engaging in the hotel business had done much clerical work as occasion offered. He also spent several years in the oil region in western Pennsylvania, during the excitement over the discovery of that product. Mr. Clover has an amiable and accomplished wife, formerly Miss Annie Edelblute, and is prominent socially as a member of the Punxsutawney Club. He is interested in the political questions of the day, though not as an office seeker, and he is an adherent to the Democratic party.

BENOII CLAWSON. The subject of this personal narrative is one of the successful and progressive farmers of Bell township, Jefferson county. Throughout his active business life he has been identified with the educational and agricultural interests of the county, and in 1865, during the dark days of the Rebellion, he manifested his loyalty and patriotism by enlisting in Company B, 74th P. V. I., serving for six months, when hostilities ceased.

Mr. Clawson was born in 1831, in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, a son of Matthias and Polly (Williams) Clawson. The birth of the father occurred in Westmoreland county, Penn., but when a young man he took up his residence in Jefferson county, where he spent the most of his life, engaged in farming and lumbering. In August, 1869, he went to Kansas, where his death occurred a month later. His estimable wife, who was a native of Mifflin county, Penn., died in 1877. Benoni Clawson was provided with very meagre educational privileges during his youth, but he made the most of his opportunities and fitted himself for a teacher, which profession he successfully followed for twenty years. While teaching he also followed farming during the summer season. He was reared upon a farm, and his later years have been devoted to agriculture and lumbering.

On June 6, 1861, he married Miss Mary A., a daughter of William F. and Margaret (Thompson) Williams, of Jefferson county, and they have become the parents of four children, who in order of birth are as follows: William W., now a missionary located in New York State; and M. Bell, Daniel F., and Elsworth, all at home. The parents are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their upright Christian lives have gained for them the confidence and respect of all with whom they have come in contact. In his political affiliations Benoni Clawson is a Republican, and although he has served as supervisor and overseer of the poor, he cares nothing for political distinction. His wife, who was the granddaughter of John Williams, was born April 19, 1842, in Jefferson county, and has here, thus far, passed her life. John Williams was a resident of Jefferson county, and died here in about 1865, when about seventy-five years of age. His wife, who is deceased, was, before her marriage, Rachel Thompson.

JACOB C. SMITH, a worthy citizen, at present overseer of the poor in Young township, Jefferson county, was born in 1835, at Brady's Bend, Armstrong county, Penn., a son of Christian and Barbara (Emminger) Smith. His father was born in Germany, but came to America in 1832, locating in Butler county, Penn. In early life he was occupied as a miner, but subsequently engaged in farming and was interested in that calling up to the time of his death. He was a quiet, unassuming man, and a worthy citizen, whose uprightness in all the walks of life uniformly won him respect. He died in 1887. His estimable wife, who was born in Cumberland county, Penn., closed her eyes in death February 5, 1892.

Jacob C. Smith came with his parents to Jefferson county, in 1855. Owing to the inferiority of the schools here at that time, his educational privileges were limited. He had not the privilege of attending school until ten years of age, and then went for three terms only, of three months each, but experience and observation have added largely to his store of knowledge. When he first started to school he had to kindle the fires in
order to earn the money with which to purchase his text books. His training at farm labor was not meagre, for as soon as old enough to handle the plow he began work in the fields. He has followed farming and lumbering the greater part of his life, and industry and energy have characterized his entire career. He now owns seventy acres of land and successfully carries on general farming, the well-tilled fields plainly indicating his careful supervision.

Mr. Smith is a member of the Lutheran Church, and, socially, is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He has been a lifelong Republican, prominent in local political circles. He has held many township offices, and is at present overseer of the poor, and he is one of the prominent school directors of his county, is untiring in his efforts to promote progress and thrift in the public schools, of which he is an ardent friend. He has been prominently spoken of for the office of county treasurer. He is a public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of his county, and his fidelity to duty in all the relations of life is well worthy of emulation.

WILLIAM F. WANNER, a well-known resident of Brookville, Jefferson county, is one of the leaders in the grocery business of that locality, his store being well stocked with the various lines of supplies required by his fine class of custom. Like many of our successful business men, Mr. Wanner is of German descent. His parents, John and Caroline (Heisline) Wanner, were born, reared and married in the Fatherland, and had two children when they came to America, in November, 1849. The father is still living at the advanced age of eighty-six years, but the beloved mother passed from earth July 27, 1887.

Our subject was born July 22, 1851, in Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, and passed his early years at the old farm, the district schools of the neighborhood affording him his only educational opportunities. At thirteen he became a clerk in a mercantile establishment at Brookville, and remained with the same employer for twelve years, gaining a most valuable training in business affairs. August 10, 1876, he embarked in his grocery business, and has since carried it on with growing trade. His success is due largely to his intelligent and comprehensive view of the demands of the business, and his well-directed efforts to meet them as fully as possible.

Mr. Wanner has never joined the army of Benedicts. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in his political affiliations is a steadfast Democrat. Owing to the pressure of business cares, he does not take an active part in politics, although he is a ready sympathizer in all movements for the public welfare.

WILDER MACK BOYLE. During the war of the Rebellion there were families that contributed nobly to the cause of the Union by sending their sons to the front, and that paid dearly the sacrifice of life and blood. Of the six sons of George Boyle, an expert cabinet maker and a man prominent in religious work, four enlisted and two died for their country. One of the two survivors, who was wounded and shattered in health, was Wilder Mack Boyle, the subject of this sketch, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county.

The family are of Irish extraction. The grandfather, Daniel Boyle, emigrated from Ireland to America with his family in 1807. He was a tailor by trade, and settled in Clarion county, Penn. His son, George Boyle, who was born in 1798, learned the cabinet maker's trade, and at Philipsburg, Penn., married Miss Elizabeth McCloskey, a native of that town. Their early married life was spent near Curlsville, Clarion county, but later they removed to Illinois. Returning to Clarion county, Penn., they settled near Rimersburg, where they remained until his death in 1860 at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, the mother of our subject, died September 7, 1873, aged seventy years, one month and two days. George Boyle was a man devoted to Church and humanity. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and for many years a class-leader and earnest worker in that denomination. Kind in disposition, charitable to all, earnest in advancing the best interests of his fellow-men, he was universally esteemed. He and his wife are buried in Rose Church Cemetery at Reinersburg. Their children were as follows: John T., who became a M. E. minister, and died at Savannah, Mo., in June, 1893, being at the time a retired minister; Sarah, wife of Israel Culberson, a farmer of Clarion county; James R., a member of Company F, 103d P. V. I., who died at Georgetown, Va., from wounds received in battle; Wilder M., subject of this sketch; Harriet (deceased), who married John Foster, now living in Ohio; William H., a member of Company F, 103d P. V. I., who died from sickness during service; George E., of Clearfield, Penn., who was a member of Company L, 11th Penn-
sylvinia Cavalry; and Charles W., who died in 1873.

Wilder Mack Boyle was born May 5, 1831, in Madison township, Clarion county. He remained at the home of his parents, working on the farm in summer and cutting wood in winter until twenty years of age, when he began a four-years' apprenticeship in Clarion county with John Shandler, a carpenter, receiving the first year $60; the second, $120; the third, $140, and the fourth, $160. On October 18, 1856, at New Bethlehem, Penn., he was married, by Rev. John Thompson, a M. E. minister, to Miss Susan Mohny. She was born, March 2, 1834, at Smithland, Clarion county, a daughter of John and Sarah Pollyard Mohny, both natives of Clarion county. John Mohny was the son of John Mohny, a native of Dauphin county, and a farmer by occupation. Sarah Pollyard was the daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Pollyard, farmers of Clarion county. John Mohny, Jr., was a prominent citizen of Clarion county. He was an active member of the Lutheran Church and for many years a deacon. By occupation a farmer, he served as constable for nineteen years. His wife died in 1853, aged forty-five years, and, in 1854, he moved to Kellersburg, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he died in 1875, aged seventy years. Both are buried in Kellersburg cemetery.

The children of John and Sarah Mohny were: Eliza, widow of Charles Sandford, Oakland, Penn.; Lucinda, who married L. W. Corbett, of Armstrong county, both now deceased; Margaret, widow of William Packer, of Philadelphia, Penn.; John, who died aged nineteen years; Sophia (deceased), who married John Hudson, of Oil City, Penn.; Susan, wife of W. M. Boyle; Chambers O., living on half of the old homestead at Kellersburg; Peter, a tinner of Pittsburg, Penn.; Frank, also on the old homestead; Jane (deceased), who married Charles Mapes, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvanias.

To Wilder M. and Susan Boyle have been born the following children: John E., a miner of near Rimensburg, Penn., who married Elizabeth Snyder, and has one child — Edith; Elizabeth A., who married Leonard Reynolds, a farmer of Winslow township, and has one child — Sadie; Sadie, deceased wife of Jerome Bowers, a railroad man of Du Bois, Penn.; Charles C., Ferman D., and Loren H., at home.

After concluding his apprenticeship in 1855 our subject for three years engaged in carpentering in partnership with John Shandler. Then for years he followed lumbering during the winters, and in summer until his enlistment. August 13, 1862, in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. Josiah Zink. Mr. Boyle was in service three years. He was wounded in the left arm and taken prisoner at Plymouth, N. C., but eight months later he was paroled, until exchanged and sent home. He secured a thirty-days' furlough, afterward extended to sixty days, and remained with his family in Armstrong county, where his wife had gone to live with her sister during Mr. Boyle's service in the army. Rejoining his regiment, he served to the close of the war, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865. During his service Mr. Boyle participated in many active engagements. After he was mustered out he remained in Armstrong county a year, recuperating his health. He then removed to Brookville, where he engaged in lumbering, farming, etc., until 1872. In that year he moved to his present farm. For two years he rented and then purchased four acres, and kept adding thereto from year to year until he now owns the entire 45 acres. In politics he is a Republican. For two years he served as supervisor, then declined renomination. He is a member of Reynoldsville Post No. 192, G. A. R., and is an active member of the M. E. Church, of which he has been class-leader during the past three years.

A BRAM FYE, a general farmer and proprietor of a portable sawmill in Winslow township, has for many years been one of the most important factors in the business life of Jefferson county. His name is inseparably interwoven with its history, and the part which he has taken in its substantial development class him among those to whom the county will ever be indebted for the broad foundation upon which will be raised the superstructure of its future prosperity.

Mr. Fye was born in Sandy township, Clearfield Co., Penn., May 14, 1840, a son of Samuel and Mary (Dickson) Fye, and is a worthy representative of old and honored pioneer families of Jefferson county. His paternal great-grandfather, a native of Germany, came to America at an early day, and spent his last years in Clearfield county, while his grandfather, Henry Fye, who was also born in the Fatherland, made his home in Clarion county, Penn. The maternal grandfather, Samuel Dickson, was a native of Ireland, and died near Brookville, in Jefferson Co., Penn., where he had reared his family. Near Brookville the birth of both the parents of our subject occurred, and in Jefferson county their marriage was celebrated, but they afterward removed to Clearfield county, locating at the present site of West Liberty when only two families were living there. The father, who was
a farmer by occupation, died at that place in 1855, at the age of fifty-six years, and was buried upon his farm. The mother passed away in Jefferson county, May 13, 1872, aged seventy-five, and was laid to rest in the West Liberty cemetery. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Eli, who died at the age of fifty; Miss Jennetta, who removed to Kansas in 1864; Mary, who wedded John Heberling, but both are now deceased; Hiram, who died in February 1895; Ellen, the wife of Henry Lyons, a resident farmer of Prescottville, Penn.; Eliza, wife of George Dakin, who removed to the State of New York in 1857; Harriet, wife of William Kneal, of Kansas; Rebecca, wife of Isaac Neff, of Oil City, Penn.; and Abram, of this sketch.

After he attended school for three terms of three months each the school house was destroyed by fire, and owing to a scarcity of funds in the community it was not rebuilt. Therefore Abram Fye's educational advantages were limited. At the age of fifteen he began the battle of life by working by the day at any employment which he could find, for the first three years being mainly engaged in the manufacture of shingles and at work in the lumber woods of Clearfield county, for which he received $7 per month. Returning home at the age of eighteen, he operated the farm on shares for two years, and then removed to Jefferson county with his brother, Hiram, renting the F. Henry farm in Winslow township. Later he rented a house in the same township for one year, and then leased the Micks farm near Big Soldier for the same length of time. Throughout this period they engaged in lumbering in connection with agriculture, and having succeeded in accumulating some capital, they purchased 100 acres of land in Winslow township, which they divided in 1888. Our subject has added to his portion a tract of forty-three acres, bought in 1860, and to-day has a good farm of ninety-three acres of well-improved and valuable land. He also owns a third interest in a planing and shingle mill at Sykesville, and is still successfully engaged in lumbering and farming.

At the home of the bride's parents in Winslow township, Jefferson county, September 12, 1865, Rev. James Johnson performed a wedding ceremony, which united the destinies of Mr. Fye and Miss Sophia J. Rea, who was born in that township, January 7, 1847. Her parents, Joshua and Frances (Wilkins) Rea, were natives of Clarion county, Penn., and came to Jefferson county at an early day, locating near Prescottville, where the father died in 1850, at the age of fifty years. His remains were interred in Prospect Hill cemetery, Jefferson county. The mother long survived him, dying April 8, 1894, aged eighty-four, and was buried in the Prescottville cemetery. Their children were John, who died at the age of twenty-two; Thomas, a carpenter residing in Kansas; Sophia J., the wife of our subject; and George M., who occupies the old homestead near Prescottville. Mrs Fye's paternal grandparents were Joshua and Sarah (Meredith) Rea, the former of Welsh and the latter of Irish descent. They died and were buried in Clarion county. Her maternal grandparents, John and Jane (Brown) Wilkens, natives of Ireland, located in Venango county, Penn., on coming to the United States, but their remains were interred at Brookville, Jefferson county. To our subject and his wife have been born children as follows: William Thomas, December 7, 1866; Rosetta Jane, February 22, 1869; David Elmore, April 13, 1872; George M., January 15, 1879, died February 25, 1879; Ida Cora Belle and Ada Ora Della, January 17, 1876; Samuel Joseph Joshua, May 27, 1880; and John Edgar, April 7, 1883. The father of these, in his political affiliations, is a Republican, and in 1882 he served as supervisor of his township, and has been school director for the past two years. As a progressive, enterprising man, his business interests have ever been prosecuted with vigor and energy, and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. He is honored and respected by all, and is recognized as one of the representative citizens of Winslow township.

HENRY K. NORTH is one of the substantial citizens of McCammon township, Jefferson county. His farm of 170 acres near Punxsutawney compares well with any in the locality, and for some years past he has also been extensively engaged in lumbering, one contract which he now has on hand calling for the clearing, manufacturing and delivery of the lumber on 2,000 acres of land in Jefferson county, for the R. & P. Coal and Iron Company.

Mr. North is a representative of a prominent family, the numerous descendants of John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, who came from Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1810, having inherited the sturdy qualities of that worthy couple. The first years of their residence in America were spent in Philadelphia, but in 1818 they moved to Indiana county to enter upon a typical pioneer life. John North followed farming throughout his remaining years, and at times would resume his earlier business of weaving as his
services might be required by his neighbors. He died in 1845 and his wife in 1848.

The late Joseph P. North, the father of our subject, was born in Delaware, June 14, 1816, and, coming to Jefferson county in the early days, experienced the hardships of pioneer life in a roughly-built “shanty.” He became wealthy as the locality was developed, and his later years were spent in careful comfort. In 1860 he erected a fine modern residence on his homestead in McCalmont township, where he died March 14, 1891. He was buried in the North cemetery, in the same township, which was named for him. While he was prominent in all local affairs, he was especially so in religious work, being one of the founders of Zion Cumberland Church, and a ruling elder from the time of its organization until his death. He married Miss Marjorie Kinsel, a native of Youngstown, Jefferson county, who survives him and resides with their daughter, Mrs. Limerick, in Indiana county. Her parents, William and Kinsel, were both born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and died near Punxsutawney, their burial taking place at Whitesville. To Joseph P. and Marjorie North nine children were born, as follows: John G., who died March 6, 1897; Virginia, wife of A. J. Limerick, a farmer in Indiana county; James K., superintendent of a glass factory in Westmoreland county, Penn.; Henry K., our subject; Mary C., wife of Dr. J. W. Arthur, of Findlay, Ohio; Harvey, who died in September, 1871; Phoebe J., wife of Daniel J. Stiner, a merchant of Knoxdale, Penn.; Lot, a farmer on the old homestead, and Joseph L., a merchant in Punxsutawney.

Henry K. North was born July 5, 1851, in McCalmont township, and was reared to farm work on his father’s farm, where he remained until the age of twenty-five. He then engaged in farming at his present homestead, and also became interested in the lumber business. In 1884 he erected a sawmill on his place, and after clearing the land entirely, he transferred the business, in 1893, to Big Run, Jefferson county, where he now has a forty-horse-power mill with a capacity of 30,000 feet per day. Being both industrious and thrifty, he has succeeded to a gratifying degree, and at the same time has made many friends for himself by his excellent qualities and jovial manners. He belongs to various social orders in Punxsutawney, including the K. of P., the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the United Workmen, and the Junior Mechanics. In the political issues of the day he has always supported the Republican policy. In 1890 he was elected constable of the township, and served most creditably in that position for seven years, retiring in 1897. In the fall of the same year he was chosen by election one of the jury commissioners of the county.

On March 19, 1874, at Battle Hollow, Jefferson county, Mr. North was married to Miss Emma Evans, and ten children make their home merry, their names being: William L., Harry C., Maud, Bert, Charles, Zella, Nora, Lula, Mary and Claire. Mrs. North was born February 22, 1858, at Battle Hollow, where her grandparents, Ellis and Rebecca Evans, of Centre county, were pioneer settlers. Her father, the late Josiah Evans, a native of Centre county, followed farming at the homestead in Battle Hollow, throughout his later years, and was a leading citizen, working actively in the Republican organization and holding various local offices. He and his first wife, Lida Gibson, a native of Indiana county, were devout members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She departed this life in 1865, her husband surviving until 1889, aged seventy-four years. The remains of both were interred in the Olive cemetery, in Oliver township, Jefferson county. They had ten children: William, a carpenter at Punxsutawney; John, a machinist at Cleveland, Ohio; Gibson, a carpenter in Oliver township; Elizabeth, wife of Rev. J. R. McCowan, a Presbyterian minister in Iowa; Mary, the wife of J. R. Brown, of Battle Hollow; Emma, Mrs. North; and James, Reed, Silas, and Ellis, who are deceased. By a second marriage, with Mrs. Lida (Tison) Horner, widow of William Horner, Mr. Evans had three children: Minta, wife of William Kriner, who operates an incubator at Battle Hollow; George, a lumberman residing at Glen Campbell, Penn.; and Josiah, who occupies the old homestead.

SAMUEL BUTLER, a leading representative of the agricultural interests of Union township, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, his birth occurring September 27, 1832.

His parents were Nathaniel and Rebecca (Barnett) Butler, the latter a daughter of Joseph Barnett, in whose honor Fort Barnett was named. It was built in pioneer days for the protection of settlers from the hostile Indians, and there most of Mr. Barnett’s children were born. They were six in number—Andrew, John, Scott, Rebecca, Sarah and Juliet. The father was one of the earliest settlers of Jefferson county, where he improved a farm and built and operated a sawmill for many years. Nathaniel Butler, the father of our subject, was a native of Vermont,
where he was reared upon a farm, but in 1820, when about nineteen years of age, he came to Jefferson county, Penn., where for the following decade he engaged in lumbering. In the meantime he was married, and bought a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a good farm, making it his home until called to the unseen world in 1878. His wife, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church, had preceded him, dying in 1873. She was born at Port Barnett in 1802, and he was born at Rutland, Vt., the same year. Their five children were as follows: James, a farmer; Samuel, of this sketch; Andrew; Winfield; and Charles, who served his country during the Civil war, and is now a farmer and lumberman.

In the common schools of Jefferson county Samuel Butler obtained his education, here grew to manhood and has since made his home with the exception of four years spent in New York. For some time during early life he worked in a sawmill, but in 1864 entered the Union army as a member of the 29th P. V. I., which was assigned to Sherman's department, joining the command at Savannah, Ga., and serving until the close of the war, at which time they were stationed at Goldsboro, N. C. In the meantime Mr. Butler was for fifty-four consecutive days on the march. After the surrender of Lee he was sent to New York, where, during the last of April, 1865, he was paid off and honorably discharged, but, being ill from exposure and hardships during his long march, he was forced to remain in the hospital at David's Island until June. The following spring, after his return home, Mr. Butler resumed work in the sawmill, with which he was connected for twenty years, and in 1885 removed to his present farm, which at that time was all wild timber land. He now has twenty acres under cultivation, and has erected a commodious house and good barns and other outbuildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry. From the government he now receives a pension in return for his faithful service during the dark days of the Rebellion. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, but has never aspired to office.

In 1860, Mr. Butler wedded Miss Mary Bullock, a daughter of William and Mary A. (Sikes) Bullock, the former a native of Vermont, and the latter of New York, where they were married and continued to reside until Mrs. Butler was eight years of age, when they removed to McKean county, Penn. After farming there until 1862 they returned to the Empire State, where Mrs. Bullock died, but the father spent his last years in Michigan, dying there in 1888. They were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mrs. Butler also belongs. Their children were Simeon, now a resident of South Bend, Ind.; Mary, wife of our subject; Adelia, wife of J. Ellis; Mrs. Jennie Oakes; Seymour, deceased; Martha, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Frank, deceased. Seven children have graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, namely; William, a lumberman; Franklin, a farmer; Carrie, wife of J. Carnihan; Mrs. Martha Berhouse; Jennie, who died at the age of seven years; and James and Mary, both at home.

JACOB B. SYKES. Prominent among the business men of Jefferson county is our subject, founder of the village of Sykesville, whose name is inseparably connected with its growth and prosperity. 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 prosperous citizens of the community, and to-day he enjoys the reward of his pains-taking and conscientious work.

Mr. Sykes was born June 10, 1852, in Curwensville, Clearfield county, Penn., a son of Henry and Rebecca (Bilger) Sykes, in whose family were the following children: George W., now proprietor of a woolen-mill in Reynoldsville, Penn.; Mary, wife of Frederick Buchheit, a farmer of Indiana county, Penn.; Emaline, wife of John Best, an agriculturist of Salem, Ore.; Jacob B., of this sketch; Ellen, who is engaged in teaching; Benjamin, a resident of Troutville, Penn., who is a partner of our subject in business; and John and James, both farmers of Salem, Ore. The birth of the father occurred in Huddersfield, England, in which country his parents, George Sykes and wife, spent their entire lives, the former being engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. Henry Sykes, prior to his journey to America in 1836, took a very active part in establishing the first co-operative store in Huddersfield, Eng., of which he became the president. On coming to the United States he first located in Philadelphia, Penn. For two years he was employed as a traveling salesman, and then engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods in Union county, this State. During the construction of the Blair county tunnel, he contracted to board the men employed on the same. In 1850 he went to Clearfield county, where he followed farming for three years, and was later similarly employed in Huntingdon county, Penn., for two years.
after which he returned to Clearfield county. Until 1861 he there engaged in agricultural pursuits, but in that year he took up his residence in Henderson township, Jefferson county, a mile and a half from the present site of Sykesville, where he made his home until 1888. Going to Salem, Ore., he purchased two farms now within the corporation limits of that city, which are still owned by his wife. Industrious, persevering and energetic, he met with excellent success in his undertakings, and became one of the prosperous, as well as one of the most influential, men of his community. Originally he was a Democrat in politics, but later supported the men and measures of the Republican party. With the United Brethren Church, both he and his wife held membership. His death occurred on the Pacific coast in 1894, at the age of seventy-five years, but she is still living in Salem, Ore. She was born in 1829, a daughter of Jacob Bilsger and wife, natives of Union county, Penn., who died in Clearfield county.

Until he had attained his majority, Jacob B. Sykes continued to assist his father in his farming and lumber operations, and then went to Minnesota, where for a year he engaged in lumbering. Returning to Jefferson county, he embarked in the same line of business, and is now one of the most extensive lumber merchants of this region, being the senior member of the well-known firm of Sykes Brothers, of Clearfield county. His brother, Benjamin J., is his partner in business. They own and operate a sawmill and planing-mill at Newtonburg, where they have 1,400 acres of timber land; J. B. Sykes also owns 280 acres of land in Jefferson county, on a part of which he has laid out the thriving little village of Sykesville. On locating here the place contained but one house, then occupied by Henry Philippi, whose nearest neighbor was Henry Sheaffer. The tract was an unbroken wilderness, covered with a heavy growth of timber, principally pine, and was then owned by Charles Brown, George E. Williams and J. B. Walker, from whom Mr. Sykes purchased it. He first contracted to take the timber off the land, and then bought the 280 acres at $12 per acre. Since then he has sold the coal from under his land for $50 per acre. Sykesville now contains a population of 400, has three good schools, three general stores, a restaurant, confectionery store and planing-mill. From 1878 until 1893 our subject was engaged in general merchandising in connection with his lumber business at that place, and in the latter year erected the "Sykes Hotel," but now gives his attention principally to his extensive lumber interests.

In Winslow township, Jefferson county, in 1875, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Sykes and Miss Florenna Philippi, a native of that township, and a daughter of Solomon Philippi. They have five children: Agnes, who married W. R. Cole, part owner of the People's Planing Mill at Punxsutawney, Penn., and has two children—Alva L. and Annabell; Asa W., now serving as bookkeeper for his father at Newtonburg, Clearfield county; and Thomas O., Effie and Ruth, all at home.

Our subject is an ardent Republican in politics, and served as the first postmaster of Sykesville. He is an honored and prominent member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, at that place, and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum of Punxsutawney. In all places and under all circumstances he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position. In those finer traits of character which combine to form that which we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stain of dishonor can sever, which triumph and shine brightest in the hour of adversity—in these qualities he is royally endowed.

WILLIAM JOHN MORRISON is numbered among the distinguished citizens of Oliver township, Jefferson county, and has attained to a prominent place in its commercial circles entirely through his own efforts. His business policy has ever been honorable, commending him to the confidence and good will of all, and his interests have been prosecuted with vigor and energy, so that as the result of his untiring labors he has now a comfortable competence.

Mr. Morrison was born October 13, 1832, in Rose township, Jefferson county, and is a son of Robert C. and Esther (Hill) Morrison, prominent and highly-respected people. His childhood days were spent on his father's farm, unmarked by any event of special importance. He assisted in the labors of the field, and attended the public schools of the neighborhood, where he acquired a good education. At the age of twenty he began teaching school, and for sixteen winter terms he followed that profession, while in the summer months he studied in different institutes and summer schools, thereby perfecting himself in his work. He was at one time a student in the Edinboro Normal. He won a high reputation as an educator, having the faculty of imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he acquired. He spent one year in the
After leaving school he engaged in teaching for some four years, and at the age of twenty took up the study of medicine under the able guidance of his father. Later he entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and graduated from that institution with the class of 1884, since which time he has successfully engaged in practice at his birth-place—Summerville.

In 1885 Dr. Brown was married to Mattie J. Hamilton, a daughter of Robert Hamilton, of Jefferson county, and to them was born a daughter—Bessie. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1887. The Doctor was again married, in 1890, the lady of his choice being Miss Minnie Hawthorne, a daughter of James Hawthorne, of Jefferson county. One son blesses this union—Reed B. Mrs. Brown, a cultured and refined lady, holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Fraternally, Dr. Brown is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Blue Lodge and Chapter, Brookville, and Ridgway Commandery; his father at the time of his death was the oldest Mason in Jefferson county. Our subject also belongs to the local and grand lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in the former is past grand. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, but has never aspired to official honors, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his profession. As a physician he enjoys the honor of being the peer of any in Jefferson county, is a prominent member of the State and County Medical Societies, and for a period of twelve years has served as surgeon for the Allegheny Valley railroad. His life has been characterized by energy, perseverance and untiring labor, and to these principles his success is due. In 1896 Drs. Brown and Haven organized the Summerville Telephone Co., which has since been developed until the gentlemen interested now have a company chartered at $20,000 with extensive exchanges in the towns of DuBois, Reynoldsville, Punxsutawney, Brookville and Summerville; also lines that reach all minor points in the county. Dr. Brown has been president of the company ever since its organization, and has given much of his energy and time to its interests, which are shown in its great success.

John K. Brown, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Summerville, Penn., is a close and thorough student, a man of deep research, and his investigations into the science of medicine, as well as his skillful application of the knowledge he has thereby obtained, has won him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity.

The Doctor was born in 1859 in Summerville, his parents being Dr. R. B. and Susan (Laveley) Brown. The father was a native of Butler county, Penn., where he remained until 1848, and in 1851 he came to Summerville, Jefferson county. For many years he was one of the leading physicians of this section, and was also quite prominent in public affairs, representing Jefferson county in the General Assembly in 1875 and 1876. He died in 1892, highly respected by all who knew him, but his wife is still living. In their family were two sons and two daughters, namely: John K., of this review; Harry L., now deceased; Lizzie, wife of Samuel J. Cochran, and Ella, deceased widow of Dr. McKibben, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

The primary education of our subject was obtained in the schools of Summerville, but this was supplemented by academic and normal courses.
Maria (Alexander) Haven. His father was reared near Emporium, Pennsylvania, but came to Jefferson county about 1847 or 1848, and here worked as a common laborer until the Civil war. For three years he faithfully served his country during that struggle, and received a gunshot wound, from the effects of which he died in March, 1893. His wife, who was a native of New York, passed away April 26, 1895.

In the common schools of Jefferson county, our subject secured his literary education, and during his youth worked at any employment which he could obtain. At the age of eighteen he entered the telegraph office at Summerville, where he learned telegraphy, and was subsequently operator at that place, which position he acceptably filled for twelve years. For a part of this time, during his leisure hours, he read medicine with Drs. R. B. & J. K. Brown, and in 1887 he entered the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, of Pittsburg, Penn., from which institution he was graduated March 27, 1890. He at once entered into partnership with Dr. J. K. Brown, and this firm continued business for one year, when Dr. Haven removed to Clarion, Penn. After engaging in practice at that place for a year, he returned to Summerville, where he has since successfully followed his chosen calling. He has that true love for his work without which there can be no success, and has always been a progressive physician, constantly improving on his own and the methods of others, and gaining further encouragement and inspiration from the performance of each day’s duties.

On December 1, 1897, the Summerville Telephone Company, a corporation capitalized at $20,000, with a charter covering Jefferson, Clearfield, Elk, Forest, Clarion, Armstrong and Indiana counties, recognizing Dr. Haven’s ability and qualifications for discharging the duties incident to the office, resulting from his long experience with the railroad company as agent and operator, tendered him the position of General Superintendent of their business, which he accepted, and dissolving the partnership existing between himself and Dr. Brown, he at once entered upon the duties of said office, which he continues to hold. The Doctor has had general supervision of the construction of the telephone company’s plant and the arrangement of its business, and every indication is that he will prove the wisdom of the company in selecting him for this important trust.

On June 17, 1882, Dr. Haven was united in marriage with Miss Lula B. Carrier, a daughter of Hiram Carrier, a worthy citizen of Summerville, and to them were born two children, but only one survives—Hila Sarah.

From humble surroundings the Doctor has risen to his present position of eminence. Though his medical education was obtained under many trying circumstances, he now ranks high among his professional brethren, and is a prominent member of the Jefferson County Medical Society. Socially, he is a Master Mason and an Odd Fellow, and is past grand in the latter order. His political affiliations are with the Democracy.

GEORGE HORM. Jefferson county has many well-to-do and successful agriculturists who have accumulated what they have of this world’s goods through individual effort. Among this class the subject of this notice is entitled to mention. He is now the owner of a fine farm in Washington township, where he is industriously engaged in the prosecution of his noble calling, and is meeting with far more than ordinary success.

Mr. Horm was born in Centre county, Penn., September 25, 1832, a grandson of John Horm, a native of Germany, who for seven years served in the German army, part of the time under Napoleon. After his discharge from the service he came to the United States, locating in Lancaster county, Penn., where he married a native of that county, a woman of German descent. Subsequently he came to Jefferson county, where he transformed a tract of wild land into a fine farm, and spent his remaining days. He and his wife were Lutherans. They were the parents of four sons: John, George, William and Jacob.

John Horm, the father of our subject, was born in Lancaster county, but in early life accompanied his parents on their removal to Jefferson county, where he grew to manhood. Going to Bellefonte, he engaged in stage driving for some time, and in Centre county married Elizabeth Clinger. About 1835 he returned to Jefferson county, where he took up a tract of wild land and devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until called from this life in 1860. His first wife had died many years previous, and he afterward wedded Mary A. Morrison, of Clearfield county, by whom he had seven children: Mrs. Sarah Ray, Mrs. Amanda Dean, Mrs. Mary E. Burket, Mrs. Matilda Millern, Mrs. Emma Johnson, Fanny, and Mrs. Lavina Slack. Our subject is the oldest and only survivor of the four children born of the first union, the others being John, Joseph, and Elizabeth (wife of John McKnutt). The parents were devout members of the Lutheran Church, and highly respected by all who knew them.

Like most farmer boys, George Horm was
educated in the country schools, and early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Leaving home at the age of twenty-two, he began the struggle of life for himself by making square timber and rafting on the river, which occupations he continued to follow for many years. Soon after his marriage he bought a tract of heavily-timbered land, which he improved, but later sold and purchased 150 acres, which comprises his present valuable farm. He has placed eighty acres under excellent culture, and has erected good and substantial buildings upon the place, which to-day ranks among the best in Washington township. For many years he continued lumbering, was considered one of the best pilots on the river, but now gives his entire attention to agricultural pursuits. Politically he is one of the most reliable men in the Democratic party, and takes a lively interest in matters pertaining to the progress and development of his adopted county. In 1856 he was married to Miss Sarah Rea, and to them were born thirteen children, of whom two died in childhood. The others were as follows: Winfield, who died at the age of thirty-six, Elsworth at the age of nineteen, William at eleven, and Lucette at six, all dying of diphtheria within thirty-six hours; Elizabeth, now the wife of G. Millison; Mary A.; Mrs. Lucinda Crawford; Mrs. Ella Sample; Edith; Lewis and Leslie, at home.

Mrs. Horn is a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Yemans) Rea, natives of Clarion county, Penn., and Connecticut, respectively. In 1864 they removed to Iowa, where he died in 1881, and his wife in 1887. They had been among the first to settle in Washington township, Jefferson county, and underwent all the hardships and privation, incident to pioneer life, at one time having to go nearly three miles to borrow fire, as it was before the time of matches. Upon their frontier farm they raised all the food for the family, and not only wove the cloth for their own clothing, but also for their neighbors at Beechwoods. Mr. Rea was of Irish, his wife of English, lineage, and both were consistent members of the Methodist Church. Their children were Jerry, Tabitha, George, Harry, Mary, Lucinda, John and Matilda.

ELZA McANINCH, a veteran of the Civil war, is numbered among the substantial citizens of Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits for some years.

Mr. McAninch is of pioneer stock, his father John McAninch, who was born at Brady's Bend, Penn., having settled at an early day in Jefferson county, married Miss Maria Reed, a native of the locality. After his marriage John McAninch bought a tract of land in Jefferson county, and remained there until after his wife's death in 1867. He then removed to Big Run, where he was employed by Henry Brown in cutting timber, and was accidentally killed by a falling tree. Our subject was one of nine children, of whom five died at an early age. Of two sisters who lived to maturity, both are now deceased. Charlotte married Abram Milliron, of Big Run, and died at Reynoldsville in 1890, leaving three children: Seth, Dochie and Ella. Isabella, the youngest sister of our subject, died some years ago, unmarried. His only surviving brother, Seth, who is engaged in mercantile business in Punxsutawney, married Miss Margaret Williams, of Jefferson county, and has three daughters: Myrtle, now Mrs. George Grofford, of Punxsutawney, and Miss Maud and Miss May, both at home.

Elza McAninch, our subject, was born in 1833, at the old home in Jefferson county, and was there reared. In 1858 he was married Miss Henrietta Cochran, a daughter of Matthew and Margaret Cochran, wealthy agriculturists of the same county. After his marriage our subject located at Brookville and worked in a sawmill until 1863, when he enlisted in Company G, 76th P. V. I. The new recruits were first taken to Braddock's Field, near Pittsburg, for equipment and drill, and then went to Philadelphia, where they took boats for Hilton Head, S. C. From that point they were sent into Virginia, and their experience in actual warfare came when they were marched to the front at the fierce fight at the Weldon Railroad, where they drove back the enemy and tore up the rails for several miles. In their next engagement, which was at Drury's Bluff, they were less fortunate, as after four days of incessant fighting the Rebels were reinforced and the Federal forces were obliged to retreat to White House Landing. In June, 1864, the command were at Cold Harbor, and while there our subject was taken ill with typhoid fever. He was taken to a hospital at Hampton Roads, where he remained for eleven months, and on his recovery he was discharged, as peace had been declared. "The following are the principal heavy engagements participated in. However this does not include the many smaller skirmishes, of which no note is taken: Fort Pulaski, Ga., April 11, 1862; James Island, S. C., June 16, 1862; Pocotaligo, S. C., October 22, 1862; Morris' Island, S. C., July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, S. C., July 10, 1863; Fort Wagner, S. C., July 16, 1863; Chesterfield Heights, Va.,
May 7, 1864; Proctor's Creek, Va., May 14, 1864; Drury's Bluff, Va., May 16, 1864; Cold Harbor, Va., June 1, 2 and 3, 1864; Richmond & Petersburg R. R., June 16, 1864; Petersburg, Va., June 30, 1864; Mine Explosion, Va., July 30, 1864; Deep Bottom, Va., August 14, 1864; Strawberry Plains, Va., August 16, 1864; Fort Harrison, Va., September 28, 1864; Fort Gilmore, Va., September 29, 1864; Darbytown Road, Va., October 27, 1864; Fort Fisher, N. C., June 15, 1865."

Our subject came home by way of Baltimore, Md., and Indiana, Penn., and soon after his arrival at Brookville was employed in Alexander Pain's sawmill. In 1867 he moved to Big Run and engaged in lumbering as a jobber for Henry Brown, and, in 1871, he went to Stanton to work for L. B. Carlisle in a sawmill there. After seven years at that place Mr. McAninch worked three years in the mill of Samuil Kuntz, and then he spent four years at Big Run in the employ of William Reed. In 1873 he moved to the Hindman farm near Big Run, where he has since been engaged in agriculture.

In November, 1895, his beloved wife passed to the unseen world, her death causing sincere grief among a large circle of friends. Six children survive, namely: (1) John, now (1868) forty-one years of age, is a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county. He married Miss Lena Weaver, of the same county, and has two children—Henrietta and Glen, both at home. (2) Calvin, aged thirty-eight years, received a common-school education, and is engaged in farming in Henderson township. He married Miss Florence Gourley, daughter of James and Mary Gourley, wealthy residents of Henderson township, her father being a leading merchant and lumberman of Big Run. After his marriage Calvin purchased a home at Big Soldier, where he was employed for some years in the mills at iling, but in 1891 he sold his property, and, returning to Henderson township, bought his father-in-law's farm, which he has since operated. He has three children: James Blair, Clyde C. and Mary Belle. (3) Alvin Minor, aged thirty-three years, is not married, and at present is working in the woods as a lumberman. (4) Clara Alice, aged thirty-one years, married Michael Painter, formerly of Armstrong county, Penn., and is now a resident of Sykesville, where he is engaged in mining. They have no family. (5) James, aged twenty-three years, is single, and works in the woods in the lumber business. (6) Rollie Baker is aged fifteen years. The parents of these six children united with the M. E. Church some years ago, and their daughter, Clara, is also a member. While our subject has never been a politician, he takes much interest in the questions of the day, and, as his father before him was, he is a stanch Republican, having left the Whig party to join in the great anti-secession movement which secured for all time the unity and indivisibility of our country.

L M. HURD, general superintendent of the Elk Tanning Company, of Falls Creek, Jefferson county, is a man of excellent business and executive ability, with the brain to devise and the hand to carry forward his plans. He has won success in industrial circles that has made him a substantial citizen, one possessed of superior business qualifications.

Henry Hurd, father of our subject, a native of Greene county, N. Y., for many years was a prominent dealer in live stock in New York City, where he died in 1882. He married Miss Harriet Morss, of the same nativity, who passed away in 1890. Gen. Jehiel Tuttle, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a son of Lieut. John Tuttle, who served in the war of the Revolution. Henry and Harriet Hurd had a family of five children, all living on Long Island, N. Y., except our subject: Morris, L. M. (our subject), Jehiel T. (who is practicing law in New York City), Harriet and Minnie.

L. M. Hurd, whose name opens this sketch, was born January 23, 1852, in New York City, and was reared on Long Island, where he obtained his education. He afterward went to Sullivan county, N. Y., with Medad Morss, and later worked in Susquehanna county, Penn., whence he removed to Lewis county, N. Y. In 1891 he came to Falls Creek, where he entered the employ of Mr. Proctor. He is now general superintendent of the Elk Tanning Company at that place. The plant was built in 1891, and is located in both Jefferson and Clearfield counties, but the greater part is in the former county. In connection with the tannery there are seventy acres of land, upon which has been erected forty-nine residences, all owned and controlled by the company. Employment is furnished to 120 men, and the average annual output is four million pounds of sole leather. In 1893 the business was incorporated under the name of the Elk Tanning Company, and the success of the enterprise is due in a large measure to Mr. Hurd, who has successfully controlled its affairs, and so conducted its interests as to win a liberal patronage and secure a comfortable competence.

In 1888 Mr. Hurd was united in marriage in
Potter county, Penn., with Miss Alice M. Hendryx, and they have many friends in the community, while their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality. In his political views Mr. Hurd is a Republican; in religious faith he is a member and vestryman of the Episcopal Church at Dubois. Mrs. Hurd adhering to the tenets of the Presbyterian faith. He is a citizen whose interest in the welfare of his town and county is shown by his earnest support of all measures calculated to promote the general welfare.

**George R. Bell, D. D. S., of Punxsutawney, is one of the leading dentists of Jefferson county, where his ability, professional knowledge and skill are widely recognized.**

For several generations the Bell family have been residents of Jefferson county. Squire John Bell, his great-grandfather, was born in Northumberland county, Penn. He was a great hunter, being very fond of the sport, and in an early day in his locality he killed many bears, wolves, and deer. Joseph Bell, a son of Squire John Bell and the grandfather of Dr. Bell, was born in 1797, in Jefferson county. He married Sarah McKee, of Pennsylvania, and had two sons: Hugh M., and Franklin W., of Missouri. The mother of these died, and the father married Rachel Campfield, and to this union were born three daughters, namely: Betsy (deceased); Mary Ellen (widow of William Morris), of Jefferson county; and Jane (Mrs. Miller Means), of Lindsey, Jefferson county. Hugh M. Bell married Ellen Martin, and they became the parents of our subject. Both were born in 1825. Hugh M. Bell is now one the leading agriculturists of Jefferson county, a resident of Perry township. His wife still survives, and both, though well advanced in years, enjoy good health. They are kind neighbors, and hold the esteem of a large acquaintance throughout their township and the county.

George R. Bell received a good academic education, and remained upon the home farm until he attained the age of nineteen, when he started out in life for himself. He first engaged in teaching, and successfully followed that honorable calling for eleven years, but at the end of that period resigned his school and took up the study of dentistry. Entering the Philadelphia Dental College, he was graduated in 1889, and at once opened an office in Brockwayville, Jefferson county, where he remained for two years. In 1891 he located in Punxsutawney, and now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. On June 19, 1890, he was married to Miss Hattie L., daugh-

**Albert Jordan, a leading agriculturist, lumberman and merchant of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, where his fine estate is among the oldest and most valuable in that locality, is a descendant of an old Colonial family.**

Robert Jordan, his great-grandfather, came from Ireland at an early day, and located in Indiana county, where he made his home on a farm on the ridge between Smicksburg and Perryville. He was a teamster in the American army during the Revolutionary war. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years, and reared a large family of children. By his first wife, Hannah (Hill), he had five children: Alexander, Samuel, Joseph, James, and Margaret (who married Isaac Matson). His second wife, Catherine Pounds, bore him seven children: Robert, Hannah (Mrs. James W. Bell), Nancy (Mrs. Enoch Crissman), Mary (Mrs. George Mogle), Mattie (Mrs. John McHenry), John (who married Martha Sharrard), Margaret (Mrs. Griffin Rowland), and William (who married Eliza Riddle). Of these, William Jordan and his wife are residents of Frostburg, Jefferson county; all the others are now deceased.

Samuel Jordan, the grandfather of our subject, was born in 1792, in Indiana county, and at an early age came to Oliver township, Jefferson county. He was married, in Indiana county, to Miss Lida Cochran, a native of Mifflin county, Penn., who died in 1864, aged sixty-four years. Her parents, Isaac and Sarah Cochran, removed from their first home in Juniata county at an early day, and, after making their home of a few years in Indiana county, located permanently in Jefferson county, where they were prominent among the pioneers. In 1813 Samuel Jordan and his wife left Indiana county, and made their home in Jefferson county upon a tract of land which they supposed was open to settlement. But, finding afterward that it had been taken up,
they moved to Oliver (then Perry) township, where they purchased 160 acres of land at $4.25 per acre. In early life they had been united with the Presbyterian Church, but after his wife’s death, Samuel Jordan identified himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their remains were interred in Olive cemetery, near the home where they spent so many years of their useful and honored lives. They had the following children: Isaac C.; Hannah H., now the widow of John McBrier, of Rose township, Jefferson county; Robert, a farmer in Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Fetterhoff, and is now deceased; Sarah, who married (first) James Cary (now deceased), and (second) John McPherson, of Clearfield; John, who married Nancy Bell, and resides at Perry, Jefferson county; Joseph, a resident of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Law (now deceased); William A., a farmer in Oliver township, who married Mary J. Reed; James B., who married Anna M. Smith, and resides in Punxsutawney. He is a veteran of the Civil war and a leading politician of this section, having served six years as county commissioner, and three as county auditor.

The late Isaac C. Jordan, our subject’s father, was born July 14, 1816, in Indiana county, but his life was mainly spent in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he owned a large farm. Beginning life in very poor circumstances, he made his own way successfully, and acquired a handsome competence. He was a well-known lumberman, and had several sawmills there and in neighboring townships. His death occurred in McCalmont township, November 12, 1884, after a brief but severe illness while he was visiting one of his sawmills in which his sons, Charles B. and Albert, were his partners. His remains were taken home for burial, and were interred in Olive cemetery. He was a man of prominence, and for many years was a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Oliveburg; he also held numerous township offices, and was an influential worker in the Republican party. At one time he was the Republican nominee from the county for the Legislature, but there was a Democratic landslide that year, and although he ran ahead of his ticket he was defeated. On October 30, 1839, in Jefferson county, he was married by Rev. Charles R. Barkley, a minister of the C. P. Church, to Miss Leanna Steffy, a native of Rockingham county, Va., born November 21, 1818, and they had ten children: Miss Mary E. resides at the homestead with her mother; Samuel S. is a resident of Oliver township; Charles B. is a farmer and lumberman residing in Oliver township. Jefferson county; Lida A. died at the age of four years; Winfield S. lived but one year and ten months; Albert is our subject; Minerva J. is the wife of William Morrison, a merchant, lumberman and farmer at Oliveburg; Leah married Frederick Farr, a farmer in Oliver township; Lena J. is the wife of J. W. Martin, an attorney at Punxsutawney; J. Simon, a farmer in Oliver township, married Miss Maggie Anthony. All of the surviving children reside near the old home, their parents having encouraged them to do so.

The Steffy family is of German origin, but has long been identified with the State of Virginia. Philip Steffy, our subject’s great-grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker in that State, and his son, Samuel Steffy, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared there. Samuel Steffy married Mary Bowers, daughter of John Bowers, a farmer, and his wife, who were natives of Germany and Virginia, respectively. In 1820 Mr. Steffy removed to Jefferson county, and located upon a farm in Bell township. He was engaged in lumbering as well as in agriculture, and piloted the first raft sent from the upper end of the Mahoning creek. He was a Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His death occurred in 1878, when he was aged eighty-four years, and his first wife, our subject’s grandmother, died in 1823, aged thirty, the remains of both being interred in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had four children: Elizabeth, widow of John Corey, of Punxsutawney; Leanna, our subject’s mother; John, who died in Kansas; and Simon, who entered the Union army during the Civil war, and died in Libby prison. By a second marriage, with Ann Cook, of Shippensburg, Penn., there were four children: Mary, widow of William Yost, of Millville, Penn.; William, a resident of Punxsutawney; Maria, wife of A. Miller, a farmer in Virginia; and Joseph, deceased.

Albert Jordan, the subject proper of this sketch, was born January 9, 1835. He was reared to agricultural pursuits. He received his education in the schools of his neighborhood, attended the Dayton Academy, and later took a course of study in Duff’s Business College, Pittsburgh, Penn., from which he was graduated in 1884. After his graduation he served for a time as the bookkeeper of the First National Bank at Punxsutawney, of which he is now a director and stockholder. Up until in October, 1897, when he moved to Punxsutawney, where he now keeps a dry-goods, shoe and bargain store, he resided on the old homestead, on which he carried on
George T. Wheatcroft. The subject of this sketch has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Jefferson county, having a fine estate in Porter township. Having commenced life with but small means, his financial position is ample evidence of the manner in which he has employed his time, and the good judgment of which he is the fortunate possessor. He has one of the best appointed homesteads in the township, and, on account of his strict integrity and high character, is numbered among its valued citizens.

His parents were John and Eliza J. (Gibson) Wheatcroft. The father was born in England in 1808, but when a boy he was brought to this country by his father, Thomas Wheatcroft, who located in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he died many years ago. John was the eldest of his children, the others being as follows: Samuel; George, who worked in Pittsburg for some time, and then removed to Kentucky, where he married and died leaving two sons; Betsy, who became the wife of William Lemmon, of Pittsburg, and died leaving two children, William and Lou Lemmon; Ellen, who died a few years ago in Kentucky; and Mrs. Mary A. Cooper, who also passed away in that State some years ago, leaving one daughter. Until our subject was six years of age his father made his home in Pittsburg, and then removed to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of 150 acres of timber land, and at once began to clear and improve his farm, but died after a residence here of about four years, leaving his widow with four children, of whom George T. was the eldest.

(2) Ellen, born in Pittsburg, in 1837, accompanied her parents on their removal to Jefferson county;
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county, and here married Judge Skinner, of Porter township. They now reside on a farm in Armstrong county, and have eight children—Alfred, Lawrence, George, Elmer, Ham, Lee, Jennie, Matt and Minnie. (3) Annie married a Mr. Lardon, of Butler county, Penn., but died soon afterward. (4) Catharine wedded Wesley Coleman, of Armstrong county, and they now live in Roark Ridge, Clarion Co., Penn. Their children are Charles, Alice and Miles, all at home.

In Allegheny county, Penn., George T. Wheatcroft was born July 30, 1834, and during early life worked in the lumber woods. He was married in 1856, the lady of his choice being Miss Bell Allen, of Indiana county, Penn., by whom he has five children: (1) Thomas, born in Porter township, Jefferson county, in 1857, was educated in the common schools, and is now engaged in farming in Armstrong county. He married Caroline Yarger, of that county, and has six children—Archy, John, Effie, Wieda, Bell, and Grace. (2) John, born in Jefferson county, in February, 1859, is now conducting a grocery store in Braddock, Penn. (3) Robert, born in Armstrong county, in 1862, married Annie Goss, of that county, and lives on a farm in Porter township, Jefferson county. His children are Elda and George. (4) William, born in Armstrong county, in 1865, wedded Mollie Goss, of that county, and lives on the old homestead with his father. (5) Della E., born in July, 1867, was educated at Dayton, Armstrong county, and married George Grove, of that county. They make their home in Whitesville, Jefferson county, where he follows farming. They have one daughter, Gladys.

After his marriage Mr. Wheatcroft purchased a half interest in the Glen Foundry, and for some time business was carried on under the firm name of Glen & Wheatcroft, but he sold out to his partner in 1863 on his enlistment in the Union army. He joined Company B, 78th P. V. I., was sworn into the United States service at Harrisburg, and as a member of the Army of the Cumberland served under Captain McCann and General Thomas. His first engagement was at Chattanooga, in the fall of 1863, and this was followed by the battle of Missionary Ridge. After the winter spent at Lookout Mountain, the troops marched to Atlanta, and participated in the battle of Buzzards Roost, where they were under fire for thirty-six hours. They then fell back to Resaca, where another hard-fought engagement occurred, and later took part in the battle of Dallas. Here Mr. Wheatcroft was wounded, May 27, 1864, in the hand, which unfitted him for further service. He was first taken to the hospital at Nashville, was later sent to St. Louis, and then to Camp Dennison, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged November 2, 1864. He then returned to his family, and in 1869 purchased the old homestead in Porter township, Jefferson county, where he has since made his home. Besides his fine two-story residence he has erected a large barn and substantial outbuildings, and has made many other valuable improvements upon the place. He is a progressive, wide-awake business man and a citizen of which any community might justly be proud. Reared as a Whig, he became a Republican on the organization of that party, and has since been one of its ardent supporters. In religious belief, he and his estimable wife are Methodists.

Daniel H. Clark, of Cortez, Jefferson county, has, in a comparatively brief time, identified himself with the representative business men of that locality. The firm of Clark, Kizer & Kipp, extensive lumber dealers and manufacturers, was organized in December, 1893, and since that date Mr. Clark has been in charge of the outside interests, his energy and sound judgment contributing largely to the successful development of the business. He is a self-made man, and his thorough knowledge of business methods has been gained by a varied experience.

He is a native of Liberty Falls, Sullivan county, N. Y., where he was born April 6, 1855. His father, the late Luke Clark, a prosperous agriculturist, had come from Ireland in early manhood, and was well-known and highly esteemed in the locality. His first wife, Ellen King, our subject's mother, was a native of Ireland and her parents, Daniel and Mary King, passed their lives upon a farm in the Emerald Isle. She died in 1858 at the age of thirty years, and in the following year Luke Clark formed a second matrimonial union with Miss Julia Keough, of Ireland, who passed away in 1869, aged forty years. A third marriage followed, with Mrs. Catherine Ragen, who is still living and occupies the old homestead, but in September, 1894, our subject's father passed to the unseen world at the age of seventy-six years. By his first marriage he had two sons: John, who died in infancy, and Daniel H., of this sketch. By the second union there were also two sons: Richard James, a partner in the firm of Clark, Kizer & Kipp until December 10, 1897, and Matthew J., who is employed by the same firm as a contractor. Five children were born of the third marriage: Delia, Michael and Elizabeth,
who are at home; Franklin, an employee of the firm, and Lawrence, now at home.

Our subject remained at the old home until the age of fifteen when he was employed by a tanner, and the next five years were spent in working at that trade in the woods as well as in the tannery. He then began contracting for peeling bark and in lumbering, and continued eight years as foreman for Thorne, McFarlan & Co., of Laporte, Penn. For one year he was in charge of construction work on the Lehigh Valley R. R., and then became foreman of a lumber company, remaining two years, when he again began contracting in the same line of business. In 1888 he and his brother, R. J., formed a partnership in mercantile and lumber business in Lopez, Penn., and continued six years, but our subject did not reside at the place, and for one year of this time he was at Rickett, Wyoming Co., Penn., as superintendent for the Trexler & Turrell Lumber Company. On the organization of the firm of which he is now a member he made his home at Cortez. As a shrewd business man Mr. Clark has never diverted his energies to politics, but his sympathies are with the Democratic party on questions of national policy.

The company owns 6,200 acres of timber land in Jefferson county, in McCalmont and Oliver townships, valued at $200,000, and they have about eight miles of railroad connecting their mill with the P. & N. W. R. R., their rolling stock costing $50,000. Their first mill burned in July, 1894, soon after its completion, but notwithstanding a loss of $15,000 the firm rebuilt and were again ready for business in November, 1894. Daniel H. Clark and G. W. Kipp attend to the mill work and office, and E. F. Kizer is in charge of the company's interests at Towanda, Pennsylvania.

On April 15, 1885, Mr. Clark was married at Dushore, Sullivan county, Penn., to Miss Mary McDonald, and this union has been blessed by five pretty little daughters, Mary E., Anna, Catherine, Margrette and Mildred E. Mrs. Clark was born September 24, 1858, in Sullivan county, Penn., is of Irish descent, her grandfather, Andrew McDonald, having come from Ireland in 1835. His wife, Mary Hayden, a native of Ireland, and their only son, John, came with him, and their home was established in the woods near Dushore, where he at once began to clear a farm. He was killed by a falling tree not long after his arrival, but his wife lived to the age of eighty-seven. The remains of both were interred in the cemetery at Dushore. John McDonald, Mrs. Clark's father, was born in England in 1830 but has been a resident of Sullivan county, Penn., since he was four years old, his home being now at Bernice. For some years he was engaged in agriculture, but later he became interested in mining, and he is one of the substantial citizens of the locality. In religious faith he is a Catholic, while his political allegiance is given to the Democratic party. He was married in Sullivan county to Miss Julia Sheridan, a native of Connecticut, born in 1837, whose parents, John and Catherine (Farrell) Sheridan, came from Ireland early in life and spent their last days at Wilkesbarre, Penn. To Mr. and Mrs. McDonald ten children were born: Andrew, a molder at Towanda, Penn.; Catherine, wife of Frank Farrell, of Dushore, a manufacturer of molder; Mary, Mrs. D. H. Clark; Julia, wife of R. J. Clark, our subject's brother; Prudence, who married John Daly, a hotel keeper at Bernice; Miss Clara, the bookkeeper for Clark, Kizer & Kipp; Janey, wife of Thomas Fitzgerald, a telegraph operator at Bernice; Miss Mildred, Miss Florence, and Lawrence, who reside with their parents.

FRANK A. McCONNELL, for some five years proprietor of "Hotel Pantall," at Punxsutawney, and now the popular and courteous landlord of "Frank's New Tavern" at Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, is a progressive and wide-awake citizen, well worthy of emulation. His life record is that of one who started out in the world empty-handed, and steadily, by perseverance and energy, worked his way upward to success.

Mr. McConnell is a native of Jefferson county, Penn., born March 4, 1853, a son of David B. and Charlotte M. (Campbell) McConnell, the former of whom was born in Centre (now Clinton) county, Penn., September 24, 1821, and was a son of William and Margaret (Moore) McConnell. They had a family of eleven children, one of whom lies buried in Centre county, and nine rest in Beechwood cemetery, our subject's father being the only one of the eleven now living. The latter resided in his native county some ten years, and then came with his parents to Jefferson county, where he is passing the sunset of his life. He served a three-years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, and afterward followed that pursuit for two summers in Clarion county, Penn. He and his brother then purchased the old homestead, where they spent the winter months, while in the summer David B. McConnell followed his trade. His time was thus passed until 1864, when the partnership between himself and his brother was dissolved, the broth-
er selling his interest. The farm, however, did not yield sufficient to support Mr. McConnell and his partner, and in 1868 he sold out and removed to Pine Creek township, where he purchased the farm upon which he now resides. Since that time he has carried on agricultural pursuits. Although he is now seventy-six years of age, he is enjoying good health, and is a well-preserved man. His wife died April 14, 1866. Our subject is the third of their six children, the other surviving members of the family being Nina, wife of Barton Hutchins; Frank; J. Ray, who lives on the home farm; and Ed L., who resides in Punxsutawney.

James Moore, the maternal grandfather of David B. McConnell, was born in Ireland in about 1756, and was a weaver by trade. In his native land he married a Miss Lindsay, and six sons and two daughters were born to them, all of whom, except Joseph, came to America, settling in Chester county, Penn. Later, James Moore moved to Centre county, where he died in 1829. His children were Joseph, Jacob, Edward, John, James, Amzi, Margaret and Nancy, all of whom died in Pennsylvania.

The paternal great-grandfather of David B. McConnell never came to America, but passed his entire life in Ireland. The names of his sons, as far as there is any record, are as follows: William, George, and Alexander, and there was also one daughter; of these, William and George were the only ones to come to America.

William McConnell, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1774, in Ireland, died in 1840, and is buried in Beechwood cemetery, Jefferson county, by the side of his wife who was called from earth in 1850; she was born about the year 1780.

Frank A. McConnell, whose name introduces this sketch, enjoyed the free open life of the farm during his boyhood, and midst play and work the days of his youth were passed. At the age of twenty-two he went to Brookville, where he was employed as a clerk in the "American House," until February 22, 1877, when he moved to Parker, Penn., and there continued in the hotel business until June, 1878. In September following, after a short rest, he went to Bradford, Penn., and engaged in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine, establishing the second steam manufactory for that article in the United States. On January 13, 1879, he sold out and returned to Brookville, where on the 11th of February he purchased the St. Charles restaurant and saloon, conducting the same for three years, when he disposed of his business there, and bought a restaurant in Reynolds ville, Jefferson county, which he placed in charge of his brother. In September, 1882, he bought the Flinn drug store at Reynolds ville, conducting the same in partnership with H. A. Stotz, for five years. He also carried on the restaurant until 1886, and, in the spring of 1883, he became proprietor of a jewelry store in Reynolds ville, admitting to a partnership in the business A. C. Guth, who in 1888 sold his interest to Ed L. McConnell. In 1891 the jewelry store was sold to Casper F. Huffman. Varied have been the business interests of our subject, and his energy and activity have been not only of material benefit to himself, but have largely advanced the commercial activity of the communities with which he has been connected.

In 1886 Frank A. McConnell purchased and opened "Hotel McConnell," in Reynolds ville, one of the leading hostleries of central Pennsylvania, and continued its operation until August 24, 1891, when he sold to Black & Reynolds. In 1892 Mr. McConnell came to Punxsutawney and successfully conducted "Hotel Pantall" until January 12, 1897, when he sold out to H. D. Edelblute, and May 10, following, purchased and took charge of what is now "Frank's New Tavern" (formerly the "Reynolds House"), in Reynolds ville, the oldest hotel building in Jefferson county. He has refitted the house through-out, introducing all modern improvements, and now prides himself in having one of the best equipped and foremost hotels in central Pennsylvania. He owns other real estate in Reynolds ville, and has an interest in some coal fields in Jefferson county, which return a good royalty.

On May 22, 1890, Frank A. McConnell was married to Alice S. Miller, a native of Indiana county, Penn., and a daughter of John Miller, a resident of that county. Three children have graced this union: Bert, Fay and Zoe. Mrs. McConnell is a member of the Lutheran Church. Socially Mr. McConnell is affiliated with the F. and A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a stanch Democrat. Mr. McConnell's success in business has been worthily achieved, being the outcome of earnest effort and capable management.

Jacob K. Johnston, of Winslow township, belongs to that class of citizens whose sterling worth, public spirit and progressiveness have been the means of procuring the substantial development of Jefferson county. He is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of the county, and was born in Shelota, Indiana Co., Penn., March 25, 1834, a son of
William and Margaret (Keener) Johnston. The birth of the paternal grandfather, Andrew Johnston, occurred in Ireland, but when only four years old he crossed the Atlantic and first located in Cincinnati, Ohio. He died, however, in Indiana county, Penn. Jacob Keener, the maternal grandfather, was a native of the Keystone State, and became a farmer of Indiana county, where his death occurred. All of the grandparents lived to a ripe old age.

William Johnston, the father of our subject, was born in Butler county, Penn., December 20, 1796, and the birth of his wife occurred in Indiana county, February 10, 1810. In 1841 they migrated to Winslow township, Jefferson Co., locating upon the farm where our subject now resides and there spent their remaining days. They had traveled by wagon, and located here when it was almost an unbroken wilderness. The father, who was very fond of hunting, had ample opportunity to indulge in that sport, as deer, bears and other wild animals were still quite numerous. Only a quarter of an acre of his land had been cleared. He was a gunsmith by trade, but after locating in Jefferson county he engaged in teaming for some years, hauling iron from Bellefonte to Erie, and returning with Ohio cheese. He successfully engaged in speculating, and became one of the well-to-do and prosperous citizens of his community. He died December 17, 1872, and his wife, who was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, passed away March 29, 1879, both being buried at Prospect, Winslow township. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Mary, now the widow of Henry Gray, of Winslow township; Nancy, who died in childhood; Andrew, a resident of Washington county, Penn.; Jacob K., of this review; Harriet, a resident of Westmoreland county, Penn., and the widow of Thomas Rutter, a millwright; Reuben, who engaged in sawmilling, but is now deceased; William, a blacksmith of West Virginia; Joseph S., of Rathmel, who is now serving as supervisor of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Maggie, wife of George W. Mohney, a miner of Rathmel; Anna, widow of John Hendricks, of Reynolds ville, Penn.; Evaline, wife of Elisha Evans, who is engaged in clerking; George, a miner of Winslow township; and James, who died when about a year old from drinking a bottle of aquafortis, which his father used for staining wood, stocks of knives, etc.

Our subject continued with his parents until they were called to their reward, and is still living on the old homestead, where also his entire life has been spent. In 1847 he went to Wilkinsburg, Penn., where for a year and a half he cut logs for railroad ties, receiving fifty cents per day and board. Saving his wages, he helped pay off the debt on his father's farm. The place at first contained but sixty and a half acres, which cost $3 per acre, but he has added to it, and now has a good farm of eighty acres, and has sold the coal underlying it for $60 per acre. Being a natural mechanic, he has given considerable attention to various trades, and early in life became a competent wheelright. In 1874 he established a shop in Reynoldsville for the manufacture of carriages, wagons, etc., and there continued to reside for four years, but at the end of that time returned to the old home farm, where he had also built a shop in 1865. He continued business along that line until 1892, when it became unprofitable owing to the many cheap machinery-made vehicles placed on the market. Mr. Johnston was married, August 22, 1872, to Miss Margaret Smouse, and six children were born to this union: Ed, at home; Iris, who is successfully engaged in teaching; Almeda, the youngest daughter, died on December 11, 1897, of diphtheria, aged twenty years, one month and eighteen days (she was a successful teacher); Hettie and Frank, who died in childhood; and John, at home. Mrs. Johnston was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, August 5, 1842, and is a daughter of Conrad and Margaret (Thomas) Smouse, natives of Bedford and Armstrong counties, Penn., respectively. Her paternal grandfather, George A. Smouse, was also born in Bedford county, and died in Armstrong county at the advanced age of ninety-six. John Thomas, the maternal grandfather, who also passed away in Armstrong county, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and became an extensive land owner.

The parents of Mrs. Johnston were married in Armstrong county, and came to Jefferson county in the spring of 1842, where the father continued to follow the occupation of farming until called to his final rest. He was born September 28, 1804, and died July 30, 1885, while his wife was born February 27, 1810, and died June 30, 1883. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and were held in esteem by all who knew them. They were parents of the following children: Rosanna, now the widow of Joseph R. Craft, and a resident of Punxsutawney; Caroline, wife of Adam B. Hoeh, a farmer of Kansas; Mary A., wife of William R. McGee, a lumberman of Jefferson county; Sarah A., who died in childhood; Margaret M., wife of our subject; Elizabeth, wife of William Charleton, a miner of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Sophia, who died in
childhood; Fidelia, wife of Jacob Kunz, a farmer of McCalmont township; and Henrietta, who resides on the old homestead, and is now the wife of James A. Sweeney. Our subject is unaltering in his support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and withholds his aid from no interest calculated to prove of public benefit. His well-spent life has won him the unqualified regard of all, and his name is high on the roll of Jefferson county’s most eminent and worthy citizens.

JOHN S. MILLER, who has long been connected with the farming and lumbering interests of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, is a man whose well-spent life commends him to the confidence and regard of all. Esteemed for his sterling worth and manly character, he well deserves mention in this volume. Born in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1819, he is a son of Henry and Catherine (Wilkins) Miller, both natives of Somerset county, Penn. After their marriage they removed to Westmoreland county, where the father died at the age of seventy-five years, the mother when ninety-eight.

They had children as follows: (1) John S. is the eldest. (2) Jacob was married in Westmoreland county, where he spent the greater part of his life; he served for four years as a soldier in the Civil war. (3) Margaret became the wife of Simon Fultz, of Westmoreland county, and died some years ago. (4) Susanna is the wife of Samuel King, and is living in Westmoreland county. (5) William died in that county, leaving a wife and one child. (6) Samuel, a soldier of the Union army, died in Westmoreland county. (7) Daniel served for four years in the Civil war, and died in the same county. (8) George, a native of Westmoreland county, who was also numbered among the “boys in blue,” married, and spent the remainder of his days in his native county. (9) Lavina became the wife of Lewis Brinker, and died leaving three children. (10) Sarah became the wife of Paul Walter, and died leaving three children. (11) Lizzie is the widow of Simon Fultz, by whom she had three children, and her home is now in Greensburg, Penn. (12) Isaac died at the age of one year. (13) Henry, born in Westmoreland county, married Miss Poorman; he joined the Union army, but at Pittsburg was taken ill and started home, his death occurring a few days after his arrival.

John S. Miller was reared in his native county, and in 1842 married Elizabeth Fultz, of Westmoreland county, daughter of George and Maria Fultz. In 1846 he removed to Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering until 1871, when he went to Bell township, Clearfield Co., Penn. There his son Noah purchased the Samuel Woodward farm of 114 acres, and one hundred acres were placed under a high state of cultivation, our subject making his home thereon until a few years since. He was a progressive, enterprising business man, and by his close application and earnest purpose accumulated a comfortable competence.

In 1889 Mr. Miller was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died in November. They had six children: (1) Isaac W., the eldest, born in Westmoreland county, in 1843, enlisted at the age of eighteen years in Company K, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Wilson, of Punxsutawney. He was sworn into the service of the Army of the Potomac, and in the Seven-days’ battle was seriously wounded by the bursting of a shell. He was taken to Mill Creek hospital, where he died of his injuries. (2) Noah, born in Westmoreland county, in 1846, married Miss Nancy Bender, of Jefferson county, and is now living on a farm in Bell township, Clearfield county. They have seven children—(a) Lizzie and (b) Rachel are twins, the former of whom is now the wife of Peter Rupert, of Newtonburg, Clearfield county, by whom she has three children—Earl, Minnie and Glenn; Rachel is the wife of Curtis Kerr, of Newtonburg, and they have children, Edward, John, Elmer and Bell. (c) Martha died in early womanhood. (d) Jane is the wife of John Hellyard, of Clearfield county, and they have two sons, Henry and Miller. (e) Alice, (f) Andrew and (g) William H. are at home. (3) David, born in Jefferson county, in 1850, died at the age of seven years. (4) Maria C., born in Jefferson county, in 1855, is the widow of Thomas Miller, who resides in Henderson township, Jefferson county, until 1887, when he was killed by the falling of a tree while engaged in lumbering. He left a widow and three children, the eldest being John, who is now twenty-one years of age. The second, Hannah E., born in Gaskill township, in 1878, was married in September, 1893, to Frank Frampton, of Clearfield county, now residing on a farm near Newtonburg, by whom she has one child, Olive L. The third, Noah S., was born in 1880, and is with his mother. In 1886 Mrs. Miller became the wife of Samuel De Haven, who died two years ago. She is still living on a farm in Gaskill township. (5) Mary S., the fifth child of John S. Miller, was born in Jefferson county, in 1858, and is the wife of John Shelley, of Jefferson county, who is now following lumbering near Sykesville. They have five
children—Ellen, Catherine, Myrtle, Harry and Herman. (6) Malinda J., born in Jefferson county, in 1859, is the wife of August Reiter, of Du Bois, Penn., in which town he was engaged in the dairy business.

John S. Miller has voted both the Republican and Democratic tickets, but is now a Prohibitionist. He belongs to the United Brethren Church, and has been a consistent Christian life, commanding him to the confidence and respect of the entire community. He is numbered among the honored pioneers of the county, wherein by the careful prosecution of his business interests he has secured a comfortable home.

GILBERT W. PALEN, superintendent of the West Pennsylvania Tannery or Elk Tanning Co., Reynolds ville, Jefferson county, has attained the management of this extensive plant through merit and his thorough knowledge of the industry. He has been a tanner all his life: his father was a tanner; and his grandfather followed the same vocation. It would be strange if, with this family history, and with the diligent and conscientious application of Mr. Palen to his work, he were not an efficient craftsman. The enviable reputation which he enjoys, as superintendent of one of the largest tanneries in the State of Pennsylvania, is therefore pre-eminently a deserved one.

Born in Fallsburg, Sullivan Co., N. Y., June 19, 1856, Mr. Palen is a son of Gilbert W. and Caroline (King) Palen, natives of Dutchess and Greene counties, N. Y., respectively, and grandson of Peter Palen. The last named emigrated to America from Holland and settled in Dutchess county, N. Y. In religious conviction he was a Quaker, and in business affairs a man of considerable prominence. He owned and operated several tanneries, and died in Acras, N. Y., where at the time he was operating a tannery, Gilbert W. Palen, Sr., father of our subject, was born in 1818. He learned the trade of his father, and followed it at Acras and Fallsburg, N. Y., and elsewhere up to his death, which occurred at the latter place in 1870. His wife died at Cairo, Greene county, N. Y., in September, 1895, aged sixty-eight years. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The three children of Gilbert W. and Caroline Palen were: Frank W., a produce merchant at Madison, Neb.; Rose K., wife of W. R. Vedder, civil engineer for the city of Syracuse, N. Y.; and Gilbert W., of whom we more particularly write.

Our subject remained at home, attending the schools until he was sixteen years old. For five years he clerked in a dry-goods store at Middle tow, N. Y., and he attended the high school at that city for a year, after which he spent a year on a farm with his grandparents, and in 1876 he went to Limestone, N. Y., where he worked for a year in a general store. Then he took up the work of his father and grandfather. For five years he was employed in a tannery at Corbettsville, N. Y.; thence he went to Clearfield county, Penn., and for two years was with J. B. Alley & Co., tanners at Cenvensville and at Osceola Mills. In January, 1884, he became yard foreman in the tannery of Hall & Vaughan, Reynolds ville, now owned by the Elk Tanning Co. In 1890, when the superintendent resigned, Mr. Palen was appointed by Hall & Vaughan as his successor, and he has since continuously filled that important position. The Reynolds ville Tannery is one of the largest in the State, and is one of twenty-six now owned by the Elk Tanning Co., a company which was organized in May, 1893, and in that year acquired possession of the Reynolds ville Tannery. All the buildings were destroyed by fire in 1893, but were rebuilt in 1894. The plant at present covers twenty acres, upon which are located ten buildings. When running full time, about 150 men are employed, and 660 sides are finished per day. The general offices of the Elk Tanning Co. are located at Ridgway, Pennsylvania.

Our subject was married, June 14, 1888, at Greenville, Greene Co., N. Y., to Miss Gertrude Hartt, daughter of Edgar and Augusta Hartt, residents of that place, where Mr. Hartt is now engaged in general mercantile trade. Mr. Palen is a member of the Presbyterian Church; in politics he was formerly a Republican, but he is now an advocate of the principles of the Prohibition party. He is universally regarded as one of the intelligent and prominent men of Reynolds ville, and he wields an influence that is always directed toward the improvement of the people among whom he lives. He is public-spirited, and thoroughly alive to all the leading issues and questions of the day.

WILLIAM NULL, a well-known agriculturist and lumberman of Henderson township, Jefferson county, may justly take pride in his fine homestead near Sykesville, which was cleared and brought under cultivation by him nearly a half century ago.

Mr. Null is a member of an old Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, family. George Null, his father, who was born in that county, was a soldier in the war of 1812, and by occupation was a
farmer, owning a good estate near the city of Lebanon. His death in 1859 was caused by an accident, a limb of a tree falling upon him. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Nancy Gibbony, married a second husband, Henry Isenhower, and moved to Fayette county, Ind., where she died in 1892. By her first marriage she had four sons, all of whom were born at the old home in Lebanon county: (1) Peter married a Miss Bucher, and for some years resided in his native county where he was employed as a lock-tender on the Pittsburg & Pennsylvania canal. Later he removed to the State of Indiana, where he now resides. He has three children. (2) John, a veteran of the Civil war, enlisted in 1861 from Lebanon county and served throughout the struggle. He married Miss Shepler, of Lebanon county, and now resides in Annville, seven miles west of Lebanon, where he follows huckstering as an occupation. He has one son, John, Jr. (3) Joseph, who accompanied his mother to the West, enlisted in the Union army from Indiana, and met a soldier's death. (4) William Null, of this review.

William Null was born in 1834, and until he was eight years old he remained at the old homestead in Lebanon county. He was then taken to Clearfield county to make his home with an uncle, John Elniger, and five years later he began to earn his own livelihood, working in the woods and at the carpenter's trade. In 1850 he was employed by William Irwin, of Curwensville, with whom he remained one year, and then he located in Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he has ever since resided. On May 17, 1851, he married Miss Elizabeth Hall, of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and in 1853 he bought his present homestead of fifty-one acres, then a mere tract of woodland. His energy and industry enabled him to clear the place and sell the timber, and it was not long before he had built a comfortable house and a good barn, and had made other substantial improvements. In 1889 Death invaded the family circle, taking his beloved wife, who had shared helpfully in all the toil and hardships of his early days. Of their six children, five are living, and by their excellent character and standing reflect credit upon their parents. (1) John, born January 7, 1854, received a public-school education, and is now a successful contractor and builder at Sykesville. He married Miss Sally Duff, of Jefferson county, and has nine children: Clifton, who died in childhood; Edith, Aden, Edward, Harry, Ray, George, Ivan C. and Delbert Agnew are at home with parents. (2) James, born September 8, 1858, married Miss Bertha Rogers, of Jefferson county, and now resides in Clayville, where he follows farming and manufactures brick. He has two children—Mary and Walter. (3) Lodiana, born September 26, 1861, died February 20, 1866, in her fifth year. (4) George, born October 20, 1865, married Trudy Rupert, of Sykesville, and he now resides in that town, following mining as a business. They have no family. (5) Milton, born October 30, 1867, married Miss Polly Clayton, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and located in Sykesville, where his wife died in 1893, leaving three children, Elizabeth, Emma and John, all at home. (6) William Grant, born March 29, 1872, married Miss Mary Walker, of Sykesville, Jefferson county, and now resides in Sykesville, where he follows mining for the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Co. They have one child, Pearl.

Our subject affiliated with the Old-line Whig party in early life, and later became a stanch Republican. While taking a keen interest in the questions of the day he has refrained from partisan work, his influence being exerted in quiet ways. In religious faith he is a Baptist, and he and his family are all active members of the Church at Sykesville.

C. H. BUTLER & BRO., of Brookville. Jefferson county, prominent dealers in general merchandise, are among the most enterprising and progressive citizens of the county. They are descended from one of the early families of Jefferson county, and their father, James Butler, was born there, and has always had his home within the county limits, his attention being mainly given to agriculture. His years of quiet usefulness have left him in good physical health, and he is still active in the management of his farm. His wife, Mary Huhn, to whom Time has also been kind, was born in Germany, and came to America with her parents when she was only five years old.

The Butler Brothers were both born in Jefferson county, C. H. in 1856, and Morton E. in 1862. The education of the former was limited to an attendance at the district schools near his father's home, and at eighteen he left the farm to work in a sawmill. After a time he went to DuBois, Penn., and secured employment in a printing office, where he acquired the trade of type setting. Owing to the failure of his health he took a trip to the Far West, and spent two years traveling through that region. On his return to his native county he became clerk and business manager for J. K. Moore, the lumberman, remaining with him four years. He then went to
Brookville, and, after spending two years as clerk for M. W. Dickey, he engaged in his present business. In addition to that, he is now the secretary and business manager of the Brookville Furniture Company, in which he and his brother are stockholders. He was married, in October, 1888, to Miss Carrie Steele, daughter of James Steele, one of Brookville’s leading citizens, and four children—Steele, Wade, Guy and Marvin—make their home merry. Mrs. Butler is a prominent member of the M. E. Church. C. H. Butler belongs to the Ancient Order of Artisans. In politics he is a Republican, but he has no inclination to enter the arena as a candidate for public honors, although his keen desire to secure better educational advantages for the youth of to-day has led him to serve in positions where he could best promote those interests.

MORTON E. BUTLER supplemented his district school training by a course in the Williamsport Commercial College, graduating in 1886. He taught school for about eight years, but for the past five years has been connected with the business in Brookville. In 1896 he was united in matrimony with Miss Eva Cooley, of Brookville. Like his brother, he is a believer in the doctrines of the Republican party, and he belongs to the fraternal order of Foresters.

DANIEL BISH. Many of the leading citizens of Jefferson county served their country during the Civil war, making a record honorable and glorious. Among these was the subject of this sketch, a son of David and Rebecca (Con- fare) Bish.

David Bish, the father, was born and reared at McNicholas Furnace, Butler Co., Penn., and when a young man removed to Clarion county, where he was married. He then took up his residence in Madison township, Armstrong county, where he purchased fifty acres of woodland, cleared a farm and erected good buildings, making a well-improved property of the place. In 1855, however, he sold his farm, and he and our subject bought one hundred acres of partially-improved land in Porter township, Jefferson county, from Henry Byers. In connection with the further development and cultivation of his land, Daniel Bish followed wagon making until August, 1863, when he offered his services to his country, becoming a member of Company B, 82nd P. V. I., under Colonel Basset and General Terry. At Pittsburg he was mustered in, then joined the regiment at Catlet Station, Va., and took part in his first battle at the Rappahannock, where the Rebels were driven back, and a whole brigade of cavalry and several hundred infantry were captured. The Union troops then marched to Culpeper, and after the engagement at that place fell back to Brandy Station in November, 1863. They were next engaged in skirmishing at Mine Run for about a week, after which they returned to Brandy Station. In the fall of 1863, Mr. Bish was injured by a fall, and all winter was confined in the hospital. Being unfit for regimental duty, he joined the ambulance train in the spring of 1864, and remained with the Sixth Army Corps until the close of the war. After the surrender of General Lee, his command marched to Greensboro to head off Johnston’s army, and at that place the latter general surrendered. After a week spent at Birkville Station, the Union troops marched to Richmond, then by boat proceeded to Washington, D. C., where they participated in the grand review, and where our subject was discharged. After being paid off at Philadelphia, he returned home and resumed farming upon his present place.

In 1867 Mr. Bish was married to Miss Lavina Young, a daughter of George and Mary Young, well-to-do people of Jefferson county. He brought his bride to his present home, which has been brightened by the birth of ten children: Mary R., who died in childhood; Sarah J., who died at the age of two years; Rebecca, an invalid residing at home; Agnes, who died in infancy; M. Walter, who assists his father in the operation of the farm; Lucetta C. and Joseph H., at home; George Elmer, born in November, 1882; David S., born in 1884; and Margaret Ida, born in 1887, all at home. In 1879 the father of these had the misfortune to lose his house, wagon shop and all his household furniture by fire, leaving him without a shelter for his family, but with characteristic energy the same year he built a commodious two-story frame residence. He has made many other useful improvements which add greatly to its valuable and attractive appearance, making it one of the best farms in Porter township. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor. He has led an honest, honorable life, is always ready to extend a helping hand to the needy, and is held in deservedly high repute by the entire community. In religious belief he and his wife are Lutherans.

JOSEPH H. AKE, postmaster and general merchant, ranks among the leading and popular citizens of Sykesville, Jefferson county. He is a man to whom the most envious can scarcely grudge success, so well has he earned
it, so admirably does he use it, so entirely does he lack pride of purse. His integrity stands an unquestioned fact in his history. Endowed by nature with a sound judgment and an accurate discriminating mind, he has not feared the laborious attention to business so necessary to achieve success, and this essential quality has ever been guided by a sense of moral right which would tolerate the employment only of the means that would bear the most rigid examination, by fairness of intention that has neither sought nor required disguise.

Mr. Ake was born December 20, 1837, at Gettysburg, Hillsdale post office, Indiana Co., Penn., a son of Jacob G. and Eliza (Notley) Ake. David Ake, the paternal grandfather, was of German extraction, and became a successful farmer and extensive land owner in Blair county, Penn., where he was buried. He and his two brothers, John and Joseph, were the founders of Williamsburg, where their heirs still own about 130 lots. Jacob G. Ake, the father of our subject, was born in Blair county, but the mother was a native of Ireland, and, in 1830, when ten years of age, came to America with her parents, John and Eliza Notley. The sailing vessel on which they embarked was about one hundred days in crossing the Atlantic, and on reaching the shores of the New World they went at once to Indiana county, Penn. Her parents were laid to rest in the cemetery of Cherry Tree, that county.

Upon their marriage the parents of our subject located in Williamsburg, Blair county, and during early life the father followed farming and lumbering, and also conducted a hotel for a time, but subsequently turned his attention to merchandising, conducting a store in Gettysburg and in New Washington, Clearfield Co., Penn. As one of the prominent and influential citizens of his community, he was called upon to serve in several township offices, and was a leader in the local Democracy. He died in April, 1882, at the age of seventy-one years, in the faith of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which he was a consistent member. His estimable wife still resides at the old homestead in Gettysburg. In his family were the following children: David S., a prominent business man residing on the old homestead, is extensively interested in railroading, merchandising, farming and lumbering; Mary J. is the widow of John Mahaffey, late a hotel keeper of Gettysburg; James D. is in partnership with his brother, David S.; Agnes B. is the widow of George Prothro, of Indiana, Penn.; Joseph H. is next in order of birth; John N. is a merchant of Burnside, Clearfield county; Anna B. is the wife of George McKeage, who is engaged in business with her brothers in Gettysburg; and Amanda is the wife of A. B. Clark, a liveryman of Hastings, Cambria Co., Pennsylvania.

Until twenty-four years of age, Joseph H. Ake remained under the parental roof, assisting his father in the work of the farm and attending school. After completing his education by two terms' attendance in the Purchase Line Academy, he taught school at Mahaffey, Penn., in the fall of 1879; but as that profession did not agree with his health, he began teaming in the lumber woods, following that occupation for a few months. Subsequently he engaged in the lumber business in Clearfield and Cambria counties until 1882, when he returned home and operated the farm for one season. The following fall he embarked in merchandising in Armstrong county, Penn., but at the end of a year returned to Indiana county, where he carried on the same business until the spring of 1886. Since that time he has been numbered among the wide-awake and successful merchants of Sykesville, and on locating here he purchased the site of his present store, but later sold 50 x 150 feet to the Knights of Pythias, of that place, who erected the building.

At Purchase Line, Indiana county, on June 21, 1882, our subject was married to Miss Sarah J. Robinson, and to them were born five children: Grace, at home; Mahlon R. and Golden, now deceased; and Norman E. and David F., at home. Mrs. Ake was born January 31, 1862, near Hollidaysburg, in Blair county, Penn., a daughter of Mahlon and Mary (Moore) Robinson, natives of Blair and Clearfield counties, respectively, who were married in the latter county. The father, who was a prominent farmer and lumberman, died on the old homestead in Blair county, in 1864, at the early age of twenty-six years, and was buried at Hollidaysburg. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife also belongs. Two children were born to them: Sarah J., wife of our subject; and Maxamella, who died at the age of six years. The mother, who is now living on a farm in Indiana county, was born August 27, 1841, and, after the death of her first husband, became the wife of Joseph Nichol, of that county. By this union there are six children: Joseph F., who operates a farm adjoining the old homestead in Indiana county; William, who is on the home farm; Laura, wife of William Mundorf, a machinist of Punxsutawney, Penn.; Horace, a druggist of Barnesboro, Penn.; Clara, wife of Bert Long, a merchant of Sykesville; and Walter, at
home. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ake were David and Sarah Robinson, of Blair county, where the former engaged in farming. He was killed by falling from a buggy. The maternal grandparents were William and Jane (Ulric) Moore. William Moore was also accidentally killed, being drowned in the Susquehanna river while rafting. By occupation he was a farmer and lumberman.

Being a pronounced Democrat in politics, Joseph H. Ake was appointed postmaster of Sykesville, in 1886, and has since creditably filled that office, with the exception of the four years of Harrison’s administration. Socially he is a charter member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, No. 185, of Sykesville, of which he was trustee for some time, and he also belongs to the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 753, of Troutville, and John M. Reed Lodge No. 536, F. & A. M., of Reynoldsville, Penn. Although he is not connected with any religious denomination, he contributes to the support of the Baptist Church, of which his wife is a faithful member. As a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, he has done much to promote the welfare of his community, and enjoys the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life.

WILLIAM JOHN BONER. There are in every community men of great force of character and exceptional ability, who by reason of their capacity for leadership become recognized as foremost citizens, and bear a most important part in the development and progress of the locality with which they are connected. Such a man is Mr. Boner, who is now prominently connected with the agricultural and commercial interests of Jefferson county. He was born March 23, 1835, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, now follows general farming in Winslow township, and is a general merchant and railroad agent at Sherwood Station.

John Boner, his paternal grandfather, died in early life (in 1812), leaving two sons who were reared by the grandmother, Mrs. Esther Boner, who was of Scotch lineage. She died in 1848. One of these sons, Charles Boner, the father of our subject, was born August 6, 1806, in Westmoreland county, Penn., and was married there, October 25, 1832, to Martha McGarey, a native of the same county. A year later they came to Jefferson county, locating in Beaver township, where they remained three years. They then went to Brookville, and, in 1842, the father began lumbering near that place. In 1846 he moved to the McCauley farm, where he carried on blacksmithing and farming. In 1851 he located on the Boner homestead in Rose township, Jefferson county, where he followed farming and blacksmithing for some time, but spent his later years in retirement. During the last four years of his life he was a cripple, owing to a kick received from a horse. He died November 5, 1877, and his wife, who was born March 11, 1812, passed away in February, 1897, and was buried by his side in Beaver Run cemetery.

This worthy couple were the parents of the following children: Sarah A., born January 14, 1834, is living on the old homestead; William John is our subject; Mary Jane, born November 20, 1836, became the widow of John Fimitsmons, of Rose township, Jefferson county, and died November 7, 1897; Esther, born March 20, 1839, lives on the old homestead; George, born February 15, 1841, is now proprietor of a meat market in Brookville; Elizabeth, born March 8, 1843, is the wife of James McGee, a lumberman and farmer of Winslow township; Rachel M., born January 18, 1845, is the wife of John McGiffin, an agriculturist of Rose township; Nancy, born October 12, 1846, died July 24, 1847; Margaret, born April 21, 1848, became the wife of Andrew Smith, and died May 5, 1881; Matthew T., born July 29, 1850, is a lumberman of Elk county, Penn.; Maretta, born April 1, 1853, is the wife of Calvin Yoman, of Elk county, Penn.; and David M., born February 15, 1857, follows farming in Knox township, Jefferson county.

William John Boner spent his childhood days upon his father’s farm, and assisted in the labors of the fields during the summer, while in the winter season he worked in the lumber woods. Between the ages of seventeen and twenty-two he followed the carpenter’s trade, and gave his earnings toward the support of the family. A year after attaining his majority, he went to Washington township, Jefferson county, where for two years, in connection with his uncle, David McGarey, he engaged in contracting in the lumber woods. On the expiration of that period he purchased 150 acres of land, largely covered with pine timber, and since that time he has successfully operated as a lumber merchant. He is also an enterprising, progressive farmer, and owns 200 acres of good land. He conducts a general mercantile business, which was established by his wife in 1884. She successfully conducted the store for seven years, and then leased it to Mrs. N. J. Steele, whose time expired in 1894, when Mr. Boner assumed the management of the business. He is a wide-awake merchant, carrying a large and well-
assorted stock, and from the public he has secured a liberal patronage.

On October 23, 1861, at Sandy Valley, by Rev. John Rea, pastor of the Beach Wood Presbyterian Church, Mr. Boner was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Burrows. She was born October 23, 1841, in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, and is a daughter of Gilbert B. and Lucina (Barlow) Burrows. Her father was born May 9, 1798, at Groton, Conn., her mother on February 1, 1802, at Barnard, Vt., and was probably descended from one of three brothers who came to America in the "Mayflower." George Burrows, the paternal grandfather, was a sea captain, who died at his home of yellow fever. The parents of Mrs. Boner were married February 15, 1824, in New York, and in the spring of 1841 removed from that State to Warsaw township, Jefferson Co., Penn. In 1847 they came to what is now Sandy Valley, and the father sold the first corn-brooms in Beech Woods. He was an extensive land owner, lumberman and farmer, and a very prominent and influential citizen. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Protestant Church, in which he was a licensed exhorter. He took an active part in politics, aided in establishing the "Underground Railroad" before the war, and for many years was justice of the peace. By the capable management of his business interests, he became quite wealthy, and contributed $1,000 to Adrian (Mich.) College, being a stanch adherent of the cause of education.

The children of Gilbert B. Burrows and wife were as follows: Eliza A., born July 4, 1827, married Benjamin Jaquet, and, after his death, she married Daniel Gove, but is again a widow, living in Delavan, Wis.; Timothy, born September 15, 1829, was a minister of the Baptist Church, became captain of a company in the Union army during the Civil war, and died in hospital at Paducah, Ky.; Sarah J., born October 7, 1831, died in the spring of 1841; Phebe A., born September 20, 1833, is the wife of William R. Cox, of Millville, Columbia Co., Penn.; Daniel B., born December 30, 1836, died October 15, 1851; George, born in November, 1838, died in 1840; Elizabeth J. (Mrs. Boner) is next in order of birth; Julia Ann R., born January 22, 1844, died in 1856; and Miran S., born August 19, 1847, died October 14, 1850.

Our subject and wife have reared an interesting family, namely: (1) Orpha, born in August, 1863, married John Waite, of Winslow township (ex-treasurer of Jefferson county), and they had two children, both now deceased. The mother's death occurred September 3, 1889. (2) Charles G., born in September, 1865, is engaged in lumbering at Bobo, Coahoma Co., Miss. (3) Martha L., born in October, 1870, died in October, 1880. (4) Alvin K., born September 1, 1872, died in November, 1878. (5) Frank B., born May 18, 1876, is now a student in Grove City College, in Pennsylvania. (6) Edgar H., born in April, 1881, is at home. The family is one of prominence in the community. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boner are highly cultured people of superior literary, taste, and are recognized leaders in society circles. They hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Boner has served as elder for the past twenty years. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has been honored with various public offices, having served as school director for three years, as supervisor three years, and as overseer of the poor for the past fifteen years. In 1876 he was appointed postmaster at Sandy Valley, and for twelve years has occupied that position, having been again appointed to it in 1897. His public career and his private life are alike above reproach, and he is one of Jefferson county's honored and prominent citizens. Mrs. Boner has for the past twelve years been president of the Pancoast W. C. T. U.; helped to organize the Jefferson County W. C. T. U.; and is one of the county superintendents of that work.

JOSEPH W. WILSON, Esq., who is now acceptably serving as justice of the peace of Punxsutawney, was born in that city in 1857, a son of John B. and Caroline B. (Winslow) Wilson, natives of Indiana and Jefferson counties, Penn., respectively. From the age of nineteen years the father made his home in Punxsutawney, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits for many years, and took quite a prominent part in public affairs, serving as associate judge of Jefferson county for some seven years, and afterward as justice of the peace. He was called to his final rest in 1894, and his estimable wife died in May, 1896.

Our subject received his literary education in the public schools of Punxsutawney, which he attended until thirteen years of age, and then entered his father's store, where he served as clerk for about six years. For the following twelve years he engaged in the sale of pianos and organs, after which he was appointed postal clerk in the mail service, and was on the road between Bellwood and Punxsutawney for two years and a half. Returning to the latter place on the expiration of that time, he resumed the sale of musical instruments, which he continued
Until 1892, when he was appointed assistant deputy under Sheriff Young, of Jefferson county, and filled the position during the entire term. It was in February, 1895, that he was first appointed justice of the peace at Punxsutawney, and at the following election was elected to that office, which he has since filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

In 1877, Mr. Wilson was married to Miss Martha J. Mitchell, of Punxsutawney, and five children now grace their union, as follows: Max M., Daisy D., Winifred W., Edith E. and Dorothy D. Mrs. Wilson died May 5, 1897, of pneumonia, after an illness of five days. She was a member of the Baptist Church, with which her family have for several generations been connected, and Mr. Wilson's grandfather, Thomas Wilson, was a pioneer Baptist minister of Pennsylvania.

Our subject takes an active interest in civic societies, and is now Exalted Ruler of Punxsutawney Lodge No. 301, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; he also is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees, the Senior Order of American Mechanics, and the Knights of Pythias, in which he is a past chancellor and now keeper of records and seals. On political questions he always votes with the Democratic party, is an ardent advocate of its principles, and in 1892 was elected and served as chairman of the county Democratic committee. He may truly be considered one of the representative men of Punxsutawney, with whose interests he has long and prominently been identified.

On the death of Mrs. Wilson one of the Punxsutawney papers contained the following notice:

Although Mrs. Wilson expressed a strong desire to remain here, yet her friends know that when she realized that death was inevitable, her spirit rejoiced. She seemed to relinquish her grasp of friendly hands here only when she saw others extended to her from some better world. Those who witnessed her departure from this life can testify that she was fully conscious of a life beyond. Her friends, and that includes everybody who knew her in this life, her brothers and sisters, and her family can never forget the dying words uttered seemingly after the soul had vacated its tenement. Her spirit seemed to linger and hover near the little ones she was leaving behind, in a world which to her must have appeared cold and gray by contrast with the bright visions ahead, trying to tell them of the future that awaits the Christian. The friends and relatives who assembled at the household on Saturday and the family, overcome with grief, reflected the influence of her last words on earth. The beautiful floral offerings, the rich draped casket, the words, the sobs, the tears, all spoke eloquently of the esteem in which she was held by her acquaintances and family.

At the head of the casket rested a large wreath of flowers, the offering of the Punxsutawney Elks, which was comprised of white lilies, pink and white roses and daisies, mounted on a platform and arranged with a heavy background of ferns and green vines. To the left of the wreath stood a miniature monument covered with an arrangement of calla-lilies, red and white roses, pink and red cornets, smilax and daisies, the gift of the Elks' Lodge of D. Bois. On the foot rested a large tent of flowers consisting of lilacs, cornets, tulips, roses, smilax and many other rare flowers, which was contributed by the Punxsutawney Maccabees. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church arranged some beautiful floral designs, which were placed on the casket and around the form of their dear sister to be buried with her.

The funeral services occurred at the residence on Penn street on Saturday, May 8, at 11:30 A.M., conducted by Rev. Palmer, of the Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. J. G. Noble. The choir sang, with much feeling, two selected hymns which were the request of Mrs. Wilson. At the close Rev. Palmer read a selection from the Bible and offered a solemn prayer for the departed, after which he spoke some touching words of sympathy to the friends assembled. Rev. Noble spoke in broken tones of grief about the lost sister, and pointed the family to the road that leads to her future home. Mrs. Burt sang "Flee as a Bird" by request, with such pathos that nearly every one present was moved to tears, as the selection was the favorite song of Mrs. Wilson. A large concourse of people followed the hearse to Circle Hill cemetery where the last sad rites were performed that the living can pay to the dead.

Mrs. Martha J. Wilson (nee Mitchell) was the daughter of Thomas L. Mitchell, brother of Judge James Mitchell, late of Punxsutawney. Her parents both preceded her many years ago. Of her family, six are yet living, four boys and two sisters. Her brothers are Cam Mitchell, of Reynolds ville; Frank W., of Driftwood; John F., of Seattle, Wash., and Elmer, of Richmond, Ky. Her sisters are Mrs. W. S. McClain, of Pittsburg, and Mrs. C. K. Maccartney, of this place.

She was wedded to Joseph W. Wilson, of Punxsutawney, October 6, 1877, the result of the union being one son, Max, and four girls: Daisy, aged sixteen; Winnie, fourteen; Edith, eleven, and Dorothy, five. Her husband and children realized deeply their loss, but as the years go by her memory will become more and more cherished. Mrs. Wilson had been a member of the Baptist congregation for more than five years, but her goodness and religious temperament were always marked. She and her bereaved husband both have served in this town all of their lives, and both have alike enjoyed the friendship of everybody. The influence of her memory will always be the guiding star of the family.

D. Postlethwait, a thorough and systematic farmer, and a business man of capacity, is a representative of the agricultural and lumber interests of Perry township, Jefferson county, where he is recognized as an important factor in preserving the reputation of the locality as one of the most highly cultivated sections of the county.

Mr. Postlethwait is also a worthy representative of one of its leading families, his parents being David and Jane (Bell) Postlethwait. The father was born near Mifflin, in Mifflin county, Penn., accompanied his parents on their removal to Westmoreland county when about twelve years of age, and after a little over a decade spent there, came to Jefferson county, locating at Perrysville, where his father, John Postlethwait, purchased 200 acres of land and developed a farm. He died there a number of years ago, leaving five children, of whom David was the eldest. The other members of the family were as follows: (2) John married Eliza Timlin and located on Pine Run, in Ringgold township, Jef-
lerson county, where he cleared and improved a farm, on which both he and his wife died, leaving a family. (3) William, born in Westmoreland county, married Jane McHenry, of Jefferson county, and located in Perry township, where he developed a farm and reared his family. (4) Hannah became the wife of William McKee, of Westmoreland county, where they lived on a farm and reared a large family. (5) Mary wedded William Johnston, of Perry township, and lived on a farm three miles north of Perryville. (6) James R. married Betsy Piper, of Jefferson county, and located on his father’s homestead, where his wife died, after which he removed to Minnesota. His death occurred there some years later, and his family still reside in the West.

On leaving the parental roof David Postlethwait went to Ringgold township, Jefferson county, where he purchased 300 acres of timber land and erected a hewed-log house and round-log barn, and also cleared considerable land. In 1840 he bought 625 acres one mile east of Perryville, adjoining the village of Whitesville, where he also developed a good farm and engaged in lumbering, becoming one of the pioneers in the latter occupation in the county. For many years he followed rafting on the Mahoning creek and Allegheny river, met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings, and through his industry, good management and excellent business ability succeeded in accumulating a large amount of real estate in timber and farming lands. Previous to his death he owned over 1,000 acres of land in Ringgold and Perry townships, which he divided into farms for his children. His sons still reside on the property, and all are highly respected business men. In 1855, his worthy wife, who had shared all the hardships of his early life, passed to her reward, and in 1876 he, too, was called to his final rest.

Their children were as follows: (1) John B., born in Perry township, married Margaret Weaver, of the same township, and located on his father’s first home in Ringgold township, where he reared his family. Later he sold the place and removed to Smicksburg, Indiana county, living on a farm there until his death in 1894. His widow still resides on that place. His children were: Hannah J., George, B. F., Samuel, Philip H., Mary, Margaret and John. (2) Emily J. became the wife of Dr. Theopahis Smith and lived on her father’s farm in Perry township, where she died in 1862, leaving seven children—David P., Jessie, Rachel J., Franklin, William, James and Monroe. (3) Sarah, born in Jefferson county, married James Means, of Perry township, where they resided on a farm and reared their family of five children—Scott, who died at the age of sixteen; Bell; Eunice J.; Thomas and David. (4) James M., born in Ringgold township, married Jerusha Howard, of Porter township, Jefferson county, and they now reside near Lake Pepin, in Wisconsin. (5) Mary M., born in Ringgold township, resides with her brother in Whitesville. (6) Joseph W., born in Ringgold township, married Sarah Heimer, of Perry township, and lives on Mahoning creek in Indiana county, along the Jefferson county line. Their children are—John, Barclay, Scott, Lany, Bessie and Ruth. (7) D. M., our subject, is the next of the family. (8) Thomas J., born in Ringgold township, married Elizabeth Means, of Perry township, where he lives on his farm. They have two children—Cora and Claude. (9) Benjamin F. died in infancy. (10) William, born in Perry township, married Elizabeth Means, of Whitesville, where they make their home. Their children are—Lillie, David N., Pearl, Warren, Homer and Paul.

D. M. Postlethwait was born in 1834, in Ringgold township, was reared to manhood on the home farm, and acquired a good practical education in the common schools. In 1839 he was married to Miss Sarah J. Blohes, of Perry township, a daughter of George and Esther Blohes, highly respected agriculturists of that locality. On a part of his father’s original purchase, one mile east of Perryville, Mr. Postlethwait began his domestic life in a small house, which he replaced in 1886 by a comfortable two-story residence. He has also erected good barns and other outbuildings, cleared the land and placed it under a high state of cultivation, making it one of the most desirable places of Perry township. To our subject and wife were born four children, namely: (1) Clara V., born on their present home in 1861, was provided with good educational privileges, and is now the wife of Scott Brown, of Horatio, Young township, Jefferson county. They have two children—Edith and Sarah. (2) William J., born in 1864, married Winifred White, of Forest county, Penn., and they make their home in Oliveburg, Jefferson county. They have one child—Cora. (3) David B., born in 1870, obtained his early education in the common schools, and was later a student for two terms in the Clarion State Normal. He is still on the home farm with his parents. (4) Sarah A., born in 1882, is also at home. The parents are both consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and with their family hold a high position in social circles. Mr. Postlethwait is a thorough Democrat in politics, gives his support to all measures which he be-
lies calculated to prove of public benefit, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of his community—a worthy representative of an honored family.

Thomas E. Bennis, proprietors of the "Hotel Bennis," of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, has met with a well-deserved success in his life work, and is essentially the architect of his own fortune, for, on starting out in life for himself, his capital consisted of only a pair of willing hands and a determination to succeed, but he has steadily overcome all obstacles and difficulties found in his path until he has now reached a position of affluence.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Bennis was born in Bradford county, August 18, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Bridget (Nailon) Bennis, who were both natives of Ireland but came to America when quite young, locating first in the State of New York. Subsequently they came to Pennsylvania, the father spending the last years of his life in Bradford county, where he passed away in 1890. In early life he was a contractor by occupation, but subsequently turned his attention to farming, in which he was engaged at the time of his death. His faithful wife, who is yet living, now resides in Punxsutawney.

The educational privileges of our subject were such as the district schools afforded. He was reared on the home farm until the age of nineteen years, when he left the parental roof, accepting a clerkship in the "Henry House" in Towanda, Penn. Later he held a similar position in the "Tioga House" of Waverly, N. Y., where he remained for three years, and then returned to Towanda, this time becoming a clerk in the "Seeley House." On July 1, 1883, Mr. Bennis took up his residence in Punxsutawney, where for two years he successfully conducted the "Punxsutawney House," and then erected his present hotel, which is up-to-date in all its appointments, and one of the most inviting and convenient hostelries in the city. The interests and comfort of his guests are the great object that Mr. Bennis is striving for, and no more genial or pleasant landlord can be found in Jefferson county. Over seventy-five persons can easily be accommodated, and the hotel has become a general favorite with the traveling public.

In October, 1882, Mr. Bennis was married to Miss Susie J. Quigley, of Waverly, N. Y., by whom he has five children, namely: Leo, Arthur, Irene, Helen and Elsie. The parents are both devout members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are well known and highly respected citizens of the community where they now find a pleasant home. Politically Mr. Bennis is a stanch adherent of the principles formulated by the Democratic party, but cares nothing for public office. His upright, honorable course, justly entitles him to the high position he occupies in business circles. He owns a fine farm of eighty-three acres in Bell township, Jefferson county, which he operates in connection with his hotel. The farm is well stocked with horses and Jersey cows, and all told is one of the best farms of southern Jefferson county. Mr. Bennis is also interested in coal mines in Randolph county, W. Va. In addition to his hotel property he has valuable city property in Punxsutawney.

William Keys is one of the leading and representative agriculturists of Jefferson county. He is meeting with a well-deserved success in his calling, and his fine, well-ordered farm in Washington township, with its carefully cultivated fields, its neat buildings, and all their surroundings, denote the skillful management, industry and well-directed labors of their owner.

A native of Montgomery county, Penn., Mr. Keys was born, August 22, 1835, near Philadelphia, a son of Alexander and Susan (Roberts) Keys. The paternal grandfather, Thomas Keys, was a native of the Emerald Isle, and came to America about 1838 to join his son, Alexander, with whom he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He had previously served as overseer on a farm in Ireland, where the death of his wife occurred. Alexander Keys was born, reared and educated in Ireland, but when a young man determined to try his fortune in the New World with the hope of benefiting his financial condition, and accordingly in 1822 crossed the Atlantic. He first located in Philadelphia, where he was married, for some time was employed on public works, and subsequently in a marble stone quarry. Coming to Jefferson county in 1842 he purchased property, and the following year brought his family here. He cleared and improved the farm on which our subject now resides, met with excellent success in his undertaking, and subsequently engaged in loaning money. His success was due entirely to his well-directed efforts, perseverance and industry, and he was accounted one of the most valued citizens of the community. In his political affiliations he was first a Whig and later an ardent Republican, but never aspired to office, though he filled some minor positions, such as tax collector. Both he and his wife were prominent members of the United Presbyterian Church,
and died in that faith, the former in 1877 and the latter in 1873. They had six children, namely: John, a farmer by occupation; William, of this sketch; Susanna, wife of A. H. Smith; Henry Harrison, who died unmarried; Alexander, now a farmer of Iowa; and Thomas, who is at present serving as justice of the peace of Brockwayville, Jefferson county.

The education of our subject was acquired in the common schools near his boyhood home. Early in life he began to assist his father in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm, and at the age of seventeen he also began rafting and lumbering on the creek. After attaining his majority he was employed in the woods until 1861, when he laid aside all personal interests and responded to the President's call for troops to put down the Rebellion. At Rockdale, on August 29, he enlisted in Company H, 105th P. V. I., for three years, and was mustered in at Pittsburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Third Army Corps, but was later transferred to the Second Corps. Although he participated in a number of hard-fought battles, he was never wounded, but was captured at Bristol Station. Three days later, however, he was paroled. On the expiration of his term he was mustered out in front of Petersburgh, and on receiving an honorable discharge at Pittsburg, September 10, 1864, returned home. After recuperating, Mr. Keys began helping his father on the farm, and worked by day's work and rafting until April, 1869. He then went south, and while traveling purchased a tract of land in middle Tennessee and located thereon. Although he still owns that property, he returned to Jefferson county in 1871, and three years later located on the old homestead where he has since resided. He and his brother purchased the place in 1877, and in 1881 sold the coal right, and since then our subject bought his brother's interest. The original farm comprises 165 acres, but he has sold fifty acres to the coal company. He also owns other tracts of land, including property in Coal Glen, which adjoins his farm, and he has sold a number of lots there to miners, as it is a thriving little mining town, to which a railroad has recently been constructed. Upon his farm he erected a commodious and comfortable residence in 1892, and has made many other improvements which add to its value and attractive appearance.

In 1870 Mr. Keys was married to Miss Calista C. Hogan, who was born in Clarion county, Penn., in 1852, a daughter of William and Flina M. (Hulbert) Hogan, of Onondaga county, N. Y. Her father became an early settler of Clarion county, where he purchased a large tract of land and was prominently identified with the development of that region. At his death, in 1852, his land was divided among his children. Mrs. Hogan, a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is still living, and is the mother of seven children—James A., George, Liddia A., Benjamin F., John, Horace and Calista C. John and Horace are now deceased.

Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife: William E.; Alexander; Milla M., now the wife of R. J. Ward, a miner; and Susannah Maud. Mr. Keys is a stanch adherent of Republican principles. At one time he was the Republican candidate for the nomination for county commissioner, and, although he received a large vote, was defeated. He has creditably filled a number of township offices, and has always done all in his power to promote the interests of the locality where he is so widely and favorably known. He is an honored member of the Union Veteran Legion and of the Grand Army of the Republic; as a slight compensation for his services in the Civil war he now receives a pension.

Charles H. Shawkey, a well-known lumberman and representative citizen of Barnett township, Jefferson county, was born in 1858, in Venango county, Penn., the eldest child of George and Anna Elizabeth (Wittherspoon) Shawkey.

The father was a native of Germany, and when six years of age left the Fatherland and sailed for America. He located first in Venango county, Penn., where he grew to manhood and was married, and in 1864 came to Jefferson county, taking up his residence in Eldred township, where he is still living—one of the leading and influential citizens of his community. Throughout his active business career he has followed the occupation of lumbering. Mrs. Shawkey is a native of Clarion county, Penn., and, like her husband, enjoys the high regard of all who know her.

Charles H. Shawkey received but a limited education, as he was the oldest son and his services were needed at home, but the younger members of the family were provided with better school privileges. He has a number of brothers and one sister, who in order of birth are as follows: L. W., an engineer occupying a position in the power house in Leechburg, Penn.; John W., a farmer of Jefferson county; Rev. Frank A., who is now preaching in North Dakota; Prof. Morris P., assistant principal in a West Virginia
business college; Arthur A., who is now finishing a collegiate course in the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; Oscar A., a teacher of Jefferson county; and Elsie, at home. Our subject began his business career as a lumberman, and has since successfully engaged in that pursuit, being one of the most extensive jobbers in Barnett township. In 1887 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Kahl, a daughter of Perry Kahl, of Eldred township, who was one of the early settlers of Jefferson county. Six children grace this union, namely: Minnie A., H. Dallas, Myrel W., Edna, Blanche and Zula, who constitute an interesting family. The parents are active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally, Mr. Shawkey affiliates with the Senior Order of American Mechanics, and, politically, he is identified with the Republican party. While not an official aspirant he has served in various local positions, holding some township office ever since attaining his majority, and being district constable for five years. He has also been a committeeeman since reaching manhood, and in the discharge of every duty, whether public or private, has been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him. He is a man who is thoroughly honest, upright and reliable, and is highly honored and respected by the entire community.

SM. MCDONALD, who is actively engaged in general farming and lumbering in Porter township, Jefferson county, was born on the 12th of March, 1835, in Indiana county, Penn., a son of David and Susan (Lantz) McDonald.

The father was a native of Smoky Valley, Centre Co., Penn., from there removed to Indiana county, and later took up his residence in Jefferson county, where he purchased 160 acres of wild land. After clearing and improving a portion of this, he sold and removed to Westmoreland county, where he engaged in boring for salt during the following decade. He then returned to Jefferson county and bought 160 acres of unimproved land in Porter township, where he erected a log house and stable, and made a few other improvements. He died here in March, 1841, leaving a widow and the following children:

(1) Elizabeth, the eldest, married James Ewing, and resided in Crawford county, Penn., where she died thirty-eight years ago, leaving a husband and one son, Homer. (2) John, born in Jefferson county, married Miss Fiskiss, of Clarion county, where he followed lumbering until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he en- listed in the 63rd P. V. I. He participated in all the engagements of his regiment up to the battle of Fair Oaks, where he was killed. He left a wife and four children who are still living in Clarion county. (3) Sarah is the widow of Seneca Barnett, of Porter township, Jefferson county, and resides on the farm left her by her husband. Her children are—Mrs. Anna VanHorn; Elisha, who is married, and lives in Porter township; Mrs. Elizabeth Chilson, of the State of Washington; Catharine, wife of A. Welshoush, of Clearfield county, Penn.; John, a resident of Porter township; Emma, wife of William Neal, of Jefferson county; and George, who is married, and resides in Porter township. (4) David, born in Westmoreland county, married Miss Laura Welshonce, and lived upon his farm in Indiana county until his death, in 1893. He left a wife and one son, Alexander. (5) Julia, born in Westmoreland county, became the wife of Peter Davis, of Clearfield county, who, soon after his marriage, enlisted in the 110th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Hatcher’s Run. His wife died in 1896, and his only child, Peter, is now a resident of Indiana county. (6) Ruth, born in Westmoreland county, married William Gall, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and died some years ago, leaving the following children—James, William, Joseph, Daniel, Samuel, Lott and Silas. (7) Susan, born in Westmoreland county, wedded Franklin Showers, of Clarion county, Penn., and with their family they now live in Michigan. (8) Robert, born in Indiana county, became a resident of Hanging Rock, Ohio, where he died in 1856. (9) S. M., of this sketch, is next in order of birth. (10) Nancy, born in Indiana county, married Peter Davis, and made her home in her native county until her death. (11) Evaline, born in Indiana county, died in girlhood.

Our subject was reared and educated in the county of his nativity. In 1861 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Timblin, of Jefferson county, and after their marriage he purchased a farm in Indiana county, near Perrysville and the Jefferson county line, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until 1864, when he joined the Union army, becoming a member of the 57th P. V. I. After being sworn in at Harrisburg, the regiment was assigned to the Second Corps, Army of the Potomac, and was in active service until after the surrender of General Lee, when it was discharged after participating in the grand review at Washington, D. C. Mr. McDonald had served under Captain John Ross, Colonel Maxwell and General Grant. On returning home he continued to engage in farming in Indiana
county until 1871, when he sold his property there and bought 152 acres of partially-improved land in Porter township, Jefferson county, being the old McDonald homestead. Here he has since successfully engaged in farming, and is recognized as one of the leading business men of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have been born twelve children, as follows: (1) Silas H., born in Indiana county, in 1861, married Minnie Allen, of Milton, Armstrong Co., Penn., by whom he has one son, Kenneth. They live at South Bethlehem, Armstrong county. (2) Mathias, born in Indiana county, in 1862, married Minnie Reynolds, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and is now engaged in the insurance business in Allegheny county, Penn. (3) Osten, born in Indiana county, in 1864, wedded Elizabeth Groves, and lives on a farm in Armstrong county. They have five children—Glen, Laura, Minnie, Mead, and Mary. (4) George M., born in 1867, in Indiana county, grew to manhood on the farm in Jefferson county, and was educated in the Clarion and Edinboro Normal Schools. He then entered the law office of W. L. McCracken, of Brookville, and since his admission to the Bar has engaged in practice in that city. He married Lizzie Daley, of Penfield, Clearfield Co., Penn., and has two sons, Reynold and Malcolm. (5) Wyola, born in Indiana county, in 1869, is at home. (6) Frank L. died at the age of six years. (7) Nora, born in 1871, at the present home of her parents, was educated in the Clarion Normal, and is now the wife of George Thomas, of Wayne township, Armstrong county, Penn., by whom she has one child, Gladys. (8) Felula, born in 1874, has received a good common-school education, and is at home. (9) Mead, born in 1877, died of diphtheria at the age of fifteen. (10) Samuel L., born in 1879, is a very bright young man, who is now assisting his father in the operation of the farm. (11) Verdue, born in January, 1881, was educated in the common schools, and is at home. (12) Laura, born in 1884, died of diphtheria in 1893.

As a Democrat, Mr. McDonald has taken quite an active and prominent part in political affairs, has served as justice of the peace fifteen years, school director for the same length of time, and overseer of the poor for a number of years. In 1878 he was elected county auditor, and most creditably filled that position for three years. In 1881 he was elected commissioner of Jefferson county, which he also held for a term of three years. His official duties have ever been discharged with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. His public and private career have alike been above reproach, and he left office, as he had entered it, with the confidence and respect of all who knew him. He lost his father when quite young, and the support of the family devolved upon him and his older brothers, and it is needless to say their duties were faithfully performed. Three of the family aided in the defense of the union during the dark days of the Rebellion, and one laid down his life on the altar of his country. Mrs. McDonald, who is a most estimable woman, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ROBERT BUCHANAN STEWART. There are many reasons why a history of Jefferson county would not be complete without the life history of this gentleman. He is one of its extensive farmers, one of its worthy sons, and a man who in all the relations of life is true to every duty and to those principles which form the basis of all morality and honorable dealing.

Born in Brush Valley, Indiana Co., Penn., July 16, 1835, Mr. Stewart is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (McFarland) Stewart, natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandparents were born in Ireland, and located in Pennsylvania, east of the mountains, in pioneer days. John McFarland, the maternal grandfather, was also born in Ireland, and became one of the early settlers of Indiana county. Samuel Stewart followed farming in his younger days, also operated a tannery and a distillery. He died in Indiana county, in January, 1882, at the age of eighty-three years. He was three times married. He wedded Jane Wilson, and their children were—Joseph, who entered the Union army, and has never been heard from since; James, who died in the State of Indiana; and Matthew, who was a Southern soldier, and has not been heard from since the war. For his second wife Mr. Stewart chose Elizabeth McFarland, who died in 1867, at the age of sixty-seven years, and was buried in Brush Valley township. Her children were: Robert Buchanan; Miriam, widow of Nelson Lomison, of Johnstown, Penn.; Nathaniel W., a farmer of Indiana county; William M., a farmer of the same county; and Samuel M., of Knoxdale, Penn. For his third wife Samuel Stewart chose Margaret Virtue, and they had one son, John, who was killed by falling on a saw in a sawmill, at the age of twenty-one years.

Robert Buchanan Stewart, the subject of this review, was reared on his father's farm until nineteen years of age. Later he purchased a farm of 150 acres in Centre township, Indiana county, for $1,490. He borrowed $100 to make the first
The children of our subject and his present wife are: Maud C. (wife of Samuel G. Lowery, a carpenter of Clarion county, Penn., by whom she has one child), Blanche R., I. Norris, M. Truby, Inez A. and Rheba M. The family is one of prominence in the community, its members moving in the best circles of society. They attend the United Brethren Church of Knoxdale, of which our subject has served as steward for the past ten years. He has held a number of township offices, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and ability, and his political support is given the Republican party. He is a public-spirited and progressive citizen who withholds his support from no enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit. His business interests have been so capably managed that, entirely through his own efforts, he has accumulated a handsome competence that now enables him to practically lay aside all business cares, save the management of his real-estate interests.

ALEXANDER D. DEEMER, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a self-made man. He started in business with no capital save his ability, but fortune has smiled upon him, and it is pleasing to note that his success has not caused him to forget the path by which he came, or to cease to sympathize with those with whom life has dealt less kindly.

Mr. Deemer is a native of Pennsylvania, born December 24, 1848, in Jefferson county, a son of William and Mary (Sheasley) Deemer, both natives of Westmoreland county, Penn. The father, who was a man of quiet, unassuming disposition, followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, dying in 1886; his wife passed away in 1858. Jonathan Deemer, grandfather of our subject, was a pioneer farmer, coming from Westmoreland county, Penn., to Jefferson county in 1783. He married Barbara Pifer, a Pennsylvanian by birth, and five children were born to them: Peter, John, William, Alexander and Hannah (widow of George Rhoades, formerly of Kansas, where she now lives). Alexander D. Deemer's maternal grandfather, also a native of Pennsylvania, had children as follows: Joseph, David, Simon, Jackson, John, Catherine and Sarah, all of whom are yet living except John, who died in the Civil war.

The subject of this sketch, in his youth, shared the disadvantages as well as the advantages of country life, receiving only a district school education. Remaining at the home farm until the age of seventeen, he was then apprenticed to a blacksmith, with whom he spent three
years learning the trade. On completing his term of service he began the business on his own account, at Emerickville, Jefferson county, where he conducted the business for about fifteen years. He then engaged in the bark and lumber business, with which he has ever since been prominently identified; he has also been for some time extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits, owning a large and well-stocked establishment at Brookville, Jefferson county; he also, in company with S. V. Shick, has a general store at Reynoldsville, in addition to a grocery store. He is a member of the Brookville Furniture Co., whose factory he operates, it having been leased to him for a term of years. On May 7, 1871, he was married to Miss Sarah J. Bussert, daughter of Henry and Catherine (Snyder) Bussert, well-known citizens of Jefferson county, and their union has been blessed with five children: Mabel is the wife of B. M. Moore, bookkeeper at the furniture factory; Nora E. is the wife of Lawyer John M. White, burgess of the borough; and Franklin C., Lawrence V. and Amer A. are at home.

Mrs. Deemer's parents were born in Schuylkill county, Penn., the father in 1827, the mother in 1825. They had two children: Catherine (Mrs. Benninger, of Emerickville, Penn.); and Sarah J. (Mrs. Deemer). Samuel Bussert, the grandfather, a native of Schuylkill county, was four times married, first to a Miss Wetzel, and in an early day they became pioneers of Jefferson county. They had four children: Lucy, Eliza, Catherine, and Henry (Mrs. Deemer's father). By the second marriage there were no children; by the third there were Harriet, Samuel, Charles, John, Elias and Amanda; and by the fourth marriage there were born three sons: Emanual, Simon and George. Frederick Snyder, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Deemer, was also a native of Pennsylvania. He had a family of seven children, namely: Benjamin, Israel, Peter, Samuel, Catherine (Mrs. Deemer's mother), Susan and Harriet.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander D. Deemer are prominent members of the M. E. Church, in which Mr. Deemer holds the office of steward. He is identified with the following fraternal orders: The F. & A. M., P. O. S. of A., and the I. O. O. F., in which latter organization he is a past grand. While his attention has been given closely to his business interests, it has always been his aim to use his capital in a manner to furnish employment for those who depend for their livelihood upon their own labor. He is thoroughly progressive in his ideas, and is deeply interested in all that concerns the public welfare. For twenty years he has affiliated with the Prohibition party, and although no "official bee in his bonnet" has ever disturbed him, he is justly regarded as one of the strongest advocates of the principles of that organization in his locality.

THOMAS GREEN, senior member of the firm of Green & Consor, the gentlemanly proprietors of the "Imperial Hotel," of Reynoldsville, Penn., was born at that place in 1859, his parents being Harrison and Mary (Spencer) Green, also natives of Pennsylvania, where they spent their entire lives. During his youth the father had learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for some time, and was an industrious, highly respected man. His wife died in 1887, and he passed away two years later.

Mr. Green, whose name introduces this sketch, obtained a limited education in the public schools of Reynoldsville. At the age of eighteen years he was thrown upon his own resources for a livelihood, and has since engaged in various kinds of labor by which he might make an honest dollar. In 1889, in partnership with Mr. Consor, he took charge of "Hotel Belnap" in Reynoldsville, and in this venture they met with good success, conducting the house until 1894, when they removed to their present location, which is one of the best sites for a hotel in the village. Here they erected the "Imperial Hotel," a well-appointed house, convenient and comfortable, containing twenty-eight sleeping rooms, commodious parlors, baths and all modern improvements. It was opened to the public on the 1st of January, 1897, and is securing a good class of patronage, as its proprietors attend carefully to the needs of their guests.

In September, 1888, Mr. Green was married to Miss Mary Shannon, of Reynoldsville, and they now have four children: Frances, Florence, Pauline and John. The mother is a sincere and earnest member of the Catholic Church. In politics, Mr. Green is identified with the Republican party, while socially he holds membership in the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks. A courteous, genial gentleman, he has made many friends, and holds an enviable place in the business and social circles of the community, where he has always found a pleasant home.

EDWARD C. BURNS, proprietor of a well-known livery business in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, was born, September 18, 1839, in Ridgway, Elk Co., Penn., a son of John Charles and Sarah L. (Schultze) Burns. The father is a
native of Maine, whence, when about seventeen years of age, he came to this State, where he obtained employment in the woods, and was a lumber dealer and contractor until 1871, in which year he came to Reynolds ville, and engaged in the hotel business. This he continued in until 1892, when he had the misfortune to lose his wife, since which time he has lived in retirement.

Edward C. Burns obtained his education in the common schools, which he would attend during the winter, while through the summer months he was employed as a stage driver. He continued to assist his father in various ways until nineteen years of age, when he left the parental roof and started out in life for himself. For two years, however, he gave his earnings to his parents, who had a large family and were in rather limited circumstances. After attaining his majority Mr. Burns was engaged in lumbering for four years, and then leased a stone quarry and also a coal mine, which he operated. Besides delivering the stone and coal, he engaged in general teaming, and, in 1891, embarked in the livery business at Reynolds ville, which he has since successfully conducted, having a large and well-equipped stable.

In 1881, Mr. Burns was married to Miss Cora Kennedy, of Sharon, Mercer Co., Penn., and they have four children, named respectively: Bert Stanley, Charles Edward, Frank Alvin and Hallie Naylor. Mrs. Burns is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Socially Mr. Burns affiliates with the Senior O. U. A. M. and with the K. of P., in which latter he has served as past chancellor, and has represented the order in the grand lodge. Politically, he is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party in his community, for two terms he served as chairman of the county central committee, and has done much to advance the interests of his party. He has satisfactorily filled a number of local offices, and, in 1896, he was the candidate of his party for the office of sheriff of Jefferson county. At the election held on the 3d of November of that year it was shown that he received the flattering majority of over 2,000 votes, thus indicating his personal popularity and the confidence and trust his fellow-citizens repose in him. He is a typical self-made man, a genial, courteous gentleman, a pleasant and entertaining companion, and has many staunch and admiring friends among all classes of men.

P. J. ANTHONY. The heavily timbered lands of Jefferson county have furnished a tempting field for the lumberman's axe as the eastern forests were gradually cleared away, and the soil, when once prepared for cultivation, has been equally profitable to the shrewd and thrifty agriculturist. Among the first to appreciate the advantage of the locality was Levi Anthony, the well-known pioneer of Henderson township, who settled there with his family, and after passing through all the hardships incident to frontier life secured a comfortable home. He and his estimable wife did much to develop the social life of the locality, and he was largely instrumental in organizing the affairs of the township. Their children, reared under the influence of such progressive and public-spirited parents, have always shown the same admirable characteristics, and their son, P. J. Anthony, of Big Run, whose biography we now present, is among the leading citizens of the township.

Jacob Anthony, our subject's grandfather, spent his early years in the city of Philadelphia, but afterward located on a farm in Indiana county, Penn. Of his three sons, William, David and Levi, the first two remained in Indiana county, where both married and left at death families to continue the name.

Levi Anthony, the father of our subject, was born in Indiana county August 13, 1788, and on arriving at manhood married Miss Mary Miller, of the same county. For a time he continued to reside at the old homestead, which he had helped to clear, but in 1840 he sold out his interests and removed to Henderson township. Jefferson county, where he purchased eight hundred acres of timber land four miles east of the present village of Big Run. There he built a log house and barn, and otherwise improved the place for a permanent home. For many years the clearing of the forest occupied the greater part of his time, and during this time he made and rafted square timber to Pittsburg and other western points. His wife died in 1854, and he survived her only seven years, passing away in 1861. They had twelve children, nine of whom were born in Indiana county: (1) Jacob, born November 8, 1822, came to Jefferson county with his parents, and after his marriage to Miss Lucretta Enterline, of that county, made his home on the east branch of the Mahoning river, where he and one of his brothers had established a sawmill. He continued in the same business all his life, and in 1896 he died there leaving a widow and ten children. Alpheus, Dewling, Elmer, and Abner are all married; Austin is single; Elmira (Mrs. Albert Smith), of Punxsutawney; Havilla (Mrs. Ketter) resides in DuBois; Retta married Mr. Matthias, of Jefferson county; Annis married Mr. Beams; and Joanna is single. (2) Robert.
born March 20, 1824, is a resident of Frostburg, Jefferson county. He married Miss Elizabeth Calhoun, of Armstrong county, and has several children. (3) Margaret, born January 31, 1826, married (first) Charles Clepper, of Clearfield, who died while serving in the Union army during the Civil war. She afterward married John Foltz, of Jefferson county, and lived on a part of her father's homestead until her death, which occurred in 1890. By her first marriage she had three daughters, Mary, Lydia and Sarah. (4) Mary, born January 24, 1828, married James Knox, of Indiana county, and resided there until her death, some years ago. She left no family. (5) Elizabeth, born March 20, 1830, married William Bowers, of Jefferson county, and resided on a farm in Gaskill township until her death. She had four children, Mary, Henrietta, Jane and William, all of whom are married. (6) Nancy J., born March 3, 1832, married John Furlong, of Armstrong county, Penn., and they now reside on a farm in Kansas. They have several children. (7) Henry, born July 16, 1834, married Miss Crookshanks, and moved to Kansas about twenty-five years ago. He died there leaving five children—Harry, Elsie, Annie, John and Sarah, all of whom reside in Kansas. (8) P. J., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on. (9) Levi, born January 11, 1839, died at the age of five years. (10) James D. was born May 3, 1840, after the removal to Jefferson county, and was reared there. He served one year in the Union army during the Civil war, a member of Company F, 105th P. V. I. He married Miss Maggie McKee, of the same county, and located in Bell township, Clearfield county, where he bought 500 acres of timber land, and engaged in lumbering. He died in 1883, his wife surviving him with one daughter, Lillie, who resides in Brookville. (11) W. H., born June 17, 1844, in Jefferson county, enlisted, in 1861, in Company F, 105th P. V. I., under Captain Kirk, of Clearfield, and it is supposed that he was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, though no definite information was ever obtained. (12) Ruth Eveline, born September 14, 1846, in Jefferson county, married Henry Socksman, of Armstrong county, and they now reside on a farm near Luthersburg, Penn. They have several children.

P. J. Anthony, the subject proper of this sketch was born September 24, 1836, at the old home in Indiana county, and was but a child when he was taken to Jefferson county, where he grew to manhood, his education being secured in the local schools, while he assisted his father as he could in farming and lumbering. On May 7, 1863 he married Miss Rachel Cochran, and for four years they resided at the homestead where he engaged in agriculture and lumbering on his own account. He then sold out and removed to Indiana county, purchasing a farm near Covode, and remaining three years. On disposing of that place he returned to Jefferson county, and bought one hundred and thirty acres of timber land on the east branch of the Mahoning, where he continued his lumbering operations. About 1870 he purchased the Keppel farm on Stump creek, two miles east of Big Run, and he has ever since made his home there. He has cleared a large number of acres, taking out the stumps, and to-day has one of the well-cultivated farms of the township. In 1894 he built a fine two-story residence with all the modern improvements, and everything about the place suggests thrift and enterprise. Politically Mr. Anthony is a Republican, and he comes of the good Old-line Whig stock from which the anti-slavery element was so largely recruited. He has never been an office seeker, although he yields much influence in a quiet way, and the only position he ever held was that of school director, in which he served one term. As members of the M. E. Church at Big Run, he and his wife are actively interested in all forms of religious work.

Eight children have blessed their home, of whom four are living: (1) Amy A., born April 8, 1864, married T. J. London, formerly of Jefferson county, and now one of the enterprising business men of Bell township, Clearfield county, where he owns a farm and a tract of timber land. They have four children—Delia, Mary, Orin and Olive. (2) Camden, born January 15, 1866, is a leading dentist of Du Bois. He married Miss Mary Zufall, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and has one child, Ethel R. (3) Joseph, born June 21, 1869, died in 1880 from diphtheria. (4) Albert, born October 26, 1871, was educated in the common schools near his home and in the Normal School of Clarion county, and was an exceptionally bright student. At present he is teaching with marked success in the public schools in Henderson township. He is not married. (5) John, born October 31, 1873, received a common-school education, and is now engaged in farming at the homestead with his father. He married Miss Edith Rugh, of the same township, and has one daughter, Verona E. (6) Eliza, born May 31, 1875, died of diphtheria April 6, 1880. (7) Sadie, born March 5, 1879, and (8) Maggie, born February 24, 1882, were accidentally drowned on June 8, 1883, while bathing in Stump creek, near their father's home, with two of their young friends, Cora Rugh and Rosy Rymen, the daughters of neighbors. All four
were bright and attractive girls, beloved throughout the community, where the sad occurrence caused a profound shock. At their funeral, which took place a few days later in the cemetery at Big Run, an immense throng assembled in token of sympathy with the bereaved parents, being probably the largest congregation of people that was ever drawn together in Jefferson county.

JAMES CRAIG, inside foreman of Eleanor Coal Mine, No. 2, at Eleanor, Jefferson county, is a man whose energy, ability and faithfulness to duty, have made him invaluable to his employers, and at the same time have given him a high standing in the community which he has chosen for a home. In fact, he possesses the admirable characteristics of the "canny Scot" in full measure, as well he may, having descended from a family which has for generations resided near Glasgow, Scotland. William Craig, our subject's father, who was born in 1831, in that locality, now resides there, at Springburn, where he follows the trade of machinist and locomotive builder. He and his wife, Jane (Kyle), who was born in 1833, are both devout members of the Presbyterian Church. Of their nine children our subject was the only one to come to America, the others remaining near the old home. William is a machinist; Andrew is a boiler maker; James, our subject, is the next in order of birth; Jessie married William Johnson, manager of a mine; Margaret is a dressmaker; Jane lives at home; Alexander is a machinist; Upama is married, and Marian is at home.

James Craig was born February 1, 1859, at Bishopbriggs, near Glasgow, and at an early age began to gather a practical experience in worldly matters that has since been of service to him. At thirteen he began working in a coal mine, and at fifteen entered a machine shop where he spent two and one-half years. He then resumed the work of mining, and continued thereat some years, his home being with his parents until he reached the age of nineteen. In June, 1881, he came to the United States, and for the first year was employed in a coal mine at Arnot, Tioga county, Penn. The next five years were spent in Elk county, Penn., in similar work, and then he went to the State of Washington, where he remained but a short time, returning to his former employment in Elk county. In 1891 he took a position with Beil, Lewis & Yates, as foreman of a mine at Du Bois, and after nine months was transferred to his present post at the Eleanor Mine, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, which the company held on a lease. This expired in 1895, but Mr. Craig's record was such that the new firm retained his services. The mine is one of the largest in the country, and is fitted out with the latest improvements. In March, 1897, Mr. Craig realized that accidents will happen in the best regulated mines, as he had his right arm broken by a cable which snapped at an inopportune moment, and, flying up, struck him. He is prominent in local affairs, and is a Republican in his political affiliations. In 1895 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as school director, and in 1896 was elected to succeed himself. He is an active worker in the Masonic order, belonging to John W. Reed Lodge, No. 536, F. and A. M., of Reynolds ville, and Jefferson Chapter, No. 225, R. A. M., at Brookville. In his religious views, he adheres to the faith of his forefathers, and is one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church at Eleanor.

On October 17, 1878, Mr. Craig was married in Scotland by Rev. Mr. Fordyce, to Miss Margaret Patterson, and seven children have blessed their union, viz.: William: Agnes, who died at three years of age; Jane; Maggie M., who died when five years old; Minnie, who lived only two years; Anna and Robert J. Mrs. Craig was born October 16, 1860, at Colston, Scotland, and her ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines is identified with that country, where her great-great-grandfather, William Patterson, was a fisherman by occupation. Her great-grandparents, Robert and Mary (McAlpine) Patterson, spent their entire lives in Scotland, but her grandfather, William Patterson, a mine manager, came to America in 1830 and spent two years, returning afterward to his native land. He married Susan Harvey, of Scotland, and had a son, Robert, Mrs. Craig's father, who was born December 25, 1829, and in 1882 came to this country. His wife, Agnes Irvin, was born in Scotland December 25, 1830, the daughter of Joseph and Agnes (Beveridge) Irvin, life-long residents of Scotland, where Mr. Irvin followed the trade of engineer. Mr. Patterson was engaged in mining for some time, but is now living in retirement at Centreville, Penn. He is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and he and his wife both belong to the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: Agnes, Mrs. William Roxborough, a widow, residing in Scotland; Susan, wife of Thomas Wright, a miner, at Crenshaw, Penn.; William (deceased); Joseph, superintendent of a coal mine at Ben's Creek, Penn.; Margaret, Mrs. Craig; Elizabeth, wife of John Shaw, assistant mine foreman at Crested Butte, Colo.; Mary, wife of George Waldsworth, a miner at
Crenshaw, Penn.; Jennetta, who married Thomas Harvey, a miner at Centreville, Penn.; Anna, who was drowned at the age of four years; Robert, a machinist, now with our subject; and William, a druggist at Centreville.

RICHARD FITZSIMONS, a well-known resident of Clover township, has for many years been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Jefferson county, where he was born August 12, 1836.

John Fitzsimons, his father, was a native of Ireland, and when a young man emigrated to the New World. In Jefferson county, Penn., he married Mrs. Twedy, a/c Cox, who by her first husband had two sons: William, now a farmer of Kansas; and Robert, an agriculturist of the same State. The following children blessed her second union, namely: John, deceased; Richard, of this sketch; Eliza J., who died in childhood; Mrs. Lyda Kennedy, deceased; Thomas, who served in the Union army during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Illinois; James, who was killed in the service of his country; Mrs. Lucinda J. Kennedy; Marion, living in Texas; and Clarence, who operates the old home farm. On coming to the county, John Fitzsimons purchased a tract of land, which he converted into a good farm, making it his home until after the death of his wife, when he gave the place to a son and purchased a smaller farm, where he lived for five years. He spent the last five years of his life with his children, dying in 1896, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. By trade he was a stone-mason, and throughout his active business life followed that pursuit to some extent, and also owned and operated a sawmill for a time. His Church relations were with the United Presbyterians, to which his wife also belonged, and in politics he was originally a Democrat, but later a Republican.

Richard Fitzsimons pursued his studies in the common schools, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys. In 1858 he was joined in wedlock with Miss Margaret Simpson, a daughter of William Simpson, who was born, reared and married on the Emerald Isle, not coming to America until after the birth of three of his children. He located in Clover township, Jefferson county, where he improved a farm and spent his remaining days, dying in 1882. His wife had preceded him to the world beyond, her death occurring in 1875. They were Presbyterians in religious belief, and the parents of nine children, namely: John, deceased; Jane, wife of F. Hull; Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas; Mrs. Mary Smith; Mrs. Martha White; Mrs. Sara Kelso; Margaret, wife of our subject; Mrs. Ann McGiven; and Mrs. Lavina Moore.

For a short time after his marriage Mr. Fitzsimons operated a sawmill, and on selling that property he purchased a farm, on which he was living when, in 1864, he entered the Union army, as a member of Stewart’s Battalion, Army of the Potomac. His service was principally in southeastern Pennsylvania, and on the expiration of his term of enlistment, he was honorably discharged at Pittsburgh. For two years after his return home he remained upon his first farm, which he then sold and purchased a place in Clover township. He erected all of the buildings thereon, and placed the land under a high state of cultivation. He also owns another farm, purchased in 1892.

Seven children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzsimons, namely: William J., a farmer; Sabina C., now the wife of E. Hunter; Laura E., wife of S. Osborn; Ida M., wife of John McGill; Thomas and Anna, who are at home, and David, who is attending the State Normal. The parents are both faithful members of the United Presbyterian Church, and their lives have ever been in harmony with its teachings. Politically, Mr. Fitzsimons is identified with the Republican party, and was called upon to serve as supervisor of his township for two years. In the discharge of every trust reposed in him he has been true and faithful, never neglects any duties of citizenship, and is certainly deserving of honorable mention among Jefferson county’s representative and prominent citizens.

WILLIAM P. BLACK, the junior member of the well-known firm of J. P. Black & Son, general merchants, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a worthy representative of a family which has been prominently identified with Jefferson county since pioneer times.

J. P. Black, his father, was born in 1824, in Jefferson county, and has here thus far passed his life. For many years he was interested in the lumber business, and in 1860 he engaged in butchering, continuing until 1880 when he took a vacation of two years. In resuming business in 1882 he engaged in mercantile business with our subject, and the firm has gained and kept the entire confidence of the community by the sterling character of its members and their upright dealing in all cases. Mr. J. P. Black and his estimable wife, whose maiden name was Nancy Postlewaite, are still enjoying excellent health at the ages of seventy-two and seventy
years respectively, and September 22, 1896, marked the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Of their five children, L. A. Black is a carpenter at Brookville; Caroline is the wife of Benjamin McClellan; Martha married William C. Stretton, an oil contractor at Lancaster, Ohio; and Emma married G. W. Cochran, of Brookville.

William P. Black was born in Jefferson county in 1859, and receiving his education in the Brookville schools. At an early age he became associated in business with his father, and when the meat market was disposed of in 1880, he spent two years in similar employment for others, before embarking in his present enterprise. In March, 1884, he married Miss Nannie E. Sowers, daughter of Jackson Sowers, a well-known resident of Clover township, Jefferson county. Mrs. Black is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, but our subject is not a communicant of any religious society, although he inclines toward the Methodist faith, in which he was reared. He is an active worker in the I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member for sixteen years.

In politics both members of the firm are Republicans, but the prospect of public office has never had for either of them sufficient charm to woo them from business.

TRUMAN B. LONDON, Jr. In reducing the native forests of a region, and preparing the way for civilized life, in founding and developing the institutions which bring comfort and peace to future generations, a race of men are needed superior in energy and will to the average endowments of mankind. An indomitable will that is turned from it's course by no menacing obstacles, a superior intelligence, able to grapple with perplexing conditions as they from time to time arise, a devotion to the prize-worthy objects of well-directed labor are among the qualities requisite to the pioneer. It is of a family of this kind that Truman B. London, Jr., the subject of this sketch, is a prominent and successful member.

His father, Truman B. London, Sr., for whom he was named, was one of the most prominent men of his time in Luzerne and Jefferson counties, fitted by nature to successfully conduct large enterprises and making a notable impress in the material development of this region. The father was born October 11, 1808, in Luzerne county, Penn., the son of Isaac and Sarah Calender London, and the grandson of Edward London, of New Jersey, and Samuel Calender, of Virginia. Both the latter were of English descent, and both had settled in Luzerne county, and both had proved their devotion to country and their right to the soil of the Republic for themselves and their posterity, during the long and trying years of the Revolutionary war. Samuel Calender was born in 1756, in Virginia, and died in Green Grove, Penn., March 12, 1836. Truman B. London, Sr., in his younger days engaged extensively in lumbering, following that occupation for seven years on the North branch of the Susquehanna river in his native county. In 1838 he came to Brookville, Penn., and there conducted large lumbering operations, besides doing a general farming business. He settled in Winslow township in 1848, and purchased, cleared and improved the valuable farm upon which he died, April 11, 1891, a wealthy and retired citizen. For eight years he had been associated in mercantile business at Reynolds ville, with Dr. J. C. King. He was largely interested in the development of that village and of Rathmel, and constructed many of the residences at both places. He was not unmindful of the duties of citizenship, and his popularity was attested by his election as auditor of Jefferson county. Something of the high character of the man may be judged from the fact that throughout his active and extended business career he never was party to a law suit. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Sally M. Slosston, a native of Luzerne county. Six children were born to them: Martha J., deceased; Eliza M., wife of Andrew Johnson, of Du Bois, Penn.; Truman B., Jr., subject of this sketch; Isaac H., a farmer of Winslow township; Moses L., who died in infancy, and Mary A., who died young. Mrs. London died January 23, 1842, and the second wife of Mr. London was Mrs. Sarah (Rea) Wilkins, by whom he had no children.

The subject of this sketch, now a general and prominent farmer of Winslow township, was born in Blakely township, Luzerne county, March 10, 1836. He came with his parents to Jefferson county, in the fall of 1838, living for a short time at Brookville, and then in various parts of the county, coming to Winslow township in 1848. He remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until he was thirty years of age. He was married January 1, 1868, at Sligo Town, Clarion county, to Miss Mary A. Fulton, who was born at Reedsburg, Clarion county, daughter of Washington and Rachel Pollard Fulton. Washington Fulton was a wealthy, intelligent and highly respected business man, who was born in Monroe township, Clarion county, and for many years conducted a gristmill at Reedsburg, where he died. In his younger days he had assisted his
father, Cochran Fulton, Sr., in operating Washington furnace, which the latter, a prominent iron manufacturer, owned. The latter’s father was a liberty-loving emigrant from Ireland. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Truman B. London, Jr., were Nicholas and Elizabeth (Harigar) Pollard, and the former had been a soldier in the war of 1812. Mrs. London’s father, Washington Fulton, died in 1879, aged sixty-two years. Her mother is now living at Knoxdale, Penn., with her daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Truman B. London, Jr., have been born six children, namely: Myra B., who was born November 3, 1868, married N. F. Dean, and has four children: Olive B., Alfred A., Cladus L. and Medith E.; Maggie B., who was born September 27, 1872, married Lorand L. Henry, a coal operator at Rathmel, and has two children, Elvassa M. and Vern F.; Sallie M., who was born July 10, 1878, married George Johnson, Jr., and has two children, R. Devere and Arveda; Truman B., born June 26, 1880, died April 23, 1881; Thomas B., born April 15, 1882, and Monroe C., born October 1, 1885.

Mr. London has lived on his present farm ever since he left his father’s home, and from boyhood he has led an active life. Beginning at the age of fourteen years to raft lumber, he followed that pursuit for twenty-five years, continuing lumbering five years after his marriage, but he has since devoted his attention more exclusively to general farming. In politics Mr. London is an earnest Democrat, and in his political affiliations he follows the traditions of his family, for since the time of Jefferson the family has been loyal in its fidelity to the principles of that party. His father cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson, and our subject’s initial ballot helped to elect President Buchanan. Mr. London is a member of the P. O. S. of A., of Rathmel, Penn., and he and his wife are consistent members of Soldier Run Baptist Church at Reynolds ville. Himself and his estimable wife are leaders in the social life of the community in which they live. Their tastes are toward the better and more refining influences, and in both the mental gifts and attainments which have been inherited from an honored ancestry are supplemented and brightened by extensive study and reading.

Charles E. CARRIER, of Summerville, Jefferson county, was born in that place, in 1860, a son of Hirain K. and Susan (Mauk) Carrier, also natives of Jefferson county, where they have always lived. The father was engaged in merchandising until recently, and he and his wife are now living retired on their farm near Summerville, spending the evening of their lives in that peace and happiness that generally follows long and useful careers.

In the common schools of that county, Charles E. Carrier received a good practical education, and upon the home farm spent a part of his early life. For fifteen years he was successfully engaged in general mercantile business in Summerville, where he carried a full and complete line of merchandise suitable to his trade, and by straightforward business methods, and courteous treatment of customers, he succeeded in building up an excellent trade. In 1896 he disposed of his mercantile business, and in company with his brothers, began operating in coal at Summerville. In addition to the coal trade they have an extensive mine near the town, and supply the A. V. R. R. with fuel.

In 1879 Mr. Carrier was married to Miss Emma Carrier, of Jefferson county, and they have six children, namely: Guy, Roscoe, Rhea, Lena, Charles and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Carrier are both members of the Presbyterian Church, and they are most estimable, kind and charitable people. In politics, Mr. Carrier votes with the Republican party, whose principles he staunchly advocates.

Jolin Campbell, a leading hardware dealer of Big Run, Jefferson county, is one of the energetic, clear-sighted men of affairs who make their way to the front in every line of effort. He was born in Clearfield county, where his father, the late J. W. Campbell, a native of Columbia county, Penn., passed the greater part of his life in farming and lumbering, dying in 1895. Our subject’s mother, whose maiden name was Harriet Lee, was a native of Clearfield county, and her death occurred there in 1871.

The common schools of his native township afforded Mr. Campbell his greater opportunities for education, and his instruction there was accompanied by practical work under his father’s direction in agriculture and lumbering, which he naturally engaged in on his own account later. By the time he was twenty-four he had been for some time a successful dealer in lumber. He then went to Big Run to engage in the livery business, which he followed five years, when he became interested in his present store. He keeps a complete and well-arranged stock of hardware and implements, and has a remunerative trade which is constantly on the increase.

In 1892 Mr. Campbell was married to Miss
Lyra May Lewis, daughter of W. G. Lewis, a well-known resident of Indiana county, Penn., and their union has been blessed with three children: Gurvin Thistle, Lee Dorothy, and an infant baby boy who lived only four months. Mrs. Campbell is identified with the Presbyterian Church, and is an active sympathizer with all phases of its work. Our subject belongs to several fraternal societies: the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., and Knights of the Maccabees, and is deservedly popular in the community. Politics claim no attention from him, beyond that given by every intelligent man to the problems of the time.

CHARLES WELLINGTON HUGHES, M.D., a successful physician of McCallmouth township, Jefferson county, residing at Eleanor, has won recognition in his chosen profession without as much difficulty and delay as is experienced by the average practitioner.

Our subject was born June 24, 1860, at Nashville, Holms Co., Ohio, where his paternal grandfather, Ezrom Hughes, was a pioneer settler, having gone there from Havre de Grace, Md., in 1817, on horseback across the mountains. He carried with him $19 in gold, which after his arrival he hid in a leather poke under a large rock, and it remained undisturbed for several years. He made one visit to his native State, but his life was mainly spent at his new home, where, by dint of much hard work and close economy, he managed to acquire 2,200 acres of land. Many times he hauled his wheat fifty miles to market, receiving from twenty-five to thirty-five cents per bushel, and he often worked for fifty cents a day in Wayne county, Ohio, cutting prairie grass, with his limbs heavily bandaged as a defense against rattlesnakes. He and his wife, Susannah (Shreve), died at Nashville, and their remains now repose in a cemetery near their homestead. Susannah Shreve was a descendant of an old Holland family, of which many members have attained distinction. In the sixteenth century William Shreve made a most romantic marriage with the daughter of a nobleman of Amsterdam, and we find others of the name prominent among the Quaker settlers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, as far back as 1640. Col. Israel Shreve made a journey from Jersey to the Monongahela in 1788, of which he gave an account in a journal. Lieut. John Shreve gained his title in the Revolutionary war, and Capt. Henry M. Shreve, another member of the family, played a conspicuous part in the development of steam navigation on western waters. The ancient coat-of-arms has been preserved, and the old Shreve home in Holland, built in 1742, has never passed out of the possession of the family.

John S. Hughes, the Doctor's father, was born in Holmes county, Ohio, September 30, 1833, and still resides at Nashville, where he conducts an extensive business as a farmer and fruit grower, berries being a specialty. He is a Republican, and is regarded as one of the leading men of his community. He married Miss Lavenia E. Quick, a native of Wayne county, Ohio, born August 10, 1835, and they have reared a family of four children, of whom our subject is the eldest. Carrie E. is the wife of Dr. E. J. March, of Canton, Ohio; Bert resides with his parents; and Denver C. is an attorney at Canton.

The first fifteen years of the Doctor's life were spent at the old home, after which he entered the university at Wooster, Ohio, and spent two years in study. He then took a three-years' preparatory course in the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and later spent two years in the Mt. Union (Ohio) College. On leaving the latter institution he took charge of the Navarre Times, of Navarre, Ohio, but after a year he sold out and began the study of medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. E. J. March. He gave two years and a half to preliminary reading, and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., where he was graduated in 1887. A brief visit home followed, and on June 14, 1887, he came to Beechtree, Jefferson Co., Penn., to remain for two weeks during the absence of Dr. T. R. Williams, and look after his practice. Later he conducted Dr. Williams' practice at the Adrian mines for a short time, and on October 1, of the same year, he became an assistant to Dr. Hubbard at the Walston mines. On April 18, 1888, he returned to the Adrian mines, and was in charge of the work there until October, when he went to Philadelphia as resident physician in the Medico-Chirurgical hospital. He remained nine months, enjoying excellent opportunities for advanced work in his chosen profession, and, coming up with the class of 1889, graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College. On the completion of the course in 1889, he returned to the Adrian mines to take the post of resident physician in the Adrian hospital. On October 25, 1889, he left this position to begin an independent practice at Eleanor, where he has since remained. For four months of each year he serves as attending surgeon at Adrian hospital.

Dr. Hughes has always been a Republican in politics. He is not a Church member, but in-
clines toward the Methodist faith, in which he was reared, both his parents being identified with that denomination. He is prominent socially, belonging to the I. O. O. F., at Eleanor, the A. T. Omega fraternity, of Mt. Union, Ohio, the Blue Lodge No. 115, F. & A. M., of Ohio; the Pittsburg Consistory, the Mystic Shrine, and Wooster (Ohio) Chapter. He is a member of the State Medical Society, Jefferson Medical Society, and American Medical Association.

JOHN W. BROOKS, one of the honored veterans of the Civil war who followed the starry banner on many a Southern battlefield, is now numbered among the leading lumbermen and agriculturists of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. He is a representative of one of the prominent old families of this locality.

A son of W. B. and Alpha (Works) Brooks, our subject was born in 1836, in Steuben county, N. Y. His father was born in Delaware county, of the same State, in 1811, and after his marriage removed to Steuben county. Some years later he located near Lumber City, in Clearfield county, Penn., where he followed the cabinet maker’s trade until about 1839, when he purchased and located upon a tract of woodland in Gaskill township, Jefferson county. This he developed into a good farm, making many improvements thereon. He also erected a sawmill and for some time manufactured sawed lumber. In 1849 he sold his farm and removed to Punxsutawney, where he purchased property and followed his trade for six years. He then again sold out, and in 1855 removed to Big Run, Jefferson county. His wife died in 1888, leaving a family of seven children, and his death occurred at Big Run in March, 1894.

Their children are as follows: (1) Matilda, born in New York, came to Jefferson county with her parents and married the Rev. John Trampton, of that county. They now reside near Punxsutawney; (2) James, a native of Clearfield county, enlisted in 1861, in Company A, 105th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Chancellorsville; (3) Jane, born in Jefferson county, is the wife of J. C. Miles, who served in Company A, 105th P. V. I., and is now living in Clarion county, Penn. Their children are — John: George, who is married and lives in Clarion county; Eva; and Robert. (4) Joseph, a native of Jefferson county, was killed when about twenty-one years of age by the fall of a tree while working in the lumber woods. (5) Fannie, born on the home farm in Jefferson county, is the wife of John Brink, of that county, by whom she has four children—Jane, Annie, James and Myrtie. (6) Sophia, born in Jefferson county, is the wife of William Coffman, who is engaged in the undertaking business at Big Run, and they have two children—Ollie and Hattie. (7) Annie, born in Punxsutawney, is the wife of James Green, who resides on a farm near that place. Their children are—Lettie, a teacher in the public schools; Alpha, wife of Ezekiel Mc Henry, a professor in the schools of Punxsutawney; Alice; Frank; Maggie; and Walter. (8) Frank, who was born in Jefferson county, is now following carpentering and farming in Nebraska.

John W. Brooks came with his parents to Jefferson county, where he was reared to manhood. In 1858 he married Catherine Holowell, of Indiana county, Penn., a daughter of Edward and Annie Holowell. He then located in Big Run, where he followed the carpenter’s trade for a few years, after which he purchased 103 acres of timber land in Gaskill township. In 1860 he took up his residence on the farm, building there a log barn and frame dwelling, and continued to improve the place until the fall of 1861. In September of that year he joined the boys in blue of Company F, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Robert Kirk, and from Pittsburg went to Washington, and on to Alexandria. During the first winter the regiment was engaged in picket duty. In April, 1862, the troops were taken by boat to Fortress Monroe and marched to Yorktown, where they participated in the siege, and again met the Rebels at Williamsburg. At Fair Oaks they suffered a heavy loss, but drove the enemy back, and then participated in the Seven-days’ battle, ending in the engagement at Malvern Hill. From there they marched to Harrison’s Landing, and when McClellan was recalled marched back to Yorktown and Alexandria. After the defeat at Bull Run they retreated to Arlington Heights, where they remained until November, 1862, when they started to check Stuart’s raid in Maryland. They participated in the hotly-contested battle of Fredericksburg, in which Mr. Brooks was severely wounded in the head by a shell, while supporting a battery. He was then taken to the Baptist Church Hospital in Alexandria, and later to Portsmouth Grove, R. I., where he remained
for three months, when he was honorably discharged in March, 1863, being unfit for further service. He then remained upon the farm until 1866, when he removed to Schuyler county, Mo., but in the fall of that year went to La Fayette county, same State, where he remained until the spring of 1868, when he returned to his farm in Jefferson county, Penn., having made it his home continuously since. In 1879 he erected a large barn and other outbuildings, and in 1885 erected a commodious two-story frame residence. His land, under a high state of cultivation, constitutes one of the finest farms in Jefferson county.

To our subject and his wife have been born ten children, all yet living, namely: (1) Clark W., born at Big Run, in 1859, and educated in its public schools, married Annie M., daughter of Daniel J. Smeyers. He is employed in the planing-mill at Big Run. They have two children—Celia and Laone. (2) Anna A., born in March, 1861, is the wife of William Vancise, a native of New York, now residing in Bradford, Penn. He is a railroad conductor, and their children are—Roy, Blanche, Oron, Delma and Willie. (3) Miles M., born in Big Run, in March, 1864, is at home. (4) John C., born in Schuyler county, Mo., in 1866, is at home. (5) Lillie M., born in Jefferson county, in November, 1868, is the wife of J. H. Baun, of Foxburg, Jefferson county, and they have two children—James and Charlie. (6) Clarence B., born in 1871. (7) Ralph O., born in December, 1873. (8) Willie B., born in November, 1876, (9) George H., born in 1879, and (10) James B., born in November, 1884, are all at home. In politics the father of the family is a stalwart Democrat, and has held the offices of auditor, supervisor, assessor, school director, and overseer of the poor. Both he and his wife were reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His life has been well spent, his business dealings are honorable, and all who know him esteem him for the many excellencies of his character.

Herman C. Beach, one of the wide-awake young business men of Brookville, Penn., was born here June 7, 1860, the son of Adam and Catherine (Sachs) Beach.

The circumstances and conditions about him in youth were such that he had very meager educational advantages, receiving but little more than twelve months' schooling. He was put to work when quite young. At the age of sixteen he began to work in a sawmill, and after spending about four years at this employment he secured work in a shingle mill. He was not of the sort to be contented in a subordinate position, and before long he leased a shingle mill, and conducted it on his own account until he had worked up all the timber accessible from the point at which his mill was located. He then built a new mill at Carman, Elk Co., Penn., and conducted it about eighteen months when he sold out to H. B. Craig. In March, 1883, he went to Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and purchased a skating rink; but after spending about fifteen months there he sold out his business and returned to Brookville. Soon afterward he accepted a salaried position with Weis & Hall, of Williamsport. He bought and sold lumber for this firm for a period of five years, and after severing his connection with them he took a trip through the Southern States, prospecting for timber or suitable business openings. His next venture was in the organization of the Brookville Lumber Co., composed of L. B. Long, L. A. Brady, R. B. Vermilyea and H. C. Beach. After one year Mr. Beach bought out Mr. Vermilyea, and the firm as then constituted is still conducting business. In June, 1884, he formed the Bennett's Branch Shingle & Lumber Co., at Williamsport, and owns one-third interest in the same. This firm buys and sells lumber, and manufactures 24-inch shingles. Mr. Beach has made the lumber business almost a life study. He is very progressive, and is in the strictest sense of the word a self-made man. Being very cautious in his dealings, he is always prepared to meet any demands promptly, never giving his note. Mr. Beach has been instrumental in starting several enterprises in and about Brookville, among them the Brookville Laundry, which is doing a paying business. He is also president of the Brookville branch of the Baltimore Building and Loan Association. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has never sought office.

In 1884 Mr. Beach was united in marriage with Miss Josephine B. Moynihan, an estimable young lady and a devout Catholic. Her parents, Jeremiah D. and Nellie (Kelly) Moynihan, are prominent residents of Jamestown, N. Y. They are both natives of County Kerry, Ireland, and Mrs. Beach was born near Killarney. The family came to America in 1878.

Adam Beach, the father of our subject, was born April 15, 1815, in the province of Hesse, Germany, and came to this country in 1849, locating first in St. Marys, Elk Co., Penn. He afterward removed to Port Barnett, Jefferson county, to take charge of the gristmill there, he being by occupation a miller. In 1851 he moved to Brookville to spend the remainder of his life. He was highly respected as an indus-
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Benjamin Kline is an enterprising agriculturist and stock raiser, and owns one of the finest farms in Jefferson county. It comprises 109 acres of land, all capable of cultivation, and the well-tiled fields plainly indicate his supervision. There are also good buildings upon the place, and a fish-pond, covering three-quarters of an acre, which is supplied with clear spring water that comes from the same source which furnishes the water supply for the town of Reynoldsville. Mr. Kline is a very industrious and energetic man, and through his own efforts has achieved a success that numbers him among the substantial citizens of the community.

Born in Newcastle, Pa., April 12, 1836, he is a son of Reuben and Hannah (Miller) Kline, natives of Columbia county, Penn., where they remained for several years after their marriage, and then went to Schuylkill county. In 1857 they located in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, but after three years returned to Newcastle, the mother having expressed a desire to spend her last days there. She died July 1, 1860, at the age of fifty-four years, and was buried in Flowerfield cemetery, in Schuylkill county. The father died in Shamokin, Penn., in September, 1893, at the age of eighty-four. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Republican. He was reared on a farm, but conducted a hotel in Newcastle, and afterward superintended the construction of the railroad, spending the last ten years of his life in retirement from labor.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Kline were: George, who died at the age of fifty; Anna, deceased wife of Joe Helmer, of Pottsville, Penn.; Henry, a dairyman of Clinton county, Penn.; Charles, a coal operator of Locclburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn.; Benjamin; Hannah, deceased wife of George Ittell, of Forest county, Penn., who was killed by a falling tree; Catherine, wife of Samuel Hilner, a dealer in feed in Minersville, Penn.; Isaiah, deceased; Edward, of Du Bois, Penn.; Reuben, who was in the 139th P. V. I., and died in the hospital after the battle of Fredericksburg; Rachel, who died in Schuylkill county, Penn.; and Isaac and Ephraim, both of whom died in childhood.

Benjamin Kline at the age of fifteen years left his parents' home, and worked with a crew of engineers in central Pennsylvania until attaining his majority. He helped to make the survey of Strother, Kane & Co., through the wilderness. At the age of twenty-one he came to Jefferson county, where he engaged in rafting and lumbering. After a year he was married and removed to Elk county, Penn., where he took a contract to deliver ties for the Pennsylvania & Erie railroad, being thus engaged for four years. In October, 1861, Mr. Kline enlisted in Company E, 172nd P. V. I., under Capt. J. H. Heasley. He weighed 195 pounds when he went into the army, but disease reduced him almost to a skeleton, and in July, 1862, on account of his physical condition, he was honorably discharged. For a year after his return he was unable to work. He then took charge of a crew of men, employed on the construction of the Pennsylvania & Erie railroad, and after several months came to Jefferson county. He lived for a year in Skunk Hollow, Winslow township, on the Seeley farm for one year; the Felly farm for ten years; the Fannie Ray farm for seven years; the Samuel Ray farm for four years; and in 1885 he purchased his present fine farm for $25 per acre. It is now one of the most desirable properties in the county.

Mr. Kline was married January 1, 1859, in Corsica, Jefferson county, to Almira Clayton, who was born at Prospect Hill, Jefferson county, October 15, 1842, a daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Barto) Clayton, natives of England and France, respectively. The latter was a daughter of Henry Barto, who died in Berks county, Penn. The father of Mrs. Kline came to America with his parents when a child of two years, and was reared by a farmer near Philadelphia until eighteen years of age. He afterward worked at anything he could get to do until he had attained his majority. In 1846, he came to Jefferson county, and followed farming in Winslow township, until his death, which occurred July 2, 1872, when he was aged seventy-four years. His wife died December 25, 1892, at the age of ninety-one. Their children were John, who died in Clearfield, July 4, 1866; Mary, widow of Calvin B. Clark, of Butlerstown, Penn.; Samuel, of Du Bois, Penn.; Ann, widow of William Stewart, who was killed in the army; Nancy, deceased wife of John McClane, of Titusville, Penn.; Ellen, wife of Samuel Foster, but both
are now deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Drocker, of Iowa; Catherine, wife of Hezekiah Saxton, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Washington, who accidentally shot and killed himself about three hundred yards from his home while out hunting; Mrs. Kline; and Thomas, a farmer of Winslow township.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kline are Agnes, wife of L. C. Price, a coal driller of Du Bois, Penn., by whom she has two sons, Craig and Lee; Benjamin R., an attorney of New Kensington, Penn., who married Ida Murdock, by whom he has three children, William, Clayton E. and Lucile; George W., of Reynolds ville, who married Lottie Butler, and had one son, Clifford (deceased); William G., an attorney of Golden, who married Alice Lowery; Edwin L., who died at the age of four years; Lora, at home; Reed, who is engaged in gold mining in Butte, Mont.; Harry D., a railroad man of Butte, Mont.; H. Bruce, a motor-man on electric railway at Youngstown, Ohio; Frederick L.; James G.; Ella B. and Ralph W.

The Kline family is one of prominence in the community, and their pleasant home is noted for its hospitality. Mr. Kline is a member of the Odd Fellows Society of Reynolds ville, and his wife belongs to the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as supervisor for two terms, while for three years he was school director. He takes a commendable interest in all matters pertaining to the general welfare, and is a citizen of value in the community where he resides.

THOMAS HUTCHISON is the owner of one of the finest farms in Jefferson county. It is pleasantly located near Falls Creek, in Winslow township, and comprises a valuable tract of land on which are found all the improvements and conveniences known to the model farm of the nineteenth century. Substantial buildings stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise, and large fields yield to him a good return, and in addition the place is underlaid with a rich vein of coal, and he is now successfully operating a mine. In all of his undertakings he has been very successful, and has accumulated a handsome competence as the result of his industry and perseverance.

Mr. Hutchison was born January 3, 1829, in Brooklyn, N. Y., a son of John and Jane (Orr) Hutchison, natives of Ireland. The family is supposed to have descended from the Hutchisons who were in Cromwell’s army. Thomas Hutchison, the grandfather, spent his entire life on the Emerald Isle, and was killed by being thrown from a horse. Joseph and Jane (Wilson Orr, the maternal grandparents of our subject, were natives of County Derry, Ireland, where they lived and died. His mother came with her sister to America in 1822, and settled in Philadelphia.

John Hutchison, the father of our subject, came to America in 1819, but after living in Philadelphia for a time, returned to his native land, where he spent two years. He then again came to the New World, and in Philadelphia was married. Fifteen months later he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained for four and one-half years, then returned to Fairmont, Philadelphia, where he continued to reside for sixteen years. In May, 1847, he accompanied our subject to Jefferson county, and purchased 113 acres of wild land in Washington township, paying for it $3 per acre. Here he built a log-cabin, plastered with mud, making it his home for eight years, when he erected a new residence. He was a general farmer, and a public-spirited and progressive citizen, who manifested a deep interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the community in which he made his home. He was for many years a ruling elder in the Beech Woods Presbyterian Church, was a Whig in politics in early life, and afterward became a staunch Republican. In 1879 he and his wife went to reside with our subject, at whose home his death occurred in 1883, when he was aged eighty-three years. His wife died in November of the same year, at the age of eighty-nine.

The children of this worthy couple are Mary A., deceased wife of John McClure, who is also deceased; Thomas; Joseph, a farmer, who is living on the old homestead; William, who died at the age of two and one half years; and Eliza J., who died at the age of two years.

Thomas Hutchison was reared in the usual manner of farmer lads, working on the home farm and in the lumber woods. His educational privileges were very meager; he attended the subscription schools for about two years, and was in school four months in Philadelphia. When eighteen years of age he ran away from home in order to enlist in the Mexican war, but on reaching Governor’s Island, N. Y., he was overtaken by his father, who persuaded him to return home, and secured his release. Young Hutchison consented to do this if his father would leave the city of Philadelphia, and move into the wilderness of Pennsylvania, which they did. When twenty-four years of age the son embarked in the lumber business which he followed for one year, and then came to his present farm, comprising seventy-five acres of the best land in Jefferson county. It was then entirely unimproved, but
with characteristic energy he began its development, and has not only placed it under a high state of cultivation, but has added to his real estate until he now has 320 acres, constituting a very valuable property. In 1874 he opened his coal mine, which has since been successfully operated. About 12 M., May 29, 1860, a cyclone swept over his place, which destroyed $500 worth of timber and all of the buildings, and he was forced to live with his neighbors until other buildings could be erected. With characteristic energy, however, he at once replaced these, and has carried forward his labors in a way that has brought to him a handsome return.

On November 1, 1855, at Beech Woods, Washington township, Jefferson county, Mr. Hutchison was married to Miss Mary Waite, who was born in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., July 8, 1832, a daughter of James and Martha (McIntosh) Waite, natives of County Kildare and County Derry, Ireland, respectively. They became acquainted and were married in Centre county, Penn., and, in 1855, located at Beech Woods, Jefferson county. The father followed the tanning business in Philipsburg, Centre county, for some time before moving to Washington township, where he carried on farming. He served as justice of the peace, and supervisor, and gave his political support to the Republican party. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. He died in May, 1873, at the age of sixty-two years, and his wife passed away in February, 1846, at the age of forty-seven. They had four children: Mrs. Mary Hutchison: Robert, a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Martha, deceased wife of John Smith, a miner and agriculturist of Winslow township; and John, who was killed by a falling tree.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hutchison were Robert and Martha (McKinley) McIntosh. The latter died in Ireland, and the former afterward wedded Mary Stevenson, with whom he emigrated to America, locating at Beech Woods, in Washington township, Jefferson Co., Penn., which place was principally settled by the different branches of the Smith and McIntosh families.

To Thomas Hutchison and wife have been born ten children: (1) Hannibal J., who operates a sawmill in Winslow township, wedded Mary M. Waite, who died leaving a daughter, Barbara J. He has since married Maggie Mapes. (2) Martha J. is the wife of Amos Goss, a farmer of Winslow township, by whom she has nine children. (3) John C. is at home. (4) R. Norman (deceased) wedded Mary L. Goss, who is now living is East Pembroke, N. H., with her two children—Archie and Eugene. (5) Mary M. is the wife of Tilton Reynolds, an agriculturist of Winslow township. Jefferson county, by whom she has five children. (6) Joseph M. married Jemima Hawthorn, and has two children. (7) Maurice O. is at home. (8) Georgiana R. is the wife of John O'Hara. (9) Barbara died in infancy. (10) Mildred F. completes the family.

Our subject has been honored with all the township offices. He has been justice of the peace for ten years. For four years he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Reynoldsville, but after the church was built at Falls Creek he placed his membership there, and has served as elder for five years. He is a prominent Republican, and has so frequently served as judge of elections that he is known as "Judge" Hutchison throughout this section of the county. He is deeply interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and is a man whose public and private life is above reproach.

JOHN B. NICHOLS, chief clerk of the Mahoning Supply Co., at Eleanor, Jefferson county, has a high reputation in business circles, won by the sole and energetic discharge of the duties of a responsible position.

He was born January 1, 1861, at Limestone, Cattaraugus county, N. Y., his family having been residents of the State of New York for several generations. His grandparents, John and Sallie Nichols, settled in Arcade, Wyoming county, N. Y., in 1812, and remained there many years, as prosperous and highly respected citizens. About 1837, financial reverses befell them, and they removed to Allegany county, N. Y. Their eldest son, James N., who was born at Arcade, July 23, 1825, was but a boy when the necessity for making his own living became apparent, and as his naturally keen intellect had already absorbed a fair education, he began to teach in the schools of the village of Farmersville. He continued the work successfully several terms, and having decided to enter the medical profession he began his preliminary course of study with Dr. E. S. Stewart, then of Farmersville (now Ellicottville). Later he was graduated from Buffalo Medical College; but his health had become too much impaired for him to commence his professional work at once; so in 1856 he went to Carrollton, N. Y., and engaged in lumbering. The active outdoor life proved to be exactly what he needed, and in 1864 he began to practice, remaining in the same locality until 1882, when he located at Bradford, Penn.
His death occurred on February 22, 1896, and his remains now rest in Oak Hill cemetery at Bradford. As a physician he was notably successful, enjoying a very large practice, and he was a leading member of the Cattaraugus County Medical Society, serving at times as president and as a delegate to the meetings of the State Society. For four years he was the senior member of the firm of Nichols & Patton, druggists at Limestone, N. Y., while practicing in that vicinity. Politically and socially his activity was no less marked, and he was twice elected a member of the Board of Supervisors from Farmersville, and nine times from the town of Carrollton. Though a stanch Democrat, he was heartily in favor of energetic measures for the suppression of the Rebellion, and was appointed by Governor Morgan on the Senatorial Committee for raising and organizing the 113th and 154th Regiments from New York. In all his public work he was actuated by the same high sense of duty which was so marked a characteristic in professional and private life, his duties being performed with unwavering fidelity to principle. He was a warm friend to education, and was almost constantly a member of the school board of Limestone, often serving as president, and he was largely instrumental in the organization of the Union Free schools there, and of the Limestone Academy. Dr. Nichols was an active member of the Masonic order for many years. In 1863 he helped to organize Union Lodge No. 334. F. and A. M., at Bradford, Penn., and except for a time from 1878 he remained a member until his death. He also belonged to Olean Chapter No. 159, and Frimley Commandery, K. T., of Bradford.

On March 1, 1852, Dr. Nichols was married to Miss Mary Jane Wade, eldest daughter of Henry Wade, Esq. Our subject was the youngest of their four children. Henry J., born August 26, 1856, died September 19, 1857; Jennie M., born January 19, 1858, married Judge F. H. Robinson, of Hornellsville, N. Y., at one time judge of the Courts of Steuben county; H. James, born September 16, 1859, is a practicing physician at Hornellsville.

Our subject, on leaving the public school at the age of nineteen, began his business career as a clerk. He spent four years in the employ of William Patton, in a general store at Limestone, and during this time studied in the academy one term. He then left the parental roof, and going to Carrollton, N. Y., spent one year in the office of the N. Y. & L. E. R. R. Co. Entering the employ of Sampson Company, he clerked for two years in their general store at Larabee, Penn., and in the spring of 1885 went to Beech Tree, Jefferso county, in their interests, remaining three years. Desiring a course in a business college, he spent one term in studying at Bradford, Penn., and his next employment was in the post office there as mail and registry clerk. In August, 1889, he became connected with the Mahoning Supply Co., and after clerking for a short time in their store at Adrian, was appointed in November, 1889, to his present position.

Mr. Nichols is popular socially, and is a member of the K. of P., at Big Run; the Blue Lodge No. 666, F. & A. M., of Punxsutawney; the Chapter, at Brookville, and Commandery No. 666, K. T., at Ridgway. He belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Eleanor, and is a ready supporter of any progressive movement in the community. In politics he is an independent voter.

On September 19, 1891, at Punxsutawney, he was married to Miss Margaret L. North. Their only child, Mary C., born January 22, 1894, died July 23, 1896. Mrs. Nichols, who was born July 12, 1865, is a member of a well-known family which is mentioned frequently in this volume. Her paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, came from the North of Ireland, and located first at Philadelphia, but later removed to Indiana county, Penn., where they spent their last years upon a farm. Their son, Daniel, Mrs. Nichols' father, was born July 11, 1827, in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, and in 1847 married Miss Catherine Bell, daughter of James W. and Hannah (Gordon) Bell, who in 1833 settled in Jefferson county, in what was then a wilderness, their nearest neighbors being two miles away. They remained there throughout their lives, and the place is now owned and occupied by their son, James W. Bell. The Bell family is descended from Robert Bell, of Ireland, who was one of the first settlers in Indiana county, Penn. His son, Mrs. Nichols' great-grandfather, was married in the old country, and he and his wife, Elizabeth, made their home in Perry township, Jefferson county, at an early day. The Gordon family was also of Irish origin, and Alexander and Catherine (Pounds) Gordon, the grandparents of Mrs. Nichols, were pioneers of Indiana county. The late Daniel North, who died July 22, 1891, at the homestead in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, was a man of wealth and prominence, and, like all of the name, was a generous promoter of every worthy cause. His widow, who still occupies the old home, is also mindful of the apostolic injunction, "to do good and to distribute," and her name is a synonym.
for kindness. This estimable couple had a large family of children, as follows: Mary E., widow of W. C. Smith, of Punxsutawney; John S., a farmer in McCalmont township; Anna R., deceased; Emma H., Mrs. W. R. Johnson, of Armstrong county, Penn.; William, deceased; Martha J., Mrs. A. J. McCreight, of Punxsutawney; Joanna R., wife of Dr. J. B. Neale, of Reynolds ville; J. Curtin, a farmer in McCalmont township; Margaret L., Mrs. Nichols; Minnie C., Mrs. W. S. Colderman, of Kane, Penn., and Daniel O., of Eleanor, Jefferson county.

P F. BOWSER is accounted one of the substantial agriculturists and lumbermen of Jefferson county, and is the owner of one of the finest farms in Gaskill township. He was born in 1836 in Bedford county, Penn., a son of Christopher and Susanna (Fluke) Bowser. His father was born in York county, Penn., but was married in Bedford county, and in 1837 removed with his family to Armstrong county. Upon the farm which he purchased in Franklin township he made his home until 1854, when he removed to Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and bought the Evan Jones homestead of 150 acres, continuing his residence thereon until his death in September, 1869. His wife died in 1877.

The children born to this worthy couple were as follows: (1) Henry, a native of Bedford county, married Elizabeth Swigart, of Armstrong county, and resided in Indiana county until his death some years ago. (2) William, born in Bedford county, married Maggie Campbell, of Armstrong county, and died some years ago, leaving a wife and children. (3) John, also born in Bedford county, died in Armstrong county in early manhood. (4) David, born in Bedford county, married Mary Myers, of Armstrong county, and for many years was a leading farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. He died in 1895, leaving a wife and children, who still reside on the farm. (5) P. F., our subject, is again referred to farther on. (6) Christina, born in Armstrong county, is the wife of Robert Beatty, of Clearfield county. (7) Jacob, born in Armstrong county, married Martha Rhodes, and with their family they reside on a farm in Gaskill township. (8) Elizabeth, born in Armstrong county, became the wife of James Roland, of Indiana county, and died some years ago in Jefferson county, leaving a daughter, Ida, now Mrs. Veit, of Bell township, Clearfield county.

P. F. Bowser, during his early boyhood, went with his parents to Armstrong county, where he acquired a common-school education, and with them came to Jefferson county at the age of eighteen years. In 1857 he was married, and for two years thereafter lived on his father's farm. He followed lumbering for some time, and, in 1871, purchased the John Ellis farm, comprising 164 acres in Gaskill township. He erected there a fine residence and bank barn, cleared his land, placed it under a high state of cultivation and added to it all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm of the nineteenth century, so that now he is the owner of one of the most valuable and desirable places in this section of the county. Its neat and thrifty appearance well indicates his careful supervision.

The marriage ceremony, performed in 1857, united the destinies of Mr. Bowser and Miss Harriet E. Brooks, daughter of Calvin and Chloe Brooks, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. Seven children have been born to them: William, born in November, 1860, died in April, 1864; Henry C., born in August, 1862, died in September, 1894; Margaret A., born in August, 1864, married J. L. Condon, a farmer residing near Punxsutawney, and they have three children—Theda B. and Thera G. (twins) and Leo; Chloe, born in November, 1866, is the wife of Miles Davis, of Mahaffey, Penn., by whom she has two sons—Peter Clair and J. W.; George T., born in February, 1869, and Peter A., born in July, 1871, are at home; Mary E., born in August, 1875, died in April, 1879.

In politics our subject is a Democrat, and has held the office of supervisor for about eight years. He was also school director for a number of years, has been township officer and is now serving as assessor. He and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He is looked upon as one of the leading citizens of the community, and in his business career he has achieved success, being now the owner of considerable valuable real estate.

SAMUEL BRUNBAUGH, a brave soldier of our Civil war, and a prominent farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, has, throughout almost his entire life, been identified with the agricultural interests of this section of the State.

His birth occurred in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1837, but when only three years old he was brought to Jefferson county by his parents, John and Margaret (Scott) Brunbaugh, also natives of Huntingdon county, the former born in 1800, the latter in 1801. They made their home on a farm near Hollidaysburg until 1840, when they removed to Venango county, Penn.; but a year later, while making a business trip to
the East, the father died at Coal Hill, near Luther-sburg. The mother then brought her children to Porter township, Jefferson county, where she purchased 150 acres of timber land, and her sons cleared and transformed into an ex- cellent farm. In the family were twelve children, namely: Robert, who is married, and lives in Venango county; Sarah, who became the wife of Robert MacIntyre; Frederick, who for three years a Union soldier during the Civil war, and now makes his home with his family in Arm- strong county; Rosanna, wife of Joseph Karnage, of Iowa; Hetty, wife of David Hillman, of Blair county, Penn.; Eli, who is married and lives in Ohio; Mary, wife of Daniel Doverspike, of Brookville; James, who is married and lives in Rey- noldsfield, Penn.; William, who is married and resides in Clearfield county; Margaret, who be- came the wife of Charles Kewen, and died some years ago; Jacob, who died at the age of eighteen; and Elizabeth, wife of Ralph Rinehart, now a resident of Missouri.

Upon the home farm in Jefferson county Sam-uel Brunbaugh grew to manhood, aiding in the work of the farm during the summer months and attending the common school through the winter season. While peacefully pursuing the vocation of a farmer, the dark cloud of war, which had for some time lowered over our beloved country, broke upon our people. Patriotic men from all walks of life thronged to the front in response to the call of the general government to defend our national life. Fired by the spirit of patriotism, Mr. Brunbaugh enlisted, in August, 1862, in Company D, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. Forbes, and was sworn into the United States service at New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn. From Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, the regiment proceeded on Nashville, Tenn., where it was placed in the Army of the Cumberland under Gen. Rosecrans, and the first engagement in which it took part was at Stone River, Murfreesboro, Tenn., where the Rebels were defeated, but with a heavy loss to both sides. Later they participated in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., where the Union forces were again victorious. This was followed by the battle of Chattanooga and en- gagements almost every day until reaching At- lanta, Ga. They were then ordered back to Chattanooga, where they remained until fall, when they marched to Nashville, Tenn., and went into winter quarters. Here the regiment was recruited, and later took an active part in all the battles of the Army of the Cumberland until the war was over, including the hard-fought battle of Nashville, where the loss was very heavy on both sides. After Lee’s surrender Mr. Brun-

WILLIAM E. JOHNSON, one of the pros- perous and substantial citizens of Jefferson county, is now living retired at his beautiful home in Punxsutawney. Genuine success is not likely to be the result of mere chance or fortune, but is something to be labored for and sought out with consecutive effort. Ours is a utilitarian age, and the life of every successful man bears its lessons, and as told in contemporary narration, perhaps, is productive of the greatest good. Mr. Johnson’s life demonstrates what may be accomplished through energy, careful manage- ment, keen foresight and the utilization of the powers with which nature has endowed one, and the opportunities with which the times surround one.

Mr. Johnson was born in Elk county, Penn., November 6, 1826, a son of Thew and Sarah (Coleman) Johnson. The birth of the father oc-
curried in Yorkshire, England, in 1795, but when only eight years of age he came to this country with his parents. Thew Johnson, Sr., and wife, were also natives of England, but spent their last days in Pennsylvania. The father of our subject grew to manhood in Elk county, where he spent his active business life in farming and lumbering. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, whose attention was chiefly devoted to his own affairs. His death occurred in 1867, and his wife, who was a native of Pennsylvania, died in May, 1889, when nearing the ninetyeth anniversary of her birth. As his parents were poor, William E. Johnson was provided with very meagre advantages for securing an education, being only able to attend school on rainy days when he could not work. Early in life he was employed at farming and in the woods lumbering. He remained under the parental roof, assisting in the support of the family until he reached the age of twenty-five, when he embarked in life for himself empty-handed. He was then married, and continued to follow farming and lumbering until in 1867, when he established a general store in Elk county, which he successfully conducted until 1885. For sixteen years of that period he served as postmaster of Benzett. In 1886 he removed to Punxsutawney, where he engaged in general merchandising, doing both a wholesale and retail business until July, 1896, when he retired from business life. He met with excellent success in his undertakings, and is now the owner of some valuable property in Punxsutawney, including his own residence, a beautiful brick structure of modern architecture and up-to-date in all of its appointments.

In 1851 Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Ann Murray, of Elk county, who died in 1856, leaving one son, William S., now a resident of Punxsutawney. Two years later the father was again married, this time to Miss Abigail S. Winslow, a daughter of Carpenter and Beulah (Keen) Winslow, natives of Maine, born in 1793 and 1796, respectively, who were there married and removed later to Elk county, Penn., where they passed their remaining days. Carpenter Winslow was also the name of the grandfather of Mrs. Johnson. He was from the State of Maine, a ship-carpenter by occupation, and a direct descendant of the Winslows that came over in the Mayflower. Her maternal grandfather, also a Maine man, married Silania Wordsworth, who was a native of Maine and a direct descendant of the family of Wordsworths who landed in the "Mayflower."

To the marriage of our subject and wife have been born two daughters: Ella E., now the wife of William Zierden, of Johnsonburg, Elk county; and Emma P., the wife of Thaddeus C. Zeitler, a merchant of Punxsutawney. The mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, like her husband, is the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who appreciate their sterling worth. In his political views Mr. Johnson is a pronounced Republican.

Peter S. Justice, who was content to go through the war as a "high" private, doing his duty nobly and unflinchingly on the field of battle or in the camp, is to-day one of the leading and highly respected farmers of Porter township, Jefferson county. He is descended from good old pioneer stock, his grandmother belonging to the Brady family which was well represented in the Revolutionary war. She was also a first cousin of Capt. Samuel Brady, of Indian fame. The parents of our subject were William and Jane (Work) Justice. The father, who was born in 1812, in North Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Penn., followed farming throughout life, and died in 1886, surviving his wife two years. In the family were two children, and the daughter, Emma, died in October, 1864, at the age of twenty-two.

Peter S. Justice, of this review, was born in May, 1837, in Indiana county, and grew to manhood upon the home farm in North Mahoning township, acquiring his education by attending the common schools of the locality during the winter months. During the Civil war, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted, in August, 1861, in Company A, 61st P. V. I., under Capt. Jacob Kreps, of Indiana county, was mustered into the State service at Pittsburg, and into the United States service at Harrisburg, whence he was sent to Washington, D. C., where his regiment was equipped. From there they proceeded to Alexandria, were later stationed at Camp Advance, and by transports were sent to Fortress Monroe in March, 1862. They reached Williamsburg too late for the engagement, and then advanced up the Peninsula to Bottoms Bridge and to Seven Pines, Va. They reached Fair Oaks March 30, and on the following morning were attacked by the enemy, the battle raging furiously for two hours, resulting in a heavy loss on both sides. Among a number of officers that were killed was Col. Rippey, of the 61st P. V. I. The troops next marched to Malvern Hill, where a battle was fought July 1, 1862, which resulted in a very heavy loss in officers and men, and in the following September occurred the battle of Antietam, where the Rebels were defeated and
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driven back across the Potomac. After two weeks spent in camp the Union forces marched to Fredericksburg Heights, where an engagement was brought on in November, and they then went into winter quarters, remaining until February, 1863, when Mr. Justice's regiment, with others, stormed Mary's Heights, losing three officers and seventy-four men from the regiment. In July they participated in the battle of Gettysburg, where the losses on both sides numbered up in the thousands. Here Pickett made his famous charge, which was repulsed by the Union soldiers. This battle is one of the most famous in the history of the world. On the 16th of September the 61st P. V. I. marched to the Rapidan, in Virginia, where they were held in reserve under Gen. Warren, when Lee was trying to flank the Union army. Later they marched to Centreville to head off that general's troops, and participated in the battle at Rappahannock Station, after which they marched to Brandy Station. Going into winter quarters they remained there until May, 1864, and on the morning of the 5th of that month met the enemy in the battle of the Wilderness, which lasted seven days. On the 12th a minie ball pierced Mr. Justice's right hand, disabling him for life. He was taken to Fredericksburg Hospital, later to Washington Arsenal Hospital, and then to the hospital at the corner of Broad and Cherry streets, Philadelphia, being in all for about six months. He was then transferred to Harrisburg, where he was honorably discharged, his wounds unfitting him for further service.

Returning to his old home in Indiana county, Mr. Justice resumed the occupation of farming, which he still continued. Being unable to use his right hand he could not follow the plasterer's trade, which he had previously learned. In March, 1868, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary L. Lockhart, of Indiana county, a daughter of Samuel K. and Hannah Lockhart, well-to-do farming people of that county. They began their domestic life in East Mahoning township, Indiana county, where they remained for eleven years, and then spent the following eight years in North Mahoning county, near Georgeville, but in the spring of 1877 removed to the Shafer farm in Porter township, Jefferson county, where they still continue to reside. To this marriage eight children have been born, namely: Emma, born in 1869 in Indiana county, and Annie, in 1870, are both at home. William H., born in September, 1872, a well-educated young man residing at home, is a contractor in painting and paper-hanging. Samuel K. L., born in February, 1874, received a good common-school education, and is a painter by profession, but is now engaged in farming with his father. Stella M., born in June, 1876, was educated in the common schools and is at home. Jennie S., born in September, 1878, is the wife of M. O. Skinner, a stone mason of Du Bois, Penn. Frank C., born in July, 1880, and Beatrice S., born in February, 1883, are at home with their parents; the former is a painter by trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Justice hold membership in the Glade Run Presbyterian Church, and their lives have ever been in harmony with its teachings. In politics Mr. Justice is an ardent and zealous Republican, and has served as school director one term. He has ever been found in the foremost ranks of citizens who are devoted to their country's best interests and to the welfare of their fellowmen. He was a brave and fearless soldier and is a loyal and patriotic citizen. With the Veteran Legion and the Patriotic Sons of America, of Porter, he now holds membership.

RICHARD JAMES CLARK, one of the leading lumber dealers of this section of the State, is a member of the well-known firm of Clark, Kizer & Kipp, whose lumber mills at Cortez, Jefferson county, are models of equipment. They do an extensive business, employing from 150 to 200 men, turning out 80,000 feet of lumber per day. About eight miles of railroad connect their plant with the P. & N. W. R. R. The firm was organized in December, 1893, when they purchased 64,000 acres of timber land in Jefferson county, in McCalmont and Oliver townships, at a cost of $200,000. The first mill built by them burned down July 20, 1894, three weeks after it was put in operation, causing a loss of $15,000; but they rebuilt it and resumed work in November of the same year. The mill is under the able management of R. J. Clark, the subject of this sketch; a brother, D. H. Clark, attends to the outside work; G. W. Kipp manages the office; and E. F. Kizer has charge of the firm's business at Towanda, Pennsylvania.

Our subject is of Irish parents. His father, Luke Clark, came from the Emerald Isle in early manhood, and became a successful agriculturist in Rockland township, Sullivan Co., N. Y. He was a man of quiet disposition, but his excellent qualities gave him great influence in his community. He was married three times. His first wife, Ellen King, departed this life November 2, 1838, at the age of thirty years, and in 1850 he was married to New York City to Miss Julia Keough, a native of Ireland, and a devout Catholic. She died in September, 1869, aged forty
years, and was buried at Liberty, Sullivan Co., N. Y., where her husband's remains also repose, his death having occurred September 10, 1894, at the age of seventy. His third wife, formerly Mrs. Catherine Ragen, survives him and occupies the old homestead. There were two children by the first union: John, who died in infancy; and Daniel H., who is mentioned above. Two children were born of the second marriage: Richard J., our subject; and Matthew J., who is employed by the company as a contractor. Of the five children of the third union, Delia, Michael and Elizabeth are living at the old home; Franklin is in the employ of the company; and Lawrence is still at home.

Richard J. Clark was born July 23, 1861, in Sullivan county, N. Y., and was reared there as a farmer boy. At eighteen he came to this State, and for thirteen years followed lumbering in Sullivan county as a contractor for different parties. From 1888 to 1893 he was in mercantile business at Lopez, Penn., in partnership with his brother Daniel H., under the firm name of Clark Bros., and since leaving that place they have been interested in the lumber business at Cortez. He is not identified with any Church, but inclines toward the Catholic faith, of which his parents were devout followers. He belongs to the Masonic order, and is a Knight Templar. In politics he is a stanch Democrat, as are all his family, but he has never taken an active interest in the details of party work. On November 29, 1882, he was married at Dushore, Penn., to Miss Julia E. McDonald, and five children, Julia, May, John, Agnes and Leo, brighten their home.

The McDonald family is of English origin, Mrs. Clark's paternal grandfather, Andrew McDonald, coming from the old country in 1834, accompanied by his wife, Mary Hayden, a native of Ireland, and their son, John. He settled upon a tract of farming land near Dushore, Penn., and was killed by a falling tree while clearing the place. His wife attained the advanced age of eighty-seven, and the remains of both now rest in the cemetery at Dushore. Their only child, John McDonald, was born in England in 1830, and, coming to the new home in Pennsylvania at the age of four, was reared to manhood and engaged first in farming and later in mining. He is a Roman Catholic in religious belief, and in political faith he is a sound Democrat. He was married in Sullivan county to Miss Julia Sheridan, who was born in Connecticut in 1837, the daughter of John and Catherine (Farrell) Sheridan, of Ireland, who came to this country early in life and died in Wilkesbarre, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, who now reside at Bernice, Sullivan county, have reared a large family of children: Andrew is a molder at Towanda, Penn.; Catherine married Frank Farrell, of Dushore, a manufacturer of temperance drinks; Mary, who was born September 24, 1858, married Daniel H. Clark, our subject's brother; Julia E., who was born August 18, 1863, is the wife of our subject; Prudence married John Daly, a hotel keeper at Bernice; Clara is a bookkeeper for the firm of Clark, Kizer & Kipp; Janey married Thomas Fitzgerald, a telegraph operator at Bernice; and Mildred, Florence and Lawrence are still at home.

JOHN W. CONSER. Among the prominent business men of Reynoldsville, who have made their own way in the world, no one is more worthy of consideration than the gentleman whose name begins this sketch. He is numbered among the native sons of Jefferson county, where his birth occurred in 1862.

Capt. J. C. Conser, his father, was also born in Pennsylvania, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he continued to follow until the dark days of the Rebellion, when feeling that his country needed his services he enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty until in the engagement at Boyton plank roads he lost his life. His estimable wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary E. Sprague, died in 1875.

After the death of his mother, John W. Conser was thrown upon his own resources, and has since been dependent entirely upon his own labors for support. His educational privileges were necessarily limited. Being industrious and ambitious he has made the most of his opportunities, and now in connection with Mr. Thomas Green is one of the owners and proprietors of the "Imperial Hotel," which has just been completed at Reynoldsville. In 1889 they formed a partnership and took charge of "Hotel Belnap" at the same place, which they profitably conducted for five years. They then purchased property and erected their present house, which is one of the most complete in all its appointments to be found in the community. No town of its size in central Pennsylvania has a more inviting or attractive house than the "Imperial," which contains twenty-eight sleeping rooms, comfortable parlors, as well as bath and other necessary rooms. Everything is done for the convenience and comfort of the guests, and the proprietors being popular, pleasant gentlemen, the hotel has become a favorite with the traveling public.
In 1888, Mr. Conser led to the marriage altar Miss Barbara Shaffer, of Clearfield county, Penn., who is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He belongs to the Sons of Veterans and the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks, and his political support is ever given the men and measures of the Republican party.

JACOB B. FISCUS. Prominent among the representative citizens and respected and influential men of Rose township, Jefferson county, is found the subject of this biographical notice, who is living upon his valuable farm of 283 acres. It is well-improved with excellent buildings, and highly cultivated, and shows conclusively that the owner has not mistaken his calling in adopting agriculture. In connection with the operation of his land, he is also successfully engaged in lumbering.

'Our subject was born in 1837, in Clarion county, Penn., while his parents, John and Esther (Craig) Fiscus, were both natives of Westmoreland county, this State, but during their youth became residents of Clarion county, where the father followed the quiet, unassuming life of a farmer until his death in 1891. The mother had departed this life previously, dying in 1886. Both were held in the highest regard by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. Jacob B. Fiscus was given very limited advantages for securing an education in his boyhood, and when his services were not needed on the farm he was sent to town to work for wages. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation and improvement of the home place until he had attained his majority, when he started out to make his own way in the world, and has since turned his attention to farming and lumbering, with results that could not fail to be satisfactory.

In 1858 Mr. Fiscus was married to Miss Susanna Aaron, a daughter of James C. Aaron, of Clarion county. Of the twelve children born to them nine are still living, namely: Rose Ellen, wife of Demetrius Reinsel; Bernard James married Maggie Singer; Frank C. married Anna Aaron; Anna married William Shick; Katie; Gertie; John W. married Frances Grenewalt; Andrew P. married Jennie Smith; and George. The parents and children are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church, and are widely and favorably known. Mr. Fiscus always affiliates with the Democratic party, is a strong advocate of the free coinage of silver, and has capably served in a number of school offices. He is a man who stands high in the community, for his fair dealing and sterling worth have gained him the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM SHERMAN YODER. When one is thrown upon his own resources at a tender age and worked his way steadily upward to success, it is the evidence of the possession of energy, enterprise and resolute purpose. Such qualities have marked the business career of Mr. Yoder, who has been the architect of his own fortune, and has built wisely and well. He was born in Upper Mahantango township, Schuylkill county, Penn., October 16, 1837, and comes of a family of long identification with American history.

Abraham Yoder, the great-grandfather, a native of New Jersey, removed to Berks county, Penn., where he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer. The grandparents, Peter and Catherine (Trout) Yoder, removed from Berks to Schuylkill county. In the latter county at an early day Simon Sherman, a native of Wurtemburg, Germany, established a home. He was the father of Simon Sherman, Jr., of Berks county, who married a Miss Lidick. The Yoder and Sherman families were united through the marriage of Solomon Yoder and Elizabeth Sherman, natives of Berks and Schuylkill counties, respectively. In the latter county they were married, and the father there carried on farming. He died in February, 1880, at the age of eighty years, and his wife passed away in 1873, at the age of seventy-two years. They were members of the Reformed Church, and in politics Mr. Yoder was a Democrat. The children of this worthy couple were: Isaac, who died at the age of seventy-one in Shamokin, Penn.; Solomon, who is living retired in Knoxdale, Penn.; Bennewell, who died in Schuylkill county; George, a farmer of that county; Christina, wife of Edward Sherman, a veteran of the Civil war, now of Clarion county, Penn.; Samuel, who died in Red Bank township, Clarion county; Amos, who is living in Red Bank township, Armstrong Co., Penn.; William S., the subject of this sketch; John B., a miner of Higgins township, Schuylkill county, and David, who died on the old homestead in Schuylkill county.

William Sherman Yoder assisted in the duties of the home farm until he had attained his majority, and during this time served a two-years’ apprenticeship to the miller’s trade, receiving $7.50 for his labor. He afterward worked for eight months in a mill in Schuylkill county, and then came to Jefferson county, locating near
Emerickville, where he was employed in the lumber woods for two years. He then spent one year in the milling business in Rockdale, after which he engaged in farming and milling for one year at Trout Run. He next rented a farm in Knox township, which he operated in connection with the lumber business for six years, when he rented a mill in Oliver township, Jefferson county. Nine months later he left that and rented a mill in Perrysville, which he operated for three years, when it was destroyed by fire at a loss of $1,500. He afterward operated a rented mill in Maysville, Penn., for seven years, and on the 1st of April, 1880, moved to his present farm, which he had purchased in 1878. He here owns 172 acres of valuable land, which is now highly cultivated, and yields to him a good return. On May 30, 1860, when there was but little land cleared in his locality (only ten acres of his own land were cleared), our subject's house and barn were destroyed by a hurricane. After the storm was over this ten acres were literally covered with tree-tops and entire trees blown a distance of thirty rods. Two of his children were in the fields; the baby, then but one month old, was found covered with debris, but was unhurt, save a cut to one eye, which soon healed and left a small scar only.

In August, 1856, at the home of Rev. Isaac Steely, a German Reformed minister, occurred the marriage of Mr. Yoder and Miss Sarah Haupt, who was born in Northumberland county, Penn., September 20, 1835, a daughter of John and Catherine (Maury) Haupt, of the same county. Her father followed farming, blacksmithing and the stonemason's trade. He belonged to the Lutheran Church, and in politics was a Democrat before the war. He died in 1873, at the age of sixty-six, and his wife passed away in February, 1893, aged seventy-eight years. Their children are: Mrs. Yoder; Mary, who became the wife of Washington Shmink, and after his death married John Bonner, a farmer and blacksmith of Northumberland county; Catherine, of Philadelphia; Benjamin, proprietor of a meat-market in Shamokin, Penn.; Anna, wife of Jared Howwater, a mechanic of Shamokin; Philip, a miner of Northumberland county; John, who is living on the old homestead in that county; and William, a miner of Shamokin. Conrad Haupt, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Yoder, was a native of Germany, and on coming to America located in Northumberland county. The paternal grandparents were Henry Haupt and his wife, née Derk, of Northumberland county, and the maternal grandparents were Philip and Sally (Hunberger) Maury, also of Northumberland county.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman Yoder have been born the following named children: Charles D., of Cooksburg, Penn.; Catherine E., wife of David Steel, a salesman in a store in Washington township, Jefferson county, by whom she has two children—Bessie and Joshua; John B., of Shelton, Wash., a lumberman, who married Florence ——, and has one child, Joshua E.; Henry, a grocer of DuBois, Penn., who married Cora Geist, and has five children—Parentha, Samuel, Floyd, Albert and John; Joshua, a lumberman of Shelton, Wash.; Sarah R., wife of Albert Sebring, a carpenter of Knox township, Jefferson county, by whom she has five children—Clayton, William, Loam, Charles E. and Robert E.; Amelia M., wife of Joseph Thompson, a farmer of Knox township, by whom she has two children—Wallace and Florence F.; Mary and Anna, at home; Edward, of DuBois; Isaac and Samuel W., at home; and three who died in infancy.

Our subject is a member of the United Brethren Church, served as class-leader, and was a local clergyman for many years. He was a fluent and forcible speaker, but in 1892 met with an accident which caused him to abandon preaching. He is entirely a self-made man, financially and otherwise. The extent of his schooling was four months in all at different times in German subscription schools. He learned the English language after coming to Jefferson county, and all that he has accomplished in life is due to his well-directed efforts. Highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, he well deserves representation in this volume.

HENRY H. KENNEDY, for three years an enterprising and prosperous young merchant of Brookville, Jefferson county, and now agent for The Mutual Life Insurance Company, has already earned a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens by his able discharge of duty, both in private and in local affairs. He was born in Clarion county, June 8, 1863, the son of George H. and Nancy J. (Rogers) Kennedy, of whom a biography will be found elsewhere.

Henry H. Kennedy came to Brookville with his parents when but four years of age, and his education was acquired in the Brookville schools. At the age of sixteen he left school, and worked in the woods at lumbering for a year. Wearying of this employment, he entered his father's store, and remained with him until September, 1893, when he engaged in the gentleman's furnishing goods business on his own account, which he
conducted some three years, till his appointment to his present position.

Mr. Kennedy was married, October 3, 1889, to Miss Mary A. McKnight, daughter of Dr. W. J. McKnight, one of Brookville’s well-known citizens, and three children have blessed this union. The eldest, Bonnie Agnes, died when but two months and four days old; the others, Penelope and Jean, still gladden the home of their parents. Mr. Kennedy and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he also belongs to the I. O. O. F., the Artisans, and the Heptasops. Politically he is a stanch Republican; he has never been a seeker after political honors, but when called upon has served the community in various offices, including that of councilman. He has represented his party as delegate in several conventions, and, while serving as grand jurymen, was chosen Foreman of that body. Business cares and public interests have not prevented Mr. Kennedy from gratifying his fine taste in literature, and he keeps well informed on the topics which attract the attention of the intelligent people of to-day. He has written a number of short poems that prove his natural ability in a literary direction. In 1893 the Jeffersonian Democrat published the following:

BABY MCKEE TO MISS RUTH.
Ah, Miss Ruth, but my life is alter’d now;
I have done penance for contemning love,
Whose high, imperious thoughts, have punished me
With bitter fasts, with penitental groans,
With nightly tears, and daily heart-sore sighs;
For in revenge of my contempt of love
Love has chased sleep from my embossed eyes,
And made them watchers of my own sad heart.
O gentle Miss Ruth, love’s a mighty lord,
And hath so humbled me, as I confess,
There is neither woe to his correction,
Nor joy so sweet as is in his service found.
Now no discourse except it be of love;
Now can I break my fast, dine, sup, and sleep
Upon the very naked name of love.

SAMUEL FYE. Among the honored pioneers and prominent citizens of Winslow township, Jefferson county, this gentleman is especially worthy of notice in a work of this kind. Being possessed of a rare amount of energy, he has proved a most valued member of the community, and has borne his part in the development and progress of this section. In common with the other early settlers, he also shared in the privations and hardships of pioneer life.

Mr. Fye was born July 24, 1837, in the township which is still his home, a son of George and Betsy (Dixon) Fye, natives of Centre county, Penn., who came with their respective parents to Jefferson county, where they became ac-
quainted, and were married. The families were among the first settlers of this region, and have been important factors in promoting its prosperity. The paternal grandfather, George Fye, a native of Germany, was for many years a prominent farmer of Brady township, Clearfield county, and died in Winslow township, Jefferson county, but was buried in the former county. On coming to Jefferson county the father of our subject located near Brookville, his being the fourth family to locate there. The others were the Fassbinder, Barnett and Butler families. In 1818 he purchased 160 acres of wild land in Winslow township for $2.50 per acre, and at once began to clear and improve his place, which he continued to make his home throughout life. He was the first man to run lumber down the Red Bank and Sandy Lick creeks, but before he could take his rafts down the latter he had to clear away the old logs which had fallen thick across the stream. A progressive, industrious man, he became widely and favorably known throughout the county. He was born April 14, 1793, and died in 1850, while his wife was born January 11, 1802, and passed away in the fall of 1872. They were buried on the old Hoover farm in Brady township, Clearfield county.

Samuel Fye is the eighth in order of birth in the family of nine children, the others being as follows: Sally (deceased), born April 21, 1822, married Daniel Sharp, now a retired farmer of Winslow township; George (deceased), born March 15, 1824; Susan, born March 2, 1826, is the wife of De Witt White, a dairymen of New York State; Mary, born January 2, 1829, died in April, 1894, married Ely Soliday, who was killed by a falling tree; John, born November 11, 1830, died in 1867; Priscilla, born May 11, 1833, died unmarried at the age of twenty-two; James, born May 21, 1835, is a retired carpenter living in Du Bois, Penn.; and Joshua, born March 9, 1840, is a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county. Our subject remained with his parents until twenty-four years of age, during which time he attended school but three months. On leaving home he purchased his present farm of 106 acres at $6 an acre, paying for the same in eight years. It was then all wild, unimproved land, but by persevering industry he has transformed the tract into a highly productive and valuable farm, equipped with all the buildings and accessories found upon the model farm of the nineteenth century.

On February 20, 1860, in Winslow township, Mr. Fye was married to Miss Jane Vasbinder, who was born in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, and died June 15, 1868, leaving three
Charles G. O'Donnell is a member of the firm of A. O'Donnell & Son, controllers of extensive lumber interests at Camp Run. Their close identification with industrial life of Jefferson county has inseparably connected their names with its history, for in the management of their own affairs they have not only secured personal property, but have also added to the general welfare of the community.

Charles G. O'Donnell was born in New Bethlehem, Clarion Co., Penn., December 16, 1863, and came to Jefferson county in 1867 with his father, Arthur O'Donnell. The family located on the present site of the town of O'Donnell, which was named in honor of the father, and which is now the site of one of his sawmills. The son remained at home until twenty years of age, and then went to Fuller's Station to take charge of his father's sawmill at that point, where he continued from 1884 until 1889. He was fitted for this work by a two-years' course in Union Business College, Pittsburgh, at which institution he was graduated in 1884. In 1889 he came to Camp Run, and joined his father in the ownership and management of the mill at this place, which was erected in August, 1886. They employ fifteen men in the mill, which has a capacity of 40,000 feet of lumber per day, and have forty men in the lumber woods. They also own a half interest in 1,300 acres of excellent timber land, the remaining portion being owned by the Andrews Company. On February 17, 1886, in Reynolds ville, Charles G. O'Donnell was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hice, who was born in Shannondale, Penn., December 24, 1867, a daughter of Frederick and Kate (Wolfgang) Hice. Her father died before her birth, and was buried in Shannondale. Her mother died in 1877, and was buried near Coolspring. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches, respectively. Their children were Barbara, deceased wife of John Hoffman, a farmer of Coolspring; and Mrs. O'Donnell. The latter was reared by her aunt, Mary Shaffer, with whom she remained until her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Donnell have seven children: Arthur, born December 24, 1886; Diez Orrel, born May 19, 1888; Charles Boyd, August 20, 1889; Essa Elva and Effa Elma (twins), born February 16, 1891; Edgar W., born February 24, 1893; and Byron King, born April 2, 1895. The father of these is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America of Emerickville; the Order of United American Mechanics of Knoxdale; and the Knights of Pythias of Reynolds ville. In politics he is a Democrat. His business record is most commendable, for his methods are above question, and his keen sagacity, energy and enterprise enable him to carry forward his interests most successfully.

Malvern H. Morris is one of the prominent young men of Punxsutawney, proprietor of a well-known mercantile firm of the borough. The business interests of the city are well represented by him, and, whether in public or private life, he is always a courteous, genial gentleman, well deserving of the high regard in which he is held.

A native of Jefferson county, Mr. Morris was born near Punxsutawney, in 1863, and is a son of Joseph B. and Catherine (Crisman) Morris,
also natives of the same county, where the mother's death occurred in 1886. The father was born and reared upon the farm which he still occupies, and throughout life has been identified with the farming, lumber and coal interests of this region. A sketch of his life appears elsewhere.

Malvern H. Morris is one of a family of five children who are still living, namely: Ida L., now the wife of J. Clayton North, of Punxsutawney; J. L., who was until recently connected with our subject in business; Clarence O., a prominent attorney of Punxsutawney; and Lucy. Reared upon the old homestead farm, our subject there remained until nineteen years of age, aiding his father in its cultivation and improvement, and acquiring his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. In the winter of 1881-82 he attended the National University at Lebanon, Ohio, securing a diploma from the business department of that institution; afterward engaging in teaching and various other employments until the fall of 1884, when, as a clerk, he entered a mercantile establishment in Pittsburgh, Penn. The knowledge of business affairs here obtained have been of much practical benefit to him in later years. Returning to Punxsutawney, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. North, they becoming dealers in clothing, gents' furnishing goods, etc., but at the end of three years he sold his interest and went to Portland, Oregon, where he remained for one year. He next engaged in business at Clayville, Penn., conducting his store until January, 1896, when, in connection with his brother, he established his present business in Punxsutawney. He carries a complete and handsome stock of everything found in his line, and by fair and honorable dealing has succeeded in building up an excellent trade. Socially, Mr. Morris is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge of Lindsey, Jefferson county, and politically he is identified with the Republican party.

JOHN McMURRAY, proprietor and editor of the Jeffersonian Democrat of Brookville.

Jefferson county, is a man whose influence in the community is recognized as a powerful friend to progress. As a citizen he is identified with the best interests of the locality, while his paper is a forceful exponent of the principles of a large class of people.

Mr. McMurray was born in 1838, in Westmoreland county, Penn., where also was born Archibald McMurray, his father, who made his home there until 1840, when he moved with his family to Pine Creek township, Jefferson county, and settled upon a farm. His estimable wife, Sarah Elizabeth Pryor, a native of Huntingdon county, died in 1848, he surviving her until 1870. As will be seen, our subject was two years of age when he was taken to Jefferson county by his parents. His early educational opportunities were limited, as previous to his sixteenth year he attended the country school fifteen months only. Before reaching the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, and spent three years learning the same; but his inclinations pointing strongly to other work, he resumed his studies and attended Brookville Academy some two months. This was followed by three terms of successful work as a teacher; but the nation's call for soldiers to defend her then appealed to him too strongly for resistance, and he enlisted in the 135th P. V. I. for nine months' service, with the rank of first lieutenant. At the expiration of his term he re-enlisted, and served until the close of the war. He was commissioned captain of the 6th U. S. Colored Troops, and, later, for gallant conduct on the field, was appointed brevet major of U. S. Volunteers, receiving finally the rank of major. During the last six months of his service he was inspector on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Charles J. Paine.

In civil life, also, Maj. McMurray has been conspicuous for his ability and public spirit. In 1873 he was elected a delegate to the convention which formed the present constitution of Pennsylvania, representing the district composed of Armstrong, Clarion, Forest and Jefferson counties. In 1874 he was appointed to a clerkship in the Auditor-General's office at Harrisburg, Penn., and held the position four years. His duties in this as in other lines of work, public and private, being ably and creditably performed. In 1883 he was appointed chief of the Division of Lands and Railroads in the office of the Secretary of the Interior at Washington, D. C., and served four years. In 1879 he purchased the Jeffersonian Democrat from A. A. Carlisle, and has since been connected with it.

In 1857 Mr. McMurray married Miss Harriet A. Heckendorf, who died in 1868. Three children of this union survive: Mrs. Harriet E. Griffith, of Brookville; and Henry and Archie, who are associated with their father in business. In 1870 Mr. McMurray, for his second wife, married Miss Jennie M. Hail, of Brookville; of their two children, both are deceased. Major and Mrs. McMurray are members of the M. E. Church, with which he united at the age of twenty-one. He is an active worker in several fraternal orders—the I. O. O. F.; and the F. &
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A. M., which he joined over thirty years ago, being now a Knight Templar. In his political affiliations he is a Democrat.

ENOCH McGAREY is a representative of a family that has been connected with this country since 1730. Both his paternal and maternal ancestors were Scotch and crossed the Atlantic in pioneer days. Representatives of the families have been leaders in those events which formed the early history of the Republic, and they were also instrumental in framing the Constitution of the United States.

Enoch McGarey, like his ancestors were, has always been a loyal and devoted citizen, faithful to his duties of both public and private life. He was born near his present home in Rose township, Jefferson county, in 1838, a son of William and Mary Ann (Hall) McGarey. His father was born in Westmoreland county, where he resided until twenty years of age, when, in 1832, he came to Jefferson county with his parents and located on the farm which is now the home of our subject. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits and in lumbering until his death, which occurred in 1891. His estimable wife, a native of New Jersey, came to Jefferson county in 1834, and died in 1875.

Enoch McGarey obtained his education under adverse circumstances. He could attend school only at rare intervals, for he was the eldest of the family and his services were needed on the home farm. He had six brothers and four sisters, namely: C. P. was drowned in 1862; Joseph E. was killed in 1864, in the Civil war while defending his country; J. M. was drowned in 1867; and W. M., H. T., Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mrs. Martha Cochran and Mrs. Margaret Covert, all living in Jefferson county and with their families holding membership in the United Presbyterian Church. Enoch McGarey remained at home until twenty-two years of age, and then started out to make his own way in the world, since which time his attention has been largely given to agricultural pursuits, although he has dealt to some extent in lumber and coal. A good vein of coal underlies his farm. He owns 225 acres of land, and the place is improved with neat and substantial buildings, while all the accessories of a model farm are there to be found.

In 1861, Mr. McGarey was married to Miss Martha J. Campbell, daughter of Hugh Campbell, who came from Westmoreland to Jefferson county in 1844, bringing with him his daughter, who was born in the former county. Eight children bless this union, all of whom are yet living, namely: Lavina Jane, wife of Rev. G. W. Morrison, who for the past eight years with his wife has been engaged in missionary work in India; E. V., wife of Rev. James M. Coleman, of Beaver Falls College, of Pennsylvania; Mary Ann, wife of Elder W. H. Shields, of Spokane, Washington; W. P., who is now a student in Allegheny Theological Seminary and expects to enter the missionary field of India; T. T.; Alfred C.; Enoch R.; and Everett A. The children have been given good educational privileges, and five of them held teachers' certificates at one time. Mrs. Coleman completed her education in Geneva College, and W. P., who competed in the Meadville Inter-State Collegiate contest in 1886, carried off the first honors in oratory.

Our subject and his family are consistent and prominent members of the United Presbyterian Church, and he is serving as elder therein. In politics he is a stanch Prohibitionist, as are all the family, and they hope to see the time when the evil of intemperance shall exist no more. His life has been well spent, and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard.

EDGAR S. SWARTZ, a leading merchant tailor of Punxsutawney, was born in 1863, in Centre county, Penn., of which his father, George M. Swartz, was also a native. In early life the latter learned dentistry, which he followed for some time, and then engaged in mercantile pursuits, but subsequently again turned his attention to his profession. His last years, however, were spent in the insurance business. Almost his entire life was passed in the county of his nativity, however his death occurred in July, 1893, at the home of his son Edgar S. at Punxsutawney. Our subject was only four years old when he lost his mother, who was born in Pennsylvania, and passed away in 1867. In her maidenhood she was Miss Mary Keen.

During his boyhood and youth, Edgar S. Swartz attended the public schools of Centre county, completing his literary education at Bellefonte. On laying aside his text books he was apprenticed to Montgomery & Co., merchant tailors of Bellefonte, with whom he learned the trade, remaining with them for three and a half years. The following year was spent with W. I. Fleming, in the same line, and in 1886 he came to Punxsutawney, where he established his present business. An enterprising, progressive man, he stands deservedly high in both business and social circles, and is recognized as one of the leading merchant tailors of Jefferson county.
Mr. Swartz was married in 1892 to Miss Sarah Maud Zietler, a daughter of George W. Zietler, of Punsxutawney, and to them have been born a son, Edgar Zietler (now deceased), and twin daughters—Ellen and Sarah. Our subject and his wife are both connected with the Presbyterian Church, and, socially, the husband is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past grand, and has also filled many offices in the Encampment. He belongs to the Senior Order United American Mechanics, and, politically, is an ardent Republican.

WILLIAM E. SIMPSON. Among the native sons of Jefferson county, none are more worthy of representation in this volume than Mr. Simpson, whose identification with its interests has been of great benefit to the community along all the lines that tend to its best development. He now resides in Perry township, but was born in Young township in 1839, a son of John H. and Elizabeth (Lewis) Simpson. His father was born in Virginia, and in early manhood came to Pennsylvania, locating in Somerset county, whence he subsequently removed to Jefferson county. In early life he learned the shoemaker’s trade, which he followed for some years and then turned his attention to farming and lumbering, being connected with those business interests up to the time of his death in 1881. He held a number of township offices, and was a quiet, but valued member of the community. His estimable wife, who was of Welsh descent, passed away in 1887.

William E. Simpson, of this review, acquired his elementary education in the district schools near his home, and afterward spent a few terms in study in the County Academy. He was reared to farming, but early in life began school teaching, and followed that pursuit for eighteen or twenty terms, being recognized as one of the successful educators of the county. During the summer months he worked at farming, and is now successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits. He owns two hundred acres of good land, which is under a high state of cultivation, yielding to the owner a golden tribute in return for the care and labor he bestows upon it. His residence is neat and commodious, and upon the place are found all the improvements of the model farm.

In 1861 Mr. Simpson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Means, a daughter of Edward Means, of Jefferson county. They had four children: James, a successful lumber merchant of Galesburg, Ill.; Etta, wife of George Farrand, of Peoria, Ill.; Wade, who is engaged in the lumber business in Galesburg; and Frank, at home with his father. The mother died December 25, 1873, and Mr. Simpson was again married, in August, 1875, his second union being with Anna M. North, daughter of John North, one of the pioneer citizens of Jefferson county. They have six children: Blanche, Burtt, Blaine, Katharine, Vere and Ray. This is an interesting family, and the pleasant home of the Simpsons is noted for its hospitality. The parents are members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Simpson is a stanch Republican, but has never been an aspirant for political honors, although he has held some local offices, to which he was called by his fellow townsmen, who recognize his worth and ability. He has been school director twenty years, and has held all of the township offices. He is a man of honorable purpose and sterling worth, and all who know him entertain for him the highest regard.

WILLIAM MOORE, one of the most enterprising and energetic farmers and business men of Union township, Jefferson county, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Clarion county, January 22, 1839, a son of John C. and Nancy (Dunn) Moore, from the Green Isle of Erin.

At an early day William Moore, the paternal grandfather, emigrated to the New World, bringing with him his family, and located in Limestone township, Clarion county, where he developed a farm from a heavily timbered tract. After losing his wife he sold the place and removed to Indiana, where he was again married, but later returned to Pennsylvania, spending the last five years of his life in Clarion county. By occupation he was always a farmer. His six children were all born in Ireland, and, with the exception of the father of our subject, are all now deceased. They are as follows: Nathan; Jean, wife of W. McMillen; John C.; Elizabeth, wife of J. Simpson; James; and Nancy, wife of R. McMillen. John C. Moore accompanied his parents to America, where he grew to manhood and married. He became one of the successful farmers of Clarion county, was prominently identified with the moral and physical development of this section of the country, and was always found on the right side of any question that arose in the community. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and reared their family in that faith, the children all becoming honored and useful members of society. Now at the ripe old age of eighty-six years, he finds a pleasant home with our subject,
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and is enjoying the fruits of an honorable and well-spent life. The following children blessed his marriage: Mrs. Mary J. Summerville; Mrs. Martha Simpson; William; John T., a lumberman and farmer by occupation; Mrs. Elizabeth Carrick; Harvey, a farmer; Mrs. Margaret Myers; Mrs. Sadie Spear; and Rebecca, who died when young.

William Moore, of this review, acquired his education in the local schools, and until twenty-five years of age remained under the parental roof, following the occupations of lumbering and farming. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Miss Lavina Simpson, who was born in Clover township, Jefferson county, in 1842, and belongs to an honored pioneer family. Her parents, William and Lilla A. (Scott) Simpson, were born, reared and married on the Emerald Isle, but at an early age came to Jefferson county, Penn., where they reared their family, and where the father improved a large farm in the midst of the forest. Subsequently he sold the place to Isaac and William Lucas, but reserved the right to remain there as long as he lived. His wife died some time previous to his death. They were members of the Presbyterian Church of Corsica, and the parents of nine children: Jane, wife of F. Hull; Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas; Mary, wife of W. Smith; Mrs. Sarah Kelso; Mrs. Margaret Fitzsimmons; Martha, Mrs. McGiven; Martha, wife of D. White; Lavina, wife of our subject; and John, who died at the age of thirty years.

After his marriage Mr. Moore located upon a tract of land in Union township, Jefferson county, which he owned, making it his home for two years, but in 1866 he and his brother bought his present fine farm, of which he became sole owner two years later. Few improvements had been made on locating there, but now 100 acres have been cleared and placed under the plow, and neat and substantial building add to its attractive appearance. In addition to this property he is also a stockholder in the Brookville Milling Company, and is recognized as one of the most progressive and reliable business men of his community. Seven children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, namely: John J. S., at home; William H., a merchant of Reynoldsville, Penn., married Miss A. Maude Moore, daughter of H. R. Moore, of Clarion county, and they have one son, Charles Byron, born May 14, 1897: James W., a farmer; Eva, who died in youth; Ella and Elmer B., at home, and Sara, who is still attending school. The family is one of prominence in social circles, and the parents are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Moore has served as elder for many years. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and as a public-spirited citizen he has done much to promote the interests of his community and advance the general welfare.

J. CURTIN NORTH. On the top of one of the spurrs of the Alleghany Mountains, nineteen hundred feet above the level of the sea, there stands one of the pleasantest homes in Jefferson county, the old North homestead in McCalmon township. The handsome two-story brick house and the wide-spreading fields under perfect cultivation, bespeak thrift, and comfort, and give also an indication of the refined tastes of the progressive and intelligent owners of the estate.

The North family traces its descent from John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, natives of Ireland, who came to the United States in 1810, and, after residing for some years in Philadelphia, removed in 1818 to Indiana county, where they made their permanent home upon a farm now occupied by their son, William P. North. They reared a large family, and their descendants in this section are now very numerous. Deborah, the eldest child, married Joseph Pogue, and died in Philadelphia; Margaret married John H. Henderson, and died in Johnstown, Penn.; Joseph P. died in McCalmon township; Elizabeth married James Means, and both died at Whitesville, Penn.; Daniel is mentioned more fully farther on; Thomas P. is a retired agriculturist of Young township, Jefferson county, and William P. resides at the old farm in Indiana county.

The late Daniel North, who was born July 11, 1827, in North Mahoning township, Indiana county, became wealthy through extensive operations in farming and lumbering, owning about 600 acres of land at the time of his death. He purchased the present homestead, and, in 1861, built the elegant residence now occupied by the family. Generosity is a characteristic trait of the North family, and he possessed it in the highest degree, helping in every worthy cause. He assisted in building all of the churches in his community, and was a generous supporter of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he served for many years as trustee and elder. He died July 22, 1891, aged seventy years, eleven months and eleven days, and was buried in the cemetery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church about a hundred yards from his home. The churchyard, which comprises one acre, was sold by him to the society for the nominal consideration of one dollar. A host of friends mourned
the loss of this honorable, kindly citizen, whose
good name is a priceless heritage to his descend-
ants. On October 5, 1847, he was married in
McCalmont township, by Rev. C. C. Moore, a
minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church,
to Miss Catherine Bell, who survives him, and
resides at the homestead with their son, J. Curtin.
A large family of children blessed this union,
namely: James B., born August 11, 1849, is a
farmer and lumberman in McCalmont township;
Mary E., February 7, 1851, married the late W.
C. Smith, and now resides in Punxsutawney;
John S., September 1, 1852, is a farmer in Mc-
Calmont township; Anna R., born July 12, 1854,
died August 28, 1858; Emma H., born March
27, 1856, married W. R. Johnson, a farmer in
Armstrong county; William H., born October
23, 1857, died October 20, 1861; Martha J.,
born October 19, 1859, married A. J. McCreight,
of Punxsutawney; Joanna R., born March 26,
1861, is the wife of Dr. James B. Neale, of Re-
ynoldsville, Penn.; J. Curtin, the subject proper
of this sketch, is mentioned at more length farther
on; Maggie L., born July 12, 1865, married John
B. Nichols, of Eleanor, chief clerk of the Mahon-
ing Supply Co., Penn.; Minnie C., born Sep-
tember 14, 1869, married W. S. Calderwood,
assistant cashier of the First National Bank at
Kane, Penn.; Daniel O., born March 8, 1872,
is the bookkeeper for the Mahoning Supply Co.,
at Eleanor.

Mrs. Catherine North is a lady of more than
ordinary ability, and her kindliness of heart is
well-known throughout a wide circle of acquaint-
ances. She was born November 7, 1828, and
is therefore nearing three-score years and ten,
but so amply is she endowed with physical and
mental vigor that her family and friends can
hope for many years more of her helpful and in-
spiring companionship. Her husband left the
homestead to her for her lifetime, and she has the
satisfaction of seeing all her children well-settled
and prosperous. Her ancestors on the paternal
side were early settlers in this State. Robert Bell,
his great-grandfather, of Ireland, having located
in the wilderness in Rain township, Indiana coun-
ty. John and Elizabeth Bell, her grandparents,
natives of Ireland, settled upon a farm in Perry
township, Jefferson county, where they spent
their remaining years. James W. Bell, her
father, who was born in Jefferson county, mar-
rried Miss Hannah Gordon, daughter of Alexan-
der and Catherine (Pounds) Gordon, who came
from Ireland and were pioneer settlers in the
vicinity of Smicksburg, Indiana county. For
some years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs.
Bell remained in Indiana county, but in the
spring of 1833 they removed to McCalmont town-
ship, Jefferson county, and cleared a farm in the
woods, living meantime in primitive style. Their
nearest neighbors, Alexander Gordon and
Reuben Hitchcock, lived two miles from them.
Mr. Bell, in later years, was a Republican in
politics, and he and his wife were consistent
members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
She died in August, 1871, aged seventy-four
years, and he did not long survive her, passing
away January 7, 1872, at the age of seventy-
seven, their remains being laid to their final rest
in Olive Cemetery, Oliver township, Jefferson
county. Their children were: Robert, now a
retired lumberman at Du Bois; Eliza, wife of S.
L. Swisher, a carpenter at Boot Jack, Jefferson
county; Catherine, Mrs. North; James W., who
occupies the Bell homestead; Mary, wife of Alex-
ander Hughes, a retired carpenter at Punxsu-
tawney; Margaret, wife of Job Brown, a retired
farmer living at Cowode, Penn.; Joseph F., a
carpenter at Chester City, Penn.; John, a farmer
in Indiana county; and William J., who died at
the age of twenty-four.

With this review of the ancestry of J. Cur-
tin North, we may now point out the main facts
in his own life. He was born April 11, 1863,
on the North homestead, and has always lived
there with the exception of three months spent
in Nebraska, where he was employed in a nurs-
ery. The estate contains 1994 acres of excel-
 lent land, and his management has won him a
high reputation as an able agriculturist. The
coal deposits underlying the farm were sold in
1884 for $62.50 per acre. Few men of his age
are as prominent and influential in local affairs
as Mr. North, who is constantly in office, and at
present discharges the duties of three positions,
being in his seventh year as overseer of the
poor, in the ninth as township treasurer, and the
fifth as township collector. He is a stanch Re-
publican, as was his father before him. Socially
his popularity is no less marked than in political
life, and he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the
Junior Mechanics, and the Benevolent Order of
Elks, all of Punxsutawney.

Hon. W. O. Smith. In the stirring times
before the Revolution, Patrick Henry, in an
address before the Colonial Congress, said
"The battle is not to the strong alone, it is to
the vigilant, the active, the brave." Thus it is
in life's battle. The man who wins—who comes
off conqueror in the strife—is he who is "vigil-
ant"—watchful of opportunities and advantages
—"active"—quick to grasp such opportunities.
and, energetically, use them—and “brave” in
daring to carry out his honest convictions in his
business methods, adhering to a straightforward,
honorable course. At the end victory is emblaz-
oned on his banner, and he commands the respect
and admiration of all. To this honorable class
of citizens belongs Mr. Smith, of Punxsutawney,
who from an humble position in life has bravely
worked his way upward until he has become one
of the most influential and distinguished men of
Jefferson county.

He was born June 13, 1839, in Reynolds ville,
Penn., a son of John S. and Susan Smith. Valen-
tine Smith, his paternal grandfather, was one of
the earliest settlers of Jefferson county. From Ver-
mont he had removed to New York, where John
S. Smith was born, but soon afterward came to
Pennsylvania. In Jefferson county, the father
of our subject was reared to manhood, and in
early life learned the shoemaker's trade, but has
principally engaged in surveying, though he also
taught school for a time. He is still living, as
is also his wife, who was born in Indiana county,
Penn. They enjoy the respect and esteem of all
who know them.

Our subject attended the district schools of
Jefferson county, but when quite young he left the
school room to enter a printing office, where he
learned the printer's trade. While thus em-
ployed he purchased a lot of books, among
which were Greek and Latin text books, and
made it a rule to study evenings from seven until
twelve. This he continued for three years, and
consequently, by his own efforts, he has obtained
an excellent education. In 1879, he went to
Washington, D. C., where for about six years
he was employed in the government printing
office. During this time the printers established the
Craftsman, the organ of the Typographical
National Union, and our subject was elected as-
sociate editor, which position he acceptably
filled for two years.

In 1884, he came to Punxsutawney, where he
established the Punxsutawney Tribune, which
one year and a half later was consolidated with
the Spirit, and is now conducted by him under
the latter name. He removed, in 1892, to
Bradford, Penn., and edited the Bradford Era
for about a year, when he returned to Punxsu-
tawney, and purchased a half interest in the
Spirit. Under his able management this paper
has become one of the leading Republican
papers of Jefferson county, and enjoys the larg-
est circulation. Mr. Smith has ever taken an
active and prominent part in public affairs, is a
stanch supporter of the Republican party, and on
that ticket, in 1889, was elected to the Legisla-
ture from Jefferson county. At each succeeding
election he has been the successful candidate, and
is one of the leading and influential members of
the House, ably representing his district in that
August assembly.

In 1886, Mr. Smith was united in marriage
with Miss Phoebe Griggs, then of Washington,
D. C., and a daughter of Algerdon S. Griggs,
quite a prominent politician of Morgan county,
Ind., who served in the State Legislature and as
a judge. Four children grace this union, namely:
Mr. and Mrs. Smith are widely and favorably
known and hold a high position in social circles.
Fraternally, Mr. Smith is a Master Mason.

GEORGE S. WEAVER, a well-known citizen
of Bell township, Jefferson county, is the
owner of ninety acres of fine arable land, which
he has brought to a high state of culture, and
upon which he has put some very handsome and
substantial improvements. The neatness and or-
derly appearance of the property manifests to the
most casual observer the thrift and care of the
proprietor, and shows conclusively that he un-
derstands his business thoroughly. Besides gen-
eral farming he is also interested in lumbering,
owning and operating a sawmill, where in 1896
he cut from 200,000 to 300,000 feet of lumber.
In addition to the ninety acres of farm land he
owns seventy acres of timber land which is cov-
ered with pine hemlock, and hard wood. The
surface of this land is well adapted for farming.

Mr. Weaver was born in the township where
he still resides, in 1839, and is a son of George
and Elanora (Schoch) Weaver, who were born,
reared and married in Germany, and remained
residents of the Fatherland until after the birth
of their second child. On crossing the Atlantic
to America they located in Jefferson county,
where the father followed the occupations of
farming and lumbering until three years prior to
his death, when he retired from active business
life. Removing to Clearfield county, Penn., he
there spent his remaining days, dying on the 25th
of February, 1875. After surviving him for about
ten years, his wife died in 1885.

The common schools afforded our subject his
educational privileges, and his business training
was upon the home farm. On the 12th of June,
1866, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Cath-
erine Snyder, a daughter of John A. Snyder, of
Indiana county, Penn., and six children bless
their union: Harry W.; Clara, now the wife of
George W. Weiss; Ella, the wife of J. W. Mar-
shall, of Du Bois, Penn.; and Anna, Amos O.,
and Cora, at home. The parents and children all hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and are widely and favorably known throughout the community. Mr. Weaver gives his unwavering support to the Democracy, and while not an official aspirant, he has served in all the local positions, including those of supervisor, tax collector, school director, auditor and jury commissioner. From 1880 until 1890, he was also justice of the peace, and he discharges every duty which devolves upon him, whether public or private, with the utmost fidelity and promptness. He occupies a high place in the estimation of the people of the township, and is well worthy of their high regard.

M T. BAKER, a successful miller, and one of the most energetic and enterprising business men of Corsica, was born July 1, 1864, in Clarion county, Penn., and is a worthy representative of an honored and highly respected family of this section of the State.

His grandparents, Hugh and Jane (Mullen) Baker, were of Irish lineage and natives of Nittany Valley, Centre Co., Penn. The former, also a miller, followed that occupation in Clearfield county and other places in central Pennsylvania, and died at Jones Mill, Clarion county, in 1877. His wife is still living, and resides at Corsica, at the ripe old age of ninety-three years.

John Baker, the father of our subject, spent the greater portion of his boyhood in Mercer county, and with his father learned the miller's trade. Responding to his country's call for troops during the Civil war, he enlisted in 1861, at New Bethlehem, in the 11th P. V. I., and during his long and faithful service of four years, he was for a time incarcerated in the loathsome Libby prison, and was four times wounded, being injured in both arms, also in one leg, which he carried nearly losing, and he still carries the ball he received in his hip at the battle of Gettysburg. When hostilities had ceased he returned home, and after recuperating for some time, he resumed milling, which he continued to follow until the disease known as miller's phthisis forced his retirement in 1890. Removing to Pittsburg in 1895, he has since been in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. In early manhood John Baker married Catharine Shick, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Christian and Christina Shick, who were of German descent and pioneers of Clarion county, but are now residents of Michigan, where the former follows farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Baker were born ten children, as follows: Edward, who is engaged in the sawmill business; H. T., of this sketch; James, who died at the age of fifteen; Jennie, wife of Harry Walters; Arch, a resident of Bolivia, N. Y.; Win, a farmer by occupation; Laura, wife of J. C. Moore; Frank, a tinner, of Corsica; and Cora and Frances, both at home. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian Church.

The common schools furnished our subject his educational privileges, and by assisting his father about the mill he received a good business training, which he has since successfully put to the test. At the age of eighteen he took charge of an old-style burr mill, and as a miller entered the employ of Mr. Jones, of Corsica, in 1888, assisting in the construction of the plant and the placing of the machinery. After three months spent under the direction of a man employed in the mill, he took entire charge, and has since successfully conducted it. The building is four stories in height and equipped with the latest improved machinery, and under his able management the mill has become one of the best paying industries in Corsica. Mr. Baker assisted his brother in establishing a tin shop in the same place, but at present is not interested in the business. He is a firm Republican in his political views, and as an influential citizen takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs. In September, 1888, he was married to Miss Bertha J. Orr, who was born in Union township, Jefferson county, April 11, 1871, and is a lady of culture and refinement. They are members of the Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of a son, Harry J., born November 2, 1896, died May 23, 1897.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Baker were natives of Ireland, and in 1837 crossed the Atlantic, landing at Philadelphia, where the same year was born Joseph D. Orr, her father. Coming to Jefferson county in 1839, he was reared here. At the age of nineteen he began lumbering, and for many years he was successfully connected with that business, at one time owning an interest in a sawmill, which afterward was burned. He died March 27, 1894, leaving a host of warm friends as well as wife and family to mourn his death. From the age of nineteen he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife (who in her maidenhood was Mary J. Gaston) also belongs. She has spent her entire life in Jefferson county, and is now residing in Corsica at the age of fifty-eight years. Her children were: William R., who died at the age of eight years; Lizzie M., wife of A. J. Elder; Ferdinand W., who died at the age of six years; Matilda M., deceased at the age of nine months; Bertha J. (Mrs. H. T.
Baker); Elva S., who died at the age of five months; Maggie J., deceased at the age of twenty-years; and Nannie O., at home.

FREDERICK CARL BONNETT is engaged in general merchandising at Sykesville, and is one of the leading representatives of commercial interests in that place.

Born August 24, 1864, in Henderson township, Jefferson county, Mr. Bonnett is a son of John F. and Caroline (Priester) Bonnett, natives of Germany. His father was born April 28, 1833, in Charlottenburg, Prussia, a son of H. C. and Maria (Elizabeth) Bonnett. His ancestors were from France, and at the time of the persecution of the Protestants by Catherine de Medici, they fled to Germany, where Queen Charlotte, who was of their faith, gladly received them and gave them land on which to make a new home. They afterward went back to France in order to try to recover their possessions left in that country, but were unsuccessful in this, and the family lived peacefully in Germany until 1849. The father of our subject, until eight years of age, attended school for half of each day and worked in a mine the remainder of the time. He was employed in a silver mine for about one year, and then, with an older brother, who was married, started for America. They embarked on a sailing vessel, March 5, 1849, and reached New York after a voyage of fifty-one days, April 28, 1849, which was the sixteenth anniversary of Mr. Bonnett's birth. He went by boat to Albany, thence by rail to Erie, Penn., by canal to Beaver, then on to Pittsburg, and up the Allegheny river to the mouth of Red Bank creek. This circuitous route consumed almost as much time as the ocean voyage. Mr. Bonnett secured employment in the Pike Furnace Iron Works, where he was employed for nearly eleven years. He then went to Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, and purchased eighty acres of wild land in Henderson township, which he cleared and improved with the aid of his children. His wife was born in Germany, and their children were: Louis L., who died at the age of nineteen; Frederick C.; Bertha M., wife of Daniel Wise, proprietor of a hotel in Sykesville; Charles A. and Jacob J., who are farmers of Jefferson county; Caroline, who is keeping house for her two brothers; Henry A., at home; and Mary S., wife of A. D. Lydick, a merchant of Mahaffey, Penn., and two others, deceased.

Frederick Carl Bonnett, whose name opens this article, resided with his parents until twenty years of age, during which time he worked for his father, and for others in the neighborhood. He also attended the public schools, and pursued a course in the commercial college of Mahaffey in 1890. On leaving home he was employed on a drilling machine, hauling and peeling logs, etc. On attaining his majority he went to Kansas, but after a year spent in the West returned home, and conducted a store for his brother-in-law, A. D. Lydick, in Clearfield county, for a year and a half. He was afterward in the employ of J. H. Ake, of Sykesville, for two and a half years, when he returned home, and in the following autumn entered school in Mahaffey. For two and a half years he was employed as a salesman in a store at that place, and on the expiration of that period he came to Sykesville, where he has since engaged in business on his own account. He carries a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, and his enterprise, careful management and excellent business ability are bringing to him success. He is progressive in his methods, honorable in his dealings, and has won the public confidence, and therefore the public support.

Our subject is a popular member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity of Sykesville, and of the Odd Fellows Lodge in Mahaffey. He also belongs to the Reformed Church, and in his political belief is a Democrat. He is an intelligent, broad-minded man, possessed of considerable poetic talent, and has written many able articles for a number of the leading journals throughout the United States. In 1892 he was married to Laura I. Dickey, of Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., a respectable young lady, and an active member of the Reformed Church, to whose active work Mr. Bonnett owes much of his success in the mercantile business. Three children have been born to them, namely: Rachel C. C., born July 7, 1893; Ruth V., born May 9, 1895; and John F., born July 2, 1897.

GEORGE ELLIS NULL, engineer at the Soldier Run coal mine, ranks among the self-made men of Sykesville, whose success in life is due to his sound judgment, intelligence and persistent labor. A native of Jefferson county, he was born in Henderson township, October 20, 1855, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Hall) Null, natives of Lebanon and Centre counties, Penn., respectively. The father, now a retired farmer, still resides on the old homestead in Henderson township, where the mother died September 26, 1889, at the age of fifty-six years, her remains being interred in the Sykesville cemetery. She was a daughter of
John Hall. The father was born in October, 1835, a son of Nancy and George Null, of Lebanon county. In religious belief he is a Baptist, and politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

Our subject is the fourth in order of birth in the family of six children, the others being as follows: John, a miner, residing in Sykesville; James, a teamster, of Lindsey, Penn.; Lodie A. (deceased); Milton and William, who are both engineers of mining machines at Sykesville. George Ellis Null remained under the parental roof until the death of his mother, and assisted in the work of the farm until he had attained his majority, when he began lumbering in the woods, an occupation which he followed until he reached the age of twenty-five. For the following three years he engaged in contracting and jobbing on his own account, but since that time has had charge of the mining machinery at the Soldier Run coal mines in Winslow township, Jefferson county.

In the meantime, however, he was for six months engaged in merchandising in Sykesville, in 1890 becoming associated with Seth McNinch in business, but at the end of that time he sold his interest.

On September 30, 1869, Mr. Null was united in marriage with Miss Truzy M. Rupert, who was born in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Penn., September 18, 1876, a daughter of Edward and Henrietta F. (Shellhammer) Rupert, also natives of Armstrong county, where their marriage was celebrated. The father was born July 30, 1847, a son of Adam and Louisa (King) Rupert, who spent their entire lives in Armstrong county. Adam Rupert, who was the oldest thrasher in his community, died at the age of seventy-six, and his parents, George and Elizabeth (Smith) Rupert, also passed away in Armstrong county. The mother of Mrs. Null, whose birth occurred April 21, 1859, is a daughter of Daniel and Betsy (Small) Shellhammer, farming people of Armstrong county, where her father still resides, but her mother died in that county in 1862, aged fifty-three years. In 1884 Edward Rupert and wife left the county of their nativity, coming to Sykesville, Jefferson county, where he is engaged in weaving, but is by trade a tiler. They are the parents of seven children: Truzy M., the wife of our subject; Charlotte S., who died at the age of three years and a half; Lona W., who died at the age of a year and a half; and Judson N., Newton, Esco and Edward B., who are still at home.

Socially, Mr. Null affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and Patriotic Order Sons of America, belonging to both lodges in Sykesville, and is also a member of the Baptist Church of that place. His political support is given the principles of the Republican party. By his energetic and capable management of his business affairs he has met with good success, which is certainly well deserved as he started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, and has persistently worked his way upward.

E. Clarke Hall. This skillful artist, who occupies a leading place among the photographers of Jefferson county, and who holds a high rank among the prominent and influential citizens of Brookville, is justly entitled to worthy mention in this volume. He was born in that city on the 12th of June, 1844, and is a son of Enoch and Martha A. (Clarke) Hall.

The father was a native of Clinton county, Penn., but when a young man came to Jefferson county, where during his early life he followed the trade of a cabinet maker. He then engaged in mercantile pursuits on his own account, and subsequently owned and operated a planing-mill, following that occupation until old age caused his retirement. He died May 30, 1894, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. His estimable wife is still living at the age of seventy-eight, now making her home in San Diego, Cal. For many years they were numbered among the valued and highly-respected citizens of Brookville.

E. Clarke Hall obtained his elementary education in the common schools of Brookville, and subsequently attended the Meadville High School, in Crawford county, Penn. At the age of fourteen he entered upon an apprenticeship to a druggist, where he remained for three and a half years, and in 1862 entered the studio of J. D. Drinn, of Meadville, to learn photographing. After six months spent with that gentleman he returned to Brookville, where he opened a gallery and engaged in business on his own account, successfully conducting the same until 1866, with the exception of thirty days, when he was a member of Company B, 157th P. V. I., and participated in the Morgan raid. On leaving the service, Mr. Hall resumed business at Brookville, but owing to failing health he went to Philadelphia in June, 1866, where he engaged in the wholesale drug business for two years, and for the same length of time was in the wholesale hardware business in the Quaker City. In September, 1870, he returned to Brookville, where he again established a studio, and has since done a profitable business. His work is well known throughout this section of the State, wherein he has established an enviable reputation for satisfactory and
E. Clarke Hall
artistic work. At this writing he has just finished a contract for three hundred dozen cabinets, also sixty-seven 16 x 20 inch pictures for the class of 1896 of the Pennsylvania State Normal at Clarion, and twenty-three, 14 x 17 inches, of the Faculty.

On July 17, 1870, Mr. Hall married Miss Ella M. Myers, of River Falls, Penn., who died in March, 1882, and on the 17th of June, 1885, Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Clara Pearsall, a daughter of George A. Pearsall. Two children were born to them, a son and a daughter, but both are now deceased. The parents are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and socially Mr. Hall is connected with Hohah Lodge No. 276, F. & A. M.; Jefferson Chapter No. 225, R. A. M.; and Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, K. T. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, and to the Heppasaph insurance order. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, takes a deep interest in the success of his party, and has served as president of different political orders, being at the present time president of the Lincoln Club, of Brookville.

JAMES STOCKDILL. Prominent among the successful and energetic agriculturists of Porter township, Jefferson county, may be numbered the subject of this historical notice, who, by his enterprise and perseverance in the direction of his chosen industry, has given to his work a significance and beauty of which few deem it capable.

Thomas Stockdill, the father of our subject, was born in Ireland in 1814, and at an early day came to America with his parents, George and Margaret Stockdill, who located in Armstrong county, Penn., purchasing a farm on which they made their home until called to their final rest. In their family were nine children: James; Margaret, wife of Joshua Foster, of Armstrong county; Mary, wife of George Ready; William, who married a Miss Beck, and lives in Armstrong county; Joseph, who married Catherine Foster, and lives in the same county; Thomas, father of our subject; George, who married a Miss Foster of Armstrong county; Mrs. Lizzie Zimmerman; and Rebecca, wife of John Foster, of Armstrong county.

Thomas Stockdill grew to manhood upon the old homestead in Armstrong county, and then came to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he bought 180 acres of timber land, from which he developed a fine farm. The first buildings he erected were a hewed-log house and round-log barn. In 1838 he married Miss Eleanor Scott, of Armstrong county, a daughter of James and Fanny Scott, well-to-do agriculturists. He brought his bride to his new home in Porter township, where she shared with him all the hardships and trials incident to pioneer life. Upon that place both died, the father in 1832, and the mother in 1865. This worthy couple had a family of six children, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Margaret E., born in July, 1841, died at the age of sixteen years. (3) Rebecca J., born in July, 1843, received a good common-school education, and married Henry Coleman, of Indiana county, Penn. They now reside near Dayton, in Armstrong county. Their children are—Charlotte V., who is engaged in teaching in the public schools; Harry; Frank; Mary; and Grover C., who died in childhood. (4) M. Francis, born in August, 1845, resides with her brother on the old homestead. (5) Wesley, born in 1847, was educated in the common schools, and now lives in Warren, Penn. (6) Martha, born in 1852, died in infancy.

James Stockdill, of this review, was born April 22, 1839, on the old homestead where he still continues to reside, and pursued his studies in the public schools of the neighborhood. In November, 1866, he was married to Miss Jennie Travis, of Porter township, Jefferson county, a daughter of George and Martha Travis, prosperous farming people. The father was also one of the oldest teachers of his day in Jefferson county. In 1870 Mr. Stockdill built a large two-story house upon his place, but seven years later it was destroyed by fire, together with much of its contents. The following year, however, he erected his present fine residence, which is supplied with all modern improvements, making it one of the best country homes in the locality. He built a good barn in 1871, has cleared over sixty acres of his land, and made many other excellent improvements. Ten children blessed the union of this couple as follows: (1) Martha E., born in 1867, upon the old homestead, was educated in the public schools, and in 1885 gave her hand in marriage to William J. Domb, of Indiana county, where they now reside on the old Domb homestead. They have four children—Zilda V., Edna J., Elmer D. and Marion. (2) Thomas J., born in January, 1870, began his education in the common schools, but later attended the Bellview Academy, and the Dayton Academy of Armstrong county, Penn. After teaching for two terms in the public schools, he was in the employ of Kilburn, in New Hampshire for two years, and then entered the Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., gradu-
ating there in 1893. The following year he married Nana McFarland, of Alliance, Ohio, and they now live in DuBois, Penn., where he is engaged in general merchandising. They had one son, John, who died in 1895. (3) M. Virginia, born in 1872, pursued her studies in the common schools, Bellview and Dayton Academies, the Mt. Union College of Ohio, and is now attending the Clarion Normal of Pennsylvania. She has successfully followed the teacher's profession for about six years, and resides at home. (4) George A., born in 1874, attended the common schools near his home, and was later a student in select schools at Smicksburg and Whitesville, Penn. He taught for one term in Indiana county, was also in the employ of Kilburn, canvassing in Lowell and other eastern cities, but is now a partner of Thomas J., in the store at DuBois.

(5) Gertrude M., born in April, 1877, is clerking for her brothers in DuBois. (6) Elsie and (7) Jessie (twins) were born in 1880, and the former is now studying music in DuBois, while the latter is at home. (8) Robert C., born in August, 1882, (9) Frank F., born in May, 1885, and (10) Harry C., born in May, 1888, are all at home.

Our subject is descended from good old pioneer stock, his ancestors having come to the county during its early settlement. They were intelligent, enterprising and energetic people, who left their impress upon the moral and religious development of the community, and also bore an important part in the development and prosperity of this section of the State. Like these grand people, our subject has ever taken an active interest in Church work, and with his family holds membership in the Zion Methodist Episcopal Church. He has done much to advance the moral, educational and material welfare of his township, and is always numbered among its valued citizens. His father was an Old-line Whig and he is a stanch Republican, on which ticket he has been elected to the office of school director, supervisor and overseer of the poor of Porter township.

WILLIAM J. SMITH, a wealthy lumberman and farmer of Perry township, Jefferson county, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, whose devotion to his country was tested not only by service on the field of battle but in the still more deadly dangers of Southern prison dens.

This gallant soldier, a son of Jacob and Catharine (Boas) Smith, honored pioneers of the county, was born in May, 1840. The father was a native of Germany, and as a young man came to this country. After his marriage, which was celebrated in New Orleans, La., he came to Jefferson county, and subsequently his father and mother, William and Margaret Smith, also crossed the Atlantic, spending their last days in Young township, Jefferson county. In 1835 Jacob Smith purchased 112 acres of wild land, on which he erected a log house, and at once commenced to clear and improve his land. Later he bought 230 acres, and extensively engaged in lumbering for a great many years. His death resulted from a fall, in 1877, and his wife, who long survived him, passed away in 1895, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. To this worthy couple were born ten children, as follows: (1) Jacob, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, died in Jefferson county, Penn., at the age of eighteen years. (2) Katie, born on the old homestead in Jefferson county, is the wife of Adam Weber, a native of Germany, and resides in Pittsburg. They have five children. (3) Christopher, born in Young township, Jefferson county, married a Mrs. Smith, and removed to Pittsburg, where he died some years ago. His wife died later, leaving three children who reside in Indiana county, Penn., namely—William G., Lydia and Jacob. (4) Louisa is the wife of Taladin Hoeh, a farmer of Bell township, Jefferson county, and they have four children—William, Katie, Lizzie and Annie. (5) Philip, a farmer of Indiana county, married Bertha Elbel, of Jefferson county, and has six children—William H., Gustus, Charles, Emma, Jefferson and Amos. (6) George, a farmer of Young township, Jefferson county, married Minnie Smith, of Indiana county, and to them have been born the following children—Cassie, Olive, George, Philip, Edward, Annie, Thompson, Nelson, Aaron and Lyman (twins), William, Samuel, Effie, Minnie, Lizzie and Amie, all living except the last named. (7) Adam, residing on the old homestead, married Mary Kesler, of Jefferson county, who died in 1875, leaving three children—Sadie, Ephraim and Adam L. Later he married her sister, Sallie Kesler, by whom he had nine children—Irwin, Norman, Mary, Joseph, Lloyd, Fannie, Mattie, Clara and Harry. The last named is now deceased. (8) Samuel and (9) Mary are twins. The former, now a resident of Punxsutawney, married Mary Trusell, and has three children—Harry, Annie and Mintie. Mary became the wife of Christ Akerman, of Pittsburg, where her death occurred.

Our subject grew to manhood on the old homestead, learning the shoemaker's trade during his youth. Feeling his country needed his services during the Civil war, he enlisted in July,
1861, in Company I, 62d P. V. I., under Capt. Means, of Brookville, and was sworn into the State service at Pittsburg, and into the United States service at Washington, D. C., where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Poto-
mac under General McClellan. His first en-
gagement was at Hanover Court House, where both armies met with a heavy loss, and this en-
gagement was followed by the battles of Chan-
cellorsville, Gaines Mill, Malvern Hill, the seven-
days’ battle of the Wilderness, and Burnside’s campaign. At Chancellorsville the Rebels were repulsed and many prisoners were captured. Mr. Smith later took part in the battle of Fredericks-
burg, and was on duty until the battle of Gettys-
burg, where he was taken prisoner, and incarcerated in Libby at Richmond, Va., for some time, after which he was confined at Belle Isle for three months. He was then paroled and taken to the exchange camp at Annapolis, Md., where he re-
tained two months to recuperate his health. Rejoining his regiment near Petersburg, he was in that campaign of 1864, and was always found at his post of duty, and in the hottest of the fight, until honorably discharged at Pittsburg after three years and thirteen days of faithful and arduous service.

After his return home Mr. Smith, in Decem-
ber, 1864, was married to Miss Annie E. Engel-
bach, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Rev.
John F. and Margaret Engelbach. Her father was a native of Germany, and after coming to this country labored in the ministry of the Re-
formed Church until called to the world beyond. Mr. Smith began his domestic life upon a farm in Young township, Jefferson county, but at the end of three years sold out and purchased the George Reding farm. Later he bought the old homestead where he lived for five years, and then leased his coal and sold the farm to his brother Adam. He next purchased the Crawford Gour-
ley farm in Perry township, to which he removed in 1882, and has since made his home there. He has erected a large two-story frame house, sub-
stantial barns and outbuildings, and has made many useful improvements which add to its val-
uable and attractive appearance, making it one of the most desirable country places as well as one of the happiest homes in the township.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: George, born in July, 1865, died at the age of five years; Frank, born in Sep-
tember, 1867, died of scarlet fever in 1870; Em-
ma, born in April, 1870, died in August, 1877; Amanda, born in October, 1872, died in Septem-
ber, 1877; Laura, born in March, 1875, died in October, 1877; Clark M., born in February, 1878, pursued his studies in the public schools until 1894, then attended the Clarion Collegiate Insti-
tute at Rimersburg for two terms, and for the last three terms has been a student in the Indi-
a Normal. He is a very bright young man, and always stands at the head of his classes. Annie L., the youngest of the family, was born February 25, 1883, at the present home of the family, and attended the select schools at Spran-
kle Mills and at Worthville.

Our subject always gives his political support to the Democratic party, and has held the office of school director six years in Young township and four years in Perry township. Both he and his wife are prominent and active members of St. John’s Reformed Church in Perry township, and are people whose sterling worth and many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence and high regard of the entire com-

THOMAS B. ADAMS, one of the most prom-
inent and influential farmers of Porter town-
ship, has spent almost his entire life in Jefferson county, his birth occurring in 1840, in Porter township, where his parents, Richard and Mar-
tha (Kennedy) Adams, located at an early day.

Thomas Adams, Sr., the grandfather, was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., whence he removed to Indiana county, and in 1839 took up his residence in Porter township, Jefferson coun-
ty, where he purchased property from James Hamilton and developed a farm. He was twice married, having two children by his first wife, one, a daughter, Mary Ann, now the wife of Hugh McDivit, a farmer of Porter township. Their children are: Rebecca, wife of Charles Kelsey; Catharine, wife of Clark Walker, of Jef-
ferson county; Richard, who is married and lives in Indiana county; M. B., who is married and resides in Porter township; Mattie, wife of J. C. Mathews, of Armstrong county, Penn.; E. A.; and Thomas M., who is married and lives in Elk county, Penn. Thomas Adams, Sr., by a sec-
ond marriage, had other children, two of whom are now living, viz.: T. T. Adams, of Porter, Penn., and R. B. Adams, who lives in Minne-
sota; both are well-to-do farmers.

The father of our subject was born in 1819, in Indiana county, where he grew to manhood and was married in 1839. Soon afterward he came to Jefferson county, locating upon a part of his father’s first purchase in Porter township,
known to-day as the old Adams home. He transformed the wild land into a good farm, erected a hewed-log house and round-log barn, but in later years made more substantial and modern improvements. There he died in October, 1890, at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife passed away in July, 1893. They were widely known and highly respected.

Thomas B. Adams is the oldest in their family of twelve children, all born in Porter township. (2) E. C. is now Mrs. D. C. McGregor, who resides in Porter township, and has seven children. (3) E. A., a resident of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, married Emeline Skinner, and has seven children. (4) M. J. married R. C. Skinner, of Indiana county, where they reside with their seven children. (5) Rev. J. K. was educated in Allegheny county, Penn., and in 1873 was ordained a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being now located at Big Run. He married Sadie Hawtiorno, but has no children. (6) J. Q., a farmer of Porter township, wedded Mary E. Young, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and has two children. (7) Mary A. is the wife of William Chambers, of Indiana county, and the mother of seven children. (8) Lavina is now Mrs. William T. Miller, of Perry township, and has seven children. (9) Margaret is the wife of James D. Blose, of Perry township, and has seven children. (10) R. T. graduated, first at the Edinboro Normal School and afterward at Allegheny College, Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., where he received the degree of A. M. He is now principal of the high school at Waynesboro, Penn. He married Minnie Waldon, and has one daughter. (11) Minerva and (12) William are twins. The former is the wife of H. H. Miller, of Porter township, by whom she has five children. The latter married Florence Graffins, and lives in Punxsutawney; they have one child.

Upon the old homestead Thomas B. Adams grew to manhood, obtaining his education in the public schools of the locality. On attaining his majority, in 1861, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company B, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. Hillbury. He enlisted and was mustered in at Kittanning, Penn., whence he was ordered to Louisville, Ky., becoming a member of the Army of the Cumberland, under Generals Buell and Rosecrans. His first engagement was at Green River, and on August 9, 1862, one of his limbs was injured in a railroad accident. He was taken to a hospital at Nashville, Tenn., where he was subsequently discharged on account of physical disability. In December, 1862, he returned home, but the following June he re-enlisted in Company B, Second Battalion, under Capt. C. B. McLain. He was then with the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. Meade, for seven months, after which he was again discharged. While in Nebraska, in August, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, First Nebraska Regiment, and was sent to Fort Kearney to subdue the Indians, who were very troublesome along the border of Kansas and Nebraska, killing ranchmen and committing other depredations. In October, 1864, Mr. Adams participated in an engagement against the Indians at Smith's Ranch, in Nebraska, and the following month was again mustered out of service.

Mr. Adams spent the winter in Nebraska teaching school, and then went to Helena, Mont., on a prospecting trip, remaining there until October, 1866, when he proceeded to Salt Lake City. After a short time spent in that place he went to Los Angeles, Cal., next to San Francisco, and in 1867 returned to his Pennsylvania home by way of the Isthmus of Panama and New York. In that year he married Miss S. J. Howard, of Jefferson county, a daughter of William and Emily Howard, prosperous agriculturists of Porter township. They began their domestic life upon a part of his father's old homestead in Porter township, which Mr. Adams purchased, and followed farming in the summer and teaching school in the winter. In 1874 he removed to Brookville, where for three years he served as commissioners' clerk. On resigning he returned to Porter township and purchased the William Howard homestead, where he has since resided. He has become the owner of other valuable farming property, including the Van Horn place. He has met with fair success in his chosen calling, and is now accounted one of the most substantial and reliable business men of the community.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Adams have been born nine children: (1) Emma E., born in Porter township, in 1868, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of George A. Park, of Jefferson county, who operates a portion of her father's farm. They have five children—Thomas F., Charles, Ernest, Elva and Harry. (2) Cynthia E., born in January, 1870, is at home. (3) Mary C., born in December, 1871, is the wife of David Doak, of Porter township, by whom she has four children—Sadie A., Lizzie, Maggie, and William. (4) James W., born in October, 1873, is at home. (5) Charles H., born in January, 1876, in Brookville, is now attending the Dayton Academy. (6) Vinie M., born in October, 1877, (7) Maggie J., born in September, 1879. (8) Julia L., born August 12,
1883, and Belva M., born in August, 1890, are all at home.

Reared as an Old-line Whig, our subject became a Republican on the organization of that party, and has ever taken an active and prominent part in local politics. He has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust, being commissioners' clerk three years, auditor's clerk ten years, justice of the peace from 1883 up to the present time, and county auditor for a term of three years. He was elected to the last, in 1890, and is still creditably filling that office. He is a man of sterling worth, upright, honest and reliable, and as a neighbor and citizen none are held in higher regard or are more deserving the confidence of their fellowmen. In all the relations of life he has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and has capably discharged all official duties. He and his wife are conscientious and earnest members of Zion Methodist Episcopal Church; he has held the position of class-leader for twenty years, and those of recording steward and Sunday-school superintendent about half the time since 1877. He is at this date class-leader, Sunday-school superintendent, recording steward and trustee of said Church, and in social circles his family occupies a prominent place.

AMMON CLYMER JOHNS, a leading farmer and coal operator of Oliver township, Jefferson county, is a native of the county, born in Beaver township, February 25, 1866. His father, Joseph Johns, a retired farmer of Punxsutawney, was born about two miles from Lebanon, Penn., March 19, 1831, a son of Samuel and Magdalena (Neil) Johns, who were natives of Ireland and of Lebanon county, Penn., respectively.

The grandfather of our subject came to America with his parents in 1801, and for many years resided in Lebanon county. He served as a soldier in the Colonial army during the war of the Revolution. About 1821 he removed to Youngstown, Penn., and thence came to Jefferson county, locating in Clover township, where he followed farming for a number of years. He held a number of local offices, and was regarded as one of the leading citizens of the community. In politics he was a Republican, and in religious belief was a Lutheran. He died in May, 1880, at the age of eighty-three years, and was buried in St. John's Churchyard, in Rose township. His wife died in August, 1879, at the age of eighty-four. Their children were: Jacob, a retired farmer of Brookville, Penn.; Isaiah, a farmer and lumberman of Knox township, Jefferson county; Samuel and Cyrus, deceased; Lida, widow of Benjamin Thomas, of Beaver township, Jefferson county; Elizabeth, widow of Michael Brocious, of Beaver township; Isaac, a farmer of Ohio; Joseph, father of our subject; Mary, wife of Jacob Lehman, who is living on the old homestead in Jefferson county; Moses, a retired farmer of Brookville; Henry, an agriculturist living near Bellevue; Eli, a twin brother of Henry, and living in the same neighborhood; Lella, deceased wife of John Burns; and John, who follows farming near Bellevue, Jefferson county. Samuel Johns, the father of this family, was extensively engaged in farming, and at one time owned 700 acres of land in Jefferson county, valued at $50,000. When he was a lad his father offered him a deed to 100 acres of land, which is now comprised within the limits of Pittsburg, if he would move to that place with him, but not wishing to go among strangers, he declined the offer. His mother had died when he was seven years old, so that he was not reared with the family.

Joseph Johns, father of our subject, was reared on the family homestead, and when twenty-two years of age removed to Beaver township, where he remained until 1870. He then located in Oliver township, on the farm now occupied by our subject, and in 1875 opened a coal mine, which he continued to operate in connection with his agricultural pursuits until October, 1893, since which time he has lived a retired life in Punxsutawney. During the war he was drafted for service, but on examination at Waterford, Penn., was rejected. In politics he is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he contributes to its support. On March 24, 1853, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, he wedded Miss Mary A. Hoch, who was born in that township January 17, 1836, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Brocious) Hoch, who were natives of Schuykill county, Penn., and came to Jefferson county in 1853. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johns became the parents of the following named: Elmira L., wife of John B. Smith, a farmer of McCalmont township, Jefferson county; Reed B., a merchant of Panic, Penn.; John C., who married Anna Finch, and follows farming in Ohio; George F. M., of Punxsutawney, who married Maggie Hopkins, and is a brakeman on the railroad; Minerva A., widow of Dr. Curtin A. Thurs, and now general agent of a book firm; Ammon Clymer; Joseph P., who married Bertha Hoy, and is engaged in lumbering in Cortez, Penn.; Edith J., wife of Carl Jordan, a
farmer of Oliver township; Ina M., at home; Mary C. and Salina M., who died in childhood.

Reared to manhood on the family homestead, Ammon Clymer Johns, when a young man of nineteen, went to Huron county, Ohio, where he worked in a stone quarry and at farming for a year. He then returned home, and on attaining his majority removed to Cowlitz county, Wash., where he followed lumbering for two years. He afterward conducted the "Calamy Hotel," located on the Columbia river, in Cowlitz county, for a year, and subsequently followed surveying in California and Oregon. He afterward took up two claims, of 160 acres each, in Cowlitz county, but has now disposed of these. In November, 1891, he returned to Jefferson county, Penn., and purchased of his father his present homestead, comprising 117 acres of land, mostly under cultivation. In 1883 he opened a mine, which he is now successfully operating, his farm being underlaid with an excellent quality of coal. He has been offered $6,000 for his place, but refused to sell at that price. He is a very industrious, energetic man, and his industry, perseverance and good management have brought to him success. He was married October 3, 1889, at Vancouver, Wash., to Miss Frances Paul, who was born in Klinger, Northumberland Co., Penn., June 14, 1871, a daughter of Gabriel R. and Amelie (Weist) Paul, who were also natives of that county, whence they removed in April, 1878, to Cowlitz county, Wash. The father followed blacksmithing until 1891, but is now extensively engaged in farming. His political support is given the Republican party. He was born in April, 1832, his wife in February, 1855, and both are still living. The members of their family are: Frances P.; Jacob and Gabriel, both now deceased; Savilla, wife of George Gray, a merchant of Freeport, Wash.; and Timothy, deceased. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Johns was Jacob Paul, a native of Northumberland county, who followed farming and blacksmithing. He married a Miss Hanna, who was born in Germany. The maternal grandparents were John and Lucy (Bisch) Weise, of Northumberland county, where the former died and the latter is still living.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Clymer Johns have an interesting family of three children: Edna M., born August 6, 1890; Myrtle G., born November 26, 1892; and Bessie A., born January 1, 1894. The parents have a very pleasant home in Oliver township, and its hospitality is proverbial. Their friends throughout the community are many, and Mr. Johns is alike prominent in social and business circles. Obstacles have been laid in his path to success, but he has steadily worked his way upward, and is now one of the substantial citizens of the community.

Daniel Wise, of the firm of Wise Brothers, proprietors of "Hotel Sykes," in Sykesville, is a native of Jefferson county, his birth occurring in Henderson township, January 19, 1866. His parents, Adam and Mary (Conrath) Wise, were both born in Germany, whence the father came to the United States in 1837, with his parents, Adam and Barbara Wise, who located in Henderson township, Jefferson Co., Penn., and there spent their remaining days. Their remains are interred in Union cemetery, Clearfield county.

The parents of our subject are still residents of Henderson township, where the father is successfully engaged in farming. He was born in 1834, his wife in 1840. Both hold membership in the German Reformed Church, and in politics he is a stanch Democrat. Their children are: Louisa, now the wife of A. J. Haag, a school teacher of Clearfield county; Daniel, of this review; Henry, who is in partnership with our subject; Katie, twin sister of Henry, now residing in Clearfield, Penn.; Mary, who makes her home in Reynolds, Penn.; Louis, at home; Sallie, who is with our subject; and Elizabeth, Milton and Susannah, still at home.

Until he had attained his majority Daniel Wise remained under the parental roof, assisting in the work of the farm and pursuing his studies in the local schools. On leaving home he engaged in teaming for three years, and then embarked in merchandising, in connection with F. C. Bonnett, at Sykesville, but at the end of three years and a half sold his interest in the business. He and his brother, Henry C., have since conducted the "Hotel Sykes" with remarkable success, and under their able management it has become a great favorite with the traveling public. Our subject, since reaching the age of twenty-one, has also successfully engaged in dealing in horses, doing an extensive and profitable business along that line. In politics he favors no political party, preferring to use his right of franchise in support of the men whom he thinks best qualified to fill the offices. He is a self-made man, having made all he possesses by his own industry, diligence and economy, and is entitled to high praise for his commendable activity.

In Brookville, Jefferson county, June 2, 1892, Mr. Wise was married to Miss Bertha Bonnett, a native of Henderson township, and they now
James W. Wachob, a well-known lumberman and agriculturist of Henderson township, Jefferson county, has an honorable record as a citizen and business man, and also distinguished himself by his gallant service as a soldier during the Civil war. Enlisting as a private in 1861, at the age of twenty-one, he was made a corporal in 1863, a fourth sergeant in 1864, orderly sergeant in November, 1864, and was commissioned second lieutenant January 1, 1865, and first lieutenant June 3, 1865. Through all the years of the war he shrank from no duty or hardship, and except when in hospital because of wounds he missed none of the engagements of his regiment.

His family is of Scotch origin, James Wachob, his grandfather, having crossed the ocean at an early day to make his home in Pennsylvania, locating first in the Tuscarora Valley and later in Jefferson county, which was then a frontier region. John Wachob, our subject's father, was born in Perry township, Jefferson county, in 1813, and after his marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hallowell, settled in McCalmont township, where he purchased 140 acres of woodland and cleared it for a homestead. He died there in 1877, and his wife survived him twenty years, being fatally burned on May 1, 1897, as the result of an accident which set her clothing afire. They had a large family of children, of whom our subject was the eldest. (2) Edward, born in February, 1842, in McCalmont township, died at the age of five years. (3) Sarah, born April 24, 1844, was educated in the common schools near the homestead, and became the wife of A. J. Sheesly, a farmer of Jefferson county. After remaining there some years they moved in 1883 to a farm near Burlington, Kansas, where they now reside. They have had ten children—John P. Kerney; George Thomas, who was killed in a railroad accident; Norman; the twins, Gilbert and Frank, of whom the latter died in childhood; Ella; Joseph, and William. (4) George, born August 11, 1846, is a blacksmith by trade, and, after some years of residence in Big Run, moved to his present home at Wichita, Kansas. He married Miss Elizabeth Depp, of Jefferson county, and has had four children—Charles, Mattie, Allie and Maggie. (5) Eliza, born January 13, 1849, married John Varner, of Jefferson county, and they now reside near Richardsville. They have had nine children: Clara, John, Nannie, Susannah, Jeddo, Horace G., Dwight, Karl, and Clementine. (6) Peter, born March 3, 1850, learned the blacksmith's trade in Clearfield with Amos Kennard, and located in Mount Vernon, Jefferson Co., Ill. He married Miss Colorado Clark, of that locality and has five children. (7) John, born December 2, 1852; attended the common school near the homestead during boyhood, and then took a full course in Mount Union College, in Ohio. On graduating he entered the Methodist ministry, and is now (1897) the pastor of a Church at Los Angeles, California.

He married Miss Ada Dailey, and has five children—Carl, now sixteen years old; May, fourteen years; Wallace, seven years, Paul, six years; and Charley, three years of age. (8) Julia A., born September 9, 1855, married John G. North, a farmer in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, who died in April, 1897. His wife survived him with ten children—Joseph, who married Miss Agnes Wolf, of Jefferson county, and now resides in McCalmont township; Adda L., Naomi E., Margery, Sarah, Christina, Walter, John W.. Beatrice, and Jane, all at home. (9) William D., born August 26, 1857, has always resided at the old homestead. He married Miss Susannah Jones, of Walston, Jefferson county, and has had six children—Sarah, Lizzie, Martha, Annie, Nanie, who are all at home, and Emma, who died in childhood. (10) Charles, born May 2, 1862, died at the age of three years.

James W. Wachob was born April 23, 1840, and grew to manhood at the old farm. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Hastings, of Punxsutawney, the regiment being organized at Pittsburg and then sent to Washington, D. C. From there they went to Alexandria, Va., to help in building Fort Lyons, and early in 1862, while at Camp Jennison, Mr. Wachob was taken ill with typhoid fever and sent to a field hospital. On his recovery in the fall of the same year he rejoined his comrades, and after having one engagement with the enemy in Occoquan, Va., they went by boat to Fortress Monroe, landing March 17, 1862, and soon afterward they went to Yorktown, where they had another battle. Following this they had frequent skirmishes until May 4th, when they pursued the Rebels to Williamsburg and won a victory in a battle there. Their next engagement was at Fair Oaks on May 31st and June 1st, 1862, half the members of the regiment being killed or wounded. On June 29th came the battle of Savage Station, and on the next day they took part in the struggle at Charles City Cross Roads, while on July 1st they were at Malvern Hill. From that point they marched to
Harrison's Landing, on the James river, and, crossing the Peninsula to Yorktown, they took boat for Alexandria and from there went to Manassas Junction. On August 27, 1862, they had a battle at Brinon Station, and then followed the second engagement at Bull Run, on August 29th and 30th, and the battle of Chantilly on September 1st. On the latter date they fell back to Alexandria, where they remained a short time, then marched to Poolsville, Md., crossing the Potomac near Ball's Bluff, by way of Leasburg to Fredericksburg. They arrived at Fredericksburg in time to have a hand in the bloody battle of December 12th and 13th, and then fell back across the Rappahannock and marched under Burnside's command to winter quarters near Falmouth, where they remained until spring. On May 3, 1863, in the battle of Chancellorville, Mr. Wachob was wounded in the right thigh, necessitating a long stay in hospital. He returned home on a furlough, but reported for duty in July, 1863, and was in the engagements at Auburn Mills, Va., on October 13, Kelly's Ford, October 27, and at Locust Grove on November 27. Mr. Wachob's term of service then expired, but he re-enlisted for three years more. In January, 1864, another furlough was granted, and during his stay at home he was married to Miss Sarah C. Palmer, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Palmer. On February 9, 1864, he rejoined his regiment at Brandy Station, Va., and remained in camp until early in May, when they marched to the scene of the battle of the Wilderness, which occurred on May 5th, 6th and 7th. From that time there was almost continual skirmishes, marked by the more severe struggles at Spottsylvania Court House on May 11th and 12th, North Anna on May 23rd and 24th, and Cold Harbor, June 3rd, 4th and 5th. On June 15th they joined the forces at Petersburg, where they remained until April 2, 1865, the severest fighting occurring July 28th, at Deep Bottom, on August 15th and 16th, and on October 27th, at Hatcher's Run. Shortly after leaving the vicinity of Petersburg they met the enemy at Sailor's Creek, on April 6, 1865, and at Farnsville, on April 7th, and marching on to Appomattox Court House they were present at Lee's surrender. They then marched to Washington to take part in the Grand Review, and on July 19, 1865, Lieutenant Wachob was discharged. On his return he and his wife made their home on a portion of his father's farm and remained six years, when he bought one hundred and thirty acres of partly improved land known as the old Irley farm, and this place has now been transformed under his management into one of the best homesteads in Henderson township. A two-story frame residence, a bank barn, and other buildings have been erected, and the greater part of the land has been cleared and brought under cultivation.

Mr. Wachob has always been identified with the Republican party, and he takes an active part in various local movements, chiefly those of a non-political nature. He possesses more than ordinary intellectual ability, and is prominent socially as a member of J. W. Jenks Lodge No. 534, F. and A. M.; at Punxsutawney; the Order of American Mechanics Lodge No. 362, at Big Run; the Order of Maccabees of the World, and the Union Veteran Legion at Punxsutawney. In religious faith he and his wife are Methodists, being active members of the Church at Big Run. They have a bright and interesting family of children, but their first child, Mary, who was born August 12, 1866, died at the age of fifteen. (2) U. S. G., born November 25, 1868, married Miss Caroline Reiter, of Henderson township, and now resides on a part of his father's farm. They have two children—Mary E. and Orin, both at home. (3) John W., born July 31, 1870, married Miss Mabel Craft, of Jefferson county. After his marriage he bought property near his old home, and has since resided upon it. He has one child, Rosa. (4) James L., born October 17, 1873. (5) Mark, born March 11, 1876, and Frank D., born October 3, 1878, are at home with their parents.

Sylvestor S. Hamilton, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Punxsutawney and one of its representative citizens, was born August 12, 1832, in Indiana county, Penn., of which county his parents, James A. and Isabel (Sutton) Hamilton, were also natives. Early in life the father learned the tanner's trade which he followed for about twenty years, but in 1861 he embarked in merchandising in Indiana county, where he also did an extensive business as a dealer in horses, buying and shipping in large numbers. In 1867 he moved to Big Run, Jefferson county, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits and lumbering until his retirement in 1893. He died in April, 1897, at the age of seventy-three years. Squire Hamilton, as he was familiarly known, was justice of the peace for over twenty-five years, and, until laying aside business cares, he was numbered among the leading and prominent business men of the county. His wife passed away in 1883.

Dr. Hamilton's primary education was obtained in the schools near his boyhood home.
He was subsequently a student in the Covode Academy. When a young man he engaged in teaching during the winter term, and continued to devote his attention to his studies during the summer, attending school, in 1869, at Lebanon, Ohio. He completed his literary course, however, in the university at Scio, that State. In 1875 he took up the study of medicine, Dr. William Altman, now deceased, being his preceptor. Later, he attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He was finally graduated from the Columbus (Ohio) Medical College in 1878. Forming a partnership with his old preceptor, Dr. Altman, he at once began practice, and for the past twenty years has been located in Punxsutawney, where he also conducts a prosperous drug business. Unusually successful, he has gained quite a reputation as a skilled practitioner, and occupies an enviable position in the ranks of the medical fraternity.

In 1876 Dr. Hamilton was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Eleanor, daughter of Ralston Mitchell, of Jefferson county, and to them was born a daughter, Cecil Beatrice. The wife and mother departed this life July 24, 1890, and on February 11, 1892, the Doctor was again married, his second union being with Miss Sarah J. Gourley, a daughter of Robert Gourley, a prominent farmer of Jefferson county.

While he has never courted political honors, Dr. Hamilton is an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, doing all in his power to insure its success. His many Republican friends have urged him to become a candidate for the General Assembly from Jefferson county. He is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Knights of Pythias lodges of Punxsutawney. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he has served as president; a member of the State Medical Association; a member of the American Medical Association; and also a member of the National Association of Railway Surgeons. Earnest Christians, the Doctor and his wife are active and consistent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder for the past fifteen years. As a physician and as a true citizen, he is held in high esteem by all with whom he comes in contact, and during his residence in Punxsutawney he has made many warm friends.

A DAM H. REITZ, who follows general merchandising at Ohl, Beaver township, Jefferson county, was born at the old Brocious homestead, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, April 28, 1866.

A son of Peter R. and Catherine (Brocious) Reitz, he is on both sides descended from German ancestry. The first of the family in America was his great-great-grandfather, who purchased 1,000 acres of land in Northumberland county, Penn., and divided it among his four sons. Michael Reitz, the great-grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, Penn., but removed to Northumberland county, where he spent his remaining days. He married Catherine Smoke, and their son John became the grandfather of our subject. He was born in Northumberland county, and there met and married Margaret Smith, a native of the same county. In 1833 he brought his family to Jefferson county, and followed farming until his death in 1881, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife died in 1880, at the age of eighty-two years and nine months. Their children are: Isaac, a farmer of Oliver township; Mollie, widow of George Barkhouse, a farmer of Pinecreek township, Jefferson county; Michael, who is living retired at Sandy Valley; Saloma, widow of John Reinhart, of Oliver township, Jefferson county; Harry (deceased); Peter R.; Mary, wife of Henry Emerick, who operates a sawmill.

The maternal great-grandfather of Mr. Reitz was Jacob Brocious, who came from Germany to America at an early day. His son Peter was a native of Centre county, Penn., and married Lair Delph, of Northumberland county.

On October 1, 1857, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, Peter Reitz was married to Catherine Brocious, and to the union were born the following children: Sarah J., wife of Levi Phyer, of Beaver township; Cornelius, a carpenter of the same township; Elizabeth E., wife of Frank Blyler; Albert F., a stone mason; Adam H., of this review; John, a carpenter of Knoxdale, Penn.; Emanuel L., a stone mason; Catherine A., of Brookville, Penn.; and Emma S., Rebecca and Charles W., at home. The father of this family during the Civil war was drafted, September 4, 1864, and served for nine months and fifteen days under Capt. Pierce. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he is a Democrat. In early life he followed carpentering, but was forced to abandon this pursuit on account of his sufferings from rheumatism occasioned by hardships in the war. He is a man of sterling character, and now follows general farming.

Adam H. Reitz, of this review, is a self-made man, who without educational or other advantages to fit him for life's practical and responsible
duties, has steadily worked his way upward by determined purpose, untiring energy and perseverance. When twelve years of age he began working as a farm hand, but his wages were given to his father until he had attained the age of eighteen. He then served a two-years' apprenticeship to the stonemason's trade under his brother Albert F., and was then in partnership with him for seven years. They did contracting for bridge work, and carried on a successful business until 1892, when the partnership was dissolved, our subject having in the meantime embarked in general merchandising. He purchased his store December 23, 1890, and in 1894 built his present substantial store building. He carries a large and well-selected stock of general merchandise, and his courteous treatment of his customers, and his honorable business methods have gained him a liberal patronage.

On March 12, 1890, in Brookville, Adam H. Reitz was married to Miss Rebecca Haugh, who was born in Roseville, Jefferson county, December 25, 1861, a daughter of Valentine and Maria (Shaffer) Haugh, the former of Northampton county, the latter of Jefferson county, Penn. Her father was a carpenter, and died on a farm near Heath township, April 14, 1875, at the age of fifty-one years. He held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and in politics was a Democrat. His wife was born April 27, 1843, and after the death of Mr. Haugh she married Jacob Shick, of Clarion county. By her first marriage she became the mother of the following named: Mrs. Reitz; Sherdon, an undertaker of Michigan; Solomon, a stage-driver of Montana; Charles S., who is connected with an oil refinery in Indiana. By her second marriage Mrs. Shick had four children: John, a school teacher; William; Jesse and Ollie O.

To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reitz were born two children: Clyde E. and Anna B. L. The parents have a wide acquaintance in Jefferson county, and are highly esteemed by many friends. Mr. Reitz gives his political support to the Republican party, and in 1891 was appointed by President Harrison to the position of postmaster of Ohl, in which capacity he is still creditably serving. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a citizen whose public-spirited and progressive interest in the welfare of the community has been of material benefit to his native town.

GEORGE I. ZUFALL, a veteran of the Civil war, holds a place among the leading citizens of Henderson township, Jefferson county, where he has been engaged in agriculture and lumbering for many years.

The Zufall homestead is one of the oldest farms in that locality, having been settled at a very early day by our subject's parents, Samuel and Mary (Gardner) Zufall, who were born and reared in Fayette county, Penn., and came to Jefferson county soon after their marriage. Samuel Zufall bought 200 acres of the Gaskill lands, and, after building a log cabin with a stone chimney, he and his worthy wife began housekeeping in true pioneer style, having wolves, bears and panthers as near neighbors. The visits of the latter were not of a kind to be encouraged, as they carried away much stock and necessitated constant watchfulness by night as well as by day. As time passed, the industry of the young couple created a comfortable home, and other settlers coming added the pleasures of social life and brought wider business opportunities. A hewed-log house took the place of the rough cabin at the Zufall farm, and still later a plank house was built, and at this residence, in 1882, Samuel Zufall died. His wife, who had shared with him all the hardships of the early days, is still living. They had a numerous family of children, all of whom were born at the homestead. (1) Jacob, born January 1, 1839, in early manhood located on a farm in Henderson township, but a few years ago he sold out to the Bell, Louis & Yates Coal Co., and moved to Big Run, where he now conducts a feed store. He married Miss Annie M. Gray, of Armstrong county, Penn., and has had seven children—William, who is married and resides in Big Run; Samuel, who is married and resides in Henderson township; Ollie O., John and James, who are not married; Jane, now Mrs. Albert Neibergh, of Big Run, and Lavinia, Mrs. Jacob Weaver, who resides near Du Bois, Clearfield county. (2) Alexander Zufall married Miss Lizzie Hileburn, of Bell township, Jefferson county, where they now reside on his farm. They have eight children: Josiah, who is single and lives at home; David and John, both unmarried; Lydia, who married Jack Kuntz, formerly of Westmoreland county, Penn., now of Bell township, Jefferson county; Mary, who married Isaac Crossman, formerly of Armstrong county, and now of Jefferson county; Lottie, Mrs. Samuel Campbell; Miss Sarah A. and Miss Elvira, who are both at home. (3) Josiah married Miss Charlotte Piper, of Henderson township, and now resides on a part of his father's old home. He has four children—David, Elory, Lawrence and Viola. (4) Catherine, born June 28, 1842, married Jacob G. Rudolph, and they have ever since resided on his farm, one mile
north of Big Run, in Henderson township. They have a large family of children: George I., who married Miss Lina Ludwic, and has his home in Henderson township; David and Josiah, both unmarried; Edward, who married Miss Clara Smeyers, of Henderson township, and now resides at Sugar Hill, Jefferson county; John, Jacob, Solomon, the twins William and Willis, and Mary, none of whom are married; and Lydia, who is now Mrs. Lynn Smeyers, of Henderson township, and has two children—Ora Grace and Hervon. (5) Mary A., born June 21, 1846, married William Foltz, a real-estate owner at Big Run, where they now reside. They have seven children: Jacob, who married Miss Maggie McLinsey, and resides in Big Run, has two children—Allen and Calantha; Mary, who married Andy Rhodes, and resides in Henderson township, has four children—George, Jacob, Catharine and Guy; Naomi, Charlotte and Worth are at home; John died in infancy; Christina died in childhood. (6) Christina, born November 1, 1850, married George Fifer, of McCalmon town-ship, Jefferson county, and died there. She had five children: Samuel, who married Miss Maud Loudon, and lives at Big Run, has one child—Leroy; Tho-mas, who is single; Katherine, who married Solomon Shipler, a farmer of Henderson township, and has two children—Cleveland and Elmer; Bertha, who married John Shank; and John, who died in childhood. (7) Lydia, born February 14, 1853, married Philip Kuntz, then of Henderson township, Jefferson county, but now resides on a farm in Brady township, Cal. They have had eleven children: Mary, who married Christ Webber, of Brady township, Clearfield county; and Henry, James, Samuel, Wesley, Jacob, Reuben, Harvey, George, Vada and Alonzo, all are at home. (8) Sallie, born August 4, 1844, died at the age of seven years.

George I. Zufall was born July 19, 1840, and grew to manhood at the old homestead, his education being acquired at the local school, where he attended three months each winter, during boyhood. In 1864 he enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I., under Col. Brady, and after a short stay at Camp Reynolds for drill and equipment, was sent to Baltimore, and from there he went by boat to City Point, Va. His regiment marched to Bermuda Hundred, where the men lay in the open field one night, then proceeded to Peach Orchard to join the forces under Gen. Grant. For a time they served on picket duty at Crow's Nest, and then, marching to Dutch Gap, they built Fort Brady, where they remained until in October, 1864, when they marched to winter quarters at Fort Harrison, in front of Richmond. Their time was mainly spent in guard duty until the evacuation of Richmond by Lee's forces, in April, 1865, when they packed up their belongings and marched into the deserted city, picking up a number of prisoners on the way. The regiment, which was the first of the Union army to enter the city, encamped for the first night in Capital Square, and then took up their quarters at the Poor House, where they remained until June, 1865. They received their discharge papers at Lynchburg, Va., June 26, 1865, and, returning to Camp Reynolds, were mustered out of the service on July 3rd. On coming home Mr. Zufall resumed his work at the homestead, which he had purchased before his father's death. On May 17, 1867, he married Miss Sarah M. Rudolph, of Big Run, and, after keeping house for a time in the old house, he built for himself a small house on the place. In 1893 he built his present residence, a large two-story frame house containing all the modern improvements. He has cleared a large portion of the farm, removing the stumps, and his fields are among the most fertile in the township. He is an intelligent and public-spirited man, and takes great interest in educational affairs, having served two terms as school director. He has always affiliated with the Republican party, and in his religious views he is a devout Methodist, he and his entire family being leading members of the congregation of Big Run. Of his five children, the first born, Samuel J., died in infancy. (2) John, born April 12, 1870, was educated in the local schools, and is now in charge of the work at the homestead. He married Miss Lavina Muth, daughter of Philip and Magdaline Muth, well-to-do agriculturists of the same township, and has one child, Orville Osberne. (3) Laura S., born December 26, 1873, married O. L. Jack, of Armstrong county, Penn., who located at Apollo, Penn., and spent one year in the iron works there, but has since been a resident of Jefferson county. At present he is connected with a saw-mill at Big Run. Three children were born to this union, Lester O., Paul and James. (4) Andrew P., born September 2, 1879, resides at the homestead. (5) Lony J., born December 13, 1886, died September 29, 1887.

URIAH J. MATSON. In America labor is king, and the sovereignty that her liberty-loving people acknowledge is that of business. The men of influence in a community in this enlightened age are its enterprising, progressive representatives of commerce, and to this class belongs Mr. Matson, of Falls Creek, who is one of
the proprietors of the largest brick plant in Jefferson county, and is a business man of more than ordinary ability.

He is a native of the county, his birth occurring July 14, 1867, in Brookville, where his parents, R. M. and Elsie (Busby) Matson, still reside, the former being a prominent and successful merchant and lumberman of that place. Our subject is the eldest of three sons, the others being George R., a business man of Brookville; and Norman D., a plumber of the same city. The parents are Methodists in religious belief, and the father is a stalwart Democrat in politics. His parents were Uriah and Minerva (Reynolds) Matson, natives of Jefferson and Clarion counties, Penn., respectively, and the former was a son of John and Mary (Thompson) Matson. The Thompson family was from Ireland, and quite prominent.

In the public schools of his native city our subject obtained a good practical education, which was supplemented by a course in the Clarion State Normal. Thus well fitted for the responsible duties of business life, he began his career as a lumberman, and for four years was interested in that industry. Subsequently for the same length of time he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Brookville, but in 1891 sold his store and came to Falls Creek, where he embarked in his present enterprise, as an extensive manufacturer of brick. His plant, which is equipped with modern improved machinery, has a capacity of 30,000 brick per day, and as the product turned out is first-class in every particular it finds a ready sale at the highest market price. His clay banks seem to be almost inexhaustible, and will easily supply the demand for fifty years at least. The plant is conveniently located one mile west of Falls Creek, and in its operation our subject has met with excellent success. As a man of strict integrity and sterling worth, he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact either in business or social life. In politics he is independent, but usually supports the men and measures of the Democratic party.

In 1893 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Thompson, a young lady of intelligence and culture, who was born and reared in Brookville, and is descended from an honored pioneer family. Her parents are John J. and Mary E. (Darr) Thompson, the former a son of John J. Y. Thompson, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was an early settler of Jefferson county, where he did considerable surveying during pioneer days. He later conducted the "American Hotel" in Brookville, and engaged in the same business at other places. His children were:

- John J., who was reared in the hotels and later engaged in the lumber business; Annie; Albert C.; Robert M.; Ella; and Clarence, who was killed while fighting for his country during the Civil war. As her mother died when she was quite young, Mrs. Matson knows but little of her maternal ancestry except that they were of German descent and pioneers of Jefferson county. Her uncle, Joseph Darr, is a resident of Jefferson county, and a lumberman by occupation. She was born January 27, 1871, and by her marriage has become the mother of two children: John J., born November 5, 1893; and Elsa T., born November 7, 1895. Mrs. Matson is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and with her husband occupies a leading position in social circles.

Jay C. Booher, M. D., one of the most prominent young physicians and surgeons of Jefferson county, has been since 1892 successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in and around Falls Creek.

Born in 1867, in Washington township, Armstrong county, Penn., the Doctor is a son of Jacob and Sarah Ann (Bowser) Booher, the former of whom was born in Bedford county, Penn., in 1830. Frederick Booher, father of Jacob, was a native of France, whence he emigrated to the New World in 1829. He located in Bedford county, where he engaged in milling for some time, but later removed to Armstrong county, and turned his attention to lumbering and farming throughout the remainder of his life; his death occurred in that county. There the father was reared, and upon the farm which he cleared and improved in Washington township he still resides. To Jacob Booher and his wife were born the following children: Abraham, a farmer of Armstrong county; Catherine, wife of William Wyatt, of the same county; Evaline, wife of Mr. J. W. Frick, of Verona, Allegheny Co., Penn.; Mrs. Painter, wife of F. M. Painter, of Pittsburgh, Penn.; S. F., the present sheriff of Armstrong county; F. B., a farmer of that county; Jay C., of this review; and Libbie and Annis, both at home.

Dr. Booher began his education in the public schools of Armstrong county, later becoming a student in the Reade Institute and Clarion Normal of Clarion county, Penn., and prepared for his profession in the medical department of the Western University of Pennsylvania, which he entered in 1889. At the age of sixteen he began teaching, a profession he followed three years. Immediately after his graduation, in March, 1892,
he located at Falls Creek, and now enjoys an extensive practice, his talent and culture having gained for him an honorable position in the medical fraternity.

On October 25, 1893, at Falls Creek, Dr. Booher was united in marriage with Miss Blanche L. Taylor, a native of Du Bois, Penn., a daughter of Hon. J. P. Taylor, now a resident of Du Bois, this State. The Doctor is a leading member of the Jefferson County Medical Society; of the State Medical Society; of the American Medical Association; and is medical examiner for the Knights of the Maccabees, to which order he belongs, and for the New York Life, and the Pennsylvania Mutual of Philadelphia. He is also connected with Garfield Lodge No. 559, F. & A. M., of Du Bois; of the Jefferson Royal Arch Chapter No. 225, of Brookville; and Knapp Commandery No. 40, at Ridgway; also affiliated with Falls Creek Lodge No. 957, I. O. O. F., and with the Rebekah branch of the latter order. The Doctor is much interested in blooded horses, and is the owner of one of the most valuable colts in America, Blanche B., registered and standard, sired by Star Pointer, record 1.594, the fastest pacer in the world, dam Tommy Hunter by Bay Tom; he also drives the finest road team to be found in the county.

M. MOORE is one of the most genial and whole-souled men of Washington township, Jefferson county, where for many years he has been prominently identified with the agricultural and lumber interests.

This enterprising gentleman is a native of Elk county, Penn., his birth occurring near Centreville, April 8, 1841, and is a son of James L. and Sarah (Rogers) Moore, and grandson of Andrew and Margaret (Akens) Moore. The grandfather was born in County Derry, Ireland, whence when a lad of sixteen years he emigrated to America, locating in Centre county, Penn., where he married and worked at the Washington Furnace for some time. He also owned and operated a small farm, but in 1834 came to Jefferson county, where he improved a place, and throughout his active business life continued to follow farming and the manufacture of sugar. He died in 1877 at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. In religious faith he and his wife were Presbyterians. Their eight children are all living, and make their homes within a short distance of one another. They are James L., Edward M., Mrs. Mary A. Stewart, Mrs. Frances Best, Mrs. Margaret N. Hannold, Andrew E., Jacob, and David B.

James L. Moore, the father of our subject, was born in Centre county, and was sixteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to their new home in Jefferson county. As a young man he went to Elk county, where he married, and spent ten years, but at the end of that time returned to Jefferson county, and purchased a tract of wild land, to which he was obliged to cut a road, the country at that time being so little developed. He continued to the improvement and cultivation of his farm until recent years; since the death of his wife, however, he has made his home with his children. Farming has always claimed the principal part of his attention, but he also converted his own timber into square lumber, and engaged in speculating to a limited extent. In early life both he and his wife joined the Baptist Church, and ever lived in harmony with its teachings. Of their twelve children, four died in infancy, and the others are as follows: M. M., of this sketch; Mrs. Malvina M. Perrin; Martha J. and Mary L. (twins), the former now Mrs. Thompson and the latter Mrs. Hetrick; Mrs. Esther V. Hetrick; Andrew U., who is operating the old homestead farm; James, a mechanic; and Alva B.

In the country schools M. M. Moore pursued his studies to a limited extent during his boyhood and youth, but his training at farm work and lumbering was not so meagre, and he became very proficient in those vocations, which he has since successfully followed, beginning the latter at the age of sixteen. He remained at home until his marriage, which important event in his life occurred in 1870. Miss Elizabeth Perrin becoming his wife. Her father, Nathan Perrin, was from New York, and became one of the early settlers of Warsaw township, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he purchased a large tract of land, improved a farm, and extensively engaged in the manufacture of lumber, having a sawmill upon his place. There his death occurred in January, 1877, having for twenty years survived his wife, who died in 1857. One of their six children died in childhood, and the others are as follows: Mrs. Lucretia Moore; Ephraim, a farmer; Mrs. Helen Moore; Mrs. Dorinda Ferguson; and Elizabeth, wife of our subject. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, but one died in infancy. Those living are: Fred A., a teacher by profession; James W., at home; Edna, who is attending the State Normal; and Mabel, Maud, Emily and Hepsie, all five at home, as is also Earl M., born in February, 1894. After his marriage Mr. Moore purchased a small tract of wild land, which he at once began to improve and cultivate, and, as his financial resources have increased, has extended its bound-
aries until he now has 200 acres of rich and arable land divided into two farms. Of his home place he has fifty acres under cultivation, and has twenty-five of the other. His residence is a commodious two-story frame house pleasantly located five miles northwest of Reynolds ville, and is surrounded by neat and substantial outbuildings. In early life he was a Democrat; but believing the temperance question the most important issue before the people, he now affiliates with the Prohibition party, and has capably filled a number of township offices. As a citizen he justly merits the esteem and confidence which is always accorded him, and gives his support to all worthy enterprises intended to advance the welfare of his township and county. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 217, of Brookville, and his estimable wife holds membership in the Baptist Church.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS JENKS. Public life is an excellent test of personal worth as well as of mental ability, especially in an office in which the people are directly interested, and the efficient young postmaster at Punxsutawney has scored a distinct success by his administration that meets the approval of the entire community. Mr. Jenks was, however, well-established previously in the confidence of his fellow citizens, having spent his life in Punxsutawney, where he was born May 3, 1869.

The Jenks family is well-known in Punxsutawney. His parents, John W. Jenks, a native of Jefferson county, and Eliza (Richey) Jenks, a native of Armstrong county, Penn., having settled in the locality many years ago. The father read medicine in early life, but has never practiced, preferring a business career, in which he has been quite successful, much of his attention having been given to his tannery. A man of quiet disposition, he has never sought prominence, but he enjoys the esteem of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. His estimable wife suffered a stroke of paralysis in 1893, from which she never entirely recovered. She died August 17, 1897.

Charles Augustus Jenks was educated mainly in the schools of his town, graduating from the High School in 1887. He then pursued some advanced studies under private instruction, and also taught at various times as a supply in the public schools before engaging in business. From 1888 to 1894 he was employed in the freight office of the P. & N. W. R. R., his work being interrupted by his appointment by President Cleveland on February 16, 1894, to his present office. He was the youngest third-class postmaster in the United States, at that time, and his success is the more conspicuous for the reason that the Punxsutawney office handles more mail than any other in Jefferson county. In political faith, Mr. Jenks has always been a Democrat, but had never aspired to official honors, and never held any public office until he was chosen to the one which he now fills. Socially, as well as in business and political life, he is popular, and he has shown himself a loyal friend to progress in every line of effort. At the age of eighteen he united with the C. P. Church, and when only twenty was made an elder. Since that time he has served almost continuously as clerk of the session. It is a notable coincidence that his grandfather was the first elder ever installed in that Church.

On April 7, 1897, Mr. Jenks was married to Miss Kate E. Empfield, a daughter of Isaac and Clarissa Empfield, early settlers of Indiana county.

LESLIE E. CAMPBELL, one of the most reliable, energetic and progressive young business men of Jefferson county, is engaged as manager of the lumber business of A. Bell & Son, at Bell Port, where since the death of his father he has had charge of the mills, and has been remarkably successful in their operation. On the 1st of December, 1896, he had over 2,500,000 feet of lumber in his yards. From present indications we predict for him a most brilliant future, as he is a young man of good executive ability and sound judgment.

Mr. Campbell was born in 1872, in Jefferson county, where his father, J. B. Campbell, spent his entire life. The latter early engaged in the lumber business, and became a prominent contractor and dealer in square timber and sawed lumber. The last seventeen years of his life were spent in Bell Port, as manager of the mills at that place. He was a wide-awake, enterprising man, of known reliability, and his name was a synonym for honorable business dealing. He had the respect and confidence of all who knew him, and in his death, which occurred in December, 1893, the community recognized that they had lost a valued and representative citizen. His wife, who still survives him, bore the maiden name of Emily Bullers, and by her marriage became the mother of seven children, as follows: Bertha, Leslie, Sadie, John B., George, Florence and Edna. All are still at home with the exception of Bertha, who is now the wife of John Plyler. Mrs. Campbell is a
sincere and earnest Christian, a devoted member of the Baptist Church, and is beloved by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

Our subject obtained his elementary education in the public schools of Port Barnett, but subsequently attended the Brookville schools, and took a business course at the Rochester (N. Y.) Business College. He then accepted a position in the Brookville National Bank, where he was employed for two years, and was then called home to take charge of his father’s affairs, which he has since so ably managed. He is a member of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Lumberman’s Association, and in politics is identified with the Republican party. Mr. Campbell is one of the prominent young men of the community, and a leader in social and business circles. Whether in public or private life, he is always a courteous, genial gentleman, well deserving the high regard in which he is held.

EDWARD BARRY. There is probably no man in Young township, Jefferson county, wider or more favorably known than Mr. Barry, who is an honored veteran of the Civil war, and one of the most enterprising agriculturists of his community.

A native of the county, he was born in 1841, in Bell township, and is a son of Patrick and Jane (Kendell) Barry, the former a native of Queens-town, Ireland, and the latter of London, England. The father was but eight years old when he came to America, and was numbered among the first settlers of Jefferson county, Penn., where he engaged in farming and lumbering throughout life. As a pioneer he was recognized as one of the important factors in the progress and development of this region, and he assisted in clearing away the trees and grubbing the stumps from the present site of the flourishing city of Punxsutawney. He died in 1880, after surviving his wife a number of years, her death occurring in 1867.

The educational privileges afforded our subject were very limited, as the schools of the county were then quite primitive and held but short sessions during the year. Early in life he began his business career by working in the lumber woods and assisting in clearing and improving his father’s land. When the tocsin of war sounded he donned the blue, enlisting in Company A, 82nd P. V. I., and was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, in June, 1864. Being removed to the Alexandria hospital, he had his left leg amputated quite near the body, and for many years has resorted to the use of an artificial limb.

On receiving his discharge he returned to Pennsylvania, and was engaged as a Star Route Mail contractor until 1881. In 1884 he was chosen by his fellow citizens as county commissioner, and so satisfactorily did he fill that responsible position that he was re-elected, serving in all six years. His services were always in the interests of his constituents, and he left the office as he had entered it with the confidence and respect of the best people of the county. Since his term expired he has turned his attention to farming, but has been continuously called upon to serve in minor positions, at the present time being road supervisor.

In December, 1866, Mr. Barry was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Carr, a daughter of Moses Carr, of Jefferson county, and, of the eight children born to this union, seven are still living: Patrick, Robert, Joseph, Susanah, Thomas, Jane and John. The mother is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and while not a member of any religious denomination, Mr. Barry is a strong believer in the Golden Rule, and is inclined toward the faith of the Baptist Church. Fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army of the Republic; politically he is identified with the Republican party, taking a very active part in its work and strongly advocating its principles. Well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, he votes intelligently, and conscientiously discharges every duty of citizenship.

SAMPSON KIRKER, a thorough and skillful agriculturist of Washington township, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, his birth occurring in 1841, in Snyder township.

James Kirker, his father, was a native of Butler county, this State, and when a young man came to Jefferson county, where he met and married Miss Sarah McClum, and here spent his remaining days, dying in 1867. The children of this couple were as follows: (1) John died, when a young man, in Jefferson county. (2) George wedded Maria Bolinger, of Jefferson county, where he owns and operates a farm. His children are: Joseph, Clarence, Charles, Frank and Margaret. (3) Sarah A. died in Jefferson county in early womanhood. (4) Margaret is the wife of Charles Dunn, of Erie, Penn., and has four children—Winfred, Lewis, George and Ethel.

During the early manhood of our subject the Civil war broke out, and he manifested his patriotism and loyalty to his country by enlisting, in 1861, in Company H. 105th P. V. I., under Capt. A.
H. Tracy, and was sworn into the United States service at Pittsburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. McClellan. His first engagement was at Williamsburg, which was followed by the battle at Fair Oaks in 1862 and the seven-days' fight near Malvern Hill. After some time spent at Harrison's Landing, the regiment was placed on guard duty at the Alexandria railroad, and while guarding Bristow Station three companies were captured, but on the following day were paroled on the field and sent to the parole camp at Annapolis, where they were exchanged in the winter of 1863. Mr. Kirker was among the number. From Annapolis they marched to Fredericksburg, where they were held in reserve until the following spring. In May they participated in the battle of Chancellorsville, where the Union loss was very heavy, and this was followed by the battle of Gettysburg, where Mr. Kirker was seriously wounded in the right leg by a minie ball. He was first taken to a Baltimore hospital, then to Washington, D. C., and later to Philadelphia. On his recovery he rejoined his regiment in the spring of 1864, and took part in the battle of the Wilderness, where he was again wounded in the right leg. He was then confined in a hospital in Washington until honorably discharged, August 31, 1864, and on his return home followed lumbering for some years. In 1867 he was married to Miss Hannah Place, of Hickory Kingdom, Clearfield county, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret Place, well-known agriculturists. They began their domestic life in Jefferson county, where he continued to follow lumbering until 1881, when he purchased the William McGee farm in Washington township, where he has since made his home, his attention being principally given to the cultivation and improvement of his place, which is one of the best farms in the locality. He has erected a large and comfortable residence and also a good barn. To this marriage have come seven children: Orpha married Thomas H. Spurs, of Reynolds ville, who died there in 1896, leaving a wife and one child—Annie M.; Bertha is with her parents; J. C. married Annie M. Warwick, of Clarion county, Penn., and with their one child, Mary P., they reside in Jefferson county; George C. is at home; Ida J. is the wife of J. G. Warwick, of Reynolds ville, by whom she has one daughter—Mary C.; Clara and Margaret A. are at home.

In politics our subject is a stanch Republican, and he has filled the positions of inspector of elections, and roadmaster for two terms. He is a sturdy, honest, intelligent citizen, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Falls Creek, and enjoys the esteem and high regard of all classes of people. His industrious habits and genial warm-heartedness endear him to all with whom he comes in contact, and he is justly regarded as one of the representative citizens of his township.

ADAM J. ELDER. Among the agriculturists of Jefferson county, who have attained success from a financial point of view, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is the owner of a large farm pleasantly situated in Union township, three miles north of Corcola, and is one of the most progressive and energetic citizens of this section of the country; in fact, a complete master of his chosen calling.

Mr. Elder was born July 5, 1854, in Clarion township, Clarion Co., Penn., a son of William S. and Lucy (Kifer) Elder, and a grandson of John and Margaret (Scott) Elder. The last named, who was a native of Ireland, was married in Pennsylvania, and both she and her husband died in Centre county. Their children were Mathew, Samuel, John, William, Robert, Martha, Margaret, Catherine. The sons all became residents of Clarion county, where with one exception all died. In religious belief the grandparents were Methodists.

William S. Elder was born in Franklin county, Penn., but was reared in Centre county, and after attaining to man's estate removed to Clarion county, where he married Lucy Kifer, a daughter of Adam and Anna Kifer, of Westmoreland county, Penn. Her parents were of German descent, and early settlers of Clarion county, where the father improved a large farm and spent his remaining days. In early life they were Lutherans in religious belief, but later joined the Baptist Church. They had twelve children, namely: Esther, Sarah, Lucy, Margaret, Catherine, Amanda, Jacob, Joseph, Miles, Ellen, Nannie and Clara. By a former marriage seven children were born to Mr. Kifer: John, Samuel, Abraham, Polly, Christina, Henry, and Andrew J.

After his marriage William S. Elder located permanently in Clarion county, where from a heavily timbered tract he developed a fine farm, making his home there until called to his final rest, September 9, 1887. During early life he, for sixteen seasons, engaged in the manufacture of coke for furnaces. He was a member of the State militia, and one of the best drilled men in his company. Being reared in the Methodist Church, he always loyally adhered to that faith, and with the same Church his widow is also iden-
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Margery J., wife of James L. Douglass; Adam J., the subject of this sketch; Glenn D., deceased; Anna S., wife of G. W. Ion; Clark, a farmer at the old homestead; Alice, who is with her mother; and William, also an agriculturist.

During his boyhood, Adam J. Elder pursued his studies in the home schools, at the same time being reared to the honest toil of a farmer, and also becoming familiar with lumbering. He has ever been a systematic, industrious and progressive farmer, and with his brother was the first to bring a traction threshing machine into Clarion county, operating the same here for several years. He is now the owner of 315 acres of valuable land in Union township, 150 of which are under a high state of cultivation, and in connection with general farming he furnishes lumber camps with provisions, grain and hay, a business that has proved quite profitable. Being a strong temperance man, Mr. Elder is an ardent supporter of the men and measures of the Prohibition party. He is a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as steward, class-leader and trustee, and as superintendent of the Sabbath-school. He is public-spirited in an eminent degree, and has always done much in behalf of his county's interests, and for the general welfare of the community. His wife is also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and they are the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who honor and esteem them for their many virtues and genuine worth.

Adam J. Elder has been twice married, first in June, 1879, to Miss Martha Dunn, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and died June 27, 1882, leaving two sons: Oran P. and Forest M., both at home. Her parents were Joseph and Nancy (Fleming) Dunn, the former born in Ireland, the latter in Clarion county, Penn., of Irish ancestry. They were married in Clarion county, where the father followed farming, and where both died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Fleming (deceased); John, a merchant of Reynolds ville; Martha; Abel, a merchant of Reynolds ville; and Nannie, wife of G. D. Elder.

On March 29, 1883, Mr. Elder was again married, this time to Miss Lizzie M. Orr, a lady of intelligence and culture, and they have two sons, both at home: Wade L., born April 19, 1884; and J. D., born December 3, 1886.

Joseph D. Orr, the father of Mrs. Elder, was born February 5, 1837, in Philadelphia, a son of William and Martha (Dunn) Orr, natives of County Derry, Ireland, who had landed at Philadelphia in 1837, a short time prior to the birth of their son. In the following year they removed to Clarion county, and, in 1839, located on the present site of Corsica, in Jefferson county, where his father converted the heavily-timbered land into a good farm. There he died in March, 1896, aged eighty-two years, and his wife in March, 1897, aged eighty-three, both being members of the Presbyterian Church.

They were the parents of eight children: Joseph D., William J., John H., Matilda M. and Nancy J. (both deceased), Thomas F., Albert S. and George B. McClellan.

From the age of two years Joseph D. Orr was reared on his father's farm in Jefferson county, early learning lessons of industry, honesty and uprightness, and when eighteen he started out in life for himself as an employee in the woods. Four years later he commenced jobbing on his own account, and step by step worked his way steadily upward until he became one of the leading and most successful lumbermen in the county. He was also interested in farming and in other lines of business, and, as he was a man of sterling integrity, honorable dealings and superior business ability, met with a well-deserved success in his undertakings. At the age of nineteen he united with the Presbyterian Church, of which he remained a faithful member until his death, which occurred March 27, 1894.

Mrs. Joseph D. Orr, who is still living, bore the maiden name of Miss Mary J. Gaston, and was born December 10, 1840, in Jefferson county, a member of an honored pioneer family. Robert Gaston, her father, a native of Westmoreland county, accompanied his parents to Jefferson county, where he followed the occupation of farming, and married Eliza Manners, who died in 1855. Three children blessed that union: James M., who died in childhood; Mary J., mother of Mrs. Elder; and John C., a farmer of Kansas. The parents were both earnest members of the Presbyterian Church. By a second marriage Mr. Gaston had four children: William R. (deceased); Robert M., who is engaged in farming in the State of Washington; Mrs. Emma Ingrain; and Mrs. Laura Brady. To Joseph D. and Mary J. Orr were born eight children: William R., who died at the age of eight years; Lizzie M., wife of our subject; Ferdinand W., who died at the age of four years; Matilda M., who died at the age of nine months; Bertha J., wife of H. T. Baker; Elva S., who died at the age of five months; Maggie J., who died at the age of
twenty years; and Nannie O., at home. They also have an adopted son, Joseph R., now eight years old.

JACOB G. RUDOLPH. Among the first settlers who ventured into the forests of Jefferson county were Jacob and Elizabeth Rudolph, the grandparents of the well-known citizen whose history is here outlined. They came from Westmoreland county and purchased land in Bell township, where they passed their remaining years, the homestead which they cleared and improved being that now known as the George Davis farm. Jacob Rudolph died in 1818, and coming to Bell township, Jefferson county, with his parents, he remained there until 1859, when he sold his property and purchased 106 acres of timber land in Henderson township, where he made his permanent home, building a hewed-log house and a round-log barn, and cleared the land for agricultural purposes. He died in 1897. His wife, who passed away in 1893, was Susan Shetterly, a member of an old and highly respected family of this State. Her parents came from Union county to Jefferson county, at a very early date and settled in the wilderness. Our subject was the eldest of a large family; (2) Elizabeth, was born in Bell township, in 1844, and married Jacob Kraemer, formerly of Fayette county, Penn., and now a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county. They have seven children—John, Lydia, William, Elizabeth, Ellie, Jessie and Allen. (3) Susanna, who was born in Bell township, in 1846, married Philip Kraemer, a lumberman of Du Bois, and has ten children—Catherine, Jennie, Sadie, Samuel, Joseph, George, Myrtle, Lydia, Guy, and Emma. (4) Christiana, born in 1848, in Bell township, married Daniel Fultz, of Jefferson county, and moved to Armstrong county, where she died in 1896. She had six children—Mary, Susan, Eliza, William (who died in 1897), Lee, and Maggie. (5) Sarah, born in 1850, married George I. Zufall. (6) Lydia, born in 1852, married Solomon Gressman, a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county, who also follows the carpenter trade. They have four children—Clifford, Lloyd, Celia and Cora. (7) Mary, born in 1856, married Andrew Shepler, a farmer and carpenter in Henderson township, and has four children—Philip, Nora, Minnie and Amos. (8) John, born in 1857, died at the age of twenty-three. (9) Samuel, who was born in 1860 on the homestead in Henderson township, now resides in Big Run borough. He married Miss Caroline Pifer, of Jefferson county, and has two children—Zula and Florence. (10) William, born in 1864, in Henderson township, is still a resident of that locality. He married Miss Minnie Reed, of Jefferson county, but has no children. (11) James, born in 1867 in Henderson township, died in infancy.

The subject of our sketch was born in January, 1842, at the old home in Bell township, and as his youth was spent mainly in farm work he received but a limited education. In May, 1864, he was married to Miss Annie C. Zufall, daughter of Samuel and Mary Zufall, wealthy agriculturists of Henderson township, Jefferson county. After his marriage Mr. Rudolph bought his father's homestead in Henderson township, Jefferson county, and has since resided there, clearing and improving the place. About ninety acres have been prepared by him for tillage, and the whole place is kept in a high state of cultivation. In 1884 he built a large bank barn, 50 x 60, and in 1891 his handsome and commodious dwelling house was erected, with all modern improvements. Lately he has bought twenty-five acres between his home and Big Run, and his wife has purchased thirty-six acres in the same locality, so that they now own a very fine property, much of which is underlaid with the Eleanor coal vein. Mr. Rudolph has always been a liberal supporter of churches and schools, and can always be relied upon to assist in any worthy cause. He and his wife are leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Big Run, and their family have taken an active part in the various lines of work. Politically he is a Republican, and has held the office of supervisor two terms, and he has twice served as school director.

Eleven children have blessed his home, all of whom are living: (1) George I., born May 4, 1865, is a mason by trade, and owns a fine property in Henderson township, where he makes his home. He is not married. (2) David E., born in January, 1867, is a carpenter by occupation, and is unmarried. (3) Edward C., born in July, 1869, is a resident of Sugar Hill, Henderson township. He married Miss Clara Smeyres, of the same township, but has no children. (4) Mary S., born in August, 1871, received an education in the public schools, and now resides with her parents. (5) Josiah, born in July, 1873,
is also at home. (6) Lydia C., born in September, 1875, married Lynn Smeary, of Henderson township, and they have two children—Ora and Herr von McKinley. (7) John F., born in October, 1877, is a mason by trade, and is unmarried. (8) Jacob G., Jr., born in October, 1879; (9) Solomon P., born in February, 1882, and the twins, (10) Willis A. and (11) Willie A., born in December, 1885, are all at home.

Daniel B. Smith, an influential citizen and successful general farmer and stock raiser of Winslow township, Jefferson county, is one of the self-made men of the community. He now represents a very valuable property, all of which he has accumulated by his own perseverance and industry. Since reaching manhood he has distinguished himself as a liberal, public spirited citizen, interested in the development of the county, and always willing to contribute to its prosperity and welfare.

Mr. Smith was born August 29, 1842, in Northumberland county, Penn., where the birth of his parents, Philip and Sarah (Boob) Smith, also occurred. There they continued to reside until 1854, when they removed to Jefferson county, Penn., locating in Beaver township, but in 1865 they came to Washington township, Jefferson county, where the father followed farming for many years, but is now living retired. The mother died on the home farm, February 11, 1890, at the age of sixty years, and was laid to rest in the Henry Smith graveyard in Winslow township, Jefferson county. The father was born in 1822, and although well advanced in years still enjoys good health. He has always been identified with the Democratic party, and is a member of the Reformed Church. In his family are the following children: Sarah, who died in infancy; Daniel B., of this sketch; Franklin, a farmer of Beach Woods, Jefferson county; Jonathan, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits and the sawmill business at the same place; Miranda, who is with her father; Emanuel, a farmer of Beach Woods; Samuel, an agriculturist of Northumberland county, Penn.; William, at home; and Lydia A., wife of Reuben Hetrick, of Falls Creek, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of our subject, Michael Smith and his wife, were natives of Northumberland county, Penn., where the former spent his entire life upon one farm, dying at that place at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His father, Peter Smith, also passed away on that farm. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Mike and Sarah (Swinehard) Boob, who also lived in Northumberland county. In religious faith they were Lutherans, and in politics he was a Democrat.

During his boyhood and youth, Daniel B. Smith attended the local schools and continued to assist in the cultivation of the home farm until twenty-two years of age, when his father gave him $25, and he started out to make his own way in the world. Until his marriage, in 1868, he worked in the lumber woods and in sawmills, but in the following spring he went to Omaha, Neb., where he remained four weeks, while the next eight weeks were spent in cutting cordwood on the Missouri river, near Leavenworth, Kans. Going to Michigan, he there worked by the day for a few months, and then proceeded to Ohio, continuing to travel until the following October, when he returned home. In Warsaw township, Jefferson county, he was employed in a sawmill for two years, after which he and his brother Jonathan, contracted to cut and carry to market 300,000 cubic feet of lumber, which they accomplished in one winter. He continued to work in the woods until purchasing his present farm—a valuable tract of eighty-eight acres, which he has transformed into one of the most desirable places of Winslow township. He first bought fifty-six acres from Charles Prescott for $25 per acre, but was able to pay only $200 down, and was to take two rafts of timber from the place each winter for three years, which would finish paying for it. In 1883 he purchased the adjoining thirty-two acres now included in his farm. The Democratic party finds in him an earnest supporter, but he has never aspired to official distinction, preferring to give his entire time and attention to his business interests. Religiously he is a member of the Reformed Church. He is popular, and is the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who honor and esteem him for his many virtues and genuine worth. In 1868, in Jefferson county, Mr. Smith married Miss Sarah Hetrick, who died the same year, and on the 29th of September, 1873, he married Miss Elizabeth Hetrick, her sister. They have become the parents of the following children: Albert, who died in infancy; Peter, Edward and Adam (twins); Mary E., and Sarah H., all at home; Samuel, who died at the age of five years; and Charles, Franklin, William, Catherine, Israel and Daniel F., all at home.

The birth of Mrs. Smith occurred in Armstrong county, Penn., May 29, 1854. Her parents, Peter and Catherine (Himes) Hetrick, were natives of Northumberland and Clarion counties, Penn., respectively. They were married in Clarion county, where the father is now living.
and is engaged in farming. The mother departed this life in Washington township, Jefferson county, April 28, 1872, aged sixty-two years, and was buried in the Emerickville cemetery. The father has since married Mrs. Caroline Wonderling, who was the widow of William Hines. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief is a Lutheran, to which faith the mother of Mrs. Smith also adhered. Her paternal grandparents, Michael and Christiana (Reitz) Hetrick, were natives of Northumberland county, and died in Beaver township, while the maternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine Hines, were also natives of Northumberland county, and passed away in Clarion county.

In the family of Peter and Catherine (Hines) Hetrick were fourteen children, namely: Catherine, now the wife of Louis Schwab, a blacksmith of Venango county, Penn.; Jacob, John, William and George, all deceased: David, a teamster of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Sarah, who became the first wife of our subject; Martin, a farmer of Washington township, Jefferson county; Reuben, a laborer of Falls Creek, Penn.; Amos, also an agriculturist of Washington township; Elizabeth, the present wife of our subject; Caroline, wife of Gilbert Thompson, a laborer of Brockwayville, Penn.; Louis, a teamster of Reynoldsville; and Tillie, wife of Jasper Carles, a miner of Winslow township, Jefferson county.

EDWARD McLAUGHLIN, who follows farming and lumbering in Rose township, Jefferson county, was born in Farmington township, Clarion Co., Penn., in 1842.

Charles and Margaret (Downey) McLaughlin, his parents, were both natives of County Derry, Ireland. The father spent his early life there, and his first marriage occurred in his native land. On coming to America he located in Lancaster county, Penn., whence he removed to Clarion county, and some years afterward to Jefferson county, where he engaged in furnace work. For a period prior to his death, however, he devoted his energies to farming. The mother of our subject came with her parents to the United States in her youth, and was married in Butler county, Penn. Her death occurred in 1866.

Edward McLaughlin received but limited school privileges in his youth, for the schools were of an inferior character, and his assistance was needed in the development of the home farm, where he was early trained to habits of industry. He remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he responded to the call of his country and exchanged the life of a farm for that of the camp and the battle-field. Enlisting in Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, he served with that command for about a year, when, owing to disability caused by sunstroke and rheumatism, he received an honorable discharge. When he had recovered his health he re-enlisted, in the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, participating in many engagements and proving his loyalty and bravery on many a battle-field. When the war was over, and the country no longer needed his services at the front, he returned to the duties of home and farm life. He was employed in the lumber woods of Elk and Jefferson counties until 1874, when he located upon the farm which is now his home, since which time he has carried on agricultural pursuits in connection with the lumber business. He owns a good property of seventy acres, the farm is well watered, supplied with good buildings, and has a considerable amount of fruit thereon. The owner is an energetic, progressive man, and to his own efforts may be attributed his success.

Mr. McLaughlin was married, in 1869, to Catherine Brocius, daughter of John Brocius, of Jefferson county. Of their seven children, five are yet living: Minnie, wife of John M. Giffin, of Jefferson county; E. P.; Rose. Elder B.; and Adda J. Mr. McLaughlin supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and has served as school director, but has preferred to give his attention to his business interests rather than to seek for public office.

DANIEL C. McGUIRE, a leading farmer of Porter township, is descended from an honored pioneer family of Jefferson county, which was founded here by his grandfather when most of the county was still in its primitive condition. Amid the primitive scenes of frontier life his children grew to man and womanhood, becoming honored and useful members of society. They bore an important part in the upbuilding and development of this region, transforming the wild, wooded land into beautiful homes and farms.

Malan McGregor, our subject's father, was a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., but at an early day accompanied his parents, Daniel and Catherine McGregor, on their removal to Jefferson county and located upon the farm where our subject now resides. Here the grandfather purchased eighty acres of timber land, built a log house and barn and began to clear and cultivate the place. In his family were eight children, namely: Malan, George, Daniel, William, Levi, Margaret,
Lucinda and Catharine. On attaining to man's estate Malan McGregor was married to Miss Margaret Chambers, who died in 1844, leaving two children: James, now of Indiana county, Penn.; and Daniel C., of this review. During early life the father lived in Porter and Ringgold townships, Jefferson county, but after his marriage to Miss Margaret McClellan, of Indiana county, he removed to that county, where he purchased a farm. This he later sold, and took up his residence in Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he died some years ago, leaving a widow and four children by his second union—Elizabeth C., now Mrs. John Elberger, of Armstrong county; Robert, who is married, and lives near Maysville, in Clarion county, Penn.; Margaret, wife of Henry Neal, of Jefferson county; and Scott, who is married, and resides near Dayton.

Daniel C. McGregor was born in June, 1842, in Porter township, on the farm where his father first located, and where his mother died. After that sad event he lived with his paternal grandfather on his present farm until he reached manhood. In 1863 he married Miss Elizabeth Adams, of Porter township, and for one year remained upon the old homestead, operating the farm, but at the end of that time purchased seventy acres of Levi McGregor, adjoining his present home. Two years later, however, he sold out and bought his grandfather's farm, where he has since made his home. In February, 1865, he enlisted in the 76th P. V. I., and remained in the service until the close of the war, when he returned home and resumed farming. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McGregor (Elizy McGregor, a grandchild, makes her home with them): (1) Mary, born on their present homestead in 1865, is now of James Bush, a farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, by whom she has six children—Della, Lavina, Clark, John, William and Max. (2) J. E., born in 1865, married Zelda Neal, of Porter township, and resides on his farm in that township. Their children are—Lottie, Essie, Harry, Bert and Daniel J. (3) Malan R., born in 1867, wedded Mattie Elkin, and lives in Big Run, Jefferson county. They have three children—Lillie, Frank and Annie. (4) Sarah J. married George Barnett, of Porter township, and with their children, William and May, they now reside in Indiana county. (5) Margaret is the wife of West Welchon, of Rockdale, Jefferson county, by whom she has two children—Sherman and Alva. (6) W. T. wedded May Harrison, ofRinggold township, Jefferson county, where they reside. They have a son, Duff. (7) John. (8) Annie, and (9) Daniel C. are still with their parents. (10) Lula died in childhood, and (11) Minnie died at the age of three years.

Mr. McGregor's ancestors in politics were Oldline Whigs, and since attaining his majority he has been a supporter of Republican principles. For six years he held the office of overseer of the poor, and he has been school director for fifteen years, the duties of both positions being faithfully and conscientiously performed by him. He was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church. In order to serve his country during the Civil war he was compelled to leave his young wife and small children, but he has always faithfully discharged every duty that has devolved upon him, either in public or private life, and justly merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

THOMAS T. ADAMS, one of the most progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Porter township, Jefferson county, was born on his present farm in 1843, a son of Thomas and Catharine (McConahay) Adams.

The birth of Thomas Adams, the father, occurred east of the Alleghany Mountains, in this State, and he grew to manhood in Huntingdon county. On coming to this section he first located in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, where he married Miss Keziah Dodson, and later took up his residence in Porter township, Jefferson county, there purchasing 357 acres of wild forest land. He erected a log house and barn and cleared 100 acres of the tract, making that place his home until called to his final rest in 1851. His first wife died in 1849, leaving two children: (1) Richard married and made his home on a farm adjoining his father's until his death. He left a large family of children. (2) Mary A., is now the wife of Hugh McDivitt, a farmer of Porter township. In 1842, Thomas Adams, Sr., married Miss Catharine Fairman, of Jefferson county, and they became the parents of four children, of whom our subject is the eldest. (2) Robert B., born on the old homestead in Porter township, married Rebecca Postlethwait, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and upon a farm in Young township made his home for three years. On selling out he moved to McLeod county, Minn., where he purchased 280 acres of land, and has since successfully engaged in farming. His children are—Gounella, Henrietta, David, Annie, Bertha, Katie, Oris, James and John. (3) Margaret E., born in 1848, was reared in Perry township, and married Isaac M. Depp, of Oliver township, Jefferson county, but
both are now deceased. Mrs. Depp dying in 1884, and her husband a little later. Their children were—May, who died when young; Iona, who became the wife of Mr. Gahagen, and died in July, 1894; Odah, who was killed by a limb falling from a tree; Belle, wife of John Shariah, of Elk county, Penn.; Wade, who is married and resides in Porter township, Jefferson county; Mary, now Mrs. Nell Hines, of Elk county; Mrs. Stella Hines, of the same county; Maggie, who resides in Brockwayville, Jefferson county; and Clyde.

Thomas T. Adams remained on the old homestead until after his father's death, when his mother became the wife of John Martin in 1865, and he then lived at the home of his step-father in Perry township, Jefferson county, until reaching manhood, acquiring his education in the schools of the neighborhood. In 1861, at the age of eighteen years, he joined Company A, 105th P. V. I., was sworn into the United States service at Washington, D. C., and spent the winter at Fort Lyons, near Alexandria. In April, 1862, he went by boat to Fortress Monroe, thence marched to Yorktown and participated in the siege at that place. He served under Capt. John Hastings, of Punxsutawney, and Col. McKnight, of Jefferson county, with the Army of the Potomac. After the siege of Yorktown Mr. Adams' regiment took part in the battle of Williamsburg, in May, 1862, driving the Rebels from the place, and in the next engagement, at Fair Oaks, lost about three hundred men in killed and wounded. Mr. Adams was among the latter, a minie ball having pierced his hand, and from June until September he was confined in hospital at New Haven. He was then sent to the convalescent camp near Fort Ellsworth, where he remained until January, 1863, when he was honorably discharged, and was later exempt from service on account of physical disability. In 1865 Mr. Adams married Miss Minerva J. Means, of Jefferson county, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Means, the former also a soldier of the Civil war. After his marriage our subject located on a farm in Perry township, but later bought his father's old homestead, to which he removed in 1867, and that place has since been his home. His present fine residence was built in 1870, and in 1887 his substantial barn was also erected. He has cleared and placed under cultivation twenty acres, and has made many other useful improvements, so that it is now one of the best farms in the locality. He also has other real-estate holdings in Porter township. Mrs. Adams died in 1869, leaving two children: (1) E. L., born in Perry township, in May, 1866, was educated in the public schools, and is now a farmer of Pike township, Jefferson county. He married Rosie Miller, of the same township, and has five children—William, Roy, May, Gould and Norma A. (2) Ada P. married B. F. Ledig, of Porter township, who is now engaged in blacksmithing in the village of Porter, where they reside. Their children are Harry, Earl, Lillie and Maud.

In May, 1869, Mr. Adams was again married, his second union being with Miss Rebecca Travis, of Porter township, and seven children have been born to them. Minnie W., the eldest, died at the age of seven years. Martha M. began her education in the common schools, later attended a select school at Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., and afterward pursued her studies at Snickersburg, Indiana county, at Perrysville one term, at Mt. Union College, Ohio, for the same length of time, and is at present a student at the Clarion State Normal. For seven years she has successfully engaged in teaching, a part of the time as assistant teacher of the high school of Punxsutawney. Virginia B. is at home. Mary has also been provided with a fine education, having attended the Clarion Normal for two terms, and has also engaged in teaching for that length of time. Robert R., who attended the same institution in 1897, is now assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. Homer H., George B. and Bessie E. are all at home.

Mr. Adams has not only provided his own children with excellent educational advantages, but as school director has materially promoted the educational interests of his township. He has reared a family of which he may be justly proud. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has creditably filled the offices of school director, supervisor, overseer of the poor and justice of the peace, being the present incumbent in the last position, to which he was elected in 1893. The family is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

B. HARVEY, a representative and leading farmer and lumberman of Washington township, is a fair specimen of the progressive agriculturists who have so largely assisted in the development and growth of Jefferson county, and who are drawing from the soil the important elements of their fortune.

On his present homestead Mr. Harvey was born in 1843, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Bradex) Harvey, natives of Delaware county, Penn., whence they came to this region in 1842.
The father purchased one hundred acres of timber land, which he at once commenced to clear and cultivate, and erected thereon a log house and stable. There his wife, who had patiently shared with him all the hardships and trials of frontier life, passed away in 1861, and he was called to his final rest in 1887. The ten children born to this worthy couple are as follows: Margaret still resides on the old homestead with our subject. Phoebe A., born in Delaware county, married Abram Boyer, of Jefferson county, and they removed to the State of Washington, where they still reside. F. B., our subject, is next in order of birth. Charles W. married Miss Smouse, of Minnesota, and they now live in Findon, Montana. Mary J. wedded Francis Smith, of Clarion county, Penn., and they now make their home in Washington. Joseph is a resident of Washington township, Jefferson county. James H. died at the age of fourteen years. Leonard married Sarah Preston, of Washington township, and now lives in the State of Washington. John G. also resides in Washington. Susan E. became the wife of Hugh A. Morrow, of Jefferson county, and they lived near Brockwayville, Penn., where she died in 1890, leaving a husband and eight children—Clarence, Harvey, Rosy, Maggie, Edna, James, Max A. and Raymond.

In much the usual manner of farmers' sons, F. B. Harvey spent the days of his boyhood and youth, receiving a good common-school education, which has well-fitted him for the practical duties of life. In 1863 he laid aside all personal interests, and enlisted in Company B, 135th P. V. I., under Capt. Richard J. Espy, of Brookville, Penn., and was with the Army of the Potomac under General Meade, being sworn into the United States service at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. For six months he did provost duty in Washington, D. C., and later took part in the battle of Fredericksburg. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he was mustered out at Harrisburg and returned home, but in 1864 re-enlisted for ninety days in defense of the State while the notorious Morgan was on his raid. After being discharged at Pittsburg in the fall of the same year, he again re-enlisted for one year, and faithfully served until the close of the war, taking part in the battle in front of Petersburg and at Bermuda Hundred. The Union troops then followed Lee to Appomattox Court House, where he surrendered to General Grant. Mr. Harvey was also in the battle of Fort Steadman, participated in the grand review in Washington, D. C., and at Alexandria was finally discharged with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Mr. Harvey has never left the old homestead in Washington township, which he now has under a high state of cultivation, the well-tilled fields plainly indicating the industrious habits and progressive spirit of the owner, who is justly regarded as one of the most enterprising and wide-awake farmers of his community. In 1882 he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Hunter, of Jefferson county, who is a daughter of John and Sarah Hunter, prosperous farming people of Washington township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harvey are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are widely and favorably known throughout the county, where they have always made their home, and are the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate their sterling worth. Mr. Harvey uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Prohibition party, and faithfully performs every duty of citizenship.

Daniel McGee, one of the busiest, most energetic, and most enterprising business men of Bell township, Jefferson county, carries on general farming, and is also successfully engaged in lumbering and butchering. He was born in that township, in 1843, a son of Robert and Catherine (Graffius) McGee. The birth of the father occurred near Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., whence during his early manhood he was brought to Jefferson county by his parents, James and Elizabeth McGee, who located near Punxsutawney, in Bell township, where they spent their remaining days, dying some years ago. There were only two sons in their family, the other being Isaac McGee, who spent his life in Young township, Jefferson county.

In Bell township, our subject's father purchased a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a good farm, and thereon reared his family, and died in 1882, aged sixty-seven years. Three of his eleven children died when young; those still living are: William, now a resident of Gas-kill township, Jefferson county; Samuel, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and now resides in Bell township, Clearfield county; Daniel, of this sketch; George, who was born in Bell township, and now lives in Gaskill township; James, who is married and makes his home in Du Bois, Penn., where he is foreman on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad; Robert C., who is married and resides in Clayville, Jefferson county; and Mary A., wife of Urias Peace, a farmer of Bell township.

Daniel McGee grew to manhood on the old
homestead, acquiring his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, and in 1866 married Miss Mary A. Williams, of Perrysville, Jefferson county, a daughter of Reuben and Lucinda Williams, substantial citizens of Perry township. The ten children born to this union are still living, namely: (1) Ida C., born in Gaskill township, in 1867, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of C. A. Leasure, of Indiana county, Penn., who resides on the old homestead purchased by her father. Their children are—John E., Daniel P., and Carl. (2) John, born in Gaskill township, in 1869, follows the carpenter's trade, and resides at home. (3) James, born at the present home of the family, married Caddie Grider, of Bell township, by whom he has one child, Coreless, and they reside in Cloe, Bell township. (4) Lucy is the wife of Elmer McElwain, of Bell township, and has two daughters, Ella and Dorah. The other members of the family, Harry, Harland V., Ralph, Elma, Pearl, and Ethel, are still single and with their parents.

For a few years after his marriage, Daniel McGee resided near Winslow, in Gaskill township, where he followed lumbering and rafting square timber down Mahoning creek to the Pittsburgh markets, but in 1871 he purchased a part of the I. C. London property on Mahoning creek, about two and one-half miles east of Punxsutawney. Here he built a commodious house, good barns and other outbuildings, removed the stumps from his land, and made many other valuable improvements, so that it is now one of the finest homes in the locality. In 1891 he purchased a part of the old homestead, and other farming and coal lands in Banks township, Indiana county. Building a slaughter house upon his farm in 1888, he has since engaged in the butchering business, having a market in Punxsutawney.

In politics, Mr. McGee is a Jacksonian-Democrat, has held the office of supervisor of Bell township, auditor nine years, school director, and in 1881 he was elected justice of the peace, and, being re-elected, served two consecutive terms of five years each, one by appointment of the governor for one year, all to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He is now serving his third term by election in the same office, and his rulings have ever been marked by fairness and impartiality. He and his family are connected with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and for the past thirty years he has been an elder in the same, being the youngest man to hold that position in the county. He is modest and unassuming in disposition, courteous and pleasant in manner, thoughtful of the feelings and respectful toward the opinions of others, and has aided his fellowmen with a generous devotion that has won him the highest regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

NEWELL E. HOLDEN, M. D., is a prominent physician and druggist of Corsica, Jefferson county. One of the most exacting of all the higher lines of occupation to which a man may lend his energies is that of a physician. A most scrupulous preliminary training is demanded, and a nicety of judgment but little understood by the laity. Our subject is well-fitted for the profession which he has chosen as a life work, and his skill and ability have won for him a lucrative practice.

Dr. Holden was born in 1835, near Summersville, Jefferson county, a son of Hartley and Alretta (Anderson) Holden, the former a native of Jefferson county, and the latter of Westmoreland county, Penn. For a number of years Hartley Holden was a resident of Wisconsin, but after the death of his first wife he returned to Pennsylvania. Throughout his active business life he was engaged in lumbering and farming, but he is now living retired in Clarion county, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

The common schools of Clarion county furnished Dr. Holden his early educational advantages, and subsequently he pursued a course in Corsica Academy. In 1879 he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Hindman, and two years later entered the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1883. He at once established an office in Corsica, where he has since successfully engaged in practice. Wishing to further perfect himself in his chosen calling, he, in 1894, took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polyclinics. He has ever been a close student of his profession, keeping well posted on the advancement and discoveries made in the science.

In 1893 Dr. Holden was married to Miss Laura E. Orcutt, who was born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Edward B. and Rachel (McCollough) Orcutt, natives of Maine and Jefferson county respectively. One daughter blessed this union, Anna Laura. Both the Doctor and his wife are earnest members of the Presbyterian Church; fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Order of American Mechanics. In politics, while not an active politician, he never fails to cast his ballot with the Democratic party, and was elected coroner of Jefferson county for one term.
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He occupies an enviable position in social circles, and his pleasant, affable manner has gained him a host of warm friends.

JOHN MILLIRON, one of the brave "boys in blue" during the Rebellion, and at present a representative farmer of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, was born October 21, 1844, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

Our subject is a son of David and Rebecca (Wadding) Milliron, the former a native of Black Lick, Penn., and the latter of Armstrong county, where they were married. For some time the father followed the gunsmith's trade near Putneyville, Penn., was later a resident of Ringgold, Jefferson county, for several years, and then returned to Armstrong county, where he passed away in 1890, at the age of eighty-five years. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife belongs. She still resides at the old homestead in Armstrong county at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. Their children were Dorcas, William (he was a patriot, and gave up his life in defense of his country in the Civil war. He was a member of Company E, 148th P. V. I. In June, 1864, he was taken prisoner by the enemy at Weldon Railroad, and died in Andersonville prison), John, Nancy J., Emaline and George W.

The education of our subject was such as the country schools of his day afforded, and his training at farm work was received mainly upon his father's place. On leaving the parental roof he began working on a farm in Indiana county, Penn., but in 1862 he laid aside civil pursuits to enter the military service as a member of Company E, 148th P. V. I., a part of the Army of the Potomac. For three years he faithfully fought for the old flag and the cause it represented, receiving only one furlough of ten days when he visited his home. He participated in many hotly contested engagements, his first battle being at Chancellorsville, and he was wounded, while in front of Petersburg, where a bullet passed through his left leg. For some time he was unfit for active service, and on being released from the hospital was sent to Trenton, N. J., where he did patrol duty until honorably discharged, July 16, 1865. His arduous service broke down his health entirely, and he still suffers from a number of diseases contracted at that time. Although he receives a pension, it is but a slight compensation for the hardships, sufferings and privations he was forced to endure, and which have left their effects upon him.

For some time after his return home, Mr. Milliron was unable to engage in hard work, his health being greatly impaired for about two years. He has devoted his time and attention mainly to lumbering and farming, and after his marriage in 1867 he purchased a tract of land and improved a farm, but later sold out and bought his present place in 1873. In connection with its operations he has also conducted a shingle mill. He is an ardent supporter of the Republican party, but has never aspired to office, although he acceptably served as constable for three years. In early life he took quite an active and prominent part in Church and Sunday-school work, and is still serving as steward of the Methodist Church, to which he belongs, and of which his wife is also a consistent member.

In 1867 Mr. Milliron was wedded to Miss Mary J., a daughter of Fergus and Nancy (Moorehead) Craven, natives of Indiana and Armstrong counties, respectively. Her mother died July 2, 1893, but her father is still living in Warsaw, Jefferson county, at the age of seventy-three years. They were married in that county, where Mr. Craven located at a very early day, there being only one or two families residing in Warsaw township at that time. Settling in the forest, he for many years engaged in both lumbering and farming. In his family were six children, namely: Mary J., wife of our subject; James (deceased); Clementine; Ella (deceased); Milton J., and William E. The parents both held membership in the Presbyterian Church. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Milliron: Harvey J.; William R., who died at the age of ten years; James E.; May C.; Charles R.; Maud A.; and Renben M., born June 3, 1885.

DANIEL O. COUCH, Esq., a representative farmer and prominent citizen of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, was born on a farm near where he now lives, September 30, 1846, a son of John and Elizabeth (Ross) Couch, also natives of Pennsylvania. The mother, who was born in Jefferson county, passed away in 1846, when our subject was but an infant, and, later, the father married Elizabeth Kaufman, who still survives. Of the three children born to the first union, two are now living: David W. and Daniel O. Throughout his active business life the father followed lumbering and farming, and took quite an active and prominent part in local affairs. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four years.

Daniel O. Couch had the advantages of the common schools of his day, which were much inferior to those of the present time, but he made the most of his opportunities and has become a
well-informed man. He also early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and his life has been spent in that honored calling, now owning and operating thirty-five acres, which he has improved with good and substantial buildings. In connection with general farming, he makes the culture of fine fruit growing a specialty. He is also interested in stock raising. On February 7, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Lucy, daughter of Robert Miller, a leading citizen of Gaskill township, and to them were born twelve children, of whom seven are still living, namely: Jesse B., Vina, James K., Guy, Minnie A., Paul D. and Wade Hampton. The father has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who passed away in September, 1895, but he has kept his family together at their pleasant home in Gaskill township.

Politically, Mr. Couch has always been an ardent Democrat, and while not an official aspirant, he has held many local positions of honor and trust to the satisfaction of all concerned. In 1884 he was first elected justice of the peace, and since that time has served constantly in that office. Socially, he has affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for twenty-eight years, and, religiously, he holds membership in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He was chosen a ruling elder of the Church some thirty years ago when that body was known as Mount Pleasant Church. In 1891 this Church organization erected a fine new edifice. The Couch family are also identified with this Church. As a citizen he stands high morally, socially and otherwise, and justly deserves an honored place among the leading men of Jefferson county.

Joseph Davenport, one of the substantial agriculturists and stock dealers of Jefferson county, a resident of the homestead, is descended from an honored pioneer family. He was born March 24, 1846, at the homestead in Washington township. William and Jane (Miller) Davenport, his parents, were both natives of County Donegal, Ireland, where they were married, and whence, in 1828, they set out for the United States, landing in Philadelphia. In 1839 they moved to Jefferson county, Penn., locating on land in Washington township, which they improved and converted into a fine farm. This was before any lumbering was done in that locality, and the logs, instead of being utilized, were rolled into great heaps and burned. Here William Davenport died in April, 1873, at the age of seventy-three years, for years a widower, his wife having departed this life in April, 1855. In religious faith they were both devout Presbyterians. Six children were born to this pioneer couple, as follows: William resides in Iowa; Jane A. (deceased); Margaret; Samuel was killed in Charleston (S. C.) harbor while serving in the U. S. navy on board the "Patapsco;" Martha; and Joseph.

Joseph Davenport attended the common schools of the neighborhood of his home, and was reared to farming pursuits. At the death of his father he bought the interest of the other heirs in the homestead, which consisted of 160 acres, having been cleared and under good cultivation, equipped with a commodious dwelling, large barn and other outhouses. Here, in addition to general agriculture, he rears some live stock, which he is improving and grading. On February 20, 1868, he was married to Miss Mary Dougherty, who was born in Jefferson county, Penn., a daughter of William and Jane (Smith) Dougherty, the former of whom was a native of Ireland, coming to America with his parents when a small boy. The mother was born in September, 1820, in County Donegal, Ireland, and when a young girl immigrated to this country, landing in Philadelphia when twelve years old, but after a short sojourn there she moved to Chester county, Penn. When she was sixteen years old she came to Beechwoods, and joined the rest of the family, consisting of two sisters and six brothers. William Dougherty died October 8, 1892; the mother, who was a daughter of William Smith, had preceded him to the grave.

Joseph Davenport, in politics, has always been a strong Republican, caring nothing for personal aggrandizement but ever active in the interests of the party. In his family he has not wavered from the rigid discipline characterizing the Scotch-Irish race. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" had no place in the economy of his household. Any of his four boys could give convincing, though perhaps not at all times cheerful, testimony of this fact. All his children have in later life appreciated the rigid discipline that in earlier years was not understood. A more loving, generous father never lived, nor one more willing to sacrifice personal comfort for the welfare of his children, than the subject of this sketch. To see each fitted to take up the burden of life and bear it befitting men and women, has been the one great aim in his teaching and example.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davenport have been born six children, to wit: Dr. Samuel M.; William S.; Jane O.; Robert S.; James B.; and Anna M. The parents are Presbyterians in re-
George Reiter. The industry and thrifty management of the typical German is well shown in the successful career of this worthy citizen of Henderson township, Jefferson county, who has accumulated a fine competence through his own efforts, and is now the owner of two good farms in the vicinity of Sykesville.

Mr. Reiter is an American by birth, but his parents, John and Christina (Miller) Reiter, were both natives of Germany, coming to America in early life, met and were married in Pittsburgh, Penn. Later they settled at Paradise, Jefferson county, purchasing 200 acres of land where a log-house and barn were built, and a large farm cleared and brought under cultivation. The mother died there in 1865. The father, too, has passed away. Of their ten children, the eldest, Elizabeth, married John P. Shire, and lives in Minnesota; John married Miss Austenea Muth, and resides in Brady township, Clearfield county; Christina is now the wife of Adam Lott, of Jefferson county; Magdalena married Philip Muth, of Jefferson county, and both died some years ago, leaving a large family; George, our subject, is next in order of birth; Daniel, who is engaged in stock raising in West Virginia, is married and has several children; Henry, a farmer in Winslow township, Jefferson county, married Miss Sallie Buchheit, of that county, and has a large family; Mary married Charles Muth, of Jefferson county, who died in 1893, leaving several children; Adam, who resides in Oklahoma Territory, married Miss Haag, of Jefferson county, and has a family; and August, married Miss Miller and settled in Du Bois, Penn. He has no children.

George Reiter was born in 1846 at the old homestead, near Paradise, and much of his time in youth was spent in clearing the place and getting it ready for the plow. In early manhood he engaged in farming and lumbering on his own account, and in 1869 he married Miss Caroline Buchheit, of Henderson township, and made his home at his log camp on Stump creek, near the site of the town of Sykesville. He remained there two years, then purchased fifty acres of land from his father and began to clear and improve it for a homestead. Later he bought from W. H. Reber ten acres adjoining him, and in time he found himself in possession of a fine farm with modern improvements, a two-story frame house and a large bank barn being erected in 1886. In 1894 he bought the Benjamin Sykes farm adjoining the homestead. This contains seventy-five acres of land, entirely cleared, and with good buildings, and Mr. Reiter now keeps both estates at a high state of cultivation.

As a citizen, our subject manifests an interest in all progressive movements, and he is held in great esteem by all who know him. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his worthy wife are members of the United Evangelical Church, at Troutville. Twelve children have blessed their home, namely: (1) William C., born April 29, 1870, died four years later. (2) John A., born October 8, 1872, is a resident of Brady township, Clearfield county. He married Miss Laura Haafford, of Clearfield, and they have two children—Flora and Pearl. (3) Polly M., born May 29, 1874, married Thomas Randall, of Elk county, Penn., who is engaged in sawmilling. They have no children. (4) Walter M. was born March 24, 1876. (5) Margaret C., born January 25, 1878, married Earl Jefferson, of Elk county, Penn. (6) Aden J. was born February 4, 1880. (7) David F. was born December 21, 1881. (8) Lavina E. was born November 23, 1883. (9) Thomas A., born May 30, 1886, died at the age of two years. (10) Julia E. was born August 30, 1888. (11) Benjamin J. was born August 5, 1890. (12) Alice L. was born October 31, 1892.

James W. Murphy is an industrious, energetic man, who for many years has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Jefferson county, and has also carried on business as a well-driller and tool-dresser.

Born March 13, 1846, in Emerickville, Jefferson county, Mr. Murphy is of Irish lineage. His grandparents were natives of that country, and the founders of the family in America. James A. and Susanna (Murray) Murphy, his parents, were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., where they were married and made their home until 1842. In that year they moved to Pine creek township, Jefferson county, where the father died, in 1876, at the age of sixty years and six months. The mother, who was born February 12, 1822, now resides on the old homestead in Pine creek township. Mr. Murphy learned the tailor's trade in early life, but from
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1851 until his death devoted his attention exclusively to farming. In politics he was a Republican. His wife held membership with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children of this worthy couple are: Charles, who is engaged in the hotel business in Byromtown, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of Smith McCrenight, a farmer and miller of Jefferson county; Robert P., who was killed by a falling tree; James W.; Noah L., who died at the age of eighteen months; Cyrus J., agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Warrentown, Penn.; Ira, who is in the oil business in Indiana; Alvira, who became the wife of Jacob Strouse, who was killed in a coal mine, and after his death she married Fred Zeiller, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Almira, twin sister of Alvira, now at home; and Elmer E., a Sawyer of North Carolina.

James W. Murphy, whose name opens this review, remained on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, but he has practically depended upon his own efforts since the age of fourteen. When his services were not needed at home he worked for different farmers of the neighborhood and gave his wages for the support of his father's family. He also followed lumbering in connection with his brother Charles until nineteen years of age, when he began that pursuit on his own account, and continuously followed it until 1873. In that year he purchased a farm in Oliver township, operating the same for six years, when he sold and removed to his present farm. In connection with the cultivation of his land he has since 1882 engaged in drilling wells and dressing tools; but sickness has largely interfered with his labors since 1893. He has been the architect of his own fortune, and has built wisely and well, accumulating a handsome competence as the result of his earnest and honorable labors. During the Civil war, he valiantly aided his country, enlisting in Company B, 57th P. V. I., under Capt. Gordon, in June, 1862. He served mostly on detached duty, and twice went to the front, being finally discharged in 1864.

On July 25, 1867, at Sprangle Mills, Jefferson county, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Martha M. Enterline, who was born there in September, 1846, a daughter of Rev. Daniel and Lucinda (Shibles) Enterline, who were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a millwright and farmer, and operated a saw and grist mill until his death, which occurred at Sprangle Mills, in 1864. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and a local minister of that denomination. His wife died in 1861, at the age of forty-two, and both were buried in Ringgold cemetery. Their children were: Lucetta, widow of Jacob Anthony, of Clayville, Penn.; Hannah, widow of Samuel Gerhart, who was killed in the army; Rachel, who is engaged in the millinery business at Big Run, Penn.; George (deceased); Martha M.; Daniel D., who operates a gristmill at Worthville; John (deceased); Philip, who is engaged in the marble business in Kittanning, Penn.; and Samuel, who follows the same vocation in Dayton, Pennsylvania.

The children of our subject and his wife are: George, who died at the age of two years; Daniel J., who married Nora Koher, and is an engineer in Cortez, Penn.; Ira L., who follows lumbering in Oliver township; Daisy M., wife of Calvin Buck, a farmer of Beaver township, Jefferson county; Charles B., Clarence, Myron N., Merrill, Max and Preston, all at home. Mrs. Murphy has been to her husband a faithful helper, and through their combined efforts they have accumulated a valuable property, constituting one of the fine farms of the township. Their many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence and good will of all.

AMES W. REA (deceased) was one of the brave boys in blue during the Civil war who laid down their lives on their country's altar.

A son of John Rea, who was born in Lawrence county, Penn., in 1824, and while having only limited educational advantages, as it was his ambition to secure a higher education, he made the most of his opportunities. At the early age of sixteen years he began teaching, and successfully followed that profession through the winter months until 1862. He possessed that love for his work without which there is no success, and became one of the most able and prominent educators of his community. A patriotic and loyal citizen, Mr. Rea, in 1862, offered his services to the government and became a member of Company I, 148th P. V. I., in which he served for about two years, when he contracted a disease, which, in September, 1864, terminated his life. In all the relations of life he manifested that same loyalty and fidelity to duty that marked his course on Southern battle-fields, and he had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his widow also belongs.

In 1849, Mr. Rea was married to Miss Ellen Smith, youngest daughter of James and Catherine (Odenkirk) Smith, residents of Clarion county, Penn., where her father was engaged in the boot and shoe business, and in that county she was principally educated. By her marriage,
Mrs. Rea became the mother of three children who are yet living, namely: Loretta J., wife of Nelson Corbett; Frances Alvira, wife of Fletcher D. Burns; and Charles N.

Mrs. Ellen Rea is a lady of large 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 husband's death. In 1873 she had the misfortune to lose her large business house by fire, on which she had no insurance. Left without a dollar to commence life again, she bravely began at the foot of the ladder. She conducted a millinery store for some time at Corsica, and through good management and business ability was successful, and to-day owns several buildings including a variety store. Mrs. Rea is sixty-seven years of age, but is as bright and active as many are at one-half her age. She still takes a share in any enterprise that comes her way, which appeals to her judgment. Being an earnest Christian woman, trusting always in the Lord, knowing He has been her stay in every time of need, she hopes to end her days peacefully in the village that has been the scene of her life. She is one of the representative citizens of Jefferson county, and merits and receives the warmest respect and esteem of the whole community.

Robert F. Morrison, a leading and prominent agriculturist of Washington township, Jefferson county, was born in 1846, on the farm where he still resides, and is a son of John and Frances (McConnell) Morrison, natives of Ireland and Centre county, Penn., respectively.

At the age of eighteen years John Morrison left the Emerald Isle, crossing the Atlantic to the New World, and on reaching the shores of this country came at once to Jefferson county, and located on the farm where his son yet lives. He has since successfully engaged in farming and speculating, leading an industrious, honorable and upright life. Although he has reached the age of eighty-five he is still well preserved for one of his years. The mother of our subject has long since departed this life, dying in 1857.

Upon the home farm, Robert F. Morrison early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and has made that honorable calling his life work. He is one of the substantial and prosperous business men of Washington township, where he owns a highly-improved farm of 100 acres, whose neat and thrifty appearance plainly shows that it is under the supervision of a careful and painstaking manager. In connection with his agricultural pursuits he has also for the past two years been interested in lumbering. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey, Mr. Morrison chose Miss R. J. Stephenson, a daughter of Thomas Stephenson, and their marriage was celebrated in 1874. Four children bless their union, namely: Frances E., Jeremiah F., Florence M. and Hugh James. With the Presbyterian Church Mrs. Morrison holds membership. Socially, our subject belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Lincoln Republican Club, of Jefferson county. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, but cares nothing for party preferment. Being endowed with many virtues and a genial, hospitable manner, he merits and receives the respect and confidence of the entire community.

Alexander Kennedy, one of the most energetic and progressive citizens of Rose township, Jefferson county, has throughout his entire life been prominently identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of this region, and is still numbered among its most reliable and substantial business men. He gives that careful attention to every detail of his business, without which success in any undertaking is never assured.

On the farm where he still makes his home, Mr. Kennedy was born in 1846, a son of William and Patience B. (Hall) Kennedy. The father is a native of Ireland, but when only seven years of age left the Emerald Isle with his parents and came to America. They became residents of Pennsylvania, where William Kennedy was reared and has spent his entire life, principally engaged in farming and lumbering. He never took an active part in public affairs, preferring the quiet life of an agriculturist. He was born September 24, 1810, and died November 6, 1896, at the age of eighty-six years, one month and twelve days. His loving wife, who is a native of Pennsylvania, is also deceased.

During his boyhood and youth, Alexander Kennedy attended the district schools near his home, and also pursued his studies for a short time in a select school. When the Civil war broke out, he laid aside all personal interests, and responded to his country's call for troops, first being a member of Company B, Fifty-seventh Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia, in which he served seven weeks. Later he became one of the one-hundred-day men (served one hundred and twenty-six days) as a member of
Company F, of the 1st Battalion, and during his entire service was neither wounded nor taken prisoner. On receiving his discharge from the army, he returned to Jefferson county, where for four years he followed teaming, and in the spring of 1867 located upon his present farm, and has since engaged in the occupations of lumbering and farming with good success. He is also interested in various other enterprises, and is numbered among the most wide-awake and progressive citizens of Rose township. He is a member of the well-known hardware firm of Rankin, Kennedy & Co., of Brookville, but gives his personal supervision principally to his agricultural pursuits.

In 1868 Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Lucinda J. Fitzsimmons, of Jefferson county, and to them have been born six children; five are yet living, namely: James M., of Brookville, Penn.; Eva P., wife of Ross D. Brocious, of Jefferson county; W. C., a farmer of the same county; John F. and George B. R.; Charles Richard, the youngest son, was born December 20, 1886, and died July 16, 1889. Sincere and earnest Christians, the parents have been lifelong members of the United Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Kennedy is now serving as deacon, and their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character commend them to the love and confidence of all who know them. Mr. Kennedy in politics is an ardent Republican, is a strong advocate of sound money and protection, and has acceptably served in a number of local offices of honor and trust. Public-spirited and enterprising, he gives his liberal support to all worthy objects destined to promote the welfare of the community or advance its material interests.

SAMUEL STATES. In this enlightened age when men of energy, industry and merit are rapidly pushing their way to the front, those who, by their own individual efforts, have won favor and fortune may properly claim recognition. At an early age our subject started out to fight life's battles unaided, and has steadily persevered in his efforts until to-day he has become one of the well-to-do farmers and lumbermen of Bell township, as well as one of its representative and prominent citizens. He is now a member of the board of county commissioners of Jefferson county.

Mr. States was born in 1846 in Monroe county, Ohio, a son of John and Lucinda (Fullmer) States. The father was a native of Jefferson county, Penn., where he spent his entire life with the exception of one year which was passed in the Buckeye State, and during that time our subject was born. Throughout the principal part of his active business life John States engaged in lumbering, and he was a quiet, unassuming citizen, whose time was devoted to his own affairs. He passed away in 1894, but his wife is still living, and, although seventy-two years of age, enjoys good health. Our subject was afforded very meagre advantages for securing an education, as he was early put to work, and never attended school after attaining the age of thirteen years. At that time he entered a lumber camp, and has continuously engaged in lumbering and farming up to the present time. On the 13th of January, 1870, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary White, a daughter of Samuel White, of Indiana county, Penn., and five children bless their union, namely: Edward, a prominent teacher of Jefferson county; Joseph; Blanche; United, and Marshall Ney. The mother and eldest three children hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1893, Samuel States was chosen by his fellow citizens to serve as one of the county commissioners, and in 1896, after a hotly contested struggle, was re-elected for another three-years' term. He has proved a careful, conservative member of that body, and the people showed their appreciation of his service by their ballots on the 3rd of November, 1896. He has satisfactorily filled other offices of honor and trust, being school director eighteen years, and, for fifteen years of that time, he was the secretary of the board. For nine years he served his fellow citizens in the capacity of justice of the peace, resigning that office to accept his present position. The Democratic party has ever found in Mr. States one of its most earnest supporters, and socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is now past grand. Whether in public or private life, he has ever been found true to every trust reposed in him, and therefore has the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

ANDREW WILKINS was one of the pioneer lumbermen on Mahoning creek, and took an active part in the development of that industry in Bell township, Jefferson county. He possessed great energy, perseverance and keen discrimination in business, and prosecuted his interests with success.

Mr. Wilkins came to Jefferson county in 1847, and married Miss Eliza Jane Colwell, of Punxsutawney, a daughter of Josiah and Mary Colwell. They located on a farm in Bell township, where for a few years he followed lumbering for other
Mr. Wilkins left a widow and five children to mourn their loss: (1) James M., the eldest, born in Bell township, Jefferson county, in May, 1848, married Miss Nancy Crawford, of Indiana county, Penn. They now reside in Pittsburg, where he follows the plumbing and gas-fitting business. His wife died in December, 1875. She had three children—Harry, Della May and Bertha. The first named died at the age of eight years. The second was born in Bell township, in 1872, and after her mother's death went to live in the home of her grandmother, with whom she still remains. Bertha, born in May, 1875, was taken to the home of her uncle, John Crawford, of Punxsutawney, at the time of her mother's death, and with him lived until 1892, when she became the wife of Elmer Pierce, who is now operator on the Bell's Gap railroad at Fordham, Jefferson county. They have two children. After the death of his first wife, James M. Wilkins married Mrs. Susan Holowell, of Jefferson county. They have six children—James, Bessie, Mary, John G., Irene and Raymond.

(2) Thomas J. Wilkins, the second of the family, was born on the farmstead in Bell township, in August, 1850, and married Maggie Snyder, of Indiana county. They reside near the old homestead, and the following named are the children that have been born to them—Michael, Clayton, Mary, Harry, Willie, Annie, Maria, Cora, and Elva. Of these, Thomas J., married Mary and the widow of the first wife are deceased. (3) Mary J., born in August, 1863, died at the age of fifteen years. (4) John C., born in September, 1857, resides with his mother on the old homestead. After attaining to man's estate he and his brother William erected a good residence on the property purchased by their father in Bell township, and successfully cultivated and operated the farm. Since the marriage of William, John has cared for the place, attending to all the business and looking after his mother's interests.

(5) William B., born in Bell township, February 14, 1860, was three years of age at the time of his father's death. He was educated in the common schools, and after reaching manhood began lumbering as a jobber. He has followed that business up to the present time and for a number of years has operated a sawmill, engaging in the manufacture of sawed lumber for different parties. He is now the owner of a large mill. In August, 1892, he removed from Beech Tree, Jefferson county, to Bell township, Clearfield county, where he contracted with Edward Seipert, of McKeesport, to manufacture sawed lumber. In 1896, in partnership with P. B. Smith, of Clearfield county, he purchased a tract of timber land of H. G. Bowers, of Jefferson county, and they have since engaged in the manufacture of lumber. Mr. Wilkins is also manufacturing sawed lumber for Cyrus and Daniel Smith on a tract of land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and for W. M. Irwin & Son, of Big Run.

On August 16, 1890, William Wilkins married Miss Della Bush, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, a daughter of William and Jennie Bush, her father a well-to-do farmer and lumberman of Indiana county, Penn. Mrs. Della Wilkins is a member of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Wilkins is a Jacksonian Democrat. He and his brother John started on their business careers with a few advantages to aid them, but have steadily worked their way upward, and are now numbered among the successful, prosperous and honorable business men of their section of the county.

ALBERT J. FERMAN, who is prominently identified with the farming and lumber interests of Snyder township, Jefferson county, was born June 21, 1849, on the old homestead, where he still resides. His educational advantages were such as were afforded by the local schools, and under his father's able direction he became a thorough and systematic business man, competent to successfully manage the large estate left by the father, of which he and his brother Samuel are the administrators.

In 1875 Mr. Ferman was united in marriage with Miss Jennie McKay, and they now have three children: Ethel, who is at home, is studying painting; Carroll, who is soon to graduate at the Brockwayville High School, expects to take a thorough business course; and Edna, who is now going to the same school, expects to graduate, then take a course in music, which is her chosen profession. Mrs. Ferman's father, who was born and reared in Ireland, improved a good farm in Mercer county, Penn., where he died when she was only four years old. He left two
children who are still living, the other being Neill. The mother has since become the wife of Joseph Cross, a farmer, by whom she has had five children. She is residing at Sandy Lake, Mercer county, and is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Ferman are Methodists in religious belief, and, in politics, Mr. Ferman is identified with the Republican party. They have a host of warm friends throughout the community, and deserve the warm regard in which they are universally held.

Alonzo Ferman, the father of our subject, was a native of the State of New York, born in Franklin county, November 27, 1818, and, as he was left an orphan in infancy, was adopted by Samuel Beaman and his wife, who proved to be kind and indulgent parents. In later years he showed his appreciation of their goodness by bringing them to his home and caring for them in their old age. He came to Jefferson county in 1839, and entered the employ of a lumber company, whose plant and lands in Snyder township he subsequently purchased, making his home there until called to his final rest, November 7, 1895. Although he started out in life for himself empty-handed, he accumulated a handsome property, leaving at his death 700 acres of farming and timber land, in the homestead tract. In connection with his lumber interests, he purchased many acres of timber land, which he would clear and convert into marketable lumber, and at one time he owned 1,000 acres in Elk county, Penn., which he later sold. For three years he was also interested in merchandising in Crenshaw, and gave strict attention to every detail of his extensive business. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty—these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success, and to these may be attributed the success that crowned the efforts of Mr. Ferman.

He was married August 9, 1848, to Miss Susanna Bundy, a daughter of John I. Bundy, who was for many years a prominent agriculturist of Clearfield county, to which he had removed from Jefferson county, Penn., but subsequently emigrated to Minnesota, where his death occurred. In his family were five children, namely: Louisa, Susanna, Lucius, Hannah and Rebecca. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Ferman became the parents of eight children: Albert J., of this review; Eliza M., at home; Samuel B., who is connected with our subject in business; Mrs. Clara S. Horton (deceased); Mrs. Josephine Dailey, a resident of Fredonia, N. Y.; Mrs. Nellie Iddings, a merchant of Crenshaw; Allie, who died August 6, 1886, at the age of sixteen years; and Mrs. Zada V. Mc-

Neill. The mother did not long survive her husband, passing away on April 19, 1896. They were active and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which their children also belong.

JAMES A. HAMILTON (deceased), late a prominent resident of Big Run, Jefferson county, in whose death, on April 20, 1897, the community in which he resided and the people of the county in general, lost one of its best citizens, one who ever took an active interest in the business, social and political affairs of Jefferson county.

In his veins there was the mixture of Scotch and Irish blood which has produced so many able and forceful characters. Robert and Rachel (Work) Hamilton, his parents, were probably natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., but the father was of Irish and the mother of Scotch parentage. Mr. Hamilton was born in 1823, in Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Penn., and was reared upon a farm, his education being limited to the country schools of that day. He vividly recalled his first school which was held in the old log cabin that did not contain a nail or a single piece of window glass. At fourteen he began to learn the tanner's trade, and at the completion of his term of apprenticeship he worked as a journeyman for a time in Indiana, Penn., receiving four dollars per month, during his first year, and twelve during the second. By way of change he made a trip down the Susquehanna on a raft, and soon after, in 1845, he embarked in the tanning business on his own responsibility, in his native county, on the somewhat limited capital of $51.75. Industry and careful management won the day for him, and he established a good business as a tanner and harness-maker, hiring experienced workmen for the latter department. After a time he purchased a farm, which he conducted in addition to his other lines of work, and later he engaged in a profitable mercantile enterprise. He suffered reverses at times, but in the main was successful, acquiring enough to keep the wolf some distance from the door for the remainder of his life. From 1867 until the time of his death he made his home in Big Run, and although he "retired" from business some years ago was a vice-president of the Big Run Building and Loan Association.

In 1845 Squire Hamilton married his first wife, Miss Isabelle Maria Sutton, of Indiana county, by whom he had five children: Martha Ruth, wife of George Gourley, of Big Run;
Robert A., of Elmont, Penn.; Sylvester, a prominent physician of Punxsutawney; Frank J., a resident of Jefferson county; and Mary Laura (deceased). The mother of this family passed away in 1884, and in 1885 Squire Hamilton was married to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Weber, née Sunderland. Three children were born to this union: Emma and Ella (twins), of whom the latter is deceased, and James A., Jr. Squire Hamilton always tried to live up to the Golden Rule, and his kindly nature attracted a host of friends. He had always been active in local affairs, wherever he had resided. He served twenty years as justice of the peace in Indiana county, and about the same length of time at Big Run. In politics he was a Republican on national issues, but where local questions only were involved he voted independently. His remains now rest in the Big Run cemetery.

CHARLES B. JORDAN. That well-known author, Samuel Smiles, in his work on "Character," has said that every person may learn something from the recorded life of another, and this volume will prove a rich treasure to the reader in its faithful pictures of those who are most prominent at this day in the life of this section. The subject of this sketch, a leading agriculturist and lumberman of Oliver township, Jefferson county, is a member of a family which became identified with that locality at an early day, and in his own character reveals the same traits that marked his progressive, self-reliant ancestry.

Mr. Jordan was born August 30, 1848, on the old Jordan homestead, a portion of which he now occupies. He remained at home working for his father, the late Isaac C. Jordan, until the age of twenty-four, when he established a home of his own. On May 5, 1873, he was married at Punxsutawney, by Rev. Daniel Cooper, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, to Miss Martha J. Morris, a daughter of Theodore Morris, a leading citizen of Young township, Jefferson county. After his marriage Mr. Jordan resided for four years in the vicinity of Punxsutawney, where he operated a sawmill in partnership with his father. He then located on the farm he now lives on, which is now considered one of the best farms in the township. His residence is a handsome building, standing upon an elevation on the main road between Punxsutawney and Brookville. Agricultural work occupies much of his time and attention, but he is also extensively engaged in lumbering, being a partner of W. J. Morrison in a sawmill in Oliver township. For about eight-
had been taken up, they moved to Oliver township (then Perry), where they purchased 160 acres of land at $1.25 per acre. In early life they had both united with the Presbyterian Church, but after his wife’s death Samuel Jordan identified himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their remains were interred in Olive cemetery, near the home where they spent so many years of their useful and honored lives. They had the following children: Isaac C., our subject’s father; Hannah H., now the widow of John McBrier, of Rose township, Jefferson county; Robert, a farmer in Indiana county, married Elizabeth Fetterhoff, and is now deceased; Sarah, who married (first) James Cary, deceased, and (second) John McPherson, of Clearfield; John, who married Nancy Bell and resides at Perry, Jefferson county; Joseph, a resident of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Law (now deceased); William A., a farmer in Oliver township, who married Mary J. Reed; James B., who married Anna M. Smith, and resides in Punxsutawney. He is a veteran of the Civil war and a leading politician of the section, having served six years as county commissioner and three as county auditor.

The late Isaac C. Jordan, our subject’s father, was born July 14, 1816, in Indiana county, but his life was mainly spent in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he owned a large farm. Beginning life in very poor circumstances, he made his own way successfully and acquired a handsome competence. He was a well-known lumberman, and had several mills there and in neighboring townships. He died November 12, 1884, in McCalmont township, after a brief but severe illness, while he was visiting one of his sawmills in which his sons, Charles B. and Albert, were his partners. His remains were taken home for burial and were interred in Olive cemetery. He was a man of prominence, and for many years was a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Oliveburg, while he also held numerous township offices, and was an influential worker in the Republican party. At one time he was the nominee for the State Assembly, but there was a Democratic landslide that year, and, although he was ahead of his ticket, he was defeated. On October 30, 1839, he was married in Jefferson county, by Rev. Charles R. Barkley, a minister of the C. P. Church, to Miss Leanna Steffy, a native of Rockingham county, Va., born November 21, 1818, and they had ten children: Miss Mary E. resides at the homestead with her mother; Samuel S., a resident of Oliver township; Charles B., our subject; Lida A., who died at the age of four years; Winifred S., who lived only one year and ten months; Albert, a farmer and lumberman at the old homestead; Minerva J., wife of William Morrison, a merchant, lumberman and farmer at Oliveburg; Leah, who married Frederick Parr, a farmer in Oliver township; Lina J., wife of J. W. Martin, an attorney at Punxsutawney; J. Simon, a farmer in Oliver township, who married Miss Maggie Anthony. All of the surviving children reside near the old home, their parents having encouraged them to do so.

The Steffy family are of German origin, but has long been identified with Virginia. Philip Steffy, our subject’s great-grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker in that State, and his son, Samuel Steffy, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared there. Samuel Steffy married Mary Bowers, daughter of John Bowers, a farmer, and his wife, Elizabeth ———, who were natives respectively of Germany and Virginia. In 1820 Mr. Steffy removed to Jefferson county, and located upon a farm in Bell township. He was engaged in lumbering as well as in agriculture, and piloted the first raft sent from the upper end of Mahoning creek. He was a Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. He died in 1876 at the age of eighty-four, and his first wife, our subject’s grandmother, died in 1823, aged thirty, the remains of both being interred at Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had four children—Elizabeth, widow of John Corey, of Punxsutawney; Leanna, our subject’s mother; John, who died in Kansas; and Simon, who entered the Union army, and died in Libby prison. By a second marriage, with Ann Cook, of Shippenburg, Penn., there were four children: Mary, widow of William Yost, of Millville, Penn.; William, a resident of Punxsutawney; Maria, wife of A. Miller, a farmer in Virginia; and Joseph, deceased.

Robert B. London, a prominent agriculturist and lumberman of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is a worthy representative of a family which has had an influential part in the work of developing that locality. Having located there at an early day, when the country was practically a wilderness, the various members of the family cleared farms, established homes, and entered heartily upon the duties of citizenship in the newly organized community, giving liberally of their means for the support of churches and schools, and all other helpful enterprises.
Edward London, our subject's father, was one of seven brothers, all of whom were born in Luzerne county, Penn., and settled in this section in early manhood: (1) Truman located at Soldier Run, Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering until his death, which occurred in 1894. He was married there, and his wife died about 1884 leaving three children—Isaac, who is married and is a merchant of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county; and Eliza is the wife of Andrew Johnson. (2) Nathan located first near Punxsutawney where he followed cabinet making for some time, but his last years were spent at Big Run, his death occurring in 1887. He married Miss Catherine Vail, of Luzerne county, who survived him with three children—Gilbert, William and Emeline. (3) Isaac made his home upon a farm in Bell township, where he died in 1893. He married after coming to Jefferson county, and had four children—John; Nathan; Hulda (Mrs. William Steer), of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; and Lizzie, who married Ward Wood, of Punxsutawney. (4) Hiram, who married Miss Margaret Stewart, of Perry township, Jefferson county. She died some years ago leaving two children—William, and Emeline (now Mrs. Daniel Moser), of Jefferson county. (5) Samuel, a farmer in Bell township, married and has six children—Joseph; James; Emma (now Mrs. Baptist); Ida (Mrs. Saltskwer), of Falls Creek; Mary, who married George Beamer, of Big Soldier; and Annie (Mrs. Philip Shilman), of the same place. (6) Stephen (deceased) was a farmer in Porter township, Jefferson county. He was married in that county to Miss Martha Miller, who survived him with one son, Samuel (now deceased). Edward London, the father of our subject, was born in 1818, and was educated in Luzerne county, preparing for the profession of teaching, which he followed for some time. Coming to Jefferson county as a young man, he was married in Perry township, in 1844, to Miss Susan Shilling, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Shilling, who removed at an early day from Lewistown, Pennsylvania, to a farm in Perry township, where their last days were spent. After his marriage our subject's father settled near Punxsutawney on Mahoning creek, and for some years was engaged in operating a sawmill. He then bought from William Bell seventy acres of wood land in Henderson township, located along Stump creek, two miles east of Big Run. There was a small loghouse on the place, to which the family removed, and he continued to reside there until his death, which occurred in December, 1870. Some years before he cut his knee by accident and crippled himself permanently, so that he could do comparatively little work during his last years. His faithful wife, who had shared all the hardships of pioneer life, survived him, and resides at the old farm with our subject. They had fourteen children, all of whom were born in Jefferson county:

(1) Sarah, born in 1843, married Ezra Stewart, of Jefferson county, a farmer by occupation, and after spending some years in Perry township, they moved to Wisconsin, and later to Richland county, North Dakota, where they now reside. They have had twelve children. (2) Wallace, born in 1845, in Bell township, grew to manhood in Henderson township, where he now resides upon a farm. He married Miss Sarah Smith, of the same township, and has eight children—Irene (now Mrs. Sam Shipley); Minnie, who married Alfred Choler, of Clearfield county; William; G. M.; Edith; Clara; Cora; and Lillie. (3) Mary, born in 1847, married Noah Syphert, a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and has nine children, all at home; Ida, Joseph, Scott, Edward, Thomas, Mead, Theresa, Ella and Laura. (4) Robert B., our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (5) Arthur, born in March, 1850, owns a fine farm near Troutville, with excellent buildings. He married Miss Polly Miller, of Henderson township, and has seven children—Harry, Stella, Flora, Josie, Lulu, Johnnie and Bessie. (6) James K., born in 1851, resides upon a farm adjoining the old homestead in Henderson township, and is extensively engaged in agriculture and in the manufacture of sawed lumber, ranking among the substantial business men of the locality. He married Miss Phoebe Owens, and has eight children—Maud (now Mrs. Sam Pifer), of Big Run, Jennie, Edward, Sadie, James, May, Roy and Bessie. (7) Francis R., born in August, 1853, is a farmer near Kramer Station, Jefferson county. He married first Miss Catherine Deemer, of the same county, who died in 1886, and later he married Miss Susan Fox, of Henderson township. By his first marriage he had five children—Webster, who is not married and resides in Minnesota; Bertha, Laura, Clyde and Cleveland are all at home. By the second union there are also five children—Blair, Floyd, Earl, Raymond and Ambrose. (8) T. J., born February 15, 1856, resides in Bell township, Clearfield county, where he is engaged in lumbering. He married Miss Mintie Anthony, and has four children—Della, Mary, Orwin and Ollie. (9) Alison W., born in December, 1860, resides upon his farm at Sykesville, where he follows the carpenter's trade in addition to his agricult-
ural work. He married Miss H. Moore, and they have three children—Karl, Tuila and Alison. (10) Henry, born in September, 1862, married Miss Sallie Wrin, of Jefferson county, and purchased a homestead near Punxsutawney, where he died in 1890. His wife survived him with two children—Edna and Henry C. (11) Hester, born in July, 1864, is not married and resides with his brother, Robert. (12) John C., born in 1866, was drowned in a spring when he was a year and a half old. (13) George W. M., born 1868, died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty-four. (14) John H., born in July, 1870, resides at Big Run, where he is employed in the Irwin tannery. He married Miss Minnie Read, and has two living children—Harl S. and Fay. A younger child, Olin, died in infancy.

Robert B. London, the subject proper of this sketch, was born October 28, 1849, at the old home in Bell township, Jefferson county, and received a public-school education. After his father's death he continued to reside at the homestead, taking care of his mother and the younger children, and managing the farm. In 1886 he married Miss Mary Shilling, of Jefferson county, and six children have blessed their union—Homer, Nora, Lizzie, Mabel, Irwin and Olin. Mr. London has built a fine residence on the homestead, and also a large bank barn. He owns seventy acres adjoining the old home, and during the winter season he is engaged in lumbering there, while in summer he brings the cleared land under cultivation. Politically he is a Democrat of the good old stamp, and he has held office as township treasurer and overseer of the poor, and for two terms was supervisor. His parents were both reared in the Baptist faith, to which they always adhered, but he and his wife are members of the Reformed Church.

Commemorative biographical record.

Benoni B. Williams, the well-known and popular postmaster at Horatio, has the reputation of a strictly first-class agriculturist, reliable and energetic, and is now the owner of a valuable and well-improved farm of over 100 acres in Young township, Jefferson county, which he is successfully operating. The buildings upon the place are neat and substantial, and the whole farm betokens the thrift and enterprise of the owner.

Mr. Williams was born in 1849, in Young township, a son of James and Mary Ellen (Hopkins) Williams, both natives of Pennsylvania, the birth of the former occurring in Jefferson county. During his younger years the father took quite a prominent part in local affairs, and throughout his active business life engaged in farming and lumbering, but is now living retired, though he still enjoys fair health at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother departed this life in July, 1886. Our subject had only the advantages of a common-school education in his youth, and was reared upon the home farm, early becoming familiar with every department of its work. When only twelve years of age he had charge of a crew and ran a raft of logs, and since that time he has spent a great portion of his life in lumbering, but for the past few years has devoted his attention chiefly to the cultivation and improvement of his fine farm in Young township.

On the 4th of July, 1871, Mr. Williams was married to Miss Anna Elizabeth Simpson, a daughter of John Simpson, a native of Loudoun county, Va., but Mrs. Williams was born in Jefferson county, Penn. Of their eleven children nine are yet living, as follows: Bessie Myrtilla, James Lloyd, Lyle Simpson, Charles Harry, Vada Ellen, Leonard Roy, William Max, Clara Naomi and Ivan Rex.

The father of these is a recognized leader in the local Democracy, does all in his power to advance the interests of his party, and has been elected to various township offices, which he filled in a most creditable manner. In May, 1896, he was appointed postmaster at Horatio, and has ever since satisfactorily served in that position, discharging his duties in a prompt and efficient manner. Mrs. Williams is an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady.

Isaac Pifer. One of the oldest homesteads of Jefferson county is that of the Pifer family in Henderson township, which is now in the possession of the third generation of the family. It comprises 200 acres, and was purchased in 1828 by John Pifer, who came from Westmoreland county, Penn., to make his home in the wilderness, and passed his remaining years there living in a log cabin in true pioneer style.

David Pifer, son of John, and the father of the well-known citizen whose name opens this sketch, was born in Westmoreland county, in 1823, and, coming to the new homestead in childhood, has remained there throughout his life, making many improvements as time passed, and building a fine modern residence which he still occupies. He married Miss Elizabeth Hess, who died in 1882, leaving a large family of children: (1) J. J., who resides on a farm in Henderson township, adjoining that of our subject, married Miss Lizzie Strouse, of Jefferson county,
and has three children—Albert, Lottie and Clair.
(2) Isaac, the subject of this sketch, is referred to farther on. (3) Charlotte married Josiah Zufall, a farmer of Henderson township, and has four children—David, Eldy, Clarence and "Baby." (4) Jonas, who owns a farm in Brady township, Clearfield county, married Miss Mary Bonsal, of that township. (5) Sarah married Charles Scheffer, formerly of Centre county, but now a butcher of Big Run. They have one son—William. (6) Lydia married Amos Strouse, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and they now reside on the Wash Miller farm in that county. They have six children—Lizzie, David, Minnie, Clarence, Gem and Nanie. (7) David, a farmer in Henderson township, married Miss Ollie Ludwig, of Winslow township, in the same county, and they have two children—Ethel and Ivan. (8) Mamie (deceased) married Gilbert Fye, of Winslow township, Jefferson county, and resided on the husband's farm at Big Soldier. They had six children—Minnie, Harry, Oscar, Laura, Ora and Clara. (9) William, a farmer at the homestead, married Miss Rachel Zufall, of Henderson township, but has no children. (10) Miss Lizzie and (11) Miss Minnie C. reside with their father at the homestead.

Isaac Pifer was born August 8, 1850, and has always made his home at the old farm, the common schools of the locality furnishing him an education. In early manhood he followed farming during the summers and lumbering in winter seasons. In 1878 he began dealing in sheep, buying them in Jefferson, Clearfield and Indiana counties, and shipping them to Philadelphia. Later he bought cattle for John Du Bois, of the town of Du Bois, continuing two years, and then for ten years he dealt in sheep and cattle on his own account, disposing of them mainly to W. S. Dellett, in Mifflin county, Penn. Since then he has been engaged in buying fat cattle at the stock yards in East Liberty, Pittsburg, and shipping them to Reynolds ville and other points. In 1884 he formed a partnership with Adam Miller, and purchased a sawmill in Henderson township from A. Wineburg, and they have ever since been extensively engaged in sawing lumber, having purchased several pieces of timber land, including the William Pifer tract in McCalmont township, Jefferson county. In addition to these interests, Mr. Pifer is a stockholder in the Citizens Bank of Big Run, and he finds time to take an active and influential part in local affairs. Politically he is a firm adherent of the old Jacksonian Democracy, and for sixteen years he has held the office of constable and tax collector.

In 1876 he was married to Miss Susannah Bonsall, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and in the same year he built a two-story frame residence on a portion of the old homestead, where they still reside. Ten years later he erected a large bank barn, and from time to time he has added other improvements. In 1886 his beloved wife died, leaving five children, of whom the youngest, Wilson, born in 1886, died in the following year. The others, who are all at home, are: Jacob K., born March 4, 1878; Miss Lydia, November 10, 1879; Luther, February 12, 1881; and David, December 12, 1882. The father of these, in religious faith, is an Evangelical Lutheran, and he and his wife a number of years ago united with the Church at Paradise, of which he has always been a generous supporter.

WILLIAM JAMES THOMPSON is a well-known general farmer and lumberman residing in Winslow township, Jefferson county, and his home with its surroundings denotes the supervision of an intelligent agriculturist and capable business man, who at the same time has proved a useful member of society, and one deserving the esteem and confidence of the people around him.

Mr. Thompson is a native of Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Penn., a son of Alexander and Ann E. (Blair) Thompson, who were born, reared and married in that county, remaining there until 1863, when they removed to Clearfield county, Penn., and located near Madera, then known as Puzzyville. Four years later they went to Osceola, the same county, but in 1871 took up their residence in Reynolds ville, Jefferson county, where they spent their remaining days, and were buried, the mother in Beulah cemetery of that place, and the father in Michigan. The father engaged in lumbering until 1887, but passed his last years in retirement. His estimable wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both were held in the highest respect by the entire community. They had two children: Maggie A., now the widow of Peter C. McKee, a lumberman of Reynolds ville, by whom she had two sons; and William James, of this sketch.

John Thompson, the paternal great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ireland, and crossed the Atlantic at an early day. In a canoe he went up Lycoming creek from the present site of Williamsport to what is now Cogan Station, and secured a tract of land in Lycoming county, where he passed the last years of his life. The grandparents, King and Ann (Mahaffey) Thompson, became prominent farming peo-
people of that county, where they always made their home. The maternal grandparents of our subject were William and Phœbe (Conklin) Blair, agriculturists of Matutesville, Pennsylvania.

William James Thompson, of this review, attended school as the opportunity afforded until about twelve years of age, and then worked with his father at lumbering until sixteen, when he left home to earn his own livelihood, being employed for the first two years in a sawmill. The following year he was a brakeman and fireman on the Northwestern railroad, and then spent eight months in the oil fields, after which he returned to railroading, and was thus engaged for a year and a half. Three years were then spent in the West—illinois, Indiana, Missouri and other States—where he worked on farms, in sawmills, or at anything which he could find to do. In 1869, he returned to Clearfield county, Penn., and was for a year and a half in the employ of the Clearfield Coal Company at Osceola, after which he worked in a sawmill for three years. He continued a resident of that county until 1886, following teaming, or working at any employment which he could obtain, and then removed to North Dakota, where he took up a homestead and tree claim of a quarter of a section each, which were fifteen miles from a settlement. He took with him 3,500 feet of lumber and 3,000 shingles, and, as soon as his house was completed, he sent for his wife and family. He had to haul the lumber for the house 100 miles. Many hardships and privations had to be endured in their frontier home as they were one hundred miles from any railroad until 1888, when the Great Northern Railroad Company extended a branch line within three hundred yards of their home, two miles from Willow City, a fine, prosperous little town. The nearest timber tract was twelve miles distant, and they were obliged to haul the wood for fuel from fifteen to twenty-five miles, while their wheat was taken to Devils Lake to market, one hundred miles away. The family continued to make their home there for six years and a half, but in 1892 returned to Reynolds ville, Penn., as Mr. Thompson was suffering from rheumatism and eczema, contracted by exposure at their Western home. He still owns his tree claim, but has sold the homestead. After recuperating, he turned his attention to lumbering, but this he had to give up on account of rheumatism, and he has since purchased the Joel Snyder farm of seventy-nine acres in Winslow township, Jefferson county, which he is now successfully operating.

On January 1, 1873, at Tyrone, Blair Co., Penn., our subject was married to Miss Mary A. Kooken, and ten children were born to this union: Charles P., now a farmer of Blair county; Lawrence, who died at the age of four months; Elizabeth B., deceased wife of J. C. Star, of Brookville, Penn.; and James K., Phœbe M., Mary L., Aurius N., Alma J., Bertha E. and Mildred D. J., all at home. The mother of these was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., May 3, 1852, a daughter of Peter and Hettie (Musser) Kooken, natives of Centre county, Penn., where they were married. Later they removed to Huntingdon county, but in 1877 emigrated to Lancaster, Ohio, where they continued to reside until called from this life. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born in 1812, and died in 1879, while the mother was born in 1815, and died in 1882. In their family were the following children: John Z., now operating a fruit farm in Union county, Penn.; Daniel W., who is in the cattle business in Montana; Thomas J., a farmer of Huntingdon county, Penn.; James M. and George D., both agriculturists of Blair county, Penn.; Sarah M., deceased wife of William Kuhn, of Kingman county, Kans.; Mary M., wife of our subject; Franklin P., a resident of Montana; Ellen, wife of John Larkin, a farmer of Oklahoma; and Abraham H., who is in the hotel business in Montana. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Thompson were John Kook and wife (whose maiden name was Rhunster); both died in Centre county, Penn., and the maternal grandfather, Daniel Musser, was also a lifelong resident of Penn's Valley, Centre county.

Throughout life, our subject has been a hard working, industrious man, and the success that he has achieved is due entirely to his own unaided efforts, for since the age of sixteen he has been dependent upon his own resources, but he has steadily worked his way upward until he has secured a comfortable competence. He holds membership in the Odd Fellows Lodge, of Reynolds ville, and is a pronounced Democrat in politics.

James M. Aharra. Among the well-to-do and successful farmers of Jefferson county, who have accumulated competencies through their own exertions and economy, and who are carrying on the occupation of farming in a manner that draws forth praise from every one, is the subject of this biographical notice, who is an honored resident of Heath township, where he has spent his entire life, and those who have known him from childhood are numbered among his staunchest friends.

William and Catherine (Elrod) Aharra, his
parents, were natives of Indiana and Allegheny counties, Penn., respectively. Throughout the
greater part of his life the father engaged in lum-
bering, but later turned his attention to agri-
cultural pursuits, and spent his last days in the quiet.
eventful manner of most farmers. He was
called to his final rest in 1892, but his widow is
still living at the age of sixty-eight years. To
them were born ten children, of whom eight are
still living, namely: Caroline, wife of David Mil-
er; Marietta, wife of Robert Walford; James M.,
of this sketch; Margaret, wife of Alphos Callen;
Jennie, wife of Jacob Hydinger; Elrod;
Ella and Nancy.

Our subject was born January 1, 1850, and
was provided with very meagre educational privi-
leges during his youth. As soon as he could be
of any service, he entered the lumber, woods,
and since the age of eighteen he has been de-
pendent upon his own resources. He still en-
gages in farming and lumbering, and has met with
a well-deserved success in his undertakings. In
1873, he was married to Miss Clara Walters, a
daughter of J. Wilson Walters, of Forest county,
Penn., and they have become the parents of
thirteen children, twelve of whom are, living, as
follows: Etta (Mrs. Mead Miller), Katie (Mrs.
Frank Larmar), Vienna, Hannah, James,
Charles, Anna, Grover, Robert, Ola, Myrtle and
Effie.

Mr. Aharrah takes quite an active interest in
civic societies, and now belongs to the Masonic
fraternity, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows
and the Knights of Pythias. In politics he sup-
ports the men and measures of the Democratic
party, and, although he has never cared for offi-
cial distinction, his fellow citizens have called
upon him to serve in a number of local positions
of honor and trust. In 1896 he was the can-
didate of his party for county treasurer, but
was defeated as the county is strongly Repub-
lican. His sterling integrity, inflexible honesty,
and general high principles, have won him the
respect of the community where he has so long
made his home, and he is to-day one of the most
esteemed and valued citizens of Jefferson county.

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OLOMON W. SHAFFER, one of the suc-
cessful agriculturists of Beaver township,
Jefferson county, owns a farm near the village of
Ohl, which is not only productive on the sur-
face, but is underlaid with heavy veins of coal. He
has a handsome home, elegantly furnished, and,
while working hard, has the wisdom to live well.

Mr. Shaffer is a member of one of the pioneer
families of Jefferson county. His great-grand-
parents, Phelda and Elizabeth Shaffer, of Nor-
thumberland county, settled in 1840 in Ringgold
township, where they were the first comers. They
built a log cabin in the midst of the "howling
wilderness," and their remaining years were spent
there. In religious faith they were Lutherans,
and at death their remains were interred in the
mansion at St. John's Church. Among their
eleven children was a son, Isaac (our subject's
grandfather), who was born in Schuylkill county,
Penn., and was married there to Miss Christina
Geitz, whose father, Andrew Geitz, a private in
the Revolutionary army, was born in Pennsyl-
vania, east of the mountains, and died at Wolfs
Creek, Northumberland county, at the age of
ninety-seven. In 1835 Isaac Shaffer and his wife
made their home in the woods in Beaver town-
ship, Jefferson county, their journey, which occu-
pied nine days, being made with one single and
two double teams. They purchased eighty acres
of land at $1.50 per acre, paying only a portion of
the price down. In his younger days Isaac
Shaffer had followed the weaver's trade, but this
was given up, as his agricultural operations be-
came more extensive and profitable. He was a
Democrat in politics, and a devout member of
the Lutheran Church. He died at the age of
sixty-nine years and three months; his wife sur-
vived him until 1883, when she passed away
when aged eighty-one years, five months and
twenty-five days; the remains of both were laid
to rest in the Lutheran cemetery in Beaver town-
ship. They had the following children: Lida,
who died in childhood; Solomon, our subject's
father; Harriet, who died at the age of twenty;
Lucy A., widow of Eli Thomas, of Beaver town-
ship; Christina, the wife of Joseph Thomas, a
carpenter in the same township; Rebecca, widow
of John Reitz, of Warren, Penn.; Isaac, a farmer
in Beaver township; Abraham, a lumberman at
Mansville, Penn.; George, a farmer and lumber-
man in Ringgold township, Jefferson county;
John, a blacksmith at Apollo, Penn.; Sarah, who
married John Mowry, a farmer in Ringgold town-
ship, and Jacob, a lumberman on Sandy creek,
Jefferson county.

Solomon Shaffer, Sr., the father of our sub-
ject, was born January 7, 1824, in Northumber-
land county, and when about twelve years old
came to Jefferson county with his parents. The
forests which surrounded his new home have long
since disappeared, but much of his time until his
ten-year first year was spent in assisting in the
work of clearing the farm. On November 5,
1845, he was married in Ringgold township to
Miss Elizabeth Wonderling, and the next three
years he passed at Maysville, Penn., in the em-

ploy of his uncle, Daniel Geitz, a farmer. Later Mr. Shaffer purchased forty acres of land from his father, for $200.00, of which sum he paid half in cash; seven years afterward he bought eighty acres more, making a fine property; but on May 13, 1869, he removed to his present farm in Beaver township, which he purchased from Mr. Barkhouse. At present he gives less time than formerly to the active management of the farm, having turned it over to younger hands; but he is very well preserved for his age. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, though his first Presidential vote was cast for James Buchanan. Official honors have never tempted him greatly; however, he has served one term as supervisor. He is a prominent member of the Evangelical Church, and for some time was a class leader.

His wife was a native of Northampton county, Penn., born June 17, 1826, the daughter of Frederick and Sophina (Billman) Wonderling, of Switzerland, who came to Pennsylvania in early life, and after residing for a time in Northampton county settled in Clarion county. Her father died there, but her mother's last days were spent in Jefferson county. They had nine children: Henry and John, deceased; Caroline, wife of Peter Hetrick, of Clarion county; Elizabeth (Mrs. Shaffer); Charles, a farmer in Oliver township; Joseph, a carpenter in Clarion county; Reuben, a carpenter in Jefferson county; Mary, widow of Solomon Young, of Maysville; and Catherine, wife of Solomon Glontz, a farmer in Beaver township, Jefferson county.

To Solomon Shaffer, Sr., and his wife, twelve children were born, viz.: Marvia, who married Jacob Shick, a farmer in Redbank township, Clarion county; Susanna, wife of Joseph Sparr, an undertaker and furniture dealer at Brookville, Penn.; Daniel, a farmer in Beaver township, who married Catherine Shingedecker; Solomon W., the subject proper of this biography; Lavina, who died when three years old; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Sowers, a farmer and stone-mason in Beaver township; Rebecca, who married Emanuel Brocious, a farmer in the same township; John, a lumberman in the same locality; Emanuel, who died at the age of twenty-one; Benjamin, a retired barber, who married Miss Orena McCriston, and resides at New Kensington, Penn., of which town he is now burgess; James, who died at the age of twenty-six; and Miss Olive Randa Shaffer, who resides with her parents. This lady, although she has been for sixteen years a helpless paralytic, displays a serenity and cheerfulness which makes a visit to her an inspiration. As her affliction came upon her in 1881, at the early age of twelve years, she had comparatively limited schooling, but her keen and active intellect has sought instruction in what Carlyle calls the "University of Books," where the best thought of mankind is enshrined. She was not especially fond of reading as a child, but fine literary taste has been developed through a study of the best writers in prose and poetry, and her conversation is enriched by many an apt and beautiful quotation. Naturally this noble resolution and patient yet persistent effort command the admiration of all who know her, and her sweet disposition has won her hosts of friends, who delight in visiting her. She is passionately fond of flowers, and, possessing much artistic ability, she has, without instruction, gained wonderful skill in copying their forms and colors.

Solomon W. Shaffer was born February 13, 1851, in Beaver township, Jefferson county, and was reared upon his father's farm. On February 13, 1872, he married Miss Louisa M. Milliron, and their home was made upon a farm in Ringgold township, Jefferson county. It contained seventy-five acres, and cost $2,300, of which sum Mr. Shaffer paid $1,000 in cash. After operating the place five years he sold it for $2,600, and then for two years he rented a farm in the same township from Mr. Geitz. On leaving that place he rented a residence at North Freedom, Penn., where he remained six months, and then he purchased another farm in Ringgold township. A year later he sold this place at an advance of $200, and bought his present farm of sixty-nine acres, for which he paid $3,000. He is a hard worker, and has spared no pains in improving his place, and his energetic and shrewd management has enabled him to find an excellent market for his products. In local affairs he is active and influential, being a strong adherent of the Republican party, and he has served two terms as assessor, also one as constable.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have had no children, but they have adopted a daughter, Miss Annie B. Reitz, known as Miss Shaffer. She was born February 13, 1875, in Beaver township, the daughter of John and Rebecca (Shaffer) Reitz, and is now an accomplished young lady. Her father died before she was born, and she has lived with Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer since she was three years old. Mrs. Shaffer is a native of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, born March 7, 1852.

CAPT. J. C. KELSO, who won his title by faithful service during the trying days of the Civil war, is now a distinguished and honored citizen of Clover township, Jefferson county.
Our subject is a native of the county, born July 19, 1835, a son of William and Martha (Chambers) Kelso. The birth of the father occurred in 1807, in County Down, Ireland, whence in 1813 he was brought to this country by his parents. After landing at Philadelphia, they proceeded to Huntingdon county, Penn., making their first location near McAlavy’s Fort, but in 1820 they settled in what is now Clover township, Jefferson county. The journey was made in wagons through an almost unbroken forest, and until their little cabin could be erected the sheltering branches of the trees was their only home. Here the grandfather, John Kelso, purchased a tract of wild land at what was then known as the Irish settlement, and improved a farm, on which he made his home until called from this life, in 1860. He and his wife were devout members of the Seceder Church. They were the parents of eight children: William, Elizabeth, Susan, James, Isabel, John, Margaret and David.

Being the oldest of the family, William Kelso early began to assist his father in the arduous task of clearing the land and developing a farm, and he never left the old homestead, his death occurring there in December, 1863. His wife, who also belonged to one of the honored pioneer families of this section of the State, was a daughter of James Chambers, who was born, reared and married in Ireland, and on coming to the United States located in Red Bank township, Clarion county, where he spent his remaining days. He was also a member of the Seceder Church, and was the father of four children: Joseph, Samuel, Solomon and Martha. To Mr. and Mrs. William Kelso were born seven children: John and James C., who died in childhood; J. C., of this sketch; Solomon, who also served his country during the Civil war; Isabel, wife of C. Chatfield; Elizabeth A., who died when young; and Martha J., wife of W. J. Gilbert. The mother, who was a most estimable lady and a member of the Seceder Church, died in January, 1860.

Upon the home farm Capt. J. C. Kelso was reared to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. In 1859 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Simpson, who also belongs to one of the prominent pioneer families, her parents being William and Lilly Ann (Scott) Simpson, who left Ireland—their native land—after their marriage, and in 1826 took up their residence in Clarion county, Penn. Coming to Jefferson county in 1840, the father improved another farm, on which his death occurred in 1874, while his wife passed away in 1869. They held membership in the Pisgah Presbyterian Church, and had a family of ten children, namely: Mrs. Jane Hull; John (deceased); Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas; Mrs. Mary Smith; David died in infancy; Mrs. Martha White; Sarah, wife of our subject; Mrs. Margaret Fitzsimmons; Mrs. Lilly Ann McGiffin; and Mrs. Lavina Moore.

To Capt. Kelso and wife have been born four children: Martha A., now the wife of J. G. Anderson; John S., a practicing physician; Roverda J., who died at the age of nine years; and Harry, who died at the age of six.

Fired by a spirit of patriotism at the breaking out of the Civil war, our subject in August, 1861, enlisted as a private at Brookville, and was made fifth sergeant in Company B, 105th P. V. I., which was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and was under the command first of Gen. Heintzelman, later under Gen. Sickles, and still later under Gen. Hancock. For meritorious conduct and bravery on the field of battle he was regularly promoted until four months before the expiration of his three years, when he was commissioned captain of his company. He saw much hard service, was several times wounded, as follows: at Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862, causing an absence from his regiment of some six weeks, returning to duty at Harrison’s Landing. On August 27, 1862, he was taken prisoner at Manassas Junction, but three days later he was paroled by Gen. Stonewall Jackson and sent to the parole camp at Annapolis. Most of the prisoners took “French leave,” and visited home. On being exchanged Capt. Kelso, about December 15, 1862, returned to his command, then stationed at Falmouth, Va. At Chancellorsville, May 3, 1863, he was wounded, the ball shattering the bone of his left leg, which caused his confinement in the hospital for months; returning to duty with his regiment at Brandy Station, Va., in December, 1863, after which he re-enlisted for three years or during the war, remaining with the same company and regiment. On May 24, 1864, at North Anna river (the Wilderness) he was shot through the right shoulder, the ball passing through his suspenders in both the front and back, and this also disabled him for six months. On his recovering he rejoined his command in the trenches at Petersburg, Va., in November, 1864 and remained at the front until hostilities ceased, when he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg, July 11, 1865, and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud. He now receives a pension for injuries sustained.

Returning home, Capt. Kelso resumed agricultural pursuits upon his present fine farm, which is conveniently located one mile east of Summer-
ville, and is a valuable tract, 100 acres of which is highly cultivated and improved with excellent buildings. Since the organization of the party he has been an ardent Republican, takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs, and is now acceptably serving his second term as justice of the peace, being first elected in 1889. Fraternally he is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Veteran Union, while religiously he and his wife are both identified with the Seceder or United Presbyterian Church. His genial manner and his pleasant address have won him friends throughout the entire community, and he justly merits the high esteem in which he is uniformly held.

DAVID ALFRED STAHL, of Sykesville, who is engaged in general farming and lumbering, was born in Indiana county, Penn., August 7, 1851, a son of William M. and Rachel (Fiaught) Stahl. His parental grandparents were natives of Germany, and died in Indiana county, this State, where for many years the grandfather had followed farming. In Germany the maternal grandparents were also born, and at an early day established a home in Indiana county, where Mr. Fiaught devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits.

The father of our subject was born in 1837, the mother in 1840, and their home is still in Indiana county, where he is engaged in farming and carpentering. Their children are: David Alfred, of this review; Mary, who died at the age of fifteen; William C., a carpenter of California; Levi, a farmer and carpenter of Montour, Penn.; John, who follows carpentering in California; Edward and Furman, who are engaged in the same pursuit in the Golden State; and Emma, wife of Alexander Reeves, of Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

David Alfred Stahl, whose name introduces this sketch, resided with his parents until fifteen years of age, and then started out in life for himself, working in the lumber woods and on farms of the neighborhood. He was thus employed until 1873, when he made his way to the Pacific slope, locating in Sacramento county, Cal., where he spent the next eight years of his life, working as a farm hand. In 1881 he returned to Pennsylvania, and after visiting his parents for two weeks came to Jefferson county, where he engaged in lumbering until the spring of 1882. He then returned to California, but in the succeeding autumn again came to Jefferson county, and has since resided upon his present farm. In his political views he is a Republican, but he has never sought office, preferring to give his entire attention to his business interests.

On April 6, 1852, at Brookville, Penn., Mr. Stahl was married to Miss Christiana Shaffer, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. Henderson. Her father, Henry Shaffer, a general farmer of Sykesville, was born in Fayette county, February 19, 1837. His parents were Peter and Susan (Shaffer) Shaffer, who, though of the same name, were of different families. The former was born in Somerset county, the latter in Westmoreland county, and both died in Fayette county. Mr. Shaffer died in 1847, at the age of fifty-five, his wife in 1877, aged eighty years. Their children were Beckie, deceased wife of Elijah Zufall, also deceased; John, who died on the old homestead; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Joseph Wimer; Samuel, who is living on the old homestead in Fayette county; Peter, who also makes his home there; John, a shipper, of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Henry, father of Mrs. Stahl; Leonard, a farmer of Fayette county; Susan, wife of Rev. Simon Fulken, of Fayette county; Mary, twin sister of Susan, who married Isaac Miller, and after his death became the wife of Jeremiah Stoffer, a farmer of Fayette county; and Flora, deceased wife of George Meyer, of Fayette county.

Henry Shaffer was married in 1863 to Barbara Smith, and they became the parents of the following named: Christiana; Susan, who died in infancy; William, who is engaged in business with Mr. Stahl; Jacob, of Minnesota; and James and Laura, who are living with Mrs. Stahl. The mother of this family was born at Big Run, Jefferson county, and died in the fall of 1879, at the age of thirty-three years. Her parents were Jacob and Christiana (Philippi) Smith, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Shaffer resided with his parents until eighteen years of age, and then went to Henry county, Ill., where he was employed at farm labor for four years. He afterward returned to Jefferson county, and purchased two tracts of land of 118 acres each, paying $3 per acre for the same. The greater portion of Sykesville is built upon his farm. In politics he is a Democrat, is a member of the German Reformed Church, and is a prominent citizen of the community.

The home of our subject and his wife has been blessed with six children: William H., Edith, Glenn, Alda, Mahlon, and Raymond—all yet under the parental roof. Mr. and Mrs. Stahl have a wide circle of friends in Jefferson county, with whom their home is a favorite resort. They are well known throughout this locality, and their genuine worth has gained them warm esteem.
EDWIN HULL McKEE. Among the self-made men of Jefferson county—men who have accumulated their property through their own thrift—may be reckoned the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is now engaged in general farming in Winslow township, and is meeting with a fair degree of success in his chosen calling.

At Mary Ann Furnace, Clarion Co., Penn.; Mr. McKee was born June 19, 1851, a son of David and Matilda (Chambers) McKee. The birth of the father occurred in Centre county, Penn., in 1809, but his parents, William and Elizabeth McKee, were natives of Ireland and Scotland, respectively, and were married in Centre county, Penn. William McKee died in 1812, leaving a widow and six children, all of whom are now deceased. In 1835, the father of our subject located in Clarion county, Penn., and in 1839 married Matilda J. Chambers, who was born in 18—, and is a daughter of William Chambers. After a trip to California, David McKee purchased a farm of 137 acres in Jefferson county, in 1855, located near Punxsutawney, and there made his home until called to his final rest in 1890, his remains being interred in the Punxsutawney cemetery. He was an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with which he was officially connected, and was a supporter of the Republican party. His estimable wife, who is still living, now resides with her son, D. Oscar, in Hemmetsville, California.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: William G., who was a member of Company A, 105th P. V. I., and was killed during the Civil war; James M., a farmer in Indiana county, Penn.; Maggie A., who married James Anthony, but both are now deceased; Frances P., wife of Thomas McCreight, a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Thomas B., an agriculturist of the same township; Edwin Hull, of this sketch; D. Oscar, a hardware merchant of Hemmetsville, Cal.; and Clara, who is with her mother.

During his boyhood and youth Edwin McKee assisted in the work of the home farm and attended school, and until he attained his majority he remained with his parents, though for five years he was engaged in making square timber. At the age of twenty-five, he rented a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county, where he resides for three years, and then purchased his present farm of seventy-three acres in Winslow township, at $20 per acre. He is a painstaking and thrifty farmer, and his success is certainly well deserved. On February 7, 1872, in Jefferson county, he was married by Squire Miller to Miss Sarah C. Brown, and they have become the parents of the following children: Edwin H., Jr., born October 31, 1872, is at home; Clara J., born August 18, 1874, is the wife of Sandy Cammeron, of Johnstown, Penn., by whom she has one child, Earl; and Julia M., born August 10, 1876, Smith M., born January 14, 1878, James Calvin, born October 9, 1879, Maud Viola, born January 7, 1882, Harry B., born January 18, 1884, Norman E., born July 5, 1886, Lillie A., born June 13, 1888, George W., born May 3, 1891, Verna May, born June 2, 1893, and Arthur L., born December 22, 1894, all at home.

Mrs. McKee, the mother of this family, was born near Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county, January 31, 1854, a daughter of Thomas J. and Margaret (Hartless) Brown, natives of Allegheny county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. They were among the first settlers of McCalmon townships, Jefferson Co., Penn., settling here in 1838, on the present site of Panic, where the father followed farming and lumbering; he purchased 180 acres in the wilderness at $1.30 an acre, where he remained until his death. He was born February 9, 1803, and died September 13, 1868; and his wife was born February 25, 1813, and died May 15, 1865. They were earnest members of the United Brethren Church, and highly respected throughout the community, and they now sleep side by side on a part of the old homestead at Panic. In politics Mr. Brown was a Republican. In their family were the following children: Moses, born October 7, 1830, died February 7, 1852; Mary, born April 25, 1832, died in 1849; Job, a retired farmer of Indiana county, Penn.; Daniel, born September 21, 1836, near Logan's Ferry, Allegheny Co., Penn., is now a farmer of McCallmon township, Jefferson county; Margaret, born September 30, 1838, died May 7, 1849; William, born September 12, 1840, died December 12, 1841; Barbara A., born September 8, 1841, is the wife of Frank Ellenbarger, who lives near Coolspring, in Jefferson county; Thomas J., born September 10, 1843, lives on a portion of the old homestead now included in the village of Panic; Susan, born January —, 1846, died February 4, 1846; Emily, born March 3, 1847, is the wife of Jacob Dickey, who operates a part of the old farm in McCallmon township; George, born June 10, 1849, is a farmer in Jefferson county; Jacob Resler, born December 5, 1851, is a resident of Battle Hollow, McCallmon township; and Sarah C., born January 31, 1854, is the wife of our subject. The father of these children was married a second time, his choice being Miss Cath-
erine Smith, who died in 1890 and is buried in Punxsutawney.

As a pronounced Republican, Edwin Hull Mc Kee takes an active interest in political affairs, and acceptably served as register of his township for two years, and as constable from 1891 to 1894, but he has declined to accept other official positions. He is an intelligent and public-spirited citizen, who occupies a remarkably high position in the estimation of the people of the community, and is known far and wide as one of the leading representative men of Winslow township.

JOHN S. MOORE, a prominent marble and granite dealer of Brookville, Jefferson county, has the happy faculty ofcombining virtues of energy and pluck with excellent judgment, which have brought great success to his efforts and labors. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Indiana county in 1849, a son of Abraham and Phoebe (Sutton) Moore.

Abraham Moore was born in Philadelphia, whence when a young man he moved to Indiana county with his father, Abraham Moore, Sr., where they engaged in farming. That honored calling Abraham, Jr., made his life work, but he spent his later years in retirement, though he still owned and looked after his farm. He passed away in 1878; his wife, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, died in 1890. He was a quiet, unassuming man, of excellent business ability, and succeeded in accumulating a comfortable competence.

John S. Moore, our subject, pursued his studies in the public schools of Indiana county, and spent the first seven years of his life upon a farm, at the end of which time his parents removed to the town of Indiana, where he grew to manhood. In 1868 he accepted a clerkship in the store of Moore & Laflerty, of Jacksonville, Penn., where he remained for one year, and in the spring of 1869 went to Terre Haute, Ind. There he successfully engaged in the marble and granite business until 1871, when he sold out and returned to Indiana, Penn. In January, 1872, he located in Brookville and established his present business, in which he has prospered, and to-day ranks among the leading dealers in marble and granite in western Pennsylvania. From a small beginning he has steadily built up the business until it has assumed extensive proportions.

In 1871 Mr. Moore was married to Miss Frances H. Stall, who was born in Indianapolis, Ind., a daughter of Andrew Aiken Stall, a native of Maryland. One son and one daughter graced this union, the son dying in infancy. The daughter, Elizabeth S., graduated at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Penn., in the class of '95. On October 1, 1897, she entered the medical department of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., where she is preparing herself for the practice of medicine by taking the full four-years' course. Prior to this she took a six-months' course at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore are consistent and faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Moore is serving as an elder. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., of which he is a past grand, and has served, by both appointment and election, as district deputy grand master, and has been treasurer of the local lodge for several years; he is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, and is past chancellor of the lodge at Brookville. In politics he is a stanch supporter of the Republican party, and, while not an aspirant for official distinction, he has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director and as a member of the town council. He is true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private, and no man in Brookville is held in higher regard.

JOHN E. SMITH. Among the prosperous and progressive agriculturists of Perry township, Jefferson county, the subject of this sketch takes front rank. He has spent his entire life in the county, where the family was founded at an early day by his grandfather, Henry Smith, a native of Germany, who purchased land in Young township and transformed the wild land into a productive farm, which was afterward divided among his three children. Jacob, the oldest, lived and died on a portion of that place. Louisa, the only daughter, married Henry Winger, and also died on the old homestead.

William Smith, our subject's father, was also born in Germany, and when a boy crossed the Atlantic with his parents and took up his residence in Young township, Jefferson county. He married Miss Annie Prillhart, and began housekeeping on a part of the old homestead, where he died in 1866, at the age of seventy-seven. His first wife, and the mother of our subject, was called to her final rest in 1852, leaving five children: (1) Catharine is the wife of Frederick Hurlebus, of Cleveland, Ohio, and has three children—Annie, Ida and William. (2) Samuel, a farmer of Oliver township, Jefferson county, married Jane Straithoof, and both she and her child died some years ago. Later he wedded Becky McCracken, of Perry township, and they
have reared a family. (3) William K., of Young township, is married, and has two children—Esther, and one not given. (4) Mary is the wife of George Hartzfeld, of Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and has a family of children.

(5) John E. Smith, who completes the family, was born in 1852, on the old homestead in Young township, where he grew to manhood, receiving a good common-school education. In early life he learned the mason's trade, which he followed for about fourteen years, but after his marriage in 1872 he moved to his farm in Young township, where the town of Walston now stands. After a residence there of about three years he sold to the Walston Coal Company and bought the old Emhoof farm in Perry township, where he still resides. Subsequently he purchased the Smith farm in Ringgold township, Jefferson county, and the old David Barnett place in Young township, near Punxsutawney. A thrifty and skillful farmer and a man of more than ordinary business ability, he has met with a well deserved success in his undertakings, and through his own industry, perseverance and good management has accumulated a large amount of valuable real estate.

In 1881 Mr. Smith was married to Miss Ella Barnet, of Jefferson county, and they have become the parents of ten children, namely: Joseph M., Horace A., Fannie M., Laura M., Anna D., Frederick L., Emily L., Elias, Marion L. and Arthur E. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are earnest members of St. John's Reformed Church of Perry township, and contribute liberally of their means to its support. They also give freely to all charitable and religious enterprises, and are numbered among the valued and highly respected citizens of their community. In his political affiliations, Mr. Smith is a Democrat.

Andrew Jacobs is a lumberman and farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, who ranks among its best citizens by reason of his devotion to every duty of both public and private life. His name is synonymous with honorable business dealing, and the success that has come to him is the just reward of his own labors.

Mr. Jacobs is a son of Perry and Lizzie (Whitman) Jacobs. His father was born in eastern Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Armstrong county, where he followed the foundry business at McCray's Furnace. His wife died in 1852, and soon afterward he went to California, since which time no news has been received of him. In the family were three children: Mina, born in Armstrong county, was educated in the common school and also received a musical education. She became the wife of Foster Corbitt, of Clarion county, Penn., who is now engaged in merchandising in Jefferson county. They have four children: Guy, a jeweler of Allegheny; Mary, May, and Lawson, all at home. Clara, the second daughter, was born and reared in Armstrong county, and became the wife of Irwin Swavly, of Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn., who engaged in merchandising there for a time, but is now a dealer in musical instruments in Bellefonte, Penn. His wife died leaving three children.

Andrew Jacobs, the only son, was born in Armstrong county, in 1852, and after his mother's death was bound out to Samuel Irwin, of that county, with whom he remained until fifteen years of age. He then went to Reynolds ville, where he began work in the lumber woods, following that pursuit until his marriage. In 1877 he wedded Miss Minerva Smith, a daughter of William and Polly Smith, well-to-do farming people of Oliver township, Jefferson county. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have been born three children. Rhoda B., born July 7, 1878, is receiving a liberal musical education, and has made splendid advancement in that art. William Perry, born March 4, 1880, possesses superior mechanical genius. Bertha May, born March 9, 1884, completes the family.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Jacobs located on the farm of Elias Bowers, his wife's uncle, where he has since been engaged in lumbering and agricultural pursuits. He is a successful business man, who throughout his entire life has been dependent upon his own exertions for a livelihood. Energy and perseverance formed the key to his advancement, and have brought to him a comfortable competence. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has been honored with all the local offices of his township, including those of supervisor, collector, auditor and school director. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church, and have the warm regard of many friends.

Alfred S. Strouse is a general farmer and lumberman of Winslow township, Jefferson county. Throughout his business career he has been identified with these industries which are among the most important that are followed in the county and have contributed most largely to its progress and substantial improvement. He has also filled with credit and ability a number of
Mr. Strouse was born December 7, 1853, in Winslow township. His father, Martin Strouse, a retired farmer of that township, was born May 18, 1829, in Westmoreland county, a son of Jonathan and Julia Ann (Cease) Strouse, the former a native of Berks, and the latter of Westmoreland counties. They became early settlers of Jefferson county, where the grandfather successfully carried on farming, and held a number of local offices. The family is of German origin, and the great-grandfather, Christian Strouse, a native of Germany, was the founder of the family in America. On October 21, 1852, Martin Strouse was married to Mary A. Philipp. He has followed farming and lumbering throughout the greater part of his life, and now, with a comfortable competence, acquired through his own labors, is living retired. He served as assessor of Winslow township for about twelve years, and is a recognized leader of the Republican party. He belongs to the Lutheran Church.

Amos S. Strouse is the eldest of his father’s family. Rosanna, the second, born February 2, 1856, is the wife of W. A. Sheasley, of Winslow township; Elizabeth, born February 9, 1859, is the wife of J. J. Piffer, a farmer of Henderson township; Mary S., born October 12, 1861, died June 8, 1862; Jonathan E., born April 25, 1863, has not been heard from for five years; John M., born August 26, 1857, is working in a tannery at Big Run; Iona, born April 17, 1872, is the wife of Adam Norris, a farmer and supervisor of Winslow township; and Ada C., born April 12, 1875, is at home.

Amos S. Strouse, of this review, remained with his parents until the age of twenty-three. He was early trained to habits of industry. As soon as he was old enough to handle an axe he engaged in chopping wood, and in driving the teams used in lumbering. His school privileges were limited to three months’ attendance during the winter season. At the age of twenty-one he began to work in the lumber woods by the day.

Mr. Strouse was married, July 22, 1880, in Henderson township, Jefferson county, to Lydia Piffer, who was born in that township, June 9, 1859. Her parents, David and Elizabeth (Hess) Piffer, were natives of Westmoreland county. Her father came to Jefferson county with his parents, John and Charlotte (Fryl) Piffer, who were pioneer settlers who located in the midst of the forest. The former was born on the ocean while his parents were en route for America. The father of Mrs. Strouse was born in September, 1826, and is still living, but his wife died in 1882, at the age of sixty-two years. His political support is given the Democracy, and he has held a number of local township offices. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Piffer are: John J., a farmer of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Isaac H., a farmer and lumberman of Henderson township; Charlotte A., wife of Josiah Zu- fall, an agriculturist of Henderson township; Jonas, a farmer and oil agent of Brady township, Jefferson county; Sarah S., wife of Charles Sheffler, proprietor, of a meat-market of Reynolds ville; Mrs. Strouse; David, a farmer of Henderson township; Mary E., wife of Gilbert Fye, a farmer of Winslow township; William T., who is operating the old homestead; and Elizabeth and Mina, at home.

After his marriage Mr. Strouse removed to a small farm in Winslow township, which he purchased of Jonathan Deemer, and there remained until 1894, when he purchased his present farm of 137 acres for thirty-four dollars per acre. He had timber sawed and ready for shipment to the value of $2,300, when, on the 6th of October, 1896, it was destroyed by fire, which was the work of an incendiary. Mr. Strouse has followed the lumber business since attaining his majority, and has found it a profitable source of income. He is also a progressive agriculturist, whose methods of business are up to date, and who, by his careful management, has secured a liberal return for his labors. To his marriage with Miss Piffer there have been born seven children: Elizabeth M., David M., Mina C., Clarence E., Glenna A. and Willis H., all at home, and Emory W., the fifth child, now deceased. Mr. Strouse has been honored with a number of official positions. In 1891 he was elected supervisor of Winslow township, and served four years. In 1894 he was appointed by the Jefferson county court to fill out an unexpired term of two years as tax collector of Winslow township. He is ever true to his duties of citizenship and to every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature. He votes with the Republican party, and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

A MOS A. GOSS is one of the representative business men and prominent agriculturists of Winslow township, Jefferson county. He belongs to a well-known New England family of Scotch origin, his paternal great-grandfather having come from the land of the hills and heather and founded the family in America. The grandparents, Nathan and Dorothy (Grant) Goss, were both natives of New Hampshire, where the former engaged in farming and blacksmithing.
throughout life. Of their thirteen children, all grew to maturity, and six of the sons became stone masons, and one a machinist.

William L. Goss, the father of our subject, was born November 1, 1828, in the old Granite State, and there learned the stone-mason's trade, but on coming to Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., in 1846, he turned his attention to the lumber business. In 1859 he returned to New Hampshire, locating eight miles from the city of Concord, where he is extensively engaged in farming and the dairy business. He is a stalwart Republican in politics, and is one of the leading and influential men of his community, holding a high place in the regard of his fellow citi zens. In 1850 he wedded Miss Rosina Bartlett, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Charles Cumins, a Presbyterian minister of Brookville, Penn., and to them were born three children: Salina, now the wife of John McClane, who is engaged in the harness business in Brookville; Amos A., of this review; and Luella, who is the widow of R. N. Hutchinson, and now resides with her father-in-law in New Hampshire. The mother was born in Jefferson county, July 10, 1820, a daughter of Israel and Nancy (Mason) Bartlett, natives of Connecticut and Pennsylvania, respectively. Her father died when she was but four years of age, leaving three children, and the mother later became the wife of William Long, a noted hunter, by whom she had four sons.

The birth of Amos A. Goss occurred February 3, 1853, at Bell's Mills, Jefferson county, and he remained with his parents until attaining the age of eighteen. Two years previous, however, he began serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade with Coleman Oloughlin, a contractor, who was to have paid him $300 for his three years' service, but owing to a disagreement Mr. Goss left at the end of two years and nine months, and received only $150. For fourteen years he continued to successfully engage in carpentering and bridge building, and then located in Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he owns a valuable farm of 145 acres, watered by Sandy Lick creek, and crossed by the Allegheny Valley and Rochester & Falls Creek railroads. For four years he worked in the mines, under Frank Morrison. He purchased his present farm in May, 1886, and since that time has given a part of his attention to agricultural pursuits with most satisfactory results.

On September 24, 1883, Mr. Goss was married by Rev. William Philson, a Presbyterian minister, to Miss Martha J. Hutchison, who was born in Winslow township, April 28, 1858, a daughter of Thomas Hutchison, a prominent citizen of that township. Ten children graced their union, namely: William T., Mary M., Harry L., Rosina R., Frederick, Charles O., Luella, Dorothy, and Anna and Martha (twins). The last named died at the age of four months, but the others are still with their parents.

In his political affiliations Mr. Goss is a Republican, and, fraternally, he is connected with the Odd Fellows lodge and the Knights of the Maccabees, both of Falls Creek, Jefferson county. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian. His success in life has been the result of honest, persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing. His aims have always been to attain to the best, and he has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken. His life has marked a steady growth, and now he is in possession of an ample competence.

SAMUEL B. FERMAN, one of the leading agriculturists and lumbermen, of Snyder township, was born April 23, 1854, upon the farm where he still lives, and is a worthy representative of one of the prominent early families of Jefferson county.

The birth of his father, Alonzo Ferman, occurred November 27, 1818, in Franklin county, N. Y., where he was reared by strangers, as his father, who was of stanch New England stock, died when he was an infant. By his foster parents he was liberally educated, and when he came well established in this State, he sent for them, and in caring for them in their declining years returned in part their kindness to him. Coming to Jefferson county, Penn., in 1839, Alonzo Ferman was for some time in the employ of a lumber firm, whose mill he later purchased, together with a tract of 600 acres of land. Subsequently he became the owner of other tracts, and at his death, which occurred November 7, 1895, he left 700 acres of valuable land. At one time he had 1,000 acres in Elk county, Penn., which he later sold, and after the mines were opened near his home, he conducted a store for three years. He was an enterprising, progressive business man, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and his success was but the just reward of his own industry, perseverance and good management. He cleared and improved many acres of his land, continued to successfully engage in the manufacture of lumber throughout life, sold the coal underlying his land, and also dealt quite extensively in real estate at Crenshaw. His straightforward career won for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.
On August 9, 1848, Mr. Ferman was married to Miss Susanna Bundy, a daughter of John I. Bundy, who at an early day came to Jefferson county from Clearfield county, Penn., and improved a large farm, which he conducted for many years, but spent his last days in Minnesotan. His children were Louisa, Lois, Susanna, Lucius, Hannah and Rebecca. Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ferman, of whom six are still living, and with one exception all are married and have homes of their own. Albert J., in partnership with our subject, carries on the work inaugurated by their father; Eliza M. resides at the old homestead; Samuel B. is next in order of birth; Mrs. Clara C. Horton is now deceased; Mrs. Josephine Dailey is living in Fredonia, N. Y.; Nellie is Mrs. Iddings, a merchant of Crenshaw, Penn.; Allie died August 6, 1880, at the age of sixteen years; and Mrs. Zada V. McNeill completes the family. The mother, who departed this life April 19, 1896, was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which her family also belong.

After pursuing his studies for some time in the common schools, Samuel B. Ferman entered the Clarion Seminary, where he completed his education. His business training was obtained upon the home farm, and for several years prior to his father's death he and his brother joined him in business. The sons are now administrators of the estate, which is still undivided, and are successfully engaged in farming and lumbering. For three years our subject also conducted the store which his father established, and he is recognized as one of the most proficient, energetic and reliable business men of Snyder township. In his political principles he is an unswerving Republican, devoted to the best interests of the party, and has acceptably filled a number of local positions, including that of auditor for twelve years. In 1876, Mr. Ferman married the lady of his choice being Miss Maggie McLaughlin, who was born in Philadelphia, July 25, 1854., a daughter of John and Catherine (Ferguson) McLaughlin, who were natives of County Donegal, Ireland, but were married in the Quaker City. Her father had located there in 1846, and on October 21, 1855, took up his residence in Jefferson county, settling on his present farm in 1868. For four long years he faithfully served his adopted country in the Civil war as a member of the 105th P. V. I., first, and later of the United States Veteran Corps, commanded by Gen. Hancock. He is an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife, who passed away on May 29, 1886, also belonged.

To our subject and his wife were born six children: Alonzo B., born January 2, 1878; John W., February 7, 1880; Alice L., November 17, 1882; James H., June 24, 1884; Charles W., August 9, 1890; and Esther B., May 3, 1892. All are still living with the exception of Charles, who was killed by the cars March 26, 1895. The parents are prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in social circles hold an enviable position.

GEORGE M. NOERR, a member of the well-known firm of Noerr Bros., leading lumbermen of McCalmon township, Jefferson county, belongs to a prominent family which is mentioned elsewhere in this volume. He is of German ancestry, and in his career has shown the characteristic industry and ability of that thrifty race.

George and Barbara (Hoffman) Noerr, his parents, were natives of Germany, but first met in Pittsburg, Penn., where they were married. In 1853 they settled in the woods in McCalmon township, Jefferson county, where, notwithstanding their humble beginning, they speedily gained a handsome competence, the father engaging in lumbering and agriculture. They now own a large amount of property including 1,000 acres of land. Since 1885 they have made their home in Punxsutawney, and are enjoying in retirement the fruits of their past years of toil. They had nine children, viz.: Rosa (Mrs. Henry Wingerd), of Marchand, Penn.; George M., our subject; Eliza (Mrs. James K. North), of Punxsutawney, Penn.; John, of Noerr Bros.; Sophia, wife of Henry Smith, a farmer near Trade City, Penn.; Frederick and Mary, who died of diphtheria; William, of Noerr Bros.; and Emma (Mrs. Frank St. Clair), of Punxsutawney.

George Noerr was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, in 1833, and passed his youth mainly in farm work. At twenty-four he left the parental roof and settled upon a farm adjoining those of his two brothers, where he still resides. It is a handsome estate, well kept in every respect, and his tasteful residence shows constant care in its fresh and neat appearance. In politics he is a Democrat, and while not an office seeker he is influential in local affairs. He and his wife are prominent in social circles, and he belongs to the U. B. Church, and to the Junior Mechanics, at Panic.

On March 7, 1878, Mr. Noerr was married in Perry township, Jefferson county, by Rev. J. E. Lyda, a Presbyterian minister, to Miss Ada McDowell, who was born October 30, 1855, about four miles from Leipsic, Putnam Co., Ohio. Their home is brightened by nine children,
JOHN NOERR, a wealthy agriculturist and lumberman of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is a member of a family which stands high in that locality, thrift, enterprise, and public spirit being leading characteristics. He is of German descent in both paternal and maternal lines.

George Noerr, his father, who was born in the Fatherland, in 1825, came to America as a young man, and while residing in Pittsburg met and married Miss Barbara Hoffman, also a native of Germany, born in 1827. Not long after their marriage they moved to Jefferson county where land was then quite cheap, and, in 1843, began life in the woods in McCalmont township. They were poor, but energy and shrewd management met it's due reward, and a handsome fortune was gained. In 1872 George Noerr built a sawmill, now conducted by his sons, and at the present time he owns 1,000 acres of land, besides other property. He has always taken an interest in local affairs, holding several township offices, and is a steadfast supporter of the Democratic party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. Since 1865 he and his estimable wife have been living in Punxsutawney, having transferred their active cares to younger hands. Rosa, now the widow of Henry Wingerd, formerly a merchant and farmer at Marchand, Penn.; George M., a partner in the firm of Noerr Bros.; Eliza, wife of James K. North; John, our subject; Sophia, who married Henry Smith, a farmer near Trade City, Penn.; Frederick, who died of diphtheria at the age of seventeen; Mary, who died of the same disease when fourteen years old; William, a partner in the firm; and Emma, wife of Frank St. Clair, a bookkeeper in Punxsutawney.

John Noerr was born September 30, 1859, at the homestead in McCalmont township, where he was reared to habits of industry. When he was about twenty-six years old his parents left the farm, and he and his two brothers have continued to cultivate their respective portions which adjoin each other. For the first five years our subject operated the sawmill which he remodeled, and in 1890 his brothers, William and George, each purchased a one-third interest, and the firm of Noerr Bros. was organized. They have a tract of 1,000 acres of timber land. In 1897 the mill was burned down, causing a loss of $1,500, but it has been replaced by a new plant with a capacity of 20,000 feet per day.

Mr. Noerr is one of the prominent Democrats of his locality. He has been school director three terms, and is now serving his second term as overseer of the poor. Socially he and his wife are prominent, and he is an active member of Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., the Order of Elks, and the Junior Mechanics. He also belongs to the United Brethren Church, and every worthy movement receives encouragement from him.

At Punxsutawney he was married to Miss Susan Zimmerman, and five children have blessed their home: Ella, born October 20, 1884; Clara, August 13, 1886; Carl, February 6, 1888; Lott, February 28, 1890, died in infancy; Clyde, September 1, 1892; and Minnie, February 17, 1894.

Mrs. Noerr, the mother of these, is a daughter of Henry Zimmerman, a prosperous retired agriculturist of McCalmont township, who was born August 1, 1854, in Bavaria, Germany, a son of Henry and Barbara Zimmerman. The family
came to America in 1848 and located in Jefferson county, where Mr. Zimmerman has since resided. He was married in Bell township, Jefferson county, to Miss Barbara Weaver, also a native of Bavaria, born May 5, 1832, the daughter of George Weaver, a farmer. Of their five children, Miss Laura resides in Troutville; Susan is the wife of our subject; Henry is a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county; William operates the homestead; and David is a farmer near Troutville.

GEORGE NOERR. Among the most prosperous and respected families of this section is that of this well-known citizen of Punxsutawney. He is of German birth and ancestry, the home of his people having been in Wittenberg for many generations. His grandparents on his father's side, who were wealthy, passed their entire lives there, and his parents, Michael and Magdalena (Fleeke) Noerr, were born, reared, and married in the Fatherland. In 1849 they came to America and settled upon a farm in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, but although they had a comfortable competence, they were not as prosperous financially as they had been in their native land. The father died in 1877, at the age of seventy-seven, while on a visit to New York City, and his remains were buried there. The mother passed away in 1880, at seventy-six years of age, and was interred in the Oliver township cemetery. Both were devout members of the Lutheran Church, and were active in all forms of religious effort. Of their children, Barbara (deceased) married Daniel Zimmerman, who met a soldier's death in the Civil war; George, our subject, is mentioned more fully below; Conrad is a merchant at Kittanning, Penn., and Frederick is a farmer in Young township, Jefferson township.

George Noerr was born in Wittenberg, January 12, 1827, and at an early age began to learn the cooper's trade, which he followed for some years, although for a time he was employed in his native city. In May, 1848, he came to the United States, and locating first at Pittsburg, Penn., he spent fourteen months working in a brewery for a Mr. Shimmer. In 1853 he removed to Jefferson county, and rented a farm in McCalmont township, where he remained about thirty-four years, following agriculture and lumbering. With true German thrift and foresight, he invested his savings in real estate, and his different purchases finally covered more than a thousand acres of land. In 1870 he bought a sawmill there, which he operated for about fourteen years. In 1884 he decided to retire from active business, and having built himself a comfortable home in Punxsutawney, he removed there to pass his remaining years.

In April, 1853, George Noerr was married, at Pittsburg, Penn., to Miss Barbara Hoffman, who was born October 23, 1829, in Wittenberg, Germany, and came to America in 1852. Her father, Michael Hoffman, was a drayer by occupation. He was married three times, but had no family except by Mrs. Noerr's mother, Catherine Grader, who bore him eight children. She died in 1841, aged thirty-five and eleven months, and he survived her until 1886, when he passed away at the age of eighty-six.

Mr. and Mrs. George Noerr have reared a family of nine children, of whom seven are living. They are all well-settled in life, and reflect credit upon the estimable couple who trained them to habits of industry and usefulness. They are as follows: Rosa is the widow of Henry Wingert (deceased), formerly a merchant and farmer at Marchand, Penn.; George M. is a resident of McCalmont township; Eliza married James K. North, of Punxsutawney, Penn.; John resides in McCalmont township; Sophia married Henry Smith, a farmer in Indiana county, Penn.; Frederick died at the age of seventeen; Mary died at fourteen; William resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead in McCalmont township; and Emma is the wife of Frank St. Clair, of Punxsutawney.

Our subject has always felt a keen interest in all that concerned the welfare of his adopted country. In political faith he is a Democrat, but he has not been a seeker after official honors. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and wherever he has resided has assisted in its work in various ways.

FREDERICK W. PARR, who is engaged in general farming in Oliver township, is one of the representative citizens of Jefferson county, to whom success in life has come as the reward of untiring labor and keen discrimination. From the age of eleven years he has been dependent entirely upon his own efforts, steadily working his way upward and overcoming all obstacles by resolute purpose and unflagging energy.

Mr. Parr was born in Prussia Germany, on April 1, 1835, a son of George and Urilla Parr, natives of the same country. They crossed the Atlantic to the New World in 1865, landing in New York after a voyage of eleven weeks. After a short time spent in that metropolis they took up their residence at the Soda Works near Pittsburg, Penn., where they remained for a year, and
then removed to Covode, Indiana Co., Penn. After fourteen years spent at that place they took up their residence at Irvin Station, Westmoreland county, where the father died in 1838, at the age of sixty-eight years, and was buried there. He was a wagon maker by trade. In political faith he was a Democrat, and in religious belief a Catholic. His wife died near Pittsburg, Penn., in 1866, at the age of forty years, and was buried at Freeport, Penn. Their children were: George, who died at the Soda Works, near Pittsburg; Jacob, who is operating a wagon factory, at Irvin Station; Frederick, and Lew, foreman of the Carrier Lumber Company, at Carrier Station, Pennsylvania.

During his early youth, Frederick W. Parr was brought by his parents to the New World, and at the tender age of eleven he started out to make his own way in life. He was employed as a farm hand until 1871, and then came to Jefferson county, where he entered the employ of his father-in-law, I. C. Jordan, in whose service he remained until after his marriage when he began farming on his own account. He is a very industrious and energetic man, and his farm, neat and thrifty in appearance, well indicates his careful supervision. He has made many improvements upon the place, and now has one of the desirable farm properties of the neighborhood.

At Punxsutawney, on March 29, 1876, Mr. Parr was married to Miss Leanna Jordan, the ceremony being performed by Rev. D. H. Kings, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their children are: Charles, who is attending the Waynesburg Academy; Jordan, and Anna Clara, at home. The parents are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and are most estimable people, their many excellencies of character having gained them high regard. In politics Mr. Parr is a Republican, but has never aspired to political honors, preferring to give his time and attention to his business, in which he has met with a well-deserved success.

JOHN A. SHIRY, a successful general farmer of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, was born August 6, 1856, in Red Bank township, Armstrong Co., Penn., where the family was founded at an early day by his paternal grandparents, John and Mary (Shafer) Shiry, natives of Butler county, Penn. The early home of the maternal grandparents, David and Catherine (Himes) Haas, was east of the mountains, but during the pioneer epoch of this region they came to Jefferson county, where the death of the grandfather occurred. His wife is still living, however, and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frances Van Horn, in West Millville, Clarion Co., Pennsylvania.

Simon and Rosanna (Haas) Shiry, the parents of our subject, were natives of Armstrong and Jefferson counties, respectively, and were married on the old Haas homestead in the latter county, when they removed to Red Bank township, Armstrong county, where they still continue to reside, the father being actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. In politics he is a Republican, and has acceptably filled a number of local offices. Religiously he was formerly a member of the Reformed Church, but is now identified with the United Evangelical Church, to which his wife also belongs. To this worthy couple were born the following children: David, a farmer of Ringgold township, Jefferson county; Mary, wife of George Doverspike, a farmer and carpenter of Red Bank township, Armstrong county; John A., of this review; William M., an agriculturist of Red Bank township, Armstrong county; Solomon A., who is teaching penmanship and grammar in a school in Cass county, Mo.; Ellen M., wife of John Shick, a huckster of Red Bank township; Eliza, wife of George Dangler, a farmer of the same township; Charles, who resides on the old homestead there; Calvin, who is engaged in lumbering; Sadie, wife of Charles Copenhaver, of Red Bank township; and Jesse, who is still with his parents.

John A. Shiry was reared upon the old home farm in much the usual manner of farmer boys, remaining under the parental roof until nineteen years of age, when he took a course in the Millville Academy; and the following year began teaching school, which profession he successfully followed for eleven terms. For three years he made his home upon a farm in Armstrong county, and then removed to his present place in Ringgold township, Jefferson county; but after four years passed here, he went to Hodgeman county, Kans., where the following two years were passed. There he taught one term of school and engaged in farming; but as his crops were a failure he returned to Jefferson county, where he has since successfully carried on agricultural pursuits. He is one of the representative and prominent citizens of Ringgold township, has served as school director in his district and judge of elections. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Maysville; religiously, he is connected with the United Evangelical Church, and politically, he is prominently identified with the Republican party.

On November 17, 1877, in Shannondale, Penn., our subject was married to Miss Lavina
Shaffer, and to them have been born nine children, namely: Lida and Anna (deceased); Effie, Minnie, Pearl, Sadie, Flora and Mary, all at home; and Samuel, who died in infancy.

The mother of these was born September 5, 1852, upon the farm where she still resides, a daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Hamm) Shaffer, who were born, reared and married in Clarion county, Penn., and on coming to Jefferson county located upon the present farm of our subject, it being at that time entirely unimproved. The father died in August, 1893, at the age of eighty-two, the mother in November, 1894, at the age of seventy-seven years and nine months, and the remains of both were interred in St. Johns cemetery in Jefferson county. Their children were as follows: Martin V., who died in Brookville, filled the offices of treasurer and commissioner of Jefferson county, and served in the Civil war, during which he was wounded; Ann married H. Hinderliter, but both are now deceased; Christina died in childhood; Mary, twin sister of Christina, is the wife of Daniel Snyder, a farmer of Jefferson county; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Christian deceased; Susannah is the wife of Reuben Himes, a farmer of Clarion county; Catherine is deceased; Lavina is the wife of our subject; and Uriah and John P. have also passed away.

T. M. Stahlan, a leading and prosperous farmer of Eldred township, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, where his birth occurred December 11, 1856. His paternal grandfather, Jeremiah Stahlman, was of German extraction, and was reared in Schuylkill county, Penn., but in 1844 removed to Clarion county, where from the wilderness he developed a good farm, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits and hunting throughout the remainder of his life, dying there in 1868. He was a devout member of the Lutheran church, and strictly observed all religious customs. His children were eleven in number, namely: Moses, Paul, Benevel, William, Cornelius, Dewalt, Gabriel, Lucy, Hettie, Elizabeth and Catharine.

Gabriel Stahlman, our subject’s father, was a native of Schuylkill county, and was about sixteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarion county, where he grew to manhood. He early started out in life on his own account and subsequently purchased a tract of raw land in Warsaw township, Jefferson county, upon which he still resides. Soon after beginning its improvement he was married and located there. He has met with a fair degree of success in both farming and lumbering, which he still continues to follow, and is now a stockholder in the Brookville Wagon Factory. In Jefferson county he was married to Miss Esther Keck, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of David Keck, who removed from Westmoreland county, Penn., to Clarion county at an early day, and later took up his residence in Jefferson county, where he improved a good farm and spent his remaining days. His ancestors were originally from Germany. In his family were three children: Israel; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Deiner; and Esther, mother of our subject. To Gabriel and Esther Stahlman were born ten children, namely: David; Cornelius, who died at the age of eleven years; T. M., of this sketch; Saloma, who married A. Beninger, and died soon afterward, leaving one daughter; Douglas M., a teacher by profession; George M. and Frances M., both farmers; Emma, at home; Clark R., who is attending the Normal School; and Abbie, at home. Politically the father is a Democrat, and has held some township offices, but cares little for political honors. His estimable wife is a member of the Lutheran Church, and both are held in the highest regard by all who know them.

In much the usual manner of farmer lads T. M. Stahlman spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and at the age of sixteen commenced lumbering, which occupation he has since followed during the winter, while the summer season has been devoted to farm work. Soon after his marriage, in 1878, he purchased his present farm in Eldred township, which at that time was fairly improved, and to-day he has sixty-five acres of the 150-acre tract cleared, the stumps removed, and under a high state of cultivation. By the erection of a commodious two-story frame residence and good barns and other outbuildings, he has made the farm one of the most desirable places in the locality. He is successfully devoting some attention to stock-raising, and yet owns some good sawed timber.

In 1878 Mr. Stahlman was married to Miss Leathy A. Geer, whose parents, Lawson and Nancy (Knapp) Geer, were early settlers of Jefferson county. The father, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., is a millwright, and in following that vocation has become widely and favorably known throughout the State. He and his wife are both earnest members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and are the parents of eight children: Rebecca, now the wife of M. C. Butler; Albert, a farmer by occupation; Leathy A., wife of our subject; Cassius M., an engineer:
Joseph, Abigail, Nancy J., and Newton, deceased.

Four children grace the union of our subject and his wife, all at home, namely: Carrie, Mary E., Nancy M. and Annie M. With their parents they hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Stahlman has ever taken an active and prominent part in Church work, as trustee and superintendent of the Sabbath-school. His political support is given the Democratic party, and he has done all in his power to advance the interests of his township and county, but has never cared for office.

Andrew A. Stewart is now residing on the old Stewart homestead in Winslow township, Jefferson county, where his birth occurred May 2, 1837. His father, William A. Stewart, was born in Indiana county, Pa., where his parents, David and Martha (Allen) Stewart, natives of Scotland, located on coming to the New World. There his mother died, but the father's death occurred in Jefferson county, while on a visit to his son, William A.

In the latter county William A. Stewart met and married Miss Mary A. Moore, who was born in Centre county, Pa., in 1825, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Aikens) Moore, natives of Ireland and Philadelphia, Pa., respectively. In 1801, when a lad of eleven years, Andrew Moore came to America with his parents, James and Mary A. (Lindsey) Moore, also natives of the Emerald Isle, who first located at Philadelphia, whence they removed to Lancaster county, Pa., and still later took up their residence in Nittany Valley, Centre county, where they spent their remaining days. In 1835, however, Andrew Moore located in the Beechwoods settlement, in Jefferson county, where he followed farming until called to his final rest. In 1853 William A. Stewart, with his wife and family, removed to the present home of our subject, and there he passed away June 20, 1886, at the age of fifty-nine years, his death being caused by the kick of a Texas pony. He was interred on Friday and died on the following Sunday, and his remains were interred in Beulah cemetery at Reynoldsville, Pa. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a stalwart Democrat in politics. In the fall of 1895 Mrs. Stewart removed to Reynoldsville, where she is still living. She is the mother of five children, namely: Maggie M., wife of William A. Shoemaker, a farmer of Washington township, Jefferson county; Andrew A., of this review; Ethan E., who is engaged in the granite business in Reynoldsville; Leonard, who is a brakeman on the B. R. & P. railroad and resides in Reynoldsville; and Ida M., who is with her mother.

Upon the home farm our subject early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and in the local schools he acquired his education. At the age of twenty-two he married and left the parental roof, going to Falls Creek, Clearfield county, where he worked in a coal mine for two years. He then removed to Pancoast, Jefferson county, where he engaged in farming and lumbering until 1887, when he returned to the old homestead, which he has since operated, but he intends soon to locate on his own farm in Winslow township. He worked in a tannery for one year, and also operated a farm for David Reynolds for three years, but now gives his entire time and attention to the cultivation of the old Stewart place. Politically he is identified with the Republican party, and fraternally he is a member of Hiawatha Council Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 733, at Reynoldsville. On January 31, 1880, in Du Bois, Pa., Mr. Stewart was married to Miss Sarah A. Smith, who was born on the old Smith homestead in Washington township, Jefferson county, March 14, 1853, and five children bless their union: Mary F., William J., David E., Edward E. and Anna M., who constitute a most interesting family.

James S. Smith, the father of Mrs. Stewart, was born in 1821, in County Donegal, Ireland, and when a young man came to the United States with his parents, Andrew and Isabella (Smith) Smith, who located in Washington township, Jefferson county, when it was an almost unbroken wilderness. There his father engaged in farming, and at their deaths the parents were buried in Beachwoods. In Washington township, James S. Smith married Miss Mary A. Atwell, a native of Butler county, Pa., and a daughter of John and Mary A. (Dunlap) Atwell, who removed from that county to Washington township, Jefferson county, in early pioneer days. They died, however, in Snyder township, the same county, and were laid to rest in the Beachwood cemetery, where Mrs. Smith was also buried, her death occurring May 30, 1883, when in her fifty-fifth year. For many years her husband was actively engaged in farming and lumbering, but has now laid aside business cares, and is living retired on the old homestead in Washington township.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Sarah A., the wife of our subject; John A., who was killed in a coal bank
on his father's farm in March, 1897, leaving a wife, who was formerly Miss Mary A. McClure, and nine children: Andrew H., a farmer and lumberman of Washington township, who married Miss Ora Gilbraith; Mary R., who died at the age of twenty-eight; Albert W., who resides on the old homestead; Elizabeth A., wife of Sherman Wilson, who runs a stationary engine at Pancoast, Jefferson county; Thomas J., at home; Edna M., wife of O. C. Musser, a grocer at Falls Creek, Penn.; Florence O., at home; and Maud L., who died at the age of twenty.

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J. SHEESLEY has for some years been actively associated with the development of the lumber and farming interests of Clearfield and Jefferson counties. He is accounted one of the leading business men of Bell township, Clearfield county, where he makes his home, for he possesses the energy and determination that overcome all obstacles, and goes steadily forward to the goal of honorable success.

Mr. Sheesley is a son of Henry and Sarah J. (Williamson) Sheesley. His father was born in Armstrong county, Penn., and after his marriage located in Bell township, Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering for a number of years, rafting square timber down the Mahoning creek to the Pittsburg markets. He afterward bought 150 acres of partially improved land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he erected substantial buildings and developed a good farm, upon which he is still living. His estimable wife, who shared with him all the hardships of his early life, died in 1875. W. J. Sheesley is one of six children born to this worthy couple, the others being: (1) Lydia A., born in Bell township, Jefferson county, became the wife of William Spiece, and they now reside on his farm in Gaskill township, Jefferson county. Their children are—Lizzie, Lulu, Jennie, Caddy and Henry O. (2) Sarah C. is the wife of D. T. Niel, a farmer of Jefferson county, Penn., and their children are—Olive (now the wife of Curtis Smyers, of Punxsutawney), Anna (wife of Calvin Pierce, a farmer of Indiana county), Lester, Henry D., Charles E., Blanche, Lewis, Carrie, May, Bertha, Lottie, Floy, Ethel (who died in childhood), and a baby. (3) David L., born in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, married Etta Fuller, of Indiana county, and now resides in Bell township, Clearfield county, where he follows lumbering in connection with our subject. He has two children—Mabel and Henry L. (4) Martha J., who was born in Gaskill township and was an intelligent and cultured young lady, died at the age of twenty years. (5) A. L., born in Gaskill township, married Lizzie Klein, and they now reside on his father's homestead which he operates. They have one daughter—Elma Blanche.

W. J. Sheesley, of this review, was born in Bell township, February 20, 1859, but was reared on the homestead in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he assisted in the work of the farm. In 1883, in connection with his father, he purchased a steam sawmill and manufactured sawed lumber in Indiana county until 1888, when they moved their mill to Clearfield county and cut stock for Hydrick, Taylor & Weber. They remained there until 1894, but in 1893 our subject purchased 100 acres of land on the division line of Clearfield and Jefferson counties, built thereon a house and barn and cleared fifty acres of land, at the same time continuing the manufacture of sawed lumber for other parties.

In 1888 Mr. Sheesley was united in marriage with Miss Nannie J., daughter of Jacob and Sarah Dormire, well-to-do farming people of Indiana county. For some years they resided at his mill in that county, but in 1888 removed to his mill property in Clearfield county, where they have since remained. In 1895, in connection with his brother David, Mr. Sheesley purchased a tract of timber land of All, Reed & Co., located his mill thereon, and is now manufacturing sawed lumber. He also purchased a half interest in 582 acres of land bought of Hydrick, Taylor & Weber, but has since sold a portion of this for farming purposes. By the exercise of his splendid business ability he has accumulated a handsome property, and has become one of the substantial lumbermen of this section of the State.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sheesley has been blessed with four children: Martha J., born in Indiana county in 1884; Henry J., born in that county in November, 1887; Hazel L., born in Clearfield county in May, 1891, and Olive May, born at their present home in March, 1893. The parents are members of the United Evangelical Church of Mt. Carmel, and Mr. Sheesley is a liberal contributor to the same. He has been very active in its work, is one of the trustees of the Church property, and for several years has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, has held the office of school director for four years, and in 1891 was elected to the position of justice of the peace, being now the youngest incumbent in such an office in Clearfield county. He discharges his duties with marked fidelity, and is most true and faithful to every trust reposed in him. He is a valued member of the Knights
of Pythias and Odd Fellows fraternities, and has the unqualified regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

HARVEY DANIEL RHOADS, a successful agriculturist of McCallmont township, Jefferson county, is a member of a well-known pioneer family.

John and Mary (Moyers) Rhoads, his grandparents, came from Germany at an early date, and after spending some years in other portions of this State, settled, in 1829, in Jefferson county, upon a tract of forest land. Their eldest son, John Rhoads, Jr. (our subject's father), was born in Union county, Penn., January 31, 1815, and removing to Jefferson county in boyhood, passed the remainder of his life there in agricultural pursuits. On attaining his majority he purchased 120 acres of land in McCallmont township, and to this he added from time to time until he became the owner of a large amount of property. He gave a farm to each of his children as a marriage present, and at his death, in 1886, still owned a homestead of 205 acres, and 300 acres of land in Nebraska. He was a prominent Democrat, an active member of the Evangelical Church, and in all local affairs took an influential part. His wife, Anna (Bowers), to whom he was married January 9, 1839, was a native of Virginia, born May 2, 1819, and her parents, Philip and Catherine (Kipps) Bowers, became early settlers of Gaskill township, Jefferson county. John Rhoads departed this life January 4, 1886, and his wife did not long survive him, her death occurring September 10, 1890. Of their numerous family of children, the eldest, Sarah, is the widow of Christian Wis, of Jefferson county; George resides in Clarion county; David occupies a portion of the old homestead; Margaret married Abraham Zufall, of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Mary is the wife of Frederick Kuntz, of Big Run, Penn.; Miss Harriet and Miss Hannah reside at the homestead; Andrew P. is a farmer in Henderson township; Harvey D. is the ninth in order of birth; John J. owns a part of the homestead, and Miss Clara E. makes her home with him.

Our subject was born June 7, 1858, was reared at the old farm, and remained there until the age of twenty-five, when he began farming on his own account. On April 13, 1885, he was married at Big Run to Miss Theresa McPherson, and since that time he has been engaged in agriculture upon a portion of the old homestead. His farm contains about sixty acres of fine land, and under his able management is one of the best estates of its size in the locality. He is a stanch Democrat, as were his father and grandfather before him, and he is prominent in local affairs. His marriage with Miss McPherson has been blessed by three children: Nellie Allanna, born September 29, 1887; Ruby Royal, March 29, 1890; and Albert LeRoy, October 14, 1895.

Mrs. Rhoads is a native of Jefferson county, born March 1, 1858, at Brown's Mills. Her father, Joseph McPherson, was a native of Centre county, a son of Col. Thomas McPherson, a man of wealth and prominence, and an officer in the Mexican war, whose parents had settled in Centre county at an early period. His wife, Mary Divin, was also a native of that county. Joseph McPherson was engaged for some time in the lumber business, but later became a hotelkeeper at Big Run, where he died April 7, 1874, aged sixty-six years. He was a well-known citizen, and a leading supporter of the Democratic party in that vicinity. In 1837 he was married in Red Bank township, Armstrong county, Penn., to Miss Eliza Richards, who survives him and now resides with our subject. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. She was born at Kittanning, Penn., October 8, 1818, a daughter of Robert R. and Elizabeth (McClelland) Richards, who reared a family of eight children—three sons and five daughters. Robert Richards was a gentleman of fine education, and, after spending a number of years teaching, engaged in surveying. He acquired much wealth, and was in Iowa with two of his sons prospecting for suitable investments in real estate when his death occurred. He was buried in Iowa, but his wife's remains are interred at Glade Run, Armstrong Co., Penn. To Joseph and Eliza McPherson eight children were born, as follows: Absalom B., deceased, who lost his left leg while in the Union army, was at one time sheriff of Jefferson county; Narcissa died in childhood; Robert, Mary E. and James are now deceased; William is a tanner at Big Run; Theresa is the wife of our subject; and Harry is engaged in the laundry business at Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Dexter B. McConnell, a representative and enterprising young farmer of Washington township, has spent his entire life in Jefferson county, his birth occurring there in 1860. His parents were Joseph M. and Ellen (Smith) McConnell, both now deceased, the former dying March 3, 1885, and the latter in 1862. The father was a native of Centre county, Penn., whence when a lad he came to Jefferson county,
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where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Our subject was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys, and since reaching man's estate has devoted his time and attention principally to farming, though for the past two years he has also followed lumbering to some extent. The neat and orderly appearance of his property manifests to the most casual observer the thrift and care of the proprietor, and shows conclusively that he understands his business thoroughly.

In 1888, Mr. McConnell was married to Miss Mattie J. McCullough, a daughter of Archibald McCullough. She died in June, 1890, leaving one son, A. Bernice. Mr. McConnell was again married, in March, 1895, his second union being with Mrs. Annie (Richards) Swisher. She is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a most estimable lady. In his political views, our subject is a pronounced Democrat, and he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, also a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. He occupies a high place in the estimation of the people of his community, and is justly entitled to the regard in which he is held, for his career has been that of an upright, honorable man.

SAMUEL K. LIVINGOOD, senior member of the firm of Livingood & Campbell, proprietors of the Punxsutawney Steam Laundry, was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1849, a son of George and Elizabeth (Kline) Livingood, also natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a miller by trade, and successfully followed that occupation until responding to the President's call for troops to put down the Rebellion, enlisting in the 151st P. V. I. At the battle of Gettysburg, during the first day of the fight, he was mortally wounded, and died two days later, bravely laying down his life on the altar of his country. The mother is still living, a highly respected lady of seventy-two years, enjoying fair health.

Samuel K. Livingood was but a lad at the time of his father's death, and was compelled to start out in life for himself when quite young; therefore his school privileges were very limited. After working for two years as a farm laborer, he clerked in stores and the leading hotels in western Pennsylvania. He was also for five years a clerk in the coal trade. On May 30, 1892, he formed a co-partnership with Ira J. Campbell in the steam-laundry business at Punxsutawney, and their trade has steadily grown until to-day they are conducting one of the largest and best laundries in western Pennsylvania.

In 1893, Mr. Livingood was married to Miss Rebecca Schafer, daughter of Levi Schafer, of Myerstown, Penn., and their union has been blessed by the birth of one son—Frederick G. The parents were active and prominent members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of Punxsutawney, in which Mr. Livingood is now serving as deacon and treasurer. Socially, he belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Knights of the Maccabees, and, politically, he has an abiding faith in the principles of the Republican party, which he always supports by his ballot. The place that Mr. Livingood now occupies in the business world proves that neither wealth nor social position, nor the assistance of influential friends at the outset of his career, are necessary to place him on the road to success. It also proves that ambition, perseverance, steadfast purpose and indefatigable industry, combined with sound business principles, will be rewarded, and that true success follows individual effort only.

ORION H. BROADHEAD. The subject of this sketch, one of the prominent young farmers and business men of Winslow township, Jefferson county, is pre-eminently a self-made man. Thrown upon his own resources at the tender age of six years by the death of his father, and passing his boyhood among strangers, he early acquired the determination to secure independence. How well he has succeeded is attested by his habits of industry, his well-cultivated farm and dairy interest, and by the esteem in which he is held by all who know him. Among the habits which have marked his growth and development have been a cheerful readiness to perform whatever honest work presented itself, and a total abstention from intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Broadhead was born March 21, 1856, in Winslow township, within a half mile of Prospect Hill Dairy, his present home. He is the son of George and Hannah (Hall) Broadhead, and the grandson of James and Mary Broadhead. The latter couple emigrated from England to America and first settled at Philadelphia, Penn. In 1838 the family moved to Winslow township, Jefferson county, becoming among the earliest pioneers. The husband and father settled upon a farm and cleared it, but later returned to Philadelphia. The children of James and Mary Broadhead were as follows: Prudence, wife of G. S. Sprague, of Reynoldsville; Joseph, a retired farmer of New Jersey; George, the father of our subject; Paul, a farmer and carpenter of Jefferson county; Anna, widow of a Mr. Dorland; of
Indianapolis, and William, who died young. Of these, George Broadhead was born November 30, 1833, in Philadelphia. When five years old he came to Winslow township with his parents, and with them returned to Philadelphia, where he learned the carpenter’s trade. There, in June, 1855, he was married to Miss Hannah Hall, and three years later he returned with his family to the farm in Winslow township, which his father had cleared, and there he remained until his death, which occurred September 18, 1866. He is buried in Prospect cemetery, Jefferson county. In religious faith George Broadhead was a member of the M. E. Church, and in politics he is a Republican. His widow still survives. She was born in Philadelphia, October 17, 1834, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Wright) Hall, both natives of Philadelphia. Thomas Hall was a shoemaker by trade, and, in politics, a Whig. He and his wife were members of the M. E. Church. Their children were as follows: Jane, wife of George Bitting, of Philadelphia; Mary, who died young; Hannah, mother of our subject; James, a painter of Washington, D. C.; William, a painter of Alexandria, Va.; John (deceased); Harriet, wife of Michael Trucks, of Philadelphia; and Sadella, wife of Isaac Little, of Washington, D. C. The father of these is buried at Washington, D. C., and his wife at Philadelphia. The children of George and Hannah Broadhead are as follows: Alfred I., born in February, 1856, a painter of Alexandria, Va.; Thomas J., born February 20, 1858, a miner of Leechburg, Penn.; Orion H., subject of this sketch; Edgar F., born November 5, 1861, died September, 1891; Sallie M., wife of Matthew Shockey, a miner of Rathmel, Penn.; and Hannah J., born May 24, 1865, wife of Alexander Oliver, a miner of Leechburg, Pennsylvania.

Orion H. Broadhead was but six years old when his father died. He lived among various people until, at the age of thirteen years, he began to work at whatever employment he could find, in farming, lumbering, etc. In 1885, when twenty-five years of age, in partnership with his brother Edgar, he rented the farm upon which he now lives. Three years later the brothers purchased it, and after Edgar’s death, in 1891, Orion H. became sole owner of the place. It was a dairy when they purchased the farm, and Mr. Broadhead has since conducted the dairy in connection with general farming. At present he owns seventeen cows, and has an excellent business.

On September 22, 1887, at Reynoldsville, he was married to Miss Anna M. Humphrey, who was born in Richardsville, Jefferson county, July 24, 1865, daughter of Richard and Jennie (Slack) Humphrey, natives of Jefferson and Huntington counties, respectively, and now residents of Industry, Beaver Co., Penn., where Mr. Humphrey is proprietor of a hotel and engages in farming. He is a Republican, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church. Their children are as follows: John, of Butler, Penn., superintendent of the Electric Light Co.; William (deceased); George, a hardware merchant of Derry, Penn.; Anna M., wife of our subject; Alice, wife of M. J. McCreight, a bank cashier; Evert, now living with our subject; and Guy (deceased). The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna M. Broadhead were William and Mary Ewing Humphrey, of Huntington county, Penn., and her paternal grandparents were John and Mary Nightwine Slack, of the same county. To Orion H. and Anna M. Broadhead have been born two children: E. Clair and Alice.

In politics our subject is a Republican. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., at Rathmel. Although in his boyhood days he had few educational advantages, he has been a bright student in the schools of experience and observation, and is considered by his fellow-citizens as one of the most progressive and intelligent men of the township. He is now serving his third term of three years each as school director, and by his thrifty and clever business management, aided by sterling integrity, has won a place in the esteem of many social and business acquaintances, creditable alike to his years and his opportunities.

Cassius E. Cummings, of Beaver township, Jefferson county, is a general farmer and worthy citizen on whom his fellow citizens, recognizing his capability and fidelity, have been fit to bestow the office of justice of the peace, and in that capacity he is now capably serving.

Born October 9, 1860, in Limestone township, Clarion Co., Penn., Mr. Cummings is a son of George W. and Paulina (Mills) Cummings, the former born in eastern Pennsylvania, the latter in Jefferson county. The grandparents, John and Mary Cummings, were born in the eastern part of the State, and became pioneer settlers of Clarion county, locating there in the midst of the wilderness and bearing their part in its substantial development. The father of our subject was a farmer and lumberman who conducted his business interests with signal success, becoming the possessor of a handsome competence. Both he and his wife died on the old homestead in Clarion county, the former March 10, 1894, at the age of sixty-five, the latter November 29, 1888, at
the age of sixty-two. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Cummings was a Republican. They had five children: Mary M., wife of W. B. Cowan, an agriculturist and coal operator of Jefferson county; Arthur M. (deceased); Nannie J., wife of P. M. Yaney, assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion; John D., who is living on the old homestead in Clarion county; and Cassius E.

On the farm where he was born Mr. Cummings (subject of this sketch) remained until twenty-four years of age. He then went to California and traveled extensively through the West, both for the purpose of benefiting his health and of finding a desirable location. After four years, however, he was recalled home by news of the serious illness of his mother, and after remaining on the old homestead the following winter he located on his present farm, which was given him by his father. It comprises 132 acres of very valuable land, being underlaid with a nine-foot vein of coal.

On September 7, 1889, in Brookville, Penn., Mr. Cummings was married to Miss Jennie E. Weir. In politics the husband is a Republican, and in the spring of 1895 was elected justice of the peace. He is extremely fair and impartial in his rulings, and therefore makes a very capable officer. He is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church of Summerville, and is now serving as elder. Mrs. Cummings is a member of the M. E. Church of that place. Their many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence of all, their well-spent lives have gained them high regard, and their genial manner has won them a host of warm friends.

F. SMEYERS is one of the most progressive and energetic agriculturists and lumbermen of Bell township, Jefferson county. His fine farm invariably attracts the eye of the passing traveler as being under the supervision of a thorough and skillful farmer, and a man of otherwise good business qualifications. Upon the place Mr. Smeyers was born in 1860, a son of J. B. and Margaret (Rinehart) Smeyers. His paternal grandfather was one of the honored pioneers of the county, whose children grew up to be numbered among its best citizens. J. B. Smeyers, the father, was born in 1828, in Cambria county, Penn., and when a young man, in 1849, came to Bell township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of timber land one mile northwest of Bells Mills, which he cleared, rafting the lumber down the Mahoning to the Pittsburg markets. His first house and barn were built of round logs, but these were afterward replaced by more modern structures, and upon that place his wife died in 1873. There he continued to reside until 1880, then went to Union township, Clearfield county, where he followed lumbering for two years. Removing to DuBois, he engaged in contracting for John DuBois until 1884, when he returned to the old homestead in Bell township, Jefferson county, living with our subject until his death, in December, 1896. In his family were the following children: W. Scott is married; Adelaide died at the age of twenty-four years; Emma is married; B. F., of this sketch; C. May, John G. and Burtran D. are deceased; and R. W. is married.

In 1884 B. F. Smeyers, the subject of this sketch, purchased a partially improved farm in Bell township from Marion Dinsmore, and to its further development and cultivation devoted his energies. In June, 1886, he was married to Miss Laura M. Stigers, of Bell township, a daughter of Charles and Moranda Stigers, well-to-do people of that township. Mr. Smeyers brought his bride to the old homestead, where they have since continued to reside, and there their four children were born, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Sylvester H., February, 1887; Charles V., September, 1889; Melzeana L., May, 1894; and Ethel G., November 24, 1897. The father of these has added to his farm until he now has 114 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and greatly improved, having erected a large two-story residence in 1891, supplied with all modern conveniences. He also owns 100 acres of land in Union township, Clearfield county. He uses the latest improved machinery, and is everywhere recognized as one of the most thrifty, industrious and enterprising farmers of Bell township, as well as one of its highly esteemed and honored citizens. Politically he is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Republican party, and religiously he and his wife are members of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

CHARLES O. SPRAGUE. Any history of Jefferson county would be incomplete without mention of this gentleman, and the family of which he is a member, for since an early period in this century the farm which he now occupies in Winslow township has been the home of some representative of the name. His paternal grandparents, Samuel and Hannah (Farley) Sprague, located thereon in 1832, and made it their home
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until their deaths. The maternal grandparents, James and Mary Broadhead, were natives of England, and became early settlers of Winslow township, where they remained during the rest of their lives. The parents of our subject were George G. and Prudence (Broadhead) Sprague.

Charles O. Sprague was born April 8, 1860, on the farm which is now his home, and continued there to reside until twenty-one years of age, when he began working in the lumber woods, where he was employed for nine months. At the age of twenty-three he began work in the coal mines, and was thus engaged for a year. In 1887, on his parents' removal to Reynoldsville, he took charge of the home farm, which he has since operated. The place is neat and thrifty in appearance, indicating therefor his careful supervision, and the well-tilled fields yield to him a good return for his labor.

Mr. Sprague was married on September 25, 1884, in Punxsutawney, to Miss Margaret M. Pierce, and their home is blessed by the presence of three children: George, born September 19, 1885; Norman, born December 29, 1887; and Ilda, born September 8, 1895. Mrs. Sprague was born November 3, 1866, in Indiana county, Penn., and is a daughter of Wilson and Margaret (Zeigler) Pierce. Her father was born in Indiana county, in October, 1813, and died in Virginia, in 1886. Her mother was born in Butlertown, Penn. By their marriage they became the parents of the following named: Margaret Z., wife of William Palmer, a plasterer of Punxsutawney; John S., a farmer and lumberman of Indiana county; Charlotte, wife of Hiram McCauley, a farmer and lumberman of Indiana county; Anna, wife of Isaac Bowser, an agriculturist of Jefferson county; William W., who follows agricultural pursuits in Indiana county; George, a miner of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Curtin (deceased), and Mrs. Sprague. The mother of this family was again married, becoming the wife of Jacob F. Shaffer, who was born in Germany, March 10, 1842, a son of George and Margaret (Snyder) Shaffer, natives of Germany, who, in 1834, located in Mercer county, Penn., but after two years removed to Trumbull county, Ohio, where the father followed mining for a short time. He then purchased a farm, making his home thereon until his death. Both he and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sprague were Joeb and Jane (Wilson) Pierce, natives of New Jersey, who died in Indiana county, Penn., where he followed farming and lumbering. The maternal grandparents were John and Rachel (Floyd) Zeigler. The former was born in Germany, and died in Butlertown, Penn. The latter was born in Centre county, Penn., and died in Kansas.

Charles O. Sprague is an interested member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Sykesville. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, but has never sought office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business efforts, in which he is meeting with good success. He is recognized as one of the leading farmers of Jefferson county.

B. MOORHEAD, of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, is one of the public-spirited citizens to whose energy and foresight the locality is indebted for many improvements. While he, 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 he has always been ready to promote progress in every line.

On the old homestead, where he still resides, Mr. Moorhead was born April 10, 1862, a son of Jackson and Evaline (Bartlett) Moorhead, who were natives of Maine, although married in Jefferson county. James Moorhead, the paternal grandfather, was of German descent, and on leaving Maine, first located in Indiana county, Penn., but later came to Jefferson county, purchasing the farm upon which our subject now resides. At that time it was still in its primitive condition, the country was sparsely settled, the only roads were Indian trails, and the nearest mill was in Indiana county. After building a cabin, James Moorhead began to clear and improve his place, and soon acre after acre was placed under the plow. There both he and his wife died in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. They had children as follows: James, Rebecca, Mary, Sarah, Nancy, Robert, John, David, William and Jackson. Of these, Jackson Moorhead, the father of our subject, became one of the most energetic and successful business men of Warsaw township. On leaving the parental roof he extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits in Richardsville, where he conducted a store for a quarter of a century, hauling his goods from Mahoning and Ridgway in the early days. He also owned and operated a grist and saw mill, and was the principal stockholder in a woolen-mill, all at Richardsville, and was actively interested in lumbering and farming. He was prominently identified with the moral and physical development of the county, took a commendable interest in public affairs, and was a liberal contributor to the
Presbyterian Church, to which he and his wife belonged. In August, 1884, he passed away at Brookville, where she is still living at the age of sixty years. They had five children, namely: Pearl (deceased); Mrs. Laura Doubt; Mrs. Mary S. Hastings; B. J., of this sketch, and Robert W., a merchant of Richardsville.

B. J. Moorhead acquired a good education in the common schools, and obtained an excellent business training under the able direction of his father, with whom he remained until the latter's removal to Brookville. Remaining at Richardsville, he continued in business for three years. On the death of his father he and his mother were appointed administrators of the estate, and in dividing the property he took the old homestead as a portion of his share, and also a large tract of timber land, where he has since engaged in lumbering, dealing mostly in square timber. He and his brother purchased a store in Richardsville, but the latter is now sole owner, having bought our subject's interest, while he gives his attention to farming and lumbering. He occupies the home farm, which comprises ninety-one acres of rich and productive land and is improved with excellent buildings, including a pleasant residence which he erected. His grandfather and father had also built good houses upon the place, but these he replaced by a more modern structure.

In 1885 Mr. Moorhead was married to Miss Laura, the accomplished daughter of John Snyder and his first wife, who were the parents of eight children: Reed R., James, Frank, Harvey, Quintis, Ida, Ella and Laura. Mr. Snyder was of German descent and a blacksmith by trade, which he followed in Richardsville for some time, but later purchased and improved a farm, where his death occurred in 1803. The mother passed away at the same place. Both were active members of the Baptist Church, in which he served as deacon, and to which Mrs. Moorhead also belongs. By her marriage she has become the mother of one child, Ethel, born in December, 1886. In his social relations Mr. Moorhead is identified with the Knights of the Maccabees, and in politics is a pronounced Republican.

Robert M. Fugate. History leaves to future generations the record of events, but biography records the lives of those who brought about these events and formed the history of County, State and Nation. Biography has been called the home aspect of History, and its importance cannot be overestimated, for many valuable lessons are gained from those who have been worthy members of society.

Such a one is Mr. Fugate, one of the substantial citizens of Winslow township, who follows agricultural pursuits, carpentering and lumbering. At an early day in American development his paternal great-grandfather, John Fugate, a native of Holland, came to America and was one of the early settlers at Jamestown, Va. He served in the Revolutionary war, as did the grandfather, John W. Fugate, who was in Washington's army. He died at Port Matilda, Penn. Major John A. J. Fugate, father of our subject, was born in Centre county, Penn., and there married Elizabeth Bair, a native of the same county. For many years he conducted a hotel at Port Matilda, also followed the lumber business and built the plank road between Bellefonte and Tyrone, Penn. In the spring of 1882 he came to Reynolds ville, where he built a home and engaged in the lumber business. He afterward lived upon our subject's farm until 1892, but is now living retired in Du Bois. Prior to the war he went to Missouri, where he engaged in farming and cattle raising until 1861, when, being opposed to Southern principles, he returned by wagon to Port Matilda. There he enlisted for three months in Company H, 148th P. V. I., and later in connection with General Beaver, organized a company and re-entered the service, in which he won the rank of major. His wife died November 28, 1890, at the age of fifty-nine years, and was buried in Reynolds ville. The children of this worthy couple were: Stephen, a practicing physician of Du Bois; George, who operates a mine store in Fayette county, Penn.; William, a telegraph operator and station agent in Wilmington county, Ill.; James, a real-estate dealer and proprietor of a millinery store in Garden City, Kans.; Robert M., our subject; Mary, wife of C. H. Notter, who operates a gristmill in Du Bois, Penn.; Anna, who died September 6, 1882, at the age of sixteen years and eight months; and John, of Reynolds ville.

Robert M. Fugate was born in Laclede county, Mo., June 4, 1856, but has spent almost his entire life in Pennsylvania. He resided with his parents until 1882, during which time he attended school and worked on his father's farm. On leaving home he embarked in the lumber business, which he followed until the fall of 1886, when he engaged in merchandising in Reynolds ville for a year. He then returned to the lumber business, and in addition operated a coal mine and stone quarry, and engaged in teaming until 1892. He purchased his present farm
of eighty acres in 1885, and his father lived upon it until 1892, when our subject took possession, and has since successfully engaged in its cultivation. He is an expert mechanic, and though he served but one year's apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, is very efficient in that line. He carries on carpentering and lumbering, and his excellent workmanship, capable management and honorable dealing have brought to him a well-deserved success. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias fraternity of Reynoldsville. He gives his political support to the Republican party, and is well informed on the issues of the day, political and otherwise.

On the 3d of October, 1882, in Reynoldsville, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fugate and Miss Mary A. Reynolds, an estimable lady, whose friends in the community are many. She has two children: William P., born July 8, 1883, and Elizabeth R., born January 21, 1886. She was born in Rathmel, Jefferson county, March 31, 1844, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Kyle) Reynolds, the former a native of Chester county, Penn., and the latter of County Derry, Ireland. Her paternal grandparents were Dr. Thomas and Ann Reynolds. The former was born in England, was a physician by profession, and died in New York. His wife died at Prospect, Jefferson Co., Penn. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Fugate were William and Agnes (Smith) Kyle, natives of Ireland. Coming to America, Mrs. Kyle located in Washington township, Jefferson county, where she lived with her children. Her husband was a harness maker, and died on the Emerald Isle.

William Reynolds was reared on a farm, and in early life engaged in teaching. His last days were spent in retirement on the present site of Rathmel, which is built on a part of the Reynolds homestead. For many years he served as justice of the peace, and was a very prominent and influential citizen, as well as successful business man. He died in 1854, at the age of fifty years, and his wife died December 4, 1870, at the age of fifty-six years. He was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends, and she in the Presbyterian Church. Their children were Thomas J., who was born November 12, 1842, and died in February, 1895; Mary A., now Mrs. Fugate; Samuel T., of Reynoldsville; Abram, who was born September 26, 1847, and died January 7, 1854; William K., who was born August 11, 1849, and died April 3, 1873; Margaret J. M., who was born June 30, 1851, and is the wife of Perry Thompson, a farmer and derrick builder of Jefferson county; and Matthew R., who was born July 13, 1853, and died January 11, 1890.

John J. Rhoads. Among the earliest settlers of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, were John Rhoads, Sr., and his wife, Mary (Moyers), natives of Germany, and in the numerous descendants now living in that locality we find reflected the same sterling qualities of character which made those worthy pioneers prominent in their day. On coming to America they had made their home for a time in other portions of this State, spending some time in Lancaster county, and it was not until 1829 that the advantages of newly opened lands of Jefferson led them to locate permanently and clear a homestead. John Rhoads, Sr., was a weaver by trade, and his loom, still in the best of order, is among the treasured heirlooms in the home of his grandson, John J. Rhoads, one of the present owners of the homestead. The remains of John Rhoads, Sr., and his wife were interred in Rhoads cemetery, McCalmont township, the land having been dedicated to burial purposes by their son, John Rhoads, Jr. They had seven children, none of whom are now living: John, Jr., is mentioned more fully below; George died in Kansas; Samuel, in Clearfield county, Penn.; Abraham, in McCalmont township; Betsy was the wife of Daniel Graftus; Sallie married Isaac Packer; and Catherine married Abraham Rudolph.

John Rhoads, Jr., the father of the well-known gentleman whose name opens this sketch, was born January 31, 1815, in Union county, Penn., and after the removal of the family to Jefferson county remained there, engaging successfully in agriculture. His first purchase of land was made in 1836, when he took 120 acres "in the woods" and cleared it for a farm. This is still in the possession of his children. He acquired a large amount of real estate, and although he gave a farm to each of his children as they settled in life, he owned at his death 300 acres in Nebraska, and 205 acres in the homestead, which was divided between his sons, John J. and H. D. He was a man of prominence, a member of the Evangelical Church, and, like all the other members of his family, was a stanch Democrat in politics. On January 9, 1839, he married Miss Anna Bowers, who was born in Curwensville, Penn., May 2, 1819, the daughter of Philip and Catherine (Kipps) Bowers. She was the eldest of a family of nine children, the others being William, a farmer in Gaskill township, Jefferson county; Andrew, a retired farmer, living in Punxsutawney; John, deceased; Abraham, a farmer in Indiana county, Penn.; Isaac, who occupies the Bowers homestead in Gaskill township; Susan, wife of Joseph Kellar, of Du Bois, a retired farmer; Mary, Mrs. Isaac Werner, deceased; and
Isaac, a farmer at Warner, Ill. To John and Anna (Bowers) Rhoads the following children were born: Sarah, the widow of Christian Weis, of Jefferson county; George, a farmer in Clarion county; David, a farmer upon a portion of the homestead; Margaret, wife of Abraham Zufall, a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county; Mary, wife of Frederick Kunz, a harnessmaker at Big Run, Penn.; Harriet, who resides at the homestead; Hannah, deceased; Andrew P., a farmer in Henderson township; Harvey D., who owns a part of the homestead; John James, our subject; and Miss Clara E., who lives at the homestead. The father of this family died January 4, 1886, the mother on September 10, 1890, and both were laid to rest in Union Cemetery, Jefferson county.

John James Rhoads was born December 30, 1862, at the homestead, and has always made his home there, having become the owner of the portion which he now occupies by an agreement with the other heirs after the death of the parents. He has sixty-eight acres of excellent land, well stocked, and kept in a high state of cultivation by his industry and judicious management. Although his education was sacrificed to the requirements of farm work in his youth, his natural intelligence has enabled him to gain a goodly store of practical information. He is much respected among his associates, and is an active worker in the Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

On March 8, 1888, he was married, in Clearfield county, to Miss Elizabeth Deahl, and three children, Orpha S., Cora E. and Laura Ellen, brighten their home. Mrs. Rhoads is a native of Clarion county, where her father, the late Jonas Deahl, was for some years a successful farmer. He died in January, 1894, aged sixty-seven, and was buried in Clearfield county. His wife, Christina Sherman, died in 1873, and her remains rest in Beech Woods cemetery, Jefferson county. They had six children, viz.: John, a farmer at Prairiesville, Penn.; Charles (deceased); Jane, wife of George W. Pifer, a farmer in Henderson township, Jefferson county; Catherine, who married John Cramer, of McCalmont township; Elizabeth (Mrs. Rhoads), and Miss Matilda.

PHILIP T. DICKEY, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clover township, Jefferson county, has there spent his entire life, his birth occurring February 17, 1863, and he belongs to one of the old and prominent families of the county.

His paternal grandparents were Mathew and Elizabeth (Templeton) Dickey, the former a native of Ireland, and the latter of Armstrong county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. In 1835 they came to Jefferson county, where Mr. Dickey purchased a tract of wild land, which he transformed into a good farm, making it his home until called to his final rest in September, 1881, when in his eighty-second year. Being a man of good education, he successfully engaged in teaching for many years, was also interested for a time in merchandising in Brookville, and after arriving in the United States (at Baltimore, Md.), spent a few years in steamboat building. He ever took a prominent and active part in public affairs, was recognized as a most useful member of society, and faithfully served his fellow citizens in the office of justice of the peace. He and his wife were earnest members of the United Presbyterian Church, and the parents of four children now living: James, Mary J., William and David B.

On the farm in Clover township, where he still lives, David B. Dickey, the father of our subject, was born and reared, and to its cultivation has devoted most of his time and attention since reaching manhood. Having secured an excellent education, he also taught school for a number of years, and for some time was a professor of music. On the President's first call for three-months' volunteers, he enlisted as drum major, and served until the expiration of his term, when he was honorably discharged and returned home. For a short time he was engaged in mercantile pursuits in Dawlingville, and to some extent has been interested in lumbering, but of late years has devoted his energies entirely to the operation of his fine farm. Like his illustrious father, he has become widely and favorably known throughout the county, and his well-spent life justly entitles him to the high regard in which he is held. He is now about fifty-eight years of age. Soon after his return from the war, David B. Dickey was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Kennedy, a daughter of William Kennedy, a native of Ireland, who when about eight years old came with his parents to America and grew to manhood upon a farm in Jefferson county, Penn. On starting out in life for himself he engaged in agricultural pursuits, later followed merchandising in Brookville for thirty years, and then returned to his farm, where he died in November, 1896, at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. He was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church, and a most exemplary citizen. His children were Jane, Priscilla, Margaret and Alexander.

To the parents of our subject were born
seven children, of whom he is the oldest. The others are: Mrs. Patience Fitzsimmons; Mrs. Tirzah Lucas; James, a resident of Punxsutawney; Sally, who is now a missionary in India; Kennedy, who is living in Oil City, Penn.; and Hillis, at home. The mother was called to her final rest in January, 1882, and the father later married Miss Mary, daughter of William Smith, a steamboat builder, now living in Marietta, Ohio. Five children bless this union: Gracie, Joseph, Walter, Edna, and Margaret, who died at the age of two years.

After attending the country schools for some time, Philip T. Dickey completed his literary training by a course in the Belview Academy. He continued to remain with his father until his marriage, in 1890, when he located upon his present farm, which he had purchased three years previous. In connection with its cultivation, since 1892, he has sold farm machinery, in which he has met with excellent success. As an upright, reliable business man, he has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and as a citizen merits and receives the respect of the entire community. On April 23, 1890, he was married to Miss Edith Cowan, who was born in Jefferson county, in August, 1879, and they have a daughter, Margaret, born October 22, 1891. They are members of the United Presbyterian Church, and in politics Mr. Dickey is a stanch Republican, but has never aspired to office.

Mrs. Dickey is descended from honored Scotch ancestry, her parents, James and Margaret Cowan, both being natives of Scotland, where her grandparents spent their entire lives. Her maternal grandfather, Peter Boag, was a well-known professor of that country, while the paternal grandfather, James Cowan, was a mining boss and treasurer of the Miners Association for a great many years. Three sons of the latter, William, Hugh and James, came to America together, but after a few years Hugh returned to his native land. William is still a resident of Clarion county, Penn., and James, the father of Mrs. Dickey, died in 1879. Two daughters also crossed the Atlantic, Christina, deceased wife of Alexander Davie, also deceased, and Mary, widow of Robert Penman. She is a member of the Mormon Church, to which her husband and most of her children also belonged, but she is opposed to polygamy. The members of the Cowan family, both in Scotland and this country, have generally been connected with the Presbyterian Church.

In his native land James Cowan was married, and three of his children were born there. With his family he sailed for the United States in 1852, and on landing at New York went direct to Schuylkill county, Penn., where he spent five years. For a number of years he was then a farmer of Eldred township, Jefferson county, but spent his last years upon a farm in Union township, the same county. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the summer, while the winters were spent in coal mining. His widow still resides on the old homestead in Union township, and is the mother of twelve children: Nettie, now the wife of D. T. Leach; William, a prominent farmer; Peter B., who lives upon the home farm; Margaret, wife of H. D. Haugh; Agnes, wife of W. Glenn; James J., also at the old homestead; Alexander and John R. (twins); Mary, wife of G. Strong; Annie, wife of Isaiah Simpson; Edith, wife of our subject; and Elizabeth, who died in childhood. The parents both held membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Joseph Grant Cathers, one of the industrious and thorough agriculturists of Winslow township, Jefferson county, owns and operates a fine farm of 153 acres, known as the John Cayton farm.

He was born near Prescottville, in the same township, October 2, 1863, a son of William T. and Mary (Doughtit) Cathers, natives of Clarion and Jefferson counties, Penn., respectively. The mother died on the farm where our subject now resides. July 20, 1888, aged fifty-two years, but the father, whose birth occurred in October, 1823, is still living, now making his home in Rathmel. For many years he successfully engaged in farming and lumbering, but has now laid aside business cares, resting in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. In their family were the following children: Nancy, who married Thomas Reynolds, but both are now deceased; Nathan and Elizabeth, who have also passed away; William A., who is living retired in Rathmel; Joseph G., of this sketch; Anna, wife of John Wyiam, a miner, of Port Royal, Penn.; Edith, wife of George Hughes, a miner at Rathmel; Samuel (deceased); Maggie, a resident of Port Royal; and Gertrude, of Rathmel. In 1880 the entire family were stricken with typhoid fever, and Nancy, Elizabeth, Robert, Nathan and Samuel all died of that dread disease.

Our subject accompanied his parents on their removal to his present farm in 1880, and continued to reside with them until the spring of 1894, when his father removed to Rathmel, leaving the place to his sons, Joseph G. and William. The former purchased his brother's interest in
1892, and is now sole owner. By industry, perseverance and diligence, he has placed the land under a high state of cultivation, and made many excellent improvements. At Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Penn., October 16, 1890, he was married by Squire G. W. Woodring, to Miss Laura Waugaman, and they have become the parents of three children: Mary, who was born September 17, 1891, and died in infancy; Frank, born July 31, 1892; and Cora, born August 20, 1894.

Mrs. Cathers was born in Armstrong county, Penn., May 5, 1872, a daughter of Michael and Rebecca (Shaffer) Waugaman, also natives of that county, where the mother died February 25, 1892, aged forty-two years. She was a daughter of Charles and Mary (Schrecengost) Shaffer, who spent their entire lives in Armstrong county and there were buried. Mr. Waugaman, a mechanic, still residing in Armstrong county, was born September 4, 1843, and is a son of Andrew and Rebecca (Truby) Waugaman, who were also laid to rest in Armstrong county, where they had passed their entire lives. His grandparents, however, were natives of Westmoreland. The father of Mrs. Cathers was a Union soldier during the Rebellion, and was wounded in the struggle. He is a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and a Republican in politics. In his family were nine children—Andrew, who died at the age of four years; Martha, now the wife of Harry McGregor, a lumberman and farmer residing at Paradise, Jefferson county; Laura, wife of our subject; Frank E. and Wm. I., who are living with Mr. Cathers; Walter A., Diadorous and Mary, who are with their father; and Albert, deceased.

Politically, our subject affiliates with the Republican party, seeing in its principles the true administration of a free government, "of the people, by the people and for the people." He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of his community, and well deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

Ira J. Campbell, who has for several years been prominently identified with the industrial interests of Jefferson county, is now the owner and proprietor of the Punxsutawney Steam Laundry, and is one of the leading business men of the city. He was born in 1860, in Indiana county, Penn., a son of Thadeus and Mary Jane (Hughes) Campbell, natives of Huntingdon and Jefferson counties, Penn., respectively. The father was born April 28, 1828, in Huntingdon county, and, in 1832, moved to Punxsutawney. He clerked in his father's store for about eighteen years, then he began to make his own way in the world, following the lumber business throughout most of his active life. He took quite a prominent part in political affairs, but was never an office seeker. His death occurred in 1891, and his wife passed away in March, 1892.

Ira J. Campbell obtained a good practical education in the public schools of Punxsutawney, and began life's struggles at the age of sixteen, first learning the painter's trade, which he followed for only a short time, however. He then turned his attention to the lumber and bark business, in which he engaged for about seven years, and in 1892, in partnership with S. K. Livingood, he established a steam laundry at Punxsutawney, which he has since successfully conducted. His plant is a good brick structure, equipped with the best and most modern machinery, and the work turned out is first-class in every particular.

In 1882, Mr. Campbell was married to Miss Mary A., daughter of Judge J. B. Wilson, of Punxsutawney, but in 1892 she was called to her final rest, leaving three children: Carrie, Mark and John W. Our subject was again married in 1895, his second union being with Miss Margaret Straitiff, of Coolspring, Jefferson county.

Mr. Campbell has gained recognition and prestige as one of the influential and representative business men of Punxsutawney, and, as a stalwart Republican, he is active in political affairs, and is now serving as president of the city council. He takes quite an active interest in civic societies, and is an honored member of the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Pythias and Knights of The Maccabees, of Punxsutawney.

Charles G. McLain, one of the leading and representative farmers of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, was born in Brookville, May 15, 1865, a son of Charles and Mary (Harris) McLain. The father was one of the faithful defenders of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war, and was killed in battle one month and thirteen days before the birth of our subject, who, when four years of age, was taken to the home of his maternal grandfather, Thomas Harris, of Pine Creek township, Jefferson county. At the age of eight he entered the Dayton Soldiers' Orphan School, where he remained for six years, was then a student for two years in the Pennsylvania Military Academy in Chester, Penn., and for the following two years attended the Polytechnic College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

On leaving the school-room Mr. McLain followed civil and mining engineering until about
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the time of his marriage, when failing health caused his retirement, and he has since resided upon his present fine farm of 160 acres in Ringgold township. The place is one of the best improved in the locality, and under his capable management yields a bountiful return for the care and labor bestowed upon it. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, while religiously he is a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Brookville, and his wife belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney.

On May 4, 1893, at Punxsutawney, Penn., Mr. McLain was married to Miss Laura Zeitler, who was born in that city May 25, 1868. Her father, George W. Zeitler, was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and with his parents came to the United States at the age of ten years. After spending two years in Pittsburg, Penn., he came to Punxsutawney, where he met Miss Ellen R. Stillwagon, a native of Butler county, Penn. They were married in Punxsutawney, in 1858, at the home of Capt. John Hastings, and nine children blessed their union: Margaret E., now the wife of William J. Brown, deputy revenue collector at Punxsutawney; Thomas J., who is still with his mother; Charles R., a barber of Punxsutawney; James R. (deceased); George D., at home; Laura E., wife of our subject; Sallie M., wife of E. S. Swartz, a merchant tailor of Punxsutawney; and Harry T. and Bertha E., at home.

Mr. Zeitler was born February 22, 1836, and from the age of sixteen years successfully engaged in merchandising in Punxsutawney, becoming widely and favorably known throughout Jefferson county. He died in that city October 1, 1888, and was laid to rest in the German Reformed cemetery. He was an earnest member of the German Reformed Church, and was a pronounced Democrat in politics. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Zeitler has capably managed the store with the assistance of her children, and her straightforward, womanly course has gained for her the love and respect of the entire community. She was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1837, and is a daughter of John and Eliza (Kelly) Stillwagon.

JAMES H. ELDER. In Oliver township, Jefferson county, is located the old Elder homestead, where occurred the birth of our subject, January 22, 1865, and where he is now living, his attention being given to agricultural pursuits. He is a representative of one of Pennsylvania's oldest families. His paternal grandfather was Abraham Elder, a well-known farmer of Centre county. He had three children: David A., of Fremont, Nebraska; Mary A., widow of John A. Stewart, of Union Star, Md.; and Joseph M., the father of our subject.

Joseph M. Elder was born in Centre county, January 11, 1833, and was three times married. He first wedded Mary S. Payne, who was born July 26, 1836, and died March 11, 1858, her remains being interred in Olive cemetery. Their only child died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Elder chose Miss Sarah E. Payne, a sister of his first wife, the wedding being celebrated in Venango county, Penn. She was born October 14, 1828, and was a daughter of William G. and Harriet (Reynolds) Payne, of Centre county, Penn., who came to Jefferson county at an early day, and located on the farm which is now the home of our subject. There they passed the residue of their lives, and they were buried in Olive cemetery of Jefferson county. The father was a distiller. He was born March 28, 1793, and died January 22, 1860. His wife, whose birth occurred October 10, 1795, was called to her final rest May 7, 1869. Their children were as follows: Josiah A., James, George, David F., Sarah E., John R., William S., Mary S., and Margaret H., wife of W. H. Haden, all now deceased with the exception of the last named. Mrs. Sarah E. Elder died in 1874, at the age of forty-six years, and was buried in Olive cemetery. Her children are: Harry R., who was born March 28, 1862, and died in infancy, and James H., of this review.

For his third wife Joseph M. Elder chose Mrs. Sarah A. Gorley, widow of Marcus Gorley, and to this union was born one child, April 7, 1877, David S., who is of rather a roving disposition, being now located with Clark, Kizer & Kipp, leading lumbermen of Jefferson county. The mother of these was born in Centre county, March 25, 1835, a daughter of James and Margaret (Bowes) Kinzel, natives of Germany and Ireland respectively. Her parents came to America early in life, and were married in Centre county. Her father followed farming as a life work, and died in 1874, at the age of seventy-two years. Margaret Kinzel, his wife, died in 1846, at the age of forty, and both were buried at Whitesville, Penn. Their children were: Thomas and Betsy, both deceased; Elijah, a contractor and builder of Kane, Penn.; Mary, who became the wife of David Haney, and died in the West; Margery, widow of Joseph P. North, of Panic, Jefferson county; Sarah A., who became the wife of Mr. Elder; Levi, a farmer of Kansas; and G. W., a real-estate broker of Punxsutawney.
Joseph M. Elder followed tanning and farming throughout the greater part of his life, and was an industrious, energetic man. Shortly before his death he became a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Olive. He also held membership in the Masonic Lodge, was connected with the Patrons of Husbandry, and was also a member of Elder Grange, which was organized at his home and named in his honor; he was also a member of I. O. O. F., of Punxsutawney, Penn. He held several local offices, discharging his duties with marked fidelity. His business interests were conducted along the most honorable lines of trade, and his methods were above question. He operated a tannery on a farm from 1864 until 1890, and at the same time carried on a chopping mill and harness shop. For some time he was a member of the firm of McClelland, Elder & Co., in the manipulation of these enterprises, but in 1873 he purchased his partner’s interests. He was a man of strong intellectual endowments, well versed on literary subjects and an extensive reader. A prominent and valued citizen of the community, his death, which occurred October 31, 1896, was deeply lamented by many friends.

On the old family homestead James H. Elder, of this review, remained until 1889, when he went to Pittsburg, Penn., and pursued a course in Duff’s Mercantile College at that place. After his graduation he returned home, and three months later began working in the woods at lumbering. In the spring of 1890 he removed to Du Bois, where he was employed in a tannery for eighteen months, and then located in Young township, Jefferson county, at the home of his father-in-law, owing to his wife’s ill health. He remained there about two years, working as a carpenter and millwright in the employ of Clark, Kipp & Co., lumbermen. He was thus engaged until July, 1896, when he returned home on account of his father’s severe illness. After his father’s death he continued to operate the home farm, and has since purchased the interest of the other heirs in the place.

On October 20, 1887, our subject was married to Miss Minta M. Sadler, who was born January 13, 1868, a daughter of Thomas M. and Mary J. Sadler, of Jefferson county. She died March 10, 1892, and was buried in Olive cemetery. Her children were: Mary E., born November 4, 1888; Florence L., born August 6, 1890; and Minta M., born February 1, 1892. Mr. Elder was again married, October 31, 1894, this time to Miss Nora A. Means, who was born in Whitesville, Jefferson county, February 23, 1871, and is a daughter of William and Rebecca (Sprankle) Means, also natives of Whitesville.

Her mother died there June 25, 1878, at the age of thirty-seven years, and was buried in the Whitesville cemetery. Her father, who was born in 1837, is now engaged in farming at Fordham. He is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Republican. His children are Nora A., wife of our subject; Zulu E., wife of Frank Roach, mine foreman in Cartwright, Penn., and Retta E., at home. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Means married Genevra C. Sprankle, and they have two children: Gertrude and Zay, both at home. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elder were James and Eliza Means. Her maternal grandfather, Jacob Sprankle, was a native of Germany, and became one of the early settlers of Jefferson county.

Mr. Elder, of this sketch, is a member of the Masonic fraternity in Punxsutawney, of the Junior Mechanics, of McCalmont Council No. 377, Panic, Penn., and of the Granger Lodge of Patrons of Husbandry in Oliveburg. His political support is given the Republican party. He is considered one of the most progressive and thrifty farmers of Jefferson county, his place being neat and well improved. In addition to his own farm of eighty-seven acres, he operates a rented farm of ninety-seven acres. He is a well informed man on general topics and on the best literature, and his character, worth and leadership in business circles make him one of the most prominent citizens of Jefferson county.

WILLIAM DOAK. Among those of foreign birth now residents of this country, it is astonishing to witness the progress they have made along various lines of business, the readiness with which they adapt themselves to the different methods and customs of America, recognizing the advantages offered and utilizing the opportunities which the New World affords. From Ireland Mr. Doak came to this country, and he is to-day one of the leading and well-to-do farmers of Porter township, Jefferson county.

David and Mary Doak, his parents, of Tyrone, Ireland, never left their native land, and there our subject was reared and educated. For five years he served in the English army, took part in the war with Russia, and participated in the siege of Sebastopol. When a young man, in 1862, he immigrated to America, and the same year enlisted in the 77th Regiment, serving under Capt. Shaw, Col. Rose and Gen. Thomas, in the Army of the Cumberland. His first engagement was in Tennessee, and he later participated in all the
battles in which his regiment was engaged. While on a gunboat on the Mississippi river, he was seriously wounded by a shot from a guerrilla, but remained in the service until the war was over, faithfully aiding his adopted country in her efforts to preserve the Union. At the close of the war, on again taking up civil pursuits, Mr. Doak worked in an oil refinery in Pittsburg, where he made his home until 1871, when he came to his present farm of 160 acres in Porter township, Jefferson county, which he had purchased in 1868. He has cleared the wild land and converted it into one of the most highly cultivated farms of the township, has built a substantial two-story residence and good barn, and made many other valuable improvements.

In 1866 our subject was married to Miss Rachel Craig, who was born and reared in Pittsburg, where they continued to live until coming to their present farm in 1871. Two sons blessed their union: (1) David, born in Pittsburg, was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the common schools of the locality. He wedded Miss Mary Adams, daughter of Thomas and Jane Adams, well-to-do people of Porter township. They reside on the homestead with their parents, and have four children—Sadie, Margaret, Lizzie and William. (2) Robert, the younger son, died in 1895, at the age of twenty-seven years. He was a very bright young man, and was liked by all who knew him. Our subject and his wife are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and give a hearty support to all objects calculated to benefit the community or to advance the general welfare. In his political affiliations, Mr. Doak is a Republican. He has proved a valued and useful citizen to his adopted country, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

Charles E. Radaker. Among the young men of Jefferson county who have selected agriculture as their vocation in life, and judging from their present indications are bound to succeed in their chosen calling, is the subject of this biographical notice, who is a resident of Winslow township, he and his brother, Thomas J., owning the home farm, which was willed them by their father. He also owns and operates a portable sawmill, purchased from Lowe and Stiker, and is meeting with a well-deserved success in that business.

Charles E. Radaker was born May 23, 1869, in Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and his parents, William M. and Rosalie J. (Smiley) Radaker, were also natives of that county, where the father was for many years extensively interested in the lumber business as a member of the firm of Radaker Brothers & Schwem, of Stanley. He also engaged in agricultural pursuits, and on February 2, 1882, removed to the present farm of our subject, where he died December 24, 1893, at the age of forty-eight years, six months and twelve days, his remains being interred in the cemetery of Luthersburg, Penn. He was one of the most substantial and prominent citizens of the community, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His widow, who was born November 12, 1845, is now residing in New Salem, Clearfield county. Their children were: Ida J., now the wife of Harry Kaufman, a miner, of Sykesville, Penn.; Charles E., of this review; Thomas J., a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Blanche, who is now residing in Westmoreland county, Penn.; Lewis, a lumberman, of Winslow township; and Minnie, Della L., Harry P. and William L., who are with their mother.

Charles and Bell (Phillips) Radaker, the paternal grandparents, were natives of Germany. The former, who was an agriculturist, died in Clearfield county, Penn., at the age of eighty-seven years, and was buried at Luthersburg. The maternal grandparents. Col. Robert Smiley and wife, who was a Mason, spent their last days at New Salem, Penn., and were laid to rest at Luthersburg, Pennsylvania.

During his boyhood and youth Charles E. Radaker attended school during the winter months, and assisted his father in the labors of the fields during the sumer season until seventeen years of age, when he began teaming, working at that occupation in the fall and in a sawmill during the summer. In the spring of 1891 he went to Penfield, Penn., where for six weeks he had charge of the grocery and restaurant of his cousin, J. C. Harmond, while that gentleman was teaching. Young Radaker then attended school at Mahafiey, Penn., for eleven weeks and on his return home worked in the woods until the fall of 1893, when he went to Indiana county, Penn., where he was similarly employed from the following January until March. During that summer he operated the home farm, and in the winter engaged in teaming. In the spring of 1895 he purchased a hotel in Punxsutawney, which he conducted for nine months, and then sold out and returned to the old homestead, where he has since resided, giving his time and attention to farming and milling with most satisfactory results. On November 5, 1897, the home farm was sold to James Radaker, a brother of William M. Radaker, for $4,600.
On May 22, 1896, our subject was married to Miss Mary Blair, who was born in Arnot, Tioga Co., Penn., September 4, 1875, a daughter of James and Rachel (St. Clair) Blair, natives of Scotland, who came to America in 1874 and located in Tioga county. The maternal grandparents, James and Mary (Crawford) Blair, and the maternal grandparents, James and Mary (Patterson) St. Clair, also came from their native Scotland to this country, but subsequently returned. The father of Mrs. Radaker, who is a miner by occupation, now resides in Anita, Jefferson county, where the mother died January 16, 1897, at the age of forty-five years, one month and four days, and was buried at Anita. In their family were eleven children: Mary, wife of our subject; James and John, who are now with their father; Louisa (deceased); and Gilbert, Matson, George, William, Jesse, Walter and Blanche, all are with their father. To Charles E. Radaker and wife has been born a son, James William, April 12, 1897.

Our subject is strong in his faith in the principles of the Democratic party, and never falters in his allegiance to that organization. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge at New Salem. Although young in years he is one of the representative men of the township, and occupies a high place in the estimation of his fellow citizens. His genial manners and sturdy integrity have won him a host of friends, and he is highly regarded by all with whom he comes in contact.

FRANCIS DELARM. The student of biography finds a subject of interest to him in the life of one who starts out on a business career with no advantageous surroundings, but by consecutive endeavor, honorable purpose and well-directed effort works his way steadily upward until he reaches the plains of prosperity. Such is the history of Mr. Delarm, one of the representative and highly respected citizens of Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he is now living retired.

He was born in Franklin county, N. Y., October 5, 1819, a son of Francis and Rosanna Delarm, natives of France. The father, who was a laborer by occupation, came to the New World with his parents, and died in Franklin county, N. Y., in 1827, at the age of forty-five years. He was twice married, having by his first wife one daughter—Mary, who married, and died in old age. For his second wife he chose the mother of our subject, and to this union the following children were born: Julia, now the widow of William McKinley, of Franklin county, Penn.; Mrs. E. W. McFee, of this sketch; John, of Franklin county, N. Y.; Rosina (deceased), and Joseph, who died in 1892. Both parents held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and were people of the highest respectability. The mother departed this life in 1887 at the age of eighty-three years.

After the death of his father, Francis Delarm was bound out to Tilton Reynolds, with whom he came to Jefferson county in 1832, and remained until he had attained his majority. His educational advantages were limited to nine months' attendance at the public schools, but his training at farm work was not so meager, and he early became familiar with the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. At the age of twenty-one he purchased his present farm of 107 acres, for which he paid $3 per acre. In order to pay for the same, however, he went to Greene county, N. Y., where for two years he worked round the house for a wealthy New York man. Returning to his land, then a dense forest of pine, hemlock and various other timber, he at once began to prepare it for cultivation and improvement, and he has made it one of the most desirable places in Winslow township. Underlying the land is a rich coal vein from six to eight feet in thickness, which he recently sold for $15,000. Upon his place he has two horses which he has raised, one of which is now twenty-six years old and the other twenty-nine, and he is also using a wagon made for him by Tomie Dolan in 1850.

On April 26, 1843, at the home of the bride, in Winslow township, Mr. Delarm was married to Miss Clarissa Smith, who was born in New York State July 6, 1824, a daughter of Valentine and Rebecca (Sprague) Smith, natives of Vermont. In 1833 her parents emigrated to Jefferson county, Penn., and the father died at Rathmel in 1861, at the age of sixty-six, but the mother's death occurred at the home of our subject in 1886, when in her eighty-fifth year. They had five children: Clarissa, wife of our subject; John, a resident of Allegheny county, Penn.; Julia, who married Thomas Reynolds, but both are now deceased; Valentine, who removed to Ohio, where his death occurred; and Emlaine is the wife of Orlando Gray, of California. John Sprague, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Delarm, was also a native of the Green Mountain State, and in 1838 came to Jefferson county, where he spent his remaining days.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Delarm are as follows: (1) John died in infancy. (2) Mathew J. Myers, a farmer of Clearfield county, Penn., married Mary McGiffen, who died January 11, 1894. Three children graced this union—
Maggie C., Minnie M. and Francis A. The father of these married again, this time on June 15, 1896, to Jenie Gay. (3) Henry Adnoriam (deceased) was an agriculturist of Winslow township; he married Sadie Sharpe, and they had seven children—Artemus, Evaline, Edwin, Harvey, John, Elizabeth and Maryland. (4) Levi (deceased). (5) Emeline R. is the wife of Henry Weaver, of DuBois, Penn., by whom she has three children—Cora C., Alonzo D. and Percy. (6) Sallie, who was the widow of Levi Kessinger, of DuBois, and had two children—Rosa and Carrie—was married August, 1896, to Silas Parker. (7) Rev. Alonzo is now living in Norristown, Penn. (8) One died in infancy not named. (9) Anna is the wife of Jacob Keel, a farmer of Clearfield county, and has four children—Ethel, Elcie, Millie and Glennie.

Politically, Mr. Delarm is identified with the Republican party, and religiously both he and his wife are active and prominent members of the Baptist Church, in which he served as treasurer for many years. He is a genial, courteous gentleman, and has many stanch and admiring friends among all classes of men. As an energetic and honorable agriculturist he stands high in the estimation of the entire community, and his wife also enjoys the high regard of all who know her. Our subject has had the misfortune of losing his left leg, which is off below the knee.

GORDON. No name is better known in Jefferson county, and few in Pennsylvania, than this one, which is honored by the career of an unfriended boy, who by sheer force of intellect and perseverance won his way from comparative obscurity to the highest judicial seat within the gift of a great Commonwealth. Judge Isaac Grantham Gordon has made a deep impression upon the judicial history of Pennsylvania, and his son, Cadmus Z. Gordon, yet young in years, has devoted himself to the same learned profession.

The family of whom we write are of Scotch-Irish extraction. Zaccheus Gordon, the father of Judge Gordon, is the first member of the family of whom we have authentic history. He was a native of Northumberland county, Penn., and by trade was a coppersmith. He married Miss Harriet Lewis, and passed his later years in Jefferson county.

Isaac Grantham Gordon, son of Zaccheus, was born in Lewisburg, Union county, December 22, 1819. When a boy, he learned the trade of molder, with the expectation of becoming an iron founder. An accident completely turned the current of his life, for one of his feet was seriously injured by molten iron, and in consequence the young man relinquished his trade. He possessed, in his nature, that thirst for knowledge which recognizes no obstacles, and applied himself diligently to his books. His common-school education was supplemented with a term at Lewisburg Academy, and by his indomitable application he acquired a liberal classic and scientific education. Choosing law as his profession, he in 1849 entered the office of James M. Linn, at Lewisburg, and in April, 1843, was admitted to practice in the courts of Union county. Three months later he opened his first office in Huntingdonville, Clearfield county, soon afterward associating in practice with George R. Barrett, at that place. In 1846 he removed to Brookville, Jefferson county, where he formed a partnership with Elijah Heath, which was continued until Judge Heath's removal to Pittsburg, in 1850. In 1860 and 1861 Mr. Gordon represented in the State Legislature the district composed of Jefferson, Clearfield, Elk and McKean counties, and during the latter year he served as chairman of the general judiciary committee. In 1866 he was appointed, by Governor Hartranft, presiding judge of the new judicial district, formed from the counties of Mercer and Venango, and taken from the Eighteenth District, to serve until an election should occur. In 1873 he was elected to the Supreme Bench of the State, and in 1887 became chief justice of Pennsylvania. He died at Brookville, September 4, 1893.

Chief Justice Gordon was married, in 1847, to Miss Mary C. Jenks, who was born in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, daughter of Dr. John W. Jenks, and a sister of Judge Jenks (of Brookville) and also of ex-Solicitor-General George A. Jenks. To Judge and Mrs. Gordon were born the following children, now living: Helen, wife of William Foster, of Lewisburg, Penn.; Harriet, wife of Rev. William S. Fulton, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Lexington, Ky.; Anna M., wife of Rev. John M. Richmond, a Presbyterian minister of Princeton, Ky.; and Cadmus Z.

Cadmus Z. Gordon was born in Brookville, January 8, 1856. He received his elementary education in the public schools at Brookville, later attending an academy in Corsica, Jefferson county, then entering Yale College, he graduated from the scientific course in 1878. Deciding to adopt law for his life work, Mr. Gordon began "Blackstone" in the office of Jenks & Clark, and completed his studies with the firm of Gordon & Corbett. In September, 1880, he was admitted to the Bar, at once entered actively upon
the duties of his profession, and has since been continuously in practice. Recently he formed a partnership with Harry R. Wilson, in an office in Clarion. In politics Mr. Gordon is an earnest Republican, and is strongly identified with the organization of the party in Jefferson county.

In 1887 Cadmus Z. Gordon was united in marriage with Miss Kate D. Acheson, daughter of Judge Marcus W. Acheson, of the United States Circuit Court, with jurisdiction in the Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey Circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have three children: Marcus Acheson, Mary Jenks and Robert Bruce.

SAMUEL T. REYNOLDS, a prominent citizen of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, has spent his entire life in that county, and is a worthy representative of one of its pioneer families. The difference between the past and the present can scarcely be realized, even by those who were active participants in the development of the county. The present generation can have no conception of what was required by the early settlers in transforming the wilderness into the well-settled and highly-cultivated country which we to-day find. In bringing about these marvelous changes our subject has borne no unimportant part.

Mr. Reynolds was born in Winslow township, Jefferson county, January 15, 1846, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Kyle) Reynolds, the former a native of Chester county, Penn., the latter of County Derry, Ireland. In the county of his birth, the father began his education, and later pursued his studies in Philadelphia. By an uncle he was sent to Paris, France, to receive instruction as to how to replace isinglass, and on his return from that country located in Franklin county, N. Y., where he engaged in teaching school for a time. On leaving there he came to Jefferson county, Penn., where he spent the remainder of his life. He became one of the leading and influential men of the county, where he also taught school, engaged in surveying, and served as justice of the peace. He was a large land owner and real estate dealer, having at the time of his death 1,600 acres of valuable land. On the 2nd of June, 1854, he was called to his final rest, and his death was widely and deeply mourned, for he was one of the prominent men of the community, and had many warm friends. His faithful wife died on November 4, 1869.

The educational privileges of our subject were such as the district schools of the county afforded, and upon the home farm he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, remaining under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-three, and assisting in the arduous task of clearing and developing the farm. Although he has traveled quite extensively over the United States, he has always resided in the vicinity of Reynolds ville, with whose interests he has been actively connected. He is the owner of one of the finest business blocks in the place, and was for some time engaged in the hardware trade. On October 30, 1897, Mr. Reynolds opened a store in Reynolds ville containing a full assortment of dry goods and notions. He is also engaged in the real-estate business.

In September, 1873, Mr. Reynolds was married to Miss Rachel J. Dougherty, of Clarion county, and they have four children, namely: Vincent Gerald, Harry Frederick, Olive Vida and Craig Adam. Mrs. Reynolds, who is a most estimable lady, holds membership in the Presbyterian Church; socially, our subject belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Their culture, intelligence and geniality make them valued members of society, and have secured for them many warm friends.

MICHAEL G. MURPHY, the leading carriage manufacturer of Brookville, Jefferson county, is one of those genial and able men who command the esteem and respect of all classes of people. His success in business has been won by his own efforts, and the story of his life will afford encouragement to all who are forced to contend with adverse circumstances. His family is of Irish origin, and his father, the late Patrick Murphy, a native of Cork, came to America as a young man. He was engaged mainly at working in stone. His death occurred in Wisconsin, but his wife, Mary Frazier, who was born probably in Nova Scotia, died at Fayetteville, N. J., when our subject was very young.

Mr. Murphy, our subject, was born at Fayetteville, December 25, 1838. The pathway to knowledge was beset with difficulties for him, the short terms of district schools of that day being his only opportunity for learning. At eighteen he began to serve an apprenticeship in the wagon and carriage building business at Girard, Penn., and after completing his term he worked as a journeyman at Ashtabula and Conneaut, Ohio, and Conneautville, Penn. When the call to take arms in defense of the Union was sounded Mr. Murphy enlisted in the Second Ohio Independent Artillery, and served three years. He took part in many important engagements including the battles at Port Gibson, Champion Hill, and at Vicksburg he received
a gun-shot wound in his right hand. Securing an honorable discharge, he returned to Pennsylvania and resumed his trade at Conneautville, remaining three years. He then spent three years at Meadville, Penn., as a journeyman, and in 1870 he went to Brookville, where after two years of work for others he established a business of his own and became a fixture in the town. Judicious plans energetically carried out have met their due reward, and he enjoys a large and profitable custom.

In 1878 Mr. Murphy was united in marriage with Miss Anna Young, of Brookville, a native of Indiana county, Penn., and their pleasant home is brightened by six daughters: Mary Nellie, Anna B., Harriet Ellen, Magdalene, Bernice and Marguerite. The family are all devout adherents of the Roman Catholic Church. In his political views Mr. Murphy is an unwavering supporter of the Democratic party. He has not, however, aspired to office at any time, his business requiring his undivided attention. Socially, he is a member of G. A. R. Post No. 242, of Brookville, and of the Union Veteran Legion, Camp No. 46.

JOSEPH B. JONES, a leading and influential citizen of Corsica, is one of the successful business men of Jefferson county, one who has made his own way in the world unaided by capital or friends. Greater fortunes have been accumulated, but few lives furnish so striking an example of the wise application of sound principles and safe conservatism as does his. The story of his success is short and simple, containing no exciting chapters, but in it lies one of the most valuable secrets of the prosperity which it records, and his business and private life are fraught with interest and incentive, no matter how lacking in dramatic action—the record of a noble life, consistent with itself and its possibilities in every particular.

Mr. Jones was born in Clarion county, Penn., in 1831, and is a son of Isaac and Jane (Wilson) Jones, also natives of the Keystone State. By trade the father was a blacksmith, but the principal part of his life was spent in farming. His death occurred February 25, 1892, and his wife was called to her final rest on the 14th of September, same year. Our subject was afforded the advantages of only a common-school education during his youth, and upon the home farm he remained until he had attained the age of twenty years. He then started out in life for himself as a lumberman, merchant and drover in Greenville, Clarion county, but in 1872 removed to Corsica, and has since been prominently identified with the business and commercial interests of Jefferson county. In 1873, he suffered the loss of his store and its contents, as well as his dwelling, which were all destroyed by fire, but with his characteristic energy he at once set about to retrieve his losses. A man of good executive ability and sound judgment, he has been able to guide and control different lines of trade, being at the present time interested in the grist and saw mill business, lumbering, farming and general merchandise, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings.

Mr. Jones was married, in 1860, to Miss Emily F. Patton, of Clarion county, by whom he has six children, as follows: Lizzie P., wife of William B. Reed; Carrie J.; Harry F.; Madge A.; Kate R. V.; and Frank B. The parents are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Jones is serving as elder. In his political affiliations, he is a Democrat, and while not an aspirant for official honors, he has capably filled a number of public positions. The family is one of prominence, standing high in social circles, where true worth and intelligence are received as passports into good society.

EDWIN DELIVAN SEELEY, a prominent and highly-respected citizen of Reynolds-ville, has for many years been connected with the history of Jefferson county, and few, if any, have done more for its upbuilding. He has been a champion of every movement designed to promote the general welfare, a supporter of every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial, educational and moral interests.

Mr. Seeley was born June 25, 1833, on the Indian Reservation in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., and is a son of William and Polly (Eastman) Seeley, the former a native of Batavia, Genesee Co., N. Y., and the latter of Chautauqua county, same State. The father, who was a farmer and lumberman by occupation, died in the latter part of the year 1876, and the mother was called to her final rest in 1878.

During his boyhood Edwin D. Seeley attended the public schools of Warren county, Penn., where his parents had removed when he was but five years of age, and there he was reared upon a farm. At fourteen he began work in the lumber woods, and two years later took a raft of logs to Cincinnati, being at that time able to perform a man's work and command a man's wages. He successfully engaged in the lumber business until
reaching the age of forty years. He was fifteen when he first came to Jefferson county, but three years later he returned to Warren county, where he remained until he had attained the age of twenty-seven years. Since that time, however, he has made his home in Reynoldsville, where for a number of years he engaged in the grocery business and also in the hardware trade, but is now practically living a retired life on his farm.

In 1861 Mr. Seeley was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, a daughter of Titon Reynolds, of Jefferson county. Nine children blessed their union, four of whom are now living, namely: Helen M., Ella E., Todd L. and Arthur. The wife and mother departed this life in 1882. Mr. Seeley was again married, this time in September, 1890, to Mrs. Clara (Reynolds) Scott, a cousin of his first wife. They are now living in a pleasant home in the outskirts of Reynolds ville, where they are spending the twilight of their lives in peace and retirement, surrounded by many loving kindred and friends; who delight to do them honor. In his political views Mr. Seeley is a stanch Republican, and has an unabounded faith in sound money and protection. He has never aspired to official distinction, preferring to give his time and attention to his individual affairs.

T. WILLIAMS, M. D., one of the prominent members of the medical fraternity of Jefferson county, who is now successfully engaged in general practice at Brockwayville, was born on April 15, 1851, in Clarion county, Penn., a son of Amos and Ruth (Lowrey) Williams, who were of Welsh descent, and were honored pioneers of Clarion county.

There the father improved a farm in the midst of the forest, and became one of the influential and prominent citizens, always taking a leading and active part in public affairs. The town of Williamsburg was named in his honor. He served as the first county treasurer, and helped to organize the first Baptist Church in the county, in which he was a deacon for many years. His death occurred on the old homestead in 1853; his widow passed away in 1876. Her father, Walter Lowrey, was a prominent farmer, living on the Allegheny river, near Snodgrass. His children were: John, Robert, James, Sarah, Eliza and Ruth. Our subject was the youngest in a family of five children, the others being Amos, who died in 1861; Elizabeth, wife of J. Moore; Walter, a practicing physician of Ridgeway; and Albert, a farmer of Jefferson county. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Will-iams married John McCormick, by whom she has one daughter: Ellen L., now the wife of Frank Case, a carpenter of the State of Washington.

The common schools afforded our subject his early educational privileges, and for a time during his younger years he successfully engaged in teaching. At the age of twenty-one he commenced reading medicine with his brother, Dr. W. L. Williams, and subsequently attended lectures in the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, for one year, and for the same length of time engaged in practice with his brother at Johnstown, Ohio; but at the end of that time he returned to Pennsylvania, opening an office in Clarion county in 1876. Two years later he went to Centre ville, Elk Co., Penn., where the following decade was passed, and then, in connection with his practice, he engaged in the drug business at Cadeconia Mines, in the same county. When the mines ceased operations the following year, he came to Brockwayville, where he has successfully engaged in practice since June, 1889, his skill and ability gaining for him a liberal patronage throughout the surrounding country, as well as in the village. Being a close student of his profession, he has kept well abreast with the leading discoveries and improvements made in the practice both of medicine and surgery, and in 1883 he pursued a course of lectures in the medical department of the University of the State of Vermont, from which he graduated in 1883. Formerly he held membership in the Elk County Medical Society. In his political views he is a Republican; socially he affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; in religious belief both he and his wife are Baptists.

Dr. Williams was united in marriage with Miss Clara Case, who was born near Reedsburg, Clarion county, July 29, 1849, a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Mateer) Case, early settlers of that county, where the father followed the occupation of farming. Entering the Union service during the Civil war, he was captured by the Rebels, and died in Andersonville prison in 1864. He and his wife, who passed away in 1876, were consistent members of the Baptist Church. In their family were four children: Mrs. Cornelia Arthurs; Clara, wife of our subject: Frank, a carpenter by occupation; and James, an agriculturist of Elk county. The Doctor and his wife have four children: Amos, Clark, Edward and Ruby, all at home.

TIMOTHY CALDWELL, one of the leading and representative agriculturists of Eldred township, Jefferson county, was born October
26, 1826, in County Tyrone, Ireland, where he received a fair common-school education. His parents, Cunningham and Lydia (Porter) Caldwell, were farming people in Ireland, where they spent their entire lives, and both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1848 Timothy Caldwell and his brother James emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia after a voyage of two months, and James, after a few months spent in that city, located in Pittsburg, where he successfully engaged in the retail dry-goods business until his death in 1890. In the old country he also engaged in merchandising. He never married. Our subject also remained in Philadelphia for about two months and then went to Pittsburg, where he was employed in a rolling-mill for a short time; but in December, 1848, he took up his residence in Eldred township, Jefferson county, where he has since made his home. He was first employed by others in the woods, and later engaged quite extensively in lumbering on his own account for many years. After his marriage in 1853 he located near Clarington, and in the following year purchased his present farm, to which he removed in 1859. The place was then only slightly improved, but he has replaced the little log cabin with a commodious and substantial residence, and has also erected a large barn and good outbuildings. About 150 of the 200 acres have been cleared and placed under a high state of cultivation, and while engaged in the arduous task of clearing and developing the land Mr. Caldwell still continued to follow lumbering, in which he met with excellent success. His place is not only good farming land, but is also underlaid with a rich coal deposit.

In 1853 Mr. Caldwell married Miss Jane Steel, who belongs to an honored pioneer family of Jefferson county, and is a daughter of William Steel, a native of Centre county, Penn., and a Methodist in religious belief. Eleven children were born to this union: Ann E., deceased wife of J. H. Moore; Fillmore; James H. (deceased); David, a Presbyterian minister of Penfield, Penn.; Edward; and six who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office.

A DELEBERT H. BABCOCK, D. D. S., a prominent dentist of Brookville, Jefferson county, stands very high in his profession, for his ability, professional knowledge and skill are widely recognized. He is numbered among the native sons of Michigan, his birth having occurred in Bay City in 1873. His parents, Charles and Martha (Hawthorne) Babcock, are natives of New York and Indiana, respectively, and are still honored residents of Bay City. When a young man the father migrated to Michigan, and throughout life has followed the occupation of a marine engineer.

Dr. Babcock received his literary training in the public schools of Bay City, and at the age of seventeen began the study of dentistry. Subsequently he entered the University of Michigan, where he received the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1894, and at once began the practice of his chosen profession in West Bay City. Mich., but later went to Chicago, Ill., where he worked in an advertising dental office for a time. He next removed to Pittsburg, Penn., where he remained until December, 1894, at which time he became a resident of Brookville, and until May, 1895, was in the employ of Dr. Bishop. He then established his present office, and has received flattering encouragement up to the present time, being now at the head of a good practice. He has had excellent opportunities for learning his profession, and has attained his present honorable position by his own unaided exertions. He is talented and skillful to a marked degree, and undoubtedly an honorable career lies before him in his chosen calling.

In politics, Dr. Babcock is an ardent Republican; socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., the Foresters, the Elks, and of a college fraternity.

M C. MEEKER, a member of the well-known milling firm of Meeker Bros., at Brookville, Jefferson county, is among the youngest of the enterprising business men of that town, having been born in 1872. His parents, Martin and Florence (Corning) Meeker, were both natives of New York State, and in 1865 settled in Minnesota. Both are still living. The father, whose life has been devoted strictly to business interests, is now a commercial traveler, but for about twelve years after going to Minnesota he was engaged in the banking business. He and his estimable wife reared a family of four children, our subject being their eldest son. Another son, G. N. Meeker, is a partner in the mill at Brookville.

M. C. Meeker was reared in his native State of Minnesota, receiving a high-school education. On completing his studies he became a commercial traveler, and spent five years in that line of work.
—an excellent preparation for a business career. In July, 1895, he went to Brookville and became connected with the Litch Flour and Feed Mill, which he has ever since conducted with great success. In 1895 he was united in matrimony with Miss May Shaw, daughter of William Shaw, a leading resident of Albia, Iowa. One daughter, Lelia, has blessed this union. Mrs. Meeker is a member of the Christian Church, and is deeply interested in its various lines of effort.

Our subject belongs to the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F. In his political views he is a Republican, but so far he has not taken an active share in the work of his party, preferring to devote his time to his business interests.

THOMAS RADAKER is one of the most energetic and enterprising agriculturists of Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he owns and operates a good farm left him by his parents. He was born in Stanley, Clearfield Co., Penn., December 14, 1872, a son of William M. and Rosalia J. (Smiley) Radaker, and continued with his parents until the age of twenty-two when his mother removed to Salem, Clearfield county. He and his brother, Charles E., still reside on the home farm, though in separate houses, and have now divided the property, our subject having taken the tract across the road from his present residence, and where he intends to build in the near future. His school privileges were somewhat limited, but his training at school work was by no means meagre, and he has become one of the most skillful and thorough agriculturists of the community. Politically, his sympathies are with the Democratic party, but he takes no active part in public affairs.

On May 5, 1893, Mr. Radaker was married to Miss Hattie Dilley, and two children have been born to them: Florence and Maud. Mrs. Radaker was born in Brady township, Clearfield county, July 1, 1876, and is one of the five children of John and Clara (Goodlander) Dilley, the others being Jennie, the eldest, who resides with her grandmother in Clearfield county; and Earl and Arthur, who are with their parents. Mr. Dilley, a laborer, by occupation, was born in Butler county, Penn., January 17, 1843, a son of Henry and Margaret (Breen) Dilley, natives of Northumberland county, Penn. The father died at Salem, Penn., May 3, 1875—aged seventy-eight years, and was buried in the Luthersburg cemetery; the mother is still living in Salem. The paternal grandparents, George and Margaret Dilley, were natives of Venango county, Penn. Mrs. Dilley, the mother of Mrs. Radaker, was born in Clearfield county, January 4, 1852, and is a daughter of George and Elizabeth Goodlander, of Northumberland county, who were both of Irish origin.

DANIEL O. NORTH, the efficient bookkeeper of the Mahoning Supply Company, at Eleonor, Jefferson county, is a member of one of the best known families, the numerous representatives being all well-to-do, progressive citizens. John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, the grandparents of our subject, came from Ireland in 1810, and spent some years in Philadelphia, but removed to Indiana county in 1818 to settle upon a farm. They had seven children: Deborah (Mrs. Joseph Pogue), Margaret (Mrs. John H. Henderson), Joseph, Elizabeth (Mrs. James Means), Daniel, Thomas P. and William P., the last two being the only survivors.

The late Daniel North, the father of our subject, ably sustained the family reputation for generosity and public spirit, his name being associated with the building of every church in the vicinity of his home in McCalmon township, Jefferson county. He was a leading member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, holding office for many years as trustee and elder. He was born July 11, 1827, in Indiana county, and October 3, 1847, was married in McCalmon township, Jefferson county, to Miss Catherine Bell, a native of that township, born November 7, 1828. Their wedded life continued near half a century, being broken July 22, 1891, by the death of Mr. North. His widow still resides at the beautiful homestead, which his loving care has assured to her for a lifetime; and, although she is now nearing seventy years of age, she takes an active interest as of old in all that concerns the welfare of the community. The Bell family may claim pioneer honors, Mrs. North's great-grandfather, Robert Bell, having come from Ireland at a very early date to settle in Indiana county, Penn. Her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Bell, settled in Perry township, Jefferson county, and her parents, James W. and Hannah (Gordon) Bell, resided in McCalmon township, Jefferson county, during the greater portion of their lives. Her maternal grandparents, Alexander and Catherine (Pounds) Gordon, natives of Ireland, made their home near Smicksburg, Indiana county, in early days.

To Daniel and Catherine North the following named children were born: James B., of McCalmon township; Mary E. (Mrs. W. C. Smith) of Punxsutawney; John S., of McCal-
mont township; Anna R., who died in her fifth year; Emma H. (Mrs. W. R. Johnson), of Armstrong county; William H., who died at the age of four years; Martha J. (Mrs. A. J. McCreight), of Punxsutawney; Joanna R., wife of Dr. James B. Neale, of Reynoldsville, Penn.; J. Curtin, who resides with his mother at the homestead; Margaret L. (Mrs. John B. Nichols), of Eleanor, Penn.; Minnie C. (Mrs. W. S. Calderwood), of Kane, Penn.; and Daniel O., of Eleanor.

The subject of this sketch was born March 8, 1872, at the old homestead in McCalmont township, and remained at home, working on the farm and attending school, until he attained the mature age of fifteen years, when he started out in the world to see what "Dame Fortune" had in store for him. He spent one year as a clerk in the First National Bank at Du Bois, and then, finding further study desirable, he went to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., to take a course in the Eastman Business College, where, after twenty-two weeks, he was graduated from the bookkeeping department. A short visit at home followed, and he then entered the Mahoning Bank, at Punxsutawney, as assistant cashier. A year later he became cashier, and held the position until the bank suspended, and since April 10, 1893, he has filled his present responsible post. Mr. North is not especially active in political affairs, but, like all his family, he is a steadfast adherent of the Republican party. In local movements of a non-political nature his influence is always to be counted on the side of progress.

On December 24, 1891, Mr. North was married, at Salamanca, N. Y., to Miss Avanella A. Fulton, and two sons, Daniel C. and Don F., brighten their home. Mrs. North was born September 1, 1871, at Reedsburg, Clarion county, where her father, the late George W. Fulton, was a prominent citizen. He was a native of Clarion county, and of Irish descent, his father having come from Ireland when a child. In early years Mrs. North's father operated an iron furnace, but at the time of his death he was conducting a farm and gristmill, and was also a successful merchant and lumber dealer; his estate, which included a large amount of land, being very valuable. He was an active politician, and was regarded as a leading Democrat of his locality. He died February 12, 1886, aged sixty-one years, and was buried in the cemetery at Reedsburg. His widow, who was Sabina (Hindman), resides in Reedsburg. Of their four children, the eldest, Bertha, married David Long, a bookkeeper at Emlenton, Penn.; Avanella A. is the wife of our subject; Mabel and George are at home. Mrs. Fulton was born January 23, 1845, in Clarion county, the daughter of Alexander Hindman, who came from Scotland when a boy. He married Hannah Frankton, and made his home at Reedsburg, where the remains of both now rest in the family burial plot. The town of Reedsburg was named after Hugh Reed, Mrs. Fulton's great-grandfather, who settled there when the locality was a wilderness, and when his first wife died he made a coffin for her by hollowing out an oak log.

PHILIP S. HAUCK, proprietor of the leading meat market at Big Run, Jefferson county, is an enterprising young man who well deserves the success which he has attained. He is a native of Jefferson county, having been born at the old homestead in Bell township, in 1865. His parents, Andrew and Sarah (Gruber) Hauck, were both born in Centre county, but their respective families moved to Jefferson county some years later. They grew to adult age there, and after their marriage they settled upon a farm in Bell township. The mother passed to her eternal rest in 1892, followed six months afterward by the father.

Philip S. Hauck received his early education in the common schools, and until the age of sixteen he remained at the home place. While still a mere boy, he began life's struggle for himself, and through persevering industry succeeded in a gratifying degree. In 1894 he engaged in the hardware business in Big Run, but two years later he disposed of that in order to open his present meat market, which is one of the best establishments of the kind in the vicinity. In 1894 he was united in marriage with Miss Ida Priester, daughter of Ludwig Priester, a native of Germany, now a well-known resident of Jefferson county. Mrs. Hauck is a member of the Reformed Church, and is interested in philanthropic work.

Politically, Mr. Hauck is a steadfast supporter of Democratic principles, but his influence is exerted in a quiet way, his business demanding his attention to the exclusion of any work in public lines.

LAFAYETTE C. BOYD, a well-known and popular traveling salesman residing in Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, is a representative of one of the most honored and distinguished families of this section of the State.

Mr. Boyd was born in Wild Cat, Clarion county, October 7, 1863, a son of Samuel M.
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and Mary J. (Thompson) Boyd. The father first saw the light October 10, 1821, in Centre county, and was the only child born to Rev. William and Margaret (McWilliams) Boyd, also natives of Centre county, where the former died in 1822, at the early age of thirty-three years. In connection with his pastoral work as a Presbyterian minister, he also had charge of the Pennsylvania Furnace, and was buried near that place. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Boyd married James Patton, by whom she had six children: Henry, a farmer of Missouri; Robert, deceased; Mary, widow of David Rimer, formerly of Toby township, Clarion county; Margaret, widow of John Thompson, of Rimersburg; Jane, a resident of Curllsville, Penn.; and Nannie, who first married William Johnson, and after his death wedded Jackson Fullmer, of Rimersburg.

The maternal grandparents of our subject were William and Margaret (Morehead) Thompson, of Indiana, who came to Clarion county, at an early day, and located upon a farm in Toby township when it still formed a part of Armstrong county. The grandfather died upon that place, but the grandmother passed away while on a visit to Indiana. Their children were Alexander, John, James, Robert and Parks, all deceased; Nancy, deceased wife of John Potter, a farmer of Clarion county; Mary J., mother of our subject; and Lucinda, wife of Adam King, a farmer of Dakota.

In 1824, Samuel M. Boyd, our subject's father, was brought by his parents to Clarion county, locating near Rimersburg, where he grew to manhood. Throughout the greater part of his active business life he engaged in bookkeeping. In 1865 he removed to Oil City, Penn., where he served as justice of the peace, but after a residence there of two years he returned to the old home farm in Toby township, Clarion county, where he continued to live throughout the remainder of his life. He was an ardent Republican in politics, and a Presbyterian in religious belief. In early manhood he married Miss Mary J. Thompson, who was born in Clarion county, July 20, 1822, and they became the parents of the following children: Minnie E., born March 2, 1845, married J. H. Flickenger, and after his death wedded John Reinard, a real-estate dealer, of Braddock, Penn. William H. is engaged in farming on the old homestead in Toby township. Mary L., born April 1, 1850, is the widow of Dr. John Criswell, and a resident of New Bethlehem, Penn. Parks W., born September 30, 1852, is a traveling salesman residing in Dubois, Penn. John A. C., born March 3, 1854, was a merchant of Uniontown, Penn., where he died July 16, 1890, and his remains were buried at that place.

James L., born November 3, 1855, died September 5, 1881, in Rimersburg. Maggie B., born February 26, 1858, is the wife of Harry McMurray, a miller of New Castle, Penn. Lou K., born February 5, 1860, is the wife of Samuel Stewart, who is engaged in the real-estate business with Mr. Reinard, in Braddock. Lafayette C., born October 7, 1863, completes the family.

The father departed this life June 21, 1868, the mother on January 17, 1893, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery of Rimersburg. They were earnest Christian people, whose benevolence was unostentatious and genuine. Their memory will be a sacred inheritance to their children, and will be cherished by a multitude of friends. Their influence was great and always for good, and their circle of friends was only limited by their circle of acquaintances. The Boyd family is one of social prominence, and its members also occupy honored positions in business circles.

OREN D. BUTTERFIELD. For a half century the family to which this well-known citizen belongs has been identified with Jefferson county, and its various members have won for the name an enviable distinction by their intelligence and worth. This high reputation is in no way diminished at the present time, and our subject, who is counted among the leading agriculturists of Barnett township, displays in a marked degree the admirable characteristics which the name suggests.

In the house which he still occupies Mr. Butterfield was born in December, 1862, a son of Oren and Elizabeth (Spencer) Butterfield, both natives of New York State, the former born in Jefferson county, and the latter in Allegany county, where they were married. The maternal grandfather, Daniel Spencer, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, spent his entire life in New York State. Albert Adams, a half-brother of our subject's father, was closely related to John Q. Adams, the President.

In 1847 Oren Butterfield, Sr., first came to Jefferson county, Penn., but soon afterward returned to his native State, and did not locate permanently here until the following year, when he purchased 150 acres of land, to which he added from time to time until he had 600 acres of valuable land. In addition to the improvement and cultivation of his farm he engaged in lumbering, and in 1854 replaced his first frame house with a large brick residence, in which for a number of years he conducted a hotel. It was known far and near as "Butterfield's Tavern,"
and became a favorite resort with the people of the locality, being used for dances, parties, etc. Mr. Butterfield also engaged in merchandising for many years, and became an extensive dealer and raiser of stock, making a specialty of oxen. An influential and prominent citizen of his community, he was a leader in the local Democracy, and took an active part in public affairs. At one time he was a candidate for associate judge on the Independent ticket, but was defeated, although he received a large vote. He was twice married, his first union being with Nancy J. Reed, who died in Jefferson county, Penn., and to them were born five children: Mrs. Louisa Daniels; Mrs. Ann Rust; Mrs. Malinda Agnew; Charles, a farmer of Clarion county, Penn.; and Albert, deceased. Our subject is the youngest of the three children born of the second marriage, the others being Mrs. Jane Braden and Mrs. Mary Wallace. The mother, who is still living in Marionville, Penn., has (at this writing) reached the age of fifty-seven years; she is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. The father departed this life August 2, 1893, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years.

Mr. Butterfield, of this review, early became familiar with farming and lumbering, and his primary education was acquired in the country schools, which was supplemented with a course in the Belleville Academy and in a select school at Corsica. Being thus well fitted for the practical duties of life, he at an early age assumed the management of the home farm, which was deeded him by his father during his lifetime. In 1887 he married Miss Mary E. Kuhns, a daughter of Christian Kuhns, a highly respected and successful farmer, and who was of German descent. His children were: John, an agriculturist of Barnett township, Jefferson county; Jacob; Joseph; George, a merchant; Albert, deceased; Eli, who lives on the old homestead; Mary E., wife of our subject; Mrs. Mattie Campbell; and Miss Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield have two children: Hale, born August 3, 1889, and Freda I., born January 6, 1897.

Reared in the Democratic faith, Mr. Butterfield has always adhered to its principles, and is a recognized leader in local political affairs. As chairman of the township committee and delegate to various conventions, he has done much to insure the success of his party, and to some extent has engaged in public speaking in its interests. At one time he was elected justice of the peace and refused to qualify, but was subsequently re-elected and acceptably served for five years, during which time he tried 266 cases, only one of which was appealed to a higher court. Having read law, he was well qualified to discharge the duties of that office, but he has never engaged in practice. A man of genial temperament, sound judgment and well-proved integrity, he has gained a host of warm friends and acquaintances, and the esteem of all with whom he has come in contact either in public or private life.

GEORGE D. BUFFINGTON, of Brookville, Jefferson county, is a well-known citizen, whose ability and tact make the “American House” of that place one of the most popular hotels in the county. He is one of the youngest business men in the community, having been born in 1861. His parents, Isaac and Sarah (Herring) Buffington, were natives of Dauphin county, Penn., whence, in their youth, they both went to Armstrong county, Penn., where they were married and spent some years of wedded life. Isaac Buffington has always been a quiet, industrious citizen, attending strictly to his own affairs. In his earlier years he followed the carpenter’s trade, but lately he has been engaged in farming and huckstering in Jefferson county, where he has made his home some years.

The subject of this sketch was born in Armstrong county, and received his education in the district schools of Porter township, Jefferson county. At the age of fifteen he began his business career as a bell-boy in the “American House” at Brookville, and so successful was he in filling that place that he was promoted to the position of clerk. At twenty-one he became connected with a hotel at East Brady, Penn., but owing to a fire he did not long remain there, and in August, 1882, he engaged in the hotel business at Muncy, Penn. Later he removed to Huntingdon, same State, and was in business there, but in the fall of 1884 he returned to Brookville and entered the employ of Albert Bauer, of the “Longview Hotel.” In October, 1889, he formed a partnership with the late A. D. Long, and took charge of the “American House;” and in April, 1894, they purchased the property. After Mr. Long’s death, which took place in October, 1894, his widow maintained the partnership until May 20, 1897, when L. A. Brady, of Brookville, purchased her interest. The firm is now known as Buffington & Brady. Any business would be likely to thrive under Mr. Buffington’s enterprising management, and the “American House” has a promising future.

Mr. Buffington was married, in 1880, to Miss Louisa O. Jackson, daughter of S. S. Jackson, a prominent resident of Brookville. This union was blessed with the following children: A. Wade.
Ralph Roy, Ruby and Louisa. Although a stanch Republican in his political views, Mr. Buffington has never aimed at official place or power. Socially, he is affiliated with the F. & A. M., in which he is a Knight Templar, and with the K. of P.

SAMUEL B. ARTHURS, the popular proprietor of the "Central Hotel" at Brookville, Penn., was born in that city, November 20, 1865, and is a son of Richard and Sarah J. (Williams) Arthurs. The father's birth occurred in 1811, and in 1830, at the age of nineteen years, he attended the first sale of lots in Brookville. Here he located and began work in the cabinet shop of a Mr. McDonald, but in a short time he purchased tools and opened a shop of his own across the street in "Snyder's Row," Samuel Craig occupying the north room with a chair factory, and Mr. Arthurs the south with his cabinet and carpenter's shop. In 1834 he sold out to James Craig, a brother of Samuel, and began the study of law with Cephas Dunham.

During his boyhood and youth Richard Arthurs was afforded very limited educational privileges, having never studied grammar more than three months, but by perseverance and energy he became well informed, and for many years was one of the leading attorneys practicing at the Bar of Jefferson county. On commencing life in Brookville he had no means, but was always willing to work at anything by which he could earn an honest dollar, and during the two years he made from $1 to $1.25 per day, paying out of the same twenty-five cents per day for board. He managed to save $600, with which he began the study of law. It had always been his desire to enter the legal profession, and in its practice was eminently successful. He was also an able financier, possessing at the time of his death a handsome fortune. His estimable wife, the mother of our subject, passed away November 20, 1895.

The educational advantages of Samuel B. Arthurs were such as the common schools of Brookville afforded, which he attended until about nineteen years of age. He began his business career as a farmer, devoting his time and attention to agricultural pursuits for five years, and then embarked in hotel keeping, which he has since carried on with most satisfactory results. The "Central House" is one of the leading hotels of Brookville, and Mr. Arthurs has proved a genial, gentlemanly and popular host. Everything is done for the comfort and convenience of the guests, and no one leaves the hotelery dissatisfied. He is also extensively interested in fast horses, is a competent judge of those noble animals, and has owned some of the finest ever brought to Jefferson county.

ASA S. PHILIPPI, a gifted and talented artist now located at Sykesville, Jefferson county, makes a specialty of crayon, pastel and water-color pictures, and is now doing an extensive business, having three agents upon the road. He received only two lessons in the art, but is naturally gifted, which is evinced by his fine productions.

Mr. Philippi was born in Winslow township, Jefferson county, March 5, 1860, a son of Solomon and Margaret (Smith) Philippi. The birth of the father occurred in Fayette county, Penn., June 12, 1831, but when only five years of age he was brought to Jefferson county by his parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Dumbald) Philippi, natives of Somerset and Fayette counties, Penn., respectively. They located on a farm in Winslow township, where they died, and their remains were interred in Paradise cemetery, Jefferson county. The great-grandfather of our subject, John Philippi, was a native of France, and was one of six brothers who came to America at an early day, locating in Pennsylvania.

In McCalmont township, Jefferson county, June 12, 1850, Solomon Philippi married Margaret Smith, who was born in Indiana county, Penn., February 14, 1831, a daughter of John S. P. and Susannah (Sprangle) Smith, the former a native of Westmoreland county, and the latter of Huntingdon county, Penn. Her maternal grandfather was Frederick Sprangle, of Huntingdon county. Mr. and Mrs. Philippi became the parents of the following children: Minerva, now the wife of Noah Strouse, a farmer of Winslow township, Jefferson county; Florenna, wife of J. B. Sykes, the founder of Sykesville, where he now resides; Alma, wife of William Fulton, a blacksmith of Allegheny, Penn.; Aiah, who married A. W. Scott, a lumberman, of Sykesville, and died in May, 1896; Asa S., of this review; John W., agent for an implement company, and a resident of Bradford, Penn.; Millen F., who died at the age of thirty-one; Henry C., who died at the age of twelve; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and Edward, who died aged three years. For a number of years the father engaged in farming in Winslow township, remaining there until 1882, when he removed to Reynoldsville, but after a year passed at that place he came to Sykesville, where he has since engaged in light trucking, etc. He is held in the highest respect by all who know him, has served as supervisor of his township.
and with his wife is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

Asa S. Philippi remained with his parents until he had attained his majority, aiding in the work of the farm, and attending the schools of the neighborhood. He then spent two years on a farm in Sacramento county, Cal., and after his return home operated the old Philippi farm for one year. Subsequently he engaged in contracting with J. B. Sykes, cutting logs for six years, and for the following two years was engaged in helping to sink the Big Soldier coal shaft in Winslow township, Jefferson county, where he later ran an engine for three years, but since that time he has successfully engaged in his present business.

On May 12, 1883, in Reynolds ville, Penn., Mr. Philippi was married to Miss Mary E. Sprague, who was born in Winslow township, in 1862, a daughter of G. G. Sprague, of Reynolds ville. Six children graced their union: Prudence, Louis F., Orrel and John R., all at home; Fulton, deceased; and one whose name is not given. Mr. and Mrs. Philippi are both earnest members of the Baptist Church, while, socially, he is connected with the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 185, of Sykesville; and politically he is identified with the Democracy. He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of the community, holding a high place in both business and social circles.

JOSEPH L. NORTH, a well-known and popular merchant of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, is a man of broad capabilities who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and is entitled to distinction as one of the most progressive and enterprising citizens of Jefferson county, where his entire life has been passed. His parents, Joseph P. and Margery (Kintzell) North, were both natives of Schuylkill county, Penn., whence when quite young they came with their respective parents to Jefferson county. The father, who was a quiet unassuming citizen, was prominently identified with the agricultural and lumber interests of the county, and although he cared little for official honors he served his fellow citizens in the capacity of justice of the peace, and also as school director for more than a quarter of a century. He departed this life February 14, 1891; his widow is still (at this writing) living in the enjoyment of good health.

Joseph Lincoln North was born in Jefferson county, in 1861, and obtained his early education in the common schools. In 1884 he entered the Duff Business College, at Pittsburg, where he completed the prescribed course. Until twenty-five years of age he remained upon the home farm, assisting in the labors of the fields, but at that time embarked in school teaching, which profession he successfully followed for four winters. Coming to Punxsutawney in 1885, he secured a position as cashier for the mercantile firm of North, Miller & Co., with whom he remained four years, and then established his present business, dealing in carpets, wall-paper, etc. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man, and has succeeded in building up a large and profitable trade.

In 1889, Mr. North was united in marriage with Miss Della Truitt, a daughter of J. A. Truitt, of Armstrong county, and they have two children: Edna and Marie. Mrs. North, a most estimable lady, is a faithful member of the Baptist Church. Although he takes no active part in political affairs, our subject always casts his ballot with the Republican party, and supports all measures calculated to benefit the community. Fraternally, he affiliates with the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks.

CHARLES STEWART, a member of the firm of Stewart & Co., dealers in general merchandise in Ringgold, Jefferson county, was born there December 31, 1859. From Ireland the ancestors of the family came to America. His grandfather, Robert Stewart, was born in Ireland, and on crossing the Atlantic took up his residence in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he followed farming for many years. He had a family of eight children.

Of this number, Samuel Stewart was born June 23, 1823, in Northumberland county. There he grew to manhood, and August 10, 1854, he was married by Rev. M. H. Shannon to Elizabeth Martz, who was born in the same county, February 16, 1836. Her parents were John and Polly (Weary) Martz, of Northumberland county, who in an early day removed to Jefferson county, and located in Ringgold township when Peter Kaylor and his family were the only residents of the township. During his early life Samuel Stewart was employed as a clerk in the store of Moshannon Brothers at Ringgold, but afterward devoted his attention to lumbering. He was drowned while rafting near Broken Rock, at the mouth of Red Bank creek, in Armstrong county, Penn., April 1, 1869, and was buried in Red Bank cemetery. His wife died November 11, 1874, and was buried in the cemetery at
Ringgold. They were both active workers in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were Martha Jane, born April 1, 1855, died May 27, 1863; William Wise, born March 29, 1856, is a carpenter of Ringgold, Penn.; John, born December 23, 1857, is a tanner of Ringgold; Charles; Abraham Lincoln, born October 21, 1866, is living in Ringgold; Robert, born August 16, 1868, is a farmer of Emerickville, Penn.; Samuel, born August 31, 1869, is living in Ringgold.

Charles Stewart was born and reared at Ringgold, and remained with his parents throughout their lives. At the age of fifteen he began working for L. P. Harris, in a mercantile store at Ringgold, where he remained for two years. He afterward worked some six months at the collier's trade, receiving fifty cents a week and his board. He then went to Falls City, Neb., where he followed farming for a year and eight months, and then returned to Jefferson county, where he was employed in the lumber woods for eighteen months. Returning to Ringgold, he began clerking for his father-in-law in 1885, and after three months became a partner in the business. He is a wide-awake, enterprising business man, and has a store well stocked with all the goods demanded by the general public. His methods of dealing are honorable and reliable, and he has secured a liberal and well-deserved patronage.

Mr. Stewart was married November 5, 1885, in Worthville, to Miss Sadie E. Wonderling, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Hummell, a minister of the Evangelical Church. Her father, Reuben Wonderling, who is a general farmer and carpenter of Ringgold township, Jefferson county, was born in Northampton county, Penn., June 15, 1830, a son of Frederick and Sabina (Billman) Wonderling, of Switzerland. In December, 1852, on the farm where he now lives, he was married to Catherine Freece, who was born in Berwick, Penn., May 19, 1832, a daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Huntzinger) Freece, who removed from Clarion county to Jefferson county, Penn. Reuben Wonderling worked on his father's farm until nineteen years of age, and then was employed as a farm hand for seven months by Daniel Yaney, of Clarion county. He afterward served a four-years' apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, receiving $6 per month for his services, and then began carpentering on his own account, a pursuit he followed some twenty years. In the fall of 1854 he located in Perry township, Jefferson county, and lived with his brother-in-law until 1855, when he built a home in Porter township, there living until 1877, since which time he has resided upon his present farm.

In politics he is a Democrat, and in religious belief he is a Methodist. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wonderling are: Charlotte, wife of Joel Shick, a farmer of Michigan; Rebecca, wife of Samuel Oberlin, a carpenter of Ringgold; and Elizabeth, wife of Charles Stewart. [See sketch of W. F. Geist, elsewhere in this volume.]

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart has been blessed with five children, four of whom are living: Orand W., Nita, Laura and Hazel C.; Florence died in February, 1897. The family is one of prominence in the community, and their circle of friends is extensive. Mr. Stewart is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Worthville. He is an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, and for three years served as alderman. His many excellencies of character and his reliability in business have won for him the confidence and respect of all.

ARON HOPKINS. The Hopkins homestead in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is one of the best in that section, and also one of the oldest. Its present occupant and owner, the subject of this sketch, is a worthy representative of the family, being a progressive and successful manager in agricultural work, and taking an influential part in local affairs.

At an early day the paternal ancestors of Mr. Hopkins located in Centre county, Penn., and his grandfather, Robert Hopkins, was born there, but in later years settled in Indiana county. Thomas Hopkins, our subject's father, was born in the latter locality, and as a young man went to Perry township, Jefferson county, where he met and married Miss Mary Mauk, a native of the township, and daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Walter) Mauk, prominent pioneers. Shortly after his marriage, Thomas Hopkins returned to Indiana county with his bride, and rented a home for a brief period. The new lands in Jefferson county offered good returns for enterprising young men, and he decided to locate in McCalmont township, at the present homestead. Everything was in its primitive condition, and on arriving at the prospective home, he and his wife made a shelter for themselves by driving some poles into the ground and placing rough beams and boards across them. Two weeks later they moved into a small log cabin which had been hastily erected, and there they resided until 1834, when a better house was built on the site of the present residence. Mr. Hopkins, who was a carpenter by trade, became interested in lumbering, and in time became wealthy, ranking among the most influential members of the community.
He was not identified with any Church, although he inclined to the faith of the United Brethren; but his wife was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. He died October 9, 1882, aged seventy-six, and his wife in January, 1890, at the age of sixty-four, their remains being interred in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church, near their home. Their children were John, a carpenter at Punxsutawney; Susannah, wife of Benjamin McCann, a farmer in Knox township, Jefferson county; Miss Jane, a resident of Punxsutawney; Robert, who was killed while operating a sawmill in Knox township, an explosion cutting his head in two, and otherwise mangling him; Jacob, a merchant at Knoxdale, Penn.; James, a farmer in Knox township; Mary, wife of John Hutchison, an organ and piano dealer in New Bethlehem, Penn.; Eliza, a milliner at Philipsburg, Penn.; Anna, wife of Beverly Morrison, a decorator in Punxsutawney; Aaron, our subject; Eva, who died at an early age, and Maggie, wife of George Johns, a railroad man residing in Punxsutawney.

Mr. Hopkins, our subject, was born at the homestead August 5, 1858, and remained there during the greater part of the time until he reached the age of twenty-eight, assisting his father on the farm in summer and in the sawmill in winter. Two years were, however, spent in lumbering and two years upon a farm. On January 14, 1885, he was married to Miss Maggie E. Anderson, and for a time they lived in a rented house in Knox township, where Mr. Hopkins spent the winter in logging. They then removed to a farm in Oliver township, Jefferson county, which was purchased at a sheriff's sale for $2,050, the place containing eighty-nine acres; but two years later Mr. Hopkins sold it for $3,950, then returned to his native township and followed logging for a year and a half. Through an arrangement with the other heirs he became the owner of the homestead about this time, and he has since resided there, devoting his attention to general farming. The estate comprises 166 acres of land, of unsurpassed quality, and Mr. Hopkins keeps it in a high state of cultivation. As a good citizen he is always ready to encourage progress by his influence and active aid. In political faith he is a Republican, and since 1894 he has held the office of township auditor. Socially he belongs to the Order of Junior Mechanics at Punxsutawney.

His marriage to Miss Anderson took place at Knoxdale, Penn., the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Noden. They had five children: the first two (twins) died in infancy: Mary M., born November 7, 1889; Ira I., who died at the age of three years, four months and fifteen days; and Lou L., born August 8, 1895. Mrs. Hopkins was born October 7, 1863, in Clarion county, Penn., where her paternal grandparents, Abraham and Mary (Watson) Anderson, were early settlers. The latter died there, but the former spent his last days in Knox township, Jefferson county. James I. Anderson, the father of Mrs. Hopkins, was born October 14, 1834, and is now a successful farmer in Knox township, where he is known as a stanch Democrat and an active member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, Martha Davis, was born in Jefferson county April 14, 1844, the daughter of John and Mary (Davis) Davis. Her father met his death by drowning, having accidentally fallen from a raft. Mrs. Hopkins is one of eleven children: Mary is the wife of Norman Harding, a farmer of near Brockwayville, Penn.; Maggie E. is the second in order of birth; Lot S. is a laborer in McCalmont township; Norman is a laborer at Camp Run, Jefferson county; John died at an early age; Nannie is deceased; Lou E. is the wife of Ralph McCracken, a merchant at Knoxdale; and Ada, James, Anna and Grover C., who are at home.

J. H. ELKIN, a well-known merchant of Porter, Jefferson county, and postmaster at that thriving village, has the reputation of a strictly first-class business man, reliable and energetic. Through his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, never making an engagement that he has not fulfilled, and standing to-day an example of what determination and force, combined with the highest degree of business integrity, can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character. He is respected in the community at large, and honored by his business associates.

Francis Elkin, father of our subject, was born in 1830, in County Tyrone, Ireland, whence when a young man he came to America, first locating in Pittsburg, Penn., where for a number of years he served as manager for the Gregg & Lindsey Iron Works. In that city he was married, in 1854, to Miss Elizabeth Pratt, also a native of Ireland. Later they removed to West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Penn., where Mr. Elkin purchased a farm near Smicksburg, and there made his home until 1868, when he moved to the village, where in partnership with a Mr. Good he engaged in general merchandising until 1873. On selling his interest to his partner, he went to Wellsville, Ohio, where he established the first tin manufactory in the United States; but at the end of two years returned to
Smicksburg, where he again engaged in the mercantile trade until his death in 1882. He was one of the most prominent business men of the place, prompt, reliable and energetic, and had the esteem and confidence of the entire community. His widow still makes her home in Smicksburg.

In the family were six children, as follows: (1) Elizabeth C., born on the farm in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, was educated in the common schools, and married William Elkin, of Pittsburg. They now reside in Jeannette, Penn., and have a family of six children—William F. (who is at present attending the normal school in Indiana county); Litty; Myrtle; Charles; Olive and Hazel. (2) J. H., of this review, is the next in the order of birth. (3) John P., born in 1839, began his education in the common schools, later graduated at the Indiana State Normal, and also graduated at the Ann Arbor (Mich.) Law School. He became a leading attorney of Indiana county, Penn., where he was elected to the State Legislature in 1885, and two years later was re-elected. He then engaged in private practice until 1894, when he was appointed deputy attorney-general under Gov. Daniel Hastings, of Pennsylvania, which distinguished position he is still filling, making his home in Harrisburg. He was also appointed State chairman of Pennsylvania to succeed M. S. Quay, and in 1897 was elected to that position, which he is holding at the present time. He married Miss Adda Prothrow, of Indiana county, and with their two children—Laura and Helen—they reside in Indiana, Penn. (4) Cordelia C., born in 1864, married Jacob Meister, of Buffalo, N. Y., where they resided until his death. She is now the wife of D. W. McHenry, who is engaged in the drug business for Dr. Cochran at Big Run, Jefferson Co., Penn. (5) William F., born in Smicksburg, in 1871, obtained his primary education in the common schools, subsequently attended the Edinburg Normal for a time, and afterward graduated at the State Normal of Indiana. As a law student he then entered the office of his brother, J. P. Elkin, and has since been admitted to the Bar of Indiana county, Penn. He now has charge of his brother's practice in the city of Indiana, and is recognized as one of the most promising young lawyers of the place. (6) Margaret, born in Smicksburg, and educated in the public schools of Indiana county, is now the wife of Robert McKibben, who is engaged in the iron business in Pittsburg, Penn. They have two children.

On the home farm in Indiana county, J. H. Elkin, of this sketch, was born in 1857, and in the public schools pursued his studies until fifteen years of age, when he entered his father's store, there acquiring an excellent knowledge of business methods. He remained with his father until 1879, when he came to Porter township, Jefferson county, and embarked in business on his own account. In 1881 he purchased property in the village of Porter, where he erected his present store building, and also a fine two-story residence and good barn. As a merchant he has been very successful, and is now the owner of four valuable farms in Porter township, besides his residence and store in the village. In December, 1881, he married Miss M. Ella Oberlin, of Rochester Mills, Indiana county, a daughter of W. P. and Annie M. Oberlin, and three children blessed their union: Oberta F., who died of diphtheria, at the age of nine years; Linus J., born in December, 1884; and Curtis E., born in June, 1887.

Politically Mr. Elkin is an ardent Republican, and in 1895 he represented Jefferson county in the State convention. He has held the office of school director six years, is overseer of the poor at the present time, and in 1880 was first appointed postmaster, under President Hayes, filling the office at that time for six years. During President Harrison's administration he was again appointed, and filled the position for five years, and is the present incumbent, being re-appointed under President McKinley. His duties are always promptly and faithfully discharged, thus winning the commendation of all concerned. In religious belief he and his wife are Presbyterians. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty—these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success. To these may be attributed the success that has crowned the efforts of Mr. Elkin.

WILLIAM F. MATSON, M. D. In comparison of the relative value to mankind of the various professions and pursuits, it is widely recognized that none is so important as the medical profession. From the cradle to the grave, human destiny is largely in the hands of the physician. An able representative of this calling is Dr. Matson, one of the most prominent practitioners of Puxxutawney, Jefferson county.

The Doctor is a native of Jefferson county, born September 19, 1835, in the vicinity of Brookville, a son of James Clarke and Harriet (Potter) Matson. He began his literary education in the district schools near his boyhood home, and subsequently pursued his studies in Brookville. In 1868, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Tennessee, where they
made their home until 1872, when they returned to Brookville. The Doctor then accepted a clerkship in his brother’s grocery store, and also established a photograph gallery in Brookville, having learned something of that art in Tennessee.

In 1873, under his brother, Dr. C. M. Matson, our subject began the study of medicine, and in February, 1877, graduated from the Cleveland (Ohio) Medical College. On the 1st of the following April, he entered into partnership with his brother, and together they successfully engaged in practice in Brookville until 1886, when the connection was discontinued, and Dr. W. F. Matson was alone in practice in that city until 1891. In that year he came to Punxsutawney and established a drug store in connection with Joseph L. Shields, which they conducted for five years. When the Doctor withdrew and has since given his exclusive attention to the practice of his profession. In 1889 he was appointed a member of the pension examining board, which position he faithfully and creditably filled for four years.

Dr. Matson was married August 18, 1886, to Miss Floranna, daughter of Dr. Joseph Shields, of Punxsutawney, and they now have two children: Ethel and Joseph Wilmont. Mrs. Matson, a cultured and refined lady, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and with her husband holds an enviable position in the social circles of the community. Politically, he is an ardent Republican, and, in the ranks of his professional brethren he stands deservedly high.

DAVID J. PIPER, a substantial citizen of Big Run, Jefferson county, well known in business circles as a dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, was born in that county in 1856, and has always made his home there. His father, William E. Piper, now a prominent farmer and lumberman of that locality, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., whence, when about twelve years old, he went to Jefferson county, and by a life in which a quiet pursuit of duty has been a leading characteristic has won the respect of all who know him. His estimable wife, Lydia (Schutterle), who passed from earth in 1889, was a native of Centre county.

The ordinary advantages of a country school enabled Mr. Piper, our subject, to gain the elements of a practical education, and the training in farm work, which he received at home, prepared him to follow that honored calling in manhood. It was not until 1891 that he decided to choose another occupation, and then, remov-

WILLIAM H. LUCAS, who for eighteen years was engaged in general merchandising in Corsica, Jefferson county, is one of the most popular and progressive citizens of his section, and is now serving as county treasurer of Jefferson county.

Mr. Lucas was born February 18, 1855, in Clover township, Jefferson Co., Penn., a son of Isaac Lucas, a native of Clarion county, Penn., whence when quite young he came to Jefferson county, where he spent the remainder of his life in lumbering and in agricultural pursuits. He was a valued and highly respected citizen of the community where he so long made his home. His death occurred in 1895; his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Simpson, is still living.

During his boyhood and youth our subject attended the public schools of Jefferson county, and completed his literary training in an academy in Corsica. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm until twenty-two years of age, when he began learning dentistry, spending about three years in the study of that profession. One day, while working a vulcanizer, an explosion occurred which so injured his right arm that it had to be amputated. Thus handicapped, he was obliged to give up dentistry, and at the age of twenty-five took up the study of telegraphy. He had charge of the office established at Corsica, until the winter of 1895, but in 1878 he had also
opened a store at that place, where for eighteen years he successfully engaged in general merchandising. He has the reputation of being a strictly first-class business man, reliable and energetic, and as he also carried a well-selected stock of goods, he received a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1881 Mr. Lucas was married to Miss Minnie B. Cale, a daughter of Samuel Cale, of Corsica, and they have become the parents of five children, namely: Erla B., Alma, Fern, Mabel and Maud. Mr. and Mrs. Lucas both hold membership in the Presbyterian Church; socially, he belongs to the United Order American Mechanics. He is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party in his community, is a warm advocate of its principles, and does all in his power to promote its interests. He has served on several of its important committees, and in 1896 was its candidate for county treasurer. On the 3d of November of that year, he was declared elected by a plurality of 2,159, and is now acceptably filling that responsible position. He is a man of sterling integrity and honesty of purpose, and despises all unworthy or questionable methods to secure success in any undertaking or for any purpose, or to promote his own advancement in any direction, whether political or otherwise.

Ralph W. Wells, a well-known agriculturist of Warsaw township, Jefferson county, is a man whose successful struggle against adverse circumstances shows what can be accomplished by industry and economy if guided by sound judgment, as he started out in life for himself with no capital or influential friends to aid him. He was born in Warsaw township, November 20, 1853, and was educated in its common schools.

George and Elizabeth (Preston) Wells, parents of our subject, both natives of New York, were married in Jefferson county, Penn., where they had located at an early day, and became the parents of three children: Dean, now a farmer of Pine Creek, Penn.; Mary E., who died in childhood; and Ralph W. The father, who was a lumberman by occupation, died in 1856, and the mother later became the wife of Silas Miller, who also engaged in lumbering, and was the owner of a farm, upon which his family still reside. There were three children born of this union: Maggie, Nancy and Edward. Mrs. Miller, who was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, departed this life in 1892. William Preston, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in New York State, and at an early day became a resident of Jefferson county, Penn., where for some time he followed teaming, farming and lumbering, but later in life conducted a hotel at Richardsville, where his death occurred in 1864. His wife survived him for some time, and died in the faith of the Baptist Church, of which she was a faithful member. In his political affiliations he was a Republican. Seven daughters constituted his family, namely: Elizabeth, the mother of our subject; Mrs. Mary Bartlett; Mrs. Nancy Kendall; Mrs. Josephine Lithgow; Mrs. Julia Evans; Mrs. Almira Rider; and Mrs. Ruby Wait.

Until attaining his majority Ralph W. Wells
remained upon his stepfather's farm, where he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. On leaving home he was first employed in the woods, and has since followed lumbering in connection with farming, meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. In 1891 he purchased his present farm which is well-improved and under a high state of cultivation, yielding to the owner bountiful harvests in return for the labor expended upon it. He then married Miss Jennie McKillips, who was reared in Jefferson county, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Penn) McKillips. Her grandparents, Matthew and Martha (Richards) McKillips, farming people, were natives of Ireland and Pennsylvania, respectively, James McKillips, also a farmer by occupation, and a lumberman, was of Scotch descent; he died in 1880, but his wife is still living. She holds membership in the Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Jennie, wife of our subject; Mrs. Olive Fadden; Mrs. Candis Miller and John. Mr. and Mrs. Wells have an interesting daughter, Erma, born in 1892.

Since casting his first Presidential vote, Mr. Wells has been an ardent Republican, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of township auditor and tax collector, being constantly re-elected to the latter position since 1890. He is one of the popular and influential citizens of his community, and justly deserves the high regard in which he is held.

GEORGE A. MORRISON, Esq., who is now serving his sixteenth consecutive year as a justice of the peace in and for McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is a follower of the most ancient of callings, that of agriculture, and has also been prominent in educational work in his locality for many years. As a man and a citizen, he commands the entire confidence of the people, and his popularity has been shown in many ways.

Mr. Morrison is of pioneer stock, his grandparents, Robert and Sarah (Galbraith) Morrison, natives of Ireland, having been among the first settlers of Rose township, Jefferson county. His grandfather was killed in 1837 while helping to build a log church, and his remains were interred in a graveyard at Stanton. The late Robert C. Morrison, our subject's father, was born in Armstrong county, Penn., in 1821, and going to Jefferson county as a child, remained there until 1872, being for many years engaged in farming and lumbering. His health failed in his later years, and he removed to Limestone township, Clarion county, and then to the vicinity of Strattonville, in the same county. He died December 5, 1895, at the age of seventy-four years and eight months, his burial taking place in Rehoboth graveyard in Clarion county. He was twice married. His first wife, Rebecca Evans, died in 1845, leaving one son, Robert C., who died at the early age of twenty-one. His second wife, Esther Hill, who survives him, was born in Armstrong county, March 13, 1821, a daughter of George and Nancy (McMurray) Hill, who came from Ireland at an early date and located in Armstrong county, where both died, their remains now resting in the cemetery at Freeport. Mrs. Esther Morrison resides near Strattonville with her daughter, Mrs. McMahan. Of her ten children, the eldest, Rebecca J., who was born September 27, 1848, in Jefferson county, married George Brown, a farmer of McCalmont township; George A., our subject, is mentioned more fully farther on; William J. is a merchant at Oliveburg; Thomas is deceased; James B. is a carpenter and farmer in Limestone township, Clarion county; Harvey resides on the homestead in Clarion county; Homer (twin of Harvey) died in infancy; Josiah is a physician in Ohio; Alice married Charles McMahan, a farmer in Clarion county; and Daniel W. is principal of the schools at Glen Hazel, Elk Co., Pennsylvania.

Squire Morrison was born October 14, 1850, at Stanton, Jefferson county, and remained at home until the age of nineteen, attending school and assisting in the work of the farm. He had by this time prepared himself for teaching, and three seasons were thus spent, his first school being at Sugar Hill. He then attended the fall session of the Edinboro Normal School, but before resuming his school work he spent two years in mercantile business at Petrolia, Penn. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in teaching, with the exception of one year (1883) he spent in teaming. On October 16, of that year, he took possession of his present farm near Cortez. Wherever he has resided he has been an active worker in local affairs and in the Republican party, and his neighbors have not been slow in taking advantage of his ability and public spirit. For thirteen years he was auditor of McCalmont township, and with the exception of two spring elections he has served fourteen years on the election board either as judge or clerk. In February, 1882, he was elected justice of the peace, and has since held it by successive re-elections. He is also prominent in religious work as a member of the U. B. Church.

On April 6, 1876, Squire Morrison was married at Punxsutawney, by Rev. M. Miller, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman, to Miss Anna M. Brown, and six children blessed their union:
Homer (who died April 9, 1890); Belle, Estella, Ralph and Norman (twins), Davis W. and Minnie. Mrs. Morrison, who was born August 10, 1858, in Oliver township, Jefferson county, Penn., is a granddaughter of Thomas J. and Catherine (Hartles) Brown, early settlers in McCalmont township, her grandfather being a well-known lumberman and farmer. Her father, Job H. Brown, was born in Punxsutawney, and after many years of labor as a successful farmer, is living in retirement at Marchand, Penn. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Bell, is a native of Battle Hollow, Jefferson county, and a daughter of James W. and Hannah (Jordan) Bell, highly respected pioneers of that locality. Her great-grandfather, Robert Bell, came from Ireland at a very early period and located "on the frontier," in what is now Rayne township, Jefferson county, and her grandparents, John and Elizabeth Bell, natives of Ireland, resided during their later years upon a farm in Perry township, same county. On the maternal side, Mrs. Brown is a granddaughter of Alexander and Catherine (Pound) Gordon, of Ireland, who were pioneer settlers near Smicksburg, Penn. Job H. Brown is a steadfast Republican in politics, and for many years he and his wife have been consistent members of the M.E. Church. Mrs. Morrison was the eldest of a family of three children, the others—Norman and Nora—being twins; the former is now a farmer near Marchand, and the latter is the wife of Charles Brown (no kinship), an agent for implements, and residing at Marchand.

James B. North. Among the wide-awake and enterprising business men of Eleanor, Jefferson county, this gentleman has, during his brief residence, gained a prominent place. He was not previously unknown in the locality, however, as he is a member of a well-known family, and had been for some years a successful agriculturist of McCalmont township. His farm, which contains 180 acres of fine farm land, was purchased from John Smith for $45 per acre, and is noted as the first homestead to be cleared and settled upon in the southern part of Jefferson county.

Mr. North was born August 11, 1849, the son of Daniel and Catherine (Bell) North, and was reared at the family homestead in McCalmont township. At the age of twenty-two he took charge of his father's farm; but after some years he became interested in buying and selling cattle, and from 1885 to 1890 his time was mainly devoted to that business and to lumbering. In 1890 he left the farm to the care of an employee and moved to Eleanor to clear a tract of 1,100 acres of timber for Edward Syphert and P. A. Hamilton. He has continued to reside there, and at present is engaged in teaming for the Eleanor Coal Company, keeping four teams employed, and he also does an extensive business in contracting and lumbering. He has the genial manner that would help any man to success in life, and is prominent socially as a member of the I. O. O. F., the Junior Order of Mechanics, and the Masonic fraternity. He also belongs to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, with which his family has long been identified. In political faith he is a Republican, and he has served seven years as school director and two years as supervisor. He owns a house and lot at Eleanor, and his home is a pleasant one, his philosophy including a generous appreciation of the good that life may bring.

On January 26, 1871, Mr. North was married, at Dayton, Penn., to Miss Tillie Smith, a native of Armstrong county, born May 1, 1849. Of their children, the first, Mary, born March 20, 1872, died April 11, 1873; Daniel W., born February 10, 1874, is now engaged in teaching; William E., born April 13, 1878; Bessie L., December 13, 1880; James M., May 6, 1883; Emma K., June 22, 1886; Ann B., April 5, 1891, and Harry R., September 2, 1896, are all at home. Mrs. North is descended from some of the pioneer settlers of Armstrong county. Her paternal grandfather, William Smith, was a wealthy Irishman, and on going to Armstrong county, conveyed a large amount of gold in a wheelbarrow. Her father, the late James Smith, was a prosperous farmer, and an active Republican, holding various township offices. In religious work he was also prominent as a member of the U. P. Church, in which he was an elder for many years, and at times served in other positions. He died March 6, 1896, aged seventy-six years; his wife, Margaret (Henderson), passed away in September of the same year, their remains being interred at Elderton. Mrs. North's maternal-grandfather, Benjamin Henderson, came from Ireland, locating in Armstrong county at an early day, and he and his wife Susan, a native of Pennsylvania, spent their last years near Elderton. James and Margaret Smith reared a large family of children: The eldest, Martha, married A. B. Remaley, a farmer in Burrell township, Armstrong county, who has also been engaged in teaching for thirty-five years; Benjamin met a soldier's death during the Civil war; William was also in the Union service, and died shortly after his return (his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth North, now resides at
Punxsutawney); Elizabeth married Henry Fraley, a farmer of near Elderton; Tillie S. (Mrs. North), is the fifth in the order of birth; Mary is the wife of Alexander Fistus, a farmer in Indiana county; Nan married Parks Schrecengost, a wheelwright at Elderton; Wilson married Miss Mary Gibson, and resides on the Smith homestead in Armstrong county.

As has been said, Mr. North belongs to a prominent family. His paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Pogue) North, came from Ireland in 1810, and after spending a few years in Philadelphia, moved to Indiana county, to engage in farming. Their son Daniel, our subject's father, was born July 11, 1827, in Indiana county, and on October 2, 1847, was married to Miss Catherine Bell, a native of McCallmont township, Jefferson county, born November 7, 1828. She was a daughter of James W. and Hannah (Gordon) Bell, prominent among the early residents of that township; a granddaughter of John and Elizabeth Bell, of Perry township, Jefferson county; and a great-granddaughter of that noted pioneer, Robert Bell, an Irishman, who settled in Indiana county at a very early period. On the maternal side her grandparents were Alexander and Catherine (Pounds) Gordon, natives of Ireland, and among the first settlers in the vicinity of Smicksburg, Indiana county.

Daniel North made his home in McCallmont township, engaging in farming and acquiring a large amount of real estate. Generosity was a leading characteristic of the family, and he proved to be amply endowed with this admirable trait, his donations to various worthy movements being notably frequent. To the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which he was a member, he was especially liberal, but he also gave freely to other Churches in the neighborhood. He departed this life July 22, 1891, deeply lamented by all classes in the community. His estimable wife, who survives him, was given the homestead for her lifetime, and still resides there with her son, J. Curtin North. Our subject is the eldest in a family of twelve children; Mary E. is the wife of W. C. Smith, of Punxsutawney; John S. resides in McCallmont township; Anna R. died when less than five years old; Emma H. married W. R. Johnson, of Armstrong county; William H. died at the age of four years; Martha J. married A. J. McCreight, of Punxsutawney; Joanna R. is the wife of Dr. James B. Neale, of Reynolds, Penn.; J. Curtin operates the home farm; Margaret L. married John D. Nichols, of Eleanor; Minnie C. is the wife of W. S. Colderman, of Kane, Penn.; and Daniel O. resides at Eleanor.

RICHARD ARTHURS is the genial owner of the “Commercial Hotel,” at Brookville, Penn., a most popular hostelry. A biographical record of Jefferson county would be incomplete without the mention of the Arthurs family, which for almost a century has been identified with its history.

John Arthurs, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Jack's Creek, Mifflin Co., Penn., March 1, 1783, and in 1795 came to Jefferson county, where he helped to erect its first mill. In 1806 he returned to the county, but soon afterward went to what is now Armstrong county, and in the same year married Joanna Roll, who was born in Penn's Valley, Centre Co., Penn., June 15, 1786. He then purchased the Ferguson farm near Clarion, this State, where he continued to live until about 1812, when he removed to Port Barnet and engaged in lumbering. In 1813 he went to Tidioute, Warren Co., Penn., and in the winter of 1814 was pressed into the United States service and sent to Lake Erie; but in the spring of 1815 the treaty of Ghent was concluded, and he was allowed to return home, the war being ended.

Richard Arthurs, the father of our subject, was born in 1811, and in 1830 attended the sale of the first lots sold in Brookville, where he located two years later. After working for a short time in the cabinet shop of a Mr. McDonald, he purchased the tools and other accessories and removed to “Snyder's row,” where he established a cabinet and carpenter shop in the south room, while Samuel Craig occupied the north room with his chair factory. In 1834 he sold out to the latter's brother, James Craig, and commenced the study of law with Cephas Dunham. Although he had received but a limited education in his youth, he became a very successful lawyer, one of the best in Jefferson county. When receiving only the meager wages of from $1 to $1.25, and paying out twenty-five cents per day for board, he managed to save $600 in two years, and thus was able to pursue his law studies; he was also very successful in business affairs, and succeeded in accumulating considerable property in later years, owning many of the best business houses in Brookville. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah J. Williams, died November 20, 1893.

The birth of our subject occurred in 1850, and in the academy of Brookville he acquired a good education in his youth. He followed various employments during the early years of his life, working in the lumber woods, at the age of twenty-one going to the oil fields of Pennsylvania, where he remained some four years. Re-
turning to Brookville, he here engaged in mercantile pursuits for two years, and then embarked in the hotel business, which he has since successfully carried on. In 1875 he was united in marriage with Miss Alice J. Carroll, a daughter of John E. Carroll, a worthy citizen of Brookville, and to them has been born a daughter, Anna. Mr. Arthurs is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, and Commandery, and also to the Mystic Shrine, while politically he is an ardent Republican, but cares nothing for public office. He is a straightforward, progressive business man, and an influential and valued citizen of the community where almost his entire life has been passed.

JOHN R. VANLEER, a representative and prominent business man of Brookville, was born in Jefferson county, in 1849, and is a son of William and Esther (Heims) Vanleer. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and about 1830 took up his residence in Jefferson county, with whose farming and lumbering interests he was prominently identified during the remainder of his life. His death occurred August 26, 1896, and his wife was called to her final rest in 1879. They were highly respected by all who knew them, and had many friends throughout the county.

Our subject was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his period, attending the district schools and assisting in the labors of the farm. At the age of twenty he left the parental roof, and learned the carpenter's trade, which occupation he followed from 1869 until 1876. In the Centennial year he became interested in a planing-mill and the manufacture of lumber, and two years later admitted his brother, W. N. Vanleer, to a partnership in the business, which has since been conducted under the firm style of Vanleer Brothers. Theirs is one of the most important industries of the kind in Jefferson county, all kinds of building material being manufactured, and employment given to some ten workmen all the year round. The brothers are progressive, energetic business men of known reliability, and the place which they occupy in business circles is in the front rank.

In 1868 John R. Vanleer was married to Miss Frances Heims, of Jefferson county, and to them have been born four children: Vertie, wife of H. W. Heasley; Lottie B., at home; Bertha A., wife of David Brown; and Orlando R. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran Church. In his political views Mr. Vanleer is a stalwart Republican, and is a strong advocate of sound money and protection. Social, educational and moral interests have been promoted by him, and anything tending to uplift and benefit humanity secures his hearty co-operation. At this writing he is the popular president of the city council of Brookville, and discharges his duties with a promptness and fidelity that have won for him the commendation of all. Fraternally he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he is past grand; of the Knights of Pythias, in which he is past chancellor; and of the Ancient Order of Artisans, in which he is past supreme master. He is one of the most honored business men of Brookville, and is unquestionably one of the strongest and most influential citizens whose lives have become an essential part of the history of Jefferson county.

CAMDON MITCHELL, of Reynoldsville, a prominent member of the Jefferson County Bar, is also one of the ablest financiers, and in addition to his lucrative professional work is connected with some of the most important enterprises of his locality, notably the First National Bank of Reynoldsville, of which he is president.

Mr. Mitchell was born, in 1849, at Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, where his father, Thomas L. Mitchell, a native of Indiana county, Penn., had settled in early manhood, engaging first in the tailoring business, and later in lumbering, which he continued until his death in 1870. He was a man of unassuming manners, and his time being given mainly to his own affairs he took but little part in public movements, although fully in sympathy with progress. He married a most estimable lady, Miss Ann C. Johnson, a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., who died some years before his own demise.

The foundation of our subject's education was laid in the public schools of his native place, and he subsequently took an academic course at Clarion, Penn. His legal studies were begun in the fall of 1868 in the office of Messrs. Jenks & Winslow, of Punxsutawney, and he was admitted to the Bar in the February term, 1872. He at once opened an office at Reynoldsville, and has since practiced continually and successfully, being now recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the locality. He not only does a large business in his own county, but his practice extends into adjoining counties.

His sound judgment makes him a valued assistant in corporate enterprises, and on the organization of the First National Bank at Rey-
J. AMES PEACE, a leading agriculturist and lumberman of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, having entered the army as a youth of seventeen. Although he is most unassuming in manner and disposition, never seeking official place or public recognition, he enjoys to an unusual degree the esteem and confidence of the people among whom his life has been spent.

His family have been identified with Pennsylvania for several generations, and Solomon Peace, his father, was born in Dauphin county in 1819. On attaining manhood's estate, Solomon Peace decided to seek his fortune in a less thickly settled community, and in 1842 he removed to the vicinity of Punxsutawney. There he met Miss Mary Dunmire, whom he married in the following year, and after residing some time near Punxsutawney he moved to Clearfield county, locating on what is known as the Robert Lawshie farm in Bell township. Four years later he removed to McGee's Mills, and there spent three years, afterward residing for short periods on the Buena Vista farm on the river road, and on the Curt Mitchell farm in Burnside township. In 1859 he purchased a tract of land on the line between Clearfield and Jefferson counties, known as the Lewis May tract, where he cleared a farm and built a residence. His remaining years were passed at this homestead, his death occurring in 1886; his estimable wife survived him until 1897. Of their ten children: (1) Elizabeth, who was born near Punxsutawney, died in infancy. (2) John, born near Punxsutawney, died in Clearfield county at the age of twenty-two. (3) Solomon, who was born, in 1843, at the same place, now resides upon a farm adjoining the homestead. He married Miss Lucinda Sheesley, of Jefferson county, and has a large family of children. (4) Catherine, born in 1845, at Punxsutawney, married G. W. Bouse, of Armstrong county, Penn., and they now reside in Bell township, Clearfield county, on a farm adjoining the homestead; they have several children. (5) Joseph, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (6) Daniel, born in 1849, in Jefferson county, resides upon a farm between Troutville and Big Run. He grew to manhood in Clearfield county, and was married there to Miss Sabella Rupert, by whom he has had eight children. (7) Henry, who was born in Clearfield county in 1851, resides in Bell township, same county. He married Miss Elizabeth Sheesley, of Clearfield county, who died in 1890, and he afterward wedded Miss Annie Rishel, of Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had five children, and by his second he has one child. (8) Thomas, born in 1853 on the Lawshie farm, married Miss Elizabeth Pierce, of Indiana county, Penn., and they now reside in Eleanor, Jefferson county; they have a large family. (9) Mary E., born at McGee's Mills, married Andrew Pierce, of Indiana county, and they now reside upon a farm in Glen Campbell, Cambria Co., Penn.; they have several children. (10) Margaret, born in Clearfield county, married Jacob Pierce, of Indiana county, and they now reside at the homestead; they have six children.

Our subject was born in July, 1847, near Punxsutawney, and his experiences in youth were not greatly different from those of other country lads, until he reached the age of seventeen. He then enlisted, at McGee's Mills, in Company K, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. Adair, and after being sworn into service at Ridgway, Penn., the new recruits were sent to Carlisle Barracks, and from there went to the seat of war, traveling by rail to Baltimore and by boat to City Point, Va. They joined their regiment at the winter quarters at Hatcher's Run, and three days later they were ordered to march to Petersburg, where they had an engagement with the enemy. They followed Lee and his army to Sailor's Creek, where they had another battle, and from that time until they surrendered, on April 9, 1865, they continued in active service. The regiment remained in camp at Appomattox for ten days, and then marching to Washington they took part in the Grand Review. On receiving a final discharge at Pittsburg, Mr. Peace returned to Clearfield county
and engaged in lumbering, which he has ever since followed. In 1868 he married Miss Jennie Shields, of Indiana county, and settled upon a tract of land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, where he engaged in farming in connection with his lumber business. In 1890 he sold that place, and removed to his present home near Troutville.

While Mr. Peace has never sought public honors, he is keenly interested in the questions of the time, and is a staunch adherent of the Democratic party. He and his wife are both prominent members of the M. E. Church at Troutville. Of their seven children, all but one are living: (1) A. T., born in 1859, not married, is employed in a tannery at Big Run. (2) R. H., born in 1871, resides near Big Run; he married Miss Sarah Yohe, of Jefferson county, and has one son—Cloyd D. (3) Margery S. died at the age of seven years. (4) Jennet, born in 1875, married Daniel Barclay, of Rathmel, Jefferson county; they have no children. (5) W. E., born in 1881, (6) Harry B., born in 1883, and (7) Nora E., born in 1885, are all at home.

SAMUEL STEFFY JORDAN. The Jordan homestead, in Oliver township, Jefferson county, is one of the old estates of that locality, where the family has been held in high esteem from pioneer times.

Robert Jordan, his great-grandfather, came from Ireland at an early day, and located in Indiana county, where he made his home on a farm on the ridge between Smicksburg and Perryville. He was a teamster in the American army during the Revolutionary war. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-three years, and reared a large family of children; by his first wife, Hannah (Hill), there were five children: Alexander, Samuel, Joseph, James, and Margaret (who married Isaac Matson). His second wife, Catherine (Pounds), bore him seven children: Robert, Hannah (Mrs. James W. Bell), Nancy (Mrs. Enoch Cissman), Mary (Mrs. George Mogile), Mattie (Mrs. John McHenry), John (who married Martha Sharrard), Margaret (Mrs. Griffin Rowland), and William (who married Eliza Kiddle). William Jordan and his wife are residents of Frostburg, Jefferson county, but all the others mentioned above are now deceased.

Samuel Jordan, the grandson of the subject, was born in Indiana county, in 1792, and at an early age he came to Oliver township, Jefferson county. He was married in Indiana county to Miss Lida Cochran, a native of Milfill county, Penn., who died in 1864, aged sixty-four years. Her parents, Isaac and Sarah Cochran, removed from their first home in Juniata county at an early day, and after making their home for a few years in Indiana county, located permanently in Jefferson county, where they were prominent among the pioneers. In 1815 Samuel Jordan and his wife left Indiana county, and made their home in Jefferson county upon a tract of land which they supposed was open to settlement; but finding afterward that it had been taken up, they moved to Oliver (then Perry) township, where they purchased 160 acres of land at $1.25 per acre. In early life they had been united with the Presbyterian Church, but after his wife's death, Samuel Jordan identified himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Their remains were interred in Olive cemetery, near the home where they spent so many years of their useful and honored lives. They had the following children: Isaac C.; Hannah H., now the widow of John McBrier, of Rose township, Jefferson county; Robert, a farmer in Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Fetterhoff, and is now deceased; Sarah, who married (first) James Cary (now deceased), and (second) John McPherson, of Clearfield; John, who married Nancy Bell, and resides at Perry, Jefferson county; Joseph, a resident of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, who married Elizabeth Law (now deceased); William A., a farmer in Oliver township, who married Mary J. Reed; James B., who married Anna M. Smith, and resides in Punxsutawney. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and a leading politician of this section, having served six years as county commissioner, and three as county auditor.

The late Isaac C. Jordan, our subject's father, was born July 14, 1816, in Indiana county, but his life was mainly spent in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he owned a large farm. Beginning life in very poor circumstances, he made his own way successfully, and acquired a handsome competence. He was a well-known lumberman, and had several sawmills there and in neighboring townships. His death occurred in McCalmont township, November 12, 1884, after a brief but severe illness while he was visiting one of his sawmills in which his sons, Charles B. and Albert, were his partners. His remains were taken home for burial, and was interred in Olive cemetery. He was a man of prominence, and for many years was a ruling elder in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Oliveburg; he also held numerous township offices, and was an influential worker in the Republican party. At one time he was the Republican nominee from the county for the Legislature, but there was a Democrat land-
slide that year, and although he ran ahead of his ticket he was defeated. On October 30, 1839, in Jefferson county, he was married by Rev. Charles R. Barkley, a minister of the C. P. Church, to Miss Leanna Steffy, a native of Rockingham county, Va., born November 21, 1818, and they had ten children: Miss Mary E. resides at the homestead with her mother; Samuel S. is a resident of Oliver township; Charles B. is a farmer and lumberman residing in Oliver township, Jefferson county; Lida A. died at the age of four years; Winfield S. lived but one year and ten months; Albert is our subject; Minerva J. is the wife of William Morrison, a merchant, lumberman, and farmer at Oliveburg; Leah married Frederick Parr, a farmer in Oliver township; Lena J. is the wife of J. W. Martin, an attorney at Punxsutawney; and J. Simon, a farmer in Oliver township, married Miss Maggie Anthony. All of the surviving children reside near the old home, their parents having encouraged them to do so.

The Steffy family is of German origin, but has long been identified with the State of Virginia. Philip Steffy, our subject's great-grandfather, was a farmer and shoemaker in that State, and his son, Samuel Steffy, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared there. Samuel Steffy married Mary Bowers, daughter of John Bowers, a farmer, and his wife, who were natives respectively, of Germany and Virginia. In 1820 Mr. Steffy removed to Jefferson county, and located upon a farm in Bell township. He was engaged in lumbering as well as in agriculture, and piloted the first raft sent from the upper end of Mahoning creek. He was a Democrat in politics, and a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. His death occurred in 1878, when he was aged eighty-four years, and his first wife, our subject's grandmother, died in 1823, aged thirty, the remains of both being interred in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Jefferson county. By his first marriage he had four children: Elizabeth, widow of John Carey, of Punxsutawney; Leanna, our subject's mother; John, who died in Kansas; and Simon, who entered the Union army during the Civil war, and died in Libby prison. By a second marriage with Ann Cook, of Shippenburg, Penn., there were four children: Mary, widow of William Yost, of Millville, Penn.; William, a resident of Punxsutawney; Maria, wife of A. Miller, a farmer in Virginia; and Joseph, deceased.

Samuel S. Jordan, whose name opens this review, was born May 24, 1836, near Oliveburg, Jefferson county, and was reared at the old homestead, acquiring at an early age a practical knowledge of farming and lumbering. When very young he engaged in the latter business, and has ever since been more or less extensively interested in the same. On August 24, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I. under Capt. William Neale, and remained in the service until July, 1865, when he returned home. In February, 1866, he was married by Rev. D. Cooper, to Miss Mary J. Pantall, and in the following year located at the Pantall homestead in Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he spent one year. Since that time he has resided at his present farm, a fine estate on which is a handsome and well-furnished residence. The family is prominent in social life, and attend the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Jordan is a trustee. He is also a member of Post No. 237, G. A. R., of Punxsutawney. Politically, he is a Republican, and his sound judgment and high character have made him a leader in local affairs. For three years he has held the office of supervisor of his township.

His wife died February 18, 1891, at the age of forty-seven, and her remains were buried in Olive cemetery. She was a member of a well-known family of this section, and a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Reece) Pantall, natives of England. Her father came to America in 1825, and after a short residence at Philippi, Centre county, located in Punxsutawney, where he spent five years in the milling business. His last years were passed upon a farm in the same locality. He died in 1862 at the age of eighty-four. His wife, a woman of most estimable character, died in April, 1867. Eight children were born to the marriage of our subject, all of whom are living: Clarence C. married (first) Miss Sadie Miller (deceased); and (second) Miss May Verner, of Young township, Jefferson county; Ella is the wife of Lott North, a farmer of McCallmont township, Jefferson county; Villa Viola, who is extremely popular in the best social circles, resides at home; Thomas T., Ora, Lillie, Paul and Walter are all at home. On December 7, 1892, the father of these was again married, this time at Clayville, Penn., by Rev. J. C. McDonald, a Methodist minister, to Miss Eva C. Wilson, by whom he had one daughter, Ruth W. Mrs. Jordan possesses unusual mental gifts, and is a graduate of Carrier's Seminary, in Clarion county, this State, and of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle. For eleven years previous to her marriage she was a successful teacher. Her family is an excellent one, including many who have been engaged in intellectual pursuits. Samuel Wilson, her great-grandfather, was a resident of New York throughout his life, with the
exception of a few years spent in Vermont. Jonathan Wilson, her grandfather, a native of Vermont, attended college with the intention of preparing for the ministry, but failing health prevented him from carrying out this desire. He accordingly sought the wholesome and invigorating surroundings of a farmer's life. For twenty seasons he taught school, winning a high reputation in his locality as an educator. He died at Northampton, Ohio. His wife in her maidenhood was Clara Searle. Their children were: Philander, a farmer, now deceased; Joel W. (deceased), in his day a prominent lawyer of Tiffin, Ohio; Sullivan S., a retired farmer, now living at Grand Rapids, Mich.; Rosanna, who married Thompson Clark, both now deceased; Cyril, Mrs. Jordan's father; and George M. (deceased), a veteran of the Civil war, who after practicing law for a few years became an Episcopal clergyman.

Rev. Cyril Wilson was a native of Shalersville, Ohio, born December 29, 1826, and after graduating from the Western Reserve Seminary, at Farmington, Ohio, took a four-years course of study preparatory to becoming a minister in the Presbyterian Church, with which he united when nineteen years old. After his marriage he entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, and his talents and character, combined with untiring zeal, gave him a high standing. He died May 19, 1881, at New Bethlehem, Penn., where he was serving at the time as pastor of the M. E. Church. On October 18, 1848, he was married at Chardon, Ohio, to Miss Mary M. Waldo, who survives him and lives at Clayville, Penn. She was born at Bennington, N. Y., December 5, 1826, a daughter of Alvin Waldo, and granddaughter of Ezra and Prudence (Emerson) Waldo, of Connecticut. Her ancestors in this line were agriculturists mainly, and her father settled upon a farm, where he died. He was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife, Nancy E. (Butler), were devoted members of the M. E. Church. The Butler family was also of Connecticut stock, and Mrs. Waldo's parents, Josiah and Hannah (Hall) Waldo, resided in that State throughout their lives, the father following the butcher's trade. To Alvin and Nancy E. (Butler) Waldo seven children were born, of whom Mary M. (Mrs. Jordan's mother) was the eldest; Luther H., is a retired farmer; Permella married Jacob Hart, and both are now deceased; William B. is a farmer in Iowa; Jane E. is the wife of E. E. Cook; Elizabeth is the wife of Stephen Frent, and Richard A. is a farmer.

Mrs. Jordan is one of a family of four chil-

SOLOMON ANDERSON, a substantial and reliable business man of Brookville, Jefferson county, the senior member of the well-known firm of Anderson & Leech, owners of a planing-mill, is a native of Sweden, born in 1849, and is a son of Anderspierson and Stena (Johnson) Anderson, who are still residing in that country. There he attended school until fourteen years of age, when he accepted a clerkship in a mercantile store, where he was employed for seven years, during which time he conceived the idea of coming to America to seek his fortune, believing that he would have better chances of success.

On July 5, 1870, Mr. Anderson landed at Wilcox, Penn., where he remained until the following November, when he located at Brookville and accepted work on the railroad as a common laborer. As he could not speak the English language he labored under many disadvantages; but by determined effort he soon mastered the tongue. To some extent he also followed blacksmithing, and though he had never had any training in this trade he commanded good wages, and his work gave the utmost satisfaction. In 1873 he obtained a position with Hall & McCain in a planing-mill, and was thus employed for more than eleven years, when in July, 1884, in partnership with W. A. Leech, he purchased the business, and to-day they conduct one of the leading industries of Brookville. Mr. Anderson is a thrifty, enterprising citizen, who began life in the New World empty-handed, in fact borrowed the money with which to pay his passage; but by strict economy and industry he has forged his way to the front, so that at the present time he is one of the solid business men of Jefferson county. When here but two years he sent back money enough to purchase a home in Sweden for his aged parents. He has visited them once, and is contemplating another trip to his native land in the near future.

In October, 1878, Mr. Anderson married Miss Rebecca J. Plyer, a daughter of Charles Plyer, of Jefferson county, and they now have one son, Charles Andrew. At the age of fourteen our subject associated himself with the Lutheran
Church, and for more than fifteen years he has been a leading member of that Denomination in Brookville, to which congregation his wife also belongs. They are earnest, consistent Christians, and receive the respect and esteem of all who know them. Socially, Mr. Anderson holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his political support is ever given the Republican party, but he never aspires to official honors.

JAMES MALONE, one of the substantial citizens of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is the owner of a fine farm near the town of Eleanor. Especial interest attaches to the history of this gentleman, as he was one of the many ardent and patriotic youths who risked their lives in the defense of the Union during the Civil war, his service beginning when he was but seventeen years old.

Mr. Malone's grandparents on the paternal side were early settlers at Wellsville, Ohio, and his father, David Malone, was born and reared in that locality, but on reaching manhood's estate moved to Armstrong county, Penn., where he met and married Miss Peggy J. Jack. There he remained for three or four years, following the cooper's trade, but afterward returned to Ohio, where his wife died in 1851; his own death occurred two years later at Wheeling, W. Va. Five children were thus left orphans, namely: (1) Mary E., born in Armstrong county, Penn., was married in Ohio to John Griffith, now a resident of Salineville, Ohio, and a conductor on a railroad; they have had a large family of children. (2) Rodney, also a native of Armstrong county, was taken to Ohio in childhood, whence after his mother's death he returned to his native county, and was reared by an uncle, Samuel Bruner. He married Miss Maggie Bonny, of Armstrong county, and moved to Illinois, where he followed farming for ten years. Later he came back to Pennsylvania, and spent three years in Armstrong county, in mercantile business, during a part of the time serving as a justice of the peace, but at present he is a merchant in Missouri; he has no children. (3) Ellis was born in Armstrong county, and at the time of his mother's death was taken by his uncle, Thomas Jack, of that county, and grew to manhood there. He married Miss Amelia Grape, of Clearfield county, and after a few years of residence in Jefferson county moved to Whiting, Kans., where he follows the carpenter's trade; they have five children. (4) Byron, born in Wellsville, Ohio, was reared in Ohio by his uncle, James Jack, and still resides in that State. He married, and has several children. (5) James, our subject, completes the family.

Mr. Malone, whose name opens this sketch, was born, in 1845, in Armstrong county, but his early boyhood was spent in Ohio. After the death of his mother, his uncle, Samuel Southworth, of Armstrong county, took him into his home, giving him the usual common-school advantages until he reached the age of twelve years, when the lad began to earn his own livelihood by driving or towing barges loaded with coal oil, from the oil fields to Pittsburg, which occupation he continued until he was seventeen years old. In February, 1864, he enlisted at Kittanning, Penn., in Company L, 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, a veteran regiment attached to the 19th Army Corps under Gen. Sheridan, with Gen. Custer as brigade commander. Mr. Malone joined his regiment at Parkersburg, Va., and saw his first fighting in the Lynchburg raid, the Rebels driving his regiment down the valley to Charleston, Va., where two weeks were spent in camp. The next experience was the march from Charleston to Gettysburg, in pursuit of Lee's army, which they overtook at Harper's Ferry, and after continuous skirmishing from that point to Stanton, the regiment struck camp and lay there a few days. Later they had the honor of guarding 110 prisoners to Harper's Ferry. Their next engagement was the battle of Winchester in 1864, where 190,000 men were engaged, with heavy loss on both sides. At this place Mr. Malone was taken sick, and until September, 1864, he remained in hospital at Martinsburg. He then rejoined his regiment at Winchester, and spent several months in camp. In May, 1865, they marched to Washington to take part in the Grand Review, and from there were sent to Fairfax Court House, where Mr. Malone was appointed dispatch carrier for Alexandria. In June, 1865, the regiment was ordered to Kansas to suppress an Indian outbreak, and taking train to Cincinnati was transferred to Louisville, where they took boats for Leavenworth, Kansas. There they went into camp, and remained until September, Mr. Malone acting as forage master during the latter part of the time. On September 15, they were released from the United States service, and returning to Pittsburg were honorably discharged from the State service, at Braddock's Field. Mr. Malone returned at once to Armstrong county, but in 1866 he located in Jefferson county, where he followed lumbering until 1884. He then spent five years in mining at Walton. In 1890 he purchased his present farm from Frederick
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Buchite, and has since devoted his attention mainly to agriculture.

In May, 1871, Mr. Malone married Miss Sarah Rutter, daughter of Joseph and Annie Rutter, of Jefferson county. Her father was a soldier in the Union army, and met his death at the battle of Fair Oaks, his wife surviving him with five children, as follows: Harriet, now Mrs. Joseph Spencer, of Jefferson county; Joseph and Harvey, who are not married; Anna B., wife of James Caxton, of Jefferson county, and Sarah, now Mrs. Malone. For some time after his marriage Mr. Malone resided at Sykesville, and from 1884 to 1890 his home was at Walston. He and his wife have nine children: Harold E., born in August, 1873; died in 1887, at the age of fourteen; the others, who are all at home, are as follows—Elizabeth, born in January, 1875; Jonas A., October, 1877; Mary Viola, July, 1881; John Hansin, October 11, 1884; Catherine R., November, 1886; Joseph, April, 1889; Alvanita M., May, 1891, and Lydia E., August, 1895.

Politically, Mr. Malone has always been identified with the Republican party, though he has not been especially active in local affairs. He is a Protestant in religion, but while he sympathizes in all worthy movements, he has never been connected with any Church.

A. McConnell, one of the most thorough and energetic farmers of Washington township, Jefferson county, was born December 5, 1846, on the old homestead where he still lives, and belongs to one of the honored and highly-respected pioneer families of the county. William McConnell, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to the United States first located in Centre county, Penn., where for some time he was employed in the Curtin Iron Works. There he married, and there reared his family of ten children: James; Alexander; Joseph; George; William; David B.; Mrs. Mary A. McClellan; Mrs. Peggy McIntosh; Mrs. Frances Morrison; and Mrs. Nancy J. Cooper. Late in life, the father of these children came to Jefferson county, where he developed a farm and spent his remaining days. In religious belief he and his wife were Presbyterians.

In Centre county, James McConnell, the father of our subject, was born December 10, 1805, and there grew to manhood, remaining with his parents until 1826, when he became one of the early settlers of Washington township, Jefferson county. In the midst of the almost unbroken forest, at what was known as Beech Woods, he developed a farm of one hundred acres, making it one of the most highly cultivated places of the community. As a general farmer he was quite successful, also gave considerable attention to stock raising, and being a shoemaker by trade also did considerable work along that line in his neighborhood. His customers would bring their leather, and while he was making their shoes they would take his place at clearing or any other work at which he might be engaged, this being the only compensation he would accept for his services. In connection with shoe-making, he repaired harness, etc. Although a stanch Democrat, and took an active interest in political affairs, he never aspired to office, and only accepted a few minor positions, such as school director. He was an earnest, consistent Christian, and helped to organize the first Baptist Church in his section of the country, in which society he always served as deacon, and of which his wife was also a member.

Soon after coming to Jefferson county, James McConnell married Miss Jane Mitchell, a native of Clarion county, Penn., where was celebrated the marriage of her parents. John and—(Williams) Mitchell, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Scotland, both identified with the Baptist Church. They were the parents of four children: Jane, Peggy, Rhoda and Ross. To Mr. and Mrs. McConnell were born eight children: Frances, now the wife of J. Shoemaker; S. Miles, a junk and oil operator of Coraopolis, Penn.; Eliza, wife of James Rogers; W. A., of this sketch; Margaret A., deceased; Mrs. Mary J. Satterly; John R., of Dakota; and Emma, wife of J. Lucas. The father was called to his final rest April 4, 1862, and the mother in May, 1870.

Mr. McConnell, of this review, has never left the old homestead, which after the death of his parents he purchased of the other heirs, and he now has one hundred acres of the 125 under a high state of cultivation and improved with a commodious two-story frame residence and substantial barns and outbuildings. Besides general farming he has been interested in stock dealing, marketing some in the East, and for two years engaged in butchering. In 1875 he married Miss Kate McConnell (of no kinship), the only child of Thomas McConnell, and was born in 1855, in Indiana county, where her parents both died, and where she was reared by an uncle. She has become the mother of seven children: Margaret L. (now the wife of William Buzzard); and Cydna J., Walter P., Florence M., Robert S., Cora and Miles G., all at home.
Mr. McConnell is one of the most popular and influential citizens of Washington township, on the Democratic ticket he was first elected tax collector and constable in 1883, and three years later was re-elected. On the expiration of his term he retired from public life, but was subsequently appointed by the judge to fill a vacancy as tax collector, and after serving two years was again elected to that position for three years. He is still filling the office with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. For a number of years he has been manager for the Washington Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and is a prominent member of the local lodges of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Knights of the Maccabees.

NATHAN A. MCLAUGHLIN. Among the progressive, energetic and successful agriculturists of Clover township, Jefferson 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 is the owner of the old homestead, where he was born December 8, 1834, and in the public schools of the neighborhood he received his education.

Joseph McLaughlin, grandfather of our subject, a native of Ireland, became an early settler of Westmoreland county, Penn., and about 1834 brought his family to Jefferson county, which was then but sparsely settled and much of the land still in its primitive condition. In his old log house, just across the line in Limestone township, Clarion county, both he and his wife died. They were active and prominent members of the Baptist Church, and the parents of ten children, namely: Mrs. Sally Davis; John, the father of our subject; George, a Union soldier, who served in the 105th P. V. I., and participated in many hard-fought battles, dying in a hospital at Philadelphia; Mrs. Lair Miller; Jacob, deceased; Mrs. Elizabeth Walters; Henry, who died on the old homestead; James, a resident of Kingsville, Clarion county; Abram, who served through the war as a member of the 105th P. V. I., and died from effects of wounds received at the battle of Fair Oaks, and Mary, who died unmarried.

John McLaughlin was born in Westmoreland county, but was reared in Jefferson county, where he married a native of the county, Miss Harriet Carrier, who belongs to one of the most prominent and highly respected families of this section. Her father, Nathan Carrier, came from Connecticut at an early day, and was one of the first settlers of Summerville. He was extensively inter-

ested in lumbering in Jefferson county, where he was numbered among the leading representative business men for many years. He died at the age of seventy-three; his wife passed away in 1884. Their children were Darius and Hiram, who are still living; Harriet, the mother of our subject; Mrs. Lucinda Hurd; Mrs. Esther Welton; Isaac, who was a Union soldier, and is now deceased; Mrs. Mary Karner; Mrs. Emaline Guthrie, and Mrs. Agnes Davis. The parents and children all held membership in the Methodist Church. After his marriage John McLaughlin purchased a tract of land in Clover township, to which he added from time to time, and there made his home until called from this life, in September, 1894, at the age of seventy-three years. To some extent he engaged in lumbering, but made farming his principal occupation, was a hard-working man, honest and upright in all his dealings, and commanded the respect and confidence of the entire community. Like his wife, he was a member of the Methodist Church. In their family were eight children: Mrs. Lucinda J. Guthrie; Mrs. Mary M. Mooney; Nathan A., of this sketch; Isaac B., a resident of Summerville; Albert, Eliza and Ida, who all died in childhood, and Mrs. Harriet Pyler.

Nathan A. McLaughlin never left the old homestead, which he purchased of his father, for whom he cared after the death of his mother. The place, which is conveniently situated two miles north of Summerville, is one of the most desirable farms of Clover township, and is improved with excellent buildings which were erected by the father. Now 125 of the 200 acres have been placed under cultivation, and yield to the owner bountiful harvests in return for the care and labor expended upon them. In connection with general farming he has followed lumbering throughout his business career.

In 1875 Mr. McLaughlin married Miss Lucy Carrier, a lady of culture and intelligence, and a daughter of Darius and Rebecca (Hetrick) Carrier, the former an early settler and prominent citizen of Jefferson county. By trade he was a millwright, and for many years extensively engaged in lumbering and merchandising, and also conducted both a gist and saw mill. He was the father of nineteen children, ten by the first marriage—Nathan, John, Edward, Lavina, Elizabeth, Stewart, Cash, Martha, Mary and Lucinda—and nine by the second—Milla; Lucy, wife of our subject; Euphroclus; Winfield S.; Emma, wife of C. E. Carrier, and four deceased. Nine children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin: Euphroclus, John F., Thomas D., Everett, Grover, Atley, all at home; Rebecca,
who died at the age of three months; Robert, born in 1893; and James Lovell. The mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and a most estimable lady. In his social affiliations Mr. McLaughlin is a member of the I. O. O. F.; politically he is identified with the Republican party.

JOHN C. NEEL, to whose enterprise and progressiveness the commercial activity of Perry township is largely attributable, and who by his well-managed business interests has accumulated a handsome competence, was born on the old family homestead in Jefferson county, in March, 1845, his parents being James and Catherine (Hadden) Neel. The father was born in Indiana county, in 1813, and the grandfather was one of the first settlers of Jefferson county—in fact, was the first white man to establish a home in this district, which was still the haunt of Indians. James Neel purchased 111 acres of timber land on the south bank of Mahoning creek in Perry township, and, in connection with his brother, Winfield, purchased a large amount of land in the neighborhood, which he extensively used in lumber interests, floating his products down the Mahoning and Allegheny rivers to the Pittsburg markets. He also engaged in merchandising and farming, and dealt considerably in real estate. The partnership between him and his brother continued until the latter was killed while rafting on the Allegheny in 1863. James Neel then retired from merchandising, but continued farming and lumbering until his death. His widow, who shared with him all the hardships and trials of early life, is still living at the age of eighty-four.

This worthy couple had a family of children, of whom we have mention of the following: (1) William, born on the old homestead near Perrysville, married Annie Mitchell, of Perry township, who died in 1895; he is still living in Indiana and has a family of children. (2) Archibald married Miss Ellen Watkins, of Indiana county, who died some years ago, leaving a family. (3) Scott is now engaged in farming in Perry township. (4) Hugh married Miss Emma Sprinkle, and they now reside on his farm in Perry township, four miles west of Perrysville. (5) Caroline is the wife of Senator James G. Mitchell, of Perrysville, who is now representing his district in the upper house of the State legislature; they have one daughter, Mrs. Benjamin McCarty, of Perrysville. (6) R. W. P. married Emma Brewer, of Perry township, and they now reside at Horatio, where he is engaged as weighmaster for the Berlin-White Coal Company. He owns a farm in Porter township, Jefferson county. (7) D. Barclay was drowned in Mahoning creek in 1865, at the age of six years.

On the home farm John C. Neel, our subject, was reared to manhood, and in the common schools he acquired a good practical education. After the commencement of the Civil war, he enlisted in Company B, 206th P. V. I., under his brother, Capt. William Neel, and Col. Brady, of Indiana county. He was sworn into the service at Pittsburg, and by way of Baltimore went to City Point, in front of Petersburg, where he did duty for some time. With his command he then crossed the James river, and was engaged in front of Richmond in the winter of 1864. After Lee's surrender he returned to that place, where he did provost duty until June, when he was discharged and returned to Pittsburg, where he was paid off. He reached home on July 4, 1865, and soon afterward entered into partnership with his father in the purchase of timber land. They together followed lumbering until the father's death in 1883, when Mr. Neel formed a partnership with Senator Mitchell, as a member of the firm of Neel & Mitchell, general merchants at Perrysville. They have an extensive store, and from the public receive a very liberal patronage as a result of their honorable dealing and earnest desire to please their patrons. Mr. Neel is also engaged in agricultural pursuits, owning a large farm adjoining the village, wherein he has a fine residence and one of the most commodious barns in the county, being 80 x 50 feet in size, and supplied with all modern improvements.

About the year 1886 Mr. Neel was married to Mrs. Harriet Smith (née Jenart), a native of Armstrong county, Penn. She presides with charming hospitality over their pleasant home, and both Mr. and Mrs. Neel occupy an enviable position in social circles. He is a stalwart Republican in politics, and a wide-awake, progressive citizen, one who lends his active support to all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. His business methods are above question, and commend him to the confidence and goodwill of all. His interests have been prosecuted with energy, and thus in the legitimate channels of trade he has secured a handsome return for his well-directed efforts.

ADAM YOHE, a military veteran, residing in Henderson township, Jefferson county, is one of the prominent lumbermen of his locality, having been engaged in the business for about thirty-five years. He is familiar with all branches
of the work, but for some time has made a specialty of handling square timber, on the Allegheny and its tributaries, sometimes on his own account and sometimes on contract for others, his operations at present being carried on for John McClure. He is also a successful agriculturist, and his farm near Big Run is kept in a good state of cultivation.

Mr. Yohe's ancestors settled in Northumberland county, Penn., many years ago, and his father, Samuel Yohe, who was born there, came to Jefferson county in early manhood, and was married there to Miss Katherine Yohe. When a young man, married, he bought a farm in Winslow township, Jefferson county, but in 1854 he sold it and engaged in lumbering for a number of years, buying and selling square timber extensively. During the war he bought real estate in Big Run, where he resided until his death, in 1889. His estimable wife died in September, 1896. They had eight children, our subject being the eldest. (2) Rebecca, born in Winslow township, married William Klosser, of Big Run, and died there in 1886, leaving three children—Carrie, Elsie and Gertrude, all of whom reside in Big Run. (3) Mary, also born at the old home in Winslow township, married Ezra Earhart, of Clearfield county, who died some years ago; she survives him with three children—Samuel, Ollie and Enos. (4) Harriet, born in Big Run, married Alexander McClure, formerly of Allegheny county, and later a lumberman and agriculturist at Big Run. He died in 1896; she survives him with two sons—(a) Andy, who married a Miss McQuoin, of Big Run, and is now engaged in mercantile business in that city; and (b) Joseph, now attending school in Clarion county. (5) William, who was born at Big Run, owns and operates a farm in Indiana county, Penn. He married Susan Bousher, of Jefferson county, and has had eight children. (6) James, who was also born at Big Run, now resides upon a farm in Henderson township, adjoining that of our subject. He married Miss Josephine Craft, of Jefferson county, and has a family of children. (7) Sallie, born at Big Run, married John Anderson, of that town, and has a large family. (8) Emma, also born at Big Run, married Richard Jones, of Clearfield, who was killed some years ago in an accident on the railroad at Johnsonburg; his wife survived him with two children—Mamie and Charles—and is now the wife of a Mr. Shaddock, a railroad man. They reside on the father's old homestead in Big Run, and they have one child.

Adam Yohe, our subject, was born in 1845, near Lumber City, Clearfield county, but his youth was spent mainly in Jefferson county, he receiving a very limited education. At eighteen years of age, in 1863, he enlisted in a Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry regiment, was mustered into service at Pittsburg, and sent to West Virginia to guard railroad and supply trains. Later, they were sent to the vicinity of Harper's Ferry, where they remained until discharged in February, 1864. On coming home, he engaged in the lumber business, rafting timber down Stump creek and Mahoney river, through the Allegheny to Pittsburg. In 1872 he moved to McKeesport, where he spent eighteen months in sawmill work, and then returning to Big Run, remained there one year, when he purchased the homestead which he still occupies. It was formerly owned by Alexander McClure, and contains seventy-five acres of land lying between Stump creek and East branch. It was in almost its primitive condition when he bought it, but is now a fine farm.

In 1865 Mr. Yohe married Miss Christina Heckman, of Schuykill county, Penn. In 1872 he was again wedded, this time to Miss Maggie Jewel, of Armstrong county, Penn. He has had a large family of children: (1) William Richard, born in Big Run, married Miss Mary Smouse, of Bell township, Jefferson county, and now resides in that township; they have no family. (2) Samuel A., born in Allegheny county, now resides in Gaskill township, Jefferson county; he married Miss Daisy Buterbaugh, of Jefferson county, and has one child—Ralph. (3) James, born at the present homestead, now assists his father in its management. (4) Sarah, born at the present homestead, married Russ Pease, a farmer of Henderson township, Jefferson county, and has one son—Cloie. (5) Dell. (6) Ammie E., (7) Burton. (8) Nettie, and (9) Laura, all at home. (10) Harry died at the age of twelve years. (11) Lula Maude died at the age of seven, and (12) Earl and (13) Pearl (twins), the second of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Yohe takes much interest in local affairs, and he and his entire family affiliate with the Republican party. His father, who was an Old-line Whig, was one of the first supporters of the Anti-slavery movement in his locality. Mr. Yohe and his wife are leading members of the Christian Church at Big Run, to which two of his daughters also belong, and their sympathies are given to every progressive movement.

Albert Baur, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of Brookville, Jefferson county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war,
was born in Reading, Penn., April 24, 1845, a son of Joseph and Barbara (Kretz) Baur. To the same family belonged Ferdinand Christian Baur, the distinguished leader of the Modern Tubingen School of Theology, who was a son of a Wurtemburg pastor, and gave his entire life to theological pursuits. The father of our subject was born in Baden, Germany, whence, when a boy, he came to the United States, locating in Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the jewelry business, including watch making. He later went to New York City, and there his death occurred in 1891. His wife, who was born on the Rhine, in the Fatherland, died in 1856.

Mr. Baur, the subject proper of this review, pursued his studies in the schools of New York City, graduating from the high school of that place at the early age of eleven years. He then worked at various trades, including those of jeweler, watchmaker, hatter, and book-binder, but before arriving at the age of sixteen he laid aside personal interests to go forth in defense of his country. He enlisted in Company I, Hawk's New York Zouaves; but after serving five months his father took him home, as he was under age. Three days later, however, he ran away and joined Company B, 53d N. Y. V. I., but later was transferred to the 102d Light Infantry, in which he served as senior orderly sergeant for two and one-half years. During the engagement at Kenesaw Mountain, Ga., he received four gunshot wounds, which necessitated the amputation of his left leg close to the hip, and November 29, 1864, he was discharged and returned to New York City. While lying in the hospital at Chattanooga, gangrene and erysipelas set in, and the surgeons refused to do anything for him, saying he could not possibly live; but after passing through much suffering he recovered, and to-day is a strong and hearty man. After his discharge he was told to go to the mountains; so leaving New York City with no particular point in view, he landed in Brookville, Penn., and during his sojourn here of three months he rapidly improved; but on returning to New York again he became worse, and four months later we again find him in Brookville.

For fifteen years Mr. Baur then made that city his home, during which time he had charge of the telegraph office, and was also engaged in the hotel business, conducting the "Moorhead House," the "Franklin House" and the "American House." He also resumed the study of music, of which he has ever been a devoted lover, being one of the first to compose music for the banjo, and to-day he is well-known throughout the United States and Europe as a popular writer of banjo music. His published arrangements and compositions number over two thousand. In 1894 he organized the Brookville Banjo, Mandolin and Guitar Club, one of the best organizations of the kind in this section of the State, and every member thereof is a soloist upon his own particular instrument. In 1880 Mr. Baur removed to Flushing, L. I., where he engaged in the real-estate business, and for many years visited New York, Boston, Philadelphia and other Eastern cities, preparing various entertainments and teaching and writing music. In 1884 he sold out at Flushing and went to Pittsburgh, Penn., but a year later again took up his residence in Brookville, where until 1888 he conducted the "Longview Hotel" (now the "Pennsylvania Memorial Home"), and for the following two years was engaged in the grocery business. He was then elected justice of the peace, and is now acceptably filling his second term in that office.

On October 10, 1878, Mr. Baur was united in marriage with Susan M. Kretz, a daughter of Charles N. Kretz, a prominent hotel man of Brookville. She was called to her final rest August 7, 1891, leaving one son, Albert, who is with his father. Mr. Baur takes considerable interest in civic societies, holding membership in the Union Veteran Legion; the Grand Army of the Republic; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Encampment; the Ancient Order of Artisans, and also the Supreme Assembly of that order. He is a Democrat in politics, and although the borough is strongly Republican he has been twice elected to the office of justice of the peace by a handsome majority, which fact plainly indicate his popularity and the high regard in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

J. A. MILLER, M. D., who devotes his time and energies to the practice of medicine at Hamilton, Jefferson county, and has won distinctive preferment as a successful physician, was born in August, 1844, on the old Miller homestead. His father, Samuel G. Miller, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and after his marriage to Mary Keener, removed to Indiana county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits. He was a self-educated man, and thoroughly informed on all business matters. Purchasing a farm near Lewisville, he made it his home until his death, in June, 1880. His wife passed away March 3, 1869.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Miller had a family of seven sons and four daughters: (1) Mary A., born in Indiana county, became the wife of
James G. Shields, and died in April, 1894, leaving a family. (2) Samuel G., educated in the Cleveland Medical College, has for forty years been a practicing physician, and is now located in Bolivar, Penn. He married Miss Hazlet, who died some years ago, and afterward wedded a Miss Snyder, of Westmoreland county. (3) John K. is married and lives in Blairsville, Penn., where he is engaged in the grocery business. (4) Margaret is the widow of R. N. McCombs, who was captain of Company G, 206th P. V. I. He participated in all the battles of his regiment, and died a few years since, leaving a widow and children, who reside in Lewisville. (5) T. S. enlisted in 1863, in Company G, 67th P. V. I., and is now serving as justice of the peace in Lewisville. (6) Sarah J. is the wife of John M. Marshall, of Blairsville, who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. (7) Elizabeth C. resides with her brother, M. G. Miller, in Blairsville. (8) Dr. M. W., who was graduated in the Medical College of Ohio, and is now practicing medicine in Ligonier, Penn., married Ella Giesly, of Westmoreland county, and has two daughters, Maud and Helen. (9) R. N. married Nancy Dickson, of Indiana county, by whom he has three sons, and is now an auctioneer in the town of Indiana. (10) Milton G., who is engaged in the drug business in Blairsville, and is the owner of extensive real-estate interests there, married Ella George, of Westmoreland county, and has two children. (11) J. A., our subject, completes the family.

Dr. Miller, whose name begins this review, was reared under the parental roof, and acquired his education in the schools of Lewisville and Jacksonville, Penn. On September 21, 1862, he enlisted in the 23rd P. V. I., and was sworn into service at Harrisburg. He was stationed at Chambersburg, and, after thirty days, was discharged and returned home. On July 1, 1863, he re-enlisted, this time in Company F, 57th P. V. I., and went from Pittsburg to Wheeling to check the progress of Morgan's raid. After the campaign they returned to Pittsburg, and Mr. Miller was discharged in August, 1863. In August, 1864, he once more enlisted, this time for one year, as a member of Company G, 206th P. V. I., and from Pittsburg, where the regiment was organized, went to Harrison's Landing, and with the Army of the James held the line of works along the Newmarket road. They went into winter quarters at that point, and April 3, 1865, broke camp and marched into the city, the first troops to enter Richmond after the evacuation. Dr. Miller being corporal and color guard of the regiment. After six weeks spent in Rich-
health and strength and again joined his regiment. Later he was wounded in the leg, and from this has never entirely recovered. When the war was over, Mr. Spencer returned to his home and resumed the pursuits of civil life. He bought a farm in Indiana county, where he resided for five years; then sold that property and purchased a tract of wooded land, whereon he followed lumbering. Disposing of that in 1874, he removed to Iowa, and after a short time went to Barton county, Kans., where he bought a tract of prairie land and followed farming some seven years. He then sold his Western home, and returning east spent the succeeding four years as a furniture dealer in Punxsutawney, after which he disposed of his store and bought a sawmill, engaging in the manufacture of lumber in Indiana county, until 1888, when he purchased land on Ugly run, in Jefferson county. There he erected a sawmill and a number of houses, and has since been extensively engaged in lumbering, meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. He is a man of resolute purpose and untiring energy, and by his well-directed efforts has accumulated a comfortable competence.

In July, 1864, Mr. Spencer married Miss Minerva Horn, of Indiana county, daughter of Ellis and Rachel Horn. Her father died in Clearfield county, in 1846, leaving a widow and two children, the son, P. L. Horn, being now a resident of Kansas. To Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have been born nine children. (1) Ida M., born in Indiana county, in 1867, is the wife of William Barnett, a carpenter of Punxsutawney, and they have two children—Ralph B. and Quigga E. (2) Rachel, born in Indiana county, in 1869, married George W. Davis, of Cool Spring, and they now reside on her father's farm; they have four children—Earl, Beatrice, Vesta and Orie McKinley. (3) Deborah, born in Indiana county, in 1871, is the wife of Clark Cumming, of Westmoreland county, Penn.; they now reside near the Spencer home, and have two children—Wilbur L. and Rhoda N. (4) Washington H., born in Barton county, Kans., in 1873, is assisting his father in the mill. (5) Olive A., born in Kansas, in 1878. (6) Lorena B., born in Kansas, in 1881. (7) George B., born in Punxsutawney, Penn., in 1884, and (8) Cecil B., born in Bell township, are still under the parental roof. (9) Blair O., the youngest of the family, was born in 1890, and died at the age of two years.

Mr. Spencer gives his political support to the Republican party, and while residing in Kansas, served as justice of the peace. He and his wife have the warm regard of many friends, and their home is noted for its culture and refinement. They are warm friends of the cause of education, and give a hearty support to all measures calculated to prove of benefit to the community.

JACOB HOCH, who has devoted his life to the honorable pursuits of the farm, is now the owner of a valuable tract of land of 150 acres in Young township, Jefferson county. This is one of the desirable farms of the locality, for its fields are under a high state of cultivation, and good buildings add to the value and attractive appearance of the place.

Mr. Hoch was born in Germany in 1841, a son of Valentine and Elizabeth (Scheffer) Hoch, also natives of that country. In 1850 they sailed for America, and after landing came to Jefferson county, Penn., taking up their residence near Punxsutawney, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father devoting his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of his farm. He died in 1877, and his wife in 1878. Our subject attended the public schools of his native land for four years, and was a lad of nine summers when he accompanied his parents to the New World. Here the schools were inferior, owing to the new condition of the country, and his educational advantages were necessarily more limited. Reared to farm life, he has always followed that pursuit, and his steady application, perseverance and industry have brought to him a success that is well-merited. He engages in general farming, and also successfully carries on the raising of stock. His business methods are honorable and straightforward, and he well deserves the success that has come to him.

Mr. Hoch was married, in 1862, to Miss Rachel Barnett, a daughter of David Barnett, of Jefferson county. She died in 1872, leaving two children: Jacob B. and David B. Mr. Hoch was again married, his second union being in 1874 with Maggie Veit, a daughter of Daniel Veit, of Jefferson county. They have one daughter, Edith May, now the wife of Joseph Willard, of Jefferson county. The mother died in 1877, and Mr. Hoch, in 1880, wedded Miss Elesetta Kiefer, a native of Germany. By this marriage there came five children: Maggie, Bertha, Emma, Laura, Rosa and Carl Frederick.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoch are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney. He is a very prominent member of the I. O. O. F. there, is a past grand, has served as a delegate to the grand lodge, and is a member of the Encampment. His political support has always
been given to the Democracy, and he warmly advocates its principles, but has never sought office, preferring to devote his attention to his farming interests, in which he has met a well-merited success.

MAGNUS ALLGEIER. Prominent among the leading citizens of Brookville, Jefferson county, who are of foreign birth, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch—the owner of the Spring Brewery. He was born in 1842, in Baden, Germany, and is a son of Jacob and Francisca (Burger) Allgeier, also natives of that province. In that country the mother's death occurred in 1845. By trade the father was a tailor, and he followed that occupation in his native land until 1853, when he emigrated to the New World, taking up his residence in Clearfield county, Penn., where he engaged in tailoring until called from this life, in 1888.

In the Fatherland Magnus Allgeier attended the public schools until fourteen years of age, thus acquiring a good practical education in the German language. On leaving the schoolroom he engaged in the brewing business in that country until 1866, in which year he emigrated to America. On his arrival he located first at St. Marys, Penn., but at the end of two years came to Brookville, and established his present business, which he has since successfully conducted. He turns out some 2,500 barrels of beer annually, and his trade extends about twenty-five miles in every direction.

In 1866 Mr. Allgeier was united in marriage with Miss Mary Ringwald, a daughter of Lorenz Ringwald, of Germany, and they have seven children: Philip, the present proprietor of the "Jefferson House" at Brookville; Herman, Albert and Frederick, who are all with their father in the brewery; Louis, who is attending school; and Mary, at home. Mr. Allgeier and his family are all communicants of the Roman Catholic Church. On national affairs he always supports the Democratic party, but at local elections he votes independently, supporting the man whom he thinks will best fill the position. For himself he cares nothing for public office, preferring rather to give his attention to his business interests. He is a progressive, public-spirited citizen, who stands high in the community.

W. McGEE, who follows both farming and lumbering in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and has by his earnest efforts acquired a handsome competence, was born in Young township, Jefferson county, in 1837, and is a son of Robert and Catherine (Graffins) McGee. His father was born in Centre county, Penn., March 17, 1814, and his mother was born in Huntingdon county, March 14, 1817. When a young man Robert McGee removed to Young township, where he married, and then located on the George Weaver farm, where he resided for a number of years. He afterward moved to Bell township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of timber land and developed a farm. His first home there was a round-log house with a clapboard roof, while a log barn gave shelter to his stock. He added other improvements from time to time, extended the boundaries of his farm by the additional purchase of twenty-five acres, and erected a hewed-log house and frame barn. He made his home on that place until his death. His widow is living with her children.

The members of this family are as follows: (1) W. R. is the eldest. (2) John died in childhood. (3) S. A., who was born in Bell township, wedded Mary J. Crawford, of Indiana county, Penn., and follows farming in Bell township. (4) Daniel, a farmer of Bell township, was born there, and married Annis Williams, of Perry township, Jefferson county. (5) George, born in Jefferson county, wedded Melvina — who died some years ago, leaving three children. He afterward married again, and now resides near Winslow Station. (6) Isaac died in infancy. (7) Ephraim died in childhood. (8) Mary A., born in Jefferson county, is the wife of Urias Pearce, of Bell township, by whom she has a large family. (9) J. M., born in Jefferson county, is now a resident of Du Bois; he married Jane Shusley, of Illinois, and has one child, Bertha.

When six years of age W. R. McGee accompanied his parents to Bell township, where he was reared to manhood on the homestead farm. He assisted in the arduous task of developing new land, and also followed lumbering on Mahoning creek for a number of years. After his marriage he purchased 160 acres of land in Gaskill township, Jefferson county, removing to the old log house which stood on the place. After a few years he erected a large frame residence and commodious barn, and continued to clear and cultivate that property until 1880, when he sold to Henry Hane, and purchased a farm of Jacob Keller, in Gaskill township. He has since resided on that property, and now has one of the best improved farms of the township, much of the land being under a high state of cultivation, while all the improvements and accessories of a
model farm indicate that the owner is a most progressive and enterprising man.

In 1860 Mr. McGee was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Smouse, of Bell township, Jefferson county, and they had eight children: (1) Samuel B., the eldest, was born on the old homestead in 1861, attended a select school of Big Run, and is now lumbering in Potter county, Penn. (2) H. M., born in Gaskill township, in 1863, wedded Mary J., daughter of R. S. and Lavina Miller. He owns and resides on the old Miller homestead, and has two living children—Edna and Ruth. (3) J. M., born in 1866, is now in partnership with his brother Samuel in the lumber business. (4) Margaret, born in 1869, became the wife of William Householder, of Huntingdon county, Penn. They resided with her parents until her death, which occurred in a hospital in Philadelphia, where she had gone for treatment in 1896. (5) William L., born in 1872, died in childhood. (6) Richard, born in 1873, died at the age of six years. (7) Richard's twin brother died in infancy. (8) Della A., born in 1878, is still with her parents.

Mr. McGee is a stanch supporter of Republican principles, and has held the office of supervisor for six terms and school director for three years, discharging his duties in a most prompt and commendable manner. His wife is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and both are most highly-esteemed citizens, having the warm regard of all with whom they have been brought in contact.

David Dean, a well-known citizen of Porter township, Jefferson county, was one of the brave “boys in blue” to whom the nation points with pride. He is a native of the county, born in Perry township, in 1837, and is a son of James and Pany (Young) Dean. As his father died when he was quite small, he was reared by his uncle, James Young, upon his farm near Perrysville.

In 1861, at the breaking out of the Civil war, he joined the Union army, becoming a member of the 103th P. V. I., under Capt. Hastings. With the Army of the Potomac, under the command of Gen. McClellan, he participated in the second battle of Bull Run, where his regiment lost heavily. They were next in the battle of Fair Oaks, which was followed by the seven-days' engagement on the Peninsula, and our subject continued at the front, participating in all the battles and skirmishes with his regiment until honorably discharged from the service on account of physical disability. In 1865 he married Miss Angeline Henry, of Jefferson county, and they began their domestic life upon the David Blose property, where they remained one year. They then removed to their present farm in Porter township, whose neat and thrifty appearance attests the skill of the owner in his chosen calling. He was reared as a Whig, and on the organization of the Republican party joined its ranks, and has since been one of its most ardent supporters. Religiously he is identified with Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, and his life has ever been in harmony with its teachings.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dean have been born four children: (1) Crawford, born in Perry township, married Miss Blanche Taylor, of Elk county, Penn., by whom he has two children. They now live in Toby. (2) Irene, born in Indiana county, married Jerry Burket, of Jefferson county, and they also make their home in Toby, where he works in a sawmill. They have one child, Russel Dean. (3) Lizzie, born in Porter township, Jefferson county; married Irwin Singer, of Clearfield county, Penn., who is also engaged in milling in Toby. (4) Cora, born in Porter township, lives with her brothers in Toby.

Charles A. Carrier is one of the leading representatives of the commercial interests of Brookville, Jefferson county, where he is now engaged in the hardware business. His enterprise and progressiveness class him with those citizens who, while advancing individual prosperity, also promote the public good, and are therefore important factors in the welfare of the community wherein they reside.

Mr. Carrier was born in East Hartford, Conn., in 1838, and his parents, Isaac P. and Emma L. (Webster) Carrier, were also natives of Connecticut. About 1860 they came to Pennsylvania, where they spent their remaining days. The father was a carpenter by trade, and followed that pursuit during the greater part of his life. He was a man of sterling worth, quiet and unassuming in manner. His death occurred in 1862; his wife died previous to that time.

Charles A. Carrier received but limited school privileges, but was early trained for the practical duties of a business life, learning the machinist's trade in his youth. He followed that for about fifteen years, and in the spring of 1871 he came to Jefferson county, turning his attention to farming and lumbering in Warsaw township. To those pursuits he devoted his energies some fifteen years, and for the past ten years has been resident of Brookville. Here he conducts a
hardware and agricultural-implement business; also carries a line of buggies, wagons and carriages. His stock in all departments is well selected, and his honorable dealing and courteous treatment of his patrons have secured for him a good business. He is thoroughly reliable, and his standing in the community is high. In the fall of 1871 he married Mrs. Ellen Carrier, a daughter of Thomas H. Harris, a worthy citizen of Brookville, and a native of England. Five children have blessed this union, of whom three are now living: John G., of North Carolina, Lizzie C.; and Harry D. Mr. Carrier and his family are members of the First Baptist Church, and in the work thereon take a deep interest. He is now serving as clerk of the Church, and as a member of the board of trustees. He belongs to the Sons of America, the F. & A. M., and the Ancient Order of Artisans, of which he is past grand master. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, but has neither received nor desired the honors or emoluments of public office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests and social pleasures. He and his family are widely known in Brookville, and the circle of their friends is extensive.

GEORGE R. HALL, the present efficient tax collector of Bell township, Jefferson county, was born in 1837, in Indiana county, Penn. His parents, George and Martha (Gamble) Hall, were both natives of Ireland, and came to America with their respective families in 1819. Soon after their marriage, which was celebrated in Philadelphia, they located in Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., where they resided for many years, while the father engaged in teaming between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. Subsequently he started a screw factory in Centre county, and did an extensive business for some time, but after his removal to Indiana county he engaged in farming up to his death in 1890. The mother had departed this life in 1884.

Our subject obtained a limited education in the common schools of his native county, where he was reared to farm life. After the outbreak of the Civil war, he responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting in Company F, 105th P. V. I., known as the "Wild Cat Regiment," and for more than three years he was in active service. He was wounded in the left arm at the battle of the Wilderness, and in the head at Fair Oaks. He was also captured, but was paroled on the field. Always found at his post of duty, he gallantly defended the old flag and the cause it represented, and now feels the effects of his arduous service. On receiving his discharge he returned to Indiana county, where he remained until coming to Bell township, Jefferson county, in April, 1883. Here he purchased a tract of thirteen acres, upon which he still resides. At the age of nineteen he began teaching, and he successfully followed that profession from 1857 until 1861. Resuming that calling after the war, he taught during the winter months until 1886, and was recognized as one of the leading educators of the county.

Mr. Hall was married, in 1872, to Miss Bella D. Hall, of Beaver county, Penn.; and six children were born to them, of whom one is now deceased; those living are Venna, James T., Carl T., Mary and Martha, all at home with the exception of Carl, who is married and lives in Bell township, Jefferson county. The parents are active and faithful members of the First Presbyterian Church of Punxsutawney, and are numbered among the best citizens of the community.

As a lifelong Republican, Mr. Hall has an abiding faith in the principles and teachings of his party, and has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust in his township. For two terms, while living in Indiana county, he was auditor, and in 1896 he was chosen tax collector of Bell township, in which capacity he is still serving to the satisfaction of all concerned. Fraternally, he is an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Union Veteran Legion Encampment, No. 120.

NATHAN G. EDELBLUTE, one of the representative business men and merchants of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume. 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 character. Although Mr. Edelblute started out in life for himself in limited circumstances, he has through his own efforts succeeded in securing a competence. The birth of our subject occurred at Smoke Forge, Blair Co., Penn., June 24, 1837. His parents, David and Elida (Conrad) Edelblute, were born in the same county when it formed a part of Huntingdon county. The father spent his early life as a sawyer in the milling business, but later turned his attention to the manufacture of charcoal. In 1855 he emigrated to Kansas,
and the remainder of his life was passed in that State, both himself and wife passing away there.

Their son, Nathan G., had the advantages of only the public schools of his youth, but he has become a well-informed man by reading and observation. At the age of ten he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarion county, Penn., where they resided until going to Kansas, and where, at the age of thirteen, he began his business career as a clerk in a mercantile establishment. Since September, 1855, he has been a resident of Jefferson county, and his whole life has been devoted to mercantile pursuits. In 1891 he established his present store in Punxsutawney, and has since been identified with the commercial interests of that thriving little city.

In 1858 Mr. Edelblute was married to Miss Rosetta, daughter of David Frank, and a native of Clarion county, Penn. Of the seven children born of this union, one died in infancy; the others are still living, and are as follows: John Owens who now represents the Adams Express Company at Brookville, Penn.; Anna G., wife of R. E. Clove, who is connected with the "Hotel Pantall," Punxsutawney; David Frank, a merchant of Irwona, Clearfield Co., Penn.; Addie A., wife of Elmer E. Pietsall, a prominent hardware merchant of Brookville; Harry, one of the popular proprietors of the "Hotel Pantall," and Richard C., a member of the firm of Edelblute Brothers, leading merchants of Punxsutawney.

Fraternally, Mr. Edelblute is a member of the F. &. A. M., Blue Lodge and Chapter. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing; he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of Punxsutawney, and he cheerfully gives his support to those enterprises that tend to public development.

Shannon McFadden, Jr., the father of our subject, was born, but he grew to manhood in Jefferson county where he was numbered among the honored pioneers. At the time of his arrival here most of the land was still in its primitive condition, the few settlers were widely scattered, and wild game, which was plentiful, was the chief source of their meat supply. With the growth and development of the county Mr. McFadden bore an important part, and in Oliver township improved a good farm, which, later, he sold on his removal to Polk township in 1848. There he also cleared a tract which he transformed into a fine farm and sold to our subject in 1866, when he removed to another place in the same township, continuing to engage in farming and lumbering throughout life. He made his own way in the world, receiving no assistance from any source, but became one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of the community.

In early manhood Jacob McFadden was married in Jefferson county to Miss Rebecca Reed, whose father, Peter Reed, a native of Germany, first located in Westmoreland county on coming to the New World at an early day, but later removed to Oliver township, Jefferson county, where he improved a farm and spent his remaining years. He was a progressive man, honorable and upright in all his dealings. He reared a family of sixteen children. Mr. and Mrs. McFadden became the parents of seven children, as follows: Shannon, of this sketch; Levi, who died in the service of his country while a member of the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves; Reed P. and Jonathan R., who were also Union soldiers during the Civil war, and are still living; Elizabeth; and Reecer and Enoch, both farmers by occupation. Being a very patriotic and loyal citizen, the father furnished four sons for the Union army, and was only sorry that the two others were too young to enter the service. He was quite radical on all religious and political questions, was one of the leading Republicans of his community, took a prominent part in public affairs, and held a number of township offices of honor and trust. Active in all Church work, he was instrumental in organizing the first Methodist Episcopal Church in his township, of which he and his wife became leading members.

Under the parental roof Shannon McFadden remained until old enough to begin the battle of life for himself, and was then employed in the lumber woods until the Civil war broke out. In 1861, in response to President Lincoln's first call for three-months' men, he enlisted in Company I, 8th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and when his term of enlistment
had expired he joined Company L, 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry, also of the Army of the Potomac. He was soon promoted to the rank of sergeant, and in that capacity participated in many skirmishes and in all the battles in which his regiment took part, but was never taken prisoner. In a hand-to-hand fight with a Rebel he received a bayonet wound in the right hand, and with this exception was never seriously injured. After two years’ service he was discharged for the purpose of enabling him to enlist as a veteran, and he joined the same company, in which he served as lieutenant until the close of the war, being commissioned as such in June, 1864. On receiving an honorable discharge at Philadelphia in August, 1865, he returned home and resumed lumbering, which he has since successfully continued in connection with agricultural pursuits. In the following year he was married, and soon afterward bought the old homestead where he still continues to reside.

In May, 1866, Mr. McFadden married Miss Anna Webster, a daughter of George and Lydia (Rogers) Webster, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Vermont, where their marriage was celebrated. Mrs. McFadden was born November 19, 1842, and in the following year was brought by her parents to Jefferson county, Penn., locating in Eldred township, where the father purchased land and improved a farm. He also engaged in lumbering and the manufacture of shingles, which he marketed in Pittsburg; but after a short residence here he was taken ill, and died June 9, 1855. His wife, who was a Methodist in religious belief, passed away November 11, 1863. She was born in Rutland, Vt., a daughter of Stephen A. Rogers, a prominent agriculturist of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Webster had eight children, namely: Aaron, now a resident of Polk township, Jefferson county; Dolly, wife of L. Jacock; George, who died in August, 1866, from disease contracted in the army; Oscar, who is living in the West; Asher C., a Congregational minister, of Michigan; Anna, wife of our subject; John, who enlisted in the Union army at the age of sixteen, and died since the war, leaving a wife and six children; and Newton, a merchant and postmaster at Munderf, Jefferson county.

Mrs. McFadden was about ten years of age at the time of her father’s death, and her mother being in somewhat limited circumstances, was unable to provide her with good school privileges, so she educated herself, working for her board and support while pursuing her studies. At the age of eighteen she commenced teaching, and successfully followed that profession until

her marriage five years later. She has become the mother of two children: Gussa M., who was born March 7, 1867, and is now the wife of B. D. Shaufner; and Charles H., who was born June 15, 1870, and is still at home.

ADAM SMITH. Prominent among the leading agriculturists and representative citizens of Bell township, Jefferson county, is the subject of this sketch, who comes from across the sea, his birth having occurred in Germany in 1836. In that same year he was brought to America by his parents, Henry and Elizabeth Smith, who spent their remaining years in Canoe township, Indiana Co., Penn., where the father died in 1863, and the mother in 1881.

In their family were eight children, namely: Catharine, a native of Germany, grew to womanhood in Indiana county, where she married William Smith, of Jefferson county, and with their family they now live in Young township, of the latter county. Adam is next in order of birth. Mary is the wife of Jacob Dunmire, of Canoe township, Indiana county. Anna is the wife of George Smith, of Young township, Jefferson county. George married Call Bohn, of Canoe township. John, who served throughout the Civil war, married Catharine Plinn, and lives in Indiana county. Henry wedded Rachel Dunmire, and resides on the old homestead in Indiana county. Maggie is the wife of Stewart Miller, who owns and operates a farm in Canoe township.

Under the parental roof our subject remained until he had attained his majority, aiding his father in the labors of the farm. He manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting, in July, 1861, in Company I, 62d P. V. I., under Capt. Means, of Brookville, and Col. Black. After being sworn in at Pittsburg, the regiment went to Washington, D. C., where it was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and the first engagement in which it took part was in front of Richmond, the battle lasting seven days. Here Mr. Smith was shot through both hands by a minie ball, and had to be taken to the hospital in Annapolis, Md., where he remained for three months. Rejoining his regiment at City Point, he went with the army on their march through Maryland to Harper’s Ferry, and was later engaged in the battle of Antietam. He then crossed the Potomac at Harper’s Ferry, where he was honorably discharged, as he was unfit for duty, owing to the wounds in his hands, which rendered him almost helpless.

After his return home he was married, in
1864, to Miss Mary Thomas, of Young township, Jefferson township, where he purchased a partially-improved farm of fifty acres, on which he and his wife made their home some fifteen years. He then sold to the Walston Coal Company, and in 1881 purchased the old Robert McGee home- stead, where he still continues to reside. He has cleared twenty acres, erected a substantial residence and good barn, removed the stumps from his land, and made many other excellent improvements, so that it is to-day one of the most highly cultivated and desirable farms in Bell township. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have children as follows: John T., born in Jefferson county, married Della Rupert, of Bell township, by whom he has four children—Homer, Emma, Effie and Ord—and they now reside on a part of his father’s home- stead. Maggie is the wife of Jacob Bahna, a farmer of Indiana county, Penn., by whom she has three children—Fred, Homer and one whose name is not given. Joseph, Henry, Leonard, Irene, Mollie and Robert are all single, and live at home with their parents.

Mr. Smith uses his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and for one term acceptably served as supervisor of his township. In religious faith he is a Protestant, but has never united with any Church organization. His present state of affluence is the result of his own individual efforts and those of his estimable wife. He has proved himself a loyal and devoted citizen, true to the interests of the country, and is honored, respected and esteemed by all who know him.

James Gourley. In the development of this section the lumber trade has necessarily been one of the leading industries, and has attracted some of the shrewdest and most talented men. The subject of this sketch, a well-known citizen of Jefferson county, and a member of the Big Run Milling Co., has for many years ranked among the most prominent workers in this line.

Born December 25, 1835, in Jefferson county, Penn., Mr. Gourley is of Irish extraction on his father’s side. George Gourley, his grandfather, was born in Ireland in about 1773. On coming to America, he located in Huntingdon county, Penn., where he resided seven years; then went to Armstrong county, where his death occurred when he was eighty years of age. His wife survived him three years, and both are buried in the Prairie Church cemetery in Jefferson county. All of their eight children grew to maturity, and all are now dead. Thomas Gourley, the father of our subject, is also a native of Ireland. He came to the United States at the age of fourteen, and soon afterward settled in Jefferson county, where he followed farming, a most congenial employment for one of his quiet tastes. He was called from earth at the age of sixty; his estimable wife, Eleanor (Adams), who was a native of this State, survived him some twenty years. She was the daughter of Robert and Margaret (Crawford) Adams, he a native of Pennsylvania; both are deceased.

Reared as a farmer boy, our subject attended school in the old log school houses in his day, and profited as best he could by the limited curriculum then afforded. As he neared manhood he naturally became interested in agriculture, to which he added lumbering. His business extending beyond local limits, he moved in 1892 to Big Run, where, as one of the members of the Big Run Milling Co., he commands an extensive trade. He is also interested in lumbering on his own account. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and is interested in local affairs of every nature. In politics he is a stanch Republican; but ambition for public office has never interrupted his devotion to business, although he has at times been "drafted" into service by his community, and he is now a councilman of Big Run borough. He has also served as school director, greatly to the advantage of the cause of education. Mr. Gourley has a commodious and taste- ful residence at Big Run, and his family are prominently identified with the social life of the town, and with the M. E. Church, in which he is a steward and trustee. His wife, formerly Miss Mary E. Coulter, to whom he was married December 20, 1860, came to Jefferson county when seven years old. Of their six children, three are living: Florence B., wife of Charles McNinch, of Jefferson county; Emma A., wife of Ferdinand Weber; and Miss Eleanor, an attractive young lady, now at home.

Mrs. Mary E. (Coulter) Gourley was born February 25, 1836, in Westmoreland county, Penn., the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bell) Coulter, who were born in 1803 and 1804, respectively. They had eight children, only three of whom are now living. The parents are buried in the Beaver Run cemetery, Jefferson county. William Coulter, the father John Coulter, and grandfather of Mrs. Gourley, was born in Ireland in about 1788. His wife was formerly Miss Mary Coulter; all of their seven children are now dead. David, Bell, Mrs. Gourley’s maternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland. He married Margery Bell, and they have five children, all now dead.
HENRY ZIMMERMAN, a prominent resident of McCalmont township, Jefferson county, is the owner of three fine farms, and his comfortable surroundings form a sharp contrast with those of his youth, when he started out in the world without a penny to make his way as he best could. Industry, economy, and careful management were the foundation of his success, and even now, though nominally retired from active business, his early habits of activity prove too strong for him, and he will do a piece of work that will astonish the "young folks."

Mr. Zimmerman was born August 1, 1834, in Bavaria, Germany, a son of Jacob and Louisa Zimmerman, who were born, reared and married in that province. The father's health failing, the family came to America in the spring of 1848 in the hope that the change would benefit the sufferer. The ocean voyage occupied thirty-five days, and on landing they went to Jefferson county and purchased a tract of fifty acres of land adjoining our present homestead. The father died there eleven weeks later, at the age of fifty-four; the mother survived until 1885, when she passed away, aged sixty-three; both are interred in the Rhodes graveyard in McCalmont township. They were devoted Christians and consistent members of the Reformed Church. Six children were born to them: Jacob died in Jefferson county; Sarah, who died in 1893, was the wife of Frederick Hawk, also deceased; Henry is mentioned more fully below; Godfrey, a retired farmer, resides in Troutville, Penn.; Miss Louisa died in 1895; and Frederick is a farmer and carpenter at Sykesville, Pennsylvania.

For a year after his arrival in Jefferson county our subject remained at home, and then he spent eight years in the employ of a neighboring farmer, working on the farm in summer and in the woods in winter. In 1870 he purchased his homestead of 160 acres, the price being $800, of which he was to pay $200 down, and the remainder in five years. The place really cost him $1,000, however, as (he says) its previous owner, wishing to secure a pair of oxen belonging to Mr. Zimmerman, took advantage of the latter's inability to meet a certain payment, and tried to force a sheriff's sale. Mr. Zimmerman borrowed the necessary funds and thwarted the plan, but the interest and costs increased the sum total of his obligations considerably. He has since added two other farms to his possessions, one in Henderson township, Jefferson county, and the other in Clearfield county. Mr. Zimmerman has always held a high place in the esteem of his associates, and while he has never had any aspirations for public office is an influential Democrat. He takes much interest in educational progress, and has served as school director. In religious faith he is a Lutheran.

On April 3, 1872, Mr. Zimmerman was married, in Bell township, Jefferson county, to Miss Barbara Weaver, and of this union five children were born: Miss Laura resides in Troutville, Penn.; Susannah married John Noerr, a farmer and sawmill operator of McCalmont township, and they have four living children—Clyde, Carroll, Ella and Clara; Henry, who conducts his father's farm in Henderson township, Jefferson county, married Miss Katie Heilburn, of that township, and has one child—Bertha; William, who manages the homestead, married Miss Lena Hullbaugh, and has two children—Milton and Amos; David, a farmer of near Troutville, married Miss Lucy Rhodes. Mrs. Zimmerman is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and was born May 5, 1832, a daughter of George and Eleanor (Schuch) Weaver, and a granddaughter of Henry Weaver, a farmer. Her parents came to America in 1834, and located near the present site of Troutville, where they remained five years. They then moved to Bell township, but later returned to Troutville to spend their declining years in retirement. They were members of the Reformed Church, and in politics the father was a stanch Democrat. He died in January, 1875, aged seventy years, and the mother in January, 1885, at the age of seventy-eight. Of their children, the eldest, Henry, an excellent mechanic, is now a carpenter at Johnstown, Penn.; Barbara (Mrs. Zimmerman) is the second in order of birth; Andrew died in Penfield, Penn., in April, 1887; Peter died in August, 1887, at Du Bois, Penn.; George is a farmer and sawmill operator in Bell township; Adam is a farmer in the same township; Susanah married Jacob Edinger, who owns a farm and gristmill near Luthersburg; Elizabeth married Samuel Kuntz, and lives at the homestead at Troutville, where Mr. Kuntz manufactures cider and conducts a sawmill and chopmill.

JOHN EILER. Among the citizens of Jefferson county who are of German birth is the gentleman of whom this narrative is written, and who is now one of the leading lumbermen and farmers of Perry township. In his native land he learned the traits of economy and frugality, which have been the source of his present competence. Many of the best citizens of the county are his countrymen, and they almost invariably merit and receive the esteem and respect
of the community to the same degree that he does.

In 1840, Mr. Eiler's parents, Casper and Catharine (Bartsick) Eiler, crossed the Atlantic on a sailing vessel, reaching the harbor of Baltimore after a long and tedious voyage of fifty days. By canal and railroad they proceeded to Pittsburg, Penn., and first stopped for two months in Beaver county, where the father and one son died and were buried. The family then went to Butler county, where our subject purchased a farm, making it his home for ten years and a half. He then removed to Indiana county and bought 162 acres of pine timber land, about thirty of which he cleared, erecting thereon a log house and barn. While residing there he engaged in the manufacture of shingles, and also rafted square timber down the river to Pittsburg.

At the father's death he left a widow and three children: Frederick, the eldest, was born in Germany in 1827, came with his parents to the New World, and grew to manhood in Indiana county, Penn., whence he moved to Jefferson county, to make his home with his brother-in-law, Peter Beam, in Porter township. He has never married, and is still living at the age of seventy years.

In 1852 John Eiler was married to Miss Dorothy Bartholomew, of Indiana county, where they continued to make their home some fourteen years. Removing to Perry township, Jefferson county, Mr. Eiler purchased 250 acres of partially-improved land of James Postlethwait, ninety acres being cleared. He has since devoted his time and attention to its further cultivation and development, and now has 126 acres under the plow. In 1883 the original house was burned, together with all the household goods, but during the same year it was replaced with a small dwelling, and in 1884 a large two-story frame structure was built and supplied with all modern improvements, making it a most desirable country home.

Mr. Eiler's first wife died in 1895, leaving five children: (1) George, born in Indiana county, in 1854, now resides on a part of his father's farm; he married a Miss Hartsel, of Clarion county, Penn., and has two daughters—Cora and Nolie. (2) John, born in 1856, died on the old homestead in 1881, at the age of twenty-four years. (3) Sophie, born in Indiana county, in 1858, married Charles Gasien, of Jefferson county, and now resides on his farm on Elk run, near Punxsutawney. They have one child. (4) Mary, born in Indiana county, in 1860, is with her father. (5) Lizzie, born in Indiana county, in 1865, became the wife of John Schesley, of Jefferson county, and located in Elnora, Penn., where he died in 1894, leaving five children—Robert, Paul, Charity, Mary and Joseph; since her husband's death Mrs. Schesley has resided with her father. (6) Adam, born in 1869, has spent his entire life thus far on the home farm in Perry township, and is unmarried.

In October, 1896, Mr. Eiler was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Harriet Frair, of Porter township, Jefferson county. Although an ardent Republican in politics, he has never aspired to office, but always faithfully discharged his duties of citizenship. He and his family hold membership in the Evangelical Church of Perry township, and have a host of warm friends throughout the community. Coming to this country in limited circumstances, he has been the architect of his own fortune, and is deserving of the highest commendation. Possessing the esteem and respect of all who know him, he may well be ranked among the honest and representative German citizens of Jefferson county. His honor and integrity are unimpeachable, his word being considered as good as his bond. Having prospered in his undertakings, he gives liberally to the erection of schools and churches, especially toward the building of St. Jacob's Church, to which he belongs.

ROBERT S. MILLER. Probably the two most important occupations to which Jefferson county is indebted for its prosperity are farming and lumbering, and to these Mr. Miller devotes his energies, winning thereby a comfortable competence, for he is a man of energy and progressiveness in his work. He was born in Indiana county, Penn., in March, 1828, and is a representative of one of its early families.

The grandfather of our subject was reared in Bucks county, Penn., whence, when a young man, he went to Indiana county, where he bought from the government 800 acres of land on Crooked creek at twelve cents per acre. There he spent his remaining days, dying in 1813, and leaving a family of six children: (1) Annie, the eldest, married John Black, and they resided in Indiana county. (2) Ruth became the wife of William Stunkard, and they made their home in Jefferson county. They had three children—Mary, wife of Silas Brooks, of Winslow township, Jefferson county; James, married, is living in Perry township, Jefferson county; and Margaret, also married and living in that county. (3) Polly became the wife of Levi Anthony, of Indiana county, and in 1840 removed to Jefferson county, where she died some years ago. (4) Margaret married William Hopkins, of Phila-
delphia, and located in Perry township, Jefferson county, where he followed farming until his death; he died a few years ago at the age of ninety-one; his wife survived him, dying at the age of eighty-five. Two of their four children are living—John, farming on the Arkansas river in Kansas, and Mary, who resided on the old homestead in Perry township, and is the widow of John Redding, who died some years since, leaving a large family. (5) Robert, born in Indiana county in 1800, married Sarah Anthony, of that county, and followed farming there for a number of years. He then became a farmer of Perry township, Jefferson county, where he died some years ago. His wife passed away in Illinois, leaving a son, Thompson, who now resides in Henry county, that State.

Henry Miller, the father of our subject, was born in Wayne township, Indiana county in 1803. He married Annie Shaw, of that county, and in 1833 purchased 160 acres of timber land in Henderson township, Jefferson county. Building there a log house and barn, he moved his family to the new place and began the improvement of his land. He afterward erected a good frame dwelling and barn, cleared seventy-five acres of land, and also followed rafting, running the lumber down the river to Pittsburg. He died on the home farm June 4, 1859; his wife survived until 1863.

They had thirteen children: (1) William, born in Indiana county, in 1825, died at the age of eight years. (2) Jane, born in Indiana county, in 1826, is the widow of John Bowers, who was a farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county; was a defender of the Union, during the Civil war, and died at Fortress Monroe. He left three children—Henry, John and Martha. (3) Mary, born in Indiana county, in 1830, became the wife of Lewis Edwards, and after a few years' residence in Jefferson county removed to Illinois in 1834. They afterward went to Davis county, Mo., later to Kansas, and subsequently to Bushnell, Ill., where Mrs. Edwards died in 1866, leaving three children—Elizabeth, Lucinda and John—who still remain in Kansas. (4) John Miller was born in Indiana county, in 1831, came with his parents to Jefferson county, and here married Jane Cary. He bought a farm in Henderson township, which he afterward sold, removing to Du Bois, Pennsylvania, where he became foreman for John E. Du Bois. His wife died in June, 1890. Their children are James, married and living in Du Bois; Mrs. Anne Clinton, of Du Bois; Nettie, wife of Frank Hamilton, of Big Run; Harry W., married and living in Du Bois; Cal, of the same city; and Ralph, who married a Miss Kirk, of Brady township, Jefferson county, and also lives in Du Bois. (5) Ruth, born in Henderson township, Jefferson county, in 1833, went with her sister Mary to Illinois, and there married Joseph Pierce, with whom she is now living in Jasper county, Iowa. They have a son, Robert. (6) James, born in Jefferson county, in 1835, married Louisa Farnsworth. He enlisted as a private in the Civil war. He took part in many battles, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He made his home near Grampian, Clearfield county, until killed by a run-away horse in 1896. (7) Florence, born in Jefferson county, in 1836, is the wife of George Peoples, a farmer of Westmoreland county, Penn., and their children are Harvey, a conductor on the Pittsburg & Philadelphia railroad; Lewis, who is married, and is a railroad man of Westmoreland county; Newton, of Pittsburg; Boyd, married, and residing in Westmoreland county; George; and Laura, who is married, and making her home in Allegheny, Penn. (8) Elizabeth A., born in Henderson township, in 1838, is the wife of James Cochran, a farmer of Big Run, and their children are Clinton and Nelson, who are married and residing in Big Run; William, married and making his home in Du Bois; May; and Hannah, wife of Abram Leach, of Big Run. (9) Henry, born in 1840, died in childhood. (10) Margaret, born in Jefferson county, in 1842, is the wife of William Meander, a farmer of Illinois, and their children are—John; Ansel, who is engaged in the practice of law in Chicago; Esther, Rena and Mabel, at home. (11) Martha, born in Henderson township, Jefferson county, resides in Big Run. She is the widow of Isaac Cochran, who died leaving two children—Otis and George. She has since married George Depp, of Big Run, and her children by this marriage are Harvey, James, William, Philip, Robert, Johnnie and three daughters. (12) Matilda, born in Henderson township, in 1849, became the wife of Joseph Morehead, of Franklin county, Penn., and they resided in Big Run until her death. She left two children—Annie, married and living in West Hickory, Penn.; and James now in West Virginia.

Robert S. Miller, whose name begins this article, came to Jefferson county with his parents during his boyhood, and was reared on a farm in Henderson township. In 1849 he married Lavina Bowers, daughter of William and Lucy Bowers, well-to-do farming people of Jefferson county. His father gave him one hundred acres of land adjoining the old homestead, and he there carried on farming until 1852, when he sold that property and purchased 160 acres of timber
land in Gaskill township. This he transformed into a good farm, making many excellent improvements thereon. In 1864 Mr. Miller enlisted in Company B, 82nd P. V. I., for service in the Civil war. At Petersburg he was stricken with typhoid fever, and remained in the field hospital until May, when he was transferred to Campbell Hospital, in Washington, D. C., and from there to Stanley Hospital, in Philadelphia, where he was honorably discharged. He then returned to the farm, which he has since successfully operated, and in connection has carried on lumbering to some extent. His brother James was also a Union soldier, and was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

In March, 1895, Mr. Miller was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who had proved to him a most faithful companion and helpmeet. Their children were as follows: (1) Maria, born in July, 1850, is the wife of Edward Holowell, a native of Indiana county, Penn., now residing on a farm in Gaskill township, Jefferson county. Their children are—George, Henry, James (who married Lillie Bear, of Indiana county, and lives on a farm in Gaskill township), Harvey, Martha, Annie and Lula. (2) Lucy, born in July, 1852, became the wife of Daniel Couch, of Gaskill township, and died in 1895, leaving eight children—Arthur, Jesse, Lavina, James, Guy, Paul, Minnie, and Wade. (3) Ruth, born in July, 1854, is the wife of Elias Cochran, a farmer of Jefferson county, and their children are Jennie, Henry, Marion, Annie and Lavina, and two whose names are not given. (4) William B., born in May, 1856, died at the age of eight years. (5) Henry, born in August, 1858, died in early manhood. (6) Mary Jane, born in July, 1865, is the wife of Meade H. McKee, and with their two children, Edna and Ruth, they reside on the Miller homestead. (7) James, born in February, 1869, died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican, has served as school director for two terms, and was constable one year. He discharged all his public duties with the same fidelity that marked his action when on Southern battle fields he followed the old flag. In business and private life he is known for his honorable purpose, and his upright career commends him to the confidence and respect of all.

**HUGH M. BELL** is a representative of one of the oldest families of Jefferson county, his grandfather, John Bell, having taken up his residence in Perry township, in pioneer days. He removed thither from Westmoreland county, and took an active part in the development of that region.

Joseph Bell, father of our subject, was born on the homestead near Perrysville, and after attaining his majority purchased 130 acres of timber land, on which he built a story-and-a-half log house and a log barn. In 1825 he married Sarah McKee, and took his bride to his new home in the midst of the forest, where together they shared in the hardships and labors incident to pioneer life. He afterward erected a frame residence, which since his death has been destroyed by fire. His first wife died in 1833, leaving two sons, and he afterward married Rachel Backman, by whom he had three daughters: Jane, wife of Miller Means, of Perry township; Elizabeth, wife of William McGee; and Mary E., wife of W. P. Morris, of Jefferson county. The father passed away in June, 1850.

F. W. Bell, the elder brother of our subject, married Sarah C. Robinson, of Jefferson county, and located in Perrysville, where he erected a tannery and carried on business for a number of years. He also owned considerable real estate there. On selling his tannery in Perrysville he went to Brookville, where he built another tannery, which he operated some years. He then carried on the business for a few years in Clarion county, Penn., and afterward removed to Doniphan, Mo., where he purchased farm land and a flouring-mill. He is still engaged in business there. His wife died in 1896. They had five children: Martha is now Mrs. Caldwell, of Missouri; Hattie is the wife of Dr. William Armstrong, a practicing physician of Kane, Penn., by whom she has four children; Mack followed stock raising in Kansas until his death in July, 1896; Minnie D. was married, and resided in Missouri until 1896, when she died, leaving a husband and five children to mourn her death; Charles died in Missouri, at the age of ten years, soon after the removal of his parents to the West.

H. M. Bell, of this review, was born in 1826, on the old family homestead where he still resides. He has always carried on agricultural pursuits, and has made many excellent improvements upon his farm. In 1889 he erected a large two-story frame residence, also built a commodious barn, and in the cultivation of his land uses the latest improved machinery. He now has one of the best farms in the county, its well-tilled fields yielding to him a golden tribute, and indicating to the passerby his enterprise and progressiveness.

Mr. Bell was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Martin, and brought his bride to the old
home place. Here seven children have been born to them: (1) John T., born in 1853, was graduated with honor from an Ohio college, read law with Charles Clark, of Indiana county, Penn., and is now practicing law in the town of Indiana. He married Lizzie Todd, of that place, and they have two children—Hugh T. and one whose name is not given. (2) Joseph C., born in 1855, married Annie Cook, of Iowa, and after his marriage removed to Oregon, where he was drowned while bathing. (3) George, born in 1857, wedded Hattie McGee, of Clearfield county, daughter of James McGee, one of the pioneer lumbermen on the west branch of the Susquehanna river. They have three children, and reside in Punxsutawney, where he is successfully practicing dentistry. (4) William M. died in infancy. (5) Frank W., born in 1864, wedded Mary J. Smitten, of Indiana county, and lives on the family homestead. They have three children—Lydia, Joseph C. and Laura. (6) Elizabeth, born in 1863, is the wife of Burton Carrier, proprietor of a furniture store in Kane, Penn. (7) Lot, born in 1865, studied dentistry, and is now following his profession in Jeannette, Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bell and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Frostburg, and in politics he is an ardent Republican. He has been a prominent factor in the development of the county, and has lent his aid and influence to the furtherance of Church and School interests, and to the promotion of all causes tending to benefit the community. He is a warm friend of the cause of education, and providing his children with superior advantages in this direction; his family is well numbered among the most cultured of the county.

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AMUEL P. ANDERSON, the well-known ex-sheriff of Jefferson county, is one of the most substantial and prosperous farmers and business men of Clover township, as well as one of its leading and representative citizens. He belongs to a prominent family whose name is inseparably connected with the agricultural and industrial interests of this region, and whose members have been important factors in its progress and prosperity.

David Anderson, our subject's grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and born in Ireland, where he married a Miss Berry, by whom he had nine children: James, Samuel, David, John, Thomas, Mary, Ann, Sarah and Elizabeth. At an early day he emigrated to the New World, and located in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he improved a farm and continued to make his home until called from this life. He and his wife, who also died on the old homestead, were Presbyterian in religious faith.

James Anderson, the father of our subject, grew to manhood in Westmoreland county, where he wedded Rebecca Carson. Her father, Joseph Carson, was a native of New Jersey, and when a young man took up his residence in Westmoreland county, where he followed agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. His children were eight in number: Jackson, Joseph, Prine, James, Margaret, Catherine, Rebecca and Mary. To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born the following children: Ann, wife of R. J. Nicholson; Alaretta, wife of H. Holden; Samuel P., of this sketch: James C. and Watson H., both farmers; Silas R., a traveling salesman; Mrs. Violet Fleming; and Margaret, who first married a Mr. Commons, but is now the wife of W. D. Fowler, of Oklahoma. All of the family are identified with the Presbyterian Church.

In Westmoreland county the father developed a good farm, but in 1843 he sold out and came to Jefferson county. He had previously engaged in the salt business there for about five years, and on purchasing land here secured a tract including a salt well, situated near Red Bank creek, a half mile south of the little village of Troy. Here he established salt works, lowering the well and putting in the necessary machinery for the manufacture of salt, which he successfully conducted for a number of years. Known as the Old Salt Works, it became a historical spot, and was the only industry of the kind in this section of the State. Customers came from long distances, and the salt was often sold as high as $4 per barrel. Later a similar enterprise was established where salt could be manufactured cheaper, and Mr. Anderson abandoned his works. Together with his sons he then turned his attention to the improvement of the farm, and lumbering, which he carried on quite extensively. His place comprised 260 acres of heavily-timbered land, but by industry, perseverance and well-directed efforts it has been transformed into a rich and productive tract. Mr. Anderson and his sons also joined a company which purchased about 6,000 acres of timber land in Knox township, Jefferson county, for the purpose of lumbering, and when the property was divided he retained 1,000 acres, which still belongs to the estate and is very valuable, being underlaid with a rich coal deposit. There the family still continue to engage in lumbering. After a long, busy and honorable life the father passed away.
at the age of eighty-three, and his wife died one year later at the age of eighty-two. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Anderson, whose name introduces this sketch, was born November 20, 1826, in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he was educated in the common schools, and on coming with his parents to Jefferson county began to assist in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm, where he still continues to reside. He and his brother, James, purchased a large tract from their father, later divided the same, and they still live upon their respective portions. Upon his place our subject has made many valuable improvements, including the erection of a handsome two-story frame residence on the bank of Red Bank creek, overlooking the valley and Summerville, and commanding a fine view of the surrounding country. Underlying his land are three coal veins, and one of limestone six feet in thickness. In connection with the cultivation of his land he has also dealt to some extent in farm machinery, and has met with good success in this undertaking.

In 1849 Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Lavina Jaynes, who was born in Westmoreland county, April 27, 1831, a daughter of William and Margaret (Henderson) Jaynes, also natives of that county. Her grandfather, Timothy Jaynes, was from New Jersey, and was an early settler of Westmoreland county, Penn. In early life her father followed cabinet making, but later was a traveling salesman, selling medicine for his cousin, Dr. Jaynes, of Philadelphia. He died at the old home in Westmoreland county, December 11, 1862, and his wife on August 26, 1868, both members of the Baptist Church. They were the parents of six children, namely: Mrs. Caroline Green; Joseph, deceased; Lavina, wife of our subject; Mrs. Julia A. Carson; Mrs. Malinda Work; and Timothy, now a resident of Oklahoma.

To Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were born nine children: Mrs. Anna M. Irvin; Mrs. Margaret R. Scott; Miles E., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead; Harry, also an agriculturist; Mrs. Kate R. Beck; Mrs. Ella Snider; Mrs. Olive Swanger; Mrs. Ida M. Vennietya; and Melissa, who died at the age of twelve years.

Mr. Anderson is a recognized leader in the ranks of the local Democracy, and has been called upon to fill a number of important positions of honor and trust, including those of high sheriff of his county (1852-85), and justice of the peace. He retired from office as he had entered it, with the confidence, respect and esteem of the entire community, and is one of the most popular and prominent citizens of his adopted county. Since the age of fourteen he has been a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, is one of its most active workers, and has served as elder for many years. His estimable wife is also connected with the same denomination.

S AMUEL T. HOOVER, who for fifteen years has served as justice of the peace of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, is a citizen who represents the best interests of the community, and has been a prominent factor in promoting the enterprises that have secured the substantial development of his township and county. He was born in Armstrong county, Penn., January 1, 1825, a son of Samuel and Sarah (Thomas) Hoover, natives of the Keystone State. His father followed farming throughout the greater part of his life, and was active in Church work. He died at the age of eighty-six years; his wife had preceded him to the grave.

"Squire" Hoover, as our subject is familiarly known, had but limited educational privileges, for the school terms were short and the teachers often but poorly qualified for their duties. He remained on the home farm until eighteen years of age, and then started out to make his own way in the world with but twenty-five cents in his pocket. For his first work he received fifty cents per day, but his wages were gradually increased, and at the end of the year he returned home, having saved $256. This he invested in wild land, and for many years thereafter he operated rafts on the Susquehanna river, navigating that stream from one end to the other. In 1847 he entered the employ of Stewart & Co., and later acted as agent for the company, who had a 1,500-acre tract of timber land. This he managed from 1851 until 1860, when he purchased the store and business of his employers, and continued merchandising until 1863. Mr. Hoover then sold out and came to the farm on which he is still living. It was then a wild wooded tract, which he at once began to improve, and now he has one of the best cultivated farms in Jefferson county. There are good buildings upon the place, the fields are neat and thrifty in appearance, and the owner has for thirty-five years been regarded as one of the leading agriculturists of Gaskill township.

In 1865 Mr. Hoover went to the defense of the Union as a member of Company B, 74th Pennsylvania Infantry, and did valiant service for his country until the close of hostilities, when he returned home to his family. He was married in 1854 to Christiana Kinter, a daughter of
Finley Kinter, of Indiana county, Penn. They have four children: Alfred E., of Jefferson county; Dr. Burton E., a prominent dentist of Reynolds-ville, and the first dental graduate among Jefferson county's native sons; Laura L., wife of John Wainwright, of Omaha, Neb.; and Ella C., wife of Clarence Smith, of Jefferson county. Squire Hoover and his wife are members of the Methodist Protestant Church, and he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic. He cast his first Presidential vote for Henry Clay in 1844, and has been identified with the Republican party since its organization. He is an admirer of Grant, Lincoln, Garfield, McKinley and the class of men who have embodied our best American citizenship, and most largely promoted the interests of the nation. He has served in several local offices, and for fifteen years has acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace, discharging his duties with marked fidelity and fairness. He is a man of strong purpose, unaltering in his support of what he believes to be right, and Jefferson county may well number him among its valued citizens.

Hon. William L. Corbett, generally known as Judge Corbett in the neighborhood in which he resided, was born on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1826, in Clarion township, Clarion Co., Penn. The home of his parents, Isaac and Margaret Corbett, stood on the side of the old Susquehanna and Waterford turnpike, about a mile east of Clarion borough. He received his middle name, Lucas, after the family of his mother. His ancestors were among the original settlers of Clarion county, and had been united by the marriage of his grandfather, William Corbett, with the Clovers, a family equally as large. The grandparents, William and Sarah Corbett, were the progenitors of that very large connection at present residing in northwestern Pennsylvania. At the early age of fourteen years William lost his father, and being the only child was left the sole support of his widowed mother. She and her son had been left a farm of considerable size, and as was frequently the case in that day it was accompanied by a scarcity of money. This resulted in many a sacrifice and denial, and furnished Judge Corbett that early training which was the common inheritance of men of his time. His boyhood was mostly consumed by assisting in the management of the farm, and in attendance on the neighborhood schools. As soon as the Clarion Academy was erected and opened, on the site of the present public-school building in Clarion borough, Will-
and so thoroughly, that in a very short time, for a young man, he rose to the very front rank in the profession. His peculiar physical appearance made him well known to every one in Clarion county. Every one that ever attended court, and caught sight of him once, would ever know him. Massive, rugged and robust, in motion slow, in speech sonorous and deliberate, grave in aspect, serious in demeanor, of antique and heroic mold, he, in heated debate, seemed the incarnation of force and energy and power. In the trial of cases in court, he was a leader in Clarion and adjoining counties for many years. For forty years he occupied the position as the leading trial lawyer in cases before those courts. He was uniformly and thoroughly a lawyer. Everything that came under his observation was considered and treated in a lawyer-like manner. If it was making an improvement, erecting a house, or making preparations for an outing to hunt or fish, every need and want was considered and provided for in the most practical way. Preparation was the secret of Judge Corbett's success. There were few questions that he read or heard inquired of relating to his profession that did not receive immediate deliberation and examination. Very frequently what was considered general knowledge with him, was the result of study in anticipation of being called upon for an expression of his opinion. In the trial of cases Judge Corbett gave himself up more completely to this principle of life. From his introduction into a case he commenced a critical analysis of it in all its phases. A page was immediately set apart in his brief book, and when the day of trial came there was a record of the points likely to arise, and the authorities relating to the same. In his advice to one younger at the Bar who expressed regret of the manner a trial of a case embarrassed him, he said that the best cure for nervousness under such circumstances was thorough preparation.

Judge Corbett in early life was a Whig in politics, but in 1854 he attached himself to the Democratic party, and on several occasions was chosen delegate to county and State conventions. In 1868 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention that nominated Horatio Seymour for President. In 1872 he was elected delegate-at-large to the State Constitutional Convention, and served on its most important committees. In this distinguished body he met the leading lawyers and public men of that period in Pennsylvania, and his ability and character became known throughout the State, and the friendships formed with its leaders were cherished throughout life. In 1876 he was elected a member of the State Senate of Pennsylvania, and served two years. Here his ability as a lawyer was at once recognized, and he was assigned to the most responsible committees. This term in the Senate was characterized by a spirited discussion on anti-discrimination and pipe-line bills. Judge Corbett, while representing a district then the heart of the oil territory of the State, was expected to take an active part in supporting measures before the Legislature on these subjects. This he did as to the pipe-line bill, but he refused to speak on behalf of the anti-discrimination bill, as he believed, as drawn, it was unconstitutional, and the history of subsequent legislation on this subject in Congress supported the view taken by Judge Corbett at that time. His refusal to act in opposition to his convictions to please a few was used against him, and his service in the Senate was limited to one term.

In January, 1885, he was appointed president judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District, by Gov. Pattison, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. James G. Knox, and served during that year. He brought to the discharge of the duties of that office the same ability and integrity that characterized all his actions through life. One of the most important cases that came up before him remains in the reports as a monument of his legal ability. In the case of Commonwealth ex. rel. The Attorney General vs. the N. Y., L. E. & W. R. R. Co., 114 Penn. 340, the State sought to escheat the lands of the defendant company. Eminent counsel appeared on both sides of the case. After hearing the argument Judge Corbett took the case from the jury. An appeal was taken, and the supreme court reversed the ruling of the lower court. Two years afterward, in Commonwealth vs. N. Y., L. E. & W. R. R. Co. et al., 132 Penn. 591, the same question came before the higher court, and after a re-argument the court reversed its former ruling. The supreme court then ordered a re-argument in the first case, and in Commonwealth vs. Railroad Co., 139 Penn. 457, reversed their former ruling and adopted the view taken of the case by Judge Corbett.

Judge Corbett's love for dumb animals was particularly noticeable to those who knew him. Very frequently in passing from the court house to his office would he speak to a dog, or to a horse tied to a hitching post. So familiar was he with these fellow creatures that a delivery horse of a neighboring grocery store would prick up his ears whenever the Judge came in sight. Most of the children of Clarion knew him; and it was unusual for him to pass a small child without noticing it. In his profession he was es-
especially spoken of for his kindness to his fellow members of the Bar, and particularly to beginners, in always having time to talk with them over hard points in their practice.

On January 22, 1895, Judge Corbett tried a case in the common pleas of Clarion county, in which he made a long and exhaustive argument. He retired that night in very good spirits, expecting to commence another case the following morning. About dawn of the next day he was stricken with paralysis. Then followed fifteen days during which part of the time he was conscious; at other times in his delirium he was trying again the legal battles of his past life, asking the court or the jury, in the name of justice, to remember the favorable points of his client's cause; and to overlook wherein he had failed. Pleading, as he was wont to do, for the supremacy of mercy, justice and truth, the strong and noble spirit of William L. Corbett passed into the presence of his Creator, seeking "no reward but the crown for duty done."

We cannot close this short sketch of such a character in a more fitting manner than to quote the resolution of the Bar of Jefferson county: "That of him we can truthfully say, that he was an honest man, a law-abiding man; that he proved himself in the several courts to be an attorney of sound learning and ability, faithful alike to the court and to his client, that he used no falsehood, and never retarded the administration of justice for either lucre, malice, or to obtain an unfair advantage."

Maj. Bernard J. Reid, a gallant soldier, lawyer and civilian of prominence of Clarion county, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., April 24, 1823, a son of Meredith and Eleanor (Hanlon) Reid.

Both parents were natives of Ireland, and there resided until they reached manhood and womanhood. Immigrating to America in 1817, they located in Westmoreland county, Penn. Meredith Reid was a surveyor, and on coming to this country pursued that vocation in connection with mercantile pursuits and school teaching, throughout his lifetime. He was a sturdy son of the Emerald Isle, and made a good citizen in his adopted country. He died in Westmoreland county in 1844. His wife departed this life two years previously.

Bernard J. Reid was born at a period in the history of that section when the subscription schools were in vogue, before the advent of the public schools. He attended both, however, and also an academy near Fayetteville, Ohio, where the classics were taught. At the age of sixteen years he began teaching, and for three years taught in the public schools of his native county. In April, 1842, he came to the borough of Clarion, and for one year taught a select school, when he became editor and part owner of the Iron County Democrat. In 1844 this paper was consolidated with the Clarion Republican, the new paper being styled the Clarion Democrat, and was published by Reid & Alexander. In the fall of 1845 Mr. Reid disposed of his interest to his partner, he having in the spring of that year been appointed surveyor of the county by Governor Shunk. He faithfully devoted himself to the duties of the office until in June, 1847, and at intervals read law under the direction of Thomas Sutton, of the Clarion Bar. From June, 1847, until May, 1849, he was employed at St. Louis, Mo., in the office of the surveyor-general of public lands for the district of Illinois and Missouri. In May, 1849, he started across the Plains en route to California, the journey occupying over five months. He remained in that State until 1852, being engaged in mining, printing, farming, and teaching. He taught school for one year and a part of that time he was Professor of English, Mathematics, and Spanish in Santa Clara. In December, 1852, he returned to Clarion, Penn., resumed his law studies with his former preceptor—Thomas Sutton—and was admitted to the Bar December 9, 1853. He practiced his profession alone until 1857, when he entered into partnership with Robert Sutton. This law firm continued until the fall of 1860, when Mr. Sutton abandoning the law for the Ministry, Mr. Reid became associated in practice with James Craig.

In July, 1861, immediately after the battle of Bull Run, Mr. Reid, fired with patriotism, began recruiting a company to go into the Civil war in defense of the Union. On September 5, 1861, Captain Reid marched with his company to the front. It became Company F, 63d P. V. L. Col. Alexander Hayes, commanding the regiment. Captain Reid participated in all the skirmishes and engagements in which the regiment figured during the Peninsula campaign, and on August 1, 1862, he was honorably mustered out of service at Harrison's Landing, Va. He then returned to Clarion and resumed his law practice alone, Mr. Craig his former partner, having closed his office and gone West. In June, 1863, on General Lee's invasion into Pennsylvania, which prompted the governor to call out the Militia of the State, Captain Reid raised a company for three months' service and marched to Pittsburg where it became Company D, 57th
Pennsylvania militia, and its captain the major of the regiment. Major Reid remained with the command until it was mustered out of the service August 17, 1863. The only active service this regiment was engaged in was in the chase and capture of General Morgan and his raiders near New Lisbon, Ohio.

On returning home he resumed the practice of his profession. In 1865 the law firm of Reid & Patrick was formed, Major Reid associating with him J. H. Patrick. From the spring of 1871 till the spring of 1874 Major Reid was a resident of Titusville, Penn., going at the latter date to Erie, Penn., where he remained until in August, 1877. Since then he has resided at Clarion, and has been engaged in his chosen calling, associated from 1878 to 1889 with his eldest son, and from the latter date up to the present with F. J. Maffett, the firm being Reid & Maffett. Major Reid is one of the substantial citizens of Clarion. He is not only an able lawyer, but a man whose learning and talents have been recognized in other lines of the activities of life. On the organization of the Clarion State Normal School in 1887, he was made a trustee of the institution, and has since sustained that relation to it. He is also one of the Educational committee.

On February 21, 1854, Mr. Reid was united in marriage with Miss Letitia Farran, daughter of John Farran, and six of their nine children survive, namely: Ambrose B., Charles V., Mary Agnes, George J., Letta E. and Norbert S. Mary Agnes and Letta E. are Sisters of Mercy, and in the order are known as Sister Mary Agnes and Sister Alphonsa. The eldest son was admitted to the Bar in 1878, and since 1889 he has been located in the practice at Pittsburg. George J. is a Catholic priest located at New Castle, Penn. The parents of these are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Major Reid is identified with the G. A. R., in which he has served as commander. He is now (1897) Judge Advocate of the Department of Pennsylvania. Since 1872 he has acted with the Democratic party.

Rev. Russell Madison Felt, who is now living retired in Sligo, Penn., was for many years one of the leading Methodist Episcopal ministers in this Conference.

He was born in Potter county, Penn., November 6, 1839, and is a son of Comfort D. and Marcia (Robinson) Felt, natives of Allegany, N. Y., where they continued to make their home until coming to Brockwayville, Jefferson county, Penn., in 1846. Both had previously been married, the father's first wife being a Miss Clark, by whom he had children as follows: Orange, who died, and had a son, Adelbert; Charles, a farmer of Chautauqua county, N. Y., and Mrs. Lucina Benson, a widow living in Chautauqua county. The mother first married Russell Madison, and to them were born three sons: Harley, who was killed at the battle of Petersburg during the Civil war; Alonzo, a resident of Brockwayville, Penn., and Sidney G., who is engaged in lumbering in the State of Washington. Our subject is the second in order of birth of the children of the second union, the others being Betsy E., who first married Jacob Linzenbigler, and after his death wedded Mahanan Heath, a farmer of Clearfield county, Penn.; Rachel M., twin sister of our subject and the wife of William Rice, a retired farmer and lumberman living in Brockwayville; Jacob D., who died in 1854, at the age of thirteen years; Polly E., wife of David Rimer, a farmer of Clearfield county; and Ira, who died in infancy. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in Brockwayville May 10, 1871, at the age of seventy-one years, and his wife passed away in June, 1885, at the age of seventy-eight, both being laid to rest in the Brockwayville cemetery. When married they were members of the Baptist Church, but later united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father became an exhorter and class leader in the same. He always took quite an active and prominent part in Church work, and was a liberal contributor to all enterprises for the betterment of his fellowmen.

Mr. Felt, whose name introduces this sketch, was seven years old when he left the farm on which he was born and removed with his parents to Jefferson county, locating near Brockwayville. Until he had attained his majority he remained at home, engaging in both lumbering and farming, and at the age of twenty-two purchased a farm in Snyder township, Jefferson county, which he successfully operated for eight years. In the meantime he had enlisted, August 29, 1864, in Company B, 211th P. V. I., under Capt. Charles McLain. In front of Petersburg, April 2, 1865, he was three times wounded, twice in the left shoulder and once in the neck. For eight hours he lay on the battlefield, and was then taken to City Point hospital, three days later to a hospital in Washington, D. C., where he also remained three days, and from there was transferred to a hospital in Philadelphia, where he was finally discharged.

On his return home Mr. Felt resumed farming, but in 1874 he joined the Erie Conference for the purpose of devoting his time to the work
of the ministry. For one year he was located at Putneyville, later spent two years in charge of the congregations at Emerickville and Reynoldsville; was then stationed at President, Venango county, one year; three years in Washington township, Clarion county; three years in Rockland; two years in New Bethlehem; two years in Bellevue, Jefferson county; and for five years was pastor of the Church at Sligo. Owing to ill health he retired in 1893, and has since made his home in the last-named place.

In Brockwayville, Penn., August 7, 1861, Mr. Felt was married to Miss Anna S. Rimer, Squire Samuel B. Behman performing the ceremony. Two children blessed their union: Emerson D., who is engaged in clerking in Venango county, Penn., married Luella Boarland, and has two children—Rush W. and Charles; Jennie G. is the wife of Harry C. Hodil, a merchant of Sligo. Mrs. Felt was born in Porter township, Clarion county, December 16, 1840, and is a daughter of Christian and Anna (Shick) Rimer, natives of Northampton and Clarion counties, respectively. They were married in the latter county, where they continued to reside until 1855, when they removed to Dayton, Armstrong Co., Penn., where during his last years the father lived retired. The mother died in 1845 at the age of twenty-nine years, and was buried at Churchville, Clarion county. She left the following children—Elizabeth, now the wife of Christ Space, a stone mason and farmer living near New Bethlehem, Penn.; David, who married Polly Felt, a sister of our subject, and is engaged in farming in Clearfield county; Nancy J., deceased wife of Z. Space, who conducts a meat market at New Bethlehem; Anna S., wife of our subject; Catherine, deceased wife of James A. Gorley, a farmer of Warren county, Penn.; Robert A., a farmer of Armstrong county; and William, an agriculturist of Big Run, Pennsylvania.

After the death of his first wife, Christian Rimer married Margaret Beers, by whom he had seven children, namely: Mary A., wife of James Schrecengost, of Armstrong county; Jacob, who is engaged in the bee business in that county; Priscilla, wife of Charles Frye, a merchant of Illinois; Maria, wife of James Terp, a machinist, now engaged in the foundry business in Du Bois, Penn.: Lydia, wife of a Mr. Smith, a wagon maker of Armstrong county; Ada, wife of John Gray, a farmer of that county; and John, a merchant of Illinois. The father was an extensive land owner, and was a very successful agriculturist. He was a prominent and active member of the Presbyterian Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He departed this life June 8, 1889, at the age of seventy-eight years, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Dayton, Armstrong county.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Felt were Jacob and Elizabeth (Hilliard) Rimer, who were born, reared and married in Northampton county, Penn. On coming to Clarion county they located on the present site of the town of Rimerburg, which was named in honor of the grandfather. Here he took up 300 acres of land, which he divided into town lots and subsequently sold at one dollar per lot. He then removed to a farm in Toby township, a mile and a half from Rimerburg, on the Callensburg road, where he made his home until his death. His remains were interred by the side of those of his wife in the Churchville cemetery in Clarion county. Christian and Betsy Shick, the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Felt, were natives of Northampton county, and came with the Rimer family on their removal to Clarion county, where they died, being buried in the Oak Ridge cemetery. They were consistent members of the German Reformed Church.

Fraternally, Mr. Felt is a prominent member of Sligo Post, G. A. R., while, politically, he is identified with the Republican party. His estimable wife is also an earnest and faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has proved a true helpmeet to him, always having aided and encouraged him in his work. They have labored untiringly in the Master's cause, and long after they have entered into their final rest their influence will continue in everlasting circles.

BYRON H. FRAMPTON, the present postmaster of Clarion and for years an active and leading business man of that borough and of Clarion county, was born in Clarion township, October 31, 1857, and is a representative of one of the earliest families of the Commonwealth.

William Frampton, as far as is known, was the progenitor of the family in America. He was a Quaker or Friend, and was associated with William Penn in the first settlement of the State, holding high positions in the infant colony. In 1686 he was keeper of the seal, and in a book containing the early records of their proceedings (a copy of which is in the possession of Judge Tuttle, of Warren, Ohio), also in "Colonial Records, Vol. 1," Carnegie Library, Allegheny, Penn., William Frampton is frequently spoken of. He was a prominent merchant of the then young city of Philadelphia, and, in the book referred to, is given an invoice of goods im-
ported by him. He was a prominent member of the Council or Legislature of the Colony or Commonwealth.

Samuel F. Frampton, the father of B. H. Frampton, and the son of David Frampton, who was a direct descendant of the William Frampton mentioned, was born here in Clarion county (then Armstrong county), A. D. 1813, his mother being, before marriage, Miss Hannah Lebaugh. Samuel Frampton married Eveline Reynolds, who, too, was a native of Clarion county, where both passed their lives, he dying in 1886, and she in 1896, being among the very best people of the county, having lived useful lives. He was engaged largely in farming, and amassed considerable fortune. He was a most active and enterprising citizen of Clarion county, and left his impress upon the community. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank, of Clarion, Pa., also of Reid Institute, which was for many years one of the best institutions of this section. The children of this couple were: Melinda, who is the wife of R. S. Cathus; Richard R., who is a prominent oil merchant of Oil City, Pa.; Elizabeth E., who married J. H. Elliott; Minerva J., who is the wife of Hon. J. H. Wilson; Anna B., who is the wife of Dr. W. L. Williams, of Ridgway, Pa.; David T., who resides at Clarion; Eva A., who married T. M. Kier, now of Peru, Ill., and she is now deceased; Ida M., who is the wife of Rev. John S. Wrightner; and Byron H., who is the subject of this review.

Byron H. Frampton was reared on his father's farm, remaining there until twenty-two years of age. He received his education in the public schools and at Reid's Institute. On leaving the farm he went to Callensburg, and became engaged in mercantile pursuits, following that business there for three years. He was next occupied for two years in the lumber business, following which he again went into merchandising, this time at Clarion. He was a successful merchant of the borough for the succeeding seven years when he engaged in the insurance business and became interested in oil producing, and followed these lines of business several years. In 1893 he was appointed postmaster of Clarion, and has since filled the position with ability.

On April 12, 1882, Mr. Frampton was married to Miss Nellie M. Mohney, who was born at Strattonville, Pa., in 1862, and is a daughter of Peter Mohney, a prominent merchant of Strattonville, Pa. To this marriage have come two sons and one daughter, Villard, Samuel, and Ro- maine. The parents of these are identified with the Baptist Church; the father has been leader of the choir for the past twelve years. Both are interested in all work having for its object the elevation of morals and the good of the community. Socially, Mr. Frampton is a member of the F. &. A. M., and I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat, believing firmly in the principles of the party, and has ever been active in party work. Postmaster Frampton is one of Clarion's good men and one of its best citizens.

WILLIAM S. REED, deceased, was for many years one of the leading and prominent stock-raisers and farmers of Clarion county. His entire life was passed in Highland township, where his birth occurred in 1823. He was the second son in a large family, whose parents were John and Jane (Lamb) Reed, highly respected citizens and honored pioneers of Highland township, where the father was at one time owner of 1,500 acres of land.

Reared upon the home farm, William S. Reed obtained a good practical education in the public schools of the locality, and also became thoroughly familiar with every department of farm work. In 1848 he purchased 180 acres of land adjoining the old homestead, and after clearing some of the land, he erected thereon a small house and made other improvements. Having secured a home of his own, his next desire was to have some one preside over it. Accordingly in 1852 he married Miss Elizabeth Berlin, of Beaver township, Clarion county, a daughter of Paul and Nancy Berlin, well-to-do farming people, who spent their last years in Forest county, Pa. In their family were nine children: Lavina, wife of Jacob Mires, of Olean, N. Y.; Elizabeth, widow of our subject; Elias; Jacob; Ann; John; Sarah; Lucy and Emily.

Mr. Reed took his bride to his new home, and upon that place he spent the remainder of his life. In 1877 he erected a commodious residence with all the modern improvements, and at the time of his death had converted the wild land into one of the most desirable and highly cultivated farms of Highland township. There he passed away October 25, 1880, leaving many friends as well as his family to mourn their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed became the parents of eleven children, all born on the home farm in Highland township: (1) Nancy, born in September, 1853, is now the wife of Joseph De Villier, a farmer of Highland township, and has ten children—Maud E., May, Mary Blanch, William N., Edith, Pearl, Frank, Genevieve, Margaret and Theresa. (2) Rose Ellen, born in April,
1855, received a common-school education, and married Wisor Kahl, of Fryburg, Clarion county, where she died in 1890, leaving a husband and seven children—Frank Howard, John Royal, George W., Edna G., Elizabeth, Grover C. and Nellie. (3) Araminta F., born in December, 1836, is the wife of Edward Bower, a farmer of Warren county, Penn., by whom she has four sons—John R., Arthur L., James and Amos. (4) Caroline E., born in October, 1858, was married in December, 1881, to William H. Halseyback, a native of Sweden, and they now live in Falls Creek, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he is part owner in the Falls Creek Brick Works; they have six children—Mary E., Grace, Helen G., Fred W., Elsie and Walter. (5) Lavina A., born August 17, 1860, received a common-school education, and married Miles Crooks, of Clarion county. They reside near Strattonville on the James Crooks homestead. Their children are: Margaret E., Charles Reed, Daisy Nell, Hazel and Samuel A. (6) John Paul, born in November, 1862, was married in 1891 to Lydia Sterrett, of Clarion county, and they reside on the old homestead, where he has erected a large two-story house; they have two sons—Archie and Cecil Ray. (7) S. Gertrude, born in February, 1865, attended the public schools, but completed her education in the Clarion Normal. She is a very fine scholar, and has for seven years successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion and Forest counties. (8) William Albert, born in April, 1867, obtained his early education in the common schools, and has also taught for five years in the public schools of Clarion county. In 1891 he graduated at the Clarion Normal, after which he taught for two terms, and then entered the Washington and Jefferson College, graduating at that institution in the spring of 1897. In the fall of that year he entered the Allegheny Theological Seminary, where he is preparing for the Presbyterian ministry. He is a remarkably bright young man, and undoubtedly a brilliant, as well as a useful, future awaits him. At the early age of twenty years he was elected elder of the Presbyterian Church with which he is connected, and has also served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. (9) Amos R., born in August, 1869, graduated at the Clarion State Normal School in 1896, he also having attended Franklin College, of Ohio. He has followed the teacher's profession for four or five years, and is now teaching in Washington, Penn. (10) James E. Clyde, born in August, 1871, secured a common-school education; he was married in 1895 to Elizabeth Doers, of Forest county, and they now live upon a part of his grandfather Reed's purchase, adjoining his mother's home. (11) Malissa, born in May, 1873, died at the age of one year.

Mr. Reed used his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and filled the offices of school director and supervisor for one term each. He was an active and prominent member of the Presbyterian Church of Shiloh, to which his widow and children also belong. He gave a liberal support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, educational or material welfare of his community, and took an active part in all Church work. At all times and under all circumstances he was an earnest, consistent Christian gentleman, and in many respects his life was well worthy of emulation. His children have profited by his example, and now fill honorable and useful positions in life. The family is one of prominence in educational, religious and social circles, and the sterling worth of its members is appreciated by their many friends.

W I. REED, of the firm of Sansom & Reed, editors and publishers of the Clarion Democrat, is a man whose make-up and qualifications are well suited for the successful conduct of a newspaper.

Mr. Reed is the son of Thomas and Frances (Irwin) Reed, natives of Beaver county, Penn., the birthplace of the son. The latter received his education in the common schools of his native county. At the age of sixteen years he began serving an apprenticeship in the office of the Venango County Republican at Oil City, where he laid the foundation for his profession. He continued in the printing business in Oil City for several years, then engaged in the same business for himself at Indianapolis, Ind. Later he connected himself with the press of Pittsburg, Penn., and in Beaver county, Penn., as an editor, publisher and business manager. There he remained until coming to Clarion in 1885. He was one of the publishers of the Beaver Argus, and established the Rochester (Penn.) Daily Argus. He served as clerk of the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds at Washington, D. C., during the Congressional term of 1882-83. He is a stockholder and has been a director of the Clarion State Normal School since its establishment. He is also secretary of the board of trustees of that institution. In 1885 he became a partner with George G. Kribs in the publication of the Clarion Democrat, with which paper he has ever since been identified. Since 1890 the paper has been conducted by Messrs. Sansom & Reed, and under their excellent business management and
able editorship the paper has wielded an influence for good in the county of Clarion, where it is a potent factor in the politics of the party whose cause it has espoused.

In 1875 Mr. Reed was married to Miss Clara M. Dale, a daughter of David Dale, a pioneer of Clarion county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed are members of the Baptist Church of Clarion, the former being clerk of the Clarion Baptist Association, a position which he has held for years—longer than any of his predecessors. He is also a member of the F. and A. M. He is one of the best citizens of Clarion, using his talent and influence in the promotion of all measures having for their object the elevation of mankind, and aiding such enterprises as look to the development of the resources of Clarion county.

W. L. SANSOM, one of the editors and publishers of the Clarion Democrat, like his associate, is well fitted and qualified for the profession which he has so long and successfully followed.

James B. Sansom, his father, before him was a practical printer, editor and publisher. The son was born May 5, 1834, at McConnellsburg, Fulton county, Penn. In 1862 he went with the family to Indiana county, and in the schools there received his elementary education. Leaving school when but fourteen years of age he entered the office of the Indiana Democrat, then published by his father, where he remained seven years. At the expiration of this time he was appointed to a clerkship in the Auditor-General’s office at Harrisburg, Penn., under Gen. Justus F. Temple, and was re-appointed under Hon. William P. Schell. He served in the position for six years. In July, 1880, he purchased a half interest in the Jeffersonian Democrat at Brookville, Penn., Maj. John McMurray owning the other half. In 1889 Mr. Sansom purchased his partner’s interest in the paper, the Major going to Clarion, where he became associated in the publication of the Clarion Democrat. In 1895 Mr. Sansom and Maj. McMurray exchanged their properties, Mr. Sansom coming to Clarion, and the Major going to Brookville. Since that time the Clarion Democrat has been very successfully conducted by Sansom & Reed, Mr. Reed having been identified with the paper since 1885. Mr. Sansom is a good newspaper man, understanding thoroughly the business in all its branches. As a citizen he is progressive and enterprising, and he is highly esteemed wherever known.

On December 19, 1897, Mr. Sansom was married to Miss Mary M. Moorhead, a daughter of A. T. Moorhead, of the Indiana Progress, a Republican paper. To this union were born four children, as follows: Charles L. (who is in the office with his father), Mary M., Dorothy J. and Martha E. The parents are members of the M. E. Church of Clarion. Mr. Sansom is a member of the F. & A. M.; and also of the K. of P. He is now serving as school director.

THE CLARION DEMOCRAT, a bright and newsy paper of Clarion, Clarion county, now published and edited by Messrs. Sansom & Reed, was established at Clarion in May, 1840, by William T. Alexander and Robert Barber. It was then styled the Republican. In 1844 the Republican was consolidated with the Democrat, which was founded in 1842, under the name of the Clarion Democrat, with B. J. Reed and William T. Alexander as proprietors and editors. In 1845 Mr. Reed sold his interest to his partner, and during the same year Col. Alexander took in as a partner George W. Weaver, of Bellefonte, and the two conducted the paper for seven years. In June, 1862, James T. Burns became connected with the paper, but in December, 1862, sold his interest to R. B. Brown, who in 1864 became sole proprietor and editor. In January, 1872, Mr. Brown introduced the first steam press used in the county. In 1877 George F. Kribbs became owner and editor of the Democrat, and conducted it until in 1885, when he was joined in the publication by W. I. Reed. These men were associated with its publication until in 1889, at which time Mr. Kribbs disposed of his interest to Maj. John McMurray, who came from the Brookville Jeffersonian. At the close of that year Maj. McMurray was succeeded by W. L. Sansom, and from that time to this the paper has been conducted by Sansom & Reed.

HON. E. HEATH CLARK, present judge of Clarion county, is a native of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., born July 22, 1839, a son of Jesse G. and Sarah W. (Hastings) Clark, and a grandson of William and Susan (Griffeth, Clark.

William Clark, the grandfather, was a native of the Keystone State, born February 19, 1791, near Danville, Montour county, and was by trade a carpenter. In 1812 he enlisted in a company of men numbering about one hundred, en route for Black Rock, New Buffalo, on Lake Erie. On the march from Lewiston to their destination they passed over the old State Road through Brookville and camped one night at
Rigleys, on the top of Anderson’s Creek hill, near Curwensville, Clearfield county, and also at Port Barnett, near Brookville. About 1825 Mr. Clark moved to Blairsville, Indiana Co., Penn., where he lived until 1830, and was engaged in building locks on the canal. In October, 1830, he moved his family to Brookville, Jefferson county, at which time there was but one house within the present limits of that thriving town. The second house, a hotel, was erected by Mr. Clark, on the northwest corner of Jefferson and Pickering streets, where the home of the Hon. A. C. White now stands. Later Mr. Clark purchased the lots on the corner of Main and Mill streets, now occupied by the Hon. Henry Truman. On this lot the second hotel of Brookville, prior to 1839, was erected by William Clark. In 1839 he moved his family to Clarion, Penn.: “He took an active and prominent part in politics and was twice elected sheriff of Jefferson county, and for four years carried the mail to Indiana, Penn. He married Susan Griffeth, and they became the parents of: Jesse G., Matilda S., William F., Calvin B. and Jane E. William Clark died in 1843, and his wife in 1862.

Jesse G. Clark was born January 22, 1815. When the family in 1839 moved to Clarion, Jesse G. purchased three lots, on one of which he erected a hotel, which he called the “Forest House,” but which to-day is still standing, well preserved, and known to the public as the “Loomis House,” the property of M. Murphy. In 1841 this hotel property was sold to Robert Barber, of Strattonville, and the family returned to Brookville. That year Jesse G., in partnership with his brother, William F., established a general merchandise business at the corner of Main and Pickering streets, now the site of the Matson Brick Block. As early as 1832 Jesse G. Clark had, in connection with James P. Blair, embarked in the newspaper business. They established and edited at Brookville a weekly paper known as the Back Woodsman. This paper later passed into the hands of Thomas Hastings (father-in-law of Jesse G. Clark), who successfully conducted it for a number of years. After disposing of the paper, Jesse G. Clark entered the law office of Elijah Heath, and about 1835 was admitted to the Bar. He practiced law for some time with the late Lewis B. Durham, and in 1841 became associated with Barclay D. Jenks, a brother of the Hon. William P. and Hon. George A. Jenks, of Brookville. For a number of years Mr. Clark was land agent for Charles Oglesby, who owned large tracts of land in Jefferson and Clarion counties. He was, also, much interested in politics, and in 1844 made a political speech at Shippenville—the late Judge Samuel Gilmore was also one of the speakers on that occasion. The excitement of that campaign may be judged from the fact that the procession which left Brookville to attend the meeting was four miles long before reaching Shippenville. Jesse G. Clark married Sarah W. Hastings, who was born March 19, 1819, in Centre county, Penn., a daughter of Thomas Hastings. The latter was one of the most distinguished citizens of the time, and held the office of sheriff in Centre county; in 1827–28 was a member of the General Assembly; and in 1846 was appointed by Gov. Francis Shunk as associate judge of Jefferson county. He died in Brookville in 1871 and his wife, with whom he had passed over half a century of wedded life, did not long survive him. To Jesse G. Clark and wife were born two children, who grew to maturity: E. Heath Clark, mentioned below; and William T., who was born May 7, 1841, and died June 20, 1883; he served in the Civil war, enlisting first in the three-months’ service and later re-enlisting for three years: Jesse G. Clark died in Brookville, February 4, 1847, and his widow formed a second matrimonial alliance—her second husband being Capt. Robert R. Means, who was born April 25, 1819, and died October 4, 1877. Mrs. Means, mother of E. Heath Clark, died June 4, 1889.

Hon. E. Heath Clark received his early education in the public schools of Brookville, then at the academy at Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Penn., and in 1858 at the academy of New Bethlehem, Clarion county. In the early ’60s he began the study of law with George W. Ziegler, of Brookville, and continued this study with W. P. and George A. Jenks, of the same place, and was admitted to the Bar in 1866. Since that time he has given his attention exclusively to his profession, and his application has been rewarded by a success most gratifying to his ambition. His motto is justice for all and favors for none. The first year of his legal practice he passed alone at Brookville, and then formed a partnership with Lewis A. Grunder, which lasted until 1869, when Mr. Clark entered the law firm of W. P. and George A. Jenks as a partner, which partnership continued until the election of W. P. Jenks to the Bench in 1871. George A. Jenks and Mr. Clark continued under the firm name of Jenks & Clark for nearly twenty years, when Mr. Clark formed a partnership with his half-brother, George W. Means, and until 1891 this firm enjoyed a most lucrative practice. During the year 1891, Mr. Clark’s eldest son, Benjamin M., was admitted to the Bar and became a member of the
firm of Clark, Means & Clark. That year Mr. E. Heath Clark was elected Judge of the 18th Judicial District, comprising the counties of Clarion and Jefferson. In 1895, Jefferson county, having acquired a population of 40,000, was organized into a separate judicial district, No. 51—Clarion county still constituting the 18th, to which Judge Clark now gives his entire attention.

On April 22, 1861, Judge Clark was married to Miss Matilda H. McCreight, a daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Harriet McCreight, and to them have been born three children: (1) Lida S., who married E. A. Litch, and after his death became the wife of William C. Burton, of Brookville. (2) Benjamin McCreight, now the law partner of George W. Means, of Brookville; and (3) Harry G., a druggist in Franklin, Penn. Benjamin McCreight, the father of Mrs. Clark, served as county commissioner and treasurer of Jefferson county, fulfilling his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Mr. and Mrs. McCreight were among the earlier settlers of Brookville, Penn. He died August 3, 1883, at the age of eighty-two years, having been preceded to the unseen life by his devoted wife, who passed away January 26, 1880, at the age of seventy-four years. Her father, Andrew Hunter, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Politically, Judge Clark is a Democrat, and religiously a Presbyterian. He is very popular, both socially as a man, and professionally as a jurist.

PHILIP COOK, deceased, was for a number of years one of the leading farmers and lumbermen of Farmington township, Clarion county, as well as one of its honored and highly-respected citizens. A native of the county, his birth occurred in Beaver township in 1822, but during his boyhood he was taken by his parents, John and Susan (Helpman) Cook, to Cooksburg, in 1828. On reaching manhood he was principally engaged in lumbering and boat building at that place in partnership with his brother, Judge A. Cook, for a number of years.

During the dark days of the Civil war, our subject enlisted in the Union service, but was later discharged on account of physical disability. In 1878 he was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Barrett, of Ohio, a daughter of John W. and Sarah Lavelly Barrett. Mr. and Mrs. Cook began their domestic life upon the farm in Farmington township, Clarion county, where the latter still resides, it having previously been purchased by Mr. Cook. Upon the place he erected buildings, and made many other excellent improvements which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry.

Mr. Cook died from an injury in May, 1897, leaving a wife and two daughters, besides many friends to mourn his death. His children were: Susan E., who was born in December, 1880, and is now attending the Clarion Normal School; Arthur, who was born in 1882, and died in 1884; and Louisa B., who was born in 1884, and is attending the home school. The mother and daughters reside on the old homestead, and in the social circles of the community they occupy a prominent position. Mrs. Cook holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and is a most estimable woman.

Politically, Mr. Cook was originally an Old-line Whig and later a Republican. He always took active and commendable interest in local affairs as well as in State politics, and was one of the most prominent members of the party in his community, devoting himself to its best interests. He also advocated a high protective tariff, and was well informed on governmental affairs. Being a man of large business experience and liberal views, he was foremost in almost every enterprise for the public good, when sound judgment and good financial ability were needed. He was an influential citizen, a kind neighbor, and was greatly beloved and respected by all who knew him.

D R. KNIGHT (deceased) was for many years one of the prominent and representative citizens of Richland township, Clarion county. He was born on the old homestead there, January 12, 1831, and was one of the large family of children whose parents were Daniel and Hannah (Reichert) Knight, honored pioneers of Clarion county. The father was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., of German ancestry, and was an agriculturist by occupation. Upon the farm which he owned and operated in Richland township his wife died, but his death occurred in Beaver township, Clarion county.

Our subject spent the days of his boyhood on the home farm, and in Richland township, December 8, 1853, he married Miss Anna Crum, a native of Beaver township. Her father, John Crum, was born in Westmoreland county, a representative of one of its pioneer families, and was married in Armstrong county to Miss Mary Snyder, a native of Bedford county, Penn. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Crum located in Beaver township, Clarion county, where the former died at the age of eighty years and the
latter at the age of fifty-six. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Reformed Church.
In their family were five children, namely: George W., a resident of Oil City, Penn.; Isabelle, wife of J., Neely, of Beaver township; O. J., of Clarion county; William, who died at the age of eighteen years; and Mrs. D. R. Knight.

Of the fourteen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Knight two are now deceased—George Nelson, who died at the age of nine, and Samuel Washington, at the age of seven years. Those living are as follows: William Irvin; Oliver C.; Alice L., wife of H. J. Slicker, of Richland township; Arminta C., wife of A. L. Boyer, of Richland township; Elmer E.; John W.; Mary F., wife of F. I. Master, of Richland township; Charles E.; Bertha I.; Howard E.; Louis E.; and Jessie N.

Mr. Knight was a thoroughly systematic farmer, and successfully operated his fine farm of 150 acres in Richland township. He was also interested in the oil industry, and was a most reliable, conscientious business man. He served as a member of the school board, and for many years was either a deacon or elder in the Reformed Church in Salem township, of which he was an active and prominent member. His death occurred June 2, 1892, and thus passed to his reward a man of noble character, whose life was well worthy of emulation.

MILES SMITH, justice of the peace and president of the Rimersburg Bank, is one of the most progressive, energetic and reliable business men of Rimersburg. He is a native of Clarion county, his birth occurring in Monroe township, January 9, 1838, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Delp) Smith. His paternal great-grandfather, John Smith, was born in Germany, and on coming to the United States located in Greensburg, Westmoreland Co., Penn., where he engaged in farming and also served as justice of the peace.

Henry Smith, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Westmoreland county, and in 1810 came to Clarion county, locating at Brush Run, Monroe township, where he operated a sawmill and engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death in 1859. His remains were interred on the home farm. In the county of his nativity he had married a Miss Waigley, who was killed by being hooked by a cow. They became the parents of five children: Elizabeth, who married J. Siers; Isaac, father of our subject; Catherine, who married John Clingersmith, sheriff of Clarion county; Hannah, widow of Michael Clingersmith, a brother of John; and Henry, who died in Pinney township, Clarion county, at the age of seventy-six. All are now deceased with the exception of Hannah, who lives in Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

Isaac Smith was born May 10, 1810, while his parents were en route to their new home in Clarion county. On reaching manhood he engaged in farming in this county until his removal in 1870, to Armstrong county, where he lived with his son James until called from this life at the age of sixty-seven years. He was buried in Eddyville, that county. His wife died in Clarion county in 1863, at the age of fifty-two years, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Reedsburg, Penn. Their children were: Susan, who married A. J. Smathers, and both are now deceased; H. A., a blacksmith of Corissa, Penn.; Miles; James, a farmer of Armstrong county; Thomas E., an oil operator of Butler, Penn.; Isaac G., who is also engaged in the same business in Butler, and is numbered among its prominent citizens; Alvin B., who is interested in the oil business in Washington county, Penn.; and Falista, wife of Adam Smith, a farmer of Monroe township, Clarion county.

On leaving home at the age of nineteen years, Miles Smith served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith’s trade with his brother Henry in Greenville, Penn., and as he had some money, he later became a partner in the business. On withdrawing from the firm, he went to Oliver township, Jefferson Co., Penn., where he purchased a farm, which he successfully operated for ten years. He came to Rimersburg in 1871 and for seventeen years conducted a tavern at this place. On the organization of the Rimersburg Bank in 1888, he was chosen president, and has since filled that responsible position.

In Armstrong county, on December 15, 1859, Mr. Smith married Miss Eliza McClatchey, Rev. Thomas Graham, a Methodist Episcopal minister, performing the ceremony. Two children have been born to them, namely: Charles M., an invalid residing at home; and Lucinda C., now the wife of George Culberson, a farmer of Toby township, Clarion county.

Mrs. Smith was born May 12, 1835, in Washington township, Armstrong county, a daughter of James and Phebe (Watson) McClatchey, who were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., but were married in Armstrong county, where the father extensively engaged in farming and also operated a saw and grist mill. His last years were spent in retirement, and he died in 1870, at the age of seventy-six. His wife had passed away in 1850, at the age of fifty-four, and they now sleep side by side in the Presbyterian
cemetery of Middlesex. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Mrs. Smith's paternal grandfather, James McClatchey, was also an agriculturist by occupation, was three times married, and died in Armstrong county.

Mrs. Smith is one of a large family of children, who in order of birth are as follows: Mary, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-eight years; William, who died in 1894; James, who died in 1882; John, who, it is supposed, was taken from his home by the soldiers to the Missouri river and shot in 1861; Margaret, who resides on the old McClatchey home in Armstrong county, and is the widow of John Tyler, who died of fever in a hospital during his service in the Civil war; Catherine, deceased wife of Nevin Kerr, a retired farmer of Worthington, Penn.; Andrew J., deceased; Susanna, widow of Alexander Chillcot, of Pittsburg, Penn.; Jane, deceased wife of Samuel McGlocklin, of Armstrong county; Eliza, wife of our subject; Samuel, a farmer of Missouri; Phoebe A., wife of John A. Early, who is engaged in the oil business in Armstrong county; and Nancy E., deceased wife of Samuel McGlocklin, who had also married one of her sisters.

The Republican party finds in Mr. Smith an ardent supporter, and he has been called upon to serve as school director for the past two years, was constable in Jefferson county for six years, and in February, 1894, was elected justice of the peace, a position he is still creditably filling. Fraternally he is a member of the A. O. U. W., of East Brady, and the I. O. O. F., at Rimersburg. Throughout life Mr. Smith has met with success and it has come to him through energy, labor and perseverance, directed by an evenly balanced mind, and by honorable business principles. Possessing a genial and pleasant disposition, he commands the respect of all with whom he comes in contact, and his successful career excites their admiration.

HON. ANTHONY COOK, born January 14, 1824, died November 18, 1891. In this death, one of the truest and best men of this part of the State was taken from the community. Hundreds of people near the home of Judge Cook, in Forest, Jefferson, Clarion and adjoining counties, and among his large circle of friends in his death sustained a personal loss.

The Judge was one of seventeen children of John Cook (deceased), who came from east of the Alleghany Mountains, and first settled in what is now Beaver township, Clarion county. About the year 1820 he entered a tract of land at Cooksburg—the nearest settlement to him being five miles, now Scotch Hill—and at once began to clear up the unbroken forest. In the year 1828, having some land cleared and in wheat, and a house or shanty built, he moved his family into it, having to follow a trail or path and make his own road ahead of him through the dense forests of pine and hemlock. He then built a sawmill at the mouth of Tom's run and began the lumber and boat business, floating his lumber and boats to market down the Clarion and Allegheny rivers, often returning in a canoe with groceries and necessaries for his family. He was twice married, first to Susannah Heipman, who died in 1830, by whom he had ten children, of whom the Judge was one. The father afterward married Miss Catharine Ritter, and this union gave him seven children. His death occurred in 1838 when about seventy years of age, and his wife died in 1872. They were buried in the Cooksburg cemetery, which was John Cook's own established burying ground. His education was very limited, but he was a man of the great industry and the perseverance required to raise and support a large family in the midst of an unbroken wilderness.

Hon. Anthony Cook (known by most people as Andrew) was about four years old when his father took him to where he lived, made his fortune and died. He was reared in the midst of the tall, primeval pines and hemlocks, breathed the pure air of mountains and valleys, and grew to be a giant in strength, six feet five inches in height and weighing 250 to 275 pounds. He was not only a giant in the physical sense, but he had a giant intellect, original in thought and action, and his success in life is the best proof of his judgment and ability. There were no modern school privileges when he was a boy, his nearest school being at Scotch Hill, five miles away, and then the Agnew school across the river from their home, three miles. The principal part of the Judge's education in early life was gained from study at night, after a hard day's labor, by the light of a pitch pine knot. He was a close student all his life; read many good books and periodicals, always read the weekly and daily papers when he could get them, and kept well-posted in politics and the business of the country. A cautious and close observer, his advice especially in business, was considered the best obtainable. The most he ever went to school was after being married and keeping house, when Capt. Phipps, a nephew, taught a small school in the end of the house in which the
Judge lived; at that time he and his wife had one or two children, but so anxious were they to learn that they both went to school.

From early boyhood the Judge took a great interest in, and assisted his father in his lumber business. When about twenty years of age, he and his two brothers, Philip and Jerry, began the lumber and boat business for themselves. Soon after Jerry was married, and Philip and Andrew carried on the business. In 1843 Andrew bought his brother out, continuing the work alone. In 1849 he married Rebecca Ann, daughter of John and Sarah (Wolf) Maze. There never lived a husband and wife more devoted to each other; the interest of one was always the interest of the other, and their forty-two years of married life were forty-two years of perfect harmony. They had eight children, the eldest and youngest of whom died in infancy; the remaining children are: John Wesley; Anthony Wayne; Jake Hill; Ida M., widow of the late Samuel W. Calvin; Thomas Burnside; and Hattie J., now Mrs. Dr. C. C. Ross. The chief object of the parents was the welfare of their children, and the children's greatest pleasure was the happiness of the parents. The father is gone, but the mother yet lives to aid and comfort her children, whose greatest joy will be to make the remainder of their mother's life happiness and peace.

Soon after Judge Cook started in business for himself he began accumulating property by purchasing large tracts of timber lands adjoining, and also the homestead and the greater part of the land originally purchased by his father. He was careful in management, gave close attention to his business, and by his own industry, perseverance and pluck, accumulated a large fortune in lands and other property in Forest and Clarion counties, known as the Cooksburg property, on which are erected threesawmills, one flouring-mill, one planing-mill, boat scaffold, several dwelling houses, and a store. In fact it is the best and most valuable timber property, taken as a whole, in this part of the State. He also owned the greater part of a large planing-mill and other property in East Brady; was the president and principal stockholder in the East Brady Bridge Company; also had a large lumber yard and other business interests in Pittsburg, and a large interest in timber lands in Oregon. Besides all these he was one of the founders, stockholders and directors of the Second National Bank of Clarion, of which for four years previous to his death he had been president. In the banking as well as in all his other business he showed more than ordinary skill and management. His good judgment, strict integrity, honest dealings, have not only given him a name and character worthy of imitation, but also a large amount of this world's goods. He was modest and unassuming; kind and generous to the poor, of whom many can testify to his help in times of need, yet these acts of charity were scarcely ever known to any except the one he helped, so carefully was he in such things to suppress publicity. He has been an employer of a great many men, all of whom bear witness of his kindness. Although he required each man to do his work he never exacted more than the simple performance of duty, and all who worked for him will say that his word was as good as his bond.

Our subject took an active part in the organization of Forest county, and was one of the first county commissioners. He held many county and township offices; was elected associate judge in 1870, serving five years. All his official acts were governed by sound judgment, equity and justice. He took a great interest in all public questions, and in politics was a Republican.

Judge Cook generally had the best of health, never having had any illness except a severe attack of typhoid fever when twenty-five years of age, which his strong constitution overcame. In February before he died he was attacked by laguepipe, from which he never recovered. It affected his stomach, finally causing catarrh; his physician, Dr. Joseph N. Dickson, of Pittsburg, thought a more congenial climate would be beneficial, and advised him to spend the winter in the South. In October, 1891, he, in company with Mrs. Cook, Hattie and Wayne, started south, intending to spend the winter in Georgia. They stopped a few days in Pittsburg and Washington, and when they reached Old Point Comfort (Fortress Monroe) the Judge was tired and they stopped to rest. Dr. Dickson was summoned and found him suffering from malarial fever: the Doctor remained with him, giving him all care that medical skill could afford, but skill and good nursing were of no avail; his time had come, and from the complication of diseases his great constitution gave way, and on the morning of November 18, 1891, he calmly and peacefully breathed his last. His work was done, his great, good heart ceased to beat, and he entered on the unseen life. The body was carefully embalmed and placed in a rolled steel, air-tight casket, and brought to his home at Cooksburg for interment. The funeral took place on November 23. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Andrews, a Universalist minister from Pittsburg, who accompanied the remains from that place. On Sunday night before the burial a large number of the
Judge's intimate friends had gathered to pay their last respects to him. The large house was full to overflowing. Rev. Andrews preached a learned discourse on the subject of prayer, which was listened to with profound interest.

Judge Cook in early life became convinced that there was one God, a Supreme Power, who ruled and governed all, and that all persons and things were subject to that power; he accepted the doctrine of the Universalist Church as being nearest in harmony with his convictions, and lived and died in the belief that God required us all to do right and obey the golden rule, and that He had prepared a better home for all who love Him and keep His commandments. A short time before his death, when asked by his family if he thought he was going to a better home, his answer was, "I think I am."

It was his desire that his remains be placed in a vault. On the lid of the casket was a large silver plate which was engraved:

At Rest.
Anthony Cook.
Born Jan., 14, 1824.
Died Nov., 18, 1891.

At the head of the casket lay a pillow of roses and choice flowers, in which were imbedded "At Rest" in letters of blue. The pillow rested against a large wreath of smilax, roses, chrysanthemums and carnations placed upon palm leaves. A sheaf of wheat, on which lay a sickle made of smilax and flowers as above, rested at the foot of the casket. This was a fitting emblem of a ripened life ready for the sickle of death. The pall bearers were the four sons and four brothers of the deceased. The casket with the remains was taken to the Cooksburg cemetery placed in another air-tight zinc box, enclosed in a water-proof wooden box, and the whole laid in a temporary vault, there to remain until a permanent vault could be made for the final resting place in the same cemetery according to the Judge's wishes. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the flood in the river, the number attending the funeral was the largest ever seen in the vicinity. Thus ends the life of a loved and useful citizen, one who has been sadly missed, not only by his family, but by all his numerous friends. There were few men so widely known and so universally loved and respected—a self-made man and a success in life.

His business has been continued by the family under the name of the A. Cook Sons.

After much time spent in looking up the quality of northern and southern granite, together with the aid of government tests, the contract for the building of the mausoleum was let to the Smith Granite Company of Westerly, R. I., August, 1892. But owing to the general strike prevalent all over the country among the granite cutters at that time, the mausoleum was not completed until the fall of 1893, at a cost of $23,000. The large blocks of granite to be seen throughout the construction of the building were especially referred to in making the contract as more liable to withstand the ravages of time and the elements. The exterior is built of the best quality of blue granite, 'all exposed parts being finely hammered. The work was all executed at Westerly, R. I., ready for final placement when received at Cooksburg. The general dimensions are 26.2 x 16.10 on the ground, and 17 feet high. The first and second courses are platforms or steps extending entirely around the building, while the third course projects only in front, and on which rest the four Doric columns that support the front porch. These columns are of polished granite, having carved caps and moulded bases, and, what is rather unusual, the columns each with their caps and bases are cut in one piece. The pilasters are cut solid on the ashler, and like the columns have carved caps and moulded bases. Around the ventilator in the front gable, which is in one stone, is a carved wreath of laurel leaves, while immediately below on the frieze over the porch, the name "A. Cook" appears in raised letters, face polished. The roof is composed of five stones, each one extending the whole length of the building. The floor is of one stone also, which is highly polished and ornamented with a beautiful conventional design, extending the entire length and breadth of the vestibule; the ends of the latter are hammerd blue granite and formed by the ashler extending through the wall; the ceiling is formed by one stone of blue, while all other parts are finished in red.

The mausoleum contains twenty catacombs, ten on either side; the doors, catacomb handles, guard for the window and grills for the ventilators are all of bronze. The two doors of bronze at the entrance are a work of art in themselves, of a well executed classical design. At the farther end and opposite to the doors is to be seen a beautiful stained glass window, the design of which was taken from a "log drive" at a point where the logs had formed a gorge, two and one-half miles from Cooksburg on Tom's run. They make a noticeable contrast in their fallen and helpless state, to that of the tall, grand and stately old pines bringing up the rear, and forming an appropriate back ground for such a scene, and at the same time guarding their fallen
comrades with the hope that they may be spared a like fate for years to come. In this mausoleum was placed the remains of Judge Cook, in the fall of 1893. The mausoleum is one of beauty, grace and endurance; it is situated on one of the highest points surrounding Cooksburg, acting as a silent sentinel overlooking the gradually sloping hills and beautiful sleeping valley of the Clarion, whose river in the distance recalls ‘The liquid marble of the windless lake,’ and whose waters sparkle and twinkle in the bright sun-light, a reminder of the bright and beautiful home our Heavenly Father has gone to prepare, where parting and sorrow never come, and we can say ‘all is well.’

PROF. EMORY D. BAKER, principal of the Edenburg Public Schools at Knox, Penn., a prominent educator of Clarion county, and a musician of talent, is one of the self-made men of his time.

Prof. Baker traces an interesting lineage back to the early German settlers of Maryland and eastern Pennsylvania. Dr. William Baker, his great-grandfather, a stanch German of Maryland, had a family of seven hardy children who were born in that State, and were as follows: Elizabeth (Mrs. Yingling), Barbara (Mrs. Murray), Mrs. Slaugenhaupt, Mrs. Moonshower, John, Jacob and William. The latter, the grandfather of Prof. Baker, was married to Miss Louisa Yingling, who, too, spoke German. They were married in Maryland, but soon afterward located in Huntingdon county, Penn., removing later to the southern part of Clarion county, then Armstrong, where they were among the first to clear away the forests and to build the primitive log huts. The husband was a noted physician. Their eight children were: John, William, David, Daniel, Benjamin, Susannah, Elizabeth and Fanny. Two members of this family still survive, namely: William resides at Rimersburg, Penn., and Daniel, at West Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin F. Baker (deceased), the father of our subject, was born July 12, 1823, in Toby township, Clarion county. At his death his career was thus referred to by the Clarion Democrat of December 16, 1897: ‘At an early age Mr. Baker was compelled to make his own living. Work was plenty, but wages small. Many a weary day he worked through harvest time for the small pittance of fifty cents, and this after he had grown to manhood. He learned to do all kinds of farm work well, and had no trouble to secure employment on farms. For many years he ‘cropped on the shares.’ An opportunity presented itself, he embraced it and learned to do blacksmithing. Spare moments were improved to such an extent that he fitted himself to be a teacher. For nineteen winters he taught, being frequently employed to teach the schools that were hardest to govern and that had a bad name through abusing or ‘running out’ a teacher. Under his rule the young men and women (even to the age of twenty-one years), who did not know how to behave were birched in such a way that it was acknowledged by all that the teacher was, as they said, ‘Master.’ Some rebelled, but the teacher’s fearlessness and native Pennsylvania-Dutch pluck carried him through every conflict victoriously. Through economy Mr. Baker was enabled to buy a small farm in Toby township. On this small farm he reared a family of three boys and six girls. All except two of the girls are living. Four of them became teachers. In early life he responded to God’s call to the sinner, gave his heart to God and his name to the M. E. Church. Ever since until his death he was a faithful worker in Christ’s vineyard. For many years he was officially connected with the Cherry Run M. E. Church as trustee, class-leader, etc. He was one of the small congregation that built that church. His first voting was Democratic. About the time of the outbreaking of the Civil war he changed his political views and voted the Republican ticket. In later years he frequently supported the Prohibition ticket. His sickness was of but a few months’ duration. He did his own work on the farm during even part of the summer just past. At the time of a surprise party held for him last July he was found in the harvest field binding wheat. But he worked when he should have been resting. During his illness which followed he was a constant sufferer to the last. His faith in God was firm even to the most severe suffering. The death angel came to relieve him from all suffering, and at half-past eleven in the forenoon of November 30, 1897, his spirit passed peacefully away. He was conscious to the last moment, whispering ‘Good-by to all’ as he crossed over. His pastor, Rev. Mills, of Sligo, conducted the funeral services. Interment took place in the Rimersburg Cemetery on December 2, 1897. His faithful wife patiently bore the great burden chiefly alone by his side through the weary and anxious hours of his sickness. Many a midnight hour found her toiling. The sorrowing ones have the sympathy of many friends."

Prof. Baker’s ancestors on his mother’s side were among the pioneer German settlers of eastern Pennsylvania. George Snyder, his great-grandfather, was a native of Northampton
COILMEMORATIVE
was
large,
lunch
Miss
attend
session
All
help
to
children
log
western
two
the
Jacob,
cleared,
that
ship,
built
buildings
in
Sylvester,
times
corner
John,
Crick
Hammer,
his
farmers
Clarion
counties.
The
of
justice
in
Emory
Crick
was
married
to
Miss
Mary
Hammer,
and
lived
in
the
eastern
part
of
Pennsylvania.
They
were
among
the
pioneer
settlers
of
Clarion
county,
locating
at
what
is
now
designated
as
Hartman's
Corners,
of
Mount
Airy.
After
a
few
patches
of
the
forests
were
cleared,
farming
was
rudely
carried
on.
All
the
buildings
were
of
logs.
Their
nine
children
were:
Jacob,
Henry,
Daniel,
Lewis,
David,
Susanna,
Kate,
Christina
and
John.

John
Crick
and
his
wife
Elizabeth
were
the
first
settlers
in
what
is
now
a
part
of
Toby
township,
Clarion
county.
They
located
on
land
lying
near
where
the
Cherry
Run
Campground
is
now
situated.
Here
the
husband
cleared
a
farm,
put
up
log
buildings,
raised
a
large,
intelligent
family,
and
lived
his
many
years
one
of
the
prominent
citizens
of
that
neighborhood.
He
was
a
faithful
member
of
the
German
Reformed
Church,
as
was
also
his
wife.
But
so
generous
were
his
religious
views
that
he
told
his
children
to
unite
with
whatever
Church
they
desired.
All
of
them
either
joined
or
attended
the
M. E.
Church.
The
people
of
this
community
held
Mr.
Crick
in
such
high
esteem
that
he
was
teacher,
justice
of
the
peace,
etc.,
at
different
times
during
his
long
and
useful
life.
He
was
the
father
of
ten
children,
namely:
Lydia
Lavina,
Solomon,
Rufena,
David,
Jane,
Sarah,
Sylvester,
Mary,
Linnie,
and
one
that
died
in
infancy.
Lydia
Lavina
was
married
February
8,
1855,
to
Benjamin
Franklin
Baker,
and
to
them
were
born
nine
children
as
follows:
Jennie,
Lowry,
Emma,
Emory
D.
(our
subject),
Addie,
Ida,
Blanche,
William
and
Allie.

Emory
D.
Baker
was
born
April
28,
1865,
in
a
log
house,
which
was
the
last
of
its
kind
in
that
neighborhood.
His
boyhood
was
that
of
a
poor
farmer's
lad,
being
uneventful
except
the
fact
that
his
folks
always
spoke
German
in
the
home.
The
only
English
the
children
heard
was
at
such
times
when
they
were
at
Church,
school,
or
mingling
with
the
children,
and
in
the
morning
and
evening
family
worship.
Emory
D.
could
not
talk
English
until
he
was
nine
or
ten
years
old.
His
early
education
was
neglected.
His
faithful
and
kind
mother
taught
him
the
English
alphabet
and
gave
him
a
few
lessons
in
reading
and
spelling.
At
the
age
of
twelve
his
father
decided
this
boy
also
must
go
to
the
public
school,
but
he
was
then
so
large
and
so
far
behind
the
children
of
his
age
that
he
to
be
flogged
off
to
school.
The
public
country
schools
of
his
neighborhood
of
that
day
offered
very
poor
advantages
for
an
education.
Of
a
dull
and
backward
disposition,
and
being
poorly
taught,
he
acquired
a
great
dislike
for
school.
At
the
age
of
eighteen
he
came
out
of
the
public
school
with
a
very
poor
knowledge
of
a
few
of
the
common
English
branches.
His
parents
being
poor,
he
had
no
opportunity
of
entering
higher
institutions
of
learning.
He
helped
to
do
the
farming
at
home,
and
hired
out
to
the
farmers
at
very
small
wages,
until
he
prided
himself
in
being
able
to
do
farm
work
in
a
very
creditable
manner,
and
to
swing
the
cradle,
etc.,
from
morning
till
night
with
the
stoutest
and
most
proficient
men
in
that
line.
In
this
way
he
succeeded
in
buying
a
few
clothes,
and
a
few
books,
that
were
badly
needed.
By
hard
study
at
home
he
began
to
make
progress
in
the
common
English
branches.
He
had
then
made
up
his
mind
to
become
a
teacher.
He
wanted
to
attend
one
of
the
academies
in
session
in
Clarion
county,
but
the
obstacles
in
the
way
were
so
many
and
so
formidable
that
his
good
hopes
frequently
would
sink
within
him.
He
had
only
four
dollars,
and
could
not
expect
any
financial
help
from
home.
The
academy
he
wished
to
enter
was
four
miles
from
his
home,
and
tuition
was
a
dollar
a
week.
He
needed
a
few
books,
tables,
et
so
were
procured,
leaving
him
two
dollars.
He
started
to
school,
hoping
that
in
some
way
he
might
yet
receive
means
to
attend
the
whole
term.
For
two
weeks
he
made
the
trip
of
eight
months
afoot,
carrying
his
noon
lunch
with
him.
His
progress
was
fair,
and
he
was
very
anxious
to
continue
his
attendance
at
the
academy,
but
was
forced,
through
lack
of
means,
to
stop.
Very
much
discouraged,
he
went
to
work
on
the
farm
again,
studying
during
his
spare
moments.
That
summer
he
ventured
to
enter
the
teachers'
county
examination.
Supt.
A.
J.
Davis
granted
him
a
certificate
good
for
teaching,
and
remarkable
for
its
high
aggregate.
With
this
poor
certificate
he
applied
for
a
school
in
Licking
township,
Clarion
county,
and
was
elected
teacher
of
Oak
Grove
school.
There
he
taught
the
term
of
two
months
at
seventeen.
dolars a month. When the teachers for the winter term were hired he was re-elected to the same school for a term of four months at twenty-eight dollars a month. This was the school year of 1884–5. Each subsequent year he has continued teaching and attending school or studying at home. During this time he was a regular student of the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, Penn. In 1889 the LaGrippe called a halt in his work, attacking his strong constitution, and, in conjunction with hard school duties, made such a wreck of it that it took many and persistent efforts to overcome these effects.

Prof. Baker has done all his teaching in his native county. He has taught in all grades of public schools, having worked his way up to the principalship of some of the largest graded schools of the county. He is now principal of the Edenburg Public Schools at Knox, Penn. During these years of hard work in the school-room he spent much of his vacations and spare moments in hard study. In 1889 he was graduated in the four-years' course of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, passing special examinations which won him the “White Seal.” In 1893 he graduated from the State Normal School at Clarion. He has great talent for music, and in his short, busy life has given considerable attention to it. He has studied harmony, and has written music for a number of years. He plays a number of musical instruments, but prefers the violin, which he teaches. He has also written poetry of some note. In 1890 some of his poems, together with a portrait and a brief biographical sketch appeared in “Poets of America.” He is a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and an advocate of Prohibition.

On August 21, 1895, Prof. Baker was married to Miss Mollie A. McKee, of Reynolds ville, Penn., who is of German-Irish descent, her father's people being of Irish and her mother's of German parentage. Her four great-grandparents were: William McKee and Margaret Hite, who were married March 5, 1807, and were the parents of ten children; and Jacob Waite and Barbara Ann Lukeheart, who had a family of nine children. From these two families came her grandparents, James McKee and Margaret Waite. The latter, a most estimable old lady, born August 18, 1812, is still living, and is very active in body and mind for one of her age. She is the mother of twelve children: Margaret, Jacob, Jeremiah, Harriet, Hannah, Francis, Christie, Eliza, Wilson, Millard, Amos and Arnold.

Jeremiah C. McKee, the father of Mrs. Baker, was born January 5, 1839, and was married to Miss Nancy Smalley Cookson, on July 31, 1862, whose parents, John Pratt Cookson and Mary C. Patton, were both Germans from Huntingdon county, Penn. They moved to Western Pennsylvania, and were among the first residents of the town of Clarion. Their children were: Nancy, Harriet, Jane, Martha, Oliver, Charles, Robert and George. Nancy Smalley Cookson was born December 11, 1842. She was a hard-working, faithful mother, and bore her lot bravely and patiently. She is now reaping her reward, having passed to the better land March 15, 1894. She was the mother of nine children, namely: George, Laura, Louona, Mollie, James, Charles, Robert, Audley, and an infant that was never named (Mollie and the infant being twins). Mollie A. McKee, born March 23, 1870, became the wife of Prof. Baker. After her mother's death Mrs. Baker had the care of the household laid upon her. At the same time she was an artist in the studio of G. J. Corwin, of Reynolds ville, Penn., in which work she had become very proficient. But these labors, and the loss of her mother, were too much for her rather weak constitution, which gave way under the strain. She is now, however, rapidly recovering her health; she is a faithful member of the M. E. Church, a plain, cheerful lady of true culture, and a kind and affectionate helpmate for her husband in his arduous profession.

REV. GEORGE B. ROBINSON, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, at Clarion, Clarion county, was born near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

His parents, James and Mary (Speer) Robinson, were natives of Pennsylvania, and were pious Christian people, respected and esteemed by the community in which they lived. The father, who was a modest, retiring and unassuming man, followed the carpenter’s trade throughout life. He died in 1862, his wife in 1871.

George B. Robinson was liberally educated. He attended the Academy in Allegheny, and graduated from that institution in the class of '62; in 1866 he graduated from Jefferson College, Washington county. Subsequently he took a course in theology at the Theological Seminary of the U. P. Church at Allegheny, and was graduated in 1869. He first preached in the Eleventh Church at Pittsburg. Following this he was the pastor of a Church at Oxford, Chester county, where he remained four years. His reputation as a preacher and pastor led to his receiving a call from Brookville, Jefferson county, and he was pastor in the U. P. Church at that place from 1878 to 1890. He then entered the
Presbyterian Church, and was located at Emsworth, below Pittsburg, where he was pastor four years. In March, 1897, he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, at Clarion, where he is doing a good work. He is popular both in and out of the Church, being affable and genial, and a man of culture and refinement.

In May, 1872, Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Anna M. Ballantine, a daughter of Nathaniel Ballantine, of Pittsburg. To the marriage have come three children, all daughters: Sarah W., Anna May, and Grace Ethel. In politics our subject is a Republican. He was one of the board of directors of Allegheny Seminary, and has attended a number of the general assemblies of the United Presbyterian Church. For ten years he was clerk of the Brookville Presbytery. He has been very actively identified with temperance matters, and with the Christian Endeavor movement.

"His call to this large and influential Church was given in recognition of his high ability as a pastor, and his earnestness as a Church worker. He is a gentleman of very agreeable manners, and the sunshine of his presence and his personal influence have had much to do with bringing together all classes of people, and uniting them in Christian work wherever he has labored. Mr. Robinson is a gentleman deeply read in the advanced thought of the day. He is a beautiful writer, and preaches strong, practical sermons. He is a very able man in the pulpit as well as elsewhere, and it is believed that the First Presbyterian Church of Clarion, with its beautiful new building, its great numerical strength, and its well-organized societies, will, under his able leadership during the coming year, do a great work in the advancement of true religion."

Samuel Mahle, a well-known general merchant and farmer of Miola, Clarion county, is a man whose sound common sense and able management of his affairs have been important factors in his success, and with his undoubted integrity of character have given him an honorable position among his fellow men.

A native of Clarion county, Mr. Mahle was born in Shippenville, in 1836, and is a son of Justus and Annie M. (Graff) Mahle. The birth of the father occurred, in 1806, in Germany, but during his childhood he left the old home in Prussia, and, with his father, Henry Mahle, came to the New World. The latter purchased property in Fryburg, Venango Co., Penn., and later became the owner of a number of farms which he left to his sons. He died in that county about 1852, having survived his wife a number of years. In his family were four sons and five daughters, namely: Sophia, Wilhelmina, Catharine, Mary, Elizabeth, Lewis, William, Helvitch, and Justus.

In 1826 Justus Mahle married Annie M. Graff, a native of Switzerland, who, about 1803, was brought to this country by her parents, and became one of the first settlers of Beaver township, Clarion county. After their marriage they located in Shippenville, where they made their home until called from this life, Mrs. Mahle dying some years previous to her husband's death.

Their children were as follows: George, who is married, and resides in Shippenville, where he is now serving as justice of the peace; Annie, widow of James McDowell, of Covode, Indiana Co., Penn., by whom she had several children; Mary, who wedded David Sigworth, of Fryburg, Washington township, Clarion county, and died, leaving six children; Susan, who married Alexander Thomas, and died some years ago; Samuel, of this review; Henry J., who died in Oil City, Penn., leaving a widow and two sons; Solomon, who died in 1894, and left a widow and one son; and Sophia, who married Alexander Thomas, and died some years ago, leaving three children who still reside in Washington county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Mahle was educated in the common and select schools of Shippenville, in which city he grew to manhood. In 1861 he was united in marriage with Miss Rebecca Reed, of Highland township, Clarion county, a daughter of John and Jane Reed, the former a well-to-do lumberman. They began housekeeping at Miola, on the Clarion road, in Highland township, but in 1864 removed to Clarion, where Mr. Mahle clerked in the store of Nathan Myers for one year, and then returned to his home in Miola. He has cleared his farm and placed it under a high state of cultivation, and has made many excellent improvements upon the place, including the erection of a good barn, in 1875, and an elegant residence, supplied with all modern conveniences, in 1896. In 1883 he also built a large store building, in which he has since successfully engaged in general merchandising. He was instrumental in having the post office established at Miola in 1884, and has served as postmaster for six years, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mahle have become the parents of eight children, all of whom are natives of Clarion county, and began their education in its public schools: James, born in 1862, resides at home and is engaged in the cultivation
of his farm, which adjoins his father's place. Ida L., born in 1855, pursued her studies in the Clarion Normal and Grove City College, and has now successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county for a number of terms. She also lives at home. Mary E., born in April, 1870, attended the Normal School, and taught for one term. She was married in 1895 to S. E. McClain, of Clarion county, by whom she has one daughter, Ruth, and they now reside in Empire, Elk Co., Penn., where he is engaged in lumbering. S. A., born in December, 1872, pursued his studies in the Clarion Normal and at Grove City, and also followed the teacher's profession while residing at home. W. E. G., born in 1867, was educated for a teacher, and was a very promising young man; he died April 19, 1892. J. J., born in March, 1876, assists in the operation of the home farm. Harvey Leroy, born in 1879, died January 20, 1893. Howard G., born in January, 1883, is at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Mahle is an ardent Republican, and has been called upon to serve in a number of positions of honor and trust, being auditor of his township, school director, constable and tax collector. He was also elected justice of the peace, but refused to qualify. Socially he is a member of the Grange at Miola, and religiously his wife and family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, but he was reared in the Lutheran faith. The success of his life is due to no inherited fortune, or to any happy succession of advantageous circumstances, but to his own sturdy will, steady application, tireless industry and sterling integrity. Of very social and genial natures, he and his wife have become the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

CAPT. MARTIN McCANNA. There is probably no man in Knox more widely or favorably known than Capt. McCanna, who won his title by faithful service in the Union army during the dark days of the Rebellion. He is proud to claim Pennsylvania as his native State, his birth occurring in Armstrong county July 2, 1834.

Barnabus McCanna, Sr., his paternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and on emigrating to America at an early day located in Centre county, Penn., but he spent his last days in Clarion county, his death occurring at Mill Creek. Barnabus McCanna, Jr., the Captain's father, was born and reared in Centre county, and as a life work chose farming. In Jefferson county he married Miss Mary Ann Walker, and for many years they made their home in Armstrong county, but were living in Forest county, this State, when he was called to his final rest in 1861. His wife long survived him, dying in Clarion county in 1890.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, of whom five sons and six daughters reached years of maturity: William, the eldest, enlisted in Armstrong county, in Company B, 78th P. V. I., was discharged on account of physical disability, but later re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of the Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, with which he served until the close of the war. He died in Kansas City, Mo. Martin is next in order of birth. Peter enlisted in Armstrong county, in the Fifth Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, served until the close of the war, and now resides in Armstrong county. Barnabus enlisted in Clarion county, in the Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves, and after his discharge re-enlisted in Company B, 78th P. V. I., remaining in the service until hostilities ceased. He now makes his home in Brookville, Jefferson county, Penn. Wilson resides in Kittanning, Penn. John and Martha J. are both deceased. Mrs. Isabella Harps and Mrs. Lavina Williams live in Clarion. Mrs. Susanna Cannam makes her home in Strattonville. Mary Ann is deceased.

Capt. McCanna was reared and educated in Armstrong county, where he also learned the stonemason's trade, to which he has devoted the greater part of his attention throughout life. Going west in 1857, he located in Henry county, Ill., and from there removed to Lincoln county, Mo., but in the fall of 1860 returned to Pennsylvania. When President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 volunteers to put down the Rebellion, the Captain was the first man to enlist in Armstrong county, his name being enrolled April 18, 1861, as a private in Company K, 9th P. V. I., at Kittanning. He was in Gen. Patterson's command, and after his three months' term had expired he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg. However, on the 14th of August of the same year, he re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of Company B, 78th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Buzzards Roost, LaVergne, Big Shanty, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Chickamauga, Resaca, and Dalton, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, and numerous skirmishes; and on the organization of the regiment our subject first was commissioned lieutenant, and on December 27, 1862, at the battle of Stone River, was, for meritorious service, commissioned captain. As the war was not yet over at the end of
his three years, in 1865, he joined the 104th P. V. I., belonging to the Army of Virginia, and remained in the service until mustered out August 25, 1865, and honorably discharged September 4 following. At New Hope Church he had been wounded by a shell. He returned to his home in Stratonville, Clarion county, with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Capt. McCanna was married at that place, March 25, 1865, to Miss Eliza Jane Showers, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Lewis and Catharine (Carney) Showers. Her father was born in Mifflin county, Penn., and became an early settler of Stratonville, where his marriage was celebrated and where he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1867. Mrs. Showers passed away in 1897, at the age of eighty-four years. Having no children of their own, the Captain and his wife have adopted a daughter.

In 1865 Capt. McCanna again went west and first located in Keytesville, Mo.; later he lived in Dewitt, then in Wamego, Kans., and still later removed to Lawrence, Kans., working at his trade in those places. He returned to Clarion county in 1876, and has made his home in Knox since 1884. Here he owns a few acres of land, and in connection with work at his trade, he engages in gardening to some extent. He is one of the progressive and enterprising men of the community, and takes an active interest in all measures which he believes calculated to prove of public good. His political support is given the Democracy.

ELIAS RITTS, president of the St. Peters-
burg Bank, has attained distinctive prefer-
ment in business circles, and the various enter-
prises which have been under his management throughout his business career attest his eminence and pronounced ability as a financier. Upon the commercial activity of a community depends its prosperity, and the men who are now recognized as leading citizens are those who are at the head of extensive business enterprises. Mr. Ritts is a man of broad capabilities who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

He was born in Berks county, Penn., November 5, 1822, a son of John Ritts, a jeweler by trade. The family was founded in America two centuries ago by Peter Ritts, who took up his residence in the Keystone State. The grand-
father of our subject, Elias Kitts, Sr., was born in Montgomery county, Penn., in 1732, and on reaching manhood married Catharine Snyder, a cousin of ex-Governor Snyder. The children born to them were as follows: Lydia, who mar-
rried Dr. Sousa; Mrs. Jacoby; Mrs. David Trune; Catharine, wife of Frederick Whitting; John; Elias, and Peter. The father of these children died in Lehigh county, Penn., at the age of eighty years, and his wife at the same place in 1855. He was a farmer by occupation, and was officially connected with the Reformed Church, to which both he and his wife belonged.

John Ritts, our subject's father, was born in 1797, in this State, and was married in Berks county to Miss Sophia Schell, a native of Philadelphia. Three children blessed this union, but Elias is the only one now living, the others being: Mary, who died in 1896, and John, who died in 1852. At the time of his death the father was seventy-eight years of age, and the mother had reached the ripe old age of eighty-four. They, too, were consistent members of the Reformed Church, and were honored and respected by all who knew them. In his political affiliations the father was a Democrat. Mrs. Sophia (Schell) Ritts was a daughter of a Miss Schuyler, a niece of Gen. Schuyler, of Revolutionary fame.

In 1830 Elias Ritts accompanied his parents on their removal to Lehigh county and six years later came with them to what is now Richland township, Clarion county (but at that time was a part of Venango county), and here he grew to manhood surrounded by other pioneer families, including the Vensels, Shoops and Neelys. Living near the Allegheny and Clarion rivers, he naturally became interested in different occupations connected with navigation, and in early life became quite familiar with the upper waters of the Clarion. Although his literary education was limited, he was very ambitious and energetic, and resolved to make the most of his opportunities in life.

As early as 1840, Mr. Ritts began building flatboats and freighting metals to the Pittsburg markets, and being a careful, as well as a capable, business man, he met with excellent success in this undertaking, becoming one of the most extensive dealers on the river. He carried all the metal made at the Judge Keating furnace, and had still larger contracts with the firm of Lyon Shorb & Co., and Plumer & Crary, owners of the Buchanan and Jefferson furnaces. His boats met with very few accidents, although his business was by no means free from risk, yet no man lost a ton of metal which he shipped. While engaged in this business, he became well acquainted along the river, and accumulated considerable property.

In 1880, Mr. Ritts purchased a third interest in the Blake Lumber Lands for $50,000, and
four years later sold the same for $85,000, thus making a handsome profit. He owns considerable real estate and valuable farming lands in Beaver and Richland townships, Clarion county, and also tracts in other parts of the county, besides personal property of value. These include 450 acres of mineral lands, rich in iron and coal deposits. Mr. Ritts has also given much attention to the breeding of fine stock, including blooded horses and Durham and Devonshire cattle, which have taken many premiums. In the early days of the oil excitement near the mouth of the Clarion river, he became an oil operator and producer, and he also prospered in this undertaking. Since selling his timber lands, he has to some extent retired from active work on the river, having by a life of industry secured a handsome competence, which enables him to lay aside all business cares and enjoy the fruits of his former toil.

In March, 1849, Mr. Ritts married Miss Elizabeth Vensel, and to them were born four children, but the youngest is now deceased. Those living are J. V., a banker of Butler, Penn.; Olive, wife of A. C. Anderson, of Butler, Penn.; and Susie, wife of C. W. Little, of New York. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, died in 1863, and three years later Mr. Ritts wedded Miss Clarissa Elliott, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of John Gardner Elliott, a millwright by trade, who came from Massachusetts to Clarion county at a very early day. Five children blessed this union, namely: Sadie; Edna; Jessie; William A., who is connected with the Chase National Bank of New York; and Marion F., who is assistant cashier of the St. Petersburg Bank.

Mr. Ritts is tall and slender, with a well-knit form and pleasant face. His active outdoor life has given him a strong constitution, and although seventy-five years of age, he appears much younger. In his travels he has visited Canada and thirty-four States of the Union. Since casting his first vote he has never failed to support the Democracy, but has never cared for official honors, preferring to give his undivided attention to his extensive business interests. In early life he united with the Reformed Church, has held office in the same and has contributed liberally to the support of all Churches and benevolent work. In business he is resolute, possessing a firmness and decision of character which, however, never degenerates into stubbornness or impulsive haste; in society he is a courteous, affable gentleman; and, above all, wherever found, whether in public or private life, his integrity is above question and his honor above reproach. Clarion county owes much to him and numbers him among her valued citizens.

JOHN V. RITTS, an estimable and successful banker of Butler county, a son of Elias Ritts, was born in St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Penn., in 1852. His early life, outside of school days, was devoted to agricultural employments on one of his father's farms. He received an academic education, and afterward entered the Iron City Commercial College at Pittsburg, Penn. His aptitude and studious habits won for him not only class honors, but the esteem of the Faculty and patrons as well. Upon his graduation he was offered, without solicitation, a special professorship in bookkeeping and banking in the college, which he accepted and filled with marked ability for about two years.

On the discovery of petroleum in territory contiguous to St. Petersburg the necessity of banking facilities soon became apparent, and resulted in the establishment of the St. Petersburg Savings Bank, in the year 1872. Its organization was effected by the election of Hon. John W. Hammond, of Erie, president; Hon. John Fertig, of Titusville, vice-president; and Charles Horton, of Erie county, cashier. Young Ritts, who was then not twenty years old, was called home and assumed charge of the books and accounts. The business rapidly increased, and within a year he was promoted by the unanimous vote of the board of directors, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the then cashier. The original stockholders, in obedience to the demand, established additional banking houses at Foxburg and Turkey City. The business at the St. Petersburg bank exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the parties interested, and required the employment of several assistants. The resources of the "boy cashier" responded to this volume of business, which culminated in a daily aggregation in excess of $1,000,000. The immense business continued down to the year 1878, when the owners of the three banks mentioned conferred on Mr. Ritts the honorable and responsible post of general manager of their banks. After the first few years the personal attention of the stockholders, who were non-residents of the county, gradually decreased until after the year 1878, when their visits were limited to the semi-annual dividend periods, and they recorded on the minute books of the banks resolutions attesting their approval of all the efforts made by Mr. Ritts to advance the welfare and prosperity of the several banks, and express-
ing their personal regard for his integrity and ability in management. Certainly, few men of his age in the State were ever more rapid in advancement, more implicitly relied upon by the commercial community, or more deserving of that advancement and reliance.

Prior to this time Mr. Ritts became largely interested in the field production of oil in the upper oil districts, and having opportunities to sell, disposed of the greater part of his interests, realizing a handsome competency. He is yet extensively engaged in producing oil in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Enterprises of importance were constantly seeking his advice and cooperation. In railroad interests he was identified with the Foxburg, St. Petersburg and Clarion railway (now the Pittsburg and Western), as its treasurer, and was for many years a director of the company, and was also treasurer of the Foxburg, Kane & Bradford railroad, and a large stockholder in the Parker, Karns City & Butler railroad. He was interested in, and assisted in organizing the following banks: The Eldred Bank, of Eldred, Penn.; First National Bank, of Salina, Kans.; Seaboard National Bank, of New York; Dallas (now City) National Bank, of Dallas, Tex.; Meridian National Bank, of Meridian, Miss.; Ohio National Bank, of Lima, Ohio; the Keystone Bank and the Columbia National Bank, of Pittsburg. And he is now interested in a number of the largest and most successful banks in western Pennsylvania and other States. During this time it was fully developed that Mr. Ritts was possessed of an energy which no ordinary impediment could resist, and an ambition that difficulties only served to strengthen. Believing that the banking facilities were not adequate for the rapidly increasing business of Butler, Penn., several bankers and capitalists proposed, from time to time, the organization of a bank. No definite action was taken, however, until early in 1890, when Mr. Ritts, representing a number of prominent business men, consummated the matter on April 1, 1890. The title selected was "The Butler County National Bank," and, on application to the Comptroller of the Currency, a charter was granted July 19, 1890.

There are few banks within the bounds of this Commonwealth that have enjoyed a more prosperous history than the Butler County National Bank. From its inception prosperity has marked it for its own, and it ranks to-day with the most solid and best managed financial institutions in this country.

The following statement will give some idea of its standing at the present time:

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The Butler County National Bank owns its own building, in which is situated the spacious and conveniently arranged banking rooms. In the fitting of these special heed was given to secure absolute protection against fire or loss by burglary. In these particulars this enterprise is well blessed, and is to be especially commended on this account. In addition to the transaction of a general banking business, the Butler County National Bank issues drafts direct on all parts of the world, a convenience of no little importance to a community.

From the beginning, in consequence of the enterprise and progressive spirit displayed, it at once began to gain favor, and has steadily moved up, until it occupies a place among the largest and most prominent banking concerns in the State of Pennsylvania, and it fills a position to-day of very great importance in both town and country. Its stockholders include among the number several of the most experienced business and professional men, as well as men engaged in the successful development of some of the largest manufacturing enterprises in western Pennsylvania. Several of its stockholders have held positions of trust and distinction in both State and Nation. It was due in a measure to the fact that its owners were men of such erudition, experience and integrity that it has enjoyed such a successful career.

Mr. Ritts, a natural born financier, and one of the most active, persevering and progressive business men in the western part of the State, was married, in August, 1882, to Irene C. Blakely, a daughter of W. Z. Blakely, of New York, and has three children, viz.: Elias, Maude A. and Leonard C. The family are connected with the M. E. Church, of Butler, in which Mr. Ritts is one of the trustees. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the community.
EDWARD WHITLING (deceased) was for many years one of the influential and highly respected citizens of Salem township, Clarion county, where his birth occurred July 15, 1839. His father, Frederick Whitling, was born in France, near the German border, and when young was brought by his parents to the United States. For many years he made his home in Clarion county, and became both widely and favorably known. He married Catherine Ritts, a representative of one of the old and prominent families of the county. Upon the home farm Edward Whitling grew to manhood, and the knowledge he acquired in the neighboring schools was supplemented by reading and study at home during his leisure hours. During his early manhood the Civil war broke out, and he resolved to strike a blow in defense of the Union, therefore enlisting August 14, 1861, in Company E, 78th P. V. T., under Capt. J. N. Harvey. With General Sherman's army he marched from Nashville, Tenn., to Atlanta, Ga., and, during his three years and three months of active service, he took part in many hotly contested engagements. The term of his enlistment having expired, he was honorably discharged and returned home with an enviable war record. For twenty years previous to his death Mr. Whitling was engaged in the drug business in Salem township.

On February 16, 1865, Mr. Whitling was married to Miss Susan E. Bushey, who was born in Venango county, October 14, 1842, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Gardiner) Bushey. Her mother died at the age of eighty-one, but her father is still living, aged eighty-four years. His father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-one. Mrs. Whitling had three sisters, namely: Mrs. Sophia Heasly, now a resident of Kossuth, Penn.; Mrs. Clara C. Yarger, of Nickleville, Penn.; and Mrs. Mary Weaver, now deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitling are as follows: Alice; Mary; Frank; Belle; Charles Edward; Clara; Theresa; Emma; Bertha; and Margie.

As a Republican, Mr. Whitling took an active and prominent part in political affairs for many years, and in 1874 was appointed postmaster of Lamartine, which position, for the long period of sixteen years, he filled with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the public. He was one of the leading members of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon, elder and superintendent of the Sunday school for a long period, and he was ever a zealous worker in the cause of the Master. Fraternally he was a member of the Order of American Mechanics, the Knights of Honor, and the Knights of the Maccabees, and was one of the organizers and prominent members of John Koch Post, G. A. R., of Nickleville, of which he served as commander. After a useful and well-spent life, he passed away December 14, 1896, at the age of fifty-seven years. To him there was truly "no place life home," finding his greatest enjoyment with his wife and children. Mr. Whitling was one of nature's noblemen, and the world is better for his having lived. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness, his duties were performed with the greatest care, and his personal honor and integrity were without blemish.

W M. CLOVER, M.D., of Beaver township, Clarion county, is a native of the county. His grandfather on his father's side was a German; his grandmother on his father's side was a descendant of the stock of Sir Astley Cooper, the great English surgeon; his grandparents on his mother's side were of Scotch origin.

Dr. Clover received his education principally in the schools and colleges of his own State; attended eleven terms of lectures in the medical colleges of Cincinnati, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Philadelphia, Penn., and New York City, N. Y. He is of the school of Regular practitioners; graduated three times M. D. and once C. M. He has taken several special courses on the eye, ear, nose and throat, physical diagnosis, and a microscopical course on histology and pathological anatomy, and a six-months' term in the cancer hospital. The Doctor is a member of the Clarion County Medical Society, a member of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania, and a member of the American Medical Association. He has made 74,356 professional visits, treated 68,273 patients; has also treated 180 dislocations and 246 fractures. He has performed 978 surgical operations, met in consultation 827 times, attended 3,138 cases of obstetrics. Again, the Doctor has traveled with horse 152,650 miles, and by railroad 65,284 miles.

Dr. Clover has three sons and two daughters. V. C. Clover is a mechanic, V. G. Clover is a tailor, and C. L. Clover is a physician.

C. L. Clover, after finishing his academic course, graduated in the Elmira N. Y. Business College, then attended lectures and was graduated at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, and, since, he has taken two courses in the New York Polyclinic, devoting his time principally to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which special work he has been
very successful, in connection with the general practice which he also engages in.

Miss Parma V. Clover, now Mrs. Mehrten, took a scientific course, then graduated in music in the Grove City College, Pennsylvania. Miss D. C. Clover is the youngest daughter.

HON. W. W. BARR, a representative of one of the old families of the Commonwealth, an attorney of marked ability of Clarion, Clarion county, ex-president judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District, was born in Centre county, February 15, 1827.

The first representative of the Barr family in America was David Barr, the grandfather of Judge Barr, whose name introduces this review. David Barr was a native of Ireland, born in 1750. He became a permanent settler of Centre county some time toward the close of the last century. Years subsequently his father, whose name, too, was David, came to this country and located in Mifflin county, this State. David Barr (2) was a patriot, and served his adopted country in the Revolutionary war. He became a local land agent for the Wiesters of Philadelphia, and he, himself, before his death, was a large land owner in Centre county. William Barr, a son of David Barr (2), and the father of the Judge, was a native of Harris township, Centre county, born in 1794. He followed farming throughout life, dying in 1837, when but forty-three years of age. His wife, whom he married in 1816, was Jane Sample, who was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1792, a daughter of David Sample, of that county, who lived to be an octogenarian. He had three daughters and one son. The children of William Barr and his wife were nine in number, of whom the following seven are aged from sixty to eighty years: Jane is the widow of David Barr, formerly of Carthage, Ill.; James S. lives in Carbondale, Ill.; Thompson is a resident of Clearfield county, Penn.; William W. is our subject; Alexander B. is deceased; George M. is living at Desota, Mo.; Salie is living in Centre county, Penn.; Asenath is the widow of Jefferon Newcomb, and resides at Ottumwa, Iowa; and Samuel W., recently deceased, was a resident of Olena, Ill. The mother of these died in 1850.

William W. Barr was reared on his father's farm, and received a common-school education in the schools of Boalsburg, Centre county, remaining on the farm until fifteen or sixteen years of age, when he began teaching school. Later he attended for a year Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Penn. Following this he went to Lewiston, Mifflin county, and again engaged in teaching, occupying his leisure hours in reading law. He pursued his law studies under the late Joseph Alexander, and was admitted to practice in 1852. In 1852-53 he served as transcribing clerk in the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania. He was a fluent and able young speaker, and in the campaign of 1851 he had done effective work on the stump. On being admitted to the Bar, he remained in the office of his preceptor until April, 1853, except while engaged in his duties as Clerk at Harrisburg. Through the advice of Hon. Seth Clover, then canal commissioner, he located at Clarion, opened a law office, and began the efforts to gain a standing as a lawyer. He had well fitted himself for the profession, and being full of energy and ambition, and possessing those traits of character that attract, he was not long in getting a foothold, which was soon followed by a large practice. In 1854 he was elected district attorney, and so acceptably did he perform the duties of the office that he was re-elected to the same incumbency in 1857, serving in all six years. As an attorney for the State, he was engaged in the prosecution of the celebrated Logan murder case, which resulted in the conviction of the defendant of murder in the first degree, and, on a new trial, of murder in the second degree. In 1861 Mr. Barr was elected treasurer of the county, serving one term. In 1864 he was the choice of the people of Clarion county for the General Assembly, to which he was elected, and was re-elected in the following year. During his service in that body he was on a number of important committees, among which was the Ways and Means, Judiciary and others, at the time the Hon. Matthew S. Quay was chairman of the former. During his term in the Assembly the entire country was wrought up over the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, allowing the right of suffrage to the colored people of the South. Judge Barr made an able speech in opposition to the amendment, and predicted that the Republican party of the North would regret their action in forcing the amendment, that as the Constitution then stood only three-fifths of the colored people of the South were numbered in the population, while the amendment provided that all should be enumerated as citizens with the right of franchise, thus increasing the strength of the South in Congress by one-third and more, that the Southern people, being familiar with the habits of the colored people, would soon control them at the polls, and thus strengthen the power of the lately rebellious States in the United States.
government. This prediction has been more than verified. He was again elected to the office of district attorney in 1869, and was re-elected in 1872, serving in all twelve years in this office. At that time, owing to the great oil business of the locality, the office of district attorney was a very important one, there often being upward of a hundred cases to a term of court. On the death of Hon. T. S. Wilson, in 1891, Mr. Barr was appointed by Gov. Pattison to the judgeship of the Eighteenth Judicial District (composed of Clarion county, with Jefferson county attached), serving out the unexpired term with dignity and ability. On his retirement, as an evidence of the appreciation of his friends of his worth as a citizen, and his services on the Bench, he was banqueted by the Clarion Bar Association, which adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS—During the past six months Hon. W. W. Barr, by appointment of the Governor of the Commonwealth, has presided over the courts of Clarion county, and by reason of the expiration of his term of office is now about to retire from the position, and, whereas, the members of the Bar of said county desire to give formal expression of the respect and confidence in which they hold the said retiring Judge; therefore, be it resolved, that Judge Barr, in his judicial career has amply demonstrated that his sole purpose in every judicial act was to intelligently and honestly administer the law without fear, favor or partiality, in furtherance of the cause of justice. That by his uniform kindness and courtesy, his fair and impartial discharge of duty, and his intelligent and conscientious administration of the position of president judge, he has deservedly won the esteem and confidence of the members of the Bar, and in his retirement from the Bench carries with him their good will and best wishes for his future prosperity and happiness. That these resolutions be spread on the records of the court as an enduring testimonial of a good and upright judge, and a copy thereof be handed Judge Barr.

The Judge was presented by the Bar with a pair of bronze statuettes. The Jefferson Court Bar formed similar resolutions, and presented Judge Barr with an elegant gold-headed cane. He is now the oldest practitioner at the Clarion Bar, and though he has reached man’s allotted years he is still engaged in active practice, which is large.

On March 31, 1859, Judge Barr was married to Miss Mary Prtner, who was born at Curilsville, Penn., November 22, 1838, and is a daughter of the late Dr. John T. Prtner, one of the prominent physicians of Clarion county. Two children blessed this marriage: An infant (deceased), and Lulu (Mrs. W. A. Hetzell), of Pittsburgh. Judge Barr and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially he is a member of the F. & A. M., and was master of his lodge for three terms; he also served three years as deputy grand master. For a number of late years he has served as a trustee of his lodge, also as a trustee of the State Normal School at Clarion, and has held many other places, such as Burgess of the town and member of the town council, etc. In politics he has always been a Democrat.

REV. JOSEPH W. SIEVERDING. Only the history of the good and great comes down to us through the ages. The true religion has been the strongest influence known to man through all time, while the many false doctrines that have sprung up have flourished only for a day and then vanished. More potent at the present time than at any other period in the world’s history are the work and influence of Christianity, and among those who are devoting their lives to its inculcation among men is Father Sieverding, pastor of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, in Washington township, Clarion county.

He was born in New York City, in 1865, a son of Anthony and Justina (Leineweber) Sieverding, natives of Germany, who came to the New World when young, and were married in that city. They now reside in Jersey City, N. J., where the father has engaged in merchandising throughout the greater part of his life. Reared at that place. Father Sieverding there began his education, and for some time was a student in St. Peter’s College, Jersey City. In 1881 he entered St. Vincent’s College, Westmoreland county, Penn., where he completed the theological course, and was then ordained, in 1889, by Bishop Mullen, of Erie. He has since been connected with his present diocese, and began his pastoral labors at McKeann, Erie county. Later he was located at Hammett, in the same county, and in November, 1894, was transferred to Frenchville, Covington township, Clearfield Co., Penn., where he remained until coming to Washington township, Clarion county, December 29, 1895. He preached his first sermon in St. Michael’s Church on the 1st day of January, 1896, and has since been the beloved pastor at that place. Father Sieverding is a man of thoughtful, earnest purpose, of strong intellectual endowments, of broad charity and kindly nature, and by all denominations, as well as by his own people, is held in the highest regard.

Mass was first held in Washington township at the home of Jacob Eisenman, in 1826, and ten years later a log church, 24 x 25 feet, and 16 feet high, was erected. The day before the dedication Rev. Kundig built the altar, and on the 27th of September, 1836, the building was consecrated. The pulpit was first filled by supplies, those officiating being Bishop Kendrick, Father O’Conner and Rev. P. Steimbacher, from 1841 until 1843, and then Fathers J. A. Berhe, H. P.
Gallagher, John Brady, Peter Browne, Robert Kleinadam and Hay. In 1846 Rev. Skopez became the first resident pastor, and while he was in charge two spires were built to the log church. In 1870 he was succeeded by Rev. John Kuehn, who remained until 1878, when Rev. George Meyer became rector in charge. Rev. John C. McEntee was pastor from 1894 until the time of his death, which occurred at Erie, Penn., in 1895. He was succeeded by Rev. M. J. Desmond, who remained only a short time, and then services were conducted by supplies until Father Sieverding took charge, December 31, 1895.

St. Michael's Church is one of the oldest churches in the county, and was established by Jacob Eisenman and Messrs. Dietz, Weaver, Fehsenmyer, Siegel, Groner and Hergenroether. From the beginning it has steadily grown, and the congregation now numbers 220 families. In connection with the church there is a good parochial school conducted by the Benedictan Sisters, and there is an average attendance of 150 pupils. The substantial brick school building was erected in 1878, and the parsonage, which is also of brick, was commenced by Father Kuehn and completed by Father Myer. In 1826 twelve children of the parish were baptized by Rev. McGeir, and in 1829 the first mass was celebrated by Rev. O'Neill. Five years later the first chance for confession was given to the German pioneers by Rev. Markaliz. The present beautiful stone church was erected under the pastorate of Father Meyer, and the members of the building committee were Augustine Deitz, Joseph Fasennmyer, Ferdinand Granar, John Laur and Richard Lynum. The approximate cost of the edifice was $70,000 in work and cash. The building was consecrated August 28, 1887, and is the finest church in the county.

ELIJAH M. LEE, a retired merchant, and for eight years the efficient postmaster of Curllsville, Clarion Co., Penn., but now a resident of Clarion, was born in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre Co., Penn., February 25, 1842.

Andrew Lee, his father, was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., November 19, 1810. His boyhood days were passed there on a farm. Early in life he learned the trade of a wagon maker, and followed that as an occupation for many years in Centre county. He came to Clarion county in 1844 and entered the employ, as a wagon maker, of the parties operating the Judge Myers furnace on Little Toby creek, two miles west of Clarion, remaining with them until 1847, at which time he went to Curllsville and engaged in the foundry and flouring-mill business. He continued in these lines of business until 1865, then purchased a farm in the borough of Curllsville, and was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, October 11, 1887. His widow, whom he married in 1838, is Nancy (Merrymann) Lee, who still resides at the old homestead at Curllsville, loved and respected by a large acquaintance. She was born in 1820 in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre Co., Penn. Their children were ten in number, six boys and four girls.

Elijah M. Lee passed his boyhood days on his father's farm at Curllsville, where he attended the public schools. Later on he went to the Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, and also attended a select school at Curllsville. At the age of sixteen years he began working in his father's foundry and learned the moulder's trade, which he followed four years. In 1862, when twenty years of age, he went into the Civil war, enlisting as a private soldier in Company H, 151st P. V. I. For nearly three years he was in active service and participated in all of the forty engagements in which the Army of the Potomac took part, from Antietam to Appomattox. He was made a corporal, sergeant, orderly sergeant, and later a second lieutenant. After the close of the war he returned to Curllsville, and in February, 1866, he engaged in mercantile business at that point. From that time until 1893 he was actively engaged in that business and with success, retiring at the close of that period and removing to Clarion, where he resides in one of the spacious and modem-built homes of that borough. He is a most capable business man, and his eight years of service as postmaster at Curllsville was characterized by a business-like administration. Politically he is a Republican, active in party affairs, not in the hope of political preferment, as he is not an aspirant for office. He is one of the substantial citizens of Clarion.

On February 16, 1869, Mr. Lee was married to Miss Martha A. Prüner, daughter of Lindsey C. Prüner, a former prominent merchant of Curllsville, now deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lee are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Clarion, the former being a trustee of the Church. Socially, Mr. Lee is Commander of Capt. J. B. Loomis Post No. 203, G. A. R.; Senior Warden of Clarion Lodge No. 277, F. & A. M.; Most Excellent High Priest of Eden Chapter No. 259, Clarion, Penn.; member of Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Pittsburg, Penn.; and a thirty-second-degree member of Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., sitting in the Valley of Pittsburg, Penn. [Clarion, Penn., March, 1868.]
PORTER HASKELL, ex-president of the Second National Bank of Clarion, and who for more than fifty years has been actively identified with the business interests of Clarion county, is a native of this State, born December 10, 1819, in McKean county.

Gideon and Polly (Beckwith) Haskell, his parents, were natives of Maine and Connecticut, respectively, the father born about 1772 and the mother about 1791. Gideon Haskell was of Scotch descent. Reared in a lumbering State, it was but natural that, locating in a timbered country, he saw in that line a promising industry, which, in connection with farming, he followed throughout life, his field of operations being on what is yet known as Haskell's creek. He later moved to New York, thence to Pennsylvania, and finally to Illinois. He stood well as a citizen in the estimation of his neighbors and those with whom he had business dealings. His last home was in the State of Illinois, where he died about 1856. His widow survived him many years, dying about 1870. The children born to this marriage were: Eliza, Joel, Porter, Anna, Esther, Lorenzo, Gideon, Amanda, Howard, Eveline and Lafayette.

Porter Haskell is older than the county in which his long and busy life has been passed, having come to this locality with his parents before Clarion county was organized. He received a limited education, attending only, for a short time in the year, the neighboring schools. At an early age he began working in the lumbering business for others, which he continued to do until he attained his majority. He then became engaged in mercantile business in connection with lumbering, and his half century's busy, tireless life in the county of his adoption has not been without results. Enterprising and progressive, he has left his impress upon the several generations among which he has moved; and in the development of the resources of Clarion county he has played his part. He has been a successful business man. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Clarion, and was for years identified with the Second National Bank, of which he was president. He is extensively and favorably known throughout this region, and is a highly-esteemed citizen of the borough of Clarion. He is identified with the M. E. Church; is a member of the F. & A. M. Politically he is a Democrat.

On February 2, 1848, Mr. Haskell was married to Miss Nancy J., daughter of John Hoover, now of Clarion county, but formerly of Westmoreland and Armstrong counties, respectively. To the marriage were born nine children, of whom the following are yet living: James, Martha (Mrs. Archibald Gilfillan), Hattie (Mrs. Walter Brown), Sarah A. (Mrs. F. I. McCormick), Josephine (Mrs. H. E. Emery), Porter M., and Charles H. James, the eldest child, married Maria Bartlett, of Clarion county, and of their children, Wade Porter is a prominent merchant-tailor of Clarion. Mrs. Porter Haskell's death occurred November 28, 1895.

JOHN T. RIMER, M. D., a physician of high standing in Clarion county, and a resident of the borough of Clarion, was born in the county, January 16, 1835.

Jacob Rimer, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Northampton county, but in August, 1815, settled in Clarion county, locating near Curlsville, and later removing to the vicinity of the present borough of Rimersburg, where he remained permanently. His wife was Elizabeth Hilliard, and their children were: John, Susan, Christ, David, Catherine, Mary A. (who married Henry Miller, of Redbank township), and Daniel, all now deceased. Of these, John Rimer settled on the present site of Rimersburg, where he kept a hotel, and from him the place derived its name. David A. Rimer was born in Northampton county March 4, 1815; on April 11, 1854, at Rimersburg, he was married to Mary G. Patton, who was born at the homestead where she now resides, September 23, 1833, and is a daughter of James and Mary (McWilliams Boyd) Patton, natives of Centre county, but who came to Clarion county in the spring of 1833, settling on the farm referred to above. To the marriage of David A. Rimer and wife were born children as follows: John T. is our subject; Alva J. married Ada Hogan, and is a farmer; Mary E. married Rev. Andrew Fleming, who is an Episcopal clergyman of Ashland, Ky.; James P. married Roda Wilson, and is a farmer; Margaret married Fred Gruble, who is in the bakery business at Rimersburg; Harry M. is an attorney of Clarion; David A. married Bessie Kerr, and is a farmer of Perry county; and Edward S. is at home. The father of these farmers extensively, and was one of the substantial men and highly esteemed citizens of the county. He was a Christian man, and for many years was a deacon in the Presbyterian Church. In political affiliation he was a Democrat, and served the people of his township as school director, and for a number of years was a major in the State Militia. He died February 1, 1895, and his remains were interred in the Bethesda Cemetery. James Patton, who was an extensive farmer of this locality,
owning some two hundred acres of land near Rimersburg, lived to the advanced age of eighty years, dying in 1880. His wife died in 1843, aged forty-six years, and both are buried in the Bethesda cemetery. Their children are: Margaret is the widow of John Thompson, and resides at Rimersburg; John H. is a farmer residing in Missouri; Jane resides at Curllsville; Mary G. resides on the homestead; Nancy B. married J. J. Fulton, a farmer of Rimersburg; Rebecca and Robert T. (twins), the former being the wife of John Spear, and residing at Braddock, Robert T. being deceased. The parents of these children were each twice married; the father for his second wife married Eliza Lawson, and the children of this union were Isabella, David L., Marcus L., Charles E., James and Anna B. The mother of the children of the former marriage was, when married to Mr. Patton, the widow of Rev. William A. Boyd, by whom she had one son, Samuel M. (deceased). Mary McWilliams, the maternal grandfather of Mary G. (Patton) Rimer, was a Scotchman, who settled in Centre county, and was there occupied as a farmer and surveyor. He became a man of wealth, owning at one time some eight hundred acres of land in Clarion county.

Dr. John T. Rimer received quite a liberal education. He attended the common schools of his locality, then took an academic course in the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimersburg, in which he was later a teacher. Subsequently he furthered his studies at Wooster, Ohio. At the age of twenty-two he began the study of medicine at Rimersburg under Dr. F. A. Limberg, then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., from which he was graduated in 1881. After his graduation he at once began the practice of medicine at Curllsville, Clarion county, where he remained, doing successful and acceptable work, until 1889, when he came to Clarion, where he has since been actively engaged in the pursuit of his profession, building up a good practice and winning for himself a creditable place in the profession.

In 1882 the Doctor was married to Miss Carrie Hesson, of Philadelphia, who died February 9, 1890, and June 24, 1806, he was married to Miss Myrtle B. Collner, who was born April 1, 1879, at Salem, Clarion, and is the daughter of William F. Collner, of Clarion, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. To this second union one son, William Collner, has been born. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. The Doctor is president of the Clarion County Medical Society, and is a member of the State Medical Society. He is also one of the pension examiners for Clarion county, and secretary of the Pension Board. He has for the past four years been physician of the board of health of Clarion borough. Socially he is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of F. & A. M., Clarion borough. Politically he is a Republican, and is quite active in the party.

ALEXANDER WILSON, of Callensburg, Clarion county, is the possessor of a handsome property, which now enables him to spend his years in the pleasurable enjoyment of his accumulations. The record of his life, previous to 1895, is that of an active, enterprising, methodical and sagacious business man and farmer, who bent his energies to the honorable acquirement of a comfortable competence, but is now practically living retired. In 1895 he erected a pleasant cottage in Callensburg, which town was platted by a Mr. Callen about 1827 on land that William Elliott had received from the government. Abram Frampton built the first house there.

Mr. Wilson was born June 22, 1821, in what was then Armstrong county, but is now Clarion county, and is a son of Alexander and Jennie (McCombs) Wilson, both natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. His grandfather, Parks Wilson, and Allen McCombs, were of Scotch-Irish descent, and natives of South Carolina, whence they came to Pennsylvania at a very early day, taking up their residence in Westmoreland county when Indians formed the greater part of its inhabitants. They lived there during the early Indian wars, and assisted in the development and improvement of the county until their deaths. Mr. Wilson was a wheelwright by occupation, while Mr. McCombs was a farmer. The latter was a teamster for the Americans during the Revolutionary war. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church. In Mr. Wilson’s family were the following children: Joseph, Robert William, John Lewis, Alexander, David, James, Polly, Elizabeth, Mrs. Crow and Mrs. Seright.

On the farm in Westmoreland county the father of our subject grew to manhood, and on first coming to Clarion county in 1801, he entered land, which he afterward sold. Returning to his native county, he was married, and in 1803 he brought his family to Clarion county, where he purchased another tract of 260 acres of land at the mouth of Licking creek, paying sixty cents per acre. He transformed the wild land into a good farm, and also
built and operated the first gristmill in his section of the county. Late in life he migrated to Iowa, and lived there seven years; then returned to Clarion county, where he died September 10, 1878, at the extreme old age of one hundred years and six months. He was three times married, and survived all his wives. His children were all of the first union, namely: Allen (deceased), Esther (deceased), Mrs. Hannah Murray, Jane (wife of H. Elliott), Elizabeth (wife of J. Elliott), Robert (a resident of Iowa), Mary (wife of G. Doherty), Alexander, John M. (of Iowa), and Jemima A. (wife of A. Wilson). The parents were both Presbyterians in religious belief, and the father was an elder in the church for many years.

In the subscription schools Mr. Wilson, of this review, acquired his education, and upon the home farm he early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. When a young man he engaged in freighting, taking iron from the furnaces to the Pittsburg markets; but he has made farming and stock raising his principal occupations throughout life. He has owned three different farms in Clarion county, has dealt quite extensively in real estate, and still owns land in Kansas. At an early day he also entered land in Iowa, which he afterward sold. He has prospered in his transactions, having always conducted his business on a strictly cash basis. He still owns a valuable farm in Licking township, but has laid aside business cares.

In 1854 Mr. Wilson married his cousin, Miss Sarah M. Wilson, who died in 1887, and in 1890 he wedded Miss Lizzie A. Mandaville, of New York, who died in 1895. In the following year he was united in marriage with Mrs. A. E. Peck, of Ohio. All have been members of the Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Wilson also belongs. He has served as elder since 1861, and takes an active interest in all religious or benevolent work. He is a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose and unyielding integrity, and in all life's relations merits the confidence which is so freely accorded him. His residence in Clarion county covers seventy-six years, during which time he has ever borne his part in the work of development and progress, and is therefore deserving of honorable mention among the pioneers. His political support is given the Republican party.

C. Rairigh, publisher of the New Bethlehem Indicator, was born in Indiana county, Penn., in 1849. His youthful days were spent on the farm, in timber mills and in school. He commenced to teach in the public schools at the age of seventeen years, which vocation he followed a number of years, spending his summer months as a student in Academies or in a printing office. In 1878, jointly with Hon. John Lowry, he founded the Indiana Times, but soon disposed of his interest, after which he spent some time in Ohio, as publisher of a county newspaper. In 1888 he bought the Indicator, and has made it one of the most widely read county papers in this part of the State.

Rev. Edwin Nelson Askey* is the well-known pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New Bethlehem, Clarion county. "Excellence encourages us about life in general," says that thoughtful observer, George Eliot. This saying is true even in the case of that careful discharge of duty which leads to well-doing in worldly enterprises, but the life which reveals religious ardor and suggests the uplifting force of consecrated purpose does indeed demonstrate to humanity new and lofty possibilities. The life of Mr. Askey is a constant inspiration to those who see his zealous and self-sacrificing work in the advancement of the cause of religion.

Mr. Askey was born in Rockland township, Venango county, Penn., December 21, 1865, and is a son of James H. and Mary J. (Smith) Askey, natives of the same township, where they are still residing. The father, an extensive and prominent farmer, was born in 1830, and the mother in 1834. They are earnest Christian people, and take an active part in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which they belong. In politics the father is a Prohibitionist.

The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, Capt. Thomas Askey, was born in England, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and on coming to America at an early date located in Philadelphia. He was an officer in the French and English wars, and married a Miss Baker, a daughter of Col. Robert Baker, who also served with distinction in that struggle. Their family consisted of six sons and four daughters. Capt. Thomas Askey lies buried at Jacksonville, Centre Co., Penn., and the old name "Thomas Erskine" is retained on his tombstone. He died in 1807. During their early married life the paternal grandparents of our subject, David and Jane (Harrison) Askey, lived in Philadelphia, whence they removed to Centre county, Penn., but spent their last years in Venango county. The maternal great-grandfather

*The original name was the old English name "Erskine," but in transcribing the records during the French and Indian wars it was changed to "Askey."
was Daniel Smith, of Centre county, and the grandfather was William Smith, who first lived in Centre county and later in Venango county.

Edwin Nelson Askey is the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Clara L., now the wife of Lawrence Stoup, an oil operator of Center View, Ohio; Mary I., who died at the age of eighteen years; William E., who is connected with the National Transit Company of Oil City, Penn.; Jennie, who died at the age of two years; James B., who is engaged in teaching, and resides at home; and Ida M., also at home.

Until twenty-five years of age, Mr. Askey made his home with his parents, but after the age of seventeen had successfully engaged in teaching through the winter months. He also attended the Grove City College, feeling called to the work of the Master, and entered the Erie Conference, and was ordained for the ministry.

His first charge was at President, Venango county, where he remained for two years. In September, 1893, he was appointed pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Sligo, and also had charge of the congregation at Curllsville, Cherry Run, Monroe Chapel and Pine Grove, where he remained four years. In September, 1897, he was appointed by Bishop Fowler to his present pastorate—New Bethlehem, Penn., which includes the congregation at Oak Ridge, Penn. In this connection he is president of the Camp Meeting Association located at Cherry Run, one of the most noted camp meeting grounds in this section of the State.

On October 1, 1891, at Rockland, Venango county, Mr. Askey was married to Miss Pauline Williams, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. K. Adams, a Methodist Episcopal minister.

They now have two children: Harrison L. and Edwin V. Mrs. Askey is a native of Venango county, and a daughter of Perry and Nancy (McMillin) Williams.

Socially, Mr. Askey is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees at Rockland, and, politically, is identified with the prohibition party. He is a man of scholarly tastes, is an able speaker, and is a very popular minister, being held in high regard by all religious denominations as well as by his own Church. He has exerted a great power for good in the community, and is a most devoted laborer in the Master's cause.

Lewis S. and Rebecca (Shick) Mohney, natives of Clarion and Armstrong counties, respectively. His paternal grandfather, Adam Mohney, was born east of the mountains, in this State, and in the latter part of the eighteenth century came to Clarion county, where he spent his remaining years engaged in farming. In Red Bank township he took up a large tract of land, including the present sites of New Bethlehem and Maysville, and a part of the place is still owned by the Doctor's uncle, John Mohney, who is now eighty-four years of age. Jacob Shick, the maternal grandfather, was also born east of the mountains, and became a pioneer settler of Armstrong county, where he followed agricultural pursuits until his death.

The Doctor's parents were married in Armstrong county, where they continued to make their home until 1862, when they removed to West Millville, Clarion county. There the mother died in April, 1894, aged sixty-six years, and was buried at the White Church, in Clarion county. Throughout his active business life the father engaged in farming and merchandising at both New Salem and West Millville, but since 1894 has lived retired, and now makes his home with our subject.

He was born July 24, 1824. He has acceptably filled several local offices, and is a prominent member of the Reformed Church, to which his estimable wife also belonged.

Dr. Mohney is the second in order of birth in the family of seven children, of whom the others are as follows: Jacob, a resident of Kittanning, Penn.; William, who has never been heard from since he left home in 1877; Frederick, a carpenter of Kittanning; Christian, a physician of Cambria county, Penn.; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jud McMillen, who is engaged in the express business in Punxsutawney, Penn.; and Charles, an electrician of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Doctor remained under the parental roof until he attained the age of twenty-four, but eight years previous he commenced teaching school—a profession he successfully followed for one decade during the winter seasons, while during the summer months he attended the Corsica and West Millville Normals. At the age of twenty-six he began reading medicine with Dr. Henry, of West Millville, and subsequently was a student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md., from which noted institution he graduated in 1882 with the degree of M. D. From 1881 until 1887 he engaged in practice in Leatherwood, Clarion county, and then came to Kimersburg, where he soon succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. Both professionally and financially he has met with success.
and, besides his elegant home and office in Rimersburg, he owns a farm and other valuable property.

In May, 1875, at Squirrel Hill, Clarion county, occurred the marriage of Dr. Mohney and Miss Elsie Armagost, Rev. Dotterer officiating. The children born of this union are Blanda F., an accomplished young lady; Branard T., Ruth B. and Florence B., all at home. Mrs. Mohney was born at Squirrel Hill, February 11, 1857, a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Hepler) Armagost, also natives of Clarion county, the former born January 22, 1825, the latter October 18, 1827. The father was a blacksmith by trade, but during the last year of his life ill health prevented him from actively engaging in business. He died July 31, 1897, and was buried at Squirrel Hill, but his wife still resides at that place. Both held membership in the Reformed Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Mrs. Mohney's paternal great-grandfather was a native of Berks county, Penn., and was among the earliest settlers of Limestone township, Clarion county. The grandparents, Stoffel and Mary (Schuck) Armagost, were also natives of Berks county, and became honored pioneers of Clarion county. Her maternal grandparents, Jacob and Sallie (Hamm) Hepler, came to the county at an early day.

Mrs. Mohney is one of a large family of children, who in order of birth are as follows: Emily and Eliza, who both died in childhood; Mary, wife of Frank Doverspike, a farmer of Kansas; Agnes, widow of A. J. Reichard, living with her mother; Martha, widow of J. Dallas Lochlin, a lumber merchant of Wald, Penn., who died August 13, 1897; Elsie, wife of our subject; Alice, wife of J. B. Krotzer, an oil-driller of Butler county, Penn.; Crissie, wife of Philip Fox, a farmer of Curllsville, Penn.; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. C. S. Mohney, of Callensburg, the brother of our subject; William M., a blacksmith of Rimersburg; Ada, wife of Dr. G. B. Woods, of Curllsville; Nettie, wife of James B. Slougenhaupt, a farmer of Piolett, Penn.; and Harry S., a blacksmith of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

Fraternally the Doctor is a Royal Arch Mason, belonging to the Chapter in Clarion, and is also a member of the Odd Fellows Society and the Knights of Pythias in Rimersburg. For the past three years he has served as elder in the Reformed Church, with which he is connected. Although an ardent Democrat in politics he has never aspired to office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his professional duties. The prominent place he has won in the profession is accorded him in recognition of his skill and ability, and the place which he occupies in the social world is a tribute to that genuine worth and true nobleness of character which are universally recognized and honored.

JESSE KIEHL, ex-sheriff of Clarion county, and an oil operator of Clarion, was born in Jefferson county, Penn., September 7, 1833. His parents, who are now both deceased, were good and industrious people, who led exemplary lives and made the world better by their presence in it. John Kiehl, the father, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Northumberland county, in 1814. He was by trade a stonemason, and followed it as an occupation until threescore years of age. He married Catherine Shunkwiler, who, too, was a native of Northumberland county, born in 1818, and to them were born children as follows: Peter (deceased), William, Anna (Mrs. George J. Reitz, of New Salem, Penn.), Jacob, Henry, Sarah (Mrs. M. Hender- liter), John, Susanna (Mrs. S. J. Coleman), Solomon, Jesse (our subject), Catherine (Mrs. Simon Ferring), Daniel (deceased), David, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Stormer). The early lives of the parents were passed in their native county, but later they moved to Jefferson county, where they resided until the close of their lives. The father died in 1891, and the mother passed away in 1894.

Jesse Kiehl, until sixteen years of age, resided on a farm and received the usual country-school education. At that age he left the parental roof and was employed in the woods, scoring square timber in the lumbering camps, until he reached his majority, at which time he was married. From that time until 1891, he was occupied through the summer seasons in farming, and during the winters he followed lumbering. In 1891 he was elected sheriff of Clarion county, and removed to that borough, where he has since continued to reside. In this relation he served the people of the county very acceptably during three years. Since his retirement from that office he has been engaged in the oil business in Pennsylvania and Ohio. He made a good officer, and as a business man stands high. As a citizen he is esteemed by all and commands their respect. He is a director in the Second National Bank, and is largely interested in the oil fields of the locality. His marriage to Miss Martha McKel'up, a daughter of William McKel'up, of Clarion county, occurred in 1873, and, of the children born to them, six survive, namely: Maggie, Harriet, Ina, Bert and Bertha.
(twins), and Maude. The parents of these are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially, the father is a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a Past Grand and Past Commander of the K. of P.; he is also Senior Mechanic, and has passed all the chairs. Mr. Kiehl in politics is a Democrat, is active in party affairs, and has held a number of local offices.

SIMON KNIGHT is a man who has been very useful in his community, and ever taken an active interest in the enterprises tending to the enlightenment of the people, the friend of education and active in all good works.

On the old homestead in Clarion county, Mr. Knight was born December 10, 1840, a son of Peter and Mary (Fisher) Knight, who were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., and representatives of prominent and highly-respected families. Soon after their marriage the parents came to Clarion county, where, in the midst of the dense forest, the father cleared and improved a farm of 184 acres. Upon the place he erected a good brick residence, and soon converted the wild land into a highly-cultivated and valuable farm. Throughout his entire life he followed agricultural pursuits, always gave his political support to the Democratic party, and was a faithful member of the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon. He died on the old homestead at the age of sixty-two, and his wife, who was also an earnest Christian and active member of the Reformed Church, passed away in the fall of 1896, at the ripe old age of eighty-six years. In the family of this worthy couple were the following named: John; William; Asa, who now owns and operates the old home farm; George, who died in 1865; Clara, deceased; Simon; Mary, wife of Adam Brinker, of Salem township, Clarion county, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war; and Mrs. Rebecca Smith, a resident of Ohio.

On the home farm Simon Knight early became familiar with the arduous task of clearing and developing wild land, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education. For twenty years he gave considerable attention to the oil business, either as a pumper or operator; but since locating upon his present farm, in Beaver township, Clarion county, in 1893, he has devoted his energies principally to agricultural pursuits. The place comprises 130 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with an elegant residence, built at a cost of $2,200, a barn at a cost of $1,700, and a smaller barn at a cost of $500. All the conveniences and accessories of a model farm are there to be found. During the Rebellion Mr. Knight was for a time a member of Company G, 56th P. V. I.

On May 15, 1894, Mr. Knight was united in marriage with Miss Flora Cupples, who was born October 9, 1854, and was for over twenty years a successful and popular teacher in the graded and ungraded schools of Clarion county, and one term in Butler county. She received her early education in the common schools at home; then attended the Clarion Seminary, at Clarion; then the Edinboro Normal, Erie county, Penn.; then the Rimersburg and West Freedom Academies; then the National Normal at Lebanon, Ohio, and graduated from the Valparaiso Normal School in 1884. Her mother died over a quarter of a century ago, and her father, William Cupples, passed away June 17, 1884. He was a son of James Cupples, who was educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, and he and his wife came to Providence, R. I., where William was born November 20, 1814. From there they moved to Pittsburg, Penn., when William was a child, and there the lad received his education. James Cupples was a teacher by profession, and he followed same up to the time of his death, after which event William left home, and also taught school, teaching and attending school alternately until November 8, 1845, when he married Maria Bell. They then settled on a farm, wherein he passed the rest of his days. He had a family of ten children, five sons and five daughters, seven of whom were teachers until choosing other professions.

In his political affiliations Mr. Knight is an inflexible adherent of the doctrines and principles of the Democratic party. He is a public-spirited, enterprising man, taking an active interest in everything that seems to promise a benefit to the community. In the Reformed Church he holds membership, while his estimable wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

HIRAM BEALS, an honored veteran of the Civil war and a leading citizen of Richland township, Clarion county, was born July 31, 1840, in Venango county, Penn., and is a son of Jacob Beals, a native of Berks county, of German descent. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Bry, was born in Lehigh county, and was a daughter of Michael Bry. In 1839 the parents took up their residence in Venango county, where the father died at the age of eighty-three years, but the mother is still living at
the advanced age of ninety. He was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious belief. The mother is also a consistent member of the Church. Their family numbered eight children, namely: Flora Anna; Samuel; Benjamin; Jacob, who was a Union soldier during the Rebellion; William; Hiram; Levi; and James.

Hiram Beals was reared to the honest and honorable pursuits of farm life, and acquired his literary education in the public schools. When President Lincoln issued his call for 300,000 more volunteers, he enlisted August 28, 1862, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., for three years, and with his command participated in the following battles: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, North Anna River, Tolopotomy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher’s Run, Quaker River, Five Forks, Sailor’s Creek and Appomattox. Although he was struck by a spent ball, he was never seriously wounded, and was always found at his post of duty—a gallant and fearless soldier fighting bravely for the preservation of the Union. Near Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged, and then returned home. Since the war Mr. Beals has engaged in the oil business, farming, huckstering and butchering, successfully following the last occupation for sixteen years. He now owns thirteen acres of land conveniently located near Petersburg and improved with good buildings. Upon the place are oil wells, and to the oil business and agricultural pursuits he now devotes the greater part of his attention.

In 1866 Mr. Beals married Miss Sarah Eddinger, who has been to him a true and faithful helpmeet on life’s journey. Her parents, Samuel and Sarah (Wagner) Eddinger, were natives of Lehigh county, Penn., and became residents of Clarion county, in 1848, first locating in Beaver township and later in Richland township, where both died at the age of eighty-three years. The father was a farmer and stone-mason by occupation; in political sentiment he was a stanch Democrat; in religious belief he was a Lutheran, serving as a deacon of his Church for many years. He had ten children, namely: Andrew (who was a member of the 155th P. V. I., during the war, and died in 1896), Lucy, George (who was a member of the same regiment as his brother), Henry, Elizabeth, Sarah, Samuel, Maria, Franklin and Charles.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Beals are as follows: Mrs. Elizabeth Toy (of St. Petersburg, Clarion county), Alice (deceased), Mrs. Sarah Ann Freeman, Pearl, Harry, William, Leroy, Ralph andWearn. The parents and children are connected with the Lutheran Church and Mr. Beals is now serving as deacon. He is an ardent adherent of Democratic principles, and is an honored member of the Grand Army Post No. 425, of St. Petersburg.

D R. LOUIS W. RAISON, of Foxburg, Clarion county, was born at Cannonsburg, Ky., May 9, 1853. Since 1891 he has held the responsible position of physician and surgeon for the Pittsburg & Western Railroad Company, where he seems to be the right man in the right place. He is a Southerner by birth and education.

His parents were Charles Louis Raison and Amanda K. Raison. His father was born in Greenup county, Ky., and was educated for the legal profession and admitted to the Bar, but, having a preference for the mercantile life, did not engage in the practice of law, but was for many years a successful merchant and prominent citizen of Greenup, Ky. He moved to Ashland, Ky., where he also engaged in mercantile pursuits, taking an active interest in political affairs, and was elected judge of Boyd county, and subsequently was elected mayor of the city of Ashland. He was a Republican of strong convictions, and a man of unusual force of character.

The Doctor’s family history is one of unusual interest, showing his relation to the nobility of France. His great-grandfather’s name was Louis Modesta Raison de la Geneste, who married Lady Marie Theresa Clotilda Langier. At his death his wife survived him, with two children, Louis Napoleon Raison de la Geneste and Lady Marie Theresa Clotilda Raison de la Geneste. His widow married Phillip Ridore, a planter, and owner of large estates on the Island of St. Domingo. At the time of the insurrection of the negroes and massacre of the white inhabitants of the Island of St. Domingo, Louis Napoleon Raison de la Geneste was the owner of large estates and many slaves. He and his sister, who owned a vessel, made their escape from the Island and came to America, Greenup county, Ky., where he lived and died. He married Aramatha Young, daughter of John Y. Young, of Revolutionary fame. He was a man of large means, and high social standing, a resident of Virginia. Lady Marie Louise Antonette Raison de la Geneste, sister of Louis Modesta Raison de la Geneste, married Pierre Antoine de Chausenell, and they came to America and located in New Orleans, where their descendants still live. Louis
Napoleon Raison de la Geneste was an educated French nobleman, and the family is one of the oldest and strongest of the French nobility, and the title, crest, a boar's head, and coat of arms, a lion, is a matter of record in France. The parents of the Doctor's mother were from Sussex, N. C., in which State many of the relatives still live. Mrs. Raison, the Doctor's mother, is the authoress of quite a number of different books on the subject of history and romance, and is now living with her son, Charles Louis Raison, in Newport, Kentucky.

Dr. Raison has one brother and one sister. Charles Louis Raison, Jr. (the brother), born October 20, 1849, at Greenup, Ky., is now a resident of Newport, Ky. He followed the example of his ancestors, was carefully educated under the helpful instructions of his talented father, and after leaving school at the age of seventeen he began to study law under D. K. Wise, of Ashland, Ky. He took the law course at the University of Ann Arbor, Mich., and returning to Kentucky was admitted to the Bar. He practiced in partnership with Hon. B. F. Bennett, of Greenup, Ky., until 1878, when he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and engaged in the practice of his profession in that city, taking up his residence in Newport, Ky., preferring his native State. He is one of the leading lawyers of the Ohio metropolis. He was married to Georgeanna Wrightson, daughter of Hon. Thomas Wrightson, ex-State Senator of Campbell county. They have two children: Lizzie and Thomas Raison.

Dr. Louis W. Raison, the subject of this sketch, is thoroughly American. He never uses his title, preferring to be simply American. His school days over and the choice of life's work made, young Raison at the age of eighteen began the study of medicine and surgery under the instructions of Dr. F. L. Tiernan, of Ashland, Ky., and remained under his tuition for two years. He then attended a course of medical lectures at Louisville, Ky., during the years of 1872 and 1873, and on the completion of his course he began the practice of his profession before reaching the age of twenty-one years. From that time to the present he has been actively engaged in professional work in Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania. In 1884 he was graduated from the Ohio Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio. He then practiced medicine and surgery at Marion, Ohio, until 1886, when he moved his family to Foxburg, Penn. Having cast his lot with the people of the Clarion County Medical Association, and since that time he has been actively and earnestly following the practice of medicine and surgery with that zeal and energy that is so characteristic of the man. Both in his professional and business life he keeps abreast of the times, which makes his usefulness as a citizen the greater. He is master of his profession, and therefore is a successful practitioner. The Doctor is a genial fellow of a sunny disposition, which makes him popular in society and welcome in the sick chamber.

On August 3, 1873, he was married to Jose- phene Carr, daughter of S. J. Carr, of Ashland, Ky., and to this union there have been born four boys - and one girl, namely: Charles, Royden, Lillian, Bertie, and Carr.

P M. YEANEY, assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion, and for many years a well-known educator of this section, is a native of the vicinity of Shannondale, Clarion county, where he was born February 23, 1856.

The venerable John Yeaney, of Shannondale, Clarion county, his father, was born December 5, 1809, in Lancaster county, Penn. His father, too, was named John, and resided in Clarion county many years, living to the advanced age of ninety-three years. John Yeaney (2), whose long life of nearly eighty-nine years, spanning a most eventful period in the history of our country, has been a most active and successful business man, and linked his name in the great chain of enterprises which have developed this part of the State. He has been largely engaged in farming, lumbering and in speculations of various kinds in the county, and is one of the solid men of the community in which he has so long figured. For several years he was president of the Second National Bank, of which he is still a large stockholder. He is public-spirited and enterprising, and, as indicated above, he has contributed of his talents and means in lines which have developed the resources of his town and county, giving largely to all worthy enterprises. Since early manhood he has been a member of the F. & A. M. Politically, he is a Democrat of the Samuel Randall type, and has been repeatedly solicited to become the standard bearer of the party for office, but has as often declined. In 1837 he was married to Elizabeth Swartz. Seven children survive this marriage, namely: C. W., John H., A. J., W. W., Mrs. I. M. Shannon, P. M., and Mrs. A. E. Smathers, of Worthingville, Penn. The mother of these died in January, 1874, and Mr. Yeaney was again married, this time to Mrs. Susanna Edder, to which marriage have come five children, namely: Nettie, Dora, Belle, Emma (deceased), Charles Emery and Alda.
The parents of these are members of the German Reformed Church.

P. M. Yeany was educated in the common schools and at the Corsica Academy. He was partially reared on a farm, leaving it at the age of thirteen years. He prepared himself for a teacher, and followed the profession of school teaching for fifteen years. Near the close of that period he applied for a position in the U. S. mail service, and was fortunate in receiving the appointment in just seven days after he sent in his application. His first run was on the mail route between Buffalo and Pittsburg. He remained in the postal service three and one-half years, during which time he was in several wrecks, and was so disabled in the last one as to necessitate his resigning his position. After having sufficiently recovered he took a business course of study in the Iron City Business College, Pittsburg, from which institution he was graduated in 1893. After this event he was made assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion, and has since been engaged in the performance of the duties of this position, which he has intelligently and most acceptably filled. He is an affable and genial fellow, and an accommodating and obliging officer, popular with the customers of the bank.

On February 23, 1876, Mr. Yeany was married to Miss Nannie J. Cummings, who was born August 11, 1856, near Corsica, Jefferson Co., Penn., and is a daughter of Washington Cummings, of Clarion county. One child, Gillespie Blaine, has blessed the union. Both parents and the son are members of the Presbyterian Church. Socially the father is affiliated with the K. of P. Politically he is a stanch Republican, but has never aspired to public office, preferring to follow other lines more in keeping with his taste.

A. WALKER, M. D., is one of the most prominent representatives of the medical profession in Clarion county, and has for over twenty years successfully engaged in practice in West Monterey. He was born in South Bend township, Armstrong Co., Penn., January 8, 1854, and is descended from an old and distinguished Scotch-Irish family. Among his ancestors were Scottish chiefs at the head of the clan Walker, in the Highlands of Scotland.

Robert Walker, the Doctor’s father, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and at the age of sixteen crossed the Atlantic and became a resident of the United States. Here he married Miss Jane Porter, a native of Pennsylvania, who was also of Scotch extraction and belonged to a family noted for its integrity and honesty. The Doctor is one of twelve children born of this union, of whom six are still living. (1) Joseph was a member of Company C, 139th P. V. I., during the Civil war, and lost a leg at the battle of Winchester; he is now living in Allegheny City, Penn. (2) J. L. is a resident of West Millville, Penn. (3) John, of Armstrong county. (4) Reed and (5) Mrs. Barr, both of Apollo, Penn. The father became one of the prominent and highly respected citizens of Armstrong county, where he died at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. He was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics. His wife died at the age of eighty; she was all that a mother possibly could be, and lived to see her children filling honorable and useful positions in life as the result of her teachings.

Dr. Walker passed his boyhood and youth at work upon the home farm, and received his mental training in the public schools and the Elderton Academy. At the age of eighteen he became a successful and popular teacher, and continued to follow that profession for some time. In 1874 he began the study of medicine under Drs. Park and Kelly, of Armstrong county, and subsequently, for three years, attended the Wooster University, of Cleveland, Ohio, graduating in 1877 at that institution with the degree of M. D. He at once opened an office in West Monterey, where he rapidly acquired the large and distinctive patronage which he now enjoys. He has met with most excellent success in his chosen calling, and has thereby gained a reputation second to no physician in the county. Outside of his practice, he is interested to some extent in the oil business, and is a member of the West Monterey Building Association and the Miners Supply Company (mercantile).

In 1880 Dr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss Ella Carson, a lady of culture and refinement, who was born at Red Bank, Clarion county, and is a daughter of Robert Carson, who was a member of the 69th P. V. I. during the Civil war, and died in front of Petersburg, Va., July 4, 1864. Mrs. Carson now finds a pleasant home with our subject. Three children were born to the Doctor and his wife: Byron Porter, now thirteen years of age; Donald Wilson, aged sixteen months; and one who died in infancy.

Dr. Walker is one of the leading Republicans in his district, and when a candidate for the Legislature in 1884, he ran 700 votes ahead of his ticket, receiving the largest vote ever given a member of his party for that office in the county. The district, however, is strongly Democratic.
and he failed of election, but the support he received plainly indicated his popularity. For six years he was a member of the board of pension examiners at Clarion, Penn., and Parker's Landing Board, which is now located at East Brady, and he has also been identified with the post office, as his wife's sister, Miss Addie Carson, served as postmistress four years. He is a prominent member of the Clarion County Medical Society, and the Allegheny Clinical Association; and belongs to Tent No. 250, K. O. T. M., of West Monterey, and the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 884, in which he has passed all the chairs. He is also an honored and distinguished member of the Order of American Mechanics, and besides belonging to the local council he is also connected with the State and National organization. He represented the State Council in Boston in 1896, and at Baltimore the following year, and has also served as a State officer. The Doctor is a man of fine physique, six feet in height, and well proportioned. Wherever he goes he wins friends, and has the happy faculty of being able to retain them.

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B. WATSON, of Farmington township, has for many years been one of the most active and enterprising business men of Clarion county, his name being inseparably connected with its industrial and agricultural interests. He was born on his present farm August 16, 1827, and belongs to one of the pioneer families of this region.

David Watson, father of our subject, was born in 1780, near Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Penn., whence, during his youth, he accompanied his father, John Watson, on his removal to Westmoreland county, locating near Greensburg, where they resided for several years. The latter, however, spent his last days near Apollo, Armstrong county. His children were as follows: (1) Jane became the wife of a Mr. McLaughlin, of Armstrong county. (2) Elizabeth, who never married, died near Leechburg, Penn., at the age of ninety years. (3) Mary wedded John Martin, of Armstrong county, where she died some years ago. (4) William, born in Franklin county, married a Miss Johnson, of Armstrong county, where both died some years ago; their children were John, who was drowned when a young man; Adam J., who died in the oil regions some years ago; William G., who married a Miss Brown, of Armstrong county, and died on the old homestead in that county, leaving a son, who was a member of the 105th P. V. I., during the Civil war, and died from the effect of wounds received at the battle of Gettysburg; David, a farmer by occupation, who died a few years ago in Pittsburg; Matilda, who married Robert Kilgore, of Armstrong county, and died at McKeensport; Susanna, who married Thomas Ford, of Armstrong county, but both died some years ago; Mary, who died unmarried in 1870; Nancy, who married John Brown, of Armstrong county; Elizabeth, who married Jesse James, of the same county; and Margaret, who married a Mr. Gallaher, of Armstrong county.

David Watson, our subject's father, married a Miss Guthrie, of Armstrong county, by whom he had four children, all of whom died in childhood with the exception of John, who spent the most of his life in Kentucky. For his second wife the father wedded Margaret Boyd, of Venango county, Penn., a daughter of James and Hannah Boyd, natives of Ireland, who spent their last days in Clarion county, Penn. After his second marriage, in 1824, Mr. Watson located at Scotch Hill, Clarion county, where he secured 365 acres of State land, from which he developed a small farm, erecting thereon a log house and barn. There he died in December, 1863, having long survived his second wife, who passed away in 1830. Four children were born to them, our subject being the only one to reach years of maturity. Eliza, born on the old homestead at Scotch Hill, where our subject now resides, died in childhood. The second child died in infancy. Elizabeth, born in 1830, died at the age of twenty-four.

On his present farm D. B. Watson spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and his education was limited to about a year's attendance in the district schools. At the age of eighteen he began lumbering for A. J. Porter, building boats for the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets, some four years, and on his own account he embarked in the same line at Gravel Lick, in 1849, successfully following that business for some years. In June, 1851, he married Miss Helen Rutherford, of Clarion county, and located on the old homestead in order to care for his father during his declining years.

In 1852 Mr. Watson purchased land at Gravel Lick, on the Clarion river, where he erected a boat yard, and continued to successfully engage in the building of coal-boat bottoms until 1885. In 1878, in connection with Messrs. Stiner and Heffron, he built a portable sawmill, which they operated, sawing boat fittings for a number of years, but in 1877 he sold his boat yard to James Howe, of Scotch Hill. He had not confined his attention exclusively to this business, for in 1864, in partnership with McConnell & Baker, he had
started a general store at Scotch Hill, and three years later purchased the interests of the others, for some time carrying on the business alone. Later, however, he admitted J. W. Bartlett to a partnership, and in 1873 he closed out his stock. In 1883 he again embarked in general merchandising at Scotch Hill, with Michael Kempf, but in the fall of 1885 he sold his interest to Charles Leeper, of Clarion, and has since devoted his time and attention to lumbering and farming. On the death of his father, in 1863, he came into possession of the old homestead, and has since cleared and placed under cultivation about sixty acres. His home and household goods were destroyed by fire in 1887, but soon a large two-story frame residence was erected, and many other improvements have been made, so that it is now one of the most desirable farms in the locality.

Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Watson, namely: (1) Jemima H., born on the old homestead, in April, 1832, was married in 1869 to Clinton Fitzgerald, of Clarion county, and they now live in Marionville, Forest Co., Penn., where he is engaged in the lumbering business. Their children are—Edward W., Harrison W., Clyde, Leroy, Caroline, James, Helen, Jane, Bertha, and Julia and Junie (twins). (2) Henrietta, born in 1834, married Dr. John M. Fitzgerald, of Clarion county, who is now engaged in practice in the city of Clarion, and they have eight children—Guy H., Mildred, Jay, Myrna L., Rachel Irene, Fred F., Alice and Charles K. (3) W. S., born in 1839, is a carpenter, residing in Scotch Hill, Farmington township; he married Bell Kerr, of Clarion county, by whom he has six children—Myrna, Frank, James K., D. B., Willis B. and Olive B. (4) Rachel, born in 1864, was married in 1894 to William Baltzer, of Clarion county, who is engaged in merchandising in Knox, Penn.; they have one daughter, Helen. (5) Mary L., born in 1867, was educated in the Clarion Normal School, and for five years successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county; in 1894 she married Ross P. Kerr, of Clarion county, who is a lumberman residing at Scotch Hill; two children bless their union—James W. and Raymond R. (6) David H., born in 1862, was educated in the common schools of Clarion county, and resides with his parents. (7) Alice, born in 1856, died in 1862. (8) Jane, born in 1861, died the same year. (9) Thomas F., born in 1869, died in 1873.

Mr. Watson was one of the first men at Scotch Hill to join the ranks of the Republican party, and has since been one of its most earnest advocates and supporters. He has faithfully served his fellow citizens as school director, auditor and supervisor, and in 1857 was first elected justice of the peace for a term of five years. In 1883 he was re-elected to the same office, which he has since continuously held, and when his present term expires he will have held the office some twenty years. His rulings have always been fair and impartial, winning the commendation of the general public. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian Church of Scotch Hill, and both have the respect and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. As a business man Mr. Watson is straightforward and reliable, and as a citizen he does all in his power to advance the interests of his native county.

JOHN F. HOSTERMAN, who is now engaged in the oil business in Shippenville, has spent his entire life in Clarion county, his birth having occurred in Edinburg, Beaver township, in 1833. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Hosterman, was born in Wilmington, N. C., of German ancestry, from that place removed to Hagerstown, Md., and came to Centre county, Penn., in 1795, since which time members of the family have been prominently identified with the growth and development of this section of the State.

David Hosterman, our subject’s father, was born in Haines township, Centre county, in 1803, and in that county was married about 1829 to Miss Susan Reeser, a native of Berks county, Penn. Having previously learned the tanner’s trade, he removed, in 1831, to what is now Knox, Beaver township, Clarion county (then Edinburg, Venango county), where he leased a tannery and operated the same for five years. In 1835, he came to Shippenville, and after erecting a tannery of his own, he conducted it for several years. His death occurred at this place in 1875, and his wife also died in Shippenville, in 1871. They were widely and favorably known, and had many friends in their adopted county. The children born to them were: Henry, who died in Shippenville; Jacob, who died at Blair’s Corners, Beaver township, Clarion county; John F., of this sketch; Mrs. Mary Jane Wilson, of Shippenville; and David, of Springfield, Ohio.

During his boyhood and youth John F. Hosterman pursued his studies in the schools of Shippenville. In October, 1861, he enlisted at Kittanning, Penn., for three years, in Company M, Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was a member of the Army of the Potomac. His term of service having expired, he was honorably discharged in October, 1864. Returning to his
home in Shippenville, he engaged in carpenter work. He lived at home with his father, until the latter’s death, assisting in the work of the tannery, and then engaged in carpentering and farming. He now has twenty acres of land inside the corporation limits. Since 1886 he has been interested in the oil business, and in that enterprise has also met with good success.

In 1872 in Shippenville, Mr. Hosterman was married to Miss Lena Mahle, a native of Fryburg, Clarion county, and a daughter of Ludwig and Fannie (Rickenrode) Mahle, who died in Fryburg some years ago. Her father was of German birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Hosterman were born two children: Ulysses H., who is married and now lives in Peoria, Ill.; and Mrs. Mary Lucretia Baker, of Shippenville, Clarion Co., Penn. The wife and mother departed this life in Shippenville, in 1884.

Politically, Mr. Hosterman is identified with the Democratic party, and is an earnest advocate of its principles. The part which he has taken in the development of the county has impressed his name indelibly upon its records, and he well deserves mention among the honored pioneers, as well as the leading business men and highly respected citizens.

ISAAC IMHOFF, of Miola, who is successfully engaged in both merchandising and farming in Highland township, Clarion county, has led a life of honest toil. Throughout his career of continued and far-reaching usefulness his duties have been performed with the greatest care, and his business interests have been so managed as to win him the confidence of the public and the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort.

Henry Imhoff, the father of our subject, was born in 1798, in Germany, and when eighteen years of age he emigrated to America, becoming a resident of Clarion county, Penn. He married Miss Sarah Kopp, of Fryburg, and then located near Lucinda Furnace, where he purchased a tract of wild land which he transformed into a good farm. There his wife died in 1883, and he passed away in 1890, honored and respected by all who knew them. Their children were all born on the old homestead near Lucinda Furnace and were as follows: Samuel, who is married and resides at Helen Furnace; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Sutter, of Fryburg; George, who owns and operates the old homestead; Henry, who married in West Virginia, where he died in 1889, leaving a widow but no children; Sarah, who became the wife of Thomas Behan, and died in 1863, leaving one daughter, Sadie; Mary, wife of John Weiser, of Farmington township, Clarion county, by whom she has several children; Catharine, wife of Alexander McWilliam, of Warren county, Penn.; John, a farmer of Highland township, Clarion county, who married Louisa Swartz, of West Virginia, and has seven children: Hannah, who married Ross Kerr, of Jefferson county, and with their two children reside in Warren county.

Isaac Imhoff, who completes the family, was born August 8, 1840, on the old homestead, where he spent the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, attending the common schools of the neighborhood, and assisting in the labor of the fields. In 1872 he was married to Miss Susan Rickenbrode, of Clarion county, and to them have been born nine children, namely: Wesley H., born in 1873, died at the age of two years. John Burton, born in 1875, died when only a year old. Clyde A., born in July, 1877, began his education in the public schools, later attended the Clarion Normal for two terms, and has since successfully engaged in teaching in Clarion county. He is a very bright, scholarly young man, residing at home. Newton W., born in 1879, died in childhood. Stanley E., born in 1881, attended the common schools, and now aids his father in the operation of the home farm. Herbert H., born in 1883, Cora M., born in 1886, Mabel A., born in 1892, and Edith Viola, born in June, 1895, are all at home.

For four years after his marriage, Mr. Imhoff rented and operated the old homestead, but in 1875 purchased 158 acres, in Highland township, known as the John Read farm, on which is a good brick residence, frame barn and other improvements. To agricultural pursuits Mr. Imhoff devoted his time and attention until 1884, when he erected a large store building in Miola, and embarked in general merchandising, carrying on that business in connection with the cultivation of his farm.

In 1885 under President Cleveland’s administration, Mr. Imhoff was appointed postmaster of Miola, and acceptably served four years, and again in 1893 he was appointed to the same position, so that he is the present incumbent. For ten years he has also served as school director, was justice of the peace four years, and is now serving his fourth year as township treasurer. He has proved a competent and faithful officer, is recognized as one of the most popular and influential citizens of his community, and as a business man ranks among the best in Highland township. He and his wife formerly were
Lutherans in religious belief, but now hold membership in the Presbyterian Church at Shiloh, Highland township, and cheerfully give their support to all measures calculated to benefit the moral, intellectual or material welfare.

THOMAS DIVINS, a well-known lumberman, has spent almost his entire life in Porter township, where his birth occurred in February, 1847. He is a representative of one of Clarion county's most prominent and influential families. His father, Hon. William Divins, represented his district in the State Legislature, and took an important part in public affairs. He was born in Centre county, Penn.; a son of James Divins, a native of Ireland.

In early manhood William Divins married Miss Mary, daughter of John McKinney, a native of Scotland, and eleven children blessed their union, nine sons and two daughters, namely: John (deceased); William served as a soldier in Company K, 148th P. V. I., and died in Monroe township, Clarion county, in January, 1886; David was a member of the same company and regiment, and died at Bell Island, N. Y., from disease contracted in the service; James P. was also one of the brave boys in blue, serving in Company K, 148th P. V. I.; Anthony belonged to Company K, 148th P. V. I.; and now lives in Jefferson county, Penn.; Martin died at the age of four years; Thomas, of this sketch; Calvin; Curtis, a resident of Elk county, Penn.; Sarah Ann, wife of J. C. Henry; and Mary E., wife of G. W. Stewart, of Porter township.

Like four of his brothers, Thomas Divins also donned the blue and gallantly fought for the preservation of the Union. In Porter township, he enlisted in 1863 (when only sixteen years of age), in Company K, 148th P. V. I., and was sworn into the United States service at Meadville, Penn., where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Second Army Corps. With his command he took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, North and South Anna River, and all the other engagements in which his regiment participated (twenty-three). At Petersburg he received a gunshot wound which necessitated his remaining in the hospital for some time. When the war was over, and his services were no longer needed, he was honorably discharged at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Penn., June 5, 1865, and returned to Porter township. He has since devoted his energies mainly to farming and lumbering, and has met with a fair degree of success in his undertakings.

In October, 1868, in Luthersburg, Clearfield Co., Penn., Mr. Divins was married to Miss Esther Atherton, a native of Dauphin county, Penn., and a daughter of Stephen and Matilda (Seagroves) Atherton. Her father, who was a contractor, was born in 1808, in Connecticut, and died in 1855, while her mother was born in Lancaster county, Penn., and died in Dauphin county, in 1885. Mr. and Mrs. Divins have three children: Alice, now Mrs. Platt, of Limestone township, Clarion county; Charlie and Harry.

Our subject uses his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and he has been called upon to serve as a member of the school board seven years, and also as township supervisor. He is an honored member of Captain Core Post No. 239, G. A. R., and is one of the most popular and highly respected citizens of the community where he has so long made his home. Those who know him best are numbered among his staunchest friends, a fact which plainly indicates a well-spent life.

JOEL ELMER SUMNERVILLE (originally spelled Somerville, and both styles are now used by different members of the family), the well-known and popular proprietor of the "City Hotel," Kinzersburg, is a native of Clarion county, born August 30, 1851, on the old family homestead in Madison township, a son of Squire Joseph A. and Laura (Sage) Summerville, natives of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

James Somerville, the paternal great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of County Down, Ireland, and in 1732 came to America. He got into some difficulty about shooting rabbits out of the hunting season, and to avoid arrest he took passage on a vessel which was ready to sail for the New World. He first located in Fayette county, Penn., and on his arrival there his only possessions consisted of a dog and a gun. After following farming in that county for two years he removed to a place on Crooked creek in Armstrong county, and in 1756 secured 350 acres of land in Franklin township, that county, on the present site of Worthington, and about six miles from Kittanning. The place is now owned and operated by his great-grandchildren. He died there in 1834, at the age of ninety years, and was buried in the Seceder cemetery at Worthington. He had married a Miss Sarah Scott, a native of Scotland, and they became the parents of the following children: William, a farmer, who died in Iowa; Samuel, a farmer, of Terre Haute, Ind.; John, the grandfather of our subject; Josiah and Joseph, who died in Clarion county; Margaret, who wedded
William Ferguson, and died in Clarion county; Hannah, who married William Manteer, and died in Armstrong county; and Fannie, who married Joseph Rankin, and died in Clarion county.

John Summerville, our subject's grandfather, was born in Armstrong county, and in 1826 was married at Catfish, by Rev. John Dickey, a Seceder minister, to Miss Catherine Ferguson, a native of Adams county, Penn. Her parents, William and Emily (Conover) Ferguson, were natives of County Down, Ireland, and Holland, respectively. When a young man Mr. Ferguson came to America and first located in Adams county, Penn., whence he removed to Catfish, Armstrong county, where he took up a large tract of land. He traded this property for land near Brookville, in Jefferson county, where he died in 1831, at the age of seventy-three years, his remains being interred at Bellevue. His children were: John, who died in Jackson county, Iowa, where he had engaged in merchandising; Ebenezer, a farmer who died in Jefferson county, Penn.; William, a merchant and farmer, who died in the same county; Catherine, the grandmother of our subject; Ruth, wife of John Saires, a farmer, of Clarion county; and Rachel, wife of Alexander Campbell, a cabinet maker of Keokuk, Iowa. The children born to John and Catherine (Ferguson) Summerville are: James H., a farmer of Clarion county; William, a merchant, of Chillicothe, Mo.; Joseph Addison, our subject's father, who is an attorney and farmer, of Clarion county, and has served as county surveyor; and John, who died in 1867, at Red Bank furnace in Clarion county.

The subject of this sketch is the fourth in order of birth in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: John, a physician, of Monroe, Penn.; William J., a carpenter and contractor, of Apollo, Penn.; Thompson B., who is a contractor, engaged in rig building in the oil fields of Madison township, Clarion county; Samuel (deceased); Mary, wife of Elmer Conner, who is an engineer on the Allegheny Valley railroad, and lives in East Brady, Penn.; Maggie, wife of Harry Shaffer, of Madison township, Clarion county; and Elizabeth (deceased).

Joel Elmer Summerville remained upon the home farm until his marriage, which important event in his life was celebrated at Rimersburg, March 26, 1880, Miss Hannah Flick becoming his wife. Rev. Robert Bruce, a minister of the Associate Presbyterian Church, performed the ceremony. Five children bless this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Charles Addison, August 3, 1881; Lila, July 21, 1883; Jessie Pearl, July 13, 1885; Elmer Merrill, August 3, 1887; and Carl Craig, April 19, 1893. The mother of these was born on the old Flick homestead, in Madison township, Clarion county, November 30, 1871, a daughter of Charles and Mary J. (Mortimer) Flick. The birth of her mother occurred in the same township, July 28, 1824, but her grandparents, Daniel and Hannah (Wilson) Mortimer, were natives of Ireland, and came to the United States at an early day.

For three years after his marriage Mr. Summerville rented and operated the home farm, and then worked in the oil fields for six years, after which he purchased the "Bar House" in Lawsonham, Clarion county, paying $1,000 for the same. He successfully conducted that hotel until March, 1897, when he purchased the "City Hotel," at Rimersburg from G. W. Stewart. He is now successfully carrying on that popular hostelry, and from the public receives a liberal patronage. He is an honored member of the Odd Fellows Society, Lodge No. 483, of Rimersburg, and is an active and prominent worker in the ranks of the Democratic party. He is a progressive and enterprising citizen, who does all in his power to promote the public welfare, and he is also one of the leading and representative business men of Rimersburg.

**Miss Sadie E. Ritts.**

"To our God shall we now bring Earliest tribute of our lays; Let us first His glory sing Who with bliss our toil repays."

The above from the pen of a noted writer is a fitting introduction to the biography of one of America's finest singers, Miss Sadie E. Ritts, of St. Peterburg, Clarion Co., Penn., a daughter of Elias Ritts, a well-known banker of that town. She was born at the Ritts homestead, where the family still resides, and received her early literary training in the public schools of her native town. In 1884 she enrolled as a student at the Pittsburg Female College, where she began the study of the art which to-day makes her famous not only in Pennsylvania, but in Ohio and New York as well. In 1885 Miss Ritts was the youngest contestant for the Hamilton Gold Medal. Her competitors were from Ohio and Pennsylvania. At the close of the annual contest, while special mention was made by the judges of one of the other contestants, they unanimously awarded the medal to Miss Ritts. Concerning the contest, the *Pittsburg Post*, of June 16, 1885, says:

"One of the most brilliant concerts in the
history of the Pittsburg Female College took place in the chapel of the institution last night. Several of the contestants were known to possess more than ordinary school girl talent, and a close contest for the beautiful gold medal was the result. Samuel Hamilton, of this city (Pittsburg), furnished the medal and it bears his name.

"Miss Sadie E. Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Penn., has a remarkable voice, and rendered in fine style 'He of all the best the noblest,' by Schumann, and 'If thou didst love me.'

"The medal was easily awarded to Miss Ritts, and the contest the finest ever held in the college."

Subsequently Miss Ritts visited New York City and sang for the director of music in the National Conservatory. That gentleman was so well pleased with the quality of her voice that he insisted that she should enter the National School of Opera. In this connection a Pittsburg paper says:

"When it is taken into account that every year the applicants for an opportunity to enter the school are numbered by the hundreds, the merits of Miss Ritts' voice can be duly appreciated by her Pittsburg friends. It is hardly probable that Miss Ritts will adopt the stage as a profession, but it is at least a satisfaction to know that she is the possessor of a voice that, did she so desire, she could win an independent fortune, and all the honors of an operatic singer."

Miss Ritts is in constant demand for local concerts and for special musical events throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio. She was for two years the soloist at Ridgway Institute, and in 1891 was soloist of the Pennsylvania Normal Musical Institute, at Butler, Penn. In 1892 she completed a special course of study in the Duquesne Conservatory of Music, and, on the advice of her preceptor, she entered the examination for scholarship at the National Conservatory of Music of America, in New York City. She passed the examination successfully and Signor Romualdo Sapiro, the leading teacher of vocal art in the National Conservatory, directed her studies in opera and oratorio during the next year. The main object of Miss Ritts visiting the metropolis was to gain a broader comprehension of the higher lines of musical work, and to gain this opportunity she resigned her position as soprano soloist in the South Side Presbyterian Church, in Pittsburg.

As stated above, the services of Miss Ritts are in constant demand, and on the most prominent occasions. The Chautauqua Assembly Record, published at Chautauqua, N. Y., in an editorial in the issue of July 30, 1895, says:

"Dr. Palmer treated the Chautauqua people last night in the amphitheatre to a concert at once popular and unusually interesting. Among the best numbers was Miss Sadie Ritts, of New York, who made her first appearance here and sang a song of sentiment entitled "Sognia" by Schiria, with good voice and in a finished and tasteful manner."

The following press notices concerning Miss Ritts prove her ability as a singer. The following is from a Pittsburg paper:

"Miss Sadie Ritts, the well-known soprano, has returned from New York, where she sang before the directors of the National Opera School and was tendered a free scholarship in that school for a course of operatic study."

"Miss Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Clarion county, has been in the city for the past two weeks on her way from New York where she has taken a year's course in the National Conservatory of Music and sang at two Sunday services in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church, of that city, to the delight of the congregation."

The Jamestown (N. Y.) Journal, speaking of Miss Ritts at Chautauqua, says: "It will not be improper to call special attention to the solo by Miss Sadie Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Penn. As an artist in voice and execution she was all that her most sensitive and critical friends would have desired. The applause elicited was tremendous in the extreme. The desire is general that she may appear again."

The Pittsburgh Dispatch of August 4, 1895, gives the following: "A letter of recent date from the great summer gathering at Chautauqua says that music is receiving special attention at this meeting of the assembly, at the front of which is Dr. Palmer's chorus of 400 voices. For Wednesday evening's concert solo singers were lacking, but a telegram to Miss Sadie Ritts, of St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Penn., brought that lady to the rescue. Miss Ritts, who studied in this city (Pittsburg) for some time, and is well known in musical circles here, has spent two years in New York under able instruction in the National Conservatory, and has developed into an artist of rare accomplishments. Her voice easily filled the vast amphitheatre, in which there were over 5,000 people, and she has it under perfect control."

The Pittsburgh Times of March 28, 1885, says: "Miss Sadie Ritts is rapidly ascending the ladder of fame. In a comparatively short time she has become one of our most favored songstresses."

The Pittsburg Leader of March 14, 1886, says: "Standard Council, No. 62, O. U. A. M.,
held an anniversary entertainment in the hall of the Sixth Ward School, Allegheny, Penn., last evening. Miss Sadie Ritts was the prima donna of the occasion, and carried off the lion's share of the honors.

Press notices from various cities might be added in praise of Miss Ritts, as a truly accomplished singer, and the above not only shows her training to have been in the best schools of the country, but also shows that she has risen to the top round in the ladder of fame in the musical world. On October 1, 1895, Miss Ritts was engaged as soprano soloist in the First Baptist Church of Franklin, Penn., which position she is still filling. It should also be mentioned in this connection that Miss Ritts' abilities are not limited to vocal music. She is a fine pianist and literary student, and in her social life is an able conversationalist and a genial lady.

DAVID U. KLINE, a well-known oil producer, is one of the energetic, progressive and prosperous business men of Beaver township, Clarion county. He is thoroughly informed on every branch of the business, and has successfully engaged in operations along that line since 1833.

Born December 13, 1858, on the Kline homestead in Porter township, Clarion county, Mr. Kline is one of a family of eleven children. At an early age he left home, and in 1876 came to the oil fields, being for seven years in the employ of Israel Neely, now deceased, who was a well-known and prominent citizen of this region. Since then he has successfully engaged in business on his own account as an oil producer, and at the present time is interested in fourteen oil wells, all in Clarion county, some of which he is part owner of, while others are leased.

In October, 1883, Mr. Kline was married to Miss Sarah S. Neely, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who is representative of a prominent family, her father being Cyrus Neely. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kline hold membership in the Reformed Church of Beaver township. Mr. Kline is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and always takes a deep and commendable interest in political affairs. He eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of the county, who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master opposing forces of life, and to wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name. Of a jovial, genial disposition, he makes friends wherever he goes, and both in business and social circles occupies an enviable position.

C. S. MOHNEY, M. D. Among the representatives of the medical profession, whose skill and ability have gained them prestige in Clarion county, is this gentleman, a well-known and successful practitioner of Callensburg. He was born in Armstrong county, Penn., April 23, 1860, a son of L. S. and Rebecca (Shick) Mohney, also natives of that county. Both his paternal grandfather, Adam Mohney, and his maternal grandfather, Jacob Shick, were of German descent and honored pioneers of Armstrong county, where they followed the occupation of farming. They were highly respected citizens of the community, and devoted Christians, being faithful members of the Reformed Church.

The Doctor is fifth in the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being Jacob; Adam M., a practicing physician of Rimersburg, Penn.; William, who is living in the West; Frederick C., who is engaged in the planing-mill business; Elizabeth, who married A. J. McMillan, and died in 1895, and Charles L., an employee in the electric light works of Cleveland, Ohio. The mother died in 1891, but the father is still living at the ripe old age of seventy-three, and has made his home with his children since her death. For fifteen years he was successfully engaged in merchandising at different places, and conducted a hotel for the same length of time. He was also a stock-drover, selling his horses and cattle in Eastern cities, but has now laid aside business cares and is enjoying a well-earned rest.

Reared in Millville, Dr. Mohney began his education in the common schools of that place, and later attended the West Millville Seminary for four terms. He was also a student in the seminary at Bellview, Jefferson county, for one term, and, having thus obtained a good education, he began teaching at the age of sixteen years—a profession he successfully followed for ten consecutive terms. During the last two he read medicine with Dr. A. M. Mohney, his brother, who was engaged in practice in Leatherwood, Penn. In 1885 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., where he graduated two years later, and he at once opened an office in Putneyville. After a year and a half spent in that place he came to Callensburg, where he soon succeeded in building up a large and lucrative practice. He has met with excellent success in his chosen calling, and merits the confidence so freely accorded him. For four years he has served as secretary of the County Medical Society, and is also an honored member of the State and National Medical Associations.

On June 1, 1887, in Clarion county, Dr.
Mohney was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Armagost, a daughter of Thomas and Susannah Ar¬
mast, who are of German descent, and have
traveled life's journey together for over half a
century. The father, who died July 31, 1897,
was a blacksmith by trade, and was one of the
leading and prominent members of the Reformed
Church, in which he faithfully served as elder or
deacon for many years. His life had ever been
in harmony with his profession, and he was
always found in the house of worship at every
service. In his family are eleven children,
namely: Mrs. Mary Doverspike; Agnes, wife of
Mr. Richard; Mrs. Mattie Laughlin; Elsie, wife
of Dr. A. M. Mohney, brother of our subject;
Mrs. Alice Krotzer; Mrs. Crissie Fox; Elizabeth,
wife of our subject; Adda, wife of Dr. Woods;
Mrs. Nettie Slaughenhoupt, and William M. and
Harry B., both blacksmiths by occupation. Dr.
and Mrs. Mohney have two daughters—Nettie
B., born in October, 1888; and Rebecca M.,
born in December, 1891.

Our subject and his wife are both members
of the Reformed Church. The Doctor is a
Master Mason, a member of the Independent
Order of Odd Fellows, the American Mechanics
and the Knights of the Maccabees. Deeply
interested in his profession, he is a close student
of medical journals, and does all in his power to
perfect himself in his chosen calling. He is not
only one of the leading physicians of the county,
but is also one of its representative and highly-
respected citizens.

John R. Bangert, M. D., who is now
successfully engaged in the practice of medi¬
cine and surgery in Shippenville, Clarion
county, is a worthy representative of a family
that has attained distinction in that profession.
He was born in 1866, in Ashland township, a
son of Dr. J. R. and Almeda (Newland) Bangert,
the former a native of Germany, and the latter
of Buffalo, N. Y. The paternal grandfather,
also a native of the Fatherland, crossed the
Atlantic and took up his residence in Pittsburg,
Penn., at an early day, spending his remaining
years at that place.

The father of our subject obtained his liter¬
ary education in the schools of Pittsburg, and
after completing his medical studies he engaged
in practice in that city for a time. There he mar¬
rried Almeda Newland, a daughter of Dr. William
and Almira (Lovell) Newland. Her father was born
in Massachusetts, at an early day removed to
Buffalo, N. Y., from there to Pittsburg, Penn.,
and finally took up his residence near the stone house
in Ashland township, Clarion county. Here he
soon built up a large practice which extended all
over the county, but later removed to Oil City,
and from there returned to Pittsburg, where his
death occurred April 16, 1892, and where his
second wife is still living. His first wife, the
grandmother of our subject, died in Utica, Mich.,
in 1884.

For some time after his marriage Dr. Ban¬
gert, Sr., continued to engage in practice in
Pittsburg, and also in speculating. Coming to
Ashland township, Clarion county, he built a
sawmill, engaged in the manufacture of lumber,
and also became interested in the oil business.
Subsequently he removed to Oil City, where he
conducted a boot and shoe store for a number of
years, and then returned to Ashland township,
where he successfully engaged in practice until
called to his final rest in November, 1889. He
was a man of prominence in business and pro¬
fessional circles, and was wide and favorably
known throughout many portions of the State.
The mother of our subject is now the wife of J.
J. Jameson, of Pittsburg. Of the first union
there were six sons and one daughter, namely:
Lewis and Mary, who both died in childhood;
William, a resident of Ohio; Francis M., who is
now living in the West; John R. and George
(twins), the latter having died in Oil City, Penn.,
and Charles Jacob, a resident of Pittsburg.

Dr. Bangert, of this review, spent the first
thirteen years of his life in Oil City, and the fol¬
lowing two years in Clarion county, after which
he went to Macomb county, Mich., where he
attended school for four years. Subsequently
he entered a business college of Detroit, where
he pursued his studies for two years, and then
engaged in teaching in Macomb county for the
same length of time. He matriculated at the
Eclectic Medical Institute at Cincinnati, Ohio,
in 1887, and graduated from that college two
years later with the degree M. D. Coming to
Ashland township, Clarion county, he succeeded
to his father's practice, and is now recognized as
one of the most progressive and successful physi¬
cians of this section of the State. He has also
become interested in the oil business.

In December, 1890, Dr. Bangert was married
at Franklin, Ind., to Miss Georgia Ann Shreve,
a native of Crawford county, Penn. He is a
member of the State Medical Society and the
National Eclectic Medical Society; also belongs
to Shippenville Lodge No. 948, I. O. O. F. In
January, 1891, he removed to Shippenville, where
he has a large and lucrative practice. His thor¬
ough knowledge of medicine and skill in surgery
have won him the confidence of the people with
JAMES F. McNUTT, who for eleven years has served as postmaster of Fairmount City, and is now filling that position, discharging his duties with a promptness and fidelity that wins him high commendation, was born in Porter township, Clarion county, September 12, 1840.

Collin R. McNutt, his father, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., and was a son of Collin and Jane (McKillop) McNutt, who were natives of County Donegal, Ireland. The grandfather of our subject was a silk weaver by trade. After coming to America he resided for a time in Philadelphia, then removed to Westmoreland county, and afterward to Porter township, Clarion county, where he died at the age of ninety years. His wife also passed away when ninety years of age. They had a family of seven children—three sons and four daughters—William, Mrs. Grace Smullen, Robert, Margaret, Collin, Charlotte and Mrs. Catherine Smullen.

The father of our subject was reared on the old family homestead in Porter township, and having arrived at years of maturity was united in marriage with Miss Mary Henry, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Robert Henry, one of the prominent early settlers of Clarion county, of Scotch-Irish descent. To Mr. and Mrs. McNutt was born one son, James Frank. The mother died at his birth, and the father afterward married Jane McKillop, a daughter of Archibald McKillop. By this union there were born five children, four of whom are living: Mrs. Eliza Starkez, of Greensburg, Kans.; P. M., of New Bethlehem, Penn.; Jennie, wife of Dr. R. B. Brown, of New Kensington, Penn.; and Effie, wife of W. M. Hurkman, of New Bethlehem, Penn. Two of the family died in childhood. Collin R. McNutt died at New Bethlehem at the age of sixty-seven years. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religious belief was a Presbyterian.

James F. McNutt was reared at his parents' home in Porter township, and early trained to habits of industry, economy and honesty. He acquired a good education, and for some time was a successful and popular teacher. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in his country's service July 3, 1863, and became second lieutenant of Company K, 57th P. V. I., under command of Col. Porter. He was a loyal and valiant soldier, who had the regard of his superior officers and the confidence and respect of those who served under him.

After the war Mr. McNutt resided in Pittsburg for a time, and was employed as clerk and bookkeeper. He also engaged in business for himself there, and later came to Fairmont City, where he was employed in the capacity of salesman and bookkeeper for nine years for Jones & Brinker, and the Fairmont Coal & Iron Co. He is now filling the office of postmaster, and his administration of affairs is acceptable to the public and creditable to himself. He had formerly filled the same office, in New Bethlehem, under Andrew Johnson, and has twice been appointed to the position here by President Cleveland.

On June 23, 1863, Mr. McNutt was married in Armstrong county, Penn., to Margaret E. Hamilton, daughter of Capt. J. K. Hamilton, an officer of the 103rd P. V. I., now deceased. They have two children: Maud F. and Frank H. The parents and children hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. McNutt belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Masonic fraternity, having attained the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Jefferson Chapter No. 221, of Brookville. In politics he is a stalwart Democrat. He was a candidate for the office of prothonotary, but was defeated for the nomination by a small majority. For ten years he filled the office of justice of the peace in New Bethlehem, Penn., and his promptness and impartiality made him a very capable official. Every duty of citizenship he discharges with the same loyalty to the best interests of the country that marked his course during all his past life.

RULOF ISAAC ALLEN RULOFSON, a successful lumberman of Strattonville, Clarion county, has through his own exertions attained an honorable position and marked prestige among the representative business men of the county. Looking back through the vista of the past, we see a boy who started out unaided in search of a home and fortune, the struggles for a foothold, the hopes and fears, the disappointments and successes, until at present we see his ambitious dreams realized, and an honored old age crowned with the respect and veneration which is accorded a well-spent life.

Mr. Rulofson was born in Kings county, New Brunswick, October 18, 1822, and is a son of William H. and Priscilla Amelia (Howard) Rulofson, also natives of that country. The father was a very ingenious man, who engaged in farming, and also in importing blooded horses from Europe. He died in 1827, his wife passing away
some years later. After the death of his parents our subject's paternal grandfather offered to give him his farm if he would live with him upon the old homestead. For two years an aunt, who is still living at the advanced age of ninety-four years, cared for him, and after a short interval spent with his grandfather he went to St. Johns, New Brunswick, making his home with another aunt until able to make his own way in the world. She is still living at the advanced age of ninety-six years.

At the age of twenty Mr. Rulofson spent one month in learning the millwright's trade on the St. Croix river, and then accepted the foremanship over eight men at St. Stephen. Although he received only one month's instruction in the work, he thoroughly understood the business, and in 1843, at Milltown, Calais, Maine, he built the first gang sawmill in the United States. He then entered into a contract to build mills, for five years, and later was superintendent for a lumber company at Saccarappa, Maine, for a year and a half.

Coming to Pennsylvania, in 1851, Mr. Rulofson located in Elk county, where he constructed a mill for Mr. Blake, having brought the machinery with him. Later he formed a partnership with John Cobb, and under the name of Cobb & Rulofson they engaged in the manufacture of lumber until 1857. In the following year our subject came to Strattonville, Clarion county, where he has since made his home. During the thirty-nine years he has engaged in the lumber business at this place, he has seen nine of his partners buried. He is one of the most extensive lumbermen in western Pennsylvania, has at different times been interested in about ten thousand acres of timber land, and to-day still owns and operates a mill at the mouth of Mill creek, where he is doing a large and profitable business.

In 1843 Mr. Rulofson married Miss Amanda Jane Emerson, of St. Stephen, New Brunswick, and to them were born eight children, five of whom are still living, namely: Priscilla Jane, wife of Samuel R. Stratton, of Washington, D. C.; Jeannette, wife of George W. McCaslin, of New York City; Elizabeth, wife of David Clover, of Strattonville, Penn.; William R., who married Etta Smathers; and Merta, wife of T. H. Hoover.

In April, 1851, Mr. Rulofson's wife and family were on board the steamer "Admiral" when the Minot Lodge lighthouse at Boston was blown down, and the steamer was driven out to sea for twenty-four hours owing to the storm. Mr. Rulofson met with a very unpleasant experience in 1893. On the 13th of March, that year, he went to Pittsburg to meet a party of capitalists on business. Stopping at the "Seventh Avenue Hotel," he retired at eleven P. M., and for thirty-three hours thereafter was unconscious, having been asphyxiated by gas. He was sent to the hospital on the morning of the 14th, as an "unknown." His friends, after learning of his whereabouts, through persistent efforts finally saved him.

Mr. and Mrs. Rulofson are earnest, consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and take quite a prominent part in all Church work. Socially, he has for fifty-three years belonged to the Ancient York Masons, and for four consecutive years was master of the Clarion lodge; he has also been for over fifty years a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which order he is past grand, and was district deputy grand master for fifteen consecutive years. In his community he is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Republican party, and has served as chairman of the county committee, but has never aspired to official honors, preferring to give his ungodly attention to his extensive business interests. Mr. Rulofson is a man to which the most envious can scarcely grudge success, so well has he earned it, so admirably does he use it, so entirely does he lack pride of purse.

PHILIP BITTENBENDER, one of the prominent and well-to-do farmers of Clarion county, where his nearly seventy years of well-directed effort in life have been passed, was born December 19, 1827, in Redbank township, Armstrong (now Clarion) county, Pennsylvania.

It has now been three-quarters of a century since Philip and Magdalena (Good) Bittenbender, his parents, settled in this locality. They were both born in Northampton county, Penn., were married in Columbia county, and in 1822 came to Armstrong county. In 1839, on the formation of Clarion, that portion of Armstrong in which they had located became Clarion county. They were honest, upright and well-to-do people, who passed their lives amid agricultural pursuits. Their good deeds were many, and their lives were spared to advanced years. She died in September, 1861, at the age of seventy-six years. He lived to be ninety-two, passing away in October, 1872. Their children were: Sarah A. married Adam Mooney; Elizabeth married Jacob Ober; Hannah married Rev. George Wolf; Mary married A. Fox, and resides in Monroe township; Catherine is the widow of Edward Lurch, and resides in Monroe township; Jacob resides on the
old homestead in Porter township; and Philip is our subject. Sarah A., Elizabeth and Hannah, and their husbands, are deceased.

Philip Bittenbender was raised on the old homestead, his early years being passed in a manner not unlike the general farmer's son, assisting in doing the chores, working on the farm, and attending the district schools during the winters. Residing in the country and staying at home rather closely, naturally he has not had a very eventful life, yet it has been a busy one.

On March 15, 1858, he was married at Curllsville to Miss Sarah B. Curll, the Rev. Meteer, a Presbyterian minister, officiating. This marriage was blessed with the following children: Mary E. (Mrs. E. H. Wilshire) is a resident of California; William is at home; Maggie died October 5, 1878, and is buried at Churchville; Anna Bell died December 4, 1878, and is buried at Churchville; Philip W. is living on the homestead in Porter township; Lizzie J. died November 20, 1878, and is buried at Churchville; and Horace H. is at home. The parents, until 1896, resided on the homestead in Porter township, this being the old farm of his parents (the name of Redbank township was changed to Porter when Clarion county was formed). The parents are members of the Reformed Church, and have been active in its affairs; the father has been a deacon and elder in the Church three and nine years respectively. He has been prominent in the affairs of the county, and useful in the community in which he has so long resided. He is a genial and pleasant gentleman, residing now on a farm of some seventy odd acres within the limits of the borough of Curllsville. Their home is one in keeping with the times and the good taste of its occupants. Mr. Bittenbender is one of the successful agriculturists and substantial citizens of Clarion county. In politics he is a Democrat.

Sarah B. (Curll) Bittenbender, was born November 26, 1834, in a log cabin at Curllsville, Clarion county, the daughter of William D. and Eliza J. (Frampton) Curll, natives of Chester and Armstrong counties respectively. John Curll, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Bittenbender, a native of Ireland, came to America in 1795, locating in Chester county, Penn., where he and a son James died of yellow fever contracted on route on the vessel. This left William Curll his only heir in America. William was born in Antrim, Ireland, in 1781. He was reared in Chester county, and married Sarah Van Lier. In 1801 he located on the site of Curllsville, then in Armstrong county, and from the family came the name given to the place. He became a man of prominence and influence throughout this section. He was one of the commissioners of Armstrong county, was a justice of the peace in Redbank and Clarion townships; his commission which is now in the possession of Mr. Bittenbender, reads: "To have and to hold this commission and the office hereby granted unto you, the said William Curll, so long as you shall behave yourself well." It was signed by Gov. Andrew Schultz. On February 28, 1842, he was appointed postmaster of Curllsville by Charles A. Wickliffe, then postmaster-general of the United States. On the second Tuesday of October, 1851, he was commissioned associate judge of Clarion county for five years. He had farmed some and taught school in Clarion county, and for several years resided in Centre county, where he was similarly occupied. His death occurred in June, 1862, and his remains were interred at Churchville. His wife was a daughter of George Van Lier, a native of Holland. David and Hannah (Lowball) Frampton, the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Bittenbender, were natives of Western Maryland and Juniata county, respectively. They came to what is now Clarion county in 1802, locating near Reedsburg. They had six daughters and one son—David. The father was a large land owner. He was the son of William Frampton, of England.

In the immediate family of William D. Curll and wife were: Sarah R. (Mrs. Philip Bittenbender); William T. (deceased); David R., who was born on the farm at Curllsville, upon which he now resides; George V., and Emily Jane.

ALEXANDER STEWART, who is now successfully conducting the "Sligo Hotel," at Sligo, has throughout life been actively identified with the business interests of Clarion county, and through his own efforts has secured a handsome 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. It illustrates in no uncertain manner what it is possible to accomplish when perseverance and determination form the keynote to a man's character.

Mr. Stewart was born May 20, 1837, in Perry township, Clarion county, of which township his parents, William and Eliza (McCall) Stewart, were also natives. The birth of the grandfather, William Stewart, Sr., occurred in Ireland, but at an early day he immigrated to the United States and took up his residence in Perry township, Clarion county, where he owned and operated a large tract of land. He wedded Miss Mary
McCibben, and to them were born the following children: Thomas; Robert; John; William; Polly; who married William McCall; and Margaret, wife of Alexander McCall, a brother of her sister's husband. All are now deceased except Margaret, who lives on the old homestead in Perry township. After the death of the mother of these children, William Stewart, Sr., married a Miss Parker. While they were out walking he became ill, and they sat down on the roots of an old tree, where he died, in 1821, at a ripe old age. His remains were interred at the Concord Church, in Perry township.

Robert McCall, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was also born in Ireland, and on coming to the New World located in Perry township, Clarion county, on the banks of the Allegheny river, where he secured a large tract of land. He first married a Miss Thompson, who bore him the following children: Esther, who died unmarried; William; John; Thomas; Alexander; Sallie, wife of Robert Stewart; Eliza, mother of our subject; and Margaret, who died unmarried. For his second wife, Robert McCall chose Hannah McGarrah, and the children born to them were as follows: James, deceased; Matthew, a resident of Perry township; Eleanor, who married John McCibben, and both are now deceased; Jane, widow of William Stewart, is a resident of Toby township, Clarion county; Harriet, wife of Samuel Logan, a farmer of Perry township; Robert, an agriculturist of Butler county, Penn.; Allen, a farmer of Perry township; and Lavina, wife of Isaac Latchaw, who is also engaged in farming in that township.

William Stewart, Jr., our subject's father, was a farmer by occupation, and became quite well-to-do. Becoming blind, he spent the last twenty years of his life in retirement from active labor. In politics he was a lifelong Democrat, and he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. In October, 1892, he was called to his final rest at the age of eighty years and two months, and his estimable wife died in March, 1897, at the age of sixty-one, both being buried at the Concord Church in Clarion county. Their children were: David, a farmer of Perry township, Clarion county; Alexander, from this sketch; Robert, an extensive farmer of Porter township, Clarion county; Amos, an agriculturist of Perry township; William, who died on the old homestead, where his widow and family still reside; and Rosinda, wife of Israel Butler, a farmer of Madison township, Clarion county.

On the home farm, Alexander Stewart grew to manhood, was married in Callensburg, January 28, 1858, to Miss Sarah J. Livermore, the ceremony being performed by Joseph Reynolds, Esq. The following children blessed this union: George W., a traveling salesman for an implement house of Johnson & Company, who married Vira Henry, and resides in Pittsburg; William I., who married Jennie Sloan, and is a contractor living in New Kensington, Penn.; Boartley B., who married Anna Craig, and is engaged in the hardware business in Rimersburg, Penn.; Amos, who married Laura Altman, and follows farming in Licking township, Clarion county; Lizzie, wife of W. J. Reichert, a farmer of Piney township, Clarion county; Maggie, wife of Jesse Wyman, of Sligo; Maud, Elzora, Walter and Nora, all at home: Dalla A., who died at the age of four years; and Carrie E., who died at the age of nineteen months.

Mrs. Sarah J. Stewart was born in Mercer county, Penn., March 20, 1837, a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Shafer) Livermore, who spent their entire lives in that county, where the father followed farming as a life work. He died January 20, 1881, aged eighty years, and his wife passed away in 1875, aged sixty-one. The remains of both were interred in the Cottage Church cemetery of Mercer county. They were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and politically the father was a stalwart Democrat. His parents were Jeremiah and Barbara (Keitlinger) Livermore, who were of English extraction. Hearing that he had inherited a fortune, Jeremiah Livermore started after the same, and was never again heard from, having probably been murdered. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Stewart were Obadiah and —— (Fisher) Shafer, of New Jersey, where the former engaged in farming and carpentering.

In the family of Abraham and Elizabeth (Shafer) Livermore were the following children: Rebecca, the widow of Patrick Gallagher, is a resident of Dutch Hill, Clarion county; Jeremiah and William (both deceased); Wilson died in California; George is a farmer of Mercer county, Penn.; Sarah is the wife of our subject; James and Joseph both died in childhood; John is an agriculturist of Iowa; Watson was a Union soldier during the Civil war and is now a resident of Clarksville, Penn.; Nancy is the wife of William Cook, a farmer of Mercer county; Catherine is the wife of W. A. Laughlin, a merchant of Leatherwood, Clarion county; and Samuel is deceased.

After his marriage our subject purchased ninety-six acres of land in Porter township, Clarion county, for $1,600, to which he later added a tract of fifty acres, paying $1,600 for that amount. As he prospered and his financial re-
sources increased, he bought more land until he owned four good farms in that township. Much of his land he has given to his sons, and also established one son in the hardware business. Coming to Sligo in April, 1881, Mr. Stewart purchased a farm of 104 acres within the corporation limits, which place he still owns, and which has principally been operated by hired help. Two years after locating here he purchased his present hotel, which contains thirty large and comfortable rooms, and he has since successfully conducted the same in a most approved manner. For some years he devoted considerable attention to buying and shipping cattle, but discontinued that business in 1893. In his business enterprises he has ever met with a well-deserved success, and is to-day numbered among the prosperous and wealthy citizens of his community.

Alexander Stewart has been called upon to serve in a number of local offices of honor and trust. In the spring of 1884 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term of three years as mail agent between Clarion and Parker, under President Garfield, and made a daily trip twenty-five miles each way. Later he served in the same position for eleven months after the death of the regular mail agent, and in 1893 was appointed to carry the mail between Clarion and Sligo, his term expiring June 30, 1897. In politics he is a pronounced Democrat, and is one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has served as trustee. Two years previous to this writing (in 1897), Mr. Stewart was in very poor health, in fact the doctors gave him no hope of recovery, but to-day he weighs about 200 pounds and enjoys excellent health. He is always courteous, kindly and affable, and those who know him personally have for him high regard. A man of great natural ability, his success in business from the start was uniform and rapid, and he is looked upon as a model of honor and an example of a truly honest business man.

Jacob Black (2), a worthy citizen of the borough of Clarion, and bookkeeper of the Second National Bank, was born at Shippenville Furnace, Clarion county, August 13, 1846, descending from an ancestry which has been most prominent in business enterprise in this locality.

Jacob Black (1), his father, was born in Maryland in 1809, the second child of Frederick and Mary (Rupert) Black, who came to Pennsylvania early in this century, stopping first at Waynesburg, Greene county, for a year or two, thence to Beaver township, Venango (now Clarion) county. William Rupert, the maternal grandfather of Jacob Black (1), was the owner of the land on which the Shippenville Furnace was afterward built, and which on his death became the property of Jacob Black (1), who was his favorite grandson. In 1832 the latter, in connection with John and Richard Shippen, formed a partnership for the purpose of manufacturing pig iron. In 1833 the furnace at that point was built, made metal, and it was hauled to the Clarion river above the turnpike bridge and boated to Pittsburgh. Some years later John Shippen dropped out of the firm and the business was for years carried on by the other members. The firm built the forge located a mile below the furnace on the creek where they made blooms and ore iron. These men were active and enterprising in their business and were successful. Mr. Black resided at the furnace, and was the active partner and manager of the business. He was recognized as one of the most successful and able ironmasters in this section. The poor and unfortunate had no better friend than he, ever kind and thoughtful for their welfare, even to great personal inconvenience. Through his assistance and liberality many of his employees became property holders and farmers. The business of the firm was large and many men were given employment in its various branches, and in this way it was a great boon to those living near it. In addition to their iron interests these men had several thousand acres of timber land. This partnership lasted until 1859, when the furnace was blown out and the firm dissolved, both men having accumulated a handsome competence. They owned large tracts of land in the adjoining townships, and so amicably had all their affairs been carried on that the division of the lands was left to be made by Mr. Shippen, who gave the choice of the two parts to his partner. On retiring from this firm Mr. Black became engaged in the real-estate business. On the organization of the First National Bank of Clarion he became a stockholder, and was for years its president. On the breaking out of the oil excitement in Clarion county he became an extensive operator and producer in the vicinity of Edenburg and Shippenville, and was interested in this business up to the time of his death, which occurred April 20, 1888, he being an octogenarian. His wife, who was Margaret Shippen, was born in June, 1809, at Little Britton, Lancaster Co., Penn., a daughter of Robert Shippen, and died February 16, 1874.

Jacob Black (2) received a common-school education, also attended the Paradise Academy,
in Lancaster county, Penn., and later took a business course in Duff's College, Pittsburg, graduating in 1866. He remained at home until twenty years of age, and then went to Sligo furnace, where he was occupied as storekeeper for three years. In 1870 he went to Kittanning, Penn., and was for three years deputy sheriff of Armstrong county. In 1875 he located at Clarion, and until 1883 was engaged in the oil business. He was one of the promoters of what is now the P. & W. R. R., and became one of its first directors. For seven years he was connected with the First National Bank of Clarion, first as teller, and then as assistant cashier. About the time of his father's death he went to New castle, Penn., and for a year was engaged in merchandising, then he went to Oil City, where he was engaged in the tobacco business some three years. In February, 1894, he returned to Clarion, and has since been bookkeeper in the Second National Bank.

On January 4, 1877, Mr. Black was married to Miss Mary E. Wilson, who was born August 8, 1858, in Rimersburg, and is the daughter of Johnson Wilson, of Clarion county, and to the marriage has been born two daughters: Margaret Shippen, and Ada May (deceased). The mother of these children is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Black is a Knight Templar F. & A. M.; he also belongs to the A. O. U. W. Politically he is a Republican, and is active in party work. In 1878 he received the nomination for county treasurer, and made the race, but his party being greatly in the minority in the county, he was defeated, but by only comparatively a few votes. In 1880 he was the nominee for the General Assembly. On January 11, 1898, Mr. Black was elected to the position of teller in the Second National Bank of Clarion, still retaining his position as bookkeeper. He is one of the substantial citizens and well-to-do men of Clarion; is a member of the town council and board of trade.

JOHN PETER GREER, a popular miller and farmer as well as one of the leading and influential citizens of Washington township, Clarion county, was one of the boys in blue who valiantly aided in the struggle to preserve the Union. An adopted son of America, his loyalty is above question, and his labors in the interests of the county have been most effective and beneficial.

Mr. Greer was born March 5, 1839, in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. His parents, John Adam and Elizabeth (Dasch) Greer, were natives of the same province, where the father was employed as a shepherd for many years. When our subject was eighteen months old the family sailed for the United States, and on landing came direct to Clarion county, Penn. They first located in Beaver township, and later in Elk township, two miles from Venus, where the mother is still living at the age of eighty-four. In this country the father followed the occupation of farming, and died when aged eighty-six years. He merited and received the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His children were: Margaret, John P., Elizabeth, Mary, Frederick, Anna, Matilda, and Henry, who died at the age of nine months.

On the home farm, John Peter Greer early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and his literary education was obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood. When President Lincoln called for 300,000 more men to help put down the Rebellion, he enlisted July 25, 1862, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., and with his command took part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Aldie, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania C. H., Talopotomy, Bethseda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Peebles Farm, Hatcher's Run, Quaker Road, Dabney's Mill, Boydton Road, White Oak Road, Five Forks, Sailor's Creek and Appomattox. He served with the Army of the Potomac. When his term of service expired he was honorably discharged and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

In 1872, Mr. Greer purchased his present farm and mill in Washington township, and has since greatly improved his property. He is a practical miller, and is meeting with excellent success in that line of business, and as an agriculturist ranks among the best of the community. His farm comprises thirty acres of rich and arable land, improved with a comfortable residence and good outbuildings. The mill is run with water power, and the products turned out are first-class in every particular.

In 1866, in Fryburg, Mr. Greer was married to Miss Clara Amsler, a representative of one of the most highly respected families of Clarion county. Her father, Henry Amsler, was a native of Switzerland, and a pioneer of this region. Twelve children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Greer, of whom the following are still living: Eva, Lotta, William, Gerdella, Charles, Grace, John and Callie. Those deceased are: Maggie, who died at the age of twenty-seven; Arminta, who died at the age of twenty-five; Warren, and Orris.
Our subject is one of the most valued citizens that Germany has furnished to the New World; he is a man of sterling worth in all the relations of life, and his name is honorably and inseparably connected with the history of his adopted county. He is an Independent in politics, and has served as auditor of his township, and as a member of the school board. He is an elder in the Lutheran Church, and is an honored member of Amos Kizer Post, No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville.

W. A. LAUGHLIN, postmaster and general merchant of Leatherwood, is numbered among the most enterprising and energetic business men of Clarion county. This is a progressive age, and he who does not advance is soon left far behind. Mr. Laughlin, by the improvement of the opportunities by which all are surrounded, has steadily and honorably worked his way upward, and has attained a fair degree of prosperity. He was born on the old homestead in Porter township, Clarion county, in 1831, and is a son of James Laughlin, whose birth occurred in 1813, in Centre county, where he was reared. When a young man he came to Clarion county and first located at Strattonville, but later purchased a partially improved farm in Porter township—the site of his log house is now occupied by the store and hall at Leatherwood. He embarked in merchandising at that place in 1839, and the same year succeeded in having a post office established, to which he gave the name of Leatherwood, it being the name of a forest tree very common in the vicinity. He also bought a grist-mill erected by Mr. Wilson, and in connection with mercantile pursuits successfully engaged in farming and milling. His farm comprised 300 acres of valuable land, upon which he erected, in 1856, one of the best residences in the county, and made many other valuable and useful improvements. He was also interested in other works, and was for many years in partnership with Manasseh Arnold. One night this firm was robbed of $10,000.

In 1846 James Laughlin was married in Porter township to Miss Susan McKinney, a native of that township and a daughter of John McKinney, one of the pioneers of Clarion county. They became the parents of thirteen children, as follows: Samuel Porter, who died when young; Mary Jane, wife of J. Z. Brown, of Porter township; Jasper, who died in that township; W. A., of this sketch; Clarissa, wife of James Gourley, of Porter township; Clarissa's twin brother, who died in infancy; Calvin, Eva and an infant, all deceased; S. S., who is now serving his second term as register and recorder of Clarion county; D. E. and J. F., who reside on the old home farm; and Mrs. Edna Campbell, a widow living in Porter township. The father died on the old homestead in 1871 and the mother in 1892, honored and esteemed by all who knew them. He was a liberal contributor to the erection of all the churches in the township, and never withheld his support from any object calculated to prove of public benefit. He was a recognized leader in the Democratic party in his community, and for thirty-two years acceptably served as postmaster of Leatherwood.

W. A. Laughlin acquired his literary education in the public schools of the county, while his business training was obtained in his father's store. Since 1876 he has successfully engaged in merchandising on his own account, and with the exception of the year 1896 has also served as postmaster, while for four years previous he filled the position of assistant. He, too, is a pronounced Democrat in politics, and has been called upon to serve as a member of the school board and as treasurer of his township. Fraternally he is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics.

In 1878, in Porter township, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Laughlin and Miss Catherine Livermore, a native of Mercer county, Penn., by whom he has three children—Eva, Harry and Samuel Grover Cleveland. The family is one of prominence, occupying a high social position, and in business circles Mr. Laughlin is equally popular—an honest, upright man and an up-to-date merchant.

JOSEPH FASENMYER, senior member of the well-known firm of Fasenmyer & Fasenmyer, proprietors of the "Commercial Hotel," New Bethlehem, Clarion county, is a native of the county, born in Fryburg, Washington township, August 19, 1837, and is a representative of one of its honored pioneer families.

Balthaser Fasenmyer, father of our subject, was born, reared and educated in Baden, Germany, and for seven years was a soldier in Napoleon's army, during which time he took part in a number of great battles. He witnessed the burning of Moscow, Russia, and was with the army on their retreat from that city. He participated in one battle where 32,000 were taken prisoners, and being among the number he was sent to the island of Cabrera, where he enlisted in the English navy. However, he soon deserted, and after many hardships he at last reached his
native village. Although he endured all the privations and sufferings in common with the soldiers of Napoleon’s army, he greatly admired and loved that general for his great qualities as a soldier and commander. In Baden, Germany, Mr. Fasenmyer married Miss Agatha Beerer, also a native of that country, and in 1828, with their four children, they sailed for the New World. After a long and tedious voyage they reached New York in safety, and there purchased a horse, which they hitched to the little German wagon brought with them and proceeded on their journey. Arriving in Clarion county, they located in the woods near Fryburg, where a log cabin was erected in true pioneer style. They comprised one of the six families then living in Washington township. Most of the land was yet in its primitive condition, and wild animals of several kinds were still quite numerous.

The four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fasenmyer before leaving Germany, were Felix; Catherine, wife of Lambert Eineman; Agatha; and Casper. Here the family circle was increased by the birth of three others, namely: Magdalena; Jacob, a prominent merchant of Fryburg; and Joseph. The mother died at the age of sixty-six, and the father when eighty-two years of age. He was a man of fine physique, strong and robust, honest and industrious. A devout Catholic, he assisted in the erection of the first church of that denomination in his locality, and served as trustee of the same for a number of years. He could relate many interesting incidents connected with his service in the Napoleonic wars, and was one of the most highly respected citizens of his adopted county.

On the home farm Joseph Fasenmyer was reared to habits of industry and thrift, and was educated in the common schools of the locality. In 1859 he married Miss Francisca, daughter of Ignatius Speigel, an honored old settler of Clarion county. She passed away in early life, leaving one son, James, who died at the age of twenty-seven. For his second wife, Mr. Fasenmyer wedded Miss Philomena Ditz, who was born, reared and educated in Fryburg, of which place her father, Andrew Ditz, was one of the prominent citizens. He was a native of Germany, which country he left May 28, 1825, and after a voyage of seven weeks on a sailing vessel he reached the shores of the United States. On the 4th of October, same year, he located in Fryburg, where for many years he successfully operated a brewery. In 1872 he visited Rome and other European cities. He was married July 4, 1840, to Miss Margaret Buchner, who died in September, 1884, and his death occurred June 14, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Fasenmyer have twelve children, namely: Helen (now the wife of Thomas Fleckenstine, a prominent hotel man of Clarion county), John C. (in partnership with his father in the hotel business), Ada, Lizzie, A. H. (the popular clerk of the “Coulter House,” of Clarion), Catherine, Minnie and Tenie (twins), Andrew, Ambrose, Willie (deceased), and Colletta.

Erecting the “Jamestown Hotel” in 1875, Mr. Fasenmyer successfully conducted that hostelry for eighteen years. He was one of the first promoters of the Jamestown Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Jamestown, Penn., now one of the strongest insurance companies in the State, its assets amounting to $3,000,000. For some years he also served as assistant postmaster at Fryburg, and engaged in the sale of machinery at that place. He and his son, however, are now successfully conducting the “Commercial Hotel” at New Bethlehem, which is one of the most popular hotels of the county. It contains thirty sleeping rooms besides the office, parlors, dining room, kitchen and bar room, and under the able management of the present proprietors it is doing a flourishing business. The tables are supplied with the best that the market affords, and the service in every respect is well worthy of commendation.

Mr. Fasenmyer is one of the most prominent members of the Democratic party in his community, and has been called upon to serve as assessor, collector for three years, a member of the school board for the same length of time, and in other official positions of honor and trust. He is one of the stockholders of the County Fair Association, has served on many of its committees, and has been prominently identified with all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit. He was a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, to which he contributed liberally.

JOHN C. FASENMeyer, the junior member of the firm of Fasenmyer and Fasenmyer, was born in 1866, and acquired a good education in the schools of Jamestown and Fryburg. He served as postmaster at the latter place for four years, and since boyhood has been interested in the hotel business, being therefore well qualified to assist his father in carrying on the “Commercial Hotel.” On coming to New Bethlehem in 1892, he was first engaged in business with Thomas Fleckenstine, but later he and his father formed their present partnership. He, too, is an ardent Democrat in politics, and is a young man of more than average business ability. On May 12, 1891, he married Miss Clara Rapp, who was born.
reared and educated in Fryburg, and died August 13, 1892, leaving one son, Edward. Her father, Jacob Rapp, is a well-known citizen of Fryburg.

F. SLOAN McCOMB, who for a decade has been prominent in the business circles of Clarion, Clarion Co., Penn., where he is conducting a first-class undertaking and furniture establishment, is a native of Jefferson county, Penn., where he was born November 27, 1854.

John C. McComb, his father, and Nancy P. (Sloan) McComb, his mother, were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born September 12, 1819, in Armstrong county, and the latter August 25, 1824, in Clarion county. John McComb resided for thirty years in his native county, then he moved to Jefferson county and engaged in the tanning business and in harness making, which occupation he pursued for many years. He now resides with a daughter at Marionville, Penn., a respected citizen of that place. His estimable wife passed away October 6, 1889, a good and kind woman, respected by every one who knew her.

F. Sloan McComb in early youth attended the public schools of the vicinity in which he lived, and when quite young learned the carpenter's trade, following his trade as a means of livelihood for many years. In 1870 he started out in the world for himself, and for some years he worked at various places in the oil fields of western Pennsylvania, and was master builder of bridges for the Pittsburg, Cleveland & Toledo railroad for nine years. In 1885 he established himself in the furniture business at Tarentum, Penn., where he remained two years, and in 1887 engaged in the same business in connection with undertaking, at Clarion, and since that time he has conducted the business here with success, carrying at the time probably the largest and most complete stock in his line in Clarion county.

His process of embalming is modern, and being a skillful operator he has a large share of the business in this section. As a citizen and business man he is popular and stands high in the community.

In 1890, our subject was married to Miss Lettie B. Berlin, daughter of George N. and Susan C. Berlin, who have long been known as old and prominent residents of Clarion county, Penn. Mr. Berlin is now quite old, and is one of the most respected citizens of the county, long identified with her active business interests; through his industry and business acumen he has acquired a comfortable competence. To Mr. and Mrs. McComb has been born a son, George B. McComb. In religious belief they are strong adherents of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Socially, Mr. McComb is a member of the F. & A. M., of Pittsburg Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar. He is also identified with the I. O. O. F., and the Maccabees. In politics he is a straight Republican and an ardent admirer of President McKinley. In addition to his business, Mr. McComb is actively identified with other business interests, being a director in the Second National Bank of Clarion, Penn., and also having extensive oil and gas interests in the county.

COL. G. W. STOVER, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a representative farmer and lumberman of Licking township, Clarion county, has demonstrated the true meaning of the word success as the full accomplishment of an honorable purpose. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management—these are the elements which have entered into his business career and crowned his efforts with prosperity.

The Colonel was born January 18, 1833, in Venango county, Penn., of which his parents, Samuel and Sarah (Houser) Stover, were also natives. The grandfather, John Stover, was born in Maryland of German ancestry, but at an early day located on the Allegheny river in Venango county, Penn., where he engaged in farming until his death, which occurred during the Civil war. By trade he was a cooper, and he also engaged to some extent in boating on the river. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and in politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, casting his last vote for Abraham Lincoln. He was twice married, and had eleven children: David, Samuel, George, John, Peter, Hannah, Susan, Tena, Sarah, Mary and Rebecca.

Samuel Stover, father of our subject, was born in 1812, and as soon as large enough began working in the lumber woods and running rafts on the river. Later he was employed at different iron works, and after his marriage purchased a farm in Venango county, which he operated for a time, but in 1844 sold and came to Licking township, Clarion county, where he was again employed in an iron furnace until 1852. Subsequently he engaged in the manufacture of lumber, boat building and freighting on the river until 1872, and then devoted his time to carpentering until his death, which occurred in 1892. His last years were spent in Callensburg. His estimable wife, who was of Swedish descent, died in 1891. Both were earnest members of the Methodist Church, and highly respected by all who knew them.
Their children were: G. W.; Susan, wife of J. M. Neely; Catherine, wife of William Logue; Mary, wife of H. C. Heeter; John, a farmer and carpenter by occupation; Thomas, deceased; Isabel, wife of O. E. Fox; Sarah and Samuel, both deceased; Anna, wife of H. Shoup; and David, an oil driller.

Colonel Stover was eleven years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarion county, and in the public schools he acquired a limited education. During his youth he assisted his father in lumbering and boating, and after his marriage, which was celebrated in 1857, he located in Licking township and engaged in the former occupation on his own account. Feeling his country needed his services, he enlisted in August, 1861, for three years, in Company A, 103d P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under Gen. McClellan. He saw much hard service, was in many skirmishes, and fourteen hotly contested battles. In 1862 he was promoted to the rank of corporal, in which capacity he was serving at the battle of Plymouth, N. C., where his brigade surrendered, and he was taken to Andersonville prison, where he was incarcerated until the following December, when he was transferred to the stockades at Charleston. He suffered all the tortures of hunger and sickness during his imprisonment, and was not paroled until about the first of January, 1865, when he was sent to Annapolis, Md., remaining there until he had sufficiently recovered to return home on a thirty-days’ furlough. On rejoining his command he was sent to Roanoke Island, where he did guard duty until after the surrender of General Lee. On January 1, 1864, he had re-enlisted, and was finally mustered out at Moorehead City, N. C., in June, 1865, being honorably discharged and paid off at Harrisburg, Penn., in July.

Returning to his home in Licking township, Clarion county, Colonel Stover was for a time engaged in building bridges with his father, and later was employed in the sawmill of G. W. Elder. From the spring of 1869 until 1885 he rented the mill, which he then purchased and has since successfully operated; and in connection with the manufacture of lumber he is engaged in building boats for the Pittsburg markets. For many years he was also a pilot on the river, and has devoted some time to the cultivation and improvement of his fine farm, which is pleasantly situated on the Clarion river two miles from Callensburg. Upon the place he has erected good, substantial buildings, making it a most attractive country home.

In 1857 Col. Stover married Miss Rebecca Cox, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and died in that faith May 11, 1873. Her father, Jacob Cox, came to Clarion county from Chester county, Penn., and, being an agriculturist, he first operated rented land, and then purchased a farm, on which his death occurred in 1890. He was a strong Republican and an earnest advocate of the principles of his party. To the Colonel and his wife were born six children, namely: Warren, now engaged in the milling business; Thomas, who was accidentally killed in 1890; Lotta, wife of J. Mong; George W. and Nelson, at home, and Rebecca A., wife of A. Garis.

Col. Stover was again married, February 18, 1875, his second union being with Miss Mary E. Kiester, a daughter of Adam Kiester, of Centre county, Penn., who was of German descent, and for some time served as foreman in a furnace. He died about 1892. Both he and his wife held membership with the Methodist Church, and their children were: Simeon, Wilson, Alma, Jane, Tamar, Allie and Mary E. By his second marriage Col. Stover has five children: Grace, Waldo, Mary, Samuel and Maud, all at home.

Although not a member of any religious organization, the Colonel contributes to the support of the Evangelical Church, to which his wife belongs, and socially, he is a member of the United Workmen. Although he takes a deep interest in public affairs and is an ardent Republican, he has never aspired to office. His genial, pleasant manner has made him quite popular in both business and social circles, and as a public-spirited, enterprising man he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community.

G W. WALTERS, a leading agriculturist of Madison township, Clarion county, was born in 1855, in that township.

George Walters, his father, was born in the same county in 1820. During his youth the father learned the trade of a carpenter, which he has since successfully followed, being employed most of the time in said county; he and his wife now make their home in Rimersburg. He was married, in 1846, in Toby township, Clarion county, to Miss Harriet Arner, who was born in eastern Pennsylvania, and when a child of seven years was brought by her parents, John and Elizabeth Arner, to what is now Toby township, Clarion county, but which at that time formed a part of Armstrong county. Mr. and Mrs. Arner died in Madison township. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walters, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Flick, of Madison township; Calvin,
of West Virginia; Mrs. Mary Shawl, of Allegheny, Penn.; G. W., of this sketch; John Leslie, who died at the age of two years; Harriet; and William Addison. In his political affiliations the father is an ardent Democrat, and has been called upon to serve as assessor of Madison township, and tax collector of Rimerburg.

Under the parental roof G. W. Walters grew to manhood, acquiring his education in the local schools, and since starting out in life for himself has successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. Besides his home farm of ninety-six acres of valuable land adjoining the village of Rimerburg, he also has twenty-three acres in Toby township, Clarion county. His place is improved with good and substantial buildings, and the well-tilled fields attest the careful management, skill and industry of the owner, who is acknowledged to be one of the best farmers of his community. The Acme coal mines are located upon his farm.

In 1880, in Madison township, Mr. Walters was married to Miss Clara V. Stephens, who was born in Porter township, Clarion county, a daughter of John W. and Lavina Stephens, now living in Madison township. Six children blessed this union, as follows: Flora Dell, Lydia Belle, Frank Roy, Charles Leslie, Orbic Gillmore and Harriet Lavina.

Mr. and Mrs. Walters both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Rimerburg, and he belongs to Iron County Lodge No. 485, I. O. O. F. His political support is given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has acceptably served as a member of the school board.

ROBERT FOWLER, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Madison township, Clarion county, was born February 6, 1837, near Sandy Lake, in Mercer county, Penn., and belongs to a highly respected old Pennsylvania family. His grandfather, Robert Fowler, was born in Ireland of Scotch-Irish descent, and at an early day emigrated to the New World, becoming a resident of this State. Here he married a Miss Reardon, a native of Pennsylvania, and both spent their last years in Mercer county. In their family were four children: Samuel, William, John and Mrs. Leach.

John Fowler, the father of our subject, was a native of Mercer county, where he was reared on the home farm, and obtained his literary education in the public schools of the locality. On reaching manhood he married Miss Margaret Gibson, who was also born in Mercer county, and was a daughter of Charles Gibson, who was of Irish descent and a soldier of the war of 1812. The children born of this union were: Charles G.; Samuel R.; Elizabeth, wife of N. Hile; Robert; Anna, wife of William Holly, of Meadville, Penn.; and Margaret J., who married Jackson Armstrong, of Armstrong county, Penn., but is now deceased. The father died at the age of forty-three, and his wife, who long survived him, passed away at the age of eighty-four years. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew them. By occupation the father was a farmer, and in political sentiment was a Democrat.

During his boyhood and youth Robert Fowler attended the public schools, and obtained an excellent knowledge of farm work under the direction of his father. Before coming to Clarion county he resided for some time in Mercer, Armstrong and Butler counties, where he was employed at various occupations. By experience, reading and observation he has become a well informed man on all topics of general interest, although his early educational privileges were limited. In September, 1864, he joined the 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, also known as 212th P. V. L., and with that command was stationed near Washington, D. C., at Fort Ethan Allen and Fort Ward, until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged and returned home. In June, 1865, he purchased the old Miller farm in Madison township, Clarion county, and now has a valuable place of 120 acres under a high state of cultivation and improved with excellent buildings. Underlying his land are two good coal veins, one four feet in thickness and the other three and a quarter. He is a progressive, enterprising business man and a thorough and systematic farmer, whose success in life has been worthily achieved.

On May 3, 1862, Mr. Fowler married Miss Christiana Hile, a native of Armstrong county, and a daughter of John and Mary Snow Hile, both now deceased. In the Hile family were twelve children, namely: Homeston, Jacob, Peter, Henry, John, Nicholas, Peggy, Simon, William, Kate, Fanny and Christina. Two of the sons were in the Union service during the Civil war—John, who was a member of the 103d P. V. L., and died in Andersonville prison; and Simon, who was a member of the same regiment, and is now a resident of East Brady, Clarion county. The father was a Republican in politics and a member of the Lutheran Church, while his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died at the age of sixty-one, and he
at the age of seventy-one. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have become the parents of the following children, nine of whom are living: Sarah Alice, now the wife of Robert Guinea; Margaret Frances, wife of W. E. Walls; John H.; William C.; James G.; Mary E., wife of C. B. Mohney; R. E.; Harry H.; Fred N.; Ella May, deceased; and one child who died at birth.

Mr. Fowler is one of the prominent Republicans in his community, and has been honored with a number of local offices—being school director, township clerk and auditor, the duties of which positions he discharged in a most creditable manner. He is a member of the Grand Army Post No. 267, of Rimersburg, of which he is past commander, and with his wife and some of their children he holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, in which he is now serving as trustee. The family is one of the highest respectability, and socially occupies an enviable position.

DAVID HUGH NEIL, the popular postmaster of Sligo, Clarion county, needs no special introduction to the readers of this volume, but the work would be incomplete without the record of his life. No man in his community has been more prominently identified with its commercial and political history, or has taken a more active part in the upbuilding and progress of the town. He is now successfully engaged in business as a furniture dealer and undertaker.

Mr. Neil first opened his eyes to the light of day in Greenville, Clarion county, May 17, 1851, and is a representative of one of the prominent pioneer families of the county. His paternal grandfather, Hugh Neil, was a native of Ireland, and at an early day emigrated to America and took up his residence near Greenville, in Clarion county, when it formed a part of Armstrong county. There he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He married a Miss Smith, and to them were born six children—John D., Jane, William, James, Nancy and Robert: Jane, who was the widow of James McClure, died January 30, 1898, aged eighty-nine years and three months, was the last of the family, the others having passed away sometime previously.

The parents of our subject were James and Sarah Ann (Parsons) Neil, who were born in Centre county and were married in Greenville, September 28, 1846. David Parsons, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Scotland and was also an honored pioneer of Clarion county. His death occurred in Greenville, at the home of our subject's parents. James Neil having learned the blacksmith's trade at an early age with his brother John, continued to follow that occupation in Greenville until his removal to Sligo in 1879. Here he purchased the furniture and undertaking establishment of Charles McCafferty, but after conducting it for two years he was forced to sell to our subject on account of failing health. He was born March 6, 1816, and died October 11, 1883, while his wife was born May 22, 1824, and died May 27, 1891, the remains of both being interred in the cemetery at Greenville. They were widely and favorably known and had a host of friends throughout their native county. Their children were Alvira J., who was born September 9, 1848, and died September 14, 1863; David H., of this sketch: and John T. P., who was born September 6, 1855, and died February 19, 1863.

As soon as he had attained a sufficient age David H. Neil entered the schools of his native village, where he pursued his studies until fifteen. He then accepted a position in a mercantile establishment in Greenville, where he worked the greater part of the time for five years, and also engaged in teaching to some extent. Learning the blacksmith's trade, he worked for his father until the latter's removal to Sligo in 1879, and then conducted the shop on his own account for two years, at the end of which time he purchased his present business in Sligo. He is one of the most reliable and enterprising business men of the place, and has met with a fair degree of success.

On February 1, 1875, near Corsica, in Clarion county, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Neil and Miss Tillie M. Lucas, Rev. O. E. Elliott officiating. To them have been born seven children, namely: James J., at home; Thomas F., a student of Grove City College, Penn.; Elvira E., Anna L., and D. H. P., all at home; Carrie L., deceased; and Mary B. M., at home.

Mrs. Neil was born near Corsica, in Clarion county, October 4, 1850, and is a daughter of William J. and Sidney (McHenry) Lucas, both natives of Indiana county, Penn., the former born in Indiana, and the latter two miles above that city, where their marriage was celebrated. The father became a prominent farmer and tanner of Clarion county, was an active member of the Presbyterian Church of Corsica, and was an ardent supporter of the Republican party. He died April 20, 1890, at the age of seventy-one, his wife April 28, 1880, aged sixty-two years, and both were laid to rest in the Pisgah Church cemetery of Corsica. Their family consisted of the following children: William, deceased; James
F., who resides on the old homestead in Clarion county; Hannah A., postmistress on the old pike at Day, Penn.; Tillie M., wife of our subject; Sarah J., who married John Lewis, but both are now deceased; Margarette, wife of Wilson Russell, who conducts a sawmill in Marionville, Penn.; and Clara B., wife of Joseph Russell, who is a brother of Wilson, and is superintendent of a gas line in Marionville. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Neil was William Lucas, a tanner by trade, who died in Indiana, Penn. James McHenry, the maternal grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and after coming to the New World spent the remainder of his life on a farm near Indiana.

In May, 1884, Mr. Neil was commissioned justice of the peace, and acceptably served as such until June 30, 1897, when he resigned in order to accept the position of postmaster of Sligo. He also filled the office of tax collector for eleven years, and then declined to become a candidate for re-election. He has discharged the duties of his official positions to the utmost satisfaction of the public, and, as is his wont in all things he undertakes, he gives every detail his most careful consideration: The Republican party has always found in him an earnest advocate and stanch supporter, and in his social relations he is identified with the Odd Fellows Lodge, of Sligo, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics and Knights of the Maccabees. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian. He has ever cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development and, with hardly an exception, he has been connected with every interest that has promoted general welfare. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing, and he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of the community.

CHARLES O. DUVÉ, the efficient and popular bookkeeper and confidential clerk for the well-known, extensive mercantile establishment of H. Collner & Brothers, St. Peters burg, Penn., was born in the city of Allegheny, Penn., on February 26, 1863.

Mr. Duvé is a son of Capt. J. J. Duvé, who was born at Lyons, France, August 26, 1832, and in early boyhood removed with his parents to near Anheim, Germany, where the latter engaged in the paper manufacturing business. At their hands he received a careful education in French, German and English, and was a gentleman of scholarly taste, an excellent linguist and of good business qualifications. Being imbued with a military desire, he entered the German army, served faithfully, and was honorably discharged at Steinberg March 28, 1853. Considering that there were far greater chances for a successful business career in America, he shortly afterward started for the United States, arriving in the City of New York, November 2, 1853. Locating at Allegheny, Penn., he engaged in business as a merchant, and on May 10, 1857, married Miss Anna M. Kaiser. In April, 1863, he removed with his family to Baltimore, Md., entered the army, and afterward obtained command of a company in a Maryland regiment. Returning at the close of the civil strife, he took up active business, selecting that of general fire and marine insurance, with offices on Holliday street. Success crowned his efforts until death overtook him at his comfortable residence, No. 230 E. Fayette street, January 25, 1871. He was interred in the Baltimore cemetery with Masonic honors January 29, following. His estimable wife, who was of German descent, passed away in the same city June 25, 1873, and was interred in the same place, leaving to survive three children: George J., born February 2, 1858, now of Allegheny, Penn., and for the past seventeen years connected with the heavy repair department of the P. F. W, & C. railway; William Daniel, born July 17, 1860, at present residing in the City of New York; and Charles O., the subject of this review.

Thus at an early age was the subject of this review left an orphan without the guidance of a loving father and the care of an affectionate mother. He spent the days of his boyhood in Baltimore, Md., and those of his youth in Pittsburg, Penn., and by diligence secured a good education in both English and German, by attending public and private schools in said cities. He was fitted for business life in Duff’s Commercial College at Pittsburg, graduating therefrom in the spring of 1882. On March 27, 1882, he accepted, at the hands of Messrs. H. Collner & Brothers, the present responsible position, and by energy, honesty and integrity, has commanded the high esteem, entire confidence and respect of his courteous employers. He fully appreciates their many acts of kindness, and does all in his power to advance their business and social interests.

On September 5, 1883, Mr. Duvé was united in marriage with Miss Hattie A. Thompson, a daughter of David Thompson, of Sheakleyville, Penn. She died January 14, 1890, leaving to survive one daughter, Hallie L., born October 28, 1886. On July 15, 1896, Mr. Duvé was again united in marriage, his second union being with Miss Evalina Abigail Tulloch, born Novem-
ber 11, 1873, a daughter of George E. and Lu-
titia (Flanigan) Tulloch, of St. Petersburg, Penn., a lineal descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, a prominent member, a signer of the Compact, and last male survivor of the Mayflower colony, whose historic voyage terminated at Plymouth, Mass., December, 1620; the result of this union is one son, Justice Darlington, born November 26, 1897.

Mr. Duvé gives his political support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and since March 30, 1886, has continuously held the office of notary public; for six years was a prominent member of the city council, serving as its secretary for five years. He is an active and honored member of Canby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M., of St. Petersburg, serving two years as worshipful master, and continuously as its secretary since 1893. He is also a member of Eden Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., of Clarion; Penn. Since coming to St. Petersburg, in 1882, he has made a host of warm friends among the best people of the place and throughout this and surrounding counties. In a delightful location on Main street is situated the comfortable residence of Mr. Duvé, where, with his family, peace, happiness and hospitality abound.

A DAM HETRICK, one of the leading citizens and the present supervisor of Red Bank township, Clarion county, was born September 19, 1836, in Armstrong county, Penn., of which his father, Peter Hetrick, was an early settler. His paternal grandparents, Adam and Hannah Hetrick, died in that county when past the age of one hundred years. They were Lutherns in religious belief. They reared a family of fourteen children. The grandfather was a native of Germany.

Peter Hetrick spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Armstrong county, conning his lessons in a primitive log school house and assisting in the labors of the farm. On reaching manhood he married Phoebe Smith, a native of that county, a daughter of Adam Smith. They became the parents of several children, namely: Isaac, now a resident of Taylor county, Iowa; Daniel, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war and is now living in Nebraska; Christina, wife of James Barrett, of Kansas; and Adam, of this sketch.

Amid rural scenes Adam Hetrick grew to manhood, and he early became familiar with the work of the farm, while his literary education was obtained in the neighboring schools. Feeling that his country needed his services he en-

listed October 18, 1861, in the 78th P. V. I. He belonged to Capt. John Brinker's Company, McCook Division, Army of the Cumberland; and with his command took part in the engagements at Stone River, Hoover's Gap, Tullahoma, and Chickamauga under Gen. Thomas, who became known as the Rock of Chickamauga. He was later in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge and Buzzards Roost, where the Rebels rolled stones down upon the Union forces. These engagements were followed by the battles of Dallas, Ga., New Hope Church, Burnt Hickory, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Allentown Hills, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, siege of Atlanta, and the battles of Pulaski and Franklin, Tenn. Mr. Hetrick had his right eye injured at New Hope Church, was wounded by buckshot in the right hand at Stone River, and while on guard duty at Chickamauga had the hearing of his right ear impaired, and received a rupture while on guard duty at Nashville, Tenn. When his term of service had expired he was honorably discharged; he has never fully recovered from the effects of his army service. For some years he lived in Pike county, Mo., after the war, and on his return to Pennsylvania located upon the old homestead of his father-in-law, in Red Bank township, Clarion county, where he is now successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits.

In 1859 Mr. Hetrick was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Silvis, who was born, reared and educated in Clarion county, and is a daughter of Daniel Silvis, one of the first settlers of Red Bank township. Both he and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Magdalene Sulph, were natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., and came here about 1808, when most of the land was still in its primitive condition, covered with a heavy growth of timber, and deer, bears, wolves, foxes, rattlesnakes and copperhead snakes were still very plentiful. The family endured all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, materially assisted in the growth and development of this region, and were classed among the valued and honored citizens. The two log houses which Mr. Silvis erected upon his farm are still standing—landmarks of early pioneer days. He died at the age of eighty-one, and his wife at the advanced age of ninety-four. In their family were four children, namely: Mrs. Catherine Best; Solomon, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and is now living in Red Bank township; Mary E., wife of our subject; and John, a resident of Brockport, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hetrick have three children: George W. is married and lives in Fair-
mount City, Penn., in a home of his own; W. T., a successful teacher; and U. Grant. The father is now most capably and satisfactorily serving as supervisor of his township, and his duties, both public and private, are always most faithfully performed. He gives a cordial and generous support to the various measures inaugurated for the good of the community, and is therefore recognized as one of the most public-spirited and progressive citizens.

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N J. SHANAFELT, a popular and highly respected citizen of Porter township, Clarion county, was born May 29, 1838, in Blair county, Penn., a son of Abram and Nancy (Haf- ford) Shanafelt, the former a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., and the latter of Maryland. The mother died in Blair county at the age of forty-six, leaving four children: Jacob; Samuel; Simon J.; and Joseph, who was a member of the Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Rebellion, and is now deceased. For his second wife the father chose Christina Gotlieb, a German lady, by whom he had two daughters: Nancy Elizabeth and Abigail. The father was a blacksmith and farmer by occupation, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. In 1848 he came to Clarion county, where he died at the ripe old age of eighty-three years.

The subject of this sketch was ten years of age when he accompanied the family on their removal from Blair to Clarion county, and as soon as old enough he began learning the carpenter’s trade, and also became familiar with agricultural pursuits. At Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., he enlisted July 4, 1861, in Company I, 62nd P. V. I., under Col. Samuel Black. The company was first commanded by Capt. Means, and after his death by Capt. Little, who was killed in the service and was succeeded by Capt. Bell. During his three years of arduous and faithful service, Mr. Shanafelt took part in the battle of Yorktown, siege of Yorktown, battles of Hanover C. H., Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Malvern Hill, Harrisonburg, Gainesville, Antietam, Black Ford, Kearney’s Ford, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Funkstown, Kappahannock Station, New Hope Church, Mine Run, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North and South Anna River, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. At the siege of Yorktown the drum of his right ear was broken by the explosion of a shell a few inches from his head, and resulted in the total loss of hearing in that ear. He was in the regimental hospital for three weeks, and was later in a hospital at Baltimore for one month. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he was discharged at Pittsburg, Penn., July 13, 1864, and returned home, but has never regained his former health.

On December 21, 1867, Mr. Shanafelt was married to Mrs. Matilda Brown, widow of Henry M. Brown, who was a member of Company C, 97th P. V. I., and died at the age of twenty-seven years, on David’s Island, N. Y., from wounds received in battle. He left three children: Margaret J., Sarah Catherine and Florence A. Mrs. Shanafelt is a daughter of J. and Catherine (Seaman) Kitchen, both now deceased, the former dying in Venango county, Penn., and the latter in Jefferson county. They had one son, Philip Kitchen, who was also a Union soldier and was killed at the battle of the Wilderness in May, 1862. To Mr. and Mrs. Shanafelt have been born five children: Mrs. Mary Alice Shankle, Mrs. Arvilla J. Sanford, Mrs. Anna B. Pollier, John G. and William W.

Our subject uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and, socially, is identified with Capt. Carr Post No. 239, G. A. R. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Baptist Church, and are distinguished for their earnest religious character and firm faith. He is a man of remarkably good judgment, sound common sense and ability, which traits have made him prosperous and influential.

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F. KNIGHT, one of the wealthy and highly respected citizens of Ashland township, has spent his entire life in Clarion county, his birth occurring in Beaver township, in 1831. His parents, Peter and Mary (Fisher) Knight, were born, reared and married in Westmoreland county, Penn., and subsequently removed to Clarion county, where it still formed a part of Venango county. Here the father engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life; he was a quiet, unassuming man, but was held in high regard by all who knew him. His death occurred in 1863, and his estimable wife closed her eyes in death in July, 1896. They had six children who are still living: John; William F.; Asa; Mary, wife of Adam Brinker; Simon and Rebecca, wife of John A. Smith, of Ohio.

The opportunities afforded our subject of obtaining an education were very limited as he never attended school at all until twelve years of age, and then only for a short time. His training at farm work, however, was not so meager, and he early became familiar with every branch of that business, which he has principally followed throughout life. He is, however, also m-
interested in oil producing and distilling. His farm comprises nearly 300 acres of valuable and highly cultivated land, and is supplied with all of the conveniences and accessories which go to make up a model farm of the nineteenth century. His elegant residence is among the handsomest in Clarion county, and the barns and outbuildings are all in keeping with their surroundings.

In 1862, Mr. Knight was united in marriage to Miss Levina Gilbert, a daughter of Abraham Gilbert, of Beaver township, Clarion county, and they have become the parents of nine children, all yet living: John Calvin, Elmer E., Francis, Samuel, James, Harvey, Florence, William W. and George. The mother is a Lutheran in religious belief, while Mr. Knight holds membership in the German Reformed Church. Although a staunch Democrat in politics he has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office. He stands to-day in his matured years a strong man, strong in the consciousness of well-spent years, strong to plan and perform, strong in his credit and good name, and a worthy example for young men to emulate. Though his school privileges were limited, in the school of experience he has learned lessons that have made him a well-informed man, broad-minded and liberal in his views, and with a charity that reaches out to all humanity.

JACOB E. HUGUS, the well-known postmaster of Turnip Hole, Clarion county, is 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 a leading merchant of the village, and as a public-spirited citizen is thoroughly interested in whatever tends to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of the community.

Mr. Hugus was born in Beaver township, Clarion township, December 4, 1866, was reared on a farm and educated in the common schools. His parents, Jacob and Sarah (Taylor) Hugus, were natives of the same county, while his paternal grandparents, Powell and Katie (Wyan) Hugus, were born in Westmoreland county, Penn., the former of French and the latter of German descent. They were married in that county, and came to Clarion county about 1816, located in Beaver township, when the country was all wild and unimproved and wild beasts still roamed through the forests. Indians were also numerous but friendly. The grandfather experienced all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, and from the wild land developed a good farm, making it his home until called from this life July 10, 1882, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, and the father of eight children: Jacob, Henry, Paul, Caroline, Susanna, Mary, Liddia and Rachel.

Jacob Hugus, Sr., has spent his entire life upon his present farm in Beaver township, Clarion county, and to agricultural pursuits has devoted the greater part of his attention, although in younger years he followed distilling to some extent. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been honored with a number of local offices. He is a man of the strictest integrity, is widely and favorably known, and is a consistent member of the Reformed Church, to which his wife also belongs. She, too, belongs to a prominent pioneer family, her parents being Robert and Margaret (Griff) Taylor. Her father was of Irish and German descent, and came from eastern Pennsylvania to Clarion county about 1835. He purchased land in Beaver township, and improved two or three farms. His death occurred in 1877. In religious belief he was a Methodist, while his wife was a member of the Society of Friends. Their children were Samuel, William, James, Milton, Thomas, Robert, John, Elizabeth and Sarah. Mr. and Mrs. Hugus have eight children: Robert P. (a prominent and influential member of the Democratic party in Clarion county), William (a mechanic), Jacob E. (of this sketch), Calvin (an oil driller), Mrs. Maggie Gobbs, Mrs. Mary Sterne, Mrs. Lidda Hainst, and Cora.

During his boyhood and youth, Jacob E. Hugus engaged in farming, continuing to follow that pursuit until June, 1880, when he purchased a half interest in a general store at Turnip Hole, and in December, 1892, he became sole proprietor. He is a progressive, energetic business man, and is meeting with a well deserved success, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1861 Mr. Hugus was married to Miss Martha E. Wentling, a daughter of Eli Wentling. The father was born in Beaver township, Clarion county, of German ancestry, is a mechanic by trade, but is now engaged in the oil business, and in farming on a small scale. He is a frail man, having contracted disease from exposure during service in the Civil war, and he now receives a small pension from the government. In the Reformed Church, he holds membership. By his first marriage he has four children: Edward H., Martha E., Mrs. Elizabeth Barlett, and Anna, now in Ohio, and by the sev-
ond, two sons: John and Charles, both at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hugus have a daughter, Grace, born January 4, 1892.

In his political affiliations Mr. Hugus is a Democrat, and, in 1894, under President Cleveland's administration was appointed postmaster of Turnip Hole. He is a man of recognized ability, and with his amiable wife stands high in the community where they make their home. Those who know them best are numbered among their warmest friends, and no citizens in Clarion county are more highly respected. They are members of the Reformed Church.

W. SHOTTS, a well-known lumberman and merchant of Farmington township, has done much to promote the commercial activity, advance the general welfare and secure the material development of Clarion county. As a business man he is wide-awake, reliable and energetic, and a well-deserved success has crowned his labors.

Mr. Shotts was born in Clarion county, June 11, 1845, a son of Henry and Sarah (Steele Smith) Shotts, the former a native of Pennsylvania, the latter of German parentage. Henry Shotts cleared and improved a farm in Farmington township, near Tylersburg, where his death occurred in 1847, when our subject was but two years old. He left a wife, who had proved a true helpmeet to him during early pioneer days, and eight children whose gladdening presence had completed the household: (1) Israel, born in Clarion county, married (first) Catherine Ohler, (second) Rachel Steele Smith, and died in Parkersburg, W. Va., where he was engaged in business. (2) Hezekiah married Kate Knicely, of Clarion county, by whom he has sixteen children, and lives on his farm near Tylersburg. (3) Mahala married Stephen Smith, of Forest county, where she died leaving five children. (4) Mary A., married Joseph Weber, of Clarion county, and moved to Albion, Neb., where he died, leaving a wife and family who still reside in that State. (5) Lucinda married Thomas Porter, of Clarion county, and died some years ago, leaving a family. (6) Henry married Lizzie Walters, of Clarion county, who died leaving one daughter, Sarah; later he married Jane Hagan, by whom he has seven children, and for some years he has resided in Ringgold county, Iowa. (7) Caroline married Jerry Keely, and during his life time they resided in Clarion county; he enlisted in the army and was killed there, and after his death she married Conrad Myers, of Clarion county, who is also deceased. She has three children, and now resides in Du Bois, Clearfield Co., Penn. (8) is our subject. After the death of the father, Mrs. Shotts married Robert Killen.

During his boyhood and youth R. W. Shotts attended the common schools, and remained with his mother until fourteen years of age, when he started out in life for himself, working one and one-half years for Judge Proper, of Forest county, for $5 per month. He then went to Golinza Mills, Forest Co., Penn., where he helped to haul the first logs ever sawed in that mill. At this time he was not large enough to yoke his team of oxen, but for eighteen months he toiled here for $5 a month. Fortune smiled on the industrious boy, and his next position was with the David Gill mills in the same county, where for a year he received $10 per month for his services, and the second year double that amount. He then returned to Clarion county, and engaged in cutting stave bolts at $20 per month, remaining one year; thence going to Golinza Mills, where he teamed for $1 a day. A Clarion county farm was the next scene of his labors, after which he formed a copartnership with Colwell Hoover, and for six months they worked as jobbers in Golinza Mills. His next occupation was teaming for his brother at $2 per day. At the end of two years he settled on a farm in Clarion county, near Tylersburg, later moving to Porter Haskell's Mill, where for two years he put in logs on contract. He next returned to Forest county, where he put in square timber, running it to Pittsburg. From here he went to Lucinda Furnace, Clarion county, where he continued logging for C. Leeper & Co. The West had some attraction for Mr. Shotts, and he passed a year and a half in Decatur county, Iowa, but returned to Clarion county and resumed logging for C. Leeper & Co. After ten years at this he purchased a farm, but remained on it only a year, thence moving to Leeper, where he built a part of his present store, and also his flouring-mill. He now carries a complete line of hardware, dry goods and groceries, conducts a flouring-mill, and also is engaged in lumbering in Lewis county, Washington.

On February 17, 1866, Mr. Shotts was united in marriage with Mary C. De Walt, who was born November 25, 1850, a daughter of Michael and Susan (Walters) De Walt, pioneers of Westmoreland county. To Mr. and Mrs. Shotts have been born eleven children, nine of whom are yet living: Lillie, Burt, Aola, Sylvester, Andrew, Jennie, Susie, Blanche and Howard. Politically our subject is a Republican; religiously he adheres to no denomination, but his estimable
wife is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., which order he joined twenty-six years ago.

EMANUEL SLOUGHENHAUPT. Laying aside the cares and responsibilities of business life, this gentleman is now enjoying a well-earned rest. He is a native of Clarion county, born July 9, 1835, in Beaver township, and is a representative of one of its old and prominent pioneer families.

His paternal grandfather was a native of Germany, and was the founder of this branch of the family in America. Philip Sloughenhaust, the father, was born east of the mountains in Pennsylvania, and was a soldier of the Mexican war. He was a tailor by trade, a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in religious belief. In early manhood he was married to Mary Peters, who was born near Queenstown, Penn., a daughter of Adam Peters, a hero of the Revolutionary war. Mr. Sloughenhaust and wife were among the pioneers of Clarion county, and here both died in the same year, at the age of sixty, honored and respected by all who knew them.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest in their family of six children—two sons and four daughters—the others being as follows: Barbara married H. Kline, and is now deceased; Ellen is the deceased wife of Henry Kearns, who for three years served as a member of the 62nd P. V. I. during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Oil City, Penn.; Joshua lives on the old homestead in Salem township, Clarion county; Margaret is, the wife of Reed Say, of Delaware; and Mary is the wife of Henry Lee, of Colorado.

Emanuel Sloughenhaust passed the days of his childhood on the home farm, and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. His patriotism and courage were manifested by his enlistment, July 9, 1862, at the time President Lincoln called for 300,000 more volunteers. He was a member of Company G, 153rd P. V. I., under command of Capt. Klootz and Col. Allen, and with his regiment he took part in the following engagements: Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Williamsport, the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and the mine explosion, where the regiment charged on the front. Later followed the battles of Hatcher’s Run, Preble’s Farm, Five Forks and Appomattox, where Longstreet’s corps was taken by the Pennsylvania troops. Although three times wounded, Mr. Sloughenhaust was never off duty, and on many a Southern battle-field displayed remark-

ABLE COURAGE. When hostilities ceased, he was honorably discharged June 9, 1865, and returned to his home in Clarion county. He successfully engaged in farming until 1894, but since that time has lived retired in St. Petersburg.

At the age of thirty-eight, Mr. Sloughenhaust was united in marriage with Miss Susanna Kline, a daughter of Jacob Kline, but he has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who was a member of the Lutheran Church, and died in that faith in April, 1890. Since the war Mr. Sloughenhaust has suffered greatly from rheumatism contracted in the service, and also from disease of the heart and spinal trouble. He spent seven years in Reno county, Kans., and while there was a member of Joe Hooker Post No. 17, G. A. R., but now holds membership in Lookout Post No. 425. He is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and does all in his power to promote those measures which he believes calculated to advance the general welfare. His life has been actuated by unselfish motives, prompted by patriotism and guided by truth and justice, and he has thereby won the friendship and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

FREDERICK CRISMAN, a representative agriculturist, of Elk township, Clarion county, was born in June 1838, in Armstrong county, Penn., where also his father, John Crisman, was born in 1801.

The grandfather, Frederick Crisman, Sr., was a native of Germany, and on coming to the United States located in that county, where he spent his remaining days. In his native county the father married Miss Catharine John, who was also born in Armstrong county, where they continued to make their home for many years. She died at the age of seventy-four, and Mr. Crisman at the advanced age of ninety-one. His last days were passed in Lawsonham, Clarion county. They were good, honest, industrious and frugal German people, who had the respect and confidence of all who knew them. They held membership in the Dunkard Church, and, politically, Mr. Crisman affiliated with the Republican party. Their children were: Lavina, Philip, Oscar, Eliza, Frederick, John, Hamilton, Cassius, Adam, Henry, and Theresa. Of this number, John and Hamilton were members of the State Guard during the Rebellion.

Frederick Crisman (our subject) was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, assisting in the work of the fields and attending the common schools when his services
were not needed at home. He enlisted March 17, 1865, in Company G, 78th P. V. L., and when the war was over he was honorably discharged in June, of the same year. For some time he made his home in Lawsonham, and has always been engaged in farming and lumbering. In 1881, in partnership with his sons, he purchased 174 acres of valuable land in Elk township, Clarion county, pleasantly located and only a mile and a quarter from Shippenville. He is a progressive and energetic farmer, who keeps thoroughly abreast with the times in every particular, and is meeting with excellent success in his operations.

In 1858 Mr. Crisman was married to Miss Catharine, daughter of Henry Chrisman, now deceased. They now have thirteen children: Levi Ferman, Sarah Jane, Addison Summerville, John Walter, Melissa May, Henry Clure, Frederick Ross, Laura Luella, Charley Calvin, Edward Alvin, William Harrison, James Bert, and Jesse M. The father and sons all cast their ballots with the Republican party, and the family is one of prominence in the community. Religiously Mr. Crisman is a member of the Lutheran Church, and socially he is identified with Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R.

W R. SHIPPEN, one of the leading citizens of Shippenville, was born April 11, 1830, in the town where he still makes his home, and he is a worthy representative of one of the most honored and distinguished families of Clarion county. His ancestors came to America about 1639 from England and first located in Boston, but later removed to Philadelphia, and the family has since been prominently identified with the interests of the Keystone State. Most of its early representatives belonged to the Society of Friends, and were engaged in mercantile pursuits. Robert Shippen, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Philadelphia, and was a cousin of Chief Justice Shippen, whose daughter married General Arnold, the traitor.

Richard Shippen, our subject's father, was born in Chester county, Penn., and was reared and educated in Philadelphia. On attaining to man's estate he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Ann Black, by whom he had five children, namely: W. R.; Harriette G.; Mary Ann; Robert B., who died at the age of thirty-eight; and Margaret. The Shippen family owned large tracts of land in Clarion county, whither Richard Shippen removed in 1828, becoming the founder of Shippenville, which was named in his honor. In connection with John and Jacob Black, he was extensively engaged in the manufacture of charcoal and in operating iron furnaces, and in this way gave employment to as many as one hundred men. Mr. Shippen also conducted a general store, and was one of the most successful, reliable and prominent business men in the county. His name is inseparably and honorably connected with the history of this locality and his memory will long be enshrined in the hearts of his many friends. Politically he was a Republican. He departed this life in 1872, at the age of seventy-four, and his estimable wife passed away at the age of thirty-nine.

W. R. Shippen grew to manhood under the parental roof, and obtained an excellent education in select schools of Meadville, Penn. On starting out in life for himself, he clerked for some years in his father's store. Being an earnest, progressive man, he has met with good success in his undertakings, and now devotes his time to looking after his large land and oil interests in Clarion county. He has made for himself an honorable record as a business man, and as a citizen merits the confidence and esteem so freely accorded him. In 1861 he donned the blue and went forth to fight for the old flag and the cause it represented, being for three years a member of the Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves. During the greater part of the time he acted as quartermaster, and is now an honored member of the Grand Army Post of Shippenville. In religious belief he is a Lutheran, and as an officer of the Church he takes an active part in its work.

JAMES IRWIN, one of the representative citizens of East Brady, Clarion county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born June 15, 1837, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

James Irwin, Sr., his father, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born, reared and married in Westmoreland county, Miss Dorcas Decker, who was of English and Scotch extraction, becoming his wife. To them were born eight children, namely: Frances; Alexander, who was a member of the Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil war, and is now a resident of Derry Station, Westmoreland county, Penn.; Martha; Mary Ann; John, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Edward, a soldier of the 205th P. V. I., who died in Johnstown, Penn.; James; and Sarah. Only three of the children are now living. The father was a stonemason by trade, but also followed the occupation of farming. He
was an ardent Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious belief, while his wife was reared a Methodist, and always adhered to that faith. Their circle of friends and acquaintances was indeed extensive.

Reared in Westmoreland county, James Irwin, of this sketch, there learned the trade of a cabinet-maker, which he followed until fourteen years old, then engaged in mining until 1861. Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter’s guns died away when he enlisted in Company H, 41st P. V. I., for three years, under Capt. A. J. Bolar, and later became a member of the 12th Pennsylvania Reserves, which made such a gallant record. He took part in the battle of Drainsville, the seven-days’ fight of the Peninsular campaign, the second battle of Bull Run, under Pope, and the engagements at Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Robison’s Tavern, the Wilderness and Cold Harbor. He was wounded in the hand at the battle of Fredericksburg, and at Harrisburg, Penn., was honorably discharged in 1864, with the rank of sergeant.

In 1870, Mr. Irwin came to East Brady, where for twenty-two years he was successfully engaged in the grocery business, but is now practically living retired upon a place of twenty-seven acres adjoining that village. In a railroad accident in 1873 he had the misfortune to lose his left arm; but notwithstanding he has been handicapped in this way, he has steadily and honorably worked his way upward, and has attained a fair degree of prosperity.

In August, 1864, Mr. Irwin was married to Miss Elizabeth Lorden, who died in Johnstown, Penn., in 1870. Later he wedded Angeline Engle, by whom he had two children: Edward, who died at the age of two years; and Frank E., who died when only three months old. After the death of his wife he married Charlotte Carson, who passed away in August, in 1894. In May, 1895, he was again married, this time to Miss Sarah Beneger, of East Brady.

In his political affiliations Mr. Irwin is a Republican, and has been called upon to serve as overseer of the poor, and in other local positions of honor and trust. For many years he has been an earnest, consistent Christian, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has served as steward several years, class leader for twenty years, teacher in the Sunday-school twelve years, and has been one of the most successful Sunday-school superintendents in Clarion county. Socially he is a member of Thomas M. Sedgwick Post, G. A. R., in which he has passed all the chairs, and also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. His life has ever been in harmony with his profession and is well worthy of emulation.

John L. Fox, a general merchant of Pollock, was born in Monroe township, Clarion county, September 8, 1839. His father, John Fox, came to this section of the State from Huntingdon county, Penn., where he was born in 1803, a son of Jacob Fox, a native of the Keystone State, and of English and German extraction. The father of our subject was married in Mifflin county, Penn., to Eliza Redline, who was born in 1811, at Reeds Mills, Mifflin county, and was of English lineage. In 1836 they removed from Huntingdon county to Clarion county, locating first in Strattonville. The father was a shoemaker by trade. He spent his last years in Perry township, and died at the home of our subject at the age of eighty-two. His wife passed away at the age of sixty-two. They had a family of thirteen children: William, who resides in Perry township; Sarah; Nancy; Jacob; Harriet; John L.; James; Willoughby; Emma; Abner; Frank; Albert; and Lydia. Four of the sons gave their services to the Union during the Civil war, William going to the front as a member of the 105th P. V. I.; Jacob, a member of the 8th Pennsylvania Reserves, died in consequence of service; James, who was in a three-months’ regiment, is now living at Freeport, Pennsylvania.

John L. Fox was reared in Clarion county, and acquired his education in the common schools. In early life he learned the carpenter’s trade, which he followed for a number of years, but in the early part of the war he put aside all personal considerations and enlisted at President Lincoln’s first call for 300,000 volunteers, becoming a member of Company E, 78th P. V. I. He served for more than three years, and participated in the battles of Stone River, Murfreesboro, Chattanooga and Nashville, where he was under fire thirty days. He then went on to Atlanta, and after participating in the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, the regiment was mounted and participated in the battle of Peach Tree Creek. When his term of service had ended he was honorably discharged and returned to his home with a war record of which he may well be proud. He was always at his post of duty, faithfully defending the old flag and the cause it represented, and well deserves to be numbered among those to whom the Union owes its preservation. After his return home Mr. Fox followed farming for some time and also worked at the carpenter’s trade until 1877, being connected with the indus-
trial interests of the community for a considerable period. He then turned his attention to merchandising, and has since carried on business either in Pollock or Perryville, having now a well conducted store in the former place.

In 1865 Mr. Fox was married to Miss Mary Slaughenhaupt, who was born in Illinois, a daughter of Daniel and Esther (Wilson) Slaughenhaupt, who were natives of the Keystone State, and died in Clarion county. She had one brother, James Alvin, of Venango county, Penn., who served as one of the boys in blue in Company E, 78th P. V. I. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have three children: Frank, who is employed in a wholesale grocery house in Pittsburg; James, who for a number of years has been engaged in business in Allegheny county, Penn.; and Bertha, wife of W. E. Pollock, of Allegheny county. Mr. Fox is a prominent and leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as steward for a number of years, as class leader and as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum, and is highly esteemed by all.

Irvin M. Shannon, ex-sheriff of Clarion county, and the present efficient cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion, is one of the prominent and influential men of the county, where he was born March 6, 1845.

Christopher S. Shannon, his father, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., December 4, 1812, but when a child came with his parents to Armstrong county, and thence to Clarion county. He was engaged in mercantile lines of business throughout his life. His death occurred May 13, 1896. He was a man of broad business ideas, a good manager, and was one of the active and prominent business men of this section for years. His wife, whom he married March 17, 1842, was Martha McFarland, who was born in Mifflin county, Penn., March 31, 1825, and was the daughter of Robert McFarland. She died June 23, 1891, a most estimable woman. Their children were: A. J. (deceased), I. M., P. M., Sarah C. (Mrs. I. J. Keck), Robert T. (deceased), Nancy E. (deceased), and G. Luke (deceased).

Irvin M. Shannon had but meager educational advantages, going to school but a brief period after his thirteenth year. His father, in addition to being largely engaged in merchandising, was also in the lumber business, and young Shannon was taken from school to assist his father in the business. He clerked in the store until 1860, then was employed on the farm (his father also at that time carrying on farming operations). In the spring of 1861 he made a trip to the eastern part of the State, taking a drove of horses which he disposed of to a Mr. Cake, of Pottsville, Penn., who had a government contract to furnish horses for the U. S. army. He was from home some seven weeks, and on returning resumed farm work until in January, 1862, when he could no longer resist his country’s call, so enlisted in Company C, 62nd P. V. I., and at once started to the front, going into winter quarters in front of Washington, D. C. In the spring they broke camp and started on the Peninsula campaign, participating in most of its engagements prior to the battle of Gaines Mills, Va., June 27, 1862, where he was wounded and taken prisoner. He was held a prisoner of war for upwards of one month, and was confined at Libby prison. He was then exchanged, and in December, 1862, was discharged. His brother, P. M., was wounded in the same engagement. On returning home Mr. Shannon accepted a clerkship in a store at Shannondale which later was purchased by his uncle. Soon afterward our subject became a partner, and the business was carried on two years by the new firm. At the close of this period he sold his interest to his uncle and joined his brother, P. M. Shannon (now a prominent oil operator in Pittsburg), in merchandising at Shannondale. The two conducted the business until 1868, when our subject became the proprietor and conducted a general store at the same point until in 1883. In the fall of 1882 he was elected sheriff of the county, and moved to Clarion. After having served one term of three years in this office he engaged in the hotel business, keeping the "Loomis House" until in 1890. Then for a period, 1891-1892, he was speculating in lumber. In January, 1893, he became the assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Clarion, and one year later the cashier. He still holds this position, to which he is admirably adapted. Aside from the sheriffalty, Mr. Shannon has served in other local offices, and was for seven years president of the school board. For some years he was interested in the Jacksonian, a newspaper of Clarion. Mr. Shannon is prominent in a number of the secret societies; he is a member of the F. & A. M. and is serving as trustee of the lodge at Clarion, and was one of the building committee that erected the building belonging to the lodge at that point. He is president of the Clarion Athletic Association; is identified with the I. O. O. F., and with the G. A. R.; and in politics he is a Democrat.

On June 1, 1871, Mr. Shannon was married to Miss Elvira Yeany, who was born October 1,
1853, in Clarion county, and to them have been born: Milo C., who in 1893 graduated from the Iron City Business College, of Pittsburg, and Prof. Porter’s School of shorthand, is the vice-president of the Second National Bank, of Clarion; and Pearl, who is unmarried and at home. Mrs. Shannon, who is a woman of refinement and culture, is identified with the Presbyterian Church, and is now serving as president of the Woman’s Relief Corps, No. 36, Department of Pennsylvania. Her father (who is still living at the remarkable age of eighty-eight years) is John Yeany, a highly-respected and esteemed citizen of Shannondale, Pennsylvania.

P. M. Shannon, of Pittsburg, alluded to in the foregoing, the brother of our subject, is president and general manager of the Pennsylvania Oil & Gas Company, of Wyoming. He is probably one of the most prominent oil men in the country. He opened the “Economy Field” near Pittsburg, in which he is drilling his eighteenth well.

J. P. DIVINS, who is now serving as justice of the peace, has always made his home in Porter township, Clarion county, his birth having occurred there March 29, 1838. His father, Hon. William Divins, who represented the county in the General Assembly, was born in 1808, in Centre county, Penn., and was a son of James Divins, a native of Ireland, who came to Pennsylvania when a young man. In Centre county William Divins married Miss Mary McKinney, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who was born in that county, a daughter of John McKinney, a Scotchman by birth. She died May 15, 1852, at the age of seventy years, having survived her husband for some time. He was called to his final rest in March, 1853, at the age of fifty-six years. For twenty years he was one of the most successful teachers of this section of the State, and also engaged in farming. His fellow citizens recognizing his worth and ability often called him to public office, and he most acceptably served as justice of the peace for a quarter of a century, county auditor for three years, county commissioner for the same length of time, and State representative for two terms. He was a prominent member and deacon of the Baptist Church, and never withheld his support from any enterprise calculated to promote the moral, educational, or material welfare of the community, and was therefore numbered among the honored and valued citizens of the county.

To William and Mary Divins were born eleven children, nine sons and two daughters, namely: John, deceased; William, who was a member of the 148th P. V. I., during the Civil war, and died in Monroe township, Clarion county, in January, 1886; David, who was a member of the same regiment, and died at Bells Island, N. Y., from fever contracted in the service; James P.; Anthony, who also belonged to the 148th P. V. I., and is now a resident of Jefferson county; Martin, who died at the age of four years; Thomas, a Union soldier now living in Porter township, Clarion county; Calvin, who lives in Clearfield county; Curtis, a resident of Elk county, Penn.; Sarah Ann, wife of J. C. Henry, of Jefferson county; and Mary E., wife of G. W. Stewart, of Porter township.

The subject of this sketch spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and the knowledge he acquired in the local schools has been supplemented by reading and study in later years, so that he has become a well informed man. During early life he was employed about the furnaces, and later worked in mills. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism, Mr. Divins enlisted in February, 1864, in Company K, 148th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and with that command he participated in sixteen important battles and many skirmishes, including those in front of Petersburg, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, North Anna River (Va.), Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Strawberry Plains, Deep Bottom, Ream’s Station, Hatcher’s Run, South Side Railroad, Farmville, and Appomattox Court House. He had many narrow escapes but was never seriously wounded, being hit on the arm at one time by a spent ball, while bullets pierced his cap and coat and his canteen was shot off. For a short time, however, he was ill in the hospital. His regiment lost heavily; there being thirteen officers and 190 men among those killed or who died of wounds received; four officers and 170 men who died from disease: 24 officers and 312 men wounded; and four officers and 168 men captured or missing, making a total loss of 1,089.

On July 15, 1866, Mr. Divins married Miss Catherine, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Buzzard) Phillips, who died in Porter township, Clarion county, the latter at the extreme old age of ninety-eight. One brother, Michael Phillips, was a soldier of the 148th P. V. I., and was wounded at Ream’s Station. Mr. and Mrs. Divins had four children: Cora, David Merritt and Thomas Ellsworth, all living; and Frank, deceased.

Since attaining his majority, Mr. Divins has never failed to vote at every election with the exception of those held while he was in the serv-
ice of his country. For the past decade he as faithfully served as justice of the peace, and his rulings have ever been fair and impartial. He is an honored member of Capt. Case Post No. 239, G. A. R., and belongs to the Baptist Church, in which he is serving as clerk. He takes an active and prominent part in all Church and Sunday-school work, and his hand is never withheld from doing good. As a citizen he is worthy the high respect and confidence ceded to him by the entire community. He owns a good farm of forty-five acres, and in its operation is meeting with a fair degree of success.

JOHN F. BROWN, who for many years in his younger life was associated with the press of western Pennsylvania, and since engaged largely in general insurance in the same section, being a member of the firm of John F. & G. E. Brown, of Clarion and Brookville, is a native of Waterstreet, Huntingdon Co., Penn., born March 22, 1850.

Benjamin F. Brown, his father, now living in retirement with his estimable wife at McVeytown, Mifflin county, this State, was for nearly a third of a century one of the well-known educators of that part of the State. He was born in April, 1825, in Huntingdon county, and lived there many years. His wife, who was Martha J. Stewart, was also a native of Huntingdon county, born March 5, 1833. They were married in 1849, and to them were born six sons and five daughters, all yet living. The parents are now passing the evening of their lives together at McVeytown, aged, the father, seventy-three, and the mother, sixty-four, both being well preserved and in the enjoyment of good health.

John F. Brown received his primary education in the district schools of Huntingdon county. At the age of nine years he went to live with an uncle in Fayette county, Penn., who was the publisher of a newspaper there. For two years he was a newsboy on a line of steamboats from Pittsburg to Brownsville, on the Monongahela river. In December, 1863, he came with his uncle (R. B. Brown) to Clarion, the uncle purchasing the Clarion Democrat. Here in the office of that paper young Brown learned the printer's trade and the newspaper business. R. B. Brown was elected a member of the State Legislature from Clarion county, and during his service in that body the paper was conducted by our subject. After the uncle's return John F. Brown went to New Castle, Penn., and for two years was the editorial and local writer of the New Castle Gazette and Democrat. He then returned to Clarion and became a partner with his uncle, in publishing the Clarion Democrat, which for some years following made somewhat of a reputation among the journals of the State for its activity in politics and in the early oil development of that section. For four years he followed the fortunes of this paper, when in 1876 he sold his interest and engaged in the business of fire and life insurance. Subsequently he associated with him in the business his brother G. F. Brown. Under their good management and direction the business has been enlarged and increased until at this time the firm carries probably two-thirds of all the insurance in Clarion and Jefferson counties. They also do a large business in the counties of Forest and Elk, and have offices in Clarion, Brookville and Punxsutawney, all being connected by a private telephone. Our subject, the senior member of the firm, resides at Clarion, while G. E. Brown lives at Brookville. These gentlemen have in their employ two other brothers, Walter S., who is in charge of the office in Punxsutawney, and P. S. Brown is a traveling solicitor. This firm represents some fifteen of the very best fire insurance companies, and have been most successful in conducting their business for all parties concerned. They have placed large lines of insurance for large manufacturing companies, particularly in the line of sawmills, lumber companies, coal works, etc. These gentlemen have made for themselves and the companies they represent a great reputation for honorable and square dealing in all of their business. They do not lose sight of their patrons' interests, as has been evinced in the satisfactory adjustments of their losses. In addition to a fire insurance business of upwards of $50,000 per year, the firm represents the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Philadelphia, and have built up a remarkably large business in that line, having more policies in force in this district than all other life insurance companies combined.

On September 20, 1876, our subject was married to Miss Effie K. Burns, who was born May 4, 1859, at Clarion, Penn., and is the daughter of the late James T. Burns, of Clarion, a man of considerable prominence in the county, having served as county treasurer and was three times elected county commissioner. To this marriage were born four children, namely: Alice, who is attending Wilson College at Chambersburg; Fred V., who is attending a preparatory school; Katherine J., and Marie C. The parents of these are members of the Presbyterian Church, the father being president of the board of trus-
JOHN W. KNAPP, an estimable citizen of Clarion, Clarion county, where he is widely known as a merchant and business man, was born at Huntsburg, Ohio, August 18, 1854.

The Knapp family of this section were originally from Connecticut, moving to Ohio in an early day, then coming to Pennsylvania. The parents of our subject, who are now among the respected citizens of Clarion, were born, the father, Rev. Ezra R. Knapp, in Delaware county, N. Y., September 14, 1820, and the mother, Minerva C. (Starkey) Knapp, at Huntsburg, Ohio, January 22, 1825. They were married at Montville, Ohio, in 1841, and the children born to them are: Lizzie M., John W., Charles H. and Frederick R. now living, four children having died in infancy. The father of these is a minister of the M. E. Church, but owing to his age has retired from active work.

John W. Knapp received a good English education. He began teaching school at the early age of eighteen years, following the profession for a number of terms at Arthurs, Scotch Hill, and Turkey City, all points in Pennsylvania. While engaged in teaching, the summers he usually passed in working at the printing business. Subsequently, in 1880, he entered the Eastman National Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and after his graduation he taught one term of school. In March, 1881, he became engaged in merchandising at Clarion, and has since been so occupied. He is well and favorably known in this section as an upright businessman and Christian gentleman. He deals largely in normal text books and school supplies. In 1895 he began the erection of what is styled the "Clarion Telephone," and since gradually made extensions until he now has some seventy odd boxes in the borough of Clarion. He has been measurably successful, and has about him the comforts of life.

On May 10, 1881, Mr. Knapp was married to Miss Kate C. Underwood, a teacher of ability in the Clarion county schools. She is the daughter of Alexander Underwood, born December 25, 1859, at Ironton, Ohio, and came to Clarion county in childhood. Both Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are members of the M. E. Church, he being a steward in same. Socially, he is identified with the I. O. O. F., being a past grand and past patriarch of the Encampment. Politically he is a Republican.

J. W. HORTON, a well-known boot and shoe maker, of East Brady, Clarion county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred June 25, 1845, in Allegheny county, near the Butler county line.

Russell Horton, father of our subject, was born in New York, of English and German ancestry, while the mother, who bore the maiden name of Frances Brown, was a native of Allegheny county, Penn., and was of French origin. Of their seven children, only three reached the age of maturity, namely: Joseph W., of this review; Albert G., now residing in Potter county, Penn., and Cynthia. The mother died at the age of thirty-six, and the father was again married, having four children by his second union: James A., Oliver P., Alzina and George R. The father was sixty-three years of age when he was called to his final rest. He was a farmer by occupation, a Republican in political sentiment, and a sincere member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In Butler county Joseph W. Horton was reared and educated, and before the Civil war he was a boatman on the river for about nine years. In March, 1864, he enlisted in Company L, 11th P. V. C., under Capt. John B. Loomis, who was killed in the Wilson raid, and Col. Samuel P. Speers. Our subject participated in the engagements in front of Petersburg, and on the Weldon railroad; he was injured by his horse falling upon his knee, and as the injury never healed he was obliged to have the leg amputated in 1876. The war having ended, he was honorably discharged August 13, 1865, and returned home. In 1865 Mr. Horton came to Clarion county, locating first near Millers Eddy in Toby township, and later he lived in West Freedom and near Parker's Landing until coming to East Brady in 1887. Here he has since successfully worked at his trade, receiving from the public a liberal patronage.

On May 20, 1869, Mr. Horton was married to Miss Mary L. Miller, who was born near Rumersburg, Clarion county, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Baker) Miller, both now deceased. Six children blessed this union: Lydia May; Myrtle, wife of T. W. Oglesby, of
East Brady; Olive Gertrude; and William C.; the others died in infancy. Mr. Horton is a prominent member of G. A. R. Post No. 204, of East Brady; in which he served as commander for two terms, and is now adjutant. His political support is unswervingly given to the men and measures of the Republican party. Loyal to truth, honor and right, he occupies an enviable position in the esteem of his fellow men, and no one in Clarion county is more deserving the high regard in which he is held.

HENRY B. WHITEHILL is numbered among the representative and prosperous agriculturists of Elk township, Clarion county. He owns and operates the old Whitehill homestead, which comprises 163 acres of rich and arable land, under a high state of cultivation, and improved with commodious and substantial buildings, good fences and a fine orchard. Upon the place are eleven oil-producing wells, which add materially to his income, and in connection with general farming Mr. Whitehill was for twenty years successfully engaged in the oil and lumber business.

On the farm, where he is still living, Mr. Whitehill was born June 29, 1843, a son of David Whitehill, and a grandson of James C. Whitehill. James C. Whitehill was a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch extraction; in 1816 he settled in Clarion county, and became one of the prominent pioneers of that section, playing an important part in the early development of the country, and passing his last years on the present homestead of the family. David Whitehill was born in Centre county in 1803, and came with his parents to Clarion county at the age of eleven years. He grew to manhood here, and married Miss Esther Packer, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Job and Orpha (Wilson) Packer, who for many years lived at the mouth of Deer creek. David Whitehill died July 11, 1881. Ten children blessed this union, namely: Joseph M., Elmira J. (deceased), Henry B., James C., Emma, Orpha, Job, Mary and Maggie (twins), and David B.

Under the able direction of his father, Henry B. Whitehill early became familiar with agricultural pursuits, and is to-day one of the most capable farmers of Elk township. His literary training was obtained in the public schools. On July 7, 1864, he enlisted in the one-hundred-days’ service, becoming a member of the 2nd P. V. I., and he later served until the close of the war in Company K, 50th P. V. I.

On January 13, 1870, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Mary E. Maxwell, who was born July 11, 1851, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Black) Maxwell, the former born in 1820 in Centre county (a son of Samuel Maxwell, Sr., a native of Ireland), and died in 1852; the latter born March 1, 1826, and died May 17, 1884. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Whitehill: Orr D., born February 24, 1872, is now married and living on the home farm; Clyde M., born October 26, 1877, died at the age of ten months; and Ray C., born April 9, 1883. Mrs. Whitehill is a highly educated lady, and at the time of her marriage was a successful teacher in Clarion county.

In his political affiliations Mr. Whitehill is a Republican, but has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, though he has served as a member of the school board. He belongs to Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville. Mrs. Whitehill is a member of the Woman’s Relief Corps No. 55, Shippenville, also a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character have won for this honored couple the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

HENRY SHRUM, a well-known lumberman and farmer, of Highland township, has spent his entire life in Clarion county, his birth occurring in 1832, on the Kathers farm, near the city of Clarion. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Kuntz) Shrum. The father, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., located in Beaver township on first coming to Clarion county, and was for some time employed at the Long & Blackford furnace. Subsequently he purchased a farm, on which he spent his remaining days. His wife died in 1889.

Our subject is one of a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Margaret, now Mrs. Joseph McClean, of Highland township; Elizabeth, who married George Troutner, but both are now deceased: Martha wedded Jacob Whitmer, of Clarion county; Mary, who wedded John Boyd, both deceased, leaving a large family; one son, Jackson, was killed at Goldsboro during the Civil war; Sarah, wife of Samuel Whitmer, of Callensburg, Clarion county, who was also one of the brave boys in blue; Christopher, who died when a young man; John, who married a Miss Bream, and with his family now resides at Sligo Furnace, Clarion county.

Henry Shrum spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Licking township, Clarion county, and in its common schools he acquired his educa-
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JAMES MILTON MARSH, residing in Sligo, Clarion county, is one of the most popular conductors on the Low Grade Division of the Allegheny Valley railroad, and now runs between Sligo, Red Bank and Oak Ridge.

Born August 23, 1856, two miles from Smicksburg, in Indiana county, Penn., Mr. Marsh is a son of Harrison and Mary (Repine) Marsh, and grandson of Graves Marsh, of Pittsburg, Penn., who was employed on the river. Harrison Marsh was born February 14, 1814, in Pittsburg, and throughout his active business life engaged in farming, and he conducted hotels at Perrysville and Big Run, Penn., but was living retired at the time of his death, which occurred at Reynoldsville, Penn., in July, 1876. He had removed to Jefferson county in 1838. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company D, 206th P. V. I., but was never wounded. His wife, who was born in 1817, near Blairsville, in Indiana county, died in January, 1889, and was laid by his side in the cemetery at Reynoldsville. She held membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Elizabeth, now the wife of Squire W. M. Blouse, of Big Run, Penn.; Robert H., who was a member of Company A, 105th P. V. I., and died of typhoid fever while in the service, his remains being brought home for burial; Israel W., who died from the effects of wounds received in battle, and was buried at Green Spring Run, Va.; Caroline, wife of Thomas Postleweights, a farmer of Dixon county, Neb.; John, a contractor living in Punxsutawney, Penn.; William H., who left home in 1866, since which time nothing has been heard from him; Nancy, wife of Patrick Foley, a railroad engineer living in Reynoldsville; James Milton, of this sketch; and Alice, wife of John Stevenson, also a railroad engineer living in Reynoldsville.

At the age of two years James Milton Marsh was taken by his parents to Jefferson county, and with them he remained until sixteen years of age, when he began work on the Low Grade railroad, between Reynoldsville and Brookville, remaining with that company for three years. He then engaged in teaming in Reynoldsville for two years, after which he came to Edinburg, Clarion county, where the following three years were passed in teaming, pumping, etc. On his return to Reynoldsville, he was employed for a year and three months as brakeman on the railroad, later was flagman for a year and a half, and afterward was promoted to conductor. He served as such for four years, then came to Sligo, where he has since made his home.

On December 24, 1883, at Reynoldsville, Mr. Marsh was married to Miss Mary Carey, the ceremony being performed by Rev. T. Brady, a Catholic priest, and they have become the parents of three children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Harry T., August 24, 1885;
James W., October 2, 1887; and John C., July 19, 1890.

Mrs. Marsh was born, June 26, 1861, in Columbus, Penn., a daughter of Michael and Ellen (Foley) Carey, natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America in early life, and in Clyde, N. Y., met and were married. They remained at that place for some time and then removed to Columbus, Penn., where the father served as foreman in a tannery, having previously learned that trade. After his removal to Jefferson county, in 1870, he engaged in mining, but the last year of his life was spent in retirement. He died May 24, 1894, at the age of fifty-six, his wife in November, 1895, at the age of fifty-five, and both were buried at Reynolds ville. They were devout members of the Catholic Church, and he was a stalwart Democrat in politics. Their children were: Michael, a railroad engineer living in Myersdale, Penn.; Mary, wife of our subject; Ellen, a resident of Reynolds ville; Catherine (deceased); Johanna, wife of Frank Bracken, a tanner, of Reynolds ville; John, who is a railroad fireman and lives with our subject; and Thomas, assistant agent for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Myersdale.

Our subject is interested in a number of civic societies, belonging to the Masonic Lodge at New Bethlehem; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Sligo; the Knights of Pythias at Reynolds ville, and the Order of Railway Conductors at East Brady, Penn. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he is well-posted on all the leading questions and issues of the day. Of a pleasant, genial nature, he makes friends wherever he goes, and is now numbered among the leading and representative citizens of Sligo.

Mrs. Catharine P. Ditz is the owner of the "Agey Hotel" in Leeper, which she is now successfully conducting in connection with her brother, A. J. Seth, who serves as manager. They belong to one of the most highly-respected families of Clarion county, their parents being John and Mary (Fogelbacher) Seth. The father was born in 1816, in Snyder'sburg, and amid frontier scenes grew to manhood. The county was then covered with a dense forest, in which many wild animals still roamed, and the scattered inhabitants were forced to endure all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life. The mother of our subject was a native of Carlisle, Cumberland Co., Pa., where her father, John Fogelbacher, lived for some years, and then came to Clarion county, making it his home until his death.

After his marriage, John Seth purchased a tract of land in Knox township, Clarion county, which was still in its primitive condition. After he had cleared away the trees, he plowed the land and before his death had converted the wild tract into a highly-cultivated and valuable farm of 100 acres, improved with good and substantial buildings. Upon that place his wife died in 1885, and he passed away in 1897. Their children were as follows: (1) Lena, born in Knox township, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of Edward Eisenman, who resides on the old homestead in Fryburg, Clarion county. They have eight children: Agnes: Clara, wife of Jacob Lieght, of Clarion county; Cressence, wife of Henry Forestburg, of Harrisburg, Penn.; Albert; Frank; Joseph: Anna M. and Christina. (2) Lizzie died when a young lady. (3) Anna M. is the wife of Martin Ditz, and they live on the old Ditz homestead in Washington township, Clarion county. Their children are—Agnes; Lizzie; Lena; Nina; Albert and Amelia (twins); Geneveve; and James. (4) Catharine P. is next in order of birth. (5) Agnes married Augustin Ditz, and lived in Fryburg, where her husband engaged in the hotel business, and where she died in 1878, leaving two children—Anthony, now a business man of Knox, Penn.; and Mary, wife of George Fletcher, a druggist of Fryburg. (6) Joseph wedded Mary Rector, of Elk county, and they now make their home in St. Mary's, that county. Their children are—Bertha, Francis, Charles, and Joseph. (7) John married Maggie Walsh, of Clarion county, and they live on the old homestead, where he was born and reared. To them have been born six children—Walter, Mary, John, Katie, Martha, and Stephen. (8) Emma lives with her brother and sister in Leeper. (9) Christina completed her education in the Young Ladies College of St. Mary's, Penn., and is now engaged in the millinery business in Pittsburg.

A. J. Seth, who completes the family, was born on the old homestead in Knox township, began his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, and later attended St. Vincent's College, at Westmoreland county, Pa. At the age of eighteen he began his business career as a lumberman, and after engaging in that occupation for three years he became interested in the oil business. Subsequently he conducted a hotel in Elk county. When his sister purchased the hotel in Leeper, he became manager, and they have since successfully carried on the business there.

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After his marriage, John Seth purchased a tract of land in Knox township, Clarion county, which was still in its primitive condition. After he had cleared away the trees, he plowed the land and before his death had converted the wild tract into a highly-cultivated and valuable farm of 100 acres, improved with good and substantial buildings. Upon that place his wife died in 1885, and he passed away in 1897. Their children were as follows: (1) Lena, born in Knox township, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of Edward Eisenman, who resides on the old homestead in Fryburg, Clarion county. They have eight children: Agnes: Clara, wife of Jacob Lieght, of Clarion county; Cressence, wife of Henry Forestburg, of Harrisburg, Penn.; Albert; Frank; Joseph: Anna M. and Christina. (2) Lizzie died when a young lady. (3) Anna M. is the wife of Martin Ditz, and they live on the old Ditz homestead in Washington township, Clarion county. Their children are—Agnes; Lizzie; Lena; Nina; Albert and Amelia (twins); Geneveve; and James. (4) Catharine P. is next in order of birth. (5) Agnes married Augustin Ditz, and lived in Fryburg, where her husband engaged in the hotel business, and where she died in 1878, leaving two children—Anthony, now a business man of Knox, Penn.; and Mary, wife of George Fletcher, a druggist of Fryburg. (6) Joseph wedded Mary Rector, of Elk county, and they now make their home in St. Mary's, that county. Their children are—Bertha, Francis, Charles, and Joseph. (7) John married Maggie Walsh, of Clarion county, and they live on the old homestead, where he was born and reared. To them have been born six children—Walter, Mary, John, Katie, Martha, and Stephen. (8) Emma lives with her brother and sister in Leeper. (9) Christina completed her education in the Young Ladies College of St. Mary's, Penn., and is now engaged in the millinery business in Pittsburg.

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Catharine P. Seth was born in Knox township, in 1835, was educated in the schools of the locality, and in early womanhood gave her hand in marriage to A. M. Ditz, of Clarion county. They began housekeeping in Titusville, Penn., where Mr. Ditz engaged in mercantile business for a number of years, and later followed the same pursuit in Lucinda until his death, which occurred in 1893. Subsequently coming to Leeper, Mrs. Ditz purchased the "Agey House." She displays excellent ability in the management of her affairs, and has made the hotel one of the most inviting and homelike hostels in this section of the county, it having become a great favorite with the traveling public.

Religiously the Seth family is connected with the Catholic Church, while politically the sons are identified with the Democratic party, to which the father also belonged. He was one of the prominent and influential men of his community, and was called upon to serve in a number of local offices of honor and trust. His children all occupy honorable positions in life, are well educated and refined, and are numbered among the valued and useful citizens of their respective communities.

B A. KRIIBBS. The city of Knox boasts of quite a number of prominent and enterprising business men who have done much to advance the interests of the place, but none are held in higher regard, or deserve greater recognition than the subject of this sketch, who has been closely identified with its material prosperity for several years, and is now the senior member of the well-known firm of B. A. Kriibbs & Co.

He traces his ancestry back to Christian Kriibbs, who was born near Strasburg, in Alsace, now a part of Germany, about 1775, and emigrated with his parents to this country in 1785, landing in Philadelphia. Being the oldest in the family, he was bound out to a well-to-do planter of New Jersey, while with the parents and their other children proceeded to Westmoreland county, Penn. He remained with that gentleman until he had attained his majority, and although he had to work hard, he was provided with a fair education, and obtained a knowledge of the world which he could not have gathered had he accompanied his parents. On leaving his master, at the age of twenty-one, he went in search of his parents, whom he had not seen since leaving Philadelphia twelve years previous, and when found had hard work persuading them that he was their little Christian. It was finally proven by a certain birthmark. He remained in Westmoreland county, where he later married and where five of his children were born: George, Philip, John, Mary and Katy. In 1817, he brought his family to Clarion county, then Venango county, and located in Beaver township, about two miles northwest of Edinburg, or Knox, on the farm known to-day as the old Christian Kriibbs farm, where his three other children—Priscilla, Jacob and Betsy—were born.

George Kriibbs, grandfather of our subject, accompanied his parents on their removal to Clarion county, and remained with his father, assisting in transforming the primitive forest into one of the best farms of the neighborhood. At the age of twenty-five he married Miss Susanna Sheffer, of the same county, the daughter of a well-to-do farmer, and later purchased a farm at Beaver City, about one mile southwest of Knox, where he made his home until called from this life in 1879, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a large land owner and one of the leading and distinguished citizens of his community. In 1835 he was elected one of the commissioners of Venango county, being the first to serve in that responsible position from the district east of the Allegheny river. Later he was captain in the State Militia, and was ever afterward known by that title. In 1848 he became interested in the iron business, owning the furnace now known as the Eagle furnace, on Canoe creek, near the Clarion river. In that enterprise he was a member of the firm of Reynolds & Kriibbs, but in 1860 disposed of his interest in the business and returned to his farm at Beaver City. In 1873 oil was found upon the place and a number of wells sunk, which are still in operation.

In the family of George and Susanna (Sheffer) Kriibbs were the following children: Barbara is the wife of W. Bell, of East Bradford, Penn.; P. F. is the father of our subject; Kate is the wife of Dr. Ed Meeker, of West Virginia; Priscilla is the wife of Harrison Findley, now of Hennessey, Okla.; Rev. John A. is the principal of the Orphans' Home, near Zelienople, Butler Co., Penn. In 1862 he enlisted in Beaver township, Clarion county, in Company G, 133th P. V. I., for three years or during the war, was commissioned second lieutenant, and as a member of the Army of the Potomac participated in all the battles of his regiment; Harriet is the wife of Rev. J. B. Fox, of Slatington, Penn.; George F. was for about twelve years the editor and publisher of the Clarion Democrat, later practiced law, represented his district for two terms in Congress, and is now a resident of Narcoosee, Fla.; W. G. is a farmer living two miles north of Edinburg, Pennsylvania.
P. F. Kribbs, father of our subject, spent his boyhood on the old homestead at Beaver City, and acquired his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of sixteen he went with the family to Eagle Furnace, where he entered a store as salesman, and later served as bookkeeper and manager of the business. While at that place he was married in 1856, at the age of twenty-four, to Miss Catharine Knight, youngest daughter of Daniel Knight, a well-known farmer of Richland township, Clarion county, and there their oldest child was born: Florence, now Mrs. G. S. Karns, of Franklin, Penn., and also B. A. Kribbs, the subject of this sketch. After coming to Edenburg, or Knox, in 1861, the family circle was increased by the birth of five other children, namely: E. E.; W. W., now of Marionville, Penn.; C. C.; Susie and Mabel.

In 1859 P. F. Kribbs was elected justice of the peace, which position he most satisfactorily filled for fifteen years, and, while engaged in merchandising at Knox, also served as postmaster from 1862 until 1874. He became largely interested in real estate and also in the oil business, owning about one hundred and twenty oil wells which were in operation; but when the hard times set in in 1891, he was forced to make an assignment. However, by 1896 he had settled all claims, and in the language of one of the attorneys of Clarion a large amount of property was redeemed. He is a stanch Democrat in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his family also belongs. He is one of the most distinguished and influential citizens of Knox, a leader in thought and action.

B. A. Kribbs, whose name introduces this sketch, was born at Eagle Furnace, in Beaver township, Clarion county, May 29, 1859, and was reared in that township, pursuing his early studies in its public schools. Later he attended school in Edenburg, took a business course in the Iron City Commercial College of Pittsburgh, and was also a student in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Erie Co., Penn., leaving the last institution in 1876. Thus well equipped for life’s responsible positions, he began his business career as messenger in the Clarion County Bank, and later had charge of the books for two years. After leaving the Iron City Commercial College in 1881, Mr. Kribbs became connected with his father in mercantile pursuits, doing business under the firm name of P. F. Kribbs & Son, until February, 1895, when it was changed to B. A. Kribbs & Co., the father selling his interests to Messrs. J. C. Berlin and A. J. Smith, oil men of Edenburg. They occupy what is known as the Kribbs Block, a handsome three-story structure, sixty feet frontage, containing two store rooms, one being used as the dry-goods department, the other as the grocery department. The second floor is devoted to clothing, carpets and wall paper, the basement to heavy groceries and oil, and the third floor is used as a lodge room by the Masonic order. The firm carries a well-selected stock of general merchandise valued at $25,000—and from the public receives a liberal patronage. Mr. Kribbs is recognized as one of the most reliable, energetic and progressive business men of the place, and has ever taken a commendable interest in all enterprises calculated to benefit the community. He has engaged to some extent in the oil business, and for a time was a member of the firm of Hunter & Kribbs, furniture dealers.

On July 17, 1888, in Edenburg, Mr. Kribbs was united in marriage to Miss Annabel Hill, daughter of J. C. Hill, who located in Edenburg in 1875, coming from Freeport, Armstrong Co., Penn. Mrs. B. A. Kribbs is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Armstrong and Allegheny counties, her great-great-grandfather having come from Jersey, State about 1770, locating at New Alexandria. Her great-grandfather fought through the Revolutionary war, being with the Continental army at Valley Forge during the severe winter of 1777. To Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Kribbs have been born two children: Marie Eleanor and Philip Forbes. Religiously, Mr. Kribbs is a Lutheran, and has served as deacon of his Church, superintendent of the Sunday-school, and has ever taken an active part in the work of both. He is a member of Edenburg Lodge No. 550, F. & A. M., and of Eden Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., of Clarion, Penn., in both of which he has served in all the chairs, making him a life member of the respective grand bodies. He is also a member of Pittsburg Commandary No. 1, K. T., of Pittsburg, Penn. His political support has always been given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has been called upon to serve as a delegate to county conventions, member of the city council one term, judge of the election board and auditor. He has made an untarnished record, and has an unspotted reputation as a business man. In all places and under all circumstances, he is loyal to truth, honor and right, justly valuing his own self-respect as infinitely more preferable than wealth, fame and position.

In the search for our progenitors of yore we are cautioned not to scratch too deep, lest we discover a Tartar. We are not unmindful of the daily conflict we are obliged to wage that this serpentine nature may not come forth into the quiet of our halcyon days. It is, however, comforting to know that in all ages of the world's history, the manifestation of that power, "which makes for right," has been more or less apparent. From the "Genealogical and Biographical Monographs" of Prof. Edward E. Salisbury, found in the Presbyterian Historical Library of Philadelphia, we derived valued information. Sir Bernard Burke wrote, "the McKirdys formerly belonged to the tribes who possessed the Western Islands of Scotland, long under the Crown of Sweden, and were the lords of the Isles." This family were the principal possessors of the Isle of Bute at a very early period. Bute is the most important of the several islands off the Firth of Clyde. It is situated about eighteen miles west of Greenock, and forty miles, by water, from Glasgow. To this picturesque and stately Isle the McCurdys look back, not without some emotion of pride, and credit the Highlanders of Scotland with a goodly offspring. The Gaelic etymology of the name indicates that they belonged to that solid Celtic race, before the earliest Anglo-Saxon times. During the English horrors and sorrows of 1666, while Charles II was busily engaged looking after the welfare of his pups and their maternal supporters, occurred the so-called "Rising" against the Scotch Presbyterians. While the Dutch and English were contending for the mastery of the sea, the King, at a banquet in London, heard the roar of Van-Tromp's cannon up the Thames, "the first and last time the sound of foreign guns has been heard in London." These native Scotch people and their wealth claimed the attention, alike, of soldiers and curates, who in vast sums fined whom they pleased, and divided the spoils among themselves. Imprisonment, persecution and violence were the reward of non-payment. This presents the clue by which we trace the genealogical pathway of our grand sires. Five McCurdy brothers escaped in an open boat in the midst of a blinding snow storm, leaving all their worldly possessions, and landed near the famous "Giant's Causeway." Twenty-three years later (1689) these five brethren were participants in the siege of Londonderry; and shared, July 1, 1690, the crowning victory of the Boyne.

These five brave men, though victims of persecutions at Arran of County Bute, became determined leaders among the Scotch Covenanters in their defense of religious liberty. While with pride we recognize our valiant ancestry, we would add to this illustrious heritage, the mark of true aristocracy—that of achievement. Gen. Patrick McCurdy, one of the notable five brothers, and grandfather of the fifth degree, married Margaret Stuart. In this union honor and wealth were combined; and the descendants were not only happy to secure their shares of such a fortune, but rejoiced exceedingly when the precious piece of Crown money was placed in their hands, in honor of Margaret Stuart. Patrick McCurdy, Jr., grandfather of the fourth degree, and son of Patrick and Margaret, married Margaret Reynolds. But now a sad scene confronts us. While out on a fishing and pleasure expedition, a storm overturned the boat, and Patrick, Jr., was "lost at sea." Margaret, so sadly bereft of her youthful husband, offered a "stocking full of guineas" for the recovery of his body. It was found, and the money paid. With five promising boys, she mourned the loss of her dear partner. David McCurdy, grandfather of the third degree, one of the "five boys," married Enipal Brown. Two sons and three daughters were the result of this union. James McCurdy, grandfather of the second degree, one of the "two sons," married Jane McAuley. Six daughters and two boys blessed this union. David McCurdy, grandfather of the first degree, and one of the "two boys," married Molly Forgy. Four sons and two daughters lived to honor their God-fearing parents. John McCurdy, one of these "four sons," now of blessed memory, we delighted to acknowledge by the endearing name Father. Mother in her eighty-fourth year enjoys excellent health and an unfailing memory. Thanks be to God for the boys' best friend, dear mother! She is the daughter of William and Jennie (Magee) Irwin. "Seven boys and girls are we;" and two have passed to the soul's triumphant bourn. James M., one of the "seven," April 4, 1867, married Martha E. Moon, daughter of Lewis and Mary Moon, of Jackson Centre, Penn. The names of our children are: Mary J., William J., Cora L., Lillie M., Tillie M., J. H. Wilton, Martha E., and Mabel P. William J. departed this life February 5, 1871; and Mary J., September 24, 1878.

J. M. McCurdy.

The concluding words of this sketch have been formulated by the Rev. Dr. James S. Elder, now of blessed memory. The occasion calling them out being the preparation of the history by Dr. McCurdy of Licking Church, in 1895. "It is fitting that the foregoing history of Licking Church, so full of interest, should be supplemented by a sketch of the beloved pastor, who
has for so many years labored and still labors with such quiet persistence and success in advancing its interests.

'This brother was born at Valley Forge, Penn., November 2, 1844. His parents came from County Antrim, Ulster, eight years prior to his birth. He was baptized in the Presbyterian Church of Port Kennedy, and was early set apart by his parents to the work of Gospel ministry. In his childhood days this consecration was kept before his mind by the oft-repeated introduction, 'This is our preacher,' and by impressing on his mind the privilege of such a career; all this seemed to imply to his mind a fixed purpose on their part, and entrance into the ministry an object of attainment most desirable. The result was, to become a minister was his first and only ambition. His faithful and conscientious parents, remembering their consecration of the child of their love, gave him early opportunities of obtaining an education by normal, collegiate and university training. After his normal and collegiate course, he entered the Theological department of the Cumberland University, of Lebanon, Tenn., and graduated with distinction from that institution at the early age of twenty-six, and was proud of the diploma and the high expectations of his professors that he secured. While yet in his 'teens' he was taken under the care of the Presbytery of Allegheny, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and by the same Presbytery was subsequently ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry. After his seminar course was completed, on June 6, 1872, calls were presented to Presbytery for his pastoral labors from the Churches of Olive, Perrysville and Mt. Pleasant. He did not see his way clear to be installed over them, but labored as stated supply with great acceptance to the Churches, and was greatly blessed in his work amongst them. Sometime after, having decided to transfer his ecclesiastical relation to the Presbyterian body, on June 17, 1875, he presented his credentials from the Allegheny Presbytery to the Presbytery of Clarion, convened in Clarion, when he was received and his name entered on the roll. From this point onward there are several steps in his life work that we note.

1. His examination at the time of his reception into the Presbytery of Clarion was rather unique on his part, and elicited the attention of all the members. It was the rule at that time to examine in Theology all ministers desiring admission, no matter from what body they came. This brother was dealt with quite vigorously, but acquitted himself so creditably that brother Leason said, 'He is more Cahanistic than I.'

Before it all ended there was much pleasantly growing out of the crisp Socratic replies of the young man. He was very cordially welcomed to our numbers. 2. At the next meeting in Sligo, on September 29, 1875, calls were presented from West Millville and Licking, each for half time, the latter stipulating that 'one sermon on each alternate Sabbath being considered one-half of the time.' At the same meeting the Church of Oak Grove obtained permission to employ him as stated supply for so much time as he could give them; and later Troy asked for a like favor. He was installed over the Church of Licking on October 6, 1875. At this service Rev. J. S. Elder preached the sermon and presided, and Rev. J. H. Hawk delivered the charges to pastor and people. 3. For twenty-four years this servant of Christ has faithfully stood at his post, braving winter's cold and summer's heat as he wrought in his wide field. Not only in the pulpit and as a pastor did he run on the King's business, but at once took his place in the counsels and work of Presbytery. Fitted by taste and attainment, he was made chairman of the standing committee on Languages—a position he has ever since filled to the satisfaction of his brethren of the Presbytery. He has held the offices of clerk and Moderator, each for several terms, and is at present the Moderator of the Presbytery. He has twice represented his Presbytery in the General Assembly; first in 1884, and second in Saratoga, N. Y., in May, 1894, where he was appointed on the important committee on Bills and Overtures. 4. When the new pastor entered on his work in his wide field some of the Church had comfortable houses of worship, but Millville had none. This was quite a new enterprise, having been organized with seven members on May 25, 1874. The zealous leader of the flock at once threw himself into the project of erecting a house of worship, and greatly encouraged the congregation in the work. Remarkable success attended their effort, and in 1876 a neat and substantial building was completed, a great triumph for the little handful of people that were bound together. In later times, when the house at Oak Grove became too small for the congregation, and needed repairs, he earnestly instituted measures for extensive repairs, and carried the work forward, with the liberal support of the people, to a happy conclusion; and later still, when the necessity arose for something to be done with the house at Licking, he faltered not, but with earnest purpose and generous hand and stimulating word, greatly encouraged the people to the erection of a new house. He provided the plan, looked after
many of the details. After persistent labors, he and his people were permitted to rejoice in the fruition of their hopes. A church, fair in its proportions, beautiful in all its appointments, stands as a monument to the praise of the noble men and women who with loving heart and liberal hand stood shoulder to shoulder till the work was completed. Great praise was universally accorded to the faithful pastor by his people for his persistence, liberality, and bracing words that prompted them on to the completion of the work. The house was dedicated on October 12, 1890. Though outwardly the day was full of discomfort, yet within a most happy and enthusiastic band were united in praise and thanksgiving to God, who has so wonderfully blessed their toils. The results of this pastor's labors are very remarkable. His labors have been "signally crowned with the Divine blessing. From records he has kept he informs us the accessions to the Church through his ministry before entering the Presbyterian fold were about 300, and since that time about 700—in all about 1,000. This is a wonderful record, and indicates the fullness of Divine favor.

5. While in his pulpit ministrations he aims "to declare the whole counsel of God,' and to preach the whole round of Christians' duty and doctrine; he nevertheless testifies that his tastes and preferences lie in the line of Science and Theology. To the former he has given no little thought, and to the latter close and careful study, consequently Cook and Hodge are favorite authorities with him. Dr. McCurdy is now in the prime and vigor of his usefulness; he has the warm affection of a devoted people. May he long be spared to preach 'The unsearchable riches of Christ.'"

J. S. Elder,
Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Clarion.

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ard Oil Company, residing at Turkey City,

Clarion county, was born in Venango county,

Penn., in 1839.

Mr. Burgwin is a son of Edward and Sarah (Jones) Burgwin, both natives of Shropshire, England. On coming to America they took up their residence among the early settlers of Venango county, Penn., where the father engaged in farming until his death. In his native land he had followed mining. In his family were eight children, namely: William, who served for three months in the Union army with official rank, enlisting in 1863, died in Venango county, Penn. J. C., who enlisted in 1864, becoming a lieutenant of Company L, 4th P. V. I., was dis-

charged on account of disability, and after his return to the North took up his residence in Venango county, where he now resides; Ed., of Venango county, enlisted in 1864, in Company L, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was wounded at Bellfield; Stephen is the next in order of birth; Wesley H., who enlisted in the 142nd P. V. I., was discharged on account of wounds received at the battle of Gettysburg, and died in Venango county, Penn.; Mrs. Sarah Lovell and Mrs. Harriet Stroup are residents of Venango county; and Ruth died in that county.

Stephen Burgwin was reared on his father's farm, and early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Prompted by the same patriotic spirit which permeated the family, he enlisted in 1864 as a member of the Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry for the remainder of the war, and with the Army of the Potomac participated in the battle of the Wilderness, the campaign in Shenandoah Valley, and the battle of Hatcher's Run. He was mustered out at Lynchburg, Va., and received an honorable discharge at Braddock, Penn. He was a loyal soldier, always found at his post of duty, and faithfully followed the old flag until it was victoriously planted in the capital of the Confederacy.

Mr. Burgwin continued his residence in Venango county until 1873, when he came to Clarion county in the employ of the Standard Oil Company. For eighteen years he has served that company in the capacity of gauger, and his long continuance in that position well indicates his close application and his trustworthiness in the performance of his duties.

In Venango county Mr. Burgwin was married to Miss Sarah J. Maitland, and to them have been born three children: C. W., H. A. and F. E. In politics the father is a stanch Republican, warmly advocating the principles of his party. Socially, he is connected with Covode Post No. 112, G. A. R. He is a man of genial disposition and kindly deportment, always courteous and affable, and wherever he has gone he has made many warm friends.

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one of the representative citizens of St. Peters burg, Clarion county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born December 13, 1839, in Richland township, Clarion county, when it still formed a part of Venango county.

His paternal grandfather spent his entire life in eastern Pennsylvania, and the father, Michael Fillman, was born and reared in Luzerne county, whence he came to Richland township, Clarion
county, at the age of twenty-seven. Being a
potter by trade, he here established a pottery,
which he conducted for some time, but later he
opened up a farm and devoted his energies
throughout the remainder of his life to agricul-
tural pursuits. In Richland township Michael
Fillman was married to Susanna Ritts, a native
of Lehigh county, Penn., and a daughter of
Christian Ritts, an early settler of Clarion coun-
ty, who died in Richland township. Mr. Fill-
man also died here in 1887, at the age of eighty-
one years, and his wife departed this life in 1892.
In the family of this worthy couple were the fol-
lowing children: Mrs. Lucinda Shultz, a resident
of Richland township; Henry, who died at the
age of twenty-three; Mrs. Mary E. Rhupert, of
Toby township, Clarion county; Jonathan and
Christopher, both of Richland township; and
Mrs. Thompson, who died in Clarion county.
Josiah Fillman pursued his studies in the
schools near his boyhood home, and in early life
learned the carpenter’s trade, which he success-
fully followed for some time. For twenty years
he has been interested in the oil business, and is
the owner of two good wells, which are proving
quite profitable.
A loyal son of America, Mr. Fillman enlisted
at Keating Furnace, Clarion county, in July,
1862, as sergeant of Company G, 153d P. V. I.,
for three years or during the war, and was must-
ered in at Pittsburg, where the regiment was
assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He took
part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancel-
lorsville, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Rappahannock
and the Wilderness. The corps to which he be-
longed opened up the fight at Laurel Hill, and
later participated in the engagements at Spott-
sylvania Court House, North Anna River and
Cold Harbor. They then proceeded to Rich-
mond, crossed the James river, and were in the
battles in front of Petersburg, which were fol-
lowed by the Mine Explosion, the Weldon Rail-
road raid and the battle of Five Forks. Mr. Fill-
man was also in the battle of Preble Farm and
in the Apple Jack raid, and after taking part in
the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he
was honorably discharged June 15, 1865, at
Pittsburg.
In 1866, in Richland township, Mr. Fillman
was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Will, a na-
tive of Berks county, Penn., and a daughter of
Peter and Catherine (Master) Will, who were
also born in that county, and at an early day
emigrated to Beaver township, Clarion county.
Here both lived to a good old age. Mr. and
Mrs. Fillman have four children: Lester B., who
is inspector for the Standard Oil Company and
resides in eastern Pennsylvania; and Virginia B.,
Orville Guy and Nevada Pearl, all at home.
Politically Mr. Fillman usually votes inde-
pendent of party ties, and is at present an advo-
cate of the free coinage of silver. He has served
as a member of both the school board and the
city council, and has always taken quite an ac-
tive and commendable interest in public affairs,
doing all in his power to advance the general
welfare of the community. Fraternally, he be-
longs to the Knights of the Maccabees and Look-
out Post No. 424, G. A. R., in which he has
served as commander. In days of peace as well
as in time of war he has faithfully discharged all
duties of citizenship, and has gained the respect
and esteem of all who know him.

Manasseh Arnold, president of the Sec-
ond National Bank of Clarion, Clarion coun-
ty, and a man of large business affairs in this sec-
tion, where he has been an influential and im-
portant factor in business circles for nearly a half
century, was born in York county, Penn., Sep-
tember 17, 1830.
Peter Arnold, the father of our subject, was
born January 12, 1794, in York county, Penn.,
and was a farmer throughout life. His wife,
whom he married in 1820, was Susannah Klugh,
born October 24, 1795, in Lancaster county, Penn. In 1836 they came to Clearfield county.
Both departed this life in 1869, respected and
esteemed for their many admirable qualities and
exemplary lives. Their children were: G. W.,
Samuel, F. K., Christiana, Maria, Manasseh,
Clarissa and J. R.
Manasseh Arnold was raised on a farm, and
received the usual common-school education
given to the farmer boy of that period. At the
age of sixteen years he came to Clarion county,
secured a clerkship in a country store, and re-
ceived for his services the first year seventy-two
dollars, which was increased to $144 the second
year, and, later, to $192. His services proved
so satisfactory to his employer, James Laughlin,
that on October 1, 1850, when in his twenty-
first year, young Arnold was tendered a proposi-
tion to become a partner of his employer, which
he graciously accepted, the terms being most fa-
orable. The style of the firm became Laugh-
lin & Arnold, and was formed for the purpose of
carrying on mercantile business, lumbering, mill-
ing, boat-building and dealing in live-stock at
Leatherwood post office, near St. Charles Furn-
ace, Clarion county. About one year later the
senior member of the firm met with an accident
in the flouring-mill, which nearly cost him his life, and for a long time incapacitated him from transacting business; however, he finally recovered sufficiently to assist in some of the minor affairs of the business, but remained an invalid up to his death, in 1870. This circumstance placed a large business and great responsibilities on the junior member of the firm, which he proved equal to, and which expanded and developed his business ideas and tact. During these twenty years our subject practically carried on the business. In 1876 he came to Clarion to assume the duties of prothonotary of the county, to which office he had been elected in 1875, he being the only Republican up to this time (1898) that has ever been elected to the office in Clarion county. In the election of 1874 the Democratic candidate carried the county by a majority of 1,300. In the following year Mr. Arnold was elected by a majority of more than 400, which is an evidence of his great popularity, and of the confidence the people of the county had in him.

He had always been opposed to the practice of purchasing of votes, and of the trading of votes so often resorted to in elections. He used neither method, and was elected by having expended less than $100 in making the canvass, a fact that he and his friends are proud of. He served as such officer for three years. Following this term of office there was for a time when Mr. Arnold was out of active business, during which he purchased property and improved it, or erected new buildings. At that time he built what is known as the Arnold building, now occupied by Arnold Brothers. In 1883 our subject again engaged in mercantile business, which he conducted until 1890, when he turned the business over to his sons. They are men of business tact, and are carrying on a prosperous business. Mr. Arnold, in connection with others, during his active business career was the holder of some 1,400 acres of timber lands. During his long business career in Clarion county, which has been one of uprightness and honorable dealing, he has been an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, as is evidenced in the many improvements he has made and the buildings erected by him in the borough of Clarion. He has been a successful business man, and is to-day not only a man of influence but one of means. Before coming to the borough of Clarion, he was for fifteen years a justice of the peace in the county; and he has been a Republican ever since the organization of the party. Time and again he has declined public honors. He is not only president of the Second National Bank of his home borough, but is vice-president of the First National Bank of New Bethlehem, Penn., and he is president of the Clarion and Tylersburg Gas Company.

On September 3, 1857, our subject was married to Miss Amanda Ross McKelvey, who was born May 20, 1839, at New Bethlehem, daughter of Thomas McKelvey, of that place. To this marriage, which has proven the most happy one, there have come seven children, namely: (1) Myra is the wife of W. H. Mahey, of Clarion. (2) Laura Frances is the wife of J. E. Hall, of Oregon. (3) Thomas is a prominent merchant of Clarion. (4) Charles W., who was an active young business man, died in July, 1896; (5) Bertha Florence is at home. (6) Harry is a partner in business with his brother, Thomas; and (7) Alice E. is in school. The parents are members of the M. E. Church, Mr. Arnold being a trustee, steward and a class-leader in the Church, and for about thirty years was superintendent of the Sunday-school.

CHARLES SHOEMAKER. Not alone is there particular interest attaching to the career of this gentleman as one of the leading educators of Clarion county, but in reviewing his genealogical record we find his lineage tracing back to the Colonial history of the nation, and to that period which marked the inception of the grandest republic the world has ever known. Through such sources have we attained the true American type, and along this line must our investigation proceed if we would learn of the steadfast and unyielding elements which constitute the basis upon which has been reared the lofty and magnificent superstructure of an enlightened and favored commonwealth.

Mr. Shoemaker was born in Venango county, Penn., November 29, 1838, and is a grandson of Henry Shoemaker, a native of Holland, who valiantly aided the Colonies in their struggle for independence during the Revolutionary war. David Shoemaker, our subject's father, was a native of Lycoming county, Penn., where, on reaching manhood, he married Miss Margaret McAfee, who was born in Northumberland county. Her father was of Scotch descent, and was a soldier of the war of 1812. In 1837 David Shoemaker and his wife removed to Richland township, Venango county, where they reared their family, which numbered nine children, namely: Marmaduke, who was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, and died at Wilkes Barre, Penn., from disease contracted while in the service; Henry, who died in Meadville, Penn.; James, a carpenter and contractor of St. Louis, Mo.; Robert, who was a
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graduate of Jefferson College in the class of '59, but his health failing, he abandoned his object of becoming a minister, and secured a situation with the P. & E. R. R. Co., where he continued until his death, which occurred in Clinton county, Penn.; David, who was for thirty years engaged in the oil business, and died in 1893; Charles, of this sketch; Rhoda Ann, a resident of Salem township, Clarion county; Martha, deceased; and Susan, who died when young. The parents both died at Mariasville, Penn., the father at the age of seventy, and the mother at the age of eighty-one years. Earnest, conscientious Christian people, they were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. By occupation the father was a farmer, and in political sentiment was first a Whig and later a Republican.

In the county of his nativity Charles Shoemaker grew to manhood, and he obtained an excellent education in the schools of Salem and West Freedom. He also supplemented the knowledge there acquired by study and reading at home, and has now for thirty years been one of the most successful and popular teachers of Clarion county. Among his early pupils are many who are now filling important and responsible positions in different States of the Union, and who owe much of their success to the help he gave them on the steep and ofttimes weary path of knowledge. He was granted a professor's certificate in 1892. His teaching was interrupted during the Civil war by his enlistment, September 17, 1863, in the 74th P. V. I. During his service he was stationed most of the time in Virginia, and when the war was ended he was honorably discharged in September, 1865, and returned home. Later he spent four years in Douglas county, Kans., but is now a resident of Salem township, Clarion county.

At the age of twenty-nine Mr. Shoemaker was united in marriage with Miss Rachel Persing, also a native of Venango county, a daughter of Abram and Catherine (Walters) Persing. Four children bless this union, namely: Eugene, now a conductor on street cars in Allegheny, Penn.; Mamie, of Lawrence, Kans.; and Samuel and Gracie, both at home. Mr. Shoemaker affiliates with the Republican party, and as a member of John Koch Post No. 354, G. A. R., of Nickleville, Penn., he keeps up his acquaintance with his old army comrades.

O. F. MILES, who now owns and operates a good farm of fifty-two acres in Red Bank township, Clarion county, has distinguished himself as one of its most active and enterprising citizens. He is a native of the county, born February 10, 1843. His father, Obed Miles, was a native of Milesburg, Centre Co., Penn., and a son of James Miles, whose birth occurred in England. The latter married a Miss Bicker, of German descent. On reaching manhood the father of our subject was married in Clearfield county, Penn., to Miss Lavina Armagost, a native of this State, and a daughter of Jacob Armagost, who was born in Maryland, but died in Limestone township, Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

In 1830 Obed Miles and wife came to Clarion county, where they reared their family of twelve children, seven sons and five daughters, namely: James, now deceased; John, who was for some time in the government service; Mary; Christina; Abigail; Jacob, who was a member of a Cavalry regiment during the Civil war; Samuel, who belonged to the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves; Jeremiah, who served in the same struggle as a member of the 105th P. V. I.; Sarah J.; O. F.; Lavina; and George Irvin, deceased. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, first operated land in Limestone township on coming to Clarion county, later lived in Porter township, but spent his last days in Red Bank township, where he died at the age of seventy-six. Politically, he was a Democrat, and, religiously, was a Lutheran. His wife departed this life at the age of eighty-eight.

O. F. Miles was reared in Porter township upon the home farm, and was educated in the schools of the neighborhood. At the age of seventeen he began learning the carpenter's trade, became a skilled and thorough workman, and later successfully engaged in contracting and building in Clarion, Jefferson and Elk counties. His work gave the utmost satisfaction, and he always faithfully fulfilled his part of any contract.

On August 28, 1861, Mr. Miles enlisted in Company C, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. C. A. Craig and Col. McKnight, and with his command took part in the siege of Yorktown. For some time he was stationed at Alexandria, Va., near Washington. He was taken ill with measles, later contracted typhoid fever, which settled on his lungs, and rendered him unfit for active service. On a surgeon's certificate of disability, he was then honorably discharged and returned to his home in Clarion county.

On May 11, 1865, in Limestone township, Obadiah F. Miles was married to Miss Jane Sayers, the latter being born in Red Bank township, Clarion county, a daughter of Charles and
Margaret (Riley) Sayers, natives of Westmoreland and Clarion counties, respectively. Both parents died in Clarion county, the father at the age of sixty-eight, and the mother at the age of forty-four. They were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were widely and favorably known. Mr. Sayers engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was identified with the Republican party. His children were: Henry, Rebecca, Keziah, James C., John, Fanny, Harvey, Jenny, Margaret, Raymond and Franklin.

Fourteen children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Miles, namely: Luna Eva, who died at the age of six years; Franklin W.; Ed. A., and Curtis, both successful teachers; David T.; Mary A.; Maggie L. (Bightol); Eta K.; Oscar J., who died in childhood; Osta, twin sister of Oscar; Myrtle B.; Melvin Earl; Alma, deceased; and Rensel Elwood.

In his political affiliations Mr. Miles agrees with the doctrines and platforms of the Republican party, and in the exercise of his elective franchise supports the candidates of that organization. He belongs to Captain Case Post No. 239, G. A. R., and is a member of the Evangelical Church.

Morgan Morgan has for the long period of thirty-nine years been superintendent of the Fox estate in Richland township, Clarion county, and this fact plainly indicates his sterling worth and excellent business and executive ability. In carefully studying the plans and methods he has followed, we learn of managerial ability seldom equaled. A man of keen perception, of great sagacity, of unbounded enterprise, his power nevertheless lies to a great extent in that quality which enables him to successfully control men and affairs.

Mr. Morgan was born in Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Penn., August 23, 1844, a son of John and Ann (Thomas) Morgan, who were born, reared and married in Wales. On crossing the Atlantic to the New World in 1837, they first located in Pittsburg, where the father worked as a puddler in rolling mills until his removal to Brady's Bend. Later he made his home in Foxburg, Clarion county, and engaged in gardening on the Fox estate. Having a great love for his adopted country, he enlisted, in 1861, in the Union army, and was a member of Capt. Klotz's company; but after a year of faithful service, he was taken ill after the battle of Fredericksburg, and was honorably discharged. For some time he engaged in the oil business and made his home in St. Peters burg, where his death occurred in 1893. His estimable wife had passed away the year previous. In their family were six children, namely: Morgan; John, a resident of St. Petersburg; Thomas, of Richey Run, Venango Co., Penn.; William, an oil operator at Emlenton; Mrs. Lillie Roberts, of Allegheny county, Penn.; and Mrs. Mary Ann Mull, of Clarion county.

Morgan Morgan was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and in 1860, at the early age of sixteen years, he was appointed to his present responsible position. The Fox estate is a very valuable one, comprising 1,650 acres, and improved with an elegant stone mansion, beautiful lawns, fine gardens and well-cultivated fields. Mr. Morgan has complete charge of the whole place, and in its management has met with remarkable success. He has also been interested in the oil business in connection with his employers, and is to-day one of the most prosperous and substantial citizens of the community. Of an inventive turn of mind, he has taken out two important patents, one on a gate, which is used on the Fox estate, and the other on a wire stretcher for building wire fences, which has been pronounced by competent judges to be the finest thing of the kind on the market.

In 1870, in Clarion county, Mr. Morgan wedded Miss Mary Farr, a native of Philadelphia, and to them have been born three children: Anna E., Sarah and Albert M. Mr. Morgan is an ardent Republican in politics, and has served as judge of election. His success has been the result of honest, persistent effort in the line of honorable and manly dealing. His aims have always been to attain to the best, and he has carefully carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken.

Joseph Sanders Grant, deceased, was for many years one of the leading and influential citizens of Perry township, Clarion county, his home being the Hillside farm. He was born near Parker's Landing, in Armstrong county, Penn., February 23, 1836, a son of Abel and Nancy (Pollock) Grant. The father was born January 13, 1795, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. The Pollocks were honored pioneers of Clarion county, having located here as early as 1797. Mrs. Grant, who died at the age of seventy years, was the mother of the following children: Andrew, Thomas, Mary, Sarah, John, William, Joseph S. and Artemus.

Joseph S. Grant grew to manhood on the old homestead in Armstrong county, acquiring his
education in the local schools and obtaining his knowledge of agricultural pursuits upon the home farm. When President Lincoln issued his call for 300,000 more volunteers in 1861, he enlisted in Company E, 78th P. V. I., and with his command participated in the battles of Nashville, Murfreesboro, Stone River, Chickamauga and was in the Atlanta campaign, when the troops were on the march for thirty days. He was also in the raid against General Sherman's command, and after three years of arduous and faithful service he was honorably discharged at Kittanning, Penn., November 4, 1864. After the war Mr. Grant successfully engaged in farming in Butler county, Penn., until 1874, when he came to Perry township, Clarion county, and purchased the Harvey Hagan farm of 130 acres, upon which he made many excellent improvements which added greatly to its value and attractive appearance, converting it into one of the best farms of the locality. He erected a fine modern residence upon a natural building site, and also built good barns and other outbuildings for the shelter of his grain and stock. He was one of the most successful stock-raisers, as well as one of the most skillful agriculturists in Clarion county.

In 1866 Mr. Grant married Miss Sarah E. Laughner, who was born, reared and educated in Salem, Clarion county, and proved a true and faithful helpmeet to her husband. Her parents were Michael and Elizabeth (Berry) Laughner, who died on the Grant farm in Butler county, the former at the age of sixty-seven and the latter at the age of sixty-five. Mrs. Laughner was a daughter of John Berry, a soldier of the war of 1812. Mrs. Grant is one of a family of seven children, four of whom are still living, the others being Mrs. Anna D. Grunden, of Emleton, Penn.; Samuel, who now operates the Grant farm in Butler county; and James, a resident of Salem, Penn. Those deceased are: George W., Lizzie and Ella. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grant, namely: Nannie E.; Anna M., wife of A. E. Dunkle, of McDonald, Penn.; and Orpha Belle.

Mr. Grant was an ardent Republican and Prohibitionist, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the work of which he took an active and prominent part, contributed liberally to its support and served as steward. He held membership in the Grand Army Post at West Freedom. At all times and under all circumstances he was an honorable, straightforward citizen, and an earnest, conscientious Christian. No man was ever more respected, or more fully enjoyed the confidence of the people, and none better deserved such respect and confidence. He was called to his final rest July 9, 1890. In his lifetime the people of his community recognized his sterling worth, and since his death they have cherished his memory.

HARRISON COLLNER is the senior member of the firm of H. Collner & Brothers, of St. Petersburg, proprietors of one of the largest and strongest mercantile houses in Clarion county. They now carry a stock valued at $30,000, and during the oil excitement in this region did an annual business amounting to $350,000, their trade often amounting to from $1,000 to $1,500 per day. They carry a first-class, well-selected stock of general merchandise and by fair and honorable dealing have secured an excellent patronage.

Mr. Collner was born at St. Petersburg, February 27, 1849, and is a son of Lewis Collner, now deceased, who was for many years one of the most prominent and wealthy business men of Clarion county. His birth occurred at Eltlman, Germany, May 11, 1811, where he acquired a very meagre education in his native tongue. During his early boyhood he was apprenticed to learn the shoemaking trade, receiving as a compensation the generous sum of forty cents per week; after working diligently at his trade until reaching the age of twenty-one years, at which time he became subject to military services, he entered the German army and was honorably discharged after a service of three years. Returning to his native home, he again took up his trade as a shoemaker, and continued in said capacity until reaching the age of twenty-six; by this time he fully realized that there was hardly any chance for financial advancement in his native State, he concluded to emigrate, and, borrowing thirty dollars from his brother, he started to America with his kit of shoemaker tools on his back. The facilities for traveling being very limited in those days, and the charges very exorbitant, he was compelled to walk a distance of six hundred miles, and eventually reached the seaport of Bremer Haven, embarking on a sailing vessel, and after an unusually stormy and tempestuous voyage, occupying a period of ninety days, he landed in the City of New York with the sum of one dollar in his pocket. Here he met an acquaintance from his native land, who was also a shoemaker by trade, entered his employ, receiving fifteen dollars per month, and shortly afterward wended his way to Pottsville, Penn. Remaining here for a short time, working at his trade, he started west, arriving at St. Petersburg, Penn., September 10, 1838.
he began merchandising on a small scale, but being a man of resolute and sound judgment and good executive ability, he soon succeeded in building up a large and profitable business. In 1849 he built a large stone house, with dwelling and store-room combined, at what is now corner of Main street and Salem avenue. This becoming too small for his increasing business, he in 1860 erected a large frame store building nearby, taking possession in 1861. The large stone dwelling was destroyed by fire in 1873. After a successful business career of thirty-three years, he desired to retire therefrom, and in 1871 transferred his mercantile interests to his sons. In connection with his mercantile pursuits, he held the position of postmaster from 1864 to 1872; was interested as a director in several Pittsburg, Penn., banks; bought and sold land; was interested in the production of oil and the purchase and sale of oil-producing territory, and at his death, left an estate valued at $450,000, appointing his sons, Harrison and Lemuel, executors of his last will and testament.

In 1840 Lewis Collner was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Fry, a native of Richland township, Clarion county, and a daughter of Samuel Fry, a veteran of the war of 1812, and a prominent early settler of the county. Eight sons were born to them, of whom six are still living: (1) Levi, a resident of Richland township, born July 24, 1842. (2) William F., of Clarion, born November 21, 1844. (3) Samuel, who is living retired, born January 28, 1847. (4) Harrison. (5) Joseph, also retired, born March 1, 1851. (6) Lemuel, who is connected with our subject in business, born February 1, 1854. (7) Calvin, born April 3, 1856, married Anna M. Thompson June 10, 1880, and died June 22, 1887; he had two children—Verne T., still living, and Sarah L., who died November 11, 1896. (8) George died in infancy. The father died April 10, 1894, at the age of eighty-three years, and was interred in the St. Peters burg cemetery April 13, 1894. Revs. Simon S. Miller and Jacob Ash officiating. The mother died September 21, 1895, at the age of seventy-five years, and her remains were interred in the same place, September 23, 1895. Rev. Jacob Ash officiating. Both parents were consistent members of the St. Peters Reformed Church, and he was a stalwart Democrat in politics. They enjoyed the respect and high esteem of a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

At the old homestead in St. Petersburg Harrison Collner was reared, and at the early age of eleven years he began to assist his father in the store, where he soon gained a fair knowledge of business methods, which has been of great benefit to him in later years. In 1865 he attended the academy at Callensburg, Penn., and in 1868 the State Normal School at Edinboro, Penn., returning to assist his father and act as assistant postmaster. Since 1871 he has been the senior member of the firm of H. Collner & Bros., and in 1875 erected, at a cost of $8,000, the large brick block which they now occupy in conducting their business, and is justly regarded as one of the most influential, enterprising, energetic and reliable business men of Clarion county. They carry an elegant grade of first-class goods, buy closely direct from manufacturers and importers, pay cash and discount all bills, and in this way have met with excellent success. He also deals in loans and discounts and exchange on Pittsburg and New York, and does a general mercantile and oil business. Time and again enterprises of importance have sought his substantial advice, and in 1877 it was mainly through his energy and efforts, in connection with that of the late William L. Fox, that the building of the Foxburg, St. Peters burg & Clarion railway was undertaken and completed, he serving as a director thereof until its consolidation with the Pittsburg & Western railway, and has been actively identified with a great number of different enterprises which have been of great benefit to this region and community.

Mr. Collner is five feet, ten and a half inches in height, and weighs 190 pounds. He is and always has been an ardent and influential Democrat in politics, declining, however, to serve in the higher political offices which have been tendered to him almost unanimously at various times by his party in this county. He has served a number of terms as City Councilman and School Director, and has filled many positions of honor and trust, is one of the most popular as well as one of the most successful citizens of St. Peters burg.

It is true that he became interested in a business already established, but in controlling and enlarging such an enterprise many a man of even considerable resolute purpose, courage and industry would have failed; and he has demonstrated the truth of the saying that success is not the result of genius, but the outcome of a clear judgment and experience.

On May 28, 1874, Mr. Collner was married to Miss Elizabeth Caldwell (born July 7, 1853, of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Penn., a daughter of William (born April 25, 1820, died October 2, 1857) and Rachel (Ludwig) (born April 13, 1827; died July 25, 1861) Caldwell, who were married March 18, 1832. To them were born five children: Bertha Caldwell, born Au-
ALEXANDER A. DITTY. The history of a county, as well as that of a nation, is chiefly the chronicles of the lives and deeds of those who have conferred honor and dignity upon society. Among the representative and prominent citizens of Redbank township, Clarion county, Mr. Ditty’s name should be found among the foremost, for he has not only been identified with the interests of this region, but also aided his country in the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war.

Mr. Ditty was born August 14, 1843, in the county where he still makes his home, a son of James Ditty, a native of County Derry, Ireland, and of Scotch-Irish descent. When a young man the father crossed the Atlantic, landing at Philadelphia, and in Cumberland county, Penn., he afterward married Miss Mary Croll. Coming to what was then Armstrong (now Clarion) county in November, 1826, they located near Curllsville, in Toby township, and here spent their remaining days, the father dying January 8, 1861, at the age of sixty-eight years, and the mother on April 6, 1896, at the extreme old age of ninety-two. He was a weaver by trade, but in Clarion county also engaged in farming. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, while his estimable wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both were earnest Christian people.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Washington, who was a soldier of the 103rd P. V. I., and died while home on a furlough in 1862, aged sixty-one years; William, of Rimerburg, Penn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Travis, a resident of Erie county, Penn.; David, of Sunnerville, Penn.; Margaret, now deceased; Thomas, a soldier of the 56th P. V. I., who lost a leg in a threshing machine, and died of blood-poisoning in Porter township, Clarion county, August 18, 1887, at the age of fifty-two years; Robert, deceased; Nancy, wife of William Divins, who was also a Union soldier, a member of the 148th P. V. I., and she now lives in Curllsville; Mrs. Sarah J. Bole, of Rimerburg, whose husband died January 7, 1895, aged sixty-two years; John and James, deceased; Alexander A., of this sketch; and Samuel, deceased.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools near his boyhood home, and remained under the parental roof until after the outbreak of the Civil war. On February 17, 1862, he enlisted in Capt. J. F. Mackey’s company, of Clarion, in the 103rd P. V. I., and participated in the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks, when he shot forty-two rounds lying down. After the battle of Malvern Hill, they retreated to Harrisons Landing, and he was taken ill with typhoid fever and sent to the hospital on Davis Island. On his recovery he rejoined his regiment at Newbern, N. C., January 13, 1863, and at Plymouth, that State, was transferred to the Tenth Veteran Reserve Corps by order of adjutant-general, captain and doctor. He was in active service until October, 1863, when he again became disabled by a relapse and chronic troubles and was carried on an army stretcher to the hospital, and was later sent to Bedlow Island or Fort Wood to man the guns there and assist General Dix in suppressing the New York riots; but the trouble quieted down before they were forced to open fire upon the mob. After three years of faithful and gallant service, Mr. Ditty was honorably discharged February 22, 1865, at Washington, D. C., and returned home. In 1870 he located upon his present fine farm of 100 acres in Red Bank township, and to the cultivation and improvement of the place has since devoted his energies with most gratifying results, his farm being one of the best in that section of the county.

On July 4, 1865, Mr. Ditty was united in marriage with Miss Eliza M., a daughter of Archie and Mary C. Mohney, of Curllsville, and they have become the parents of five children: Edwin A., who died at the age of two years; William C. and Scott B., who married Anna L. Glinkeman, April 30, 1896, and has one son, Preston Arthur, born August 29, 1897; John I.; and Mertie M. The parents are members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Ditty has filled all offices of the same; and the family is one of prominence in social circles. Fraternally, Mr. Ditty is a member of Captain Coor Post No. 239, G. A. R., and, politically, affiliates with the Democratic party. He is a stanch and loyal friend, fond of good fellowship, and devoted to those who have his confidence. He is also a progressive man, pre-eminent public-spirited, and all that pertains to the public welfare receives his hearty endorsement.
Our subject is now a sufferer from the effect of his military service, from the chronic diseases brought on by the exposure of army life. He has for many years been under the doctor's care, and since 1884 has been unable to perform hard manual labor.

DAVID B. REICHERD, a prominent citizen of Sligo, now retired from active business cares, is one of the men who make old age seem the better portion of life. His fine presence and dignified manner would attract attention anywhere, while to those who have the pleasure of his personal acquaintance, his well-trained mind and conversational powers are a source of perpetual enjoyment.

Mr. Reicherd was born in Toby township, Armstrong county, now Licking township, Clarion county, on July 24, 1828, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Wetter) Reicherd. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of France, and in order to escape religious persecution he fled from that country and took up his residence in eastern Pennsylvania. Christopher Reicherd, the grandfather, was born in Westmoreland county and came to Clarion county in 1804, locating on Licking creek, two miles below Sligo, when it formed a part of Armstrong county. Here he purchased 400 acres of land, and extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life. In Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, he had married Susanna Myers, and of the eleven children born to them the father of our subject was the fourth in order of birth. The grandparents both died in Clarion county, and were buried in the Callensburg cemetery. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Peter Wetter, was a native of Franklin county, Penn., and was also an honored pioneer of Licking township, Clarion county, where he owned and operated 300 acres of good land.

John Reicherd, our subject's father, was born May 8, 1799, on Crooked creek, in Armstrong county, and became one of the leading and prosperous farmers of his community. He was also interested in the iron business, and for a few years he and his brothers, Oliver and Henry, conducted the Catfish furnace in Clarion county, but the enterprise did not prove a success. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey he chose Miss Elizabeth Wetter, who was born in 1799, in Franklin county, Penn., and died December 8, 1844. His death occurred April 1, 1881, and he was laid to rest in Squirrel Hill Cemetery, while she was buried in the cemetery at Callensburg. Both were faithful members of the Reformed Church, and he was a pronounced Democrat in politics. The children born to them were: David B., of this sketch; Washington, who still lives on a part of the old homestead near Sligo; and Sarah, who died in infancy.

During his boyhood and youth David B. Reicherd assisted in the labors of the home farm, and on starting out in life for himself at the age of twenty-three, he and his brother, Henry Washinton, purchased 220 acres of the old homestead for $20 per acre. After operating it together for ten years, they divided the tract, and our subject continued the cultivation of his portion until 1883, when he sold out and removed to Sligo, where he has since practically lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil.

On November 14, 1859, in Piney township, by Rev. Jeremiah Fishburn, Mr. Reicherd was married to Miss Sophia Kifer. Four children bless this union, namely: Warren C., born March 12, 1852, married Lillie B. Hodul, and is now engaged in bookkeeping in Pittsburg, Penn.; James B., born June 4, 1854, is an invalid residing at home; John E., born September 27, 1859, is foreman of the car works at Roanoke, Va.; and Alice N., born May 1, 1862, is the wife of George W. Craig, who is engaged in the dry-goods business in Sligo.

Mrs. Reicherd was born April 15, 1832, in Piney township, Clarion county, when it was Toby township, Armstrong county, and died April 22, 1886, her remains being interred in Sligo cemetery. Her parents, David and Susanna (Walthour) Kifer, were natives of Westmoreland county, where their marriage was celebrated, but in 1835 they removed to what is now Clarion county, where the father engaged in farming. He was a member of the Reformed Church, his wife of the Lutheran Church, and both were highly respected by the entire community. All of their four children are now deceased, namely: Levi; Mary A., wife of Emanuel Over, a retired farmer of Callensburg; Sophia; and Esther, who married Bennett Wilson, also deceased.

Fraternally, our subject is connected with the United Workmen Lodge, of Callensburg, and religiously, is a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder for fifteen years. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has been honored with a number of official positions. For the past twenty years he has most efficiently served as school director, and in February, 1890, was elected president of the school board of Sligo. Since attaining his ma-
majority, he has been almost continuously in office, and these positions he has filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his constituents.

A. DITTMAN, postmaster of St. Petersburg, Clarion county, and a leading representative of its business interests, was born in Beaver township, in 1854, and belongs to one of the honored pioneer families of the county.

His father, Adam Dittman, was born in Richland township, in 1831, and is a son of David and Susan (Ashbaugh) Ditman, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., who came to Clarion county at a very early day, and in the midst of the forest opened up a farm. Here they spent their remaining years, and reared their family of eight children, seven of whom are still living, namely: Mrs. Susan Edinger, of Richland township; Martin, of Beaver township; David of Richland township; Adam, father of our subject; Mrs. Elizabeth Foust, of Richland township; John, of Beaver township; and Mrs. Catherine Nevel, of Richland township.

Adam Dittman was reared and educated in Richland township, and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade, which he has successfully followed in St. Petersburg since 1857. He erected the third house in the town, and it is now the oldest one still standing. He has therefore been identified with the business interests of the place during almost its entire existence, and has ever borne his part in its upbuilding and development.

In 1853, in Armstrong county, Penn., Adam Dittman was married to Miss Louisa George, a native of that county, and a daughter of Martin L. and Anna George, who were early settlers of Armstrong county, where both died, only seventeen days apart. Mr. and Mrs. Dittman have become the parents of ten children, namely: J. A., of this review; David Martin, a resident of Buffalo, N. Y.; William and Reuben, of Canonsburg, Penn.; Allen, of North Baltimore, Wood Co., Ohio; Chas. E., of Waynesburg, Penn.; Ulysses, of Washington, Penn.; Ed, of North Baltimore, Ohio; Mrs. Pearl Sober, of New Kensington, Penn.; and James, at home.

During the Rebellion Adam Dittman enlisted in Richland township, Clarion county, in 1862, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Pittsburg. With the Army of the Potomac he took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Gettysburg and many others, and after the Grand Review in Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg in July, 1865, and returned to his home in St. Petersburg. He is a staunch Democrat in politics, and has most efficiently served as high constable in his township for eleven years, and supervisor for ten years. He is an honored member of Lookout Post, No. 424, G. A. R., and is one of the highly respected and valued citizens of St. Petersburg. Religiously he is connected with the Reformed Church.

The public schools of St. Petersburg afforded our subject his educational privileges, and when his school days were over he worked at day labor at that place for some time. Since then his energies have been devoted to the oil business, and in his undertakings he has met with a fair degree of success. Mr. Dittman was married in St. Petersburg December 24, 1876, to Miss Mary A. Goughler, who was born in Richland township, Clarion county, a daughter of Joshua and Maria (Wile) Goughler, natives of Pennsylvania. Her father was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the early settlers of Richland township. His death occurred in 1890, and his wife passed away the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Dittman have a family of four children: Vance R., who is now serving as assistant postmaster; and Lorena M., Cora V. and Willis A., all at home.

Politically Mr. Dittman follows in the footsteps of his father, always supporting the Democratic party by his ballot, and he has been called upon to serve in several important official positions, being justice of the peace eight years, town treasurer eight years, and a member of the school board. On August 26, 1893, he was appointed postmaster of St. Petersburg to succeed A. T. Mason, and has since acceptably filled that office. It is a fourth-class office. Mr. Dittman's public duties have been discharged with a promptness and fidelity worthy of all commendation, and in all the relations of life he has been found faithful to every trust reposed in him. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends—a fact which plainly indicates an upright, honorable career. He is a prominent member of Arcuna Lodge No. 413, K. P.; Carroll Tent No. 30, K. O. T. M.; and Coral Council No. 306, J. O. A. M.

JONATHAN M. MONG, an industrious and thorough farmer, who has always resided in Beaver township, Clarion county, was born there on the old Mong homestead, November 16, 1836.

Michael Mong, father of our subject, was born east of the mountains, and belonged to an
SAMUEL W. ANDERSON, who as a soldier during the Civil war made for himself a record honorable and glorious, is now one of the leading and representative citizens of Madison township, Clarion county. He was born in that township, October 23, 1843 (the same year in which President McKinley’s birth occurred).

Samuel Anderson, his father, was a native of York county, Penn., and of Scotch lineage, while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Agnes Sutton, was born in eastern Pennsylvania. At an early day the family took up their residence in Madison township, Clarion county, where in connection with farming the father also worked at the stonemason’s trade, but now makes his home in Hillsville, Armstrong Co., Penn., at the ripe old age of eighty years. The mother, who was a true and earnest Christian woman, died in 1888. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which her husband also belongs. He was a Union soldier during the war of the Rebellion, and, in politics, is a Democrat.

Samuel W. Anderson is one of a large family of children, the others being: Cinderella, Elizabeth (wife of N. Harigan, also a Union soldier), Jane (deceased), Lucretia, Martha, Ann (deceased), Charles (who was one of the brave boys in blue, and is now a resident of Madison township, Clarion county), and George (who died in infancy).

In the public schools of Clarion county, our subject pursued his studies, and upon the home farm early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. He also learned the stonemason’s trade, but in 1861, when President Lincoln called for 75,000 volunteers, he laid aside civil pursuits and enlisted in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., and on many a Southern battle field proved a brave and fearless soldier. He took part in the siege of Yorktown, the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks, and the seven-days’ fight on the Peninsula, and was in the engagements at Kingston and Plymouth, N. C. On April 20, 1864, he was captured by the Rebels at Plymouth, and being taken to Andersonville prison, he was held in captivity until April, 1865, enduring all the torture and hardships of Southern prison life. When released, he was obliged to remain in a hospital at Vicksburg, Miss., for three weeks before he was able to rejoin his command. At Harrisburg, Penn., he was finally discharged, in June, 1865, but for two years after his return home was unable to work, and has never fully recovered from the effects of his army life. As soon as able he began working at the mason’s trade, and in 1888 purchased what is known as the Anderson farm in Madison township, where he has since made his

old and highly respected German family which was early founded in this country. He wedded Mary Miller, a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., whose father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and was in Capt. H. Neely’s company, stationed at Lake Erie. The daughters born to Michael and Mary (Miller) Mong died in childhood, and the sons were George, who died in Beaver township, Clarion county, at the age of fifty, leaving a widow and two children; Jonathan M.; and Leonard M., prominent citizens of Beaver township. The father was called to his final rest (while living in Elk township, Clarion county) at the age of fifty-six, but the mother is still living at the advanced age of ninety years. Both held membership in the Reformed Church, and in politics he was identified with the Democratic party. He was a man of exemplary habits and strict integrity, and justly merited the confidence and respect so freely accorded him by his neighbors and friends.

During his boyhood and youth Jonathan M. Mong assisted in the labors of the home farm, and received the elements of a good education in the common schools of the locality. He is now the owner of a fine farm of sixty acres in Beaver township, whose well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance testify to the industrious habits and the careful management of the owner. Upon the place are erected and substantial buildings, and also two oil wells which add not a little to his income.

At the age of thirty-five Mr. Mong married Miss Eliza Jane Neely, who has been a true helpmeet to her husband. Her father, Maj. Cyrus Neely, is one of the leading and influential citizens of Clarion county, and has served as county commissioner. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mong: Henry Lester (one of the popular young men of his community, who has served both as assessor and assistant register); Mary Elverda; Sarah Emma; Burton Oliver; Martha Belle; Cora Elizabeth; Ruth Edna; Laura Esther; Perry Winfield, and a daughter who died in infancy. The parents and children hold membership in the Reformed Church, in which Mr. Mong has served as deacon, and all occupy prominent positions in social circles.

In his political views, Mr. Mong coincides with the Democratic party, and, as a leading and influential citizen he takes great interest in the success of the tickets placed in the field by that organization. He is looked up to as a truly upright and honorable man in all things, and one whom his acquaintances can depend upon as a friend.
home. It is a valuable tract of fifty-five acres, improved with good buildings, and in connection with its cultivation he is also engaged in stock-raising.

On December 25, 1879, Mr. Anderson was married to Miss Maggie Hughes. Her father, Israel Hughes, was also a member of Company C, 103rd P. V. I., and died in a Rebel prison at Florence, S. C., in middle life, leaving a widow and four children: John, Belle, Margaret (wife of our subject), and Annie. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have four children: Emory, Pearl, Neil, and Willis. Mr. Anderson always casts his ballot with the Republican party, and, socially, is a member of R. Brag Post, G. A. R. He is a pleasant, genial gentleman, and all who know him entertain for him high regard.

JOHN SANDROCK, an agriculturist of Washington township, Clarion county, comes from the Fatherland, and the strongest and most creditable characteristics of the Teutonic race have been marked elements in his life, and have enabled him to win success in the New World.

Born in the province of Hesse, Germany, October 9, 1830, Mr. Sandrock is a son of Adam and Mary (Hickman) Sandrock, natives of the same place. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and died "in the little German home across the sea," the father at the age of sixty-five, and the mother at the age of sixty. The father was a farmer by occupation. In their family were seven children, namely: Henry, who spent his entire life in Germany; Martin, who died in Venango county, Penn.; Nicholas, a resident of Clarion county; John, of this sketch; Herman, of Germany; Lizzie (deceased); and Lena, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

Until he was seventeen years of age John Sandrock attended the public schools of his native land, thus acquiring a good practical education, and he then worked on a farm until coming to America when a young man. He took up his residence in Clarion county, and in 1861 was here married to Miss Mena Rensnider, also a native of Germany, a daughter of Conrad Rensnider. Both of her parents died at the age of eighty-three years, and with the exception of two sisters and herself, all of their thirteen children are now deceased. There were five sons and eight daughters, of whom five reached years of maturity. Those living are Martha, Mena and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Sandrock have a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, namely: Martin, Edward, John Wesley, Jesse, Henry, Charles, Lewis, Andrew, Kate, Lizzie, Anna and Louisa.

For four months, our subject was a member of the Union army in 1865, belonging to Company B, 46th P. V. I., and was on duty at Fortress Monroe and other points until the war ended. He now devotes his energies to the cultivation and improvement of his fine farm of 103 acres in Washington township. Its well-tiled fields and neat and thrifty appearance indicate a progressive and painstaking owner, who thoroughly understands the vocation he follows. Upon the place are good and substantial buildings, which make it one of the most desirable farms of the locality. In political sentiment Mr. Sandrock is a Republican, and, religiously, is an active and prominent member of the United Brethren Church, in which he has served as class leader and held other offices. He is always courteous, kind and affable, and those who know him personally have for him warm regard.

JAMES O. NULPH, who is now classed among the successful men of Porter township, Clarion county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred at Caldwell's Furnace, in Armstrong county, March 23, 1837.

Jacob Nulph, his father, was a native of the same county of which the grandfather Adam Nulph, was an early settler. The latter was born of German parentage. The father spent his entire life in Armstrong county, and throughout his business career followed the blacksmith's trade. He married Miss Rebecca Alice Stewart, a native of Mercer county, Penn., and a daughter of James Stewart. They became the parents of three children: Mary B., C. H. and James. The father, who was a Lutheran in religious belief, died in December, 1845, in Armstrong county, at the early age of thirty-five years, ten months and some days. His widow also died in that county, at the age of seventy-four. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and both were highly respected by all who knew them.

James O. Nulph grew to manhood upon a farm in Armstrong county, and in early life learned the carpenter's trade, which he subsequently followed to some extent. For three years he made his home in Isabella county, Mich., and on his return to Pennsylvania located in Porter township, Clarion county, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. After President Lincoln had issued his call for 300,000 more volunteers to help put down the Rebellion, Mr. Nulph, August 15, 1862, enlisted.
for three years, in the 78th P. V. I., under Col. William Sidwell and Capt. Jacks, of Butler, Penn. Our subject participated in the battle of Stone River under Gen. Rosecrans, but after his return to Nashville was transferred to service on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. Later he was assigned to duty at the general hospital at Cairo, Ill., and when the war was over was honorably discharged in July, 1865.

In 1859, in Armstrong county, Mr. Nulph was married to Miss Mary E. Stewart, a native of that county, and a daughter of Mathew and Nancy (Jamison) Stewart, natives of Armstrong county, Penn., and Scotland, respectively. Her mother died at the age of thirty-eight, leaving two children by a former marriage to a Mr. Blackburn. To Mr. and Mrs. Nulph have been born the following children: Francis Marion, now residing in Colorado; John Charles, of Michigan; James Goheen, of Jefferson county, Penn.; Dora died at Boyne City, Mich., leaving two children, Harry B. and Aldie; Samuel Brady, of Jefferson county; Mrs. Esther Alice Reed, of Westmoreland county, Penn., and Elizabeth Eveline.

In religious faith, our subject is a Baptist, while his wife is a consistent member of the Free- will Baptist Church, and they always exert their influence to promote the moral welfare of the community. They are noted for their countless acts of kindness, and no citizens of Porter township have a larger circle of friends and acquaintances.

J OHN C. SHIELDS, one of the substantial farmers of Clarion county, and a representative citizen now serving the people of the district, in which he resides, on the board of county commissioners, was born in the county March 14, 1836.

Samuel Shields, his father, was a native of Westmoreland county, born near New Alexandria in 1809. He came to Clarion county when a young man, and followed his trade—that of carding and fulling—up to within two years of his death, when he turned his attention to farming. He died in January, 1840, aged thirty-one years. His wife was Sarah Frampton, a native of Clarion county, born in 1812. Their children were: John C., Hannah J. (Mrs. J. D. Shaw, of West Virginia), and Samuel F. (of Iowa). The mother of these died in 1890, aged seventy-eight years.

John C. Shields began to battle with the world at an early age; his father dying when he was less than four years old, it became necessary for him to do for himself when but a lad of thirteen or fourteen years. He was little prepared for the start, having had only meagre school advantages, attending the subscription schools for a brief period in the winter season, and to reach them walked two miles. However, he was resolute, and started out with the hope that inspires youth. He began doing farm labor and was employed at lumbering, working for wages for eight years, his first work bringing him only $8 per month. At the age of seventeen he was quite an experienced pilot on the Allegheny and Clarion rivers. When twenty-one he was in the lumber business, and ran lumber and pig iron down the rivers named to the city of Pittsburg. Soon after this he became engaged in farming and has ever since followed it as an occupation. He is, strictly speaking, a self-made man; beginning life poor, he has, unaided, not only accumulated a competence, but has reached a position of wealth and standing among his fellows. He has a fine farm of 125 acres located in Licking township, which is well improved, he himself having erected the buildings on it, which are neat and substantial. The farm is well stocked, and its lands are productive. On it are both coal and iron ore, and our subject, knowing the labor that produced such reward, surely has just grounds for looking upon his possessions with considerable pride. He has been elected to a number of township offices, such as supervisor, overseer of the poor, etc. For more than twenty years he has served as justice of the peace, and in 1896 he was elected to the office of county commissioner. All of his official acts have been characterized by carefulness and promptness. His long term of service as justice of the peace in his township is evidence of the respect that his neighbors and acquaintances had in his judgment and for his opinions. He has a good record.

In January, 1857, Mr. Shields was married to Miss Hannah J. Porterfield, of Venango county, this State, who was born March 19, 1837, a daughter of George M. Porterfield, of that county. To this marriage were born fifteen children, of whom eleven are still living, namely: George R.; Alice, wife of James H. Myers, of Butler county; Samuel A., of Allegheny county; Belle M.; James R.; J. Winfield; Etta; Elizabeth, wife of Fred Hayes, a merchant of Clarion county; Edward; Anna; and Blanche E. The mother and four children are members of the Presbyterian Church; one of the United Presbyterian, and the oldest son belongs to the M. E. Church. In politics the father is a stanch Republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He has been active in the interest of the party.
FRANK M. ARNOLD. For fifty years the name of Arnold has been prominent in the business and social circles of Clarion and Clarion county. Our subject, the trusted and efficient cashier of the First National Bank of Clarion and a man of means and influence in the community, as was his father for many years, is a native of the county, born at Reidsburg, October 14, 1847.

George W. Arnold, his father, was born on a farm in York county, Penn., in 1820, and received but limited educational advantages, his school privileges being confined to the neighborhood schools, which were then rather crude and the term for each year short. However, by diligent study in and out of school he acquired a fair English education. He remained at work on the farm until sixteen years of age, when, in the fall of 1836, he became an assistant teacher in a school, receiving for his services three dollars per week, boarding himself, which he did by working before and after school. In 1837 he came with his parents to Clearfield county, and the first summer worked for one dollar and his board per day. In 1838 he left the parental roof and began the battle for himself, accepting the position of teamster and expressman under Porter Ritner, then superintendent of Karthaus Furnace in Clearfield county. In July of that year he was promoted to the position of weigh-master, and in the following December to that of salesman. In 1840 he came to Strattonville, and was here employed until 1843, when he embarked in the hotel business at that point. In 1849 he moved to Clarion, and from that time until 1865 he was engaged in the mercantile business. In January, 1865, on the organization of the First National Bank of that borough, he was elected a director and was chosen the cashier of the institution. For twenty years he was the ever affable and obliging cashier of the bank, and in 1885 he was elected president of the bank, and held that office until the day of his death. In 1867, when the Carrier Seminary of Western Pennsylvania was chartered (now the State Normal School), Mr. Arnold was appointed one of the trustees and made treasurer of the board. He donated the grounds upon which the beautiful and commodious building now stands, and did much toward its erection. He was deeply interested in the school referred to up to the time of his death. He was an enterprising and progressive man, and did much toward the developing and improving of his adopted borough. He died on April 10, 1896, and his death caused a loss to the public. His wife, who was Miss Hannah Smith, a native of Mifflin county, born May 1, 1825, and a daughter of James Smith, died in January, 1879. Their children were: J. Turner (deceased), Frank M. and Ida B.

Frank M. Arnold was but a child when brought to Clarion, where he has resided, and where his business career has been passed. His school days over, he at eighteen was made teller in the First National Bank, which position he held for a time, and was made assistant cashier, which position he retained until 1885. In the latter year he was chosen cashier, a position he has occupied from that time to the present, and in which he has sustained the reputation made by his father. He has been connected with various business enterprises. In the fall of 1879, he, in connection with C. Leeper and M. Arnold, became engaged in the lumbering business, the firm being Leeper, Arnold & Co.; subsequently another firm, C. Leeper & Co., was formed, of which our subject was a member; both still exist. These men manufactured six to eight million feet of lumber annually for ten years; the timber now, however, is becoming exhausted. Mr. Arnold is also interested in timber tracts in the States of Michigan and Oregon. He has been one of the foremost men in the enterprises which have aided in the borough's growth, and contributed to the convenience and prosperity of its citizens. He was one of the promoters of the Water Works and Gas Company in 1876, and in fact his name is identified with nearly every progressive enterprise in the borough. His influence in the community is great, and it extends beyond the borough limits. He is treasurer of the State Normal School, also of the Gas company and of other organizations, handling thousands of dollars in trust annually. Socially he is a member of the I. O. O. F. In political affairs he is prominent as a Republican, but he has never aspired to office.

On March 14, 1876, Mr. Arnold was married to Emma L. Elss, who was born April 10, 1853, at Kittanning, and is a daughter of J. P. Elss, deceased, of Clarion, Penn. To this marriage have come the following children: Frank M., Jr., George E., Turner S., Alvin F., Clara, Charles M. and Emma. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold and the four sons are identified with the M. E. Church. Mr. Arnold being a steward therein.

PHILIP K. EAKER, one of the most prosperous and highly respected farmers of Lime-stone township, Clarion county, was born in 1831, in Northampton county, Penn., and comes of good old Revolutionary stock, his maternal grandfather, Philip Kratzer, being a soldier in
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the Continental army under General Washington.

When a child of six years our subject was brought to Clarion (then Armstrong) county, and was bound out until thirteen years of age. His opportunities for obtaining an education were therefore very meagre, and he never attended school more than four months during his entire life. At the age of thirteen he began working as a farm hand in Clarion county, and was thus employed for seven years, after which he went to Warren county, Penn., where he lived for more than a year. Returning to Clarion county, he resided here for eighteen months, and then moved to Venango county, this State, where he engaged in farming for ten years. On again coming to Clarion county in 1855, he located upon his present farm in Limestone township, and has since successfully followed agricultural pursuits. His life has been one of toil, and due success has not been denied him, for he is to-day the owner of much valuable property, including 666 acres of good land in Clarion county, besides other tracts and lots in New Bethlehem and in Armstrong county, and a custom flouring-mill in Toby township, Clarion county. His home farm is one of the most desirable places in Limestone township.

On January 4, 1859, Mr. Eaker was married to Miss Mary E. Sager, of Venango county, and they became the parents of eleven children, of whom seven are now living: Barton P. M.; Lewis E. R.; Sarah C., wife of T. W. Space; Theodore B.; James E. G.; Archie V. B.; and Cora Bell.

The father of these uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, while socially he is a Master Mason, and, religiously, he is connected with the Reformed Church. His life record is one well worthy of emulation and contains many valuable lessons of incentive, showing the possibilities that are open to young men who wish to improve every opportunity for advancement. He has risen from a humble to an exalted position in both the social and business world entirely through his own efforts, and is a representative of the best type of American civilization.

GEORGE T. HENERY. The hope of reward is the spur of ambition, and ambition forms the key that unlocks the portals of success. Without it all business is stagnant and advancement would cease, but a laudable desire to improve one's condition is the most potent element in the world's progress. Mr. Henery is one of the ambitious men of Porter township, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Clarion county.

Born July 14, 1824, on the farm which is now his home, Mr. Henery is the son of William Henery, who was born at Broad Gap, Westmoreland Co., Penn., while the grandfather, John Henery, a native of Pennsylvania, was of Scotch-Irish lineage. He married a Miss McConnell, also of Scotch-Irish descent, and came to Clarion county in 1799, being sent to this locality by Gen. Craig to pre-empt 400 acres of land. He located on the old homestead, but afterward returned to Westmoreland county, in 1800. The following year, however, he brought his family to Clarion county, and took up his residence upon the farm which has since been in the possession of his descendants. His family numbered four sons and five daughters, namely: Robert, who died in 1856, at the age of seventy-one; Charles, who died in 1855, at the age of sixty-five; William H., who died in 1857, at the age of sixty-one; James, who died in 1872, at the age of sixty-eight; Mrs. William Beatie, who died at the age of eighty-two; Mrs. McKeam, who died at the age of seventy-three; Mrs. Allison, who died at the age of sixty-eight; Mrs. Robert English, who died at the age of seventy years; and Barbara, who died at the age of fifty-six. The father of this family passed away February 2, 1819, at the age of sixty, and his wife died July 7, 1825, also sixty years of age.

William Henery was reared on the old homestead, and acquired his education in a log school house and under the instruction of his mother, who was a very intelligent woman. He married Margaret Boyle, daughter of Daniel Boyle, one of the pioneer settlers of Clarion county, and a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who belonged to Gen. Washington's body-guard. His family still have the saddle bags and saddle which he had with him during his military service. He was of Irish descent, and at his death was buried in Porter township. By their marriage, William and Margaret Henery became the parents of four children: John M., who died near New Bethlehem, Clarion county; George T.; Martha Jane, wife of Jackson Fulton; and Charles, who died in infancy. The father was a farmer by occupation, and was a man of upright principles, to which he closely adhered. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian, and in political faith a Democrat. He died at the age of sixty years, and his wife passed away at the age of sixty-three.

George T. Henery was early trained to habits of industry, economy and honesty. The public
schools afforded him his educational privileges, and on the home farm he received ample training in the labors of the fields, much of the cultivation and development of the land devolving upon him. He remained at the old family homestead until 1879, when he removed to another section of the farm. He owns 218 acres of rich and arable land, constituting one of the fine farming properties of the county, with its rich meadows and pasture land and waving fields of grain. He also raises a good grade of stock, and by his sale of cattle has added not a little to his income.

In February, 1854, Mr. Henery was married to Margaret Beattie, a native of Monroe township, Clarion county, and a daughter of William and Mary Beattie, both now deceased. To them have been born the following children: Mrs. Bertha Jane McNutt, of Clarion county; Nettie, wife of D. A. Laughlin, of Porter township; W. P., a prominent stock dealer of the same township; J. S. at home; Mary, who died at the age of twenty years; Ross, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, who died at the age of two years; Fannie and Emma.

Mr. Henery is a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democracy in his township, and for thirty years has served as justice of the peace, discharging his duties with marked fairness and impartiality. He has also administered many estates, and has frequently served as delegate to different Democratic conventions. For thirty years he has served as elder in the Presbyterian Church, and has been very active in promoting all interests calculated to advance the material or moral welfare of the community. Though he has rounded the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten he has the appearance and vigor of a man much younger. He has been a useful citizen of the community, and well deserves representation in this volume.

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**PAUL MAHLE.**

Paul Mahle, one of the most enterprising and energetic agriculturists of Highland township, Clarion county, was born in January, 1839, on the old homestead in Washington township, a son of Lewis and Elizabeth (Lilly) Mahle. The birth of the father occurred in Germany in 1804, but at the age of twelve years he emigrated with his father, Henry Mahle, to America, first locating in Lancaster county, Penn., where they made their home for a short time. They then came to Fryburg, Clarion county, where the grandfather purchased a tract of wild land, and developed a farm of 200 acres, on which he built a log house and barn and made many other useful improvements. There he and his wife spent their remaining days. In their family were four sons and five daughters, namely: Justus, Lewis,
William and Helwig (twins), Sophia, Mary, Elizabeth, Wilhelmina and Catharine.

After his marriage Lewis Mahle located on a part of the old homestead at Fryburg, where he spent his last days, dying in January, 1871. His estimable wife long survived him and was called to her final rest in 1896. Their children were as follows: (1) Henry married Savilla Lawson, of Clarion county, and in 1863 removed to Washington, Ill., where he now resides. He has four children—Amanda, Charlotte, Lincoln and William. (2) Mary died in childhood. (3) Jacob married Elizabeth Greer, of Clarion county, and died on his farm in Washington township, that county, in 1879, leaving five children—Webster U. S. Grant, Eva, Harrison, Minerva and John. (4) Fannie married Peter Smith, of Pittsburg, who after his marriage lived in Fryburg, where she died leaving two children—John H. and Clarissa, who died in childhood. (5) Adam is a resident of Fryburg. (6) Hannah became the wife of Peter Kulp, of Clarion county, and died in 1871, leaving a daughter, Matilda. (7) Reuben, who resides on a part of the old homestead, married Carrie Koler, and has four children—Estella, Edith, Evan and Amy. (8) John C. wedded Mary Reed, a daughter of Rev. Reed, and they also reside on part of the old home farm. Their children are Lillie M., Grace, Charlotte, Benjamin and Ira.

The common schools of his native township afforded Paul Mahle his educational privileges, and he remained upon the home farm until July, 1862, when he laid aside civil pursuits to aid his country in the preservation of the Union, becoming a member of Company G, 155th P. V. I., under Capt. Klotz, of Clarion county. After being sworn in at Pittsburg, the regiment proceeded to Washington, D. C., where it was assigned to the Fifth Corps, Army of the Potomac. The first engagement in which Mr. Mahle participated was at Fredericksburg, and he later took part in all the battles and skirmishes of the regiment, including the battle of Gettysburg, where the loss on both sides was heavy, and where Picket made his famous charge. He also took part in the engagement at Williamsport and the seven days battle of the Wilderness, where he was seriously wounded by two minie balls in the right leg, and was also taken prisoner, but was recaptured a few hours later. For seventeen days he was in the Fredericksburg Hospital, was then taken to Washington, and from there to Philadelphia, where he was confined until after the close of the war, being honorably discharged in July, 1865. He still carries one of the minie balls which was never extracted.

In 1868 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Wilhelmina Kapp, of Fryburg, a daughter of Henry and Catharine Kapp, who were among the first settlers of Washington township, Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. Mahle began housekeeping in Fryburg, where he owned property, but he later sold out and removed to St. Petersburg, Penn., where he was engaged in speculating in oil and working at the carpenter’s trade until 1878. Disposing of his business there, he purchased the Columbus Reed farm of 100 acres in Highland township, Clarion county, and has since devoted the greater part of his time to agricultural pursuits, meeting with a well-deserved success. He now has about half of his farm under a high state of cultivation, has erected a comfortable two-story residence and large barn, and has made other excellent improvements upon the place, which add to its neat and thrifty appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mahle have two sons: Orthe O., born in Fryburg, in 1871, and William Edward, born in St. Petersburg, in July, 1873. Both received good common-school educations, and now assist their father in the operation of the home farm. The family is connected with the Presbyterian Church in Shiloh, and in social circles occupies an enviable position. Mr. Mahle is identified with the Republican party, and has been called upon to serve as school director. His loyalty as a citizen and his devotion to the country’s interests have ever been among his marked characteristics, and the community is fortunate that numbers him among its citizens.

SAMUEL A. BELL, the manager of the commodious and popular "Jones House," a hostelry of Clarion, Clarion county, which is famous throughout this section of the State for the comforts its bountiful spreads at meal hours afford, and its pleasant rooms give to its guests, is a hotel man of nearly a quarter of a century’s experience.

Mr. Bell is of Irish parentage. William Bell, his father, and Sarah Ewing, his mother, were born in County Derry, Ireland, but came to America in their youth. The father by occupation was a farmer man. He died in Clarion county in 1850, and his widow in 1871. Five children were born to this marriage, all of whom are yet living and are named as follows: Samuel A., our subject; Jane (Mrs. H. D. Richard), James, John and George.

Samuel A Bell, the eldest child, was born in Licking township, Clarion county, in 1849. His father dying when he was but ten years of
age, and this son being the eldest child, he was early thrown on his own resources that he might assist in the support of the widowed mother and family. He attended at intervals the schools of the vicinity of his home. He did chores, and later performed work on farms until nineteen years of age, when he went to Mahoning, Penn., and was employed four years in a hotel. In 1872 he came to Clarion, and has since been engaged in the hotel business here, excepting from 1885 to 1891. During this interval of six years he served as one of the board of county commissioners, to which office he had been elected in 1884 and re-elected in 1887. He served the people in this trust faithfully and very satisfactorily, reflecting credit to his ability as a capable and far-sighted business man. In 1891 he was appointed trustee and manager of the M. E. Beck estate, and has since had its management; the "Jones House" being a part thereof. This estate he has wisely and judiciously cared for in the same capable manner as has always characterized his business career.

On August 21, 1871, Mr. Bell was married to Anna M., daughter of John Miller, of Armstrong county, and three children have blessed their marriage, namely: Lotta M., Edward M., and Allie V. (deceased). The mother of these is a member of the M. E. Church. In politics the father is a Democrat. He is one of Clarion's most substantial citizens.

GEORGE YOKERS, a well-known oil producer of Elk City, is one of the strong characters who have become an integral part of the business life of Clarion county, and by the exercise of his powers has not only advanced his individual prosperity but has contributed to the welfare of the community. He has a wide reputation as a capable business man, and occupies a position of no little prominence in connection with the political affairs of the county.

Mr. Youkers was born December 18, 1845, in Baden, Germany, where the birth of his father, Jacob Youkers, also occurred. For generations the family has been noted for its bravery and valor on the field of battle. The grandfather served for some time under Napoleon, participating in many great battles, and he also witnessed the burning of Moscow. One of his sons belonged to Gen. Kossuth's command during the Rebellion in Germany, and, being captured, was condemned to death, but managed to escape, and fled to this country. The rope with which he was bound he still has in his possession, and he is now a resident of Kansas. In 1848 Jacob Youkers brought his family to the United States and located in Butler county, Penn. For four years he served in the State Militia, and has been a valued and useful citizen of his adopted country. He is still living, and enjoys good health for one of his years, being now seventy-eight. In his family were ten children, six sons and four daughters, of whom one died in childhood. Two sons were soldiers during the Rebellion—George, of this review, and Jacob, who was a member of the 134th P. V. I.

Rearred at Brady's Bend, Penn., George Youkers acquired his education in the schools of that place, and for some years in early life he was engaged in boating on the Allegheny river. On February 22, 1864, he laid aside civil pursuits, however, and joined Company L. 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He was promoted corporal, and took part in many of the battles in Virginia and in front of Petersburg. He was one of the best riders in Gen. Kutz's command, and for a time belonged to Gen. Sheridan's forces. When the war was over he was honorably discharged and returned home with an excellent war record. For some time he resided in Oil City, and was first employed in a roller mill, and later in the oil business. Coming to Elk City in 1876, he became interested in the latter industry in this section, and is to-day the owner of fourteen good oil wells, which are proving quite profitable.

On February 3, 1875, in Oil City, Mr. Youkers married to Miss Jane Friedhaber, also a native of Germany, and a daughter of George Friedhaber. She had two brothers who were in the Union army during the Civil war—George, who was killed in battle, and John, who belonged to an Illinois regiment. Mr. and Mrs. Youkers have four children: Jessie, Frank, Robert and Margaret.

As an ardent Democrat Mr. Youkers has taken a prominent part in politics, and his services have been very effective in securing the success of his party. He has served as chairman of the township committee and as member of the county committee, and in 1896 was a delegate to both the State Convention and the National Convention at Chicago. Socially, he belongs to Edinburg Post No. 112, G. A. R., and is a prominent member of the Masonic Order, being connected with Blue Lodge No. 350, F. & A. M., the Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., and Oil City Commandery No. 43, K. T. He is officially connected with the Lutheran Church, in which he holds membership, as does his wife, and always gives his support to all enterprises for the public good. He is now serving his second term as
PETER WALTERS, a highly-respected citizen now living retired in Rimmersburg, was born in Berks county, Penn., February 20, 1822, and his parents, Peter and Betsy (Romage) Walters, were born, reared and married in the same county.

The birth of the grandfather, George Walters, occurred east of the mountains, but in 1823 he emigrated to Jefferson county, locating near Corsica. Later he took up his residence in Church, Clarion county, where he died and was buried. The parents of our subject also located near Corsica in 1823, but the father, who was a farmer by occupation, did not long enjoy his new home, as he was killed, while raising a log house in 1825, at the age of thirty years. His remains were interred at Corsica. Besides his widow, he left four children: George, a retired cabinet maker, living in Rimmersburg; Peter, of this sketch; John, a carpenter, who died near Oil City, Penn.; and Mary, widow of Reuben Kratzer, of Rimmersburg. After the death of the father, Mrs. Walters married Jacob Weaver, by whom she had three children, namely: Sarah, deceased wife of Samuel Kratzer, of Iowa; Henry, who died in childhood; and Caroline, widow of Henry Pollard, and a resident of Squirrel Hill, Clarion county. The mother departed this life in 1877, at the age of seventy-five years, and was buried in the Rimmersburg cemetery. Both she and her first husband were connected with the German Reformed Church.

The subject of this sketch was only five years old at the time of his father's death, but he remained at home with his mother until he attained his majority, assisting in the management and cultivation of the home farm. For two years after leaving home he operated rented land, and then purchased a small place in Madison township, Clarion county, which he sold two years later. His next purchase consisted of fifty acres which he operated for four years, and on selling that place he rented the old Weaver homestead for two years, after which he owned and operated a farm in Venango county, Penn., for fourteen years. Returning to Clarion county, he purchased the Weaver homestead, which he sold several years later on his removal to Rimmersburg, where he continued to make his home until the death of his first wife.

On February 20, 1843, in Madison township, Mr. Walters had married Miss Eliza Weaver, the ceremony being performed by John Morris, Esq. She was born April 16, 1821, and died April 22, 1869, her remains being interred in the Rimmersburg cemetery. Her father, John Weaver, came to this country from east of the mountains. To Mr. and Mrs. Walters were born the following children: William, the eldest, was a soldier during the Civil war, for four years, was wounded, and, being captured, was confined in Libby prison, where he was nearly starved to death. He married Emma Mohney, and is now engaged in farming in Geauga county, Ohio. John married Sophia Sharp, and follows the same occupation in Howard, N. Y. Henry married Sadie Kratzer, and is engaged in the oil business in Allegheny county, Penn. Saphrona married Francis Weaver, and after his death became the wife of N. C. Salisbury, a painter of Geauga county, Ohio. Ersanis married Emma Reigle, and follows agricultural pursuits in Mullen county, Neb. Alfred is single, and also lives in Mullen county. Milo C. is married, and is a lumberman of Kelso, Washington.

On February 20, 1874, Mr. Walters was again married, this time in Curtsville, Clarion county, to Mrs. Margaret (Daly) Reynolds, who was born in Adams county, Penn., August 15, 1827, a daughter of Abram and Rebecca (McNay) Daly, also natives of Adams county. Her maternal grandfather, John McNay, was a Scotchman by birth, and aided the colonies in their struggle for independence during the Revolutionary war. He was taken prisoner by the British and placed in a church, where he was kept three days without food. He was then released by a friend. He became quite a prominent farmer of Adams county, Penn., where he died at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

Abram Daly died in 1832, and was buried in Adams county. He left three children: Mary, now the wife of C. Perry Mann, a farmer of Morrow county, Ohio; Margaret, wife of our subject; and John, who served with the rank of major in the Civil war, and is now a merchant of Knoxville, Tenn. The mother of these children was twice married, her first husband being John Chamberlain, by whom she had two children: Hannah, who married John Welty, but both are now deceased; and Rebecca, who married John Reynolds, also both deceased. Mrs. Daly, who was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1870, at the age of eighty-one, and now sleeps in the Seeceder cemetery at Rimmersburg.

On December 24, 1848, Miss Margaret Daly gave her hand in marriage to Calvin B. Reynolds, the first merchant in Oil City, Penn., who died
October 15, 1868, at the age of forty years, and was buried in the Seceder cemetery at Rimersburg: Three children were born to them: John, who died at the age of nine years; William, who married Lotta Ottener, and is now a retired merchant of Curlsville, Penn.; and Harry B., who married Lida Hunter, but both are now deceased. They left three children, two of whom live with their grandfather, W. H. Hunter, and are attending school in San Francisco, Cal., while the other, now an accomplished young lady, has made her home with our subject since early childhood. She possesses considerable musical talent, and is especially proficient as a piano player.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Walters removed to the oil fields of this State, where he was engaged in business until 1879, when he retired and returned to his home in Rimmersburg. Finanilly he has prospered, and wholly through his own exertions he has attained to a position of affluence. His home is elegantly furnished, and there, surrounded by all the comforts of life, he is enjoying a well-earned rest. Since reaching manhood he has almost continuously filled some official position, among them being those of school director, overseer of the poor, street commissioner, and member of both the town council and board of health. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, and religiously is a member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served as elder for one term and deacon for many years. Being a great reader, he has become well posted on the leading questions and issues of the day, and always gives a liberal support to those measures which he believes calculated to promote the general welfare. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and his friends are many throughout the county.

W. REED, whose long and arduous service with the Union army in the Civil war well indicated his loyalty to his country, is now a leading farmer and lumberman of Highland township, Clarion county, and is a representative of one of its oldest and most highly esteemed families.

His grandfather, William Reed, was the second man to locate in that township, where he purchased a tract of wild land and developed therefrom a good farm. In his family were three sons and four daughters, as follows: (1) John married and located on the farm in Highland township now owned by Isaac Imhoff. The wild land he transformed into highly cultivated fields, and upon the place erected a large brick house and good barn. He also owned a large tract of timber land, on which he erected a sawmill, and in connection with the manufacture of lumber also built boats for the coal trade at Pittsburg. He and his wife both died on his land some years ago, leaving a family of children. (2) Eleanor, the second child of our subject's grandfather, married Ellis Fletcher, of Knox township, Clarion county. (3) Betsy married Ephraim Mix, of Clearfield county, Penn., and both died some years ago, leaving one child. (4) Jane married Alexander Porter, of Clarion county, and they departed this life a number of years ago. (5) James married and died in Highland township. (6) Margaret wedded James Lamb, a farmer of Knox township, where both died.

(7) William Reed, the father of our subject, completes the family. In early manhood he married Nancy Lamb, and soon afterward purchased 700 acres of the Harrison lands in Venango county, but after the survey it was made a part of Highland township, Clarion county. There he opened up a farm, and in connection with agricultural pursuits successfully engaged in lumbering and boat building on the Clarion river for the iron and coal trade. He constructed the first 100-foot boat, carrying 100 tons of metal down the river to the Pittsburg markets. He was an extensive lumberman, and most successful and reliable business man until 1861, when he retired from active life. He died in 1875, and his wife a few years later.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: (1) James M., a farmer of Highland township, married Mary Smith, of the same township, and had four children—Ida, who married a Mr. Kahnell, and died in 1889; Mrs. Ella Lamb, a resident of West Virginia; William; and Oscar, who wedded Maud Devilder, and is engaged in farming in Highland township. (2) Lavina became the wife of Edward Packer, and died some years ago, leaving two children—Ellen and one whose name is not given. (3) Maggie A. married Henry Shrum, a farmer of Highland township, and died twenty years ago, leaving four children, two of whom still reside in that township—Wilhelmina, now Mrs. Reaghard, and William, at home. (4) Lucinda J. wedded James Piper, and is a resident of Highland township. She has two children—Henrietta, at home; and Thuel, who is married and lives on a farm in Highland township. (5) Hiram was a very promising young man, who enlisted in his country's service during the Rebellion, becoming a member of Company H, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. Mackey, of Clarion, and was in all the battles of his regiment until December, 1863, when he was killed at Kingston, N. C. (6) Ma-
tilda E. is now the widow of David McClain, and a resident of Highland township. Her children are—Mary, wife of Alexander Whitmer; Thomas B., who is married and lives in Clarion county; John, Rufus and William J., still with their mother. (7) Thomas C., during the Civil war, enlisted in December, 1861, in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. J. B. McDonald, and served with the Army of the Potomac. At Williamsburg, Va., near Yorktown, he contracted typhoid fever and died. (8) J. Nelson still resides upon a part of the old homestead. (9) W. W. married Jane Morehead, of Clarion county, and also lives upon a part of the home farm. His children are—Rosie, Margery, Lawrence, Reynolds and James Bird. (10) Oliver owns and operates a part of the old homestead in Highland township. He married Margaret Eberline, of Clarion county, and has three sons—Edward V., Wallace L. and George.

On the farm where he still continued to reside, W. L. Reed was born in 1849, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys. He manifested his patriotism in December, 1861, by enlisting in Company F, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. M. B. McDowell, of Rimersburg, and after being sworn into the United States service at Camp Orr, Armstrong Co., Penn., was equipped at Washington, D. C., and joined the Army of the Potomac under Gen. McClellan. During that winter the regiment was in camp Meridian Hill, and their first engagement was at Fair Oaks, Va. Mr. Reed was detailed to look after the sick at Yorktown, where he remained for some time, and was then sent to Carvers Hospital. On rejoining his regiment he went by boat to Washington, D. C., and while en route, John Borts and Robert C. Platt, of Company F, from Clarion county, died. From Suffolk, Va., our subject went with his command to Newbern, N. C., where, under Gen. Foster, they destroyed the Goldsboro railroad, tearing up the rails and fighting the Rebels all along the road. During a hard fight at Kingston, December 14, 1862, his brother Hiram and Jackson Boyd were killed. The next engagement was at Whitehall, and at Goldsboro they met the enemy, driving them back and destroying the bridge and railroad. The winter of 1863 was spent in camp at Newbern, and in the following spring the brigade to which Mr. Reed belonged was sent by boat to Plymouth, where they did guard duty, and also cut off the Rebel supplies by boat. Later they were on guard duty at Washington, were in the battle at Swift creek, and after going to Newbern, they retraced their steps to Plymouth, where they remained for about a year.

Mr. Reed, with his company, was captured at that place, and for four months was confined in Andersonville prison, whence he was transferred to Florence, remaining there the same length of time. In December, 1864, he was exchanged and sent to Charleston and later to Annapolis, where he was granted a furlough. After two months spent at home, he rejoined his regiment at Annapolis, but as his term of service had expired, he was soon afterward discharged at Pittsburg, and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Mr. Reed has since resided upon a part of the old homestead, and in connection with its operation he has successfully engaged in lumbering. In 1869 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Brenneman, of Clarion county, a daughter of Christian and Maria Brenneman, the former a lumberman by occupation. They have become the parents of six children, namely: Iantha attended the common schools, but completed her education at the Clarion Normal, and is now successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county. Burdette W. died from typhoid fever at the age of twenty-four. Hiram, who resides on a farm adjoining his father's place, married Chloe Johnson, of Clarion county, and has two children—Florence and Pearle. Nancy M. is now preparing for a teacher at the Clarion Normal. Sadie L. is also a student at the Clarion Normal. Eva E. resides at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Reed is a Democrat, and he has been called upon to serve as constable and supervisor in his township. He and his family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church at Shiloh, and he is now one of the elders. His career has ever been such as to command the confidence and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and his friends are many.

DAVID SMITH, an influential and prominent citizen of Shippenville, Clarion county, is a native of Crawford county, Penn., and a son of John and Elizabeth (Brookman) Smith, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. The father was interested in a number of business enterprises, being for some time a river pilot and also a lumberman and barge builder. He was a good workman, and in his undertakings met with a fair degree of success, but his business career was short, as he died at an early age. He left two sons, David and John. Later the mother became the wife of John Camp, an officer of the war of 1812.

In the county of his nativity David Smith
was reared and educated, but at the early age of eleven years his school days were over, and he started out to make his own way in the world, working first as a farm hand. Later he learned the wagonmaker’s trade, which he made his life work. On June 25, 1861, he laid aside all personal considerations and joined Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves. He took part in the battle of Gaines’ Mills, the second battle of Bull Run, Antietam, the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula and Fredericksburg, where he was wounded in the left leg below the knee. He was also captured by the Rebels, and for three months was confined in Libby prison, where he endured all the hardships and privations incident to Southern prison life. On being exchanged he was sent to Annapolis, Md., and later to Pittsburg, Penn., where he remained in the hospital until honorably discharged, June 11, 1864, when he returned to Shippenville. He never recovered from his injury, and was forced to have his limb amputated on May 7, 1886.

In 1864 our subject was married to Miss Mary Wiseman, also a native of Crawford county, and a daughter of Frederick and Magdelena (Hershelman) Wiseman, who were born in Germany, and were the parents of eleven children. One son, John Wiseman, was a soldier of the Civil war. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, but three died in childhood. Those living are Mrs. Emma E. McCall; Mrs. Margaret Lubold, who has four children—Hattie, Emma, May and Edward; and Mrs. Harriett Hart, who has one child, Cecil Quay. 'Mr. Smith and his family all hold membership in the Methodist Church, and in social circles occupy an enviable position. He is a Republican in politics, and is an honored member of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R. As a citizen he meets every requirement, and manifests a commendable interest in everything that is calculated to promote the city's welfare in any line. In manner he is pleasant, genial and approachable, and all who know him esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

WILLIAM F. COLLNER, who with little exception has lived among the people of Clarion county from boyhood, where he has been among the leading citizens as a prominent business man and county official, was born in Richland township, this county, November 21, 1844.

Lewis Collner, his father, was a native of Germany, born May 11, 1811, at Eiltmann. He came to America and located in Clarion county in early life, where for sixty years he resided, engaged principally as a merchant and in the oil business. He died in April, 1894, aged eighty-three years, a respected and esteemed citizen of Clarion. His wife, whom he married in October, 1840, was Sarah Fry, born in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1819. She was the daughter of Samuel Fry, a soldier of the war of 1812, who came to Clarion county when it was but a wilderness; her death occurred in September, 1895. The children of this couple were Levi, W. F., Samuel, Harrison, Joseph, Lemuel, Calvin and George, all living except the last two, Calvin and George.

William F. Collner received only limited school privileges. His father not being a man of much means, young Collner was kept in the store and given a practical business education, which, however, was for a time interrupted by his service of three years in the war of the Rebellion. He enlisted July 24, 1862, when but sixteen years of age, as a private in Company G, 155th P. V. I., his command forming a part of the 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was in all of the many engagements in which the regiment participated, and left a record which his posterity may well review with just pride. During his period of service he was subjected to many hardships incident to army life. He was slightly wounded at the battle of the Wilderness May 5, 1864, and at Peebles Farm, near Petersburg, Va., September 30, 1864. Proving himself a gallant soldier, he was rewarded by a promotion to a second lieutenant, later becoming a first lieutenant, and was in command of the company at the surrender at Appomattox. A highly prized souvenir now in his possession is a sabre which he captured from a Confederate major at the Battle of Five Forks, Va., April 1, 1865. At the close of the war he returned to Clarion county, and again entered his father's store, where he assisted him in business for a year, then went to Forest county, where he engaged in the lumber business for two years. At the expiration of this time he returned to Clarion county and became engaged in mercantile business in Salem. He continued in business for seventeen years, until 1879, when he was elected sheriff of Clarion county. This necessitated his removal to the county seat, where he remained during his term of office, returning to Salem in three years, and again was occupied as formerly. In 1882 he was elected prothonotary, and in 1887 he was re-elected to the same office, serving six years in all. On his retirement from office in 1891, he became engaged in the insurance business at Clarion, which has since been his vocation. His official career was a most creditable one to him-
W. SIMPSON. Among the progressive, energetic and successful agriculturists of Farmington township, Clarion county, is the subject of this sketch, who thoroughly understands the vocation he follows, and is therefore carrying on operations most profitably. Being a Scotchman by birth, he possesses the sturdy and admirable characteristics of that race. He was born in the land of hills and heather, in 1829, a son of Peter B. and Jeannette (Wilson) Simpson, also natives of Scotland, and the latter a daughter of Robert Wilson.

The father was born near Dundee, and during the war of 1812, when about seventeen years of age, first came to America in the British service. When the war was over he returned to his native land, but in 1832, accompanied by two brothers, he sought a home in the New World, and purchased 300 acres of land in Farmington township, Clarion Co., Penn. In 1833 he sent to Scotland for his wife and family, and brought them to their new home in the midst of the wilderness. His first log cabin he replaced by a more commodious hewed-log house, and made many substantial improvements upon his farm. His wife died there in November, 1863, and he passed away in 1877. In religious belief they were strict Presbyterians, and they gave liberally to all Church or benevolent work. Mr. Simpson was also one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Clarion county, and was called upon to fill a number of responsible official positions. For two terms he served as county commissioner, was county auditor several terms, justice of the peace a number of years, and filled all the township offices, in a most creditable and satisfactory manner.

Our subject is one of a family of ten children, the others being as follows: (1) Margaret, born in Scotland, came with her parents to Clarion county, where she married Michael Bigby, of Farmington township, and died in 1863. Of her children, three sons—Jacob, William, and David—live in Iowa; Mrs. Margaret Greenwalt resides in Farmington township; Mrs. Euphena Mehern lives in the same township; and Mrs. Janet Hagerty, a widow lady, lives in Forest county, Penn. (2) Euphena married Samuel Bartlett, of Clarion county, and died in 1853, leaving four children. One son, James Bartlett, is a leading business man of Scotch Hill, and Samuel is a successful farmer in Farmington township. (3) Janet, born in Scotland, married George Howe, who died in 1890, leaving a wife and large family of children. (4) Jane, born in Scotland, was married, in 1849, to Michael Bartlett, and they live on a farm in Farmington township. They have several children. (5) John B., born in Clarion county, makes his home in Farmington township. He married Elizabeth Knight, and has two children—Wallace and Wade. (6) Eliza, born in Clarion county, married William Harriger, who was drowned in the Allegheny river, and she later wedded Frank Hezlep, of Clarion county, by whom she has one son—James. They now live in Butler county, Pennsylvania.

J. W. Simpson, whose name introduces this sketch, was only four years old when brought by his parents to the United States, and upon the old homestead in Farmington township, he grew to manhood. In 1851 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Rosanna Elliott, of Farmington township, a daughter of John G. and Esther Elliott, and fifteen children were born to them: (1) Robert, born in 1852, married Susan Shafer, of Elk county, Penn., by whom he has two children—Ula and Jay—and they live at Scotch Hill, Clarion county. (2) Esther died in childhood. (3) John G., born in 1854, married Delinda Elder, of Clarion county, and lives upon a part of his father's farm. He has five children—Carrie, James S., Bessie, Howard and Annie. (4) Samuel S., born in 1856, and a resident of Scotch Hill, married Jennie Carson, of Clarion county, and has six children—Gearie, Ora, Glenn, Wayne, Clair and Guy. (5) Sarah is the wife of William Foy, who lives on a farm in Farmington township adjoining her father's place. (6) Janet is successfully engaged in dressmaking at Edenburg, Clarion county, and owns real estate in Clarion and Scotch Hill. (7) Priscilla is the wife of James Beatty, of Clarion, and has three children—Irene, Turner and Lenore. (8) Clara was the wife of A. D. Neill, a druggist of Marionville,
Forest county, and died in 1896, leaving one son, Alfred. (9) Euphemia was educated in the Clarion Normal and the Corsica schools, and is now a successful teacher in the public schools. She resides with her father. (10) Laura B. was also well educated, and for three terms taught school, but since then has engaged in dressmaking with her sister in Edenburg. (11) James H., a resident of Scotch Hill, married Lillie Smith, and has two children—Gladys and Gafred. (12) Benton works in the lumber woods, and resides at home. (13) Wayne died in infancy. (14) Elva, born in 1878, was engaged in the Clarion Normal, and is now engaged in teaching in the public schools, making her home with her father. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in October, 1891.

After his marriage, our subject located upon a part of his father’s first purchase, and from the wild land developed a good farm, making it his home for fourteen years. In 1869 he sold, and purchased the James Fitzgerald farm, a partially improved tract of 129 acres, on which he has erected a large barn and good two-story residence, besides making other necessary improvements. He has cleared a large portion of his land, planted a fine orchard, and now has one of the best and most highly cultivated farms of the locality.

In his political affiliations Mr. Simpson is a Democrat, and he has filled the offices of supervisor and school director in an efficient manner. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belonged, and is an earnest and conscientious Christian gentleman. His success in life may be ascribed to positive, determined pursuit of business, and to the fact that he is a man of honesty and integrity. He has reared a family of which he may be justly proud, and among its members are several of the most successful teachers of Clarion county.

HENRY HARRISON HARTMAN, a well-known general farmer of Toby township, Clarion county, resides on a part of the old Fullmer farm at Mt. Airy—the ancestral home of his mother. He was born December 14, 1836, near Bloomsburg, in Columbia county, Penn., and is a son of John William and Susan (Fullmer) Hartman, natives of Bucks county, Penn., who after their marriage removed to Columbia county. In 1840 they came to Clarion county, and located on the present site of Mt. Airy, where the father successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until life’s labors were ended. He was born March 5, 1807, and died March 7, 1848, while his wife was born June 30, 1811, and died August 2, 1895. They were faithful members of the Reformed Church, and were laid to rest in Churchville cemetery, Clarion county.

The family of this worthy couple consisted of the following children: Elisha, born July 2, 1834, died in 1882; Henry H., born December 14, 1835, is a farmer of Mt. Airy; Josiah is also engaged in farming in Toby township; William D., born August 10, 1838, follows the same pursuit in Porter township, Clarion county; Sarah J., born November 1, 1839, died in 1851; Lewis, born March 11, 1841, is a farmer of Mt. Airy; Rebecca, born March 29, 1842, lives with our subject; Samuel J., born October 15, 1843, is a farmer of Monroe township, Clarion county; Jeremiah, born March 6, 1845, died September 6, 1851; Aaron, born August 1, 1846, is a farmer of Clarion township; and Henry Harrison, of this review, completes the family.

George Hartman, our subject’s grandfather, was born and reared in Bucks county, where he married a Miss Jacoba, and continued to engage in farming and distilling throughout life. Their children were: William, Jacoba, Joseph, Samuel and Catherine, all now deceased. The maternal grandparents, Daniel and Margaret (Boyer) Fullmer, were also natives of Bucks county, and came to Clarion county in 1840, locating on a two-acre lot on the present site of Mt. Airy, where he lived retired throughout the remainder of his life. To his children—Charles, Aaron, and Susan, our subject’s mother—he gave 100 acres of land in Clarion county, but his other daughter, Sarah, wife of Jeremiah Hogenbaugh, remained in Columbia county.

At the age of seventeen Henry Harrison Hartman began serving an apprenticeship to the carpenter’s trade with Samuel Kifer at Callensburg, and, after mastering the business, worked at the same for several years, in the meantime spending six months in Kentucky. After his marriage, in 1868, he purchased forty acres of land at Mt. Airy, and after two years spent upon that place, he traded it for a farm one mile from Mt. Airy, belonging to him and his brother Lewis. There he made his home for fourteen years, and in 1884 purchased his present farm from his uncle Charles and the Fullmer heirs; it consists of 108 acres of rich and arable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

On May 26, 1868, in Callensburg, Mr. Hartman was married to Miss Susan Stewart, Rev. J. G. McIntire, a Presbyterian minister, perform-
ing the ceremony. The children born to this union are as follows: Sarah J., who died in childhood; Thomas S., a pumper in the oil fields at McDonald, Penn.; Samuel E., who married Agnes Winters, and is also employed as an oil pumper; Eva A., wife of Charles Henry, a school and music teacher of Forest county, Penn.; Margaret R., wife of John Rankin, a school teacher of Rimersburg, Penn., and Aaron B., William A. and Nora E., all at home.

Mrs. Hartman was born September 6, 1842, in Toby township, Clarion county, a daughter of Hon. Thomas and Susan (Loffer) Stewart, the former a native of Clarion county, and the latter of Black Rock, N. Y. At the age of four years the mother also became a resident of Clarion county, where her marriage was celebrated. Her parents, Adam and Elizabeth Loffer, lived for some time in Ohio. Her father was killed while aiding in the defense of his country during the war of 1812, and was buried near Niagara Falls. Mrs. Hartman’s paternal grandparents were William and Sarah (McCibben) Stewart, who died in Clarion county, and were buried in Concord cemetery. By occupation the grandfather was a farmer.

To Hon. Thomas and Susan (Loffer) Stewart were born eight children: William, who died in 1895; Milton, who was a private in the Union army during the Civil war, and was killed in battle; Loffer, a farmer of Toby township; Sarah, who married D. R. Summerville, but both are now deceased; Reuben, a farmer of Nebraska; Elizabeth, who died in 1860; Allen, a farmer of Toby township; and Susan, wife of our subject. The mother of these children was born in 1804, and departed this life June 9, 1864. The following year Mr. Stewart married Mrs. Jemima Miller, but by the second union he had no children. She was the widow of Benjamin Miller, and by her first marriage became the mother of the following children: Oliver, deceased; Frank, a farmer of Butler county; William and Johnson, deceased; Hon. George E., who lives in the West and has represented his district in the State Legislature; Sarah, widow of Mr. Lloyd, and a resident of Sharon, Penn.; and Lorinda, widow of William Cristwell, of East Brady, Penn. The mother of these children died in 1893, at the age of eighty years, and was buried near East Brady. Mr. Stewart was born in 1812, was a blacksmith by trade, but in later years turned his attention to farming. For some time he acceptably filled the office of associate judge of Clarion county, and was always recognized as one of the valued as well as one of the honored citizens of his community. His death occurred October 1, 1883. In the Presbyterian Church he held membership, was an elder in the Church for many years, and superintendent of Sunday-school. He had always been identified with the Democratic party.

A prominent and active member of the Reformed Church, our subject has served as elder for the past four years, and is a cheerful supporter of all objects which he believes calculated to promote the condition of his fellow-men. His political support is given the Democracy, and he has capably filled the positions of school director and assessor of his township. He has accumulated a handsome property, and his life illustrates what may be accomplished through industry, perseverance, good management and a determination to succeed.

FRANK L. HARVEY, an active, energetic and reliable business man of Foxburg, has for the past ten years most creditably and satisfactorily served as superintendent of the Fox estate, which is the most valuable property in Clarion county, comprising large tracts of land and numerous oil wells.

Mr. Harvey was born December 28, 1864, in Westmoreland county, Penn., a son of J. W. and Anna E. (Haymaker) Harvey, well-known and prominent citizens now living about one mile west of Foxburg in a comfortable home. In Westmoreland county, this State, during the Civil war the father enlisted in an infantry regiment, and faithfully fought for the preservation of the Union for three years. His family numbered four sons: Frank L., of this review; Harry R., assistant cashier in the Foxburg Bank; Angus McAlister, bookkeeper in the same institution; and Thomas, who died at the age of six years.

Frank L. Harvey completed his education in a high school in Clarion county; but through his extensive business operations and subsequent study he has greatly added to the knowledge there obtained. For five years before accepting his present position he was also connected with the Foxburg Bank, where he gained a practical knowledge of business affairs, which has been of great benefit to him. Although quite young when chosen superintendent of the Fox estate, his ability as a manager was soon demonstrated, and he proved thoroughly competent to attend to the extensive business connected therewith. He is perfectly familiar with every branch of the vast business connected with the estate, and is therefore able to obtain the best results. Always ready to reward faithful service, he has the respect and confidence of those under him, and
to the boys and young men of Foxburg he has proved a stanch friend, doing all in his power to promote their interests.

Fraternally, Mr. Harvey affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is one of the most public-spirited and enterprising citizens of Foxburg, and has taken an active interest in all things pertaining to its advancement and general welfare.

JOHN V. SLOAN, secretary and treasurer of the J. W. James Medicine Company, has attained distinctive preferment in business circles, and is now numbered among the most enterprising and successful men of East Brady, Clarion county.

Born in the far-off State of Washington, June 30, 1864, at Steilacoom City, near Tacoma, Mr. Sloan is the son of Rev. G. W. Sloan, who was the pastor of the Presbyterian Church at that place. The son is, however, a representative of one of the old and honored families of Clarion county, Penn. His grandfather, John Sloan, now deceased, was born in Westmoreland county, this State, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and became a pioneer of Greenville, Clarion county.

Rev. G. W. Sloan was born and reared in Clarion county, and completed his education in Jefferson College, at Canonsburg, Penn., where he prepared for the ministry. In 1858 he went to Washington, and for a number of years had charge of different congregations in that Territory. He had previously married Miss Rebecca Cokain, a native of Pittsburg, Penn., and a representative of a prominent pioneer family of Venango county. Her death occurred in 1873, on the Indian Reservation at Puyallup, Wash., near Tacoma, where her husband was then serving as pastor. Of the six children born to them four are still living. The children are as follows: Edith A., now a teacher in Jeannette, Penn.; Della, a teacher at Latrobe, Penn.; George W., Jr., of Clintonville; Mrs. Frank Eakin and David E., both of whom died in Washington; and John V. The father was born in 1825, and devoted nearly his entire life to the work of the ministry, sacrificing his own interests for the betterment of his fellowmen.

The first eleven years of his life John V. Sloan passed in his native State, and on coming to Pennsylvania located in Limestone, where he grew to manhood. He prepared for the legal profession at Harvard College, but since 1888 has been interested in his present business in East Brady. The company, of which he is now secretary and treasurer, began business on a small scale in 1869, but as the demand for their medicine increased, they were obliged to enlarge their facilities, and their present plant was completed in 1888. Six years later a stock company was incorporated with a capital of $50,000, and Dr. J. W. James was elected president, and John V. Sloan secretary and treasurer. Four traveling salesmen are now upon the road, selling their goods in every State of the Union, and in the laboratory and printing room employment is furnished to thirty hands. The company is one of the most important concerns of the kind in this section of the State, and is doing a large and constantly increasing business.

At Brady's Bend, Penn., in 1886, Mr. Sloan was united in marriage with Miss Emma E. James, a daughter of Dr. J. W. James, and to them have been born four children: George James, Genevieve K., Margaret James and John V., Jr. The career of Mr. Sloan 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. He is a man of keen perception, great sagacity and unbounded enterprise, and the success that he has achieved in life is certainly well deserved. He is a Republican in politics, has been a member of the city council, and belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

J. W. JAMES, M. D., president of the J. W. James Medicine Company, was born in Aaronsburg, Centre Co., Penn., February 25, 1826, and belongs to an old Pennsylvania family, his father being James James, a pioneer merchant of Aaronsburg. His mother, who bore the maiden name of Agnes Williamson, was of Scotch ancestry, and was also a representative of a pioneer family of this State. The parents spent their last years in Armstrong county. The Doctor acquired his literary education in Millheim, Centre county, and then entered the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, where he graduated with the class of 1847. Locating in Brady's Bend, he there successfully engaged in general practice until he embarked in the manufacture of medicine at East Brady, in 1869. His medicine has become very popular throughout the United States, being sold from Maine to California.

In Greenville, Mercer Co., Penn., Dr. James was married to Miss Margaret, daughter of William and Rachel Templeton, now deceased. The Doctor and his wife have become the parents of five children: Ida, deceased; William D., a physician and surgeon of East Brady; Robert C., who is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company in Chicago; Emma, wife of John V. Sloan.
of this sketch; and Edwin, of East Brady. In politics Dr. James is a Republican, in religious faith he is a Presbyterian, and, in his society relations, a Knight of Honor. Courteous, genial, well-informed, alert and enterprising, he stands to-day one of the leading representative men of East Brady—a man who is a power in his community.

SAMUEL POOLE, the present efficient street commissioner of East Brady, was born September 10, 1826, in Staffordshire, England, of which county his parents, Francis and Ann (Webster) Poole, were also natives. The father died in Staffordshire in 1854, and the mother also spent her entire life in England, dying there in 1865.

In the public schools of his native land Samuel Poole pursued his studies, and in that country was married at the age of eighteen years to Miss Rebecca Hart, also a native of Staffordshire, and a daughter of George and Ann (Crannage) Hart, the former of whom died in England. In 1858 Mr. and Mrs. Poole sailed for the United States, and first located in Brady's Bend, Armstrong Co., Pa., where he worked in a mill, the mines and also the Brady Bend Rolling Mills. Since 1883, however, he has made his home in East Brady, and for the past six years has most acceptably served as street commissioner. Mr. Poole manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting at Kittanning, Pa., in October, 1861, for three years, in Company B, 103d P. V. I., and was sworn into the service at that place, the regiment being assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He was in the seven-days' fighting at Williamsburg, the siege of Yorktown, and the battles of Fair Oaks, Chickahominy, White Oak Swamp, Railroad Bridge, Bottom Bridge, Long Bridge, James Ford, Charles City Cross Roads and Harrison Point. Being taken ill, he was sent to a hospital in Philadelphia, August 10, 1862, and at that place was honorably discharged the following September.

Mr. Poole has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who departed this life in 1892. She had one brother, Thomas Hart, now a resident of Lancaster, Ohio, who enlisted in 1861, in the 103d P. V. I., for three years, and subsequently re-enlisted, serving until the close of the war. Being captured by the enemy, he was confined for eight months in the loathsome prison at Andersonville. Mr. Poole has three children living: Water S., a resident of Elwood City, Penn.; Edward F., of New Bethlehem, Penn.; and Mollie, at home. Since casting his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Poole has been an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of Thomas S. Sedgwick Post No. 294, G. A. R., and Alpine Lodge No. 479, I. O. O. F., of Brady's Bend. His public and private duties have alike been discharged with promptness and fidelity, and his career has ever been such as to commend him to the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact.

OLIVER J. CRUM. Among the leading business men of Monroe, Clarion county, there is none better known than the individual whose name heads this article. Since 1872 he has carried on operations here as a blacksmith and wagon maker, and, being an expert workman and reliable business man, he has built up an excellent trade, his patronage extending for many miles into the surrounding country.

Mr. Crum was born April 5, 1840, in Beaver township, Clarion county. His father, John Crum, one of the honored pioneers of the county, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., of German descent. He was reared, however, in Armstrong county, where he married Miss Mary M. Snider, a native of that county, whose parents were from Bedford county, Penn. To this worthy couple were born five children, namely: George W., a resident of Oil City, Penn.; Mrs. Anna Knight, of Richland township, Clarion county; Isabella, wife of John Neely, of Beaver township; Oliver J.; and William Alexander, who died at the age of eighteen years. Throughout his active business life the father followed the occupation of farming. He gave his political support to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and religiously was identified with the Reformed Church, in which he served as deacon or elder for many years. He always took an active and prominent part in all Church work, and was a sincere Christian. In Salem township, Clarion county, he departed this life at the age of eighty-one, and his estimable wife passed away in the same township at the age of fifty-eight.

The subject of this sketch acquired a good practical education in the country schools, and on the home farm early became familiar with agricultural pursuits. At the age of seventeen he began learning his trade, which he has now successfully followed for forty years. His labors were interrupted, however, by his services during the Rebellion, for in March, 1865, he enlisted in Company A, 98th P. V. I., and served until
the close of the war. Since coming to Monroe, in 1872, he has engaged in general blacksmithing and wagon making, and also does all kinds of repairing.

In January, 1866, in Richland township, Clarion county, Mr. Crum was married to Miss Elizabeth Conner, who was born, reared and educated in Beaver township, the same county, and is a daughter of Frank Conner, of Scotch-Irish descent. She has one brother, Army Jesse Conner, now living in Dakota. To Mr. and Mrs. Crum have been born the following children: Francis H., who still makes his home in Clarion county; Maggie, who died at the age of ten years; Celia, wife of William Ramsay, of Sandusky county, Ohio; Della L.; Melda E.; and Verta L.

Fraternally, Mr. Crum is a member of Lookout Post, G. A. R., of St. Petersburg, and the Knights of Honor, while, religiously, he and his family all hold membership in the Reformed Church. The Democratic party has always found in him an earnest advocate, and he gives his support to all measures for the benefit of the county in which he lives, or that are calculated to elevate society in general.

AMES L. REED, of Highland township, is a member of an honored pioneer family of Clarion county, which was founded here when the locality was a wild and unimproved region. In the work of development they have taken an active part and aided in opening up the country to civilization.

John Reed, with his wife, Eve McGuffy, came from Ireland about 1753, then having one child that died on shipboard. They settled in Sherman’s Valley, Penn., on a farm, reared a family of six children, four sons and two daughters, and in their old age sold their farm and moved to Lycoming county, Penn., where both died. William Reed, our subject’s grandfather, was a native of Sherman’s Valley, Penn., and in 1804 moved to Erie county, where he settled on the Hcland land purchase and made his home for five years. He next located near Titusville, in Crawford county, and later, for a few years, rented the Holdman farm on the Allegheny river. In 1819, however, he came to what was then Richland township, Venango county (now Highland township, Clarion county), and took up his residence on the Joseph Porter farm, where he and his wife Elizabeth both died in 1848. In the family of this worthy couple were seven children: (1) Eleanor married Uriel Fletcher, a native of New York, and died in Knox township, Clarion county, a number of years ago. (2) John, the father of our subject, is the next in order of birth. (3) Jane married Alexander Porter, of Venango county, Penn., and lived in Highland township, Clarion county, where she died leaving a family of children. (4) Elizabeth married Ephraim Mix, of Connecticut, and lived for a number of years in Jefferson county, Penn., where both died at an early day, leaving a family, but only one child is now living, being a resident of Jefferson county, Penn. (5) James, born near Sunbury, Cumberland Co., Penn., came with his parents to Clarion county, and spent the remainder of his life on the old homestead in Highland township. He wedded Mary Hulings, formerly of Lycoming county, Penn., and reared a large family. (6) William, born in Lycoming county, in 1802, married Agnes Lamb, of Venango county, and lived on a farm in Highland township, where both died some years ago, leaving a large family. They celebrated their golden wedding; the wife lived on the farm over sixty years. (7) Margaret, born in Erie county, Penn., in 1805, came with her parents to Clarion county, where she married James Lamb, of Venango county, and they lived on a farm in Knox township, Clarion county, where her death occurred. She had three children—James, Samuel and Elizabeth.

John Reed, father of our subject, was born in Lycoming county in 1793, and, on attaining to man’s estate, he wedded Jane Lamb, of Venango county. Soon afterward he bought David Whitehill’s settlement right of a tract of land, some of it cleared, and had a log house on it made of split hickory logs. In 1833 the land was sold at commissioners’ sale (1,525 acres) at about eleven cents per acre. In 1821 he commenced to clear and improve his property in order to provide a home for his family. He first built a log house and log barn, but later replaced these with a large brick residence and good barn, and made many other excellent and useful improvements upon the place, converting it into one of the finest farms of the township. He also built a sawmill on Tarkill run, and successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber for a number of years. His death occurred on the old homestead in 1866, and his wife passed away in 1844.

James L. Reed, the eldest of his children, was born in 1822, in the old log house upon the home farm in Highland township, and was reared amid scenes of frontier life. He attended the common schools, and aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm. In 1848 he began teaching in his native township, teach-
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ing two years in succession, and again in 1836 in Helen township, Clarion county, but he was principally employed in looking after his father's business interests. He engaged in building coal boats on the Clarion river for the Pittsburg markets, and was also extensively interested in lumbering and running on the rivers during his younger years. At one time he was connected with the oil trade in Clarion county, but the greater part of his time has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and although seventy-five years of age, he can still do a full day's work in the harvest field, so well preserved is he. Physically he is as active as a man of forty years, and his mind is still clear and bright, enabling him to recall many interesting incidents of pioneer life. He still resides upon a part of his father's first purchase.

The other children of the family are as follows: (2) William S., born in 1823, married Lizzie Berlin, and also spent his entire life upon a part of the old homestead in Highland township. He died from injuries received while clearing his land, and left a wife and eleven children—Nancy J., Ellen, Araminta, Caroline, Lavina, John, Gertrude, Albert, Clyde, Roland, and Lydia, who died in childhood. (3) Columbus, born in December, 1825, resided on the home farm until his death in 1893. He had married Adaline McCray, of Venango county, who with her family is now living in Warren county, Penn. (4) Eliza A., born in 1827, died at the age of fifty-three. (5) John H., born in October, 1829, married Rachel McLaine, of Highland township, and made his home near Big Run, in Jefferson county, where he died in July, 1897, being injured by a runaway horse. He left a wife and family. (6) Samuel, born in March, 1832, married Elizabeth Slagle, of Porter township, Clarion county, and is now engaged in lumbering in Forest county. He has eight children living. (7) Caroline, born in 1834, resides on the old homestead with our subject, and takes an active interest in all Church and benevolent work. (8) Charles, born in 1836, married Sarah McCray, of Clarion county, by whom he has three children. He is also living upon a part of his father's first purchase. (9) Nancy, born in 1838, is also living with our subject, and is a devoted and earnest Christian woman, always ready to lend a helping hand to the poor and needy. (10) Rebecca J., born in August, 1840, is the wife of Samuel Mahle, a farmer and merchant of Highland township.

The paternal grandfather of our subject voted for Gen. Washington for President, and the father was a lifelong Democrat in politics. The latter aided in the erection of the first Presbyterian Church in Highland township, and served as its elder for a number of years. He was a very prominent and influential man, and was a liberal supporter of all objects tending to the betterment of mankind. His family adhere to the same faith, and also take an active part in Church work. James L. Reed usually casts his ballot with the Democratic party, has served as township auditor and clerk for about twenty consecutive years, was supervisor one term, and is at present judge of election. He is broad and liberal in his view, has faithfully performed his duties of citizenship, and his interest in the welfare and progress of the community has never abated.

H. HOOVER, a well-known lumberman of Mill Creek township, Clarion county, was born October 28, 1857, in Butler county, Penn., and is a son of S. C. and Jane (Anchors) Hoover, the former born in Butler county, in 1831, and the latter in Armstrong county, in 1833. After their marriage they located upon a farm in Butler county, and on selling that place removed to Saline, Venango Co., Penn., where the father engaged in the manufacture of brick. His next removal made him a resident of the city of Clarion, and while living there he made the brick for the school houses of that place. In 1883 he removed to Manhattan, Kans., where he purchased a farm and engaged in stock raising for six years. Selling his place at the end of that time, he removed to Oklahoma, where he engaged in the manufacture of brick and in building houses for several years. While in that territory his wife died. Subsequently he sold his property there and purchased a farm in Delaware county, Ind., where he now resides.

Mr. Hoover, of this review, is one of a family of eight children, of whom the others are as follows: (1) S. H., the eldest, was born in Butler county, Penn., and on reaching manhood married Hattie Myry, of Strattonville, Clarion county, by whom he has three children; he is now living in Lincoln county, Kans., and is serving his second term as sheriff. (2) C. H., born in Butler county, Penn., married a Miss Mamie Henry, of Oberlin, Ohio, and has a family; he lives in Sherman, Texas, where he owns and conducts a music store. (3) Mamie, a native of Elk county, Penn., was educated in Kansas, and is now the wife of P. J. Leik, of Denver, Colo.; they have one daughter—Fay. (4) Carrie, born in Clarion county, is the wife of J. L. Dougherty, of Duluth, Minn., where he is manager of a store, and they have one son. (5) M. D., also a native
of Clarion county, is married and has two children. He lives in Purcell, Indian Ter., and is bookkeeper for a company. (6) O. L. M., born in Clarion county, is engaged in brick making in Guthrie, Okla. (7) Minnie M., born in Clarion county, married Fred Kilgore, of Yorktown, Ind., and they have one child; they now reside in Anderson, Kans., where he is engaged in merchandising.

T. H. Hoover grew to manhood in Clarion county, and obtained a good practical education in the Clarion Seminary. During his youth he learned the brickmaker's trade, and in 1881 manufactured the brick for M. Arnold's large building in the city of Clarion. On February 28 of that year, he was united in marriage to Miss Mirtie H. Rulofson, of Strattonville, a daughter of R. and A. J. Rulofson. Her father is one of the extensive lumbermen and prominent citizens of Clarion county. One child graces this union: W. Allen, born January 1, 1894. After his marriage Mr. Hoover located in Clarion, where as a contractor in brick he did an extensive business, furnishing the brick for the court house at that place in 1884. Removing to Strattonville, he was employed as fireman and engineer in Mr. Rulofson's sawmill at the mouth of Mill creek, and since 1888 has acceptably served as its foreman. Throughout the summer he gives his attention to the milling business, but spends the winter months with his family in New York, Philadelphia, or other large cities. He is an active, enterprising business man, and, in connection with the management of his father-in-law's mills, he has also superintended the boat building at that gentleman's large plant on the Clarion river.

Mr. Hoover has always taken quite an active interest in political affairs, is one of the prominent members of the Republican party in his community, but has never cared for official honors. His wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church of Strattonville, and in social circles they occupy a prominent position.

MARTIN WAGNER, residing in Paint township, Clarion county, has for many years been actively and prominently identified with the business affairs of this section of the State, especially with its lumber and agricultural interests. He was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, January 20, 1829, and is a son of Jacob and Dorothy Wagner, also natives of that country, where the father died in 1851. He was twice married, having by the first union three children, all of whom remained in the Fatherland. After his death the mother and one daughter came to America, in 1860, and spent her remaining years in Armstrong county, where her death occurred in 1885.

Her children were as follows: (1) Catharine, on coming to the New World, became a resident of Connecticut, where she was living at the time of her death. (2) Barbara married George Brown, also a native of Germany, and they now make their home in Armstrong county, Penn. Their children are—George, William and Mary. (3) Mary also took up her residence in Armstrong county, where she married John Fey, and where she is still living. He died in 1897. (4) Conrad married Susan Crosier, of Armstrong county, where he owns and operates a farm. In his family were eight children—Jacob, Martin, Thomas, Charles (who died in 1893), Wesley, George, Dorothy and James. (5) Dorothy became the wife of John Sheiling, and lived in Armstrong county, where he died some years ago, leaving three children—Martin, John and Mary. Mrs. Sheiling now makes her home in Marionville.

The schools of Germany afforded our subject excellent educational privileges, and in his native land he also became familiar with agricultural pursuits. In 1853, accompanied by a sister, Mrs. Jacob Wagner, he came to America on a sailing vessel, which landed them safely at New York. From there they proceeded to Philadelphia, and thence to Piney township, Clarion county, where Mr. Wagner worked in a sawmill for Jacob Hahn for two years, and during the following year and a half was employed in William Fenton's distillery. In 1857 he purchased a half interest in a liquor still, with which he was connected until 1865.

In 1860, Mr. Wagner was married to Miss Mary A. Crosier, of Armstrong county, a daughter of William and Jane Crosier. They began their domestic life in Piney, where he engaged in the hotel business, and also operated a sawmill. In partnership with John Metzger he purchased property at Piney, and together they engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some time. Mrs. Wagner died at that place in 1869, leaving two daughters: (1) Dorothy is the wife of Conrad Baughman, and they reside in Paint township on a part of her father's homestead. Their children are—Mary, Martin, Hulda, Charles, Barbara and George. (2) Mary is the wife of Joseph Smith, and they also reside upon a part of her father's farm. They had three children—John (who died at the age of two years), Charles and Willie.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Wagner returned to Germany on a visit, and there met Miss Barbara Lang, who the same year became his wife, the marriage being celebrated in Arm-
Martin Wagner
strong county, Penn. Five children have been born to them, namely: Christine, born at their present home, in 1872, attended the common schools, and later graduated at the Clarion Normal. She is a very bright and accomplished young lady, has visited Germany, and is now successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools. Jacob, born in 1874, also attended the common schools, and subsequently the schools of Germany and the Clarion Normal. He now owns and operates a fine farm in Armstrong county, and also attends to his father’s oil interests in Clarion county. Charles, born in 1877, received a good common-school education: he owns a tract of land in Paint township, Clarion county, given him by his father. Anna B., born in 1879, began her education in the common schools, and later pursued her studies in the Clarion Normal. Alfred, born in 1884, is also attending school.

After his second marriage, Mr. Wagner, in partnership with Messrs. Metzger and Hahn, bought 1,700 acres of timber land in Paint township, Clarion county, and in 1870 erected thereon a steam sawmill, where they engaged in the manufacture of boat lumber and square timber for a number of years, doing a very extensive and profitable business. Some years they owned and ran as many as fifty coal boats on the Clarion river for the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets, and at the same time carried on a large lumber business in Piney. Mr. Wagner was general manager of the property in Paint township, 1,700 acres of which had cost $40 per acre. In that township he erected a large two-story residence, in 1870, for his own use, and also built a number of houses to rent. In connection with his business he conducted a general store for a number of years. In 1873 our subject and Mr. Hahn purchased Mr. Metzger’s interest in the business, and five years later Mr. Wagner became sole owner, having paid $30,000 for his partner’s interest. In 1883 he also embarked in the oil business, sinking a number of wells on his own property, and leasing others, all of which he operated. He still owns a number of pumping wells which pay him a good royalty, and has large and valuable tracts of land in both Armstrong and Clarion counties, 400 acres of which are under a high state of cultivation and well improved.

Politically, Mr. Wagner is a stanch Democrat, and he has acceptably filled the offices of overseer of the poor, township auditor, school director and justice of the peace, being elected to the last named in 1872, but refused to serve. He and his family are all connected with the Lutheran Church, and occupy an enviable position in both business and social circles. Mr. Wagner has had a remarkable career in many respects. On reaching this country he was without a dollar; but he was young, strong and ambitious, and through his own energy, enterprise and perseverance he has become one of the most prominent and wealthy lumbermen and land owners in Clarion county, and is now living retired. Although he has taken many risks, he has been remarkably successful in his speculations owing to his sound judgment and good business ability. He has not only aided his children in starting out in life for themselves, but has also been a liberal contributor to all charitable objects which he believed deserving of aid. Honest and upright in all his dealings, he has won the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and the warm regard of many friends.

ISAAC McCøy, one of the most industrious and enterprising farmers of Beaver township, Clarion county, was born in 1838, in Butler county, Penn. Mr. McCoy traces his ancestry back to Thomas McCoy, a native of Berkeley county, W. Va., who was born in 1754, and after reaching manhood cleared and improved 600 acres of wild land in Pine township, Mercer Co., Penn., where he made his home for many years. His son, Joseph McCoy, the grandfather of our subject, was born in that county, November 24, 1779, and was also an agriculturist. He was a soldier of the war 1812, and was a valued and honored member of the community in which he made his home. His death occurred in 1820, in Louisville, Ky. In his family were the following children: Thomas, John, William, Lewis, David, Hiram, Mrs. Betsy Mitchell and Mrs. Johnson, all now deceased.

John McCoy, our subject’s father, was born in 1813, in Mercer county, where he was reared to habits of industry and thrift. During early life he engaged in farming and lumbering, and also learned the stonemason’s trade, at which he was employed. He married Miss Margaret Jane Richmond, also a native of Mercer county, and a daughter of Isaac Richmond, who was born in Pennsylvania, on the Susquehanna river. In 18— Mr. McCoy brought his family to what is now Clarion county, and in 1842 purchased a lot in Clarion borough, and resided there until 1850; then he moved to Beaver township to a tract of 160 acres of timberland, which he converted into a good farm. There he died in 1867, and his wife passed away.
JOHN F. MOHNEY, proprietor of a livery, feed and sale stable in New Bethlehelm, is a representative of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Clarion county. He traces his ancestry back to Adam Mohney, a native of Germany, who crossed the Atlantic to the New World in the latter years of 1700, settled in Northampton county, Penn., and in 1808 came to Clarion county, Penn., and purchased 1,100 acres of land near West Millville. Returning to Northampton county, Penn., he brought to his new home his large family of children, some of whom were already married. He died in West Millville, and was laid to rest in Oakridge cemetery in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

John Mohney, the son of Adam and the great-grandfather of our subject, married Catherine Wagner, and they became the parents of the following children: Maria, Elizabeth, Susanna, Mary, Catherine, Sarah, Lydia, Christina, Frederick, Jacob, Adam, John and Abram. It was in 1811 that John Mohney and wife came from Northampton county, Penn., to Clarion county and located upon a portion of the land which his father had purchased, erecting a large stone house thereon in 1824. He was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics, while religiously he was a member of the German Reformed Church. Both he and his wife died on the old homestead, and were buried at Oakridge.

The grandfather of our subject, Frederick Mohney, was born in Northampton county, in 1801, and was therefore but ten years of age when brought by his parents to Clarion county, where he subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits. Here he married Miss Ann Maria Kaster, a native of Northampton county, and a daughter of Philip Kaster, who was of German descent, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. Of the twelve children that graced this union, three died in infancy and nine reached years of maturity, namely: David, Elizabeth, Jeremiah, Catherine, Sophia, Mary Ellen, Christina, Calvin F. and Mathias. The father of this family died at the age of sixty-nine, and the mother at the age of eighty-two years. They were consistent members of the Reformed Church, and highly respected by all who knew them.

David Mohney, our subject's father, was born, reared and educated in Porter township, Clarion county, and in early life successfully engaged in general farming. When the war broke out, however, he laid aside civil pursuits, and on August 29, 1861, enlisted in the first call for three years' men, being commissioned first lieutenant of Company C, 75th P. V. I. He was a brave and fearless soldier, always found at his post of duty, and for seventeen months was in active service in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Having seriously injured his right ankle while climbing a stone wall, he was then honorably...
discharged on the surgeon's certificate, and returned home.

In Clarion county, in April, 1848, was celebrated the marriage of David Mohney and Miss Elizabeth Emhoff, a native of the county, her parents, John and Catherine Emhoff, being old settlers here, where their deaths occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Mohney were born eight children, namely: Mrs. Mary C. Silvis; Martin M.; Mrs. Elizabeth Wensell; William Bigler; John F., of this review; Era May Pink; Mrs. Elva Nora Hutson, deceased; and Warren R., a traveling salesman. As a stanch Democrat, David Mohney has always taken an active and prominent part in political affairs, and has done all in his power to insure the success of his party. For three years he served as county commissioner, and since 1876 has most acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace. He has been commander of Colonel Lemon Post No. 260, G. A. R., and in all the various relations of life he has always discharged the duties devolving upon him in a prompt and able manner.

In the county where he still makes his home, John F. Mohney was born December 14, 1860, and in its schools he acquired his education. During his younger years he was variously employed, but for the past eight years has successfully engaged in his present business. His stable is located in the rear of the Commercial Hotel, and he gives special attention to the wants of the traveling men. He has a fine line of carriages of all kinds, good driving horses and experienced drivers, and he thoroughly understands the business in every detail. He is one of the promoters of the telephone line, which has been established in Indiana, Jefferson and Clarion counties, and is still a stockholder and director of the company.

On July 15, 1880, Mr. Mohney was united in marriage to Miss Mary Elizabeth Dunkle, who was also born, reared and educated in Clarion county, and is a daughter of John K. Dunkle, a Union soldier. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is still living and makes her home in Reynoldsville, Penn. Politically, Mr. Mohney is identified with the Democratic party, and socially affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Maccabees. He has served as health officer and chairman of the borough, and is one of the most popular citizens as well as one of the leading and enterprising business men of New Bethlehem.

LEWIS SWAB, who was one of the brave boys in blue during the Civil war, has throughout the greater part of his life been actively identified with the interests of Clarion county. He was born in Clarion township, November 24, 1832, a son of Joseph and Mary (Pentz) Swab. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and when a young man came to Clarion county, where he married and engaged in farming until his removal to Venango county, in 1865. In Pine Grove township he opened up a farm, which he successfully operated until his death, which occurred in 1871. The mother died at the home of our subject in September, 1890, at the age of eighty-four.

Of the thirteen children born to them, twelve reached years of maturity, namely: Mrs. Martha Meely, a resident of Washington township, Clarion county; Reuben, who made his home in Venango county until enlisting in 1862, in the 155th P. V. I., and was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg; Eliza Jane, who died in Forest county, Penn.; Lewis, of this review; Myra and Susan, both deceased; Mrs. Hannah Beck, of Venango county; John Henry, of Elk township, Clarion county; George E., who was a member of the 155th P. V. I., during the Civil war, and now resides in Forest county; Mrs. Mary Catharine Ralston, of Clarion county; Joseph, of the same county; and Bradford, of Ohio.

The public schools of Clarion county afforded our subject his educational privileges, and in a blacksmith shop at Shannondale he learned the trade which has been his life occupation. He was married in Red Bank township, Clarion county, in 1854, to Miss Catharine Hetrick, a native of that township, born December 1, 1834, a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Himes) Hetrick, natives of Pennsylvania, and early settlers of Clarion county. Her father developed a number of farms here, and is still living in Red Bank township at the age of eighty-four years, but her mother died in Jefferson county, Penn., in 1881. To them were born fourteen children, of whom nine are still living. John died at the age of twenty-three, and Jacob, William and George Henry, all at the age of eighteen; David A. is a resident of Jefferson county; Sarah died in that county; Martin lives in Winslow township, Jefferson county; Reuben in Falls Creek; Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and Amos, in Winslow township, Jefferson county; Mrs. Caroline Thompson, in Brockwayville; and Lewis and Mrs. Matilda Curll, in Winslow township.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Swab, but only three are now living; Mrs. Sarah Ann Swaringer, of Millville, Red Bank township, Clarion county; Mrs. Mary Ellen Doverspike, of Clarion county; and Mrs. Amanda M. Dietrich, of Salem, Clarion county. Those deceased are
Mrs. Eliza Jane Keefer, who died in Oil City, Penn., in 1891; John Henry, who died when young; and Ammon, who died in infancy.

Mr. Swab manifested his loyalty and patriotism in August, 1864, when he enlisted at Brookville, Jefferson county, in Company B, 11th P. V. I., for one year or during the war. He was mustered into the United States service at Camp Reynolds, and with the Army of the Potomac participated in the battle of Petersburg. After the surrender of Lee, he was honorably discharged at Alexandria, Va., June 2, 1865, and returned to Brookville.

Mr. Swab had removed to Jefferson county, in 1855, and continued to work at his trade in Heathsville until 1869, when he returned to Clarion county, but in 1875 he located in Pine Grove township, Venango county, where he has since conducted a shop. He is one of the best and most successful blacksmiths in his locality, and from the public receives a liberal patronage. He is an honored member of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville, and in politics is identified with the Republican party. He is a progressive man, pre-eminently public-spirited, and all that pertains to the public welfare receives his hearty endorsement.

GRIER SLOAN, who occupies a beautiful farm, nicely improved, comprising some 140 acres situated just outside the borough of Clarion, is a native of the county, born in Limestone township, August 14, 1847. His parents, Samuel and Eliza Sloan, were born in Clarion and Armstrong counties respectively, the former in 1808, and the latter in 1815. They were farming people, and worthy and respected citizens of the community in which they lived. They were married in 1833, and the union was blessed with the following named children: Wilhelmina, Montgomery, Margaret, Harriet, Mary, Caroline, J. Walter, S. Grier, W. Hall, David Everett, and Rosanna. The mother of these died in June, 1882, and the father on April 10, 1887.

S. Grier Sloan was reared on his father's farm, receiving his primary education in the neighboring schools. Subsequently he attended, for a time, the more advanced school of State Normal and the academy in Armstrong county. At the age of eighteen years he came with his parents to the farm upon which he now resides, and has partially followed agricultural pursuits thus far through life. In connection with farming he is engaged in the oil business, having on his land three oil-producing wells. He is one of the substantial farmers and citizens of Clarion county.

On June 1, 1881, Mr. Sloan was married to Esther Ehrenfeld, daughter of Rev. George Frederick and Esther (Hill) Ehrenfeld, both old families of Pennsylvania. Rev. Ehrenfeld was born in Philadelphia, Penn., the eldest son of Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld, M. D., who had three sons and two sons-in-law in the Gospel ministry of the Lutheran Church. He was educated at Gettysburg, in College and Seminary. After his ordination he was a pioneer minister of the English Branch of his Church for a number of years as Missionary President in Western Pennsylvania. His fields of labor were Shippenville, Clarion, Kittanning, Leechburg, Brookville and many other rural points. His active religious experience reaches far back in the history of his Church and its institutions. His ministerial life was always identified with the General Synod until his death, July 26, 1876. His youngest brother, Rev. Charles Lewis Ehrenfeld, was at one time State Librarian, and is at present vice-principal of Southwestern State Normal School at California, Pennsylvania.

The father of Rev. George Frederick Ehrenfeld was Doctor (of Medicine) Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld, who came to this country in 1805. He came not as an emigrant, but to visit and assist the return of his father, George Frederick Ehrenfeld, Sr., who had been in Philadelphia a number of years on commercial business, but who was now detained by large financial losses and broken health. Diligent effort was made to close his affairs in order to facilitate the return of both, as soon as possible, to their home in Europe; but further heavy losses occurring, and a partial stroke of paralysis overtaking the father, so complicated the situation that their departure was indefinitely delayed, and, finally, neither got back. The father, G. F. Ehrenfeld, Sr., died in Philadelphia, November, 1809. The son, Doctor A. C. E., had meanwhile married, and at his home the father died.

Doctor Augustus Clemens Ehrenfeld was now the only male survivor of the line, and thus the family was, providentially, transferred to this country. Doctor A. C. Ehrenfeld had left in Europe an only sister considerably older than himself, who had married John Weber (treasurer of the estate of the Count of Erbach), from whom have sprung not a few men of eminence in science and the professions.

Very full records of the family exist in the public archives of their native country, reading back to 1601. These give the names of each preceding family of ancestors, accompanied in
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of Clarion county, and has repeatedly been a
delegate to State and National Conventions.
Mr. Sloan is a member of the A. O. U. W., and
has passed all the chairs in that order.
In politics he is a Democrat, and has filled several
local offices, among which is that of school director, for about twelve years, but he has never
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forts that, in 1897, a large creamery was erected in Lucinda, and as general manager for a time he successfully operated the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Huefner have become the parents of eleven children, three of whom were born in McKean county, and the others upon the home farm in Paint township, Clarion county. Their names and dates of birth are as follows: George L., August 21, 1879; Edward and Frank, twins, March 3, 1881; Stephen C., December 25, 1882; Tracy B., August 7, 1884; Barbara J., May 23, 1886; Anthony, June 4, 1888; Leo J., April 10, 1890; Theckla A., February 15, 1892; Peter W., November 26, 1894; and Mary E., January 26, 1896. With the exception of Frank, who died August 1, 1892, all are still living and reside at home. The parents and older children all hold membership in the Catholic Church. In his political affiliations, Mr. Huefner is a Democrat. As a financier he ranks among the ablest in Clarion county, and the remarkable success he has achieved in life is due entirely to his own individual efforts. One of his leading characteristics in business affairs is his habit of giving careful attention to details, without which success in any undertaking is never an assured fact. He is a man of intrinsic worth, esteemed in all the relations of life, and has made many warm friends in his adopted country.

Luke Ochsner, a leading carpenter and contractor of Fryburg, Clarion county, is a man of excellent business ability and broad resources, and has won success in his chosen calling by his well-directed, energetic efforts. He is a native of Clarion county, born near Shippenville, October 16, 1839, and is a son of Joseph and Magdalena (Groshartz) Ochsner, both natives of Lorraine, France (at that time), whence they came to the United States in 1839. In Clarion county the father followed the occupation of farming throughout his active business life, and there died at the advanced age of ninety-one, while his wife reached the age of eighty-one. He was a stalwart Democrat, and both were devoted Catholics, in which faith they reared their family of eight children, namely: Joseph, Mary, Mathias, Luke, Victoria, Lina, Lizzie and Josiah.

Our subject's opportunities for an education were such as the country schools of his day afforded. On leaving the home farm he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since successfully followed, having erected many of the best residences and barns in his section of the county. Being himself an expert workman, he employs only skilled hands, and he conscientiously fulfills his part of every contract. His work, therefore, has always proven entirely satisfactory, and has won for him an enviable reputation in business circles. On February 15, 1893, he enlisted in Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and with his command took part in the hotly-contested engagements at Gettysburg, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, besides many other important battles and skirmishes. Although he had two horses shot from under him, and his clothing pierced by bullets, he was never seriously wounded. On receiving his discharge, April 9, 1895, he returned home with an honorable war record, and resumed work at his trade.

In 1868 Mr. Ochsner married Miss Theresa Eiseman, of Fryburg, a daughter of Jacob Eiseman (now deceased), who was one of the prominent early settlers of the county. Several children were born of this union, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Theodore J., June 8, 1871; Mary M., February 2, 1873 (died November 13, 1878); Katie E., December 11, 1874; Jacob J., September 26, 1875; Alexander, February 27, 1878 (died November 10, 1878); Frank H., October 13, 1880; Martha T., October 23, 1881 (died April 5, 1882); Philomena, August 29, 1883; Anna, August 19, 1885; and Genevieve, August 8, 1887.

Fraternally, Mr. Ochsner affiliates with Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville; politically he is identified with the Republican party. While possessing the qualities of a successful business man and a desirable social companion, perhaps his most strongly-marked characteristic is his unswerving fidelity to duty. His private interests must always give way to the public good, and thus he has always become honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, or who have met him in a business way.

F. Will, of Beaver township, is one of the leading carpenters and contractors of his section of Clarion county, and on all sides may be seen many buildings which stand as monuments to his skill and handiwork.

Mr. Will is a native of the county, born in Beaver township, August 3, 1843, a son of Peter and Catherine (Master) Will, both natives of Berks county, Penn., and of German extraction. In 1842 they came to Clarion county and took up their residence in Beaver township, where the father died at the age of seventy-six. The mother died at the age of eighty-four years in Porter township, Clarion county. To them were
born thirteen children, as follows: Joel, Leah, Magdelene, Angeline, Ellen (deceased), Evan, Sarah and Lydia (deceased), Kate, Mary, Frank, and two who died in infancy. As a life work the father engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in his political views he was a stalwart Democrat.

On leaving the old home farm, P. F. Will learned the carpenter's trade, and has since successfully engaged in contracting and building, with the exception of when in the service of his country during the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted for three years in Company G, 153th P. V. I., and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Round Top and Petersburg. Hostilities having ceased, he was honorably discharged June 2, 1865, and returned home.

On June 5, 1870, Mr. Will was married to Miss Samantha Neely, a daughter of Israel and Rachel (Lenderman) Neely, whose other children were: Eber; Henry; Frances, wife of O. C. Knight; Alfred, who died in infancy; Mahala, deceased; and Richard, who died at the age of thirty-three years, leaving a widow and six children. The father of this family departed this life in June, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Will have five children, who in order of birth are as follows: Maud O. (Mrs. Harry Armagast), Flora B., Belle, Clyde O. and Beulah Irene.

Mr. Will is a charter member of Lookout Post, G. A. R., of St. Petersburg, with which he is still connected, and with his wife he belongs to the Reformed Church. He is easily approachable, showing courtesy to all with whom he comes in contact, and is a companionable, genial gentleman, having a host of warm friends. His genuine worth and many manly virtues are widely recognized.

HENRY S. LOCKART, one of the active, energetic, and enterprising men of Shippenville, now devotes his time and attention to the oil business and is meeting with a fair degree of success in his undertakings. He is proud to claim Pennsylvania as his native State, his birth having occurred in Montgomery county, November 13, 1838, and he is a son of James and Mary (Shrauger) Lockart. His father was born in 1802, in Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and when a young man came to America, landing in Philadelphia. From there he proceeded to Montgomery county, where he was married, and in 1840 he moved over land to Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., making that place his home throughout the remainder of his life. He was a well-known contractor on public works, and he and his brother David H. built the French Creek feeder or canal from Meadville to Conneaut Lake, to provide a feeder for the Erie and Pittsburg canal. He engaged in Government contracting for many years, and also built a section of the Erie railroad in the vicinity of Elmira, N. Y., in 1849 and 1850. He died at his home in Meadville, in 1855, and his wife passed away at the same place in 1879.

In the family of this worthy couple were eight children, three sons and five daughters, namely: Elizabeth, who married Dr. Best, and died in Meadville, in 1893; Margaret, who is still a resident of that city; Catharine, who married J. H. Siggens, and died in Youngsville, Warren Co., Penn., in 1892; Anna, a resident of Meadville; Samuel D., who died in 1879; Henry S., of this sketch; D. Webster, of Meadville; and Agnes M., wife of T. Baron Kelsey, of Brooklyn, New York.

Henry S. Lockart was reared and educated in Meadville, where he continued to reside until going to Titusville, Penn., in 1860. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, One Hundred Thirty-sixth P. V. I., and was sworn into the United States service as third corporal. Soon after the battle of Fredericksburg, December 13, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, and with the Army of the Potomac participated in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, May 29, 1863, at which time he weighed only 108 pounds, while the fall previous he had weighed 184.

Returning to his home in Titusville, Mr. Lockart served as assistant postmaster of that place for three years, and was then employed as a traveling salesman for the following eleven years. In 1876 he became a resident of Shippenville, where he first engaged in the livery business, but is now interested in oil producing. He owns two oil wells, from which he derives a fair income.

On the 13th of January, 1876, in Shippenville, Mr. Lockart was united in marriage to Miss Emma Louise Black, a native of that place, and a daughter of Adam and Mary G. (Eckert) Black. Her father, a native of Maryland, was interested in the iron business and opened up an iron furnace. He died in 1878, but Mrs. Black is still a resident of Shippenville. Mr. Lockart has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who passed to the unseen world August 22, 1895.

In his political affiliations Mr. Lockart is a stalwart Republican, and he is now acceptably serving as secretary of the city council. Socially
he belongs to Clarion Lodge No. 277, F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the chairs, and is a charter member of Eden Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., of Clarion, of which he is a Past High Priest, and is now serving his tenth consecutive year as secretary. He has also served as commander of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., and is now adjutant of the post, having filled that position for several years. He is one of the representative citizens of Shippenville, is public-spirited and progressive, and is widely and favorably known throughout his adopted county.

JOHN BOVARD GWINN, ex-county treasurer and a substantial agriculturist of Monroe township, Clarion county, has been a resident of the county nearly sixty years, and of his present home a half century.

John Gwinn, his grandfather, came from Ireland to America during the Revolutionary war in 1776, and entered the Continental army, serving five years. He settled in Westmoreland county, Penn., and, being a good scholar, taught school. He married Miss Mary Bovard, and then became a farmer of Washington township.

John Gwinn (2), a son, was a native of Westmoreland county, where he was born in 1784. He married Miss Mary McClode, also born in that county, daughter of William McClode, a native of Scotland, who served in the British army, being at the siege of Gibraltar, but who became one of the early settlers of Westmoreland county, Penn. John Gwinn took part in the war of 1812, being roll-master and also serving in the commissary department. In his early life he was a tanner, but later became a farmer. From 1823 up until the adoption of the new State Constitution, he served as justice of the peace, and was an active worker in the Poke Run Presbyterian Church, which was one of the first Churches organized in Westmoreland county. His death occurred in 1871. His wife died in early life, passing away in 1833 when she was aged thirty-three years. The children born to this marriage were: William B. was a ship carpenter, and died at Louisville, Ky.; Mary; John B. is our subject; David McClode died in 1852 at Rimersburg, Penn.; Samuel, a carpenter, died at Quincy, Ill.; and Rev. Robert M., of the M. E. denomination, now in Idaho, was a soldier of the Civil war.

John Bovard Gwinn was born on his father's farm in Westmoreland county, April 18, 1823. He remained at home until the death of his mother in 1833, then worked on farms in that vicinity until seventeen years of age. At that age he came to Perry township, Clarion county, working on a farm for an uncle some four years. He then rented a farm in Toby township, upon which he resided one year, then, in the spring of 1846, came to the farm upon which he now resides, where by good management, by industrious habits, and by the practice of economy he has become well-to-do. Since nineteen years of age he has been a member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for forty-six years. He has been a very useful citizen, an upright, honorable man, of unquestioned integrity, and has held the esteem and respect of the community in which he has so long mingled. Politically he is a Republican, and to him belongs the honor of being the first and only treasurer of Clarion county of that political complexion. He was elected to that office in 1875, and served one term of three years very acceptably to the people and with credit to himself.

Mr. Gwinn has been twice married, the first time, on April 2, 1846, on his present farm, to Elizabeth J. Rankin, and to them were born nine children, namely: William H. is a farmer in the State of Washington; Jennie married John Goheen, a farmer and lumberman of Oregon; Edward is a farmer in Nebraska; Mary L. married Theodore Orr, a farmer of Clarion county; Elizabeth is unmarried and lives with her brother, Frank L., in Garfield, Washington; David H., formerly a farmer in Nebraska, is now publishing the Garfield Enterprise, at Garfield, Wash.; Charles A. is postmaster at Garfield; Anna M. married John J. Shick, who is publisher of The Watchman in Walla Walla, Wash.; and Frank L. is in the furniture business at Garfield, Wash. The mother of these died in 1877, at the age of fifty-three years, and is buried in the Licking cemetery at Clarion county. On August 6, 1889, at Brookville, Mr. Gwinn was married to Miss Hannah Mary Reynolds, which marriage is without issue.

The ancestors of Mrs. Hannah Mary Gwinn have been identified with the affairs of the Commonwealth for many years, and some of them have resided in what is now Clarion county for sixty years. William Reynolds, her grandfather, in company with four brothers, came from England to America and settled near Kittanning, Penn., in the early history of that section. John Reynolds, a son of William, was born in Kittanning, Penn., and there on June 7, 1832, was married to Rebecca Chamberlain, whose ancestors came from Scotland to New Jersey, thence to Pennsylvania, where her father ever afterward made his home, dying on a farm near Chambers-
burg. Her grandfather, McNay, served all through the Revolutionary war. After his marriage John Reynolds remained at Kittanning until 1837; then came to what is now Clarion county, locating at Curlsville, where his death occurred July 7, 1884, when he was aged nearly seventy-eight years. By trade and occupation he was a tanner and harnessmaker, and in his religious faith he was a member of the Seceder Church, and was a most devout and consistent Christian; and could always be found in attendance at divine service, though the house of worship was five miles distant from his home. A most honorable gentleman, kind-hearted and generous, always contributing largely to benevolent purposes, he was a useful citizen, and a man whose upright life commended him to all. His most estimable wife, too, was a pious and very religious woman—a woman of fine character, beloved by a large acquaintance. She died on December 24, 1892, in her seventy-eighth year, and was buried at Rimersburg. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds children as follows: Joseph C. died in youth; Candace died at the age of seven years; N. Rebecca is the widow of Dr. E. B. Sharpe, formerly of Rimersburg, Penn.; Hannah Mary is the wife of our subject; and Margaret M. married James Grier, a hardware merchant of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Hannah Mary Gwinn was born at Curlsville, Penn. She is quite an accomplished lady, and in her home is displayed art of her handwork; she has exhibited great talent in wax work, and after taking a few lessons therein became an adept in the art. She has taken lessons also in painting, and is quite proficient in taxidermy. The work in these lines with which her home is adorned are most life-like and real, and great taste has been displayed in their arrangement.

Prosper E. Wellman, a man of extended business experience, is now successfully engaged in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine at St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania.

A native of New York, Mr. Wellman was born in Chautauqua county, July 3, 1828, and is a son of Eli Wellman, whose birth occurred in Vermont, in 1797. The grandfather, Adam Wellman, who was of Welsh descent, married Phoebe Livermore, of Scotch lineage. At an early day they emigrated to Orleans county, N. Y., where they were numbered among the pioneer settlers, and there the wife died. Subsequently the grandfather went to Wayne county, Penn., where his death occurred. His children were: Ed, Obed, Eli, Polly, Clarissa. Lurena and Patty.

Eli Wellman was reared upon a farm and educated in the country schools of his day. Throughout his active business life he continued to follow agricultural pursuits with a fair degree of success. On attaining to man's estate he married Miss Melinda Nash, a native of Orleans county, N. Y., and a daughter of Jacob and Polly (Nicholas) Nash. Her father was born in Vermont, while her mother was of Irish descent. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Wellman were in order of birth as follows: Mary died when young; George E., a minister, is a resident of New York State; Jacob W., a physician, is deceased; Prosper E.; Melissa and Harriet are now living in Pennsylvania; Edwin F. is a resident of Michigan; Mary Jane died in childhood; Philander is a physician of Kansas; Byron is a farmer of Pennsylvania; and Lodusky died in Kansas. All of the children were provided with good educational privileges, and Jacob and our subject successfully engaged in teaching for a time. The father died at the age of seventy-three, and the mother when seventy years of age. Both were consistent members of the Free Will Baptist Church, and in politics the father was first an Oldline Whig and later a staunch Republican.

Amid rural scenes Prosper E. Wellman passed his early life in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day. After attending the common schools of Chautauqua county for some time, he engaged in teaching, and then learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, which he successfully followed for twenty years. On September 12, 1864, he enlisted in the 13th New York Engineering Corps, and during most of his service was stationed at City Point, Va. In 1865, when the war was over, he was discharged and returned to his home in Chautauqua county, where he continued to reside until coming to St. Petersburg, Clarion Co., Penn., in October, 1876. Here he embarked in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine, and in his new undertaking met with a fair degree of success.

On February 16, 1857, Mr. Wellman was married to Miss Jane Hull, who was born, reared and educated in New York, and is a daughter of Daniel Hull and Polly (Rutenbur) Hull, of that State. Two children graced this union: James D. is a resident of Pasadena, Cal.; and Ellen J. is the widow of Robert Wilson, and is also a resident of Pasadena. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Wellman was again married, this time March 15, 1885, to Miss Rosa Keeney, a native of Armstrong county, Penn., and a daughter of George W. Keeney, who was drowned when Mrs. Wellman was only two years and a half old. Her mother is now the wife of George Miller, and
lives in Richland township, Clarion county. Two
children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Prosper E.
Wellman: Charles A. and Harrison McClain,
but the former died at the age of nineteen
months.

Our subject is unwavering in his support of
the men and measures of the Republican party,
and is identified with Lookout Post No. 425, G.
A. R., in which he is now serving as chaplain.
He also belongs to the Royal Templars, and is
an active and prominent member of the Method-
ist Episcopal Church of St. Petersburg, has been
choir leader and has taken an important part in
all Church and Sabbath-school work. During
the years of his active business life he has been
looked upon as a model of honor and an example
of a truly honest business man, and it may be
truly stated that there never was a resident of
St. Petersburg more highly respected than Pros-
per E. Wellman.

E. F. SCHELL, who for over a quarter of a
century has now been a trusted employee on
the Fox estate in Richland township, Clarion
county, was born in Beaver township, the same
county, in 1844, a son of E. D. and Leah (Fink)
Schell, natives of Berks county, Penn., where
their marriage was celebrated. The father was
born in 1810, and in 1835 became a resident of
Richland township, Clarion county, where he
opened up a farm and made his home until his
death, which occurred in November, 1866. In
early life he was a contractor in the iron furnaces,
and at the time of his death was a contractor on
the Allegheny Valley railroad, being engaged in
grading at the mouth of the Red Bank. His
wife passed away at St. Petersburg, Penn., in
1883.

The subject of this sketch is ninth in order of
birth in a large family of children (ten reached
years of maturity and six are yet living). The
others are as follows: J. A., who resides in Rich-
land township, and also works on the Fox estate;
Celina, who married E. Porter, and died in Rich-
land township, in April, 1894; Washington, who
died in Beaver township, Clarion county, in 1875;
Frank, a farmer of Richland township; Mrs.
Hannah Alsbach, of Salem township, Clarion
county; J. D., a merchant and oil producer of
Byron Center, Penn.; Mrs. Lucinda Wilson, who
died in South Oil City, Penn.; William, who
died when young in Salem township, Clarion
county; Elizabeth, who married John Best, and
died in Los Angeles, Cal.; Milton, who died in
infancy; and Mrs. Mary Cosgrove, a resident of
St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania.

JAMES T. SHARROW, a well-known lum-
berman and farmer residing in Farmington
township, Clarion county, owns a valuable
farm of 115 acres, whose well-tilled fields and
excellent improvements indicate the progressive
and enterprising spirit of the proprietor.

Mr. Sharrow was born in the same township,
in 1851, a son of George and Margaret (Redon)
Sharrow. The father was reared in Punxsutaw-
ney, Penn., but after his marriage removed to
Brookville, and later to Cooksburg on the line
between Forest and Clarion counties, where he
continued to make his home for several years.
Subsequently, he bought a farm in Farmington
township, three miles north of Scotch Hill;
where he spent his remaining days, dying some
years ago. He survived his wife some time. In
the family of this worthy couple were the fol-
lowing children: (1) Annie is now the widow of
Jerry McDonald, of Farmington township, who
died some years ago leaving six children—Rebecca A., William Lincoln, Alice, Maggie, Frank and Ella. (2) Lizzie, born in Jefferson county, Penn., is the wife of Samuel Agnew, of Leeper, Clarion county, and they have seven children—Emma, William McClellan, Maggie, Ella, Scott, George and Harrison. (3) Catharine married Henry Barr, of Farmington township, who was killed while working in a sawmill. Her children are Samuel, Annie, Harry, Nora, Josephine, John and Grace. (4) George, a native of Clarion county, married Margaret Hefton, of Clarion county, and died some years ago leaving a widow and the following children—Gus, Ella, Cass, Rhoda, Charles, Stephen, Gertrude and Frank. (5) Samuel, born in Jefferson county, married Jane Irwin, of Forest county, and with his family now resides in Kane, Penn. (6) Sarah, born at Cooksburg, is now the wife of William Goble, of Paint township, Clarion county, by whom she has nine children, among them—Robert, Jack, Harrie, Benjamin and George.

James T. Sharrow, the subject of this review, was educated in the common schools near his boyhood home, and his business training was received upon the farm and in the lumber woods. In 1873 he led to the marriage altar Miss Caroline McCartney, also a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Thomas McCartney, a well-to-do farmer, and they have become the parents of ten children: Frank C., who was born in 1876, and was educated in the common schools of Farmington, his native township; Blanche and Annie, also born in Clarion county; Edna, Fred B. and James W., all born in Forest county, Penn.; Clare L., born on the present farm of the family in Farmington township; Howard, also born on the homestead in 1896; Lavina May, deceased; and Alice, who died in childhood; those living are still with their parents.

For two years after his marriage, James T. Sharrow lived on the J. B. Watson farm near Scotch Hill, and then removed to Gravel Lick, where he followed lumbering and boat building on the Clarion river, and also rafted lumber to the Pittsburgh markets. Later he purchased property in Marionville, Forest county, where he engaged in lumbering for seven years, and in 1890 traded his place there with Jacob McCartney for the Samuel Wilson farm in Farmington township, Clarion county, on which he has since made his home. His present comfortable two-story residence was erected in 1896, and he has made many other useful improvements upon his place, which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance. In connection with general farming, he still continues to successfully engage in lumbering. He is a wide-awake, progressive business man of known reliability; and the success that he has achieved is but the just reward of earnest, persistent labor, good management, and strict integrity, for he started out in life for himself empty-handed. Politically, his support is always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and, religiously, he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Scotch Hill.

WILLIAM D. KEEFER, a prominent representative of the agricultural and industrial interests of Perry township, Clarion county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, was born June 29, 1841, in the town of Franklin, Venango Co., Penn., a son of J. G. and Harriet (Gordon) Keefeer, early settlers of Franklin, where they made their home for many years. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, died at the home of our subject, in Clarion county, but the mother is still a resident of Perry township.

In the family of this worthy couple were eight children: William D.; Mrs. Mary Jane Hogan, who died in Clarion county; Joseph C., a resident of St. Petersburg, Clarion county; Mrs. Ann E. Hogan, of West Monterey, Penn., whose husband was a soldier in the Civil war; Mrs. Clara A. Nail, of Clarion; George W., of Perry township; and Lydia Olive, wife of T. Frampton, of Clarion county.

Until thirteen years of age, William D. Keefer attended the schools of his native city, and then came to Clarion county, but later removed to Armstrong county, where he was living at the outbreak of the Civil war. At Kittanning, he enlisted in Company B, 103rd P. V. I., for three years, and was sworn into the service at that place. With the Army of the Potomac he participated in the siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, the battles of Fair Oaks, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Suffolk, Blackwater, Gatesville, Charen River, S. W. Creek, Kingston, White Hall, Coal Trap, Galesboro, and the engagements at Fortress Monroe, Suffolk, Va., and Newbern, Batchelor Creek, Fosters Mills, Blounts Creek, Plymouth, N. C., the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, the Peninsula campaign, and Goldsboro, N. C. Re-enlisting as a musician in Company F, same regiment, he served until the close of the war. On April 4, 1864, at Plymouth, N. C., he was taken prisoner, and after being confined at Andersonville through the summer, he, in the fall, was transferred to Florence, S. C. After eleven months spent in the
Rebel prisons, he was finally paroled at Goldsboro, N. C., April 24, 1865, at which time he weighed only ninety-five pounds, the effects of his sufferings and privations. In the following June he was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., and returned to his home in Armstrong county, whence he later came to Clarion county. He now owns a good farm of thirty acres in Perry township, near West Monterey. In connection with farming he is engaged in oil, having two producing wells and one gas well on his place.

In 1861, in Armstrong county, Mr. Keefer was married to Miss Melissa O. Harringer, a native of the town of Clarion, and a daughter of David Harringer and Polly (Steele), his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Keefer have eight children: Mrs. Elsie A. Barger, of Perry township, Clarion county; Mrs. Minnie May Doverspike, of West Monterey; Mrs. Harriette E. Judson, of Perry township; J. G. K., who is married and lives in West Monterey; Leslie O. K., who is married and lives in Perry township; Justus A. K., who is now working in the oil fields of West Virginia; and Gordon C. K. and James Garfield K., both at home.

Mr. Keefer is a member of the Grand Army Post at West Freedom, Clarion Co., Penn.; in political sentiment he is a Republican, and is a strict Christian according to God's word. While possessing the qualities of a successful business man, his private interests have always given way to the public good, and he has thus become honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance or who have met him in a business way.

ARON CONVER, a representative farmer and prominent citizen of Richland township, Clarion county, was born there February 6, 1833, a son of John F. Conver, whose birth occurred in Montgomery county, Penn., whence at an early day he removed to Berks county.

The family was founded in this country by three brothers who came from France, and each spelled the name differently, it being Confer, Cunfer and Conver. The father of our subject was married east of the mountains to Miss Susan Allabaugh, a native of Berks county and a daughter of Jacob Allabaugh, an honored citizen of that county. Emigrating to Clarion county, they became early settlers of Richland township, and after living upon one farm for about eight years they removed to the place now owned and occupied by our subject, where the father developed a good farm of 200 acres. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican. At one time he was a member of the Reformed Church, but subsequently became a Lutheran, and for many years served as deacon and elder, always taking an active part in all Church work. He died at the age of seventy-six, and his wife at the age of eighty-six, honored and respected by all who knew them. In the family of this worthy couple were eleven children: Jacob; Polly, wife of D. B. Knapp, of Clarion county; Susan, wife of Benjamin Moyer, of Richland township; John, deceased; Peter, a resident of Farmington, Fulton Co., Ill.; Samuel, who died in Yates City, Ill.; David and Fannie, both deceased; Aaron, of this review; William; and Sarah.

On the farm where he continues to make his home, Aaron Conver spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and for two months during the winter attended school, which was conducted in a little log cabin furnished in a very primitive manner, but his educational privileges were meager. Prompted by a love of his country, he enlisted March 4, 1865, in the 56th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war. Although he was taken ill, he would not consent to go to hospital. On returning home he resumed farming, for one winter also conducted a sawmill, and for two winters operated a stave mill, but his attention has been principally given to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with good success. He owns a fine farm of one hundred acres, on which is a good hewed-log house, 25 x 50 feet, built in 1833, also a barn, 40 x 80 feet, with a rock basement, and the grade made and lumber hauled for a new house, 30 x 30 feet.

At the age of twenty-two, Mr. Conver married Miss Mary Ann Heater, who was born east of the mountains, and was a daughter of George and Mary (Fritz) Heater, pioneers of Clarion county, where their deaths occurred. To Mr. and Mrs. Conver were born six sons and one daughter, namely: Joseph, a carpenter of St. Petersburg, Clarion county; Benjamin, a resident of Richland township; Samuel E., a pumper living in Mariasville, Penn.; Peter, who resides on the old homestead with his father; George Henry, of Richland township; Mary Ellen, who wedded William Gates, and died at the age of twenty-one; and John, a resident of St. Mary's, Ohio. Of this family, Peter was born in 1863, and in 1884 married Miss Gertie Bishop, a daughter of James and Melinda (Armour) Bishop; they have three children: Adda D., Blanche and Benjamin Harrison.

Mr. Conver has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died March 12, 1888. She was an earnest Christian woman and a true
helpmeet to him. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon and elder, and is a supporter of all measures calculated to promote the general welfare. He is a strong adherent of Republican principles, and has faithfully served as a member of the school board and as overseer of the poor. He receives and merits the high regard of the entire community, and his friends are many throughout his native county.

AMOS W. KINCH, a well-known blacksmith, and one of the most reliable business men of Washington township, Clarion county, was born in that township, in 1842, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Sproat) Kinch, natives of Lancaster county, Penn., where their marriage was celebrated. In 1824 they came to Washington township, Clarion county, where they continued to make their home until called from this life, the mother dying March 30, 1870, and the father on December 23, 1872. He was a millwright by trade, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Of his twelve children, we have record of the following: John (deceased) was a resident of Allegheny county, Penn.; Jacob died in Richland township; Rebecca and Joseph are both also deceased; Daniel is a resident of Washington township; Samuel, of Butler county, Penn.; Andrew died in Knox township, Clarion county; Rosie is also deceased; Mary is the wife of David Strobel, of Washington township; Martin, who enlisted in Washington township, in 1863, in the 46th Pennsylvania, died in that township, in 1873; and Amos W. is the subject of this sketch—in all, four yet living.

Upon the home farm Amos W. Kinch passed the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, but during the dark days of the Civil war, in response to the President's call for volunteers, he enlisted August 18, 1863, in Company F, 82d Pennsylvania, for three years or during the war. After being mustered into the United States service at Pittsburg, he joined the Army of the Potomac, First Brigade, Third Division, Sixth Corps, and participated in the battles of Centerville, Bealton Station, Rappahannock, Mine Run, Kelly's Ford and in many skirmishes. At Culpeper he was transferred to Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, where he did guard duty for a time. Later he was ordered to Baltimore, where he did office duty until the close of the war, being honorably discharged at that place June 27, 1865. After returning to his home in Washington township, he learned the blacksmith and wagonmaker's trades, which he has since successfully followed, being one of the most skilled and able workmen in his line in the locality.

In Washington township Mr. Kinch was married, in 1866, to Miss Fannie Hepler, a native of Butler county, Penn., and a daughter of Moses and Mary (Thomas) Hepler, who became early settlers of Washington township, Clarion county, where the father died in 1870. The mother is still living and makes her home in Tionesta, Forest Co., Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Kinch have six children: William; Mrs. Hattie Shelly and Mrs. May Hunter, both of Forest county; and Alice, Jennie and Gracie.

Mr. Kinch is an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and has most efficiently served as a member of the school board. In religious belief he is a Lutheran. His ambition has been to acquit himself of life's duties honorably before all men, to improve his capabilities and opportunities, and to become of use in the world. In 1878 he associated with the secret service, and has been an ardent and successful operative to bring criminals and refugees to justice. It is this spirit mainly that has made him one of the leading business men and representative citizens of his community.

JOHN ALLIO. Among the well-to-do and substantial agriculturists of Farmington township, Clarion county, who have been identified with its growth and development from an early day, is the gentleman whose name introduces this article.

Mr. Allio was born in 1826, in France, of which country his parents, Joseph and Annetta (Lewis) Allio, were also natives. For nine years the father was a soldier in Napoleon's army. In 1830 he brought his family to the United States, and at once took up his residence in Clarion county, making his home in Foxburg some five years. Purchasing a farm in Perry township, he remained there for the same length of time, and, on selling that property in 1841, he bought one hundred acres of wild land in Farmington township, near Tylersburg, where he built a log cabin and made a home for his family. He cleared and placed under cultivation many acres of his land, and upon that farm continued to make his home until called to his final rest January 5, 1876, at the extreme old age of one hundred years, eight months and five days. His wife survived him, dying January 5, 1881, when aged one hundred and five years, four months and twenty-five days. They were widely and favorably
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known throughout their adopted county, and had a host of friends.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest of their three children; Joseph, born in France in 1828, wedded Mary Nicely, of Clarion county, and located in Pine Grove, Forest county, where he improved a farm. He died there in 1882, his wife in 1889. Their children were Sarah K., now the wife of George Mealy, of Forest county, Penn.; John H. and Joseph, who are married and live in Forest county; James, also a resident of that county; George, who lives on the old homestead in Forest county, and Leah and Rachel (twins), who are living in Butler county, Penn. Mary C., our subject’s only sister, was born in France May 1, 1830, and married Patterson Highlands, of Clarion county. After residing for a few years in Tylersburg, he removed to California in 1851, leaving his wife in Clarion county. Later she married George Hoover, who died leaving three children. She is now the wife of M. Hampton, and resides in Miami county, Kansas.

John Allio was four years old when he accompanied his parents on their emigration to America, and amid pioneer scenes in Clarion county he grew to manhood, acquiring such an education as the common schools of that day afforded. In 1848 he was united in marriage to Miss Sallie Mealy, of Clarion county, a daughter of George Mealy, and they began housekeeping on the old homestead where he has since made his home. After a married life of about five years, Mrs. Allio died leaving two sons: Levi, who married Lilly Cornish, and resides in Missouri; and George, who married Belle Vernor, of Rimersburg.

Our subject was again married, this time in 1855 to Miss Margaret A. Siegworth, of Clarion county, who died in 1863, leaving four children: Mary Annette, born December 6, 1855, lives with her brothers, William H. Allio and J. H. Siegworth Allio, upon a part of the old homestead (the former was born in 1857 and the latter in January, 1861). Miles P. Allio, born in 1859, also owns a part of the home farm; he married Rachel Wardean, of Shippenville, Clarion county, and has two children—Clarence Otto and Florence.

In 1871 Mr. Allio married Miss Mary J. Stanford, who was born in Clarion county, in 1827, and is a daughter of Robert and Martha Stanford, well-to-do farming people and honored pioneers of Clarion county. Mr. Allio still retains a part of the old home farm, and has himself cleared and placed under the plow much of the land. He erected a large barn in 1861, and made many other valuable improvements. On one portion of the land his son Siegworth has built a commodious and pleasant residence, and on the north end Miles has built a fine home. The farm is one of the most desirable in Farmington township. Politically, Mr. Allio was first a Whig, and is now a stanch supporter of the Republican party. He and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Tylersburg, and enjoy the esteem and respect of the entire community. In his declining days Mr. Allio is surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate his sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

JASPER N. MAXWELL, a prominent and highly respected farmer of Highland township, Clarion county, is a worthy representative of a family noted for its patriotism and loyalty, he and his two brothers having valiantly fought for the preservation of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. In days of peace he is also recognized as one of the most valued and useful citizens of his community, giving his support to every enterprise for the public good.

James Maxwell, the father of our subject, was a native of Clearfield county, Penn., and when a young man came to Clarion county, where he wedded Miss Margaret Potter, who was born here. They took up their residence near Clarion, where he worked at the blacksmith’s trade for a time, and then removed to Mechanicsville. There he purchased a tract of land, erected a house and made many other improvements upon his place, and also worked at his trade, which he later followed in Strattonville. He spent his last days upon a farm near Sigel, Jefferson Co., Penn., and in connection with its cultivation also engaged in blacksmithing. He survived his wife a number of years, dying in 1873, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Our subject is one of a family of eleven children, all born in Clarion county, the others being as follows: Mary A. wedded James McEntire, of Clarion county, and died near New Bethlehem, Penn., some years ago, leaving a family of children. Caroline married Lewis Reese, of Clarion county, and died in Strattonville, leaving a family. Glyphira died in Strattonville when a young lady. Hugh L. married an Ohio lady, and lived in Sigel, Penn., where he died, leaving a widow and one daughter, Margaret. Potter enlisted in Company H, 149th P. V. I., know as the “Bucktail Regiment,” and was in all of the engagements in which his command participated until killed at Culpeper, Va., at the age of twenty-
seven. Jane married Davis Porterfield, of Butler county, Penn., by whom she has three children, and they now reside in Illinois. Frances died when about ten years old. Lafayette died at the age of forty years. George was a member of the same company as his brother Potter, and faithfully served until honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He later married a Miss Bartlett, of Clarion county, and with their family they live on a farm in Mill Creek township. Margaret wedded Robert English, of Jefferson county, where they lived until called from this life. They left a family.

Jasper N. Maxwell was born in 1839, near the city of Clarion, in Clarion county, and spent the days of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He followed lumbering until the Civil war broke out, when he laid aside all personal interests, and in April, 1861, on the President's call for three-months' men, enlisted in Company H, Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves. He was sworn into the United States service at Camp Meridian Hill, Washington, D. C. The regiment was equipped for duty at Washington. He served under Capt. William Lemmon, of Clarion county, and Col. G. S. Hays. His first engagement was at Mechanicsville, and was followed by a seven-days' fight against Lee and Longstreet. The regiment then went into winter quarters, and in the spring of 1862 marched down the Potomac river to Alexandria, and from there to Manassas Junction, thence to Fredericksburg, where they did guard duty. They also built bridges across the Rappahannock, and from there marched to Belle Plain, whence they were transported to White House Landing. Their next engagement was at Mechanicsville, where the losses on both sides were heavy, and the Union troops fell back to Peach Orchard, where an engagement was brought on June 27, 1862. That was followed by the battles of Gaines Hill, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp and Malvern Hill. A little later Mr. Maxwell was honorably discharged at Harrison's Landing on account of physical disability, and from Baltimore he returned to his home in Clarion county.

In 1866 Mr. Maxwell was married to Miss Matilda Gillmore, of Clarion county, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Gillmore, the former a lumberman by occupation. They have become the parents of four children, namely: Frank H., born in Clarion county, in 1867, was educated in the public schools, and is now a resident of Highland township, that county. He married Alice Lamb, of that township, and now has two sons—Dalbert and James. (2) Sharpley, a resident of Tionesta, Forest Co., Penn., married Maud Morgan, of Clarion county, and has two children—Earl and Florence. (3) David G. is a very bright young man of scholarly tastes; he is now engaged in erecting oil derricks in West Virginia for the Western Pennsylvania Company. (4) James P., born in 1874, is at home.

After his marriage, Mr. Maxwell located in Farmington township, Clarion county, where he purchased a tract of timberland and a sawmill, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber for several years. He also built coal boats for the Pittsburg markets, and engaged in drilling oil wells along the Allegheny river and in Clarion county. In 1876, while loading a boat with lumber, he seriously injured his spine, and was therefore compelled to abandon lumbering. In 1888 he purchased the James Smith farm of 100 acres near Helen Furnace in Highland township, and has since devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits with good success. He is a progressive, energetic business man of known reliability, and has gained the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact. He and his family are Presbyterians in religious belief, belonging to the Church in Shiloh. His political support is ever given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has served as school director a number of years, constable one term, auditor several terms, and justice of the peace ten years to the entire satisfaction of the public and with credit to himself.

JESSE M. SMITH, of Knox, Clarion county, has attained an enviable position in business circles by his upright, honorable course and fair dealing. He was born June 8, 1846, in Erie, Erie Co., Penn., a son of Jesse and Maria (Edward) Smith. The paternal grandfather, V. Smith, was one of the early settlers of Erie, where the father was born and reared. The latter died in Pennsylvania in 1846, after which his widow re-married and removed to Indiana, where her death occurred in 1879. Our subject was the only child born of the first union, and the two born of the same marriage are now deceased.

Jesse M. Smith was reared and educated in his native city, and in 1863, during the Civil war, enlisted at that place in Company I, 150th P. V. I., for three years, being mustered in at Waterford, Erie county. His regiment, which was known as the Bucktails, was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and with the command
he participated in many hard-fought battles, including the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Laurel Hill. At the first named, he was wounded by a shell, breaking the right shoulder blade, and at Cold Harbor he was twice wounded, receiving a shell-wound on the head and a shot passing through one leg. For some time he was confined in Finley Hospital, at Washington, D. C.

On being honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., June 29, 1865, he returned to Erie county, where he worked on a farm for a short time, but the same year went to Pit Hole and remained in the oil regions for some time. In 1872 he located in Antwerp, where he was employed by a hardware firm, and later engaged in contracting and building in Pardee, Mercer Co., Penn., until coming to Knox in 1879. Here he also followed the carpenter's trade until he purchased his present planing-mill in 1883. The plant covers about three-quarters of an acre, and the main building is 30 x 50 feet. Here employment is furnished to six or seven men, and a specialty is made of the manufacture of material for oil wells, rig supplies, etc. In connection with the operation of his mill, Mr. Smith is also engaged in general contracting and carries on a lumber yard, selling about 100 car loads of lumber annually. In his undertaking he is meeting with a well-merited success, and is justly ranked among the representative and prominent business men of the place.

In Pleasantville, Penn., in 1869, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Susie E. Taylor, a native of Warren county, Penn., and a daughter of Gilbert and Hannah (Rorabeck) Taylor. The father was born in Massachusetts, while the mother was either a native of New York or Pennsylvania, and was reared in the latter State. He was a lumberman and one of the pioneers of Warren county, but spent his last days in the West. His wife's death occurred in Spartansburg, Penn., in 1877. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born three children, but Bertram died in 1883, at the age of twelve years, and one died in infancy. The only one now living is Verne E., born July 6, 1880.

Mr. Smith takes a commendable interest in political affairs, and always casts his ballot with the Republican party. He is a prominent member of George H. Covode Post, No. 112, G. A. R., Knox Lodge No. 934, I. O. O. F., and the Royal Templars, a temperance society, all of Knox. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian. Both as a business man and citizen he is worthy the high regard in which he is uniformly held, and his circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive.

MICHAEL EDIC HESS. After a most active, busy, varied and eventful life of seventy-one years, nearly forty of which were passed in the oil fields of this section of Pennsylvania, Squire Hess is quietly dispensing justice from his court at Edenburg, Clarion county, rather enjoying the composure and calm following the storms of so many years.

Born September 25, 1826, in South Columbia, Herkimer Co., N. Y., he is descended from ancestors who have helped to make the history of this country, covering a period of little less than 200 years. The family record reaches back to 1710, when John Hess, among the Palatines, landed at New York and settled Palatine on the Mohawk river. Augustdennis Hess, John's son, born in 1719, reared the following children: Christiana, Honyost, Nicholas, Conrad, Henry, Daniel and Eva. Moving up the river with his family and others, they settled Mohawk, then a site among the hostile tribe of Mohawk Indians. These pioneers built a fort for their protection, and here Augustdennis was killed by the Indians in an attack on the fort in 1782. [See "Historical Collections of the State of New York."]

His son, Honyost Hess, born November 3, 1758, married Miss Edic, and their children were Nancy, George, Catharine, Elizabeth, Eva, Polly and Margaret. At the age of eighteen Honyost Hess enlisted in the war of the Revolution, and served until its close.

George Hess, the only son of Honyost, born December 18, 1788, married Mary Clapsaddle, and their children were: Joseph is residing in Fayetteville, N. Y., aged about eighty-two years. Elizabeth resides at Killbuck, Cattaragus Co., N. Y., in the vicinity of Salamanca. She is a sweet old lady of eighty years, owns and cares for a colony of bees that make one hundred pounds of honey per day during the best of the season, which, a brother remarks, "may account for her sweetness." Nancy, at the age of seventy-eight, resides with her only child and daughter in southern Missouri. Elias Haner, who is seventy-four, owns one of the finest farms in Great Valley township, Cattaragus Co., N. Y. Michael E. is the subject of this sketch. Martin and William died in infancy. Dennis, Peter, George and Andrew reached manhood, and have passed away. George, Martin and Andrew, the youngest of the children, were triplets.

Soon after the birth of our subject his parents removed to the town of Truxton, Cortland Co., N. Y., with fair prospects of a prosperous future. The father had purchased 300 acres of land there, but the unfortunate indorsement of a note for one Brewster swept the farm away, and left
him almost penniless and with a large family to support. Misfortunes are said not to come singularly, so in his case; being out one bitter cold night on horseback, the father had both feet frozen so severely as to cripple him for life. In this sad plight Michael E., at the age of seven years, was sent to live with an uncle, Peter Clapsaddle, who lived on Steel's creek, in Herkimer county, N. Y. Here the boy put in four years of the hardest drudgery, and received very little schooling. The father was never able to recover his losses, but he plodded on leading a hard life of toil to the end, which came in 1837, when he was aged sixty-nine years, finding rest in the bosom of mother earth. His widow, Mary, survived him only a few years.

In 1837 George Hess took his son Michael to his home, four miles east of Syracuse, on the banks of the Erie canal. At the age of twelve, the only opening for Michael seemed to be that of a driver on the canal. At the end of two years, however, an opportunity was offered for his working on a farm by the year at six dollars per month, for eight months, and four months in school. Drivers on the canal were receiving ten dollars per month. The lad embraced the former offer with lower wages, but with a much higher moral atmosphere. For two years he hauled limestone during the summers, for which he received ten dollars per month; and during the winters he attended the Fayetteville Academy, making his home at this time with his oldest brother, Joseph, then lately married and residing at Fayetteville, N. Y. Under the preaching of Rev. Cleveland, father of ex-President Grover Cleveland, young Hess professed religion, which gave bent to all his after life.

A few years of farm work during the summer season, and school teaching through the winter followed. Then, at the age of twenty-one, he visited his parents, who resided in Cattaraugus county, N. Y. "Not having seen either of them for six years, he must have looked to them a stranger, and was at first so received." After a short visit home, he found employment in the lumber regions of that county, and, from a hand in the mill, he soon became a sawyer by contract. In the third year, in connection with his brother, Dennis, he purchased the North Hemlock mill. Subsequently he bought his brother's interest, and followed a general lumbering business for several years, finding a market for his lumber at Pittsburg and along the Ohio river to Cincinnati.

Following ten years' experience in the lumber business, from 1847 to 1857, Mr. Hess for two years was engaged in the manufacture of horse rakes at Jamestown, N. Y., which he marketed by running trading boats down the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, making one trip as far down as Louisville, Ky. The year 1857 was an eventful one with him; the great financial panic of that year caught him with a newly-purchased raft of lumber en route for the Cincinnati market. After the crash had come there was no market for the lumber, and it remained for him to peddle it out, which meant a summer's job. That year his foreman, C. J. Parker, died, and also Mr. Hess' father, which called him to Cattaraugus county, N. Y.; all of which happenings prolonged his river trip until late in the fall. On his return home, along in December, he was taken sick with typhoid fever, a relapse followed, but a good and unimpaired constitution carried him through.

In 1861 Mr. Hess assisted in the opening of the Mecca (Ohio) oil fields, drilling several wells. Later in that year he went to Jamestown, N. Y., and from there took two boat-loads of farming implements to the Pittsburg market. He landed in Pittsburg April 15, immediately following the fall of Fort Sumter, and found that firearms were in much better demand than farming tools, and he could do no business for weeks or until the hardware men cooled off a little after their rush to supply with arms the soldiers, who were leaving Pittsburg, to defend themselves while passing through Baltimore, where recently had occurred an attack on the unarmed Massachusetts men as they passed through the city.

Returning to the Mecca oil fields, Mr. Hess continued operations until August, 1862, when he with others enlisted in Company B, 105th O. V. I., and he was mustered into the United States service at Cleveland, Ohio, on August 22, following. He withstood all kinds of hard service in battle, and in the distressing marches through Kentucky and Tennessee, not missing a day's roll call, up to January, 1863, when typhoid fever caused his retirement to the hospital at Gallatin, Tenn. Passing the crisis of the fever, he was about to rejoin his regiment when a painful leg gave the first notice of an approaching fever sore, and such proved to be the severity of the case that the examining surgeon pronounced his case as a disability of one year, thus his discharge was deemed imperative in March, 1863. He with difficulty managed to get home, and it took about the year to recover soundness; but in the following July he was able to get about, and he rendered the State of Ohio efficient service in drilling State troops in camp at Cleveland. In connection with this service he entered camp at Cleveland as a lieutenant and came out a major,
by the grace of Governor Tod, of Ohio, and the
suffrage of his comrades.

After his military experience, Mr. Hess re-
turned to the oil fields of Mecca, Ohio, and re-
sumed operations. It may be said that he is
one of the very few of the old-time oil men left,
his operations commencing in 1861, and having
been continuous from that time to the present,
excepting during his less than a year's absence
in the Civil war, and his experiences have been
most varied. His early operations in the Mecca
field were on the James Cowdry and Wagner
farms. He also, in company with N. B. Cobb,
drilled wells at East Mecca, and for a time, in
1863, himself and Cobb did the principal oper-
ating of that field. For a year or more they
supplied the Jamestown Railroad Company with
Mecca oil as their principal lubricator. This oil
during the war ranged from $4 to $52 per barrel.

In the summer of 1864 Mr. Hess found
Mecca too slow a field to suit his taste, and he
went over on Oil creek at the time Cherry run
was leading in operations. Here he took his
first venture in what proved a small producer
down near the mouth of the creek. In connec-
tion with operating for oil, knowing that soft
calori sold in Rouseville at $20 per ton, he un-
dertook the shipment of coal from the Mercer
county mines by rail to Franklin, and on up the
river and creek by return boats that had brought
oil down the creek. There was about $4 profit
per ton, yet this seemed too slow a source of
making money for the time and attention re-
quired. It was soon abandoned for something
better, and that something better was found in
procuring oil leases and selling at a profit of
$2,000 or $3,000 each.

About this time Mr. Hess purchased the
Nancy Stevenson farm, which was located on
the hill between Oil creek and Cherry Tree run,
paying for it about $150 per acre, while over on
the flats of Cherry Tree run lands were selling
at from $2,000 to $3,000 per acre, the hill lands
not being counted good for oil purposes. The
fact that the uplands at Mecca, Ohio, were
found preferable to those lower, led Mr. Hess to
believe the hills were equally as good as the
valleys. In this Nancy Stevenson farm Judge
Winslow, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and F. S. Tar-
bell, then of Rouseville, took an interest, Mr.
Hess holding the managing interest. This farm
was subsequently found to be very productive.
Mr. Hess' sales of oil in about 1870 and 1871
averaged a little less than $3 per barrel, while
some of it reached $7 per barrel.

Just previous to developing the Stevenson
farm, Mr. Hess had been operating for some three
years at Pit Hole, mainly on the Rooker farm,
having one fair well with several smaller ones.
Pit Hole made a hole in his pocket. Everything
of financial value slipped out at this except the
Nancy Stevenson farm, which he commenced
operating with proceeds from the sale of a por-
tion of it to Patterson & Dickey for several thou-
sand dollars, which proved, however, not to be
the best of it. In company with F. S. Tarbell,
now of Titusville, Mr. Hess operated on the Mc-
Clintocville farm just below McClintocville. This,
too, was a venture upon a hillside, and was re-
warded with a few very fine wells, the best yield-
ing close to the 100-barrel mark. The oil was
so light in gravity (about 50°) that for a time,
strange as it would seem now, they were re-
quired to steam it in the tanks to reduce the
gravity to 40°, a point where it would sell.
From the McClintocville farm Hess & Tarbell piped
their oil to market by laying a pipe line from
their wells on the hill, running it by gravity under
Oil creek and up the opposite bank to the rail-
road, where cars were loaded for shipment. It
is not refreshing to look at the bulletin board to-
day, at the figures sixty-five cents per barrel, re-
membering that in those days oil brought $4 per
barrel.

In the famous Red Hot field, Mr. Hess held
territory in the best of it, dividing his holdings
with Frank Andrews, Patterson & Dickey, and
Milton Stewart. These four held the fort in a
battle for possession with a Chicago company, of
which Maher was president. Each party had a
deal to the twenty-four acres of land. Hess and
his parties had the original and equitable title, but
it was faulty in some of the transfers. The title
of the other parties was better in form. Hess
and his party having possession, the Chicago
did parties tried to force possession, and Sheri-
ff Marks, of Franklin, bossed the job of taking
down one of their rigs, which had been built by
Frank Fertig, of Titusville, and his men, who
will recollect the incident. The rig was not
taken down in the usual way, from top to bot-
tom, but the order was reversed, taking the bot-
tom first. Sheriff Marks was not much at build-
ing oil-well rigs, he was better at taking them
down. The matter was finally compromised by
dividing the land. Mr. Hess and party organi-
ized on their behalf the Compromise Oil Com-
pany, making J. M. Dickey the manager. On
this spot occurred the famous boiler explosion, in
which the boiler sailed over the walking beam,
cutting through a set of hoisting ropes, such as
were then being used for lifting a string of cumb-
ersome fishing tools made of large bars of iron
for unscrewing drilling tools fast in the bottom.
of a drilling well. The boiler crashed through the ropes, flying over the heads of several men who were standing on the derrick floor, and landed just back of the bull wheels. It was a new Erie-make of boiler, such as seemed to know just how to do that kind of a thing.

In the summer of 1872 Mr. Hess visited, for the first time, the Clarion and Butler county oil fields. To come and to see was to operate. Here he took his first venture on the David Shoup farm, a mile east of St. Petersburg. This well proved one of the best in the Clarion field at that time. Farther east he operated on Little Turkey run with the result of three fair producing wells. From this he went ahead, putting a well on the Daniel Knight farm in the lead of operations. Gas was found in this well, but only a little oil, thus at that time condemning about 500 acres of his territory which he had bought in fee with others on Turkey run in the vicinity of Daniel Hale's and Peter Wingard's farms. Over at Dogtown, farther east, he got some fair producers. Still pushing farther ahead, near Edenburg, he found oil again on the Moon farm, and again another stride took him on to the David Whitehill and J. Dahle farms, finding oil there, but on the same course easterly farther ahead on the H. Alleman farm his wells came in dry. Now with plenty of oil territory on hands, he operated for years on the Whitehill, Dahle and Black farms, and on scattering leases adjoining these and the Moon farm, and also on the J. I. Best farm in Edenburg borough, where in company with E. C. Bradley, Esq., and John Coast, Esq., he had some very fine producing wells. In company with E. C. Bradley, Mr. Hess bought and operated the Egypt farm in Beaver township, and, on the failure of Mr. Bradley, Mr. Hess became the liquidating partner, settling up all the affairs of Hess & Bradley.

In 1885, in company with C. Eichner and F. G. Sacket, Mr. Hess operated extensively in the Cogley oil fields. They drilled the first well on Little Sandy creek two miles in advance of other wells, and they had good wells on the A. H. Black farm and also near Fern City. Later on, with Eichner, Sacket and others, Mr. Hess struck the "Great Cry and Little Wool" well near Reedsburg, which produced for a time about twenty barrels per day of remarkably light colored oil with a fire test of about 110 degrees, and burning fairly well in its natural state in lamps. This oil was found about the region of the "first sand." Messrs. Hess, Sacket and others operated in the Tarkin field at Hill City in 1886. Here they had a tilt with the Oil City operator and others, who tried to jump a small lease on which Hess & Co. had paid $1,000 bonus. Mr. Hess and party held the lease, and had some good wells thereon. Some laughable incidents occurred in this contest.

Mr. Hess is now operating alone on the old Egypt farm, getting all the oil and calling these the "entirety wells." In company with Sacket, Hamm and Thomas, he is also operating on the Linneman, Ray & Swartzfager farms in the vicinity of the famous Cogley Run oil fields. As an oil operator the life of Mr. Hess has been a conspicuous one. His name will ever stand out prominently in the history of the oil fields of Ohio and Pennsylvania. In his case can be said as was observed by the English author, De Foe: "No one tasted different fortunes more. Thirteen times he had been rich and poor." However, he was never too poor to operate, and on the other hand never rich enough to quit. He says that perhaps no single act of his life yields him more satisfaction to-day than the $500 he personally contributed to the oil producers' fund to defeat the infamous Roberts oil-well casing patent, which for a time was a lying piratical blackmail on every oil well drilled in the oil country. This case dragged along for years in the courts. F. W. Mitchell, of Franklin, Penn., being chairman of the producers' committee for defense, met the Roberts gang at every point in the case. About $30,000 was expended by the producers in this contest, the Economite Company paying one-fourth of the expense of the suit. A complete triumph of justice and right was the result, and their infamous casing patent pretentions went to the dogs.

During the life of Mr. Hess he has met with a dozen or more hairbreadth escapes from death, two of which seem most prominent in his mind. At the age of twelve, while sitting with a boy companion down over the bank of the canal out of sight of the passing boats, except the top of their caps, there was a canal boat passing at the time a passenger with a gun in his hand looking out for game, seeing just the top of Michael's muskrat skin cap worn in those days, he drew fire on the supposed muskrat, the discharge of the gun just grazing Michael's head, who jumped up screaming, badly frightened and somewhat stunned by the seeming blow of a club on the head. The passenger with his gun in hand looked as much frightened as Michael. Soon following this muskrat episode, while on his brother's boat near Saline, N. Y., with the stern of the boat near the canal lock, which was full of water, the lock tender opened the lower gate to empty the lock for the boat's admittance. This rush of water striking the rudder suddenly swept round the
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In December, 1849, Mr. Hess was married to Miss Caroline Shaver, of Jamestown, N. Y., and a better helpmeet and a more agreeable companion would be hard to find. Six children blessed the union. namely: Eugene married a Miss Cameron, and is a resident of Saginaw City, Mich. (late city plumber); Ida is married to F. G. Sacket; Belle is married to G. S. Hamm, of Knox, Penn.; Ernest is married to Ethel Smith; Mary died in Franklin, Penn., at the age of nineteen years; and Frank died at the age of twenty-four, at Cleveland, Ohio, while under treatment for malignant tumor.

In 1872 M. E. Hess moved to Franklin, that his children might have the benefit of good schools, but in 1874, finding his oil operations so increased in Clarion county as to demand his whole time and attention there, he moved to Shippenville, sending his young people to the Carrier Seminary in Clarion. In 1877, believing Edenburg to be the metropolis of the Clarion county oil developments, he built a residence there, and for twenty years has made that place his home, ever taking an active interest in, and helping largely, during this period, to bring the public schools to the highest point of excellence. On February 12, 1878, after over two years of patient suffering, his wife, Caroline, died of a cancer. In the latter part of that year Mr. Hess married Mrs. Margaret E. Klotz. This agreeable companionship lasted nineteen years, when death again invaded his domicile, his wife Margaret passing away February 24, 1897.

At Edenburg during the past twenty years Mr. Hess has filled at times all of the more responsible positions of the borough, and has twice been elected burgess. Much to his credit he settled up the difficult and intricate indebtedness of the borough, which settlement placed the borough on a sound financial basis, and prosperity and progress have followed. He took an active part, and was largely instrumental, in securing for the borough superior water-supply works; but few boroughs in Pennsylvania can boast of as good for fire protection. He was treasurer of the relief board organized immediately after the great sweeping fire of October 13, 1878, consuming nearly the entire borough; the board consisting of Maj. Maitland, L. D. Crandall, L. F. Barger, H. F. Whiting, Capt. Brown and Mr. Hess. Our subject at the age of seventy-one is hale and hearty, and attends to business as regularly as in former years, and now discharges the duties of the second term of office as justice of the peace. He is also treasurer of the school board and the cemetery association. During the past twenty-eight years he has superintended the various Methodist Sabbath-schools of Petroleum Centre, Franklin, Shippenville and Edenburg, and at one or the other of these points almost continuously; and is yet at the superintendent's desk.

The Hess family are noted for their patriotic record. The great-grandfather, Angus Dennis, was killed in the Indian wars; his son, Honyost, served through the Revolutionary war; his son, George Hess, served in the war of 1812, and Michael E. and two brothers in the Civil war.

CAPT. VALENTINE PHIPPS. 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 peruse with special interest the stories of gallant service in that great struggle which settled once 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 historic scenes. Among those from Clarion county who took a prominent part in this great conflict none are more deserving of mention than Captain Phipps.

Captain Valentine Phipps was born January 8, 1838, a son of Elijah and Elizabeth (Cook) Phipps. The maternal grandfather, John Cook, was of German descent, and became an early settler of this section of Pennsylvania. Nathan Phipps, the paternal grandfather, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., of English and Irish extraction, and was also an honored pioneer of this region, having early settled in Ashland township, Clarion county. He died here at a ripe old age, and he and his wife Edith now sleep side by side in the Phipps cemetery on the old home farm. They were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had the honest respect of all who knew them. Their children were: Nathan, Samuel, John, James,
Yours Truly
Capt. O. Phipps
Marshall, Andrew, Elijah, Anna, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Ogden and Mrs. Middleton. Elizabeth (Cook) Phipps, the mother of our subject, was an earnest Christian woman, a faithful member of the Methodist Church, in which faith she died at the age of seventy-two years. Elijah Phipps gave his political support to the Whig party, and he was an advocate of all measures which he believed calculated to advance the general welfare. Valentine is the oldest of his three children, the others being Emma, wife of J. T. Wilson, of Minneapolis, Minn., and J. F., now deceased, who was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment during the Rebellion. The father of this family passed away in middle life.

On the home farm Capt. Phipps passed the days of his boyhood and youth, and, after his own education was completed, he successfully engaged in teaching school for a time. During early life he also engaged in lumbering, rafting on the river and working in a sawmill, at Cooksburg, Penn.; but when the Civil war broke out he laid aside personal interests to aid in the defense of his country. On April 15, 1861, he enlisted as second lieutenant in Company E, Tenth Pennsylvania Reserves, and took part in many important engagements, including the battles of Drainsville, Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness campaign and Bethesda Church. At the third named he was wounded in the left thigh by a minie ball. He was commissioned captain of his company August 1, 1862, and when the war was over was honorably discharged and returned home. He was in command of his regiment in the Wilderness when discharged. After returning home he was brevetted major for gallant service in the Wilderness campaign. For a time he resided in Oil City, first engaging in the lumber business, and later in farming; but in 1884 he purchased what is now the "Phipps House," in Shippenville, which he has since successfully conducted. It is the most popular hostelry in the town, and its service is such as to make it well worthy of the reputation it enjoys.

In 1867 Capt. Phipps married Miss Ada Shaffer, a daughter of Jacob Shaffer, one of the early settlers of Clarion county. They have three children: Emma E., Jacob W., and May E. The parents and children hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and the Captain is now serving as elder. He has been commander of Amos Keiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., and for three years was president of Clarion County Soldiers Association; politically he is one of the most prominent and active members of the Republican party in Shippenville. He has most acceptably filled the office of county commissioner, and has ever discharged all duties devolving upon him in a prompt and commendable manner. A man of strict integrity and sterling worth, one who has attained a fair degree of success in the affairs of life, and whose influence has ever been in the direction of the good and the true, this honored veteran of the Civil war assuredly demands prominent mention in a work of this kind.

The Phipps family is related to Joseph Phipps, who settled in Pennsylvania at an early day. He entertained William Penn at different times, and they worshiped in the same church. A picture of the house built by Joseph Phipps about 1686-1690 is in the possession of our subject.

George Cook, who throughout his business career has been prominently identified with the agricultural and lumber interests of Clarion county, was born there.

Mr. Cook is a son of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Smith) Cook, natives of Germany. The father's birth occurred in 1799, in Shewsheim, and in his native land he was married and continued to make his home until 1830, when he crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Lancaster county, Penn., where he worked at the wagon-maker's trade for two years. However, the year 1832 found him located in Paint township, Clarion county, on the turnpike two miles east of Shippenville, where he purchased eighty acres of wild land, and erected thereon a round-log house and a hewed-log barn. He cleared a small portion of his land, and later erected a good frame dwelling, but devoted the greater part of his time to wagon making. His wife, who had patiently shared with him all the hardships and privations of pioneer life, passed away in 1855, and he died in 1852.

In the family of this worthy couple were four children: (1) Catharine, born in Germany, in 1827, was brought by her parents to Clarion county, and on reaching womanhood she gave her hand in marriage to Israel C. Bryner, of Centre county, Penn. For a time they lived in Crawford county, but now reside on his farm in Paint township, Clarion county. Their children are: Joseph, David, Sebastian, Israel, Cornelius, George, Barton, Ezra and Lillie. (2) George is the second in order of birth. (3) Sebastian, born in Paint township, in 1839, married Margaret A. Stover, of Elk township, Clarion county, and they began their domestic life upon a farm purchased by her father in Paint township, but
since 1895 have lived in Forest county, Penn. In 1861, he enlisted in the Union service for three years, and later re-enlisted, serving until the close of the war. He was in all the battles in which his regiment participated, was wounded in the foot while making a charge at Black Water, and at Newbern, N. C., was taken prisoner, being incarcerated in Andersonville for eleven months, during which time he suffered all the hardships known to Southern prison life. In his family were seven children, namely: Charles, Ida, Burton, Frank (a popular young man and an earnest Christian, who accidentally shot himself while out hunting), Sadie, Laura and Grace. (4) William, born in Paint township, Clarion county, in 1844, learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for some years, but now owns and operates a fine farm in Elk township, Clarion county.

The public schools afforded our subject his educational privileges, and in early life he learned the millwright's trade, which he has since successfully followed in connection with other lines of business. Being a natural mechanic he engaged in contracting and building some time; in the employ of Thompson Brothers, he has erected sawmills in Virginia, Alexandria, W. Va., and Wyoming. Jefferson, Clarion and Forest counties, Penn., and ranks among the expert and most successful millwrights of this section of the State. After his marriage he located on the old homestead, and now devotes a portion of his time to the cultivation and improvement of his farm.

In 1859 Mr. Cook was married to Miss Opey Watkins, of Clarion county, a daughter of Jesse and Ellen Watkins, of Paint township, and they have become the parents of six children: William A., born in Paint township, in 1859, wedded Lottie Purcell, of Clarion county, by whom he has five children—Dessie, John, Grant, Et- tie and Margerie—and they reside on his father's homestead. John Elsworth, born in 1861, died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty years. Josephine, born in 1863, married Willis Tenney, of Clarion county, and they now reside at Wall, Allegheny Co., Penn., where he is engaged in railroading. Mary, born in 1866, married Samuel E. Kiser, and with their eight children they live upon a farm in Paint township. George Albert, born in 1867, married Ettie Simpson, a native of Chatham, New Brunswick, and has three children—Ruth, Clarence and Mabel. He operates a part of his father's farm. James F., born in 1874, received a good common-school education, and was married in July, 1897, to Mary C. Bish, of Paint township. They live on the old homestead with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cook are consistent members of the Lutheran Church of the General Synod, and are widely and favorably known in their native county. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he has been called upon to fill various positions of honor and trust. For the long period of twenty-six years he has been an efficient member of the school board, was supervisor of his township one term, overseer of the poor ten or twelve years, auditor a number of terms, and when his present term expires he will have served as justice of peace for twenty years. It is needless to say that his duties have always been most faithfully and satisfactorily performed as his long retention in office plainly indicates that fact. He has the respect of all classes, and it is safe to say that no man in Paint township has more friends than George Cook.

Leonard M. Mong owns and operates a valuable farm of sixty-seven acres in Beaver township, Clarion county, which is under a high state of cultivation and is well-improved with good buildings. In connection with agricultural pursuits he is also interested in the oil business, and upon his place are six wells, from which he derives a good income. He has made his special field of industry an eminent success, and in business circles stands deservedly high.

A native of Clarion county, Mr. Mong was born September 1, 1838, and is a son of Michael M. Mong, a prominent early settler of the county, and a worthy representative of a good old German family. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ann Miller, was born in Wemoreland county, Penn., and belonged to a family which was well represented in both the Revolutionary war and the war of 1812. Our subject is one of a family of six children, but only three are now living, the others being: George W.; and Jonathan M., of Beaver township, Clarion county. The father, who was a staunch Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith, died at the age of forty years, honored and respected by all who knew him. The mother is still living at the advanced age of eighty-nine, and is one of the oldest ladies in the county.

Under the parental roof Leonard M. Mong spent the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, attending the local schools when his services were not needed at home. During the Civil war he served for four months as a member of the 98th P. V. I., and when discharged he resumed his farm labors.

In 1866 Mr. Mong was united in marriage with Miss Anna, daughter of Francis Conner.
JOHN SCOTT, an experienced farmer residing in Madison township, Clarion county, has always made his home in the same county, his birth occurring there July 5, 1823. His parents, Ira and Jane (Smith) Scott, were natives of New York and Pennsylvania, respectively, and were early settlers in Clarion county, locating here before it was organized. The mother's death occurred in Toby township, December 25, 1839, and the father died in 1883. In their family were seven children, as follows: James, now deceased; John; Ira, deceased; Matthew, a resident of Ohio; Smith, deceased; George W.; Elizabeth; and Hilloman, of Armstrong county.

On the old homestead John Scott early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he received his education. He now owns a fine farm of seventy-six acres in Madison township, and to its cultivation and improvement devotes his energies, making it one of the most desirable places of the locality. On April 1, 1864, Mr. Scott manifested his patriotism by enlisting at Meadville, Penn., in Company C, 82nd P. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Meadville, Penn. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor, and at the last named engagement received a gunshot wound, which confined him in the hospital at Pittsburg for some time. On rejoining the army he was assigned to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and stationed at the defenses about Washington, D. C., where he was honorably discharged July 28, 1865.

In 1848, in Madison township, Clarion county, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Emma Frantz, a native of Armstrong county, Penn., and a daughter of Isaac Frantz. He has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died in 1885. The children born to them were as follows: Elizabeth Jane, wife of David H. Swartz, of West Virginia; Samuel, a resident of Washington county, Penn.; Isaac F., of McKean county; William L., who resides on the old homestead; Mary Catherine, wife of J. A. Sunville, of Madison township, Clarion county; Ira, a resident of Ringgold, Jefferson Co., Penn.; Mrs. Vianna Shay; Mrs. Sarah A. Leonard; John, who is in the employ of a railroad company and lives in Pittsburg, Penn.; Delilah, who died in 1863; and Lucinda, deceased.

Politically, Mr. Scott affiliates with the Republican party, and has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of township supervisor. He is one of the prominent and representative citizens of his community, and no man in Clarion county is more deserving of the high regard in which he is held.

THOMAS McCLOSKEY. Clarion county has many enterprising and wide-awake citizens whose attention is devoted to both farming and lumbering, and among this class there is probably none who takes higher rank than the subject of this narrative. He is meeting with good success in his operations; and is now one of the prosperous agriculturists of Farmington township.

The parents of our subject were Bernard and Catharine McCloskey, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father on coming to this country first located in New Jersey, where he was married, but in 1843, with his family, came to Pennsylvania, locating on the boundary line between Forest and Clarion counties, where he made his home until his death, which occurred in 1865. His widow was thus left with ten children depending on her, but her older sons came to her rescue, finished paying for the homestead and cared for her until she, too, passed away.

In the family were the following children: (1) Margaret, born in New Jersey, was married in Forest county to Andrew Yagst, of Mill Creek township, where they now reside upon a farm. Their children are—John, Mary, Thomas, James, Joseph, Stephen, Bernard, and Rose. (2) Frank, born in New Jersey, was reared in Forest county, and in 1861 enlisted in Company F, 63rd P. V. I. He was seriously wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, from the effects of which he died in Washington, D. C. (3) Mary is now the widow of Abraham Songer, of Red Bank township, Clarion county, and the mother of five children—Frank.
George, Katie, Sarah, and Abraham. (4) Hannah, born in New Jersey, married David McDonalz, of Farmington township, Clarion county, and died some years ago leaving a family. (5) Thomas is next in order of birth. (6) Catharine is the wife of John Dodson, a farmer of Virginia, and has six children. (7) Bernard and (8) Sarah both died in childhood. (9) Bernard, born on the old homestead in Forest county, still resides there. (10) Bridge married Charles Angles, of Farmington township, Clarion county, and died in 1896. (11) John is still living on the old homestead in Forest county.

In 1843, while his parents were en route from their old home in New Jersey to the new home in Forest county, Thomas McCloskey was born, and at the latter place he was reared, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. In 1871 was celebrated his marriage to Miss Catharine Heffron, of Farmington township, Clarion county, where he soon afterward purchased ninety-six acres of woodland. Their first home was a log cabin, but four years later it was replaced by a pleasant two-story house, and in 1884 a good barn was also erected. He now has fifty-five acres of his land under a high state of cultivation, and has made many other excellent and valuable improvements upon the place. He is a thorough and skillful farmer and a business man of more than ordinary ability.

Thomas McCloskey and his wife became the parents of seven children, all born upon their present farm: Bernard F., born in 1872, is now working on the oil pipe line in Virginia. Mary Magdalene and Rose Elizabeth were educated in public and parochial schools, and later in the Clarion Normal School. They have successfully engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county. They keep house for their father, as their mother died in 1893. James F., Charles A., Sarah Alice, and J. Leo are all at home.

Our subject uses his right of franchise in support of the Democratic party, and he and his family are all members of the Catholic Church at Crown. In all of life's relations Mr. McCloskey has been true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of the entire community.

A. BEATTY, M. D., who is successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Knox, Clarion county, is a native of Monroe township, Clarion county, and is a representative of two of its oldest and most highly respected families.

Robert Beatty, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Chester county, Penn., was at one time a resident of Westmoreland county, and in 1810 became one of the pioneers of Clarion county. He was the first blacksmith in this region, and, in connection with work at his trade, engaged in agricultural pursuits, opening up a farm of over two hundred acres in Monroe township, which is now owned by our subject and occupied by his three sisters and brother-in-law. Robert Beatty married Miss Ann Henry, a daughter of Robert Henry, of Westmoreland county, Penn., and they became the parents of ten children—seven sons and three daughters—namely: William, father of our subject; John, who died in Strattonville, Penn.; Charles, a resident of Saltsburg, Penn.; Miles, who died in Franklin, Penn.; Miller, who died in Clarion; James, deceased; Robert, who now makes his home in Philadelphia; and Sarah, Esther and Jane, all deceased. The parents of these children died on the old homestead in Monroe township, but, after the death of Mr. Beatty, the mother became the wife of John Sloan, now also deceased.

The birth of William Beatty occurred in Westmoreland county, March 10, 1808, and he was therefore two years old when brought by his parents to the new home in Clarion county, where he was reared amidst the primitive scenes of frontier life. He learned the blacksmith trade, and followed that occupation in connection with farming, never leaving the old homestead in Monroe township. In 1831 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Guthrie, who was the first female white child born east of the Allegheny river in Clarion county, her birth occurring February 2, 1802. Her parents were John and Jane (Maffett) Guthrie, honored pioneers of Clarion county and natives of Westmoreland county, the former of Irish and the latter of Scotch-Irish extraction. Both died in Clarion township. John Guthrie was an officer in the army of the war of 1812, and was captain of a company in the 150th Regiment, Second Brigade, Fifteenth Division of the army.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beatty, as follows: Elizabeth R., now the wife of Samuel H. Williamson, a farmer of Porter township, Clarion county; Lavina M., who lives on the old homestead; Margaret, wife of George T. Henry, of Porter township; Jane B., wife of William F. Guthrie, who operates the old home farm of her father; Sarah A., widow of J. M. Turney, and a resident of Rockford, Ill.; Martha E., who also lives on the old homestead; J. A., of this review; and Mary A., deceased wife of J. L. Dehner, who is engaged in the oil business in
Clarion county. They also had an adopted son, Charles M. The parents died on a farm in Monroe township, the mother on April 13, 1872, the father on April 30, 1878, and both were laid to rest in the Licking cemetery. Their sterling worth and many excellencies of character won for them a host of warm friends, and they were honored and respected by all who knew them.

Reared on the home farm, Dr. Beatty acquired his literary education in the State Normal School at Edinboro, Erie county, and in other colleges of the State, later entering the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1878. In the following year he began practice, and in 1882 opened an office at Knox, Clarion county, where he is now located. He is a leader in thought and action in the medical world, has always been a progressive physician, and in his chosen calling has met with excellent success.

W. N. WILSON has since 1872 been prominently identified with the business interests of Shippenville, Clarion county. He began operations here as a harness maker, and as he prospered in his undertakings, he added to his stock a line of hardware and carriages, and is to-day one of the leading merchants of the place. He has admitted his son, CHAPIN E., to a partnership in the business, and the firm is one of the most reliable and progressive in the city. Ours is a utilitarian age and the life of every successful man bears its lessons, and as told in contemporary narration perhaps is productive of the greatest good. The life of Mr. Wilson demonstrates what may be accomplished through energy, careful management, keen foresight and the utilization of the powers with which nature has endowed one, and the opportunities with which the times surround him.

He was born April 10, 1837, in Centre county, Penn., a son of John and Sarah Wilson, in whose family were three sons. The mother, who was an earnest Christian woman, lived to the ripe old age of eighty-four years, but the father died in Centre county, in 1839, at an early age. The grandfather, Thomas Wilson, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was a popular and influential citizen of Centre county. He was an active worker in the Methodist Church, and for many years served as a class leader.

W. N. Wilson spent his youth in Centre and Clarion counties, and received a fair education. During the war he served for a time in a Pennsylvania regiment. He was married in 1861, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary J. Hos-
neighborhood. Since 1889 he and his brother John have successfully engaged in the oil business in Clarion county, their first well being in Richland township on the Montgomery farm. Later they purchased two wells on the Myers & Brown farm in Venango, and two on the Crawford farm in Clarion county, to which they have added from time to time until they now have twenty-five wells located in those counties, and are doing as large a business as any firm of the kind in their community. They are interested in wells in the Richey Run fields, and being upright, reliable business men, the success that they have achieved is well merited. They are worthy representatives of one of the most prominent and honored families of the county, and their popularity is established on a firm basis—that of their own well-tested merit.

Solomon Foust, one of the most successful horticulturists of Clarion county, now carries on operations in Richland township.

Mr. Foust was born in Centre county, Penn., in 1831, a son of Philip and Catharine (Ware) Foust, also natives of that county, where they continued to make their home until coming to Lycoming county. They bought a 200-acre farm, remained on it three years, then sold it, came to Jefferson county, remaining five years, thence came to Clarion county in 1844. Here the father purchased 106 acres of partially-improved land adjoining St. Petersburg, and to its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies until called from this life in 1883. He laid out a portion of the tract into town lots, forming an addition to St. Petersburg, and some of the lots he sold, while he leased others on which buildings were erected. His political support was given the Democracy. After the death of the mother of our subject, which occurred in St. Petersburg, the father was married in that place to Miss Lydia Snyder, now deceased. In his family were nine children, six sons and three daughters, namely: Susanna, a resident of Lycoming county, Penn.; Joseph, who died in St. Petersburg in 1889; Mary, a resident of Salem township, Clarion county, now a widow; William, who was accidentally killed in 1892, and left a widow, now a resident of Akron, Ohio; Samuel, of St. Petersburg, who purchased the old homestead in 1894; Philip, who was a Union soldier during the Rebellion, and now lives in St. Petersburg; Benjamin, who died at that place in 1886; and Catharine, who is yet single.

Mr. Foust left his native county at the age of seven years, going to Lycoming county, Penn., where he remained three years, thence went to Jefferson county, Penn., but five years, later came to Stt Petersburg, where he completed his education and grew to manhood. At an early age he began working on the Fox farm, and later engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account for twenty-four years upon the same place, remaining there altogether thirty years. Returning to St. Petersburg in 1884, he erected his present residence, and now owns two good dwelling houses there. For some time he was interested in the oil business, but since 1894 he has turned his attention to the raising of fruit, making a specialty of raspberries. He has four lots, or about three acres planted in this fruit, and the plants, which are now two years old, are of an even growth, well kept and in a healthy condition. He raises some of the finest varieties to be found anywhere, and in his new undertaking is meeting with well-merited success. He also gives some attention to the raising of grapes, and by experience he has found that gas pipes make the most durable support for the vines, so he now uses them altogether. He takes a just pride in the appearance of his well kept raspberry patches and vineyards, which cannot be excelled in this section of the State.

In 1853, in St. Petersburg, Mr. Foust was married to Miss Hannah Gougler, who was born in Richland township, Clarion county, a daughter of Henry and Catharine Gougler, honored pioneers of the county, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Foust have five children: Barney, who owns and operates a farm in Venango county, Penn.; John, a resident of Parker, Penn.; Nelson, of Burlington, Kans.; Albert, of Foxburg, Penn.; and Mrs. Phebe Ann Ferringer, of Clarion county.

Politically, Mr. Foust is identified with the Democratic party, and has most creditably served as street commissioner and tax collector in St. Petersburg. He is a prominent member of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 166, R. A., and is now serving his tenth year as treasurer of the same. His life has been one of usefulness, wherein he has faithfully performed all duties devolving upon him, and has gained the confidence and esteem of all who know him.

John H. Ziegler. The excellent farm in Elk township, Clarion county, now owned and occupied by our subject, invariably attracts the eye of the passing traveler as being under the supervision of a thorough and skillful agriculturist, and a man otherwise of good business qualifications. Like many of the intelligent
men around him, Mr. Ziegler is a native of Germany, his birth occurring in Wurtemburg, in 1845. He is the only child of John and Margaret (Wooster) Ziegler, also natives of Wurtemburg, who in 1852 bade adieu to the Fatherland and sailed for America. Locating in Clarion county, Penn., the father purchased fifty-two acres of timber land in Elk township from Mr. Baughman, and devoted his energies to its cultivation and improvement. The mother died in 1859, and the father afterward married Mrs. Margaret Alt, of Beaver township, Clarion county, who passed to her final rest in 1886. His death occurred in 1885. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

Being but seven years of age when brought to this country, John H. Ziegler was reared in Elk and Washington townships, Clarion county, and in the schools near his home he acquired a good practical education which has been of great use to him in his business career. He has always given his attention to agricultural pursuits, and is now the owner of the old homestead in Elk township, which comprises seventy-two acres of rich, arable land that he has placed under a high state of cultivation, and the larger part of the farm is underlaid with seven feet of coal.

In 1888, in Elk township, Mr. Ziegler was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Kohlepp, a native of that township, and a daughter of Balser Kohlepp, an early pioneer of Clarion county, who now makes his home in Porter township. Four children bless this union, namely: Louise, Charley, Viola and Emma.

Politically, Mr. Ziegler is a stanch Republican, and he ever takes a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, supporting those measures which he believes calculated to advance the public welfare. He is a prominent member and trustee of the Emanuel Lutheran Church of Washington township, and is one of the most progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizens of his community. He is also a member and director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Jamestown, Penn. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends, and no man in the county is more honored or highly respected.

From an early period in the development of the county.

John Cook, his father, was born east of the Alleghany Mountains, in Centre county, and when a young man came to Clarion county, where he married (first) Susan Helpman, (second) Katie Ritter, in 1832, the mother of our subject. He first located in Beaver township, where he cleared and improved a farm making it his home for some years, but in 1826 removed to what is known as Cooksburg, and purchased a large tract of land, lying partly in Forest and partly in Clarion counties. He owned two mills on Toms run, and was extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber, which he floated down the Clarion river to the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets. He also cleared and improved a farm, which he made his home until life's labors were ended in 1858. He was a progressive, energetic and reliable business man, who gained the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact.

The subject of this sketch is one of a family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) Mary J., like the other members of the family, was born at Cooksburg. She is now the wife of William Henry, of Forest county, Penn., whose farm is on the Clarion river. (2) Sebastian married Sarah Morgan, of Forest county, and with his family still resides in Cooksburg. (3) Sarah wedded John Lindsey, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and died some years ago leaving a family of six children. (4) Martha is the wife of Levi Snyder, of Farmington township, Clarion county, and has a family of children. (5) Levance married Wilford Slocum, of Farmington township, and died leaving one son, Frank. (6) Squire S. H. married Emma Mays, of Clarion county, by whom he has four children, and they live on his farm in Forest county.

Elijah Cook was born April 19, 1835, on the old homestead at Cooksburg, where he was reared, obtaining his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. With his father he learned both farming and lumbering, and became quite an expert Sawyer. In 1862 he was married, the lady of his choice being Miss Violet Phipps, of Clarion county, a daughter of Samuel and Tenny Phipps, and they began their domestic life in Cooksburg, at Judge Cook's mill, where our subject engaged in the manufacture of lumber for some years. In 1884 he removed to the Leeper mills, and there made his home until moving in 1886 on his present farm in Farmington township, Clarion county, known as the Peter Bartlett farm, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with all the accessories.
and conveniences found upon a model farm of the nineteenth century. In connection with agricultural pursuits he is still interested in the sawmill business, and is meeting with a well deserved success in his undertakings.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Cook are as follows: Samantha, born at Cooksburg, in 1863, married James Henry, of Clarion county, and they now reside in West Virginia, where he follows lumbering. Their children are: Lyman, Edney Elvirty, Elsey Irene, and John L. C., a native of Cooksburg, is the wife of George Colmar, a farmer living near Scotch Hill, in Clarion county, and they have one daughter—Nora. Walter C., born in Cooksburg, resides at home on the farm. Alverda, born in Clarion county, is the wife of James Crossgrove, a farmer of Forest county. Carrie Jane, born in Clarion county, married George H. Suter, by whom she has one son—Roy, and they are at present living in Forest county. Marion E., Samuel E. and John H. are all at home. Della Louewell, died June 11, 1876, aged seven months and eleven days.

Reared as a Whig, Mr. Cook joined the Republican party on its organization, and on that ticket was elected auditor of Forest county, a position he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He also served as school director in Barnett township, Forest county, and wherever he has made his home, he has been numbered among the valued and honored citizens. He belongs to one of the most prominent and highly respected families of this section of the State. One of his brothers was for a number of years associate judge of Forest county.

JACOB WEAVER. A native of Clarion county, where his life has been passed as a farmer, merchant and hotel-keeper, Mr. Weaver is at present the accommodating and obliging landlord of the "Coulter House" at Clarion.

Charles and Elizabeth (Aaron) Weaver, his parents, were natives of Baden, Germany, and Westmoreland county, Penn., respectively. Charles Weaver was brought to this country when seven years of age. He was reared on a farm, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Clarion county throughout his lifetime. He passed away at the old homestead in Washington township in 1869; his wife survived him many years, dying in 1890. Both were estimable people. Of their three sons, Jacob is the only one now living, and is the youngest. He was born in 1840, and was raised on the home place in Washington township, there remaining until he attained the age of twenty-three years. From 1863 until 1873 he stayed on the farm, and from 1873 until 1891 he engaged in merchandising in his native township. In 1891 he purchased the well-known hostelry at Clarion styled the "Coulter House," and has since conducted a first-class hotel, and established a reputation as a landlord second to none in the borough. The "Coulter House" is large, and centrally located. It has fifty rooms, of which thirty odd are sleeping apartments, all are well furnished, light and airy rooms. There is a good bar, well-stocked, billiard and pool room in connection with the house, where the wants in this line of the guests and patrons can be gratified. A commodious feed barn and other stable arrangements for the accommodation of the farmers is attached. The landlord is popular, he and his good wife understanding how to cater to the tastes and provide for the comforts of their many patrons.

In 1863, Mr. Weaver was married to Susan Eisenman, daughter of Christian Eisenman, who died February 9, 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-five years, one month and twenty-one days. Thirteen children have come to this union, the names of those living being: Clara (Mrs. O. V. Fulton), Ida (Mrs. Frank Frederick), Vincent, Bertha, Jennie and Otto. The children deceased are: Emma, John, Frank, Oscar, Edward, George and James. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are members of the Roman Catholic Church. Politically, he is a Democrat.

B F. NEELY, who is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits in Beaver township, has spent his entire life in Clarion county, his birth having occurred on the old Neely homestead in Beaver township, May 28, 1841. The family is of German origin, and the name was originally spelled Neighleigh. Members of the family have been prominently identified with both the civil and military history of the country. Capt. H. Neely, an uncle of our subject, commanded a company of 100 men at the battle of Erie, during the war of 1812, and was a brave and gallant officer. His death occurred in Clarion county.

John Neely, our subject's father, was born in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1791, a son of Paul and Frances (Shoup) Neely, the latter of Holland descent. On attaining to man's estate, John Neely wedded Miss Mary Berlin, who died, during the infancy of our subject, at the age of forty-four. By her marriage she became the mother of the following children: Hezekiah,
Mahala, Polly Ann, Israel (who died in 1897), Lavia, Susan, Cyrus, Humphrey, John, Mary Ann, Betsy Jane, Frances, Paul M., and Richard H. Lee and B. F., twins. The father was a successful agriculturist, and became the owner of a valuable farm of 212 acres in Clarion county. He was an active and influential member of the German Reformed Church, and served as elder for some years.

The subject of this sketch lived with his brothers throughout the greater part of his boyhood and youth, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer lads, aiding in the work of the fields and attending the district schools when his services were not needed at home. Later he spent some years in the oil fields, and then again turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, locating upon his present farm in Beaver township, Clarion county, in 1873. Here he has thirty-three acres under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

At the age of twenty-five Mr. Neely married to Miss Sarah Fillman, who was born, reared and educated in Richland township, and is a daughter of Michael and Susan Fillman. She is one of a family of eight children, six still living, namely: Sarah; Lucinda; Josiah (who was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war), Mrs. Mary Rupert, John and Christopher. Mr. and Mrs. Neely have three children: (1) Elmer died in June, 1897, leaving a widow, and two children—Percy Merle and Alma Clove. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was loved and respected by all who knew him, and his funeral was one of the largest ever held in Clarion county. (2) Elsie is the wife of B. F. Way, of Richland township, and has three children—Lotta, Cleveland and Dolly Marie. (3) Oliver, also a resident of Richland township, is married and has three children—Alvera, Lester Franklin and Mary Ann.

Our subject gives his support to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and, socially, affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees. He and his wife are both earnest and consistent members of the Reformed Church, and have the confidence and high regard of all who know them.

SAMUEL FOUST, a well-known agriculturist residing in St. Petersburg, Penn., was born in 1846, in Centre county, Penn., and is a son of Philip and Catharine (Ware) Foust, who were born, reared and married in eastern Pennsylvania. In 1849 the family removed to Clarion county, and the father purchased an improved tract of land upon which St. Petersburg is now located. Dividing some of his property into town lots, he commenced selling the same in 1872, which now constitutes the northern part of the village. Here he continued to make his home until life's labors were ended in 1881. He was widely and favorably known throughout this section of the State.

When our subject was only three years old he lost his mother, and Philip Foust later married Mrs. Lydia Snider, who died in St. Petersburg in 1892. There were six sons and three daughters by the first marriage, namely: Joseph, deceased; Solomon, a prominent citizen of St. Petersburg; William, deceased; Philip, a resident of St. Petersburg; Samuel: Benjamin, deceased; Mrs. Susan Eck, of Jersey Shore, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Kriebbs, of Salem township, Clarion county; and Catharine, who is now housekeeper at the Fox mansion. Mrs. Snider's children were: Mrs. J. W. Shoup; Mrs. Andy Lowars; Mrs. Edinger, of Richland township, Clarion county; and Mrs. Miller, of Pittsburg, Penn. There were no children born to the second marriage of Philip Foust.

Coming to St. Petersburg at the age of three years, Samuel Foust was here reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day. Since starting out in life for himself he has always engaged in teaming and farming, and now owns twenty-nine acres of the old homestead, which is well improved and under excellent cultivation.

In 1868, in Richland township, Clarion county, Mr. Foust was married to Miss Esther Goughler, a native of the township and a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Beck) Goughler, who were pioneers of the county, and are now both deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Foust are as follows: W. H., who is married and now lives in Lockhart, N. Y., is a teacher in Clark's Business College, and previously taught in New Castle and Oil City, Penn.; E. C., a fireman on the Pittsburg & Western railroad, is married and resides in Richland township, Clarion county; Anna is now Mrs. Horam, and still lives with her parents.

As a Democrat Mr. Foust takes quite an active interest in politics, and on his party ticket has been elected a member of the city council. Socially he belongs to Ivonhoe Lodge No. 166, R. A., and religiously he is a member of the German Reformed Church, while his wife and family are connected with the Lutheran Church. Throughout his active business life he has been prominently identified with the growth and prosperity of his adopted county, and has given his
support to all objects tending to its upbuilding. He is therefore justly numbered among its valued and useful citizens.

DAVID MONTGOMERY, who throughout his entire business career has been interested in farming and oil producing, and now carries on operations in Richland township, Clarion county, was born December 19, 1843, in Venango county, Penn., a son of David and Julia (Kephart) Montgomery, the former of Yankee stock, and the latter a daughter of Elias Kephart, who was of German descent. For many years they made their home in Venango county, where the father served as foreman in the different iron works, and he died there in the faith of the Methodist Church, of which he was a consistent member. He left a widow and three children, namely: Barbara, now Mrs. Taylor, of Butler county, Penn.; Henry, also of that county; and David, of this review. The mother afterward married William Layton, by whom she had eight children.

On a farm in Venango county, Mr. Montgomery, whose name introduces this sketch, grew to manhood, and in connection with agricultural pursuits, he became familiar with the work in the oil fields. In February, 1863, he laid aside all personal interests, and enlisted in the 11th Pennsylvania Reserves, but was later assigned to Company I, 190th P. V. I., under Capt. W. Coleman. The regiment was assigned to the Fifth Army Corps, under Gen. Crawford, and with that command participated in many important battles, including the Wilderness, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. Being seriously wounded by a ball in the back of the head, he was sent to hospital, where he remained some nine months, and since his discharge has never regained his former health and strength. After the war he spent eleven years at Oil City, Penn., and in 1882 removed to his present farm of twenty acres in Richland township, Clarion county, where he has four good oil wells in successful operation.

In 1871 Mr. Montgomery was married to Miss Mary Sutton, a native of Butler county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Mary Sutton, who had a family of eight children, five of whom are still living: Jeremiah, James (who was a Union soldier during the Civil war), John, Sarah and Mary; those deceased are Joseph, Eliza Jane and Jonathan D. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics, died at the age of sixty-four, and the mother was called to her final rest at the age of seventy. Three children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, namely: Anna Laurie, David Vernette and Florence Helen. The parents are Methodists in religious belief. Fraternally, Mr. Montgomery affiliates with Emlenton Post No. 248, G. A. R., while his wife belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps. Their genuine worth and many excellencies of character commend them to the confidence and esteem of all who know them. Politically, Mr. Montgomery is identified with the Republican party.

W. K. GIBSON, one of the leading and popular citizens of New Bethlehem, is now successfully engaged in contract sawing in Clarion county. He is a native son of Pennsylvania, born in Plum Creek township, Armstrong county, August 15, 1841, and is a representative of two of the prominent pioneer families of that region, both his grandfathers having assisted in the erection of the old block house on Plum creek, in that county, that served as a place of refuge for the early settlers during Indian disturbance.

John A. Gibson, the father of our subject, was a native of Armstrong county, and a son of Levi and Jane (Rankin) Gibson, natives of Indiana county and Lancaster county, Penn., respectively, the latter died at the age of seventy-seven years. John A. Gibson always followed agricultural pursuits, and continued to operate the old homestead farm in Armstrong county, which his father had opened up, until his death, in 1861. He had married Miss Mary Jane Kennedy, who was also born in Armstrong county, and died there in 1848. They had three children, who are now living: Mrs. Martha Jane Hepler, of Nebraska; W. K., of this sketch; and Mrs. Margaret Matilda Shoup, of Kansas.

During his childhood and youth, W. K. Gibson attended the public schools near his home, and remained under the parental roof until after the outbreak of the Rebellion. Feeling that his country needed his services he enlisted in Armstrong county, August 15, 1861, in Company A, 78th P. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was sworn into the United States service at Kittanning, Penn., the following October, the regiment becoming a part of the Middle Division, Army of the West. Mr. Gibson participated in the battles of Stone river and Murfreesboro, Tullahoma, Dug Gap or Bailey Cross Roads, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Resaca, Peach Tree Creek and Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta and Jonesboro. He was one of forty detailed to do scout duty, of whom only fifteen or sixteen were left at the close of the
JAMES G. WEAVER, a representative farmer of Washington township, Clarion county, has the reputation of a strictly first-class business man, reliable and energetic, and is a citizen of whom any community might be justly proud. He is the offspring of excellent stock of staunch German ancestry, his father, Sebastian Weaver, having been a native of Baden, Germany. On his emigration to America, he first located in Red Bank township, Clarion county, and then removed to a farm near Fryburg, where he carried on agricultural pursuits for many years. In this State he married Miss Mary Greenawalt, a native of Westmoreland county, and they became the parents of the following children: Anthony; Charles, deceased; James G.; Henry; Susan; and Lucinda, deceased. The father, who was a staunch Democrat in politics, died at the age of seventy-eight years, and the mother passed away when ninety years of age. Both were communicants of the Catholic Church, and reared their children in that faith.

James G. Weaver was born July 9, 1841, on the old homestead in Washington township, where he still lives, and there grew to manhood, assisting in the labors of the farm and attending the district schools. He now owns the place, which consists of 100 acres of rich and arable land under excellent cultivation and improved with a comfortable residence and good barns and outbuildings. He thoroughly understands the vocation which he follows, and is therefore meeting with a well-deserved success. Feeling that his country needed his services, Mr. Weaver enlisted July 23, 1862, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., and met the enemy in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and other important engagements. He was honorably discharged in December, 1862, but being ill at the time it was six weeks before he was able to return home.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Mr. Weaver chose Miss Sarah Capp, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Henry Capp, now deceased. She had two brothers, Henry and George Capp, who also served in the Union army during the Civil war. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are as follows: William; Frederick; Kirk; Walter, a carpenter, now deceased; Mrs. Amanda Fletcher; Mrs. Tilla Wohrert; Mrs. Emma Wolf; Lotta; Anna; Dora; John and Ralph. The sons are enterprising, reliable business men, and the family is one of prominence in the community. Politically, Mr. Weaver is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has held several township offices with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. He is a Catholic in religious faith, and is a prominent member of the Grand Army Post No. 475, of Shippenville. Honest, industrious and enterprising, his influence in the township is extensive and well merited, and he has the esteem and confidence of all who know him.

JOHN WHITE, at this writing senior member of the well-known livery firm of White & Shaw, of Knox, Clarion county, was born in Clinton county, N. Y., June 6, 1845, a son of M. and Fanny (Cotter) White, who were born, reared and married in Ireland, and belonged to good old Catholic families, noted for their industry and integrity. Soon after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. White immigrated to Canada, and after living there for a few years removed to New York. In 1850 they went by lake to Milwaukee, Wis., and from there by team to Green county, that State. They located close to the Illinois line, near Monroe, Wis., where the father took up 160 acres of government land, and he soon
transformed the wild tract into a highly cultivated and productive farm. He was one of the first settlers of that county, as well as one of its highly respected citizens and successful farmers and stock raisers. His wife died at the age of ninety and he at the age of ninety-four, being at that time one of the oldest men in that section of the State. He was a Democrat in politics.

The family of this worthy couple numbered eight children, four sons and four daughters, namely: Mrs. Mary Deyo, now deceased; Kate, wife of John Macey, of Monroe, Wis.; Maggie, wife of J. W. Burnett, of Oil City, Penn.; Edmund, who served in Company K, 45th Ill. V. I., under Capt. Cowan, during the Civil war, and died at the age of nineteen years; John; D. O., a resident of Knox, Penn.; James, of Chicago; and Fanny, wife of Henry Stover, of La Fayette county, Wisconsin.

The subject of this sketch was but five years old when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Wisconsin, and amid pioneer scenes he grew to manhood. He was provided with a fair common-school education, such as a frontier settlement then afforded, and during his youth he aided in the arduous task of converting wild land into highly cultivated fields. Although only sixteen years of age he donned the blue in January, 1862, and until the close of the war valiantly aided in the struggle to preserve the Union. He was a member of Capt. George F. Gardener’s company, of Monroe, Wis., which was a part of the Fifth Wisconsin Light Artillery, and he participated in the battle of Rocky Face Ridge, the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman on the celebrated march to the sea; was also in the Carolina campaign, and the battles around Richmond, Va., and, subsequently took part in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C. In September, 1864, he was wounded at Jonesboro by a minie ball, and still carries the Rebel lead in his side, a painful reminder of his army life. At that time he was confined in the hospital for ten days, and later for a period of three months. When hostilities had ceased he was honorably discharged at Madison, Wis., June 14, 1865, and returned to the old homestead in Green county, where some time was passed before he regained his former strength.

During the oil excitement, Mr. White came to Oil creek, Penn., and passed twenty-five years in the oil fields of this State, after which he spent a short time in Wood county, Ohio. Returning to Pennsylvania, he located in Knox, Clarion county, where he has practically made his home since 1876. For a time he was engaged in the livery business with Robert Orr, and on March 15, 1897, formed his present connection with Charles Shaw. Their stable, which is 40 x 100 feet, is one of the best in the county. It is well arranged and stocked with a fine line of carriages and excellent horses, both safe and speedy. It is the most popular livery stable in the town, and enjoys a liberal patronage.

In 1867 Mr. White was married to Miss Mary J. Phillips, a successful teacher of Green county, Wis., who died in 1868. Three years later he wedded Miss Artecincia L. Fulkerson, who was born in Chautauqua county, N. Y., but was reared and educated in Franklin county, Penn. Her father, Cornelius Fulkerson, died in McLean county, Penn., in 1886. Two children graced the second marriage—Maud, now the wife of S. S. Sweet, of Knox, Penn., and Lou Edith, who died at the age of six years.

Our subject is unswerving in his support of the Republican party, and has been called upon to serve on the city council and as judge of elections. Fraternally, he is an honored member of George H. Cowde Post No. 112, G. A. R., of which he has been commander, and he is a charter member of the Knights of the Maccabees in Knox. An upright, honorable business man, he has gained the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, and has made a host of warm friends in his adopted county. His estimable wife holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

D A. BRYNER, one of the leading and influential citizens of Clarion county, is now successfully engaged in the lumber business at Shippenville. He is a native of Clarion county, born in Paint township, July 9, 1835, and is a son of I. C. and Catharine (Cook) Bryner, prominent and highly respected people of that township. I. C. Bryner was born in eastern Pennsylvania, at an early day became a resident of Clarion county, and is still living on the old home farm at the age of seventy-four. His estimable wife is a daughter of Sebastian Cook, also an honored pioneer of Clarion county. In the Bryner family were ten children: Joseph C., David A., Sebastian S., Israel C., Cornelius B., Barbara E. (deceased), George I., Bart W., Ezra W. and Lillian C.

The public schools of Paint township afforded our subject his educational privileges, and upon the home farm he was reared to habits of thrift and industry. At the age of fifteen years he commenced working for the lumber firm of W. H. H. Black & Co., of Shippenville, which was a stepping stone to an education in the lumber
business, beginning first to cut the timber into saw logs, advancing next to a mill hand, and finally taking charge of the measuring and selling of the lumber. He remained with the firm for six years, and then secured the position of bookkeeper and salesman for the lumber firm of Hahn, Wagner & Co., serving as such for twelve years—four at their yards at Elk City, and near Edenburg, and eight at their mills in Paint township. On January 1, 1888, he resigned this position to accept a similar one with the lumber firm of Vowinckel & Corbett, who had purchased a large tract of timber, and erected a saw and planing mill near Shippenville, the tract of timber joining the farm on which Mr. Bryner was reared. This position he held until July, 1895, when he purchased Mr. Corbett’s interest in the business, and under the firm name of Vowinckel & Bryner the same has since been successfully conducted.

On October 9, 1879, Mr. Bryner was married to Miss Maggie E. Nelson, daughter of Hosea and Margaret Nelson, of Lawrence county, Penn. Four children bless this union: Kate, Belle, Zoe and Jessie.

Socially, Mr. Bryner is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and has attained the Knights Templar degree. Politically, he is one of the leading members of the Democratic party in his community, but has never held any important public office. His ambition is—success for his political friends, and victory for his party. As a business man he possesses untiring energy, is keen in perception, forms his plans readily and is determined in their execution. His close application to business and his excellent management have brought to him the high degree of prosperity he to-day enjoys.

J. W. YOUNG, one of the leading and progressive farmers and lumbermen of Paint township, belongs to an honored pioneer family of Clarion county, and now resides upon a part of the old homestead where Daniel Brenneman located on first coming to the county. His father, who also bore the name of John, was born in 1802, near Freeport, Westmoreland county, Penn., and accompanied his parents on their removal to Paint township, Clarion county. He aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing the home farm, and to its cultivation and further improvement devoted his time and attention until called from this life in 1879. He had married Miss Margaret Dougherty, who died in 1869.

Our subject is the fifth in order of birth in their family of seven children, the others being as follows: (1) John, born in 1829 in Clarion county, where he grew to manhood. He married Miss Susan Whitehead, of Armstrong county, and with their family they now live in Missouri. (2) Barbara became the wife of Duncan McNotten, of Highland township, Clarion county, and died leaving three children—Hannah E., Magdalin and Francis M. (3) George, born in 1832, married Barbara Adams, of Blair county, Penn., and made his home in Armstrong county, where he died leaving a family. (5) S. D., born in 1834, married Priscilla Brenneman, of Clarion county, and resided upon a farm adjoining our subject’s in Paint township. His children were—John, Alice, wife of John Wagoner, of Tylersburg, Penn.; Orphie, who married Christ Johnson, a native of Denmark, now residing in Texas; Ruby, and Daisy. (6) Harriet, born in 1837, married Gideon Gilson, of Warren county, Penn., and lives in Tidioute, that county. They had two children—Lillie, who died in childhood, and Amma. (7) Mathew is married, has a large family, and resides in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania.

J. W. Young was born in June, 1836, on the old homestead in Paint township, and in the common schools of the locality received his elementary education, which was supplemented by a course in the select schools of Beaver Furnace. In January, 1861, he was married to Miss Jane K. Brenneman, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Daniel and Deborah Brenneman, well-to-do farming people of Paint township: but the same year he left his young bride to enter the service of his country.

In Clarion county, Mr. Young enlisted in Company E, 10th Pennsylvania Reserves, under Capt. Knox of the same county, and in July, 1861, was sworn into the United States service at Harrisburg for three years, the regiment being among the first to enlist for so long a period. Their first engagement was at Drainville, December 20, and the Union forces were victorious. In 1862, under McClellan, they took part in the seven-days’ engagement from Mechanicsville to the James river, and were also in the Peninsula campaign. At Harrison’s Landing, on the Fourth of July, of that year, Mr. Young contracted a fever and was sent to a hospital in Philadelphia, where he remained until March, 1863. As he then had rheumatism, he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability and returned home.

For a time Mr. Young engaged in the lumber business, and also built coal boats for the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets until 1865, when he secured a position as engineer at a furnace in
Sligo, Clarion county. Later he engaged in the oil business in Butler county, Penn., until 1880, when he purchased eighty-five acres, of Daniel Brenneman, in Paint township, Clarion county, and has since engaged in its cultivation and improvement. He has erected a good two-story residence and a substantial barn, and the well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance of the place testify to his skill and ability as an agriculturist.

Our subject has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who died in 1891. Nine children were born to them, as follows: W. E., born in Paint township, in 1861, now lives in Marionville, Forest Co., Penn.; Ida, born in Clarion county, in 1865, married Bernard Goff, of McKeany county, Penn., by whom she has one son, Bernard W.; and they live in Kane; Ada, born in Clarion county, died at the age of eleven years; Robert Lincoln, born in Sligo, in 1867, died when only a year old; Deborah, born in Butler county, died at the age of eight; Daniel B., born in Butler county, in 1873, married Carrie Wike, of Clarion county, and they have two children—Edna B. and Claud; they now reside near Monroe in Clarion county; Maggie, born in Butler county, in 1875, was educated in the public schools of Clarion county, and is living with her father; Harry H., born in October, 1877, in Butler county, is at home; Jessie, born April 16, 1883, is also at home.

In his political views Mr. Young is a Republican, and he has been honored with a number of local offices, being auditor of his township one term, school director and secretary of the board three years, and since 1890 has most acceptably served as constable of Paint township. In that year he was also appointed census enumerator for Paint and Highland townships. He and his family belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is also an honored and prominent member of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, of Shippenville, in which he has served as commander.

E. C. BEECHEER, one of the representative business men of Foxburg, now engaged in merchandising, was born May 23, 1842, in Chautauqua county, N. Y., a son of David and Electa (Campbell) Beecher. John Campbell, his maternal grandfather, aided the colonies in their struggle for independence during the Revolutionary war. The father was born in Castleton, Vt., but was married in Ticonderoga, N. Y., where his wife was reared. With an ox-team they removed to Chautauqua county, where in the midst of the forest the father cleared and improved a farm, making it his home until 1864, when he sold the place and located in Clymer, N. Y. There his wife died April 30, 1887, aged eighty-three years, and he passed away January 22, 1890, aged seventy-seven years, honored and esteemed by all who knew them. In their family were four children, namely: Ir a T., a resident of North East, Erie Co., Penn.; E. C.; Emma, wife of T. D. Ayer, of Clymer, N. Y.; and one who died in infancy.

E. C. Beecher grew to manhood in his native county, attended the schools of Clymer, and later was a student for one term in an academy in Ripley, N. Y. On August 23, 1862, he enlisted as a private in Company H, 112th N. Y. V. I., for three years or during the war, and was sworn into the United States service at Jamestown, N. Y., September 11. For the first eighteen months Mr. Beecher was located near Suffolk, Va., John A. Dix, commander, and assisted in building all the forts in that locality, after which he went to Polly Island, in Charleston harbor, under Q. A. Gillmore. Subsequently he did garrison duty at Jacksonville, Fla., for six months; and then with General Butler went up the York river to Fort Darling and later to Cold Harbor, Va., where he received a gunshot wound in the left thigh which confined him in the hospital until March, 1865, when he was honorably discharged in Washington, D. C. Afterward he was employed at Annapolis, Md., in the New York State Military Agency until the close of the war, and in July, 1865, returned to his home in Clymer.

During the winter months Mr. Beecher engaged in teaching in Chautauqua county for some time, and was also interested in mercantile pursuits there until 1872, when he went to Spartansburg, Penn., where he also followed merchandising. He spent some time in both Butler and Clarion counties, and finally located in Foxburg in 1876. At this place he was first engaged in selling books, later clerked in a store, and in May, 1889, was appointed postmaster, which office he most creditably filled for four years and a half. Since then he has conducted a store, and from the public receives a liberal patronage, being today numbered among the leading merchants of the place. In August, 1897, he was again appointed postmaster, which position he now holds.

At Clymer, N. Y., in 1868, Mr. Beecher was united in marriage with Miss Marion Hapgood, a native of Rushford, that State, and a daughter of Dexter M. Hapgood, a resident of Clymer. She died in Foxburg April 2, 1897, leaving one daughter, Ethel R.

Fraternally, our subject is a charter member
of Foxburg Post No. 249, G. A. R., in which he has served either as commander or adjutant; since its organization, and is now filling the latter office. He is also a prominent member of Olive Lodge No. 515, F. & A. M., at Sherman, N. Y., and Fox Lodge No. 825, I. O. O. F., in which he has served as secretary for the past eight years. The Republican party always finds in him an earnest advocate and staunch supporter, and he heartily endorses all measures calculated to prove of public benefit. He never acts except from honest motives, and in all his varied relations in business affairs and in social life he has maintained a character and standing that has impressed all with his sincere and manly purpose to do by others as he would have others do by him.

JOHN A. CULBERT, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Elk township, Clarion county, was born September 29, 1840, in New York City, and is a son of John Culbert, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and in his native city was married to Miss Ruth Benson, also a native of Ireland, and of Scotch descent. At the age of twenty-one the father emigrated to this country and lived in New York until 1844, when he removed to Pittsburg. By trade he was a ship carpenter, and always worked at carpentering and joining, being in the employ of James McCully and Judge Breckenridge for many years. On becoming an American citizen he joined the Whig party, and on its dissolution affiliated with the Republicans. In religious belief he and his wife were Episcopalians. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-four, while she departed this life in 1845, leaving four children: Mary A., William A., John A. and Ruth.

The early life of our subject was passed in Pittsburg, Penn., and Annapolis, Md., and during his youth he learned the trades of plastering and painting, at which he worked until the Civil war broke out. Responding to the President's call for volunteers, he enlisted in May, 1861, for three years in Company C, Eighth Pennsylvania Reserves, and participated in the seven-days' battle of the Peninsula, second battle of Bull Run, and in the Antietam campaign. At Charles City Cross Roads he was taken prisoner, and after being confined for ten days in Libby prison, he was sent to Belle Isle, where he was held for thirty days. On being exchanged he joined General Pope's command, and remained in the service for two years. He was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant and returned home.

Shortly after came to Little Kanawha river, Va., where he was engaged in the oil business, and in the latter part of the year 1863 removed to Oil City, Penn., during its palmy days. There he made his home for nine years, and gave his attention principally to the oil business. He then came to Edenton, and in Clarion county has since worked at his trade, doing all kinds of fine plastering and stone work. He has a fine residence in Haynie, built in the latest style of architecture and supplied with all modern improvements.

In Oil City, in 1866, Mr. Culbert was married to Miss Olive McIntyre, a native of Shippenville, Penn., and a daughter of John McIntyre. To them were born four children, John B. being the only one now living. Those deceased are: Sumner, who died in infancy; Homer, who died at the age of twenty-four years; and Ambrose, who died at the age of seventeen. The family receive and merit the high regard of the entire community. In politics Mr. Culbert is identified with the Republican party, and in his social relations is connected with Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville. His public and private career are above reproach, for his life has been characterized by the utmost fidelity to duty.

D R. P. GATES. The history of this gentleman, who is one of the leading farmers of Beaver township, Clarion county, is a forcible illustration of the exercise of perseverance and resolution under the pressure of financial disaster as well as amid the sunshine of prosperity.

Mr. Gates was born January 31, 1840, in the township where he still continues to reside, a son of Henry and Dorothy Ann Gates, who reared a large family of children, the others being: George, Frederick, Joseph, Henry, John, Jacob, Kate, Betsy, Margaret, Anna and David. The father was a son of Henry Gates, Sr., and was a native of Centre county, Penn., of German extraction. He was a farmer by occupation, a Whig in politics, and a Lutheran in religious belief. He died at the age of sixty, and the mother when our subject was only six years old.

D. R. P. Gates was reared in the manner of most farmer boys of his day, and during his youth worked at farming or in the oil fields. Like many other brave boys, he donned the blue, enlisting October 13, 1861, in Company K, Fourth Pennsylvania Cavalry. He participated in the battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg, after which he was appointed orderly for Gen. Humphrey, and served as such at the battle of Fredericksburg and in other engagements. When
the war was over and his services were no longer needed, he was honorably discharged July 1, 1865, with the rank of sergeant. For some time after his return home Mr. Gates worked at the Black furnace, but in 1868 located upon his present farm of fifty acres in Beaver township, Clarion county, and has since devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits and the oil business with good success. He has a good house and barn and fine orchard upon his place, and the fields are under a high state of cultivation.

On November 3, 1868, Mr. Gates was married to Miss Catherine Emminger, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Elias Emminger, who had one son—John—in the Union service during the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are the parents of seven children, as follows: Dorothy, Bertha, Parley, Ola, Perthena, Curd and Oren.

In politics our subject is a stanch Republican, always adhering to the principles formulated by that party. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and is serving as deacon of his Church. Industry, energy and perseverance have brought a merited success to crown his efforts, and he is everywhere recognized as one of the most honorable business men as well as one of the most popular citizens of his community.

LEVI COLLNER, a wide-awake and progressive business man of Richland township, Clarion county, was born July 24, 1842, on the old homestead, near St. Petersburg, where his father, Lewis Collner, had located in 1837, when twenty-six years of age. The latter was a native of Germany, and on commencing life here was in very limited circumstances, but he made the most of his opportunities, and by industry and perseverance secured a comfortable competence and became one of the leading and most successful business men of his community. At one time he owned stores in Salem and Beaver townships, besides one at St. Petersburg. By trade he was a shoemaker. Lewis Collner was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Fry, a lady of intelligence and worth, and a daughter of Samuel Fry, who was one of the prominent pioneers of Clarion county, and a man noted for his size and strength. Eight sons were born of this union—Levi; William F., a resident of Clarion; Samuel and Joseph, both of St. Petersburg; Harrison and Lemuel, merchants of St. Petersburg; Calvin one of the prominent citizens of that place, who died at the age of thirty years; and George, who died in childhood.

On the old homestead near St. Petersburg, Levi Collner spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and attended the public schools of the locality. In early life he was employed at various occupations, working on the farm for a part of the time and driving a team for a store. He worked in his father’s store in Salem township, and also in St. Petersburg. For a number of years he boated oil on the Allegheny river to Pittsburg. He is now the owner of a nicely improved farm in Richland township, near St. Petersburg, and in connection with agricultural pursuits, is also an oil producer.

At the age of twenty-five, Mr. Collner was married to Miss Sarah Ashbaugh, born June 10, 1848, a native of Richland township, and a daughter of John and Eva (Duretta) Ashbaugh [for ancestral data of Ashbaugh family see sketch of John J. Ashbaugh], prominent citizens of that township, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Collner have three children: Howard C., at home; Elmer H., who married Ida Uncapher (a daughter of pioneer settlers of Westmoreland county, Penn., who now make their home near Foxburg, Clarion county), and operates a farm, where he has a fine residence; and John L., at home.

Mr. Collner is unwavering in his support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and takes an active and prominent part in political affairs. He has served as overseer of the poor eight years, as a member of the school board and also as treasurer of his township. He was reared in the Reformed Church, and socially is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Blairs Corners, the Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum, of St. Petersburg. As a citizen he stands ready to discharge every duty devolving upon him, and the best years of his life have been given to the building up and advancement of his native county. Few men are better known throughout this section, and none are held in higher regard or are more deserving the esteem of their fellow citizens than Levi Collner.

Samuel Fry, our subject’s maternal grandfather, was born October 17, 1789, in Westmoreland county, and became one of the pioneers of Richland township, Clarion county. He was a soldier of the war of 1812, and died August 2, 1871.

EDWARD SWARTZ, whose loyal defense of the Union during the Civil war, and whose faithful discharge of the duties of citizenship in times of peace, well indicates his patriotic devotion to his country, was born on January 19, 1843, in Salem township, Clarion county, on the farm where he now makes his home.
John Swartz, his father, was born in Union county, Penn., in 1800, and was descended from an old Pennsylvania, Dutch family. Two representatives of the name were soldiers in the war of 1812. The mother of our subject bore the maiden name of Magdelene Niece, and was a daughter of Henry Niece, a native of Germany. Her father was one of a family of seven children, and on coming to this country he was sold to pay his passage over. He was thus taken into the house of a rich man, by whom he was well treated, and in the New World he grew to manhood, afterward marrying and establishing a home of his own.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Swartz were born fourteen children: Isaac, Kitty, Jacob, Henry, Sarah, John A., Mary, Edward, William, Christian E., David, Daniel, Rebecca, and one daughter, who died in infancy. Of this family, John A. was a soldier in the Union army and died in the service, his remains being buried at Fairfax, Va. The parents both died on the old homestead in Salem township, Clarion county, the father, at the age of seventy-six years, the mother, when seventy-five years of age. The father was a Democrat until the war, when he became a stanch Republican. Both he and his wife held membership in the Lutheran Church, and reared their children in that faith.

Edward Swartz spent his boyhood days upon the old homestead, and aided in the labors of field and meadow. He acquired his education in a log school house, and in early life learned the mason's trade, which he followed for forty years. He is an expert workman in that line and a good general mechanic. He put aside all personal considerations, however, at President Lincoln's call for 300,000 troops, and joined the boys in blue of Company G, 155th P. V. I., for three years' service. He participated in the battles of Sharpsburg, Fort Stevenson and other important engagements, and was then in the hospital for some time owing to an attack of catarrhal fever. He had also had his great toe badly frozen, which disabled him for some time. On recovering he was transferred to Company I, of the Veteran Reserve Corps, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He met President Lincoln a number of times, and is said to resemble him, their height being the same—six feet and four inches.

When the war was ended and the country no longer needed his services, Mr. Swartz returned to his home, and on August 17, 1865, was married to Sarah M. Slater, a daughter of Christian and Polly (Gould) Slater, both now deceased, the mother dying at the age of ninety-five years, in Butler county, Penn. Their son, Eahen Slater, is a resident of Reedsburg, Penn. To Mr. and Mrs. Swartz have been born twelve children, of whom only four are now living, namely: William, a resident of Wood county, Ohio; Ira P., who is also living in that county; Ruby; and John Christopher. Of those deceased, Mary H. and Permilla McGary were married; Alguire died at the age of twenty-four years; Rosilla Viola died at the age of fourteen years; one died at the age of eighteen months; and the others died in infancy. The father of this family is a stanch Republican in his political views, and warmly advocates the principles of the party, keeping well-informed on the issues of the day. He belongs to Nickleville Post No. 354, G. A. R., and holds membership in the Evangelical Church, in which he is one of the officials. He is an honorable business man, a valued citizen, and in the regard of friends and neighbors he holds an enviable place.

F. P. KING, one of the representative and prominent business men of Richland township, Clarion county, has for twenty years been actively identified with the oil interests of this section of the State, and in his operations has prospered. His business has taken him all over Venango and Clarion counties, where he has become widely and favorably known. Besides the five good oil wells upon his own place in Richland township, he also owns and operates wells in Venango county, and with his brothers, G. W. and J. H., he is interested with the same business in Butler county, Penn., buying and leasing oil lands, sinking wells, and later selling them.

Mr. King was born in Richland township, Clarion county, about forty years ago, and is a worthy representative of a prominent and highly respected family which was founded here in 1834, by his ancestors who were of German descent and first lived in Huntington county, Penn., and later in Westmoreland county. The grandfather of our subject, Samuel King, spent his last days in Venango county. The father, Peter King, was one of the first millers in this region, having erected and operated a mill on Ridge Run, over half a century ago, but he has now retired from active business and is enjoying a well-earned rest. He married Miss Margaret E. Myers, a native of Venango county, and a daughter of George Myers, one of the old settlers of that county. Mrs. King, who was a most estimable lady, departed this life in 1880, at the age of fifty-five years, leaving seven children,
namely: George W., J. H., Mary E. (at home), Mrs. S., Curtis, Margaret, and Ada (wife of D. A. Leslie, of Armstrong county). The father gives his political support to the men and measures of the Democratic party, and is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the public schools near his childhood home F. P. King acquired a fair education, and his business training was obtained upon the home farm and in the mill. He now has a comfortable home in Richland township, where he has resided since 1884. Three years previous he had married Miss K. T. McCalmet, a lady of intelligence and culture, who was reared and educated in Clarion county. Her father was Alexander McCalmet, of Venango county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. King, namely: Darrel F., Kitty Margaret and Carmen Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. King hold membership in the Evangelical Church, and Mr. King belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while politically he is identified with the Democratic party. Having spent his entire life in Clarion county, he has, therefore, witnessed the greater part of its growth and development. In its progress he has manifested a deep interest and has ever taken his part in support of those measures calculated to prove of public good. His strict integrity and honorable dealing in business commend him to the confidence of all; his pleasant manner wins him friends; and he is one of the popular and honored citizens of his community.

O E. OLSON. No foreign element has become a more important part in our American citizenship than that furnished by Sweden. The emigrants from that land have brought with them to the New World the stability, enterprise and perseverance characteristic of their people, and have fused these qualities with the progressiveness and indomitable spirit of the Americans. A prominent representative of this class is Mr. Olson, now one of the leading oil-producers of Beaver township, Clarion county.

Mr. Olson was born in 1853, in Sweden, where he was reared and educated, and in 1870 accompanied his parents, Benjamin L. and Anna (Eliason) Olson, on their removal to the United States. After a residence of five years in Brookville, Penn., the parents returned to their native land, where they are still living. By occupation the father is a farmer and carpenter. The family numbers five children: Mrs. Lena Bartleson, of Sweden; Hannah; Mrs. Anna Carlson, of Sweden; Ingar, of Pawtucket, R. I.; and O. E., of this sketch.

On coming to the New World, O. E. Olson located in Brookville, Penn., and for two years worked on the Allegheny Valley railroad. Later he was connected with the Rhode Island railroad, and for a time was employed on a farm near Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Penn., where he had removed from Pawtucket, R. I., in 1876. In 1878 he came to Beaver township, Clarion county, where he first engaged in pumping in the employ of others. In 1891 he sunk his first well on the Henry Knight farm, originally known as the old Kribbs farm, and the same year drilled two other wells, while in 1892 he drilled another. These four wells are still in operation, and for nineteen years he has now successfully engaged in the oil business.

In Beaver township, in 1884, Mr. Olson was married to Miss Lena, daughter of Henry and Clara (Sweitzer) Knight, a prominent citizen of that township. She died in 1887, and their only son is also deceased. Mr. Olson was again married, in 1895, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma Clarissa Sweitzer, a native of Beaver township, and a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Johnson) Sweitzer, prominent and highly respected people. Her father died in 1891, but Mrs. Sweitzer still lives, residing on the old homestead in Beaver township. A daughter, Lena Marie, graces the second union of Mr. Olson.

In 1883 Mr. Olson made a visit to his old home in Sweden, where his parents and sisters are still living. Politically he is identified with the Democratic party, and socially affiliates with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Knox, the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and Knox Lodge No. 954, I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church, and are the center of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who esteem them highly for their genuine worth.

S AMUEL B. MCALINE owns and operates a good farm of fifty acres in Highland township, Clarion county, whose neat and thrifty appearance well indicates his careful supervision. Substantial improvements are surrounded by well tilled fields, and all the accessories and conveniences of a model farm are there found. In connection with general farming he engages in lumbering, handling square timber, and he also devotes some attention to boat building.

Mr. McLaine was born in Farmington township, Clarion county, in May, 1843, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Schrum) McLaine, and a
grandson of James McLain, who was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was an old and honored pioneer of Clarion county. The father was a native of Beaver township, where he grew to manhood, but after his marriage he located in Farmington township, where all of his children with the exception of the two youngest were born. Their births occurred after the removal of the family to Highland township, in 1847. There the father purchased a tract of land two miles north of the city of Clarion, where he opened up a farm, and in connection with agricultural pursuits followed lumbering, rafting square timber down the Clarion river to the Pittsburg and Allegheny markets. He also built flatboats for coal, and sold the same in Pittsburg. He passed away upon the old homestead in Highland township, but his estimable wife is still living and makes her home with her sons.

In their family were the following children: (1) Sarah is the wife of J. F. Foust, a farmer of Highland township, by whom she has several children. (2) David W. married Ellen Reed, of Highland township, and lived on the old homestead there until his death; he was a member of a Pennsylvania regiment during the Civil war, and died some years after his close, leaving a wife and five children—Mary, Thomas B., Rufus S. and Joseph W. (3) Henry, who was also a Union soldier for two years, wedded Mary Bashline, of Clarion county, and is engaged in farming in Monroe township, that county. (4) Samuel B. is next in order of birth. (5) Rachel became the wife of John Reed, of Highland township, and they lived near Big Run, in Jefferson county, Penn., where he died in 1897, leaving a wife and family. (6) George W., residing on a part of the old homestead, married Martha Slagle, of Porter township, Clarion county, and has four children—Sheldon E., Nora May, Kirby L. and Roy. (7) Frank P. married Mollie C. Slagle, of Highland township, and now resides on what is known as the Foust farm, adjoining his father’s place; he has three children—Clyde, Minnie and Bertha. (8) Jacob, also a farmer of Highland township, married Annie Schrum, of Sligo, Clarion county, and has eight children.

Samuel B. McLain received his literary education in the common schools, and his business training was obtained on the home farm and in the lumber woods. In 1863 he was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Slagle, of Porter township, who is the eldest of the three sisters who married into the McLain family. Her parents are George and Catharine Slagle, well-to-do farming people of Porter township. Mr. and Mrs. McLain have eight children, all born in Highland township: (1) George E., born in 1863, married Hulda Black, of Perry township, Clarion county, and lives upon a part of his father’s farm; he has one daughter, Lena. (2) Nettie J. died at the age of eight years. (3) Myrtle A. is at home. (4) Louella married Hugh L. Carson, of Clarion county, and they live near her father; their children are Glenn and Sara C. (5) Frank married Blanche Devilder, of Highland township, by whom he has two daughters—Elsie G. and Willard—and they reside in Paint township, Clarion county, where he is engaged in lumbering. (6) Martha Belle, at home, began her education in the common schools, but is now a student in the Clarion Normal, where she is preparing to enter the teacher’s profession. (7) Matilda May and (8) Ida C. are both at home.

During the Civil war, Mr. McLain was a member of the State Militia for ninety days, and assisted in the capture of the notorious Morgan while on his raid in Ohio. In politics he is a pronounced Democrat, and has served as supervisor of Highland township three terms, and is now school director. He and his family are all faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he has served as elder for nearly thirty years, and they have given liberally of their means to the support of all Church and religious work.

C W. H. EICKE, manager of and stockholder in the Mineral Ridge Coal Company, of West Monterey, Clarion county, whose activity in business circles, combined with his sterling worth, has made him one of the leading citizens of the community, was born Aug. 19, 1834, in Hanover, Germany.

Mr. Eicke acquired a good education in his native land, and for several years was engaged in clerking in the town of Minden, Hanover. At length he determined to see if the opportunities afforded by the New World were not superior to those of the Old, and so crossed the Atlantic in 1859, taking up his residence in New York. There he secured a situation as a salesman, continuing in that city until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he entered the service of a Boston firm and was sent as its representative to Ridgway, Elk Co., Penn., where for several years he managed their interests. He purchased an interest in the Mineral Ridge Coal company, at West Monterey, and as manager of the latter company he has high standing among the business men of the community. This company does an extensive business in the mining and shipping of
gas and steam coal of superior quality for manufacturing and domestic uses. They mine 50,000 car loads per annum, supply the Allegheny Valley railroad, and employ from sixty to eighty men. Mr. Eicke has entire management of the business at this point, and his keen discrimination, splendid executive ability, careful management and enterprise, have contributed largely to the success of the company whose confidence and approval he has in an unqualified degree.

Mr. Eicke was united in marriage, in Elk county, to Theresa Rosenhover, who was born and reared in Germany, and has been to her husband a faithful companion and helpmate. She holds membership in the Catholic Church, while Mr. Eicke was reared in the Lutheran faith. In politics he is a stalwart Republican, and has served in several local offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. Socially, he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Monterey, and the Masonic fraternity at Kittanning, and his pleasant, genial manner and sterling worth render him a social favorite. His business career has been one of success, owing to his well directed and able efforts. He came to this country with little capital, but his hopes of advancement have been realized, and he is now the possessor of a comfortable competence.

Maj. Cyrus Neely. From the ranks of the quiet, persevering yet prominent citizens of Clarion county—prominent on account of what they have accomplished in life—there is no one more deserving of mention in a volume of this character than the gentleman whose name introduces this article. He is one of the progressive and enterprising agriculturists of Beaver township, and in advancing his own interests he has materially promoted the welfare of the community.

A native of Clarion county, Mr. Neely was born April 24, 1827, and belongs to a family which was founded in this country by his great-grandfather, a native of Wittenberg, Germany. In that country the name was originally spelled Neighleigh, and now in Westmoreland county Penn., Naly. Paul Neely, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bucks county, Penn., and on reaching manhood married Frances Shupe, who was born in Northampton county, of Holland descent. They became the parents of four sons and six daughters, namely: Captain Henry, who commanded a company at Lake Erie during the war of 1812, and died in Clarion county; John, a farmer, now deceased; Jacob, who died unmarried in Beaver township, Clarion county; Paul, who died in Salem township, same county; Mrs. Margaret Leasher, a resident of Ohio; Elizabeth, who married George Belin, and died in Clarion county; Anna, who married Samuel Fry, and died in Richland township, Clarion county; Mrs. Susan Swartz, who died in Westmoreland, Penn.; and Mrs. Sally McKever, who died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

John Neely, our subject's father, was born in Westmoreland county, in about the year 1790, and was reared on a farm. In that county he wedded Miss Mary Berlin, who was born there, a daughter of Jacob Berlin. About 1823 they migrated to Clarion county, and took up their residence in Beaver township, where they made their home until life's labors were ended, the father dying at the age of sixty-four, and the mother at the age of forty-four. A farmer and stock-raiser by occupation, he became the owner of a valuable tract of 212 acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and well improved. He was a Jacksonian Democrat in politics, took an active interest in public affairs, and creditably filled some township offices. For many years he served as elder or deacon in the Reformed Church, of which he was one of the most active and zealous members, and he was one of the most liberal supporters of the old stone Church in Beaver township. His sterling worth and strict integrity won for him the high regard of all with whom he came in contact. The children born to John and Mary (Berlin) Neely were as follows: Hezekiah, Mahala, Polly Ann (who died young), Israel Shupe (who died in 1897), Lavina, Susanna, Cyrus, Humphry, John, Mary Ann, Harriet Jane (deceased), Frances, Elizabeth, Paul M., Richard, Henry Lee (deceased), and Benjamin F., twin brother of Richard. The first four children were born in Westmoreland county, and the others in Clarion county.

In an old log school house, furnished in a most primitive manner with slab seats, Cyrus Neely pursued his studies during boyhood, and upon the old homestead acquired a thorough knowledge of agricultural pursuits. At the age of sixteen he joined the Uniformed State Militia, was later commissioned captain of the Clarion Blues, and subsequently major of the Twelfth Division, First Brigade. In 1861, when the Civil war broke out, he offered his services to the government, but was exempted on account of physical disability. However, he took quite an active part in securing volunteers, and in that way aided his county. In 1866 he located upon
his present farm of 106 acres, and has now 260 acres of rich, arable land in Beaver township, and upon the place he, in 1886, erected a fine residence at a cost of $3,500, also a barn at a cost of $1,800. He now has one of the most desirable farms in Clarion county, and besides his property he at one time owned 200 acres of timber land in Forest county, Penn., where he owned a sawmill, and for some years successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He has also given considerable attention to the raising of fine stock, making a specialty of Norman and Clydesdale thorough-bred horses and Durham cattle.

In Clarion county, in 1850, Mr. Neely was married to Miss Mary Ann Shaffer, a native of Lehigh county, Penn. Her parents, Charles and Saloma Shaffer, were born in the same county, and are now deceased. Six children bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Neely: Calvin Bigler, married to Laura Smith, and now a resident of Venango county, Penn.; Eliza Jane, wife of Jonathan Mong, of Beaver township, Clarion county; William Douglass, of Clarion county; Sarah, wife of David U. Kline, an oil operator of Beaver township; Cora Juniata, wife of Joseph Collner, of St. Petersburg, Penn.; and John Charles, field superintendent of a large oil field in Wood county, Ohio. The family is one of the highest respectability, and the parents and children are connected with the Reformed and other Churches.

Mr. Neely is a firm Democrat in his political views, and on his party ticket was, in 1893, elected county commissioner for a term of three years. He is an influential citizen, taking an earnest interest in political affairs, and by his honest and efficient discharge of his official duties has gained the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. He is a keen, practical man, well gifted with mental and physical vigor, and in his chosen calling has met with a well-merited success.

THOMAS J. CALLEN, a thrifty farmer of Piney township, Clarion county, was born there February 1, 1843, and is a representative of one of its highly-respected old families.

Hugh Callen, his great-grandfather, was a native of Ireland, and at an early day crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence near Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., where Hugh Callen, Jr., grandfather of our subject, was born June 5, 1773. The latter laid out the present village of Callensburg, in Clarion county, and it was named in his honor. As he died while on a visit to Clarion county, his remains were interred in the cemetery at Callensburg. By occupation he was a farmer. His wife, Mrs. Mary Callen, was born October 3, 1775. In their family were nine children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Thomas, September 28, 1797; John, October 31, 1799; Sarah, wife of Samuel Wilson, September 18, 1801; David, November 9, 1803; Mary, wife of Michael Reichardt, February 16, 1806; James, March 21, 1808; Samuel, August 6, 1811; Hugh, September 2, 1813; and Watson, February 2, 1816.

The parents of our subject were James and Eliza (Laughlin) Callen, natives of Clarion and Juniata counties, Penn., respectively. Both had been previously married, the father having wedded Mary Wilson, June 30, 1836, but had no children by that union. The mother first married William Dixon, by whom she had three children: Nancy J., wife of Andrew J. Reece, a farmer of Piney township, Clarion county; John L., deceased; and James A., who operates the old homestead. In Clarion county the parents of our subject were married, and upon a farm in Piney township they established their home. The children born of this marriage were Thomas J.; Mary A., wife of Augustus Able, a merchant of Falls Creek, Jefferson county, Penn.; Sarah, who was born August 7, 1846, and died October 1, 1880; William, who was born November 27, 1848, and died November 29, 1878, and David R., born in 1852 and died March 4, 1874. The mother died in the spring of 1874 at the age of sixty-six years, the father in 1893, at the age of eighty-three, and both were laid to rest in the Callensburg cemetery. They were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and were highly esteemed by all who knew them. In politics the father was a Democrat.

Until he had attained his majority, Thomas J. Callen remained under the parental roof, and then worked for one year in a sawmill. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, 103d P. V. I., the company being first commanded by Capt. R. Laughlin and later by Capt. A. A. Alexander. On receiving his discharge our subject returned home, and a short time afterward went to Monroe township, Clarion county, where he rented a farm for four years. He then purchased his present place of ninety-six acres in Piney township, which he has placed under excellent cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings.

On September 19, 1869, in Limestone township, Clarion county, Mr. Callen was married, by Rev. Elder, to Miss Clarissa L. Smith, who died May 3, 1888, and was buried at Mt. Pleasant. Her father, Lucius Smith, was a native of
Connecticut, but spent his last years in Clarion county. The following children graced this union: Mary E., born April 11, 1871, is the wife of H. Baseline, a farmer of Sligo, Penn.; Hugh S., born September 20, 1872, married Ella Peters, and is engaged in lumbering, lives in Reidsburg, Penn.; Edward C., born February 23, 1874, is engaged in lumbering in Jefferson county; Mertie, born January 23, 1877, died on the 1st of the following March, and Verda L., born February 18, 1878, James H., born February 15, 1880, William, born November 22, 1883, and Sula, born October 14, 1886, are all at home.

In December, 1889, our subject was again married, this time to Miss Rose E. Mooney, ceremony being performed by Rev. McCurdy. Her father, John Mooney, a retired farmer residing in Churchville, Penn., was born in Centre county, January 30, 1827, and is a son of Adam and Leah (Dunlap) Mooney, natives of Centre county, where they continued to make their home until coming to Clarion county in 1840. Six years later they located in Rimersburg, where Adam Mooney engaged in the hotel business. He died at that place of typhoid fever, at the age of sixty-nine, and his wife, Mrs. Leah Mooney, died in Curlsllsville, at the age of forty-nine. The remains of both were interred in Licking cemetery, Clarion county. Their children were: John, father of Mrs. Callen; James and William (deceased); Catherine, widow of Alfred Sarvey; of Curlsllsville; Sarah (deceased); Malissa, wife of Jefferson T. Lee, of Curlsllsville; Mrs. Ella Hallock; Mrs. Susan Gould, a widow; and Samuel, a painter, of Bradford, Penn. After the death of his first wife, Adam Mooney married Mary Edmonds, and to them were born five children, namely: William, who conducts a restaurant in Falls Creek, Penn.; Curtis, a cook living in Michigan; Alice, widow of Thomas Hewey, of Falls Creek, Penn.; Lotta, who is married and lives in Du Bois, Penn.; and Hazel, who lives in the West. The father of Adam Mooney was Patrick Mooney, a native of Kilkenny, Ireland, who came to America about 1795 and located at the foot of Tussey Mountain in Centre county, Penn., where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He was twice married, the first time in his native land, and his wife died while on the way to the New World. Their only child he carried across the mountains, and later gave to a private family to rear.

On June 3, 1847, in Monroe township, Clarion county, John Mooney was married to Sabina Lobaugh, who was born in that county, March 4, 1828, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reichert) Lobaugh, of Westmoreland county, Penn., who became pioneers of Clarion county, where they spent their remaining days. The children born to John Mooney and wife are as follows: Hannah M., born December 22, 1847, is the wife of Amos Myers, a farmer, of Sligo, Penn.; John A., a merchant, of Curlsllsville; Rose E., born September 6, 1851, is the wife of Thomas J. Callen, the subject of this sketch; Candace M., born March 1, 1854, is the wife of T. J. Kear, superintendent for the Standard Oil Company at Peru, Ind.; Allena J., born August 8, 1856, died October 23, 1836; Frances A., born November 4, 1857, is the wife of George Myers, who is engaged in the livery business in Clarion; Lillie L., born May 17, 1861, died March 27, 1882; William M., born August 20, 1864, is a farmer of Churchville, Penn.; Alfred J., born June 13, 1867, is engaged in teaching music and going to school in the Grove City College; Benjamin C., born January 21, 1872, is clerking in Clarion, Penn.; and Edward L., born May 22, 1874, lives with our subject, while he engages in teaching during the winter and in farming through the summer months.

Our subject belongs to Murphy Grange of Clarion county, and to the Grand Army Post of Sligo; and in religious belief both he and his wife are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church. They are widely and favorably known throughout the community, and their circle of friends is only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

W. M. MARVEY, E. GARDNER, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist of Toby township, Clarion county, was born there May 25, 1845, a son of Ephraim and Catherine (Eaton) Gardner, who were natives of Centre county, but were married in Clarion county. They took up their residence here when most of the land was still in its primitive condition, and became important factors in its upbuilding and prosperity. From her youth the mother was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and although not a member of any religious denomination the father's views were in harmony with the teachings of that Church. He died in 1867, aged eighty-two years, she in 1873, at the age of sixty-one, and both were laid to rest in the Rimersburg cemetery.

Ephraim Gardner was twice married, his first wife being Hannah Austin, by whom he had seven children, namely: Jane, who married William Armstrong, and both are now deceased; Jeremiah, deceased; Nancy, widow of Robert Fulton, of McKees Rocks, Penn.; Levina, who mar-
rived Daniel Armstrong, and both are now deceased; Lott, deceased; Boston S., who resides on the old homestead in Toby township; and James, a physician of East Liverpool, Ohio. Our subject is next to the youngest of the children born of the second union, the others being as follows: Hannah, wife of G. W. Yingling, a merchant of West Freedom, Penn.; George W. and Polly A., both deceased; Matilda, who married Rev. D. Latshaw, but both are now deceased; Charlotte, deceased wife of Ithel Snyder, a miller of Venango county, Penn.; Emily, wife of William Gardner, a farmer of Centre county; Johnson, an artist living in Brookfield, Linn Co., Mo.; and Jesse F., a merchant of Rimensburg.

At the age of seventeen Harvey E. Gardner started out in life for himself, and was first employed in the oil fields at Oil City, Penn., where he remained until the fall of 1866. On his return to Toby township, he worked on a farm near Sligo for one year, and the following year was similarly employed on another farm at Sligo. After a year spent as superintendent of the farm for Lyons, Shorb & Co., he returned to Oil City, where he was engaged in tool dressing and drilling from 1869 until 1875. Since that time he has made his home upon his present farm, and has successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is now building an elegant residence upon his place, and everything found thereon testifies to the skillful management of a progressive and industrious owner.

In Venango county, November 21, 1864, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Gardner and Miss Patience E. Fink, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Houton. She died in August, 1873, aged twenty-eight years, and was buried in Hillville, Armstrong Co., Penn. She left four children: Eva, wife of F. C. Betts, a lumber man of Forest county, Penn.; Forest, who married Nellie Stroup, and is engaged in the railroad business at Foxburg, Penn.; John, who is engaged in the oil business near Alexis, Ohio; and Catherine, at home. Mr. Gardner was again married, in 1875, in Toby township, his second union being with Miss Jennette Kerr, by whom he had one son—Edgar, now deceased. For his third wife, he chose Miss Kate Fryer, and Rev. Hoves performed the ceremony in Madison township, Clarion county, March 21, 1882. The children born to them are: Ralph, Howard, Mary, Jesse and Grace, all at home.

Mrs. Kate Gardner was born on the present site of East Brady, Clarion county; April 21, 1852, a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Old) Fryer, natives of Butler county, Penn., and Somerset, England, respectively. Her parents were married in Pittsburg, whence they removed to East Brady in 1841, and in Madison township, Clarion county, the father engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. He died in 1876, at the age of seventy years, and his wife passed away December 23, 1894, when over eighty years of age, the remains of both being interred in the Rimensburg cemetery. They were sincere and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Gardner were Abram and Mary Fryer, who spent their entire lives in Butler county, where the former engaged in farming. James Old, the paternal grandfather, married Elizabeth Old, who, although of the same name, was no relative. In 1827 they left England and came to this country, taking up their residence in Pittsburg, where the grandfather engaged in merchandising, a business he had previously followed in his native land.

To Abram and Mary (Old) Fryer were born the following children: James, who was killed during the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula during the Rebellion; Edward, who is engaged in the oil business in Butler county; Mary A., wife of Hunter Hull, a merchant of Butler county; Anna, wife of Charles Whippo, a carpenter of the same county; Elizabeth, who still resides on the old homestead; Catherine F., wife of our subject; John, who also lives on the home farm; William, deceased; and Emma, wife of Allison Mortimer, a farmer of Madison township, Clarion county.

The Republican party has always found in Mr. Gardner a stanch supporter, and he has been called upon to serve in the offices of township chairman and overseer of the poor for six years. In the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his estimable wife hold membership, and in the social circles of the community they occupy an enviable position. Their influence is always found on the side of right and progress, and it is safe to say that no couple in Toby township have more friends than Mr. and Mrs. Gardner.

J. R. DOWNES, a leading farmer and stock raiser of Clarion county, is pleasantly situated in Porter township, where he owns a valuable and productive farm of 117 acres. The well tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance of the place plainly indicate his careful management, progressive ideas and industrious habits. The buildings are commodious and substantial, and the farm is well supplied with good water from
Mr. Downs was born February 19, 1840, in Clarion county, and is a son of Thomas Downs, one of its early settlers, who was born in County Derry, Ireland. The grandfather, Thomas Downs, Sr., was also a native of Ireland and of Scotch-Irish descent, while, religiously, he was connected with the Associate Presbyterian Church. On coming to the New World, he located near Greenville, in Limestone township, Clarion Co., Penn., where he spent his remaining days. His children were: Mrs. Jane Smith; Mrs. Lucinda McGarny, of Toby township, Clarion county; Mrs. Mary Somerville, of Toby township; Joseph, of the same township; Robert, of Limestone township; James, who died in Toby township; John, a resident of the State of New York; William, who was lost at sea; and Thomas. On attaining to man's estate the last named married Miss Elizabeth Rankin, who died at the age of fifty-five years, leaving four children, namely: J. R., of this sketch; David, a resident of Porter township, Clarion county; Mrs. Elizabeth Bashline, who lives near Los Angeles, Cal.; and Mrs. Sarah Yates, of Madison township, Clarion county. The father now makes his home in Franklin county, Kansas.

J. R. Downs, early became familiar with the labors of the farm, and to agricultural pursuits has devoted his entire time and attention, having owned and operated his present farm since 1868. The knowledge he acquired in the public school has been supplemented by reading and observation in later years, and he has become a well-informed man of broad and liberal views.

At the age of twenty-two our subject was united in marriage with Miss Martha Hetrick, who was born in Limestone township, Clarion county, a daughter of Leonard and Mary (Davis) Hetrick, both now deceased. Her father was one of the prominent early settlers of that township. Mr. and Mrs. Downs have four children: Mary E.; at home; Thomas, who is married and lives in Rimersburg, Penn.; Jenny Rachel, who was for a time a successful and popular teacher, and is now the wife of John Mortimer, of Madison township, Clarion county; and Sarah Belle, wife of Philip Mortimer, of the same township.

At the polls, Mr. Downs always casts his ballot with the Republican party, and is one of its most earnest advocates. He and his family are all prominent and active members of the Associate Presbyterian Church of Rimersburg, and hold an enviable position in social circles. In business transactions he has always been found straightforward and reliable, and the confidence and respect so freely accorded him is certainly well deserved.

SAMUEL R. SHANER. Like many of the leading citizens of Clarion county, the subject of this sketch devoted his energies principally to the oil business. Since 1871 he has resided upon his present farm of thirty acres in Salem township, and upon the place are three valuable oil wells which add materially to the income derived from agricultural pursuits. He is an energetic, reliable business man who gains the confidence and respect of all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Shaner was born February 22, 1842, in Beaver township, Clarion county, a son of Samuel and Harriette (Bry) Shaner, who were born, reared and married in Berks county, Penn. The paternal grandfather, Henry Shaner, was a Revolutionary hero, having assisted the Colonies in achieving their independence. The maternal grandfather was Michael Bry, who spent his last days in Venango county, Penn. Throughout his active business life Samuel Shaner, Sr. engaged in farming. He was a pronounced Republican in politics, was a deacon in the Lutheran Church, and was held in high regard by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He died at the age of seventy-two; his widow is still living at the ripe old age of eighty years. In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, as follows: Henry; William, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and now lives in Mercer county, Penn.; Mary (deceased); Samuel R.; Thomas, who laid down his life on the altar of his country at the battle of the Wilderness; Jeremiah A.; Charles; James; and Mrs. Anna Orr.

Upon the home farm, Samuel R. Shaner, of this review, early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and his literary training was obtained in the district schools of the neighborhood. His patriotism and loyalty to his native country was manifested, in August, 1861, when he joined Company E, 78th P. V. I., for three years. With his regiment he took part in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and many others, being under fire most of the time until honorably discharged in November, 1864, at Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

At the age of twenty-two Mr. Shaner was married to Miss Maria, daughter of Paul and Mary M. (Best) Fry, of Alum Rock, Clarion county, and they have become the parents of ten children, namely: Allen L., Mary Nelly, William
H., George C., M. O., Paul Fry, Lester M., Arthur C. and Margaret, all living; and Richard S., who died in infancy. Politically the father of these is an ardent Republican, and his fellow-citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, have several times elected him to office. Although Salem township is strongly Democratic, he was elected tax collector by a majority of thirty, and acceptably served in that position for six years. He filled the office of constable for the same length of time, and was supervisor three years, discharging the duties of the positions in a prompt and creditable manner. In John Koch Post, G. A. R., of Nickleville, Penn., he holds membership, and both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church. As a prosperous business man he has given close attention to his private affairs, but has never forgotten or ignored the bond of common interest, which unites the people of every community, and he is always willing to give his support to any enterprise for the public good.

A. J. DAVIS was born in Clarion county, Penn., in 1847. He lived on a small farm, and attended a country district school until he was fourteen years old, when he became a student in the academy at Rimersburg. At fifteen he left home and worked on a neighboring farm as a full hand at $6 per month; the same year he went to Oil City, in the days of the early oil developments, but in a few months took sick and returned to the farm. About this time the Civil war was at its height, and he enlisted in Battery B, 3rd Pennsylvania Artillery, serving nearly two years in the Naval Brigade, commanded by Gen. Graham, and doing duty in the waters of southeastern Virginia and eastern North Carolina. He was with Grant during the siege of Richmond and Petersburg, and participated in a number of skirmishes and battles.

After the war Mr. Davis attended the Rimersburg Academy, and the following year taught a country school. He continued teaching in the winter and attending school in the summer until 1869, when, at the age of twenty-two, he took charge of the West Freedom Academy, and conducted a successful school. While principal at West Freedom, he organized a National Guard Company, and in March, 1872, was elected captain. He has been a member of the National Guard for twenty-six years, and has held almost all grades from private to battalion major, and division judge advocate. In 1874 Mr. Davis was elected principal of the academy at Rimersburg, and the following year was elected county superintendant of schools. He was twice re-elected, and in all served eight years. In 1883 he was invited by State Superintendent Higbee to accept a position in the department of public instruction at Harrisburg. This position he held four years, during which period he went to Alaska, in 1885, to organize the "Industrial Training School for Natives," which had been erected at Sitka through the efforts of Dr. Sheldon Jackson. On his return from Alaska, Mr. Davis engaged actively in the establishment of the State Normal School at Clarion, and succeeded in securing its recognition by the State authorities on February 15, 1887. He was immediately elected principal, which position he has held for over ten years. The school has been prosperous under his management, over 4,000 students having been entered upon its rolls, and over 300 having been graduated in its various courses.

Mr. Davis has had a busy career, never having been out of employment a single week (except when sick) since he left his home at the age of fifteen. He learned a trade, taught in all grades of schools from the country ungraded school to high school principal, principal of academy, county superintendent, superintendent of Indian Training School, school department officer and normal school principal. He tried the mercantile business for a short time, was twice nominated for Congress by the people of Clarion county and once by the conferees of his district. He declined the honor, and did not stand for election. He is a member of the Grand Army and is a past commander of Post 205. He also belongs to the Masonic Lodge, and is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. He is a member of, and ruling elder in, the Presbyterian Church.

Principal Davis' family is large, his wife, Mary Kerr Davis, having borne him eleven children, eight of whom are living, and range in age from eight months to twenty years.

G. EORGE W. McCLAIN is the owner of one of the most attractive and valuable farms of Highland township, Clarion county, and in connection with its cultivation he devotes considerable attention to lumbering. He was born in 1848, near Shippenville, a son of Joseph and Margaret McClain, who were pioneer settlers of Highland township, and were widely and favorably known throughout the county. Upon the farm where he is now living our subject grew to manhood, and in the local schools acquired his education.

In 1872 Mr. McClain was married to Miss
Martha Slagle, of Clarion county, a daughter of George and Catharine Slagle. Four children bless this union, namely: Sheldon E. received a common-school education, and married Stella Mahle, of Highland township, by whom he has one daughter, Ruth. They now reside in Elk county, Penn., where he is engaged in lumbering. Nora M., born in Highland township, in March, 1874, married Frederick Williams, of Mill Creek township, Clarion county, and they have one son, George Leroy. They live on a farm in Highland township. Kirby L., born in Paint township, Clarion county, in 1877, and Roy T., born on the old homestead in Highland township, in 1888, are both with their parents.

After his marriage, George W. McClain located on the Clarion river at the mouth of Toby creek, where he engaged in building coal boats as a contractor for T. W. Raine and also for Corbett & Wilson. In 1882 he purchased the old McClain homestead where he had been reared, and the following year erected thereon a pleasant residence. He has also built good barns and made many other improvements upon the place, which add greatly to its value and attractive appearance. In connection with the operation of his land, he still devotes a part of his time to logging and jobbing in square timber for S. Winfield & Edward M. Wilson. He possesses a thorough knowledge of the lumber business and boat building as well as agricultural pursuits, and has therefore met with a fair degree of success in his undertaking.

Politically, Mr. McClain is an adherent of the Democratic party, and he has most acceptably served as supervisor and auditor of his township. He and all his family are consistent members of the Methodist Protestant Church of Clarion, and do all within their power for the betterment of mankind. A man of known reliability, Mr. McClain has the confidence and high regard of all with whom he comes in contact in either business or social life.

Jacob and Barbara (Walters) Youkers, were also natives. His paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of Jacob, was a brave and gallant soldier in Napoleon's army, and was present when that great general set fire to the city of Moscow. One of his sons served under Kossuth during the Rebellion of 1848, in Germany, and was condemned to be shot, but managed to escape, and is now living in Kansas. He has the rope with which his captors had bound him. A maternal uncle of our subject, Capt. Jacob Walters, was an officer in the State militia during the '50s.

In 1848, Jacob Youkers (our subject) accompanied the family on their immigration to America and located in Butler county, Penn., where he grew to manhood and was educated. In 1862, on President Lincoln's call for 300,000 volunteers to serve for nine months, he responded, and participated in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and others. After being honorably discharged May 26, 1863, he located in Venango county, Penn., where he engaged in the oil business and in boating. For some time he was also employed in roller mills in Portsmouth, Ohio, St. Louis, Mo., and at other points, but since 1876 he has made his home in Elk City. He is now interested in the oil business.

In 1868, at Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. Youkers was married to Miss Caroline Vollmer, a native of Baden, Germany, and to them have been born seven children, namely: George, John, William, Ed, Alfred, Laura and Caroline. The parents are both consistent members of the Lutheran Church, in which he has served as elder for some time, and they take an active and prominent part in all Church work. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party. Being an intelligent, progressive and public-spirited citizen, he takes a commendable interest in all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community. His pleasant, genial manner wins him hosts of friends, and he is held in high regard by all who know him.

John L. Cribbs, one of the most prominent citizens of New Bethlehem, Clarion county, is a well-known contractor and builder, of whose skill many notable examples are to be seen at various points in this 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 posi-
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...tions of trust and responsibility to which he has been chosen in business and political life. ~

Mr. Cribbs was born in Monroe township, Clarion county, in 1842, and is a son of David and Catharine (Near) Cribbs. The birth of the father occurred January 16, 1816, in the same township, of which the grandfather, John Cribbs, was one of the very earliest settlers. The latter was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and became actively and prominently identified with the early history of this section, serving as the first county treasurer, and aiding materially in the growth and development of the county. He was always an ardent Democrat in politics, and was one of the most influential citizens of his county. His death occurred in Monroe township. In his native township David Cribbs was reared and married, and there continued to engage in farming and teaching until his removal to New Bethlehem in 1833. He died at that place July 10, 1880, and his estimable wife in 1891. In their family were six children: John L.; Charles W., a resident of New Bethlehem; Sarah, wife of R. B. Lyle, of Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., who was a Union soldier in the Civil war; Mrs. Mary C. McCormick, of Driftwood, Penn.; David F., of New Bethlehem; and Mrs. Jane E. Dales, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania.

John L. Cribbs was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to New Bethlehem, and there he secured his education in the public schools. At that place he enlisted, July 4, 1861, in Company E, 62nd P. V. I., for three years, and served in the Second Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the siege of Yorktown, the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, the second battle of Bull Run, the engagements at Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorville and Gettysburg, and later in the Grant campaign around Petersburg. His term of service having expired, he was honorably discharged at Pittsburg, July 13, 1864, and returned to New Bethlehem. For a number of years he worked in a flouring-mill, but since then he has successfully engaged in contracting and building.

In 1865, in New Bethlehem, Mr. Cribbs was united in marriage with Miss Susannah C. Mohney, a native of that place and a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Kasterj) Mohney, who were born in eastern Pennsylvania and became pioneers of New Bethlehem. Mr. and Mrs. Cribbs have a family of seven sons, namely: Edward V., who is married and lives in Ridgway, Penn.; Curtis C. and Frederick M., both residents of Sistersville, W. Va.; and John L., Ross, Daniel O. and Mead A., all at home.

Socially, Mr. Cribbs is a member of the Veteran Legion at Brookville, Penn.; New Bethlehem Lodge No. 522, F. & A. M.; New Bethlehem Lodge No. 725, I. O. O. F.; and Dorset Lodge No. 434, K. P. Politically, he is an active and effective worker in the interests of the Democratic party, was a popular and influential member of the General Assembly in 1891 and 1892, and capably filled a responsible position in the adjutant-general's office in Harrisburg in 1894, 1895 and 1896. He is possessed of a sturdy American character and stalwart patriotism, and as a private citizen, brave soldier and able statesman, he certainly merits the respect and esteem which is so freely accorded him. 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 and State.

DANIEL BARNETT, a well-known resident of Beaver township, Clarion county, was born August 13, 1845, in that township, and is a son of Joseph Barnett, a native of Westmoreland county, and of Pennsylvania-Dutch extraction. The grandfather was Henry Barnett. Having arrived at years of maturity, Joseph Barnett was united in marriage with Miss Mary Bennet, a native of New Jersey. By their union were born four children: Daniel, Sarah J., Catherine L. and Joseph H. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit as a life work. His political support was given the Democracy; his death occurred in Farmington township.

The parents of Daniel Barnett having died when he was six years old, he was reared by his uncle, Daniel Smith, on the farm a part of which his father formerly owned. He spent the days of his boyhood assisting in the cultivation of the fields through the summer months, while in the winter season he attended the public schools. For seven years he followed the carpenter's trade, but throughout the greater part of his life he has carried on agricultural pursuits. On March 31, 1864, he responded to his country's call for aid, becoming a member of Company A, 78th P. V. I., with which he served until September 11, 1865, when, the war having closed, he was honorably discharged. He participated in the battles of Resaca, New Hope Church, and Nashville, and was ever found at his post of duty, faithfully defending the old flag and the cause it represented.

In 1867 Mr. Barnett was married to Miss Mary E. Stanford, a native of Beaver township,
and a daughter of Dr. James and Mary (Albert) Stanford (the Doctor during the Civil war was a member of Company A, 103rd P. V. I.), prominent citizens of Clarion county. She is also a sister of John Wesley Stanford, of Clarion county, who was a member of Company K, 56th P. V. I., in the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barnett have a family of four children: James M.; Mrs. Etta May Gloss, who has three children—Vernie M., Effie M. and Vincent E.; Calvin O.; and Mrs. Laura B. McElhalten, who has one son—Glenn D. They also lost three children: Carrie E., Ida Alice and Cora E.

In April, 1871, our subject took up his residence upon his present farm, a well improved property containing forty acres, on which stand a substantial house and barn. There are also three good oil wells upon the place, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the entire property well indicates the careful supervision of the owner. In his political views Mr. Barnett is a Silver Republican, and he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a strong advocate of temperance, a warm friend of the cause of education, and is deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the public welfare and the advancement of the best interests of Clarion county. His duties of citizenship are ever faithfully performed, and he is accounted one of the valued residents of Beaver township.

ADAM JOHNSON, an enterprising and prosperous oil producer, of Richland township, Clarion county, was born in that township, March 20, 1842, a son of Peter Johnson, who was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1812. The paternal grandfather, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, born of German descent, passed his last years in Berks county, where his death occurred. Peter Johnson grew to manhood in Berks county, and after his arrival in Richland township, Clarion county, wedded Miss Christina Hale, a native of that township, and a daughter of Jacob Hale. Her parents were born in the eastern part of the State, came to Clarion county at an early day, and from a wild tract of land developed a fine farm in Richland township. Both died on the old homestead. Peter Johnson was also an agriculturist, and owned a good farm of one hundred acres, which he placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good buildings. Upon that place his widow is still living, surrounded by a large circle of friends and acquaintances who appreciate her sterling worth. Fourteen children were born to them, three of whom died when young; the others

were: Adam, of this review; Daniel, a resident of Geauga county, Ohio; Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, of New York State; Maria, wife of John Moyer, of Beaver township, Clarion county; Mrs. Mary Switzer, of the same township; Mrs. Judy Ault, of Foxburg, Penn.; Louise Fye (deceased); Sarah, wife of H. Knight, of Beaver township; George Johnson, of Ohio; Louise Fye (deceased); Sarah, wife of H. Knight, of Beaver township; and Mrs. J. Wilcox, of Richland township.

Reared in Richland township, Adam Johnson received his education in its public schools. On starting out in life for himself he was employed at day labor, and later successfully engaged in teaming for twelve years. He purchased his first oil well in 1887, and as he prospered in this business venture, he has added to his property from time to time until he now owns more wells than any other one man in Richland township, having eighteen in all. Two are located in Salem township, four in Beaver township, and the rest in Richland.

On February 7, 1878, in Franklin, Penn., Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Emily Stitt, a native of Armstrong county, where she was born in 1857, a daughter of George and Susanna (Heighfield) Stitt, the former of whom was a soldier in the Civil war and died in Libby prison. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born nine children, as follows: Luella May, Dessie (deceased), Stella Bell, Sarah (deceased), Grover C., Effie Grace, Ruth E., Esther Blanch and Henry Clyde. The family make their home in Richland township, where Mr. Johnson owns a small farm of twelve acres, and also had twenty-two acres additional in the same township, and a tract of 108 acres in Beaver township. The land is all under excellent cultivation and well improved, showing the owner to be a thorough and systematic farmer, as well as a wide-awake, progressive business man. Probably no man in Clarion county is a better representative of the purely self-made man than Mr. Johnson. All that he has has been honestly acquired through his own efforts and good management, and his great success should furnish both lesson and incentive, as does his life and example of honest worth and unwavering integrity. Although never an office seeker, he is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and takes an active interest in all measures calculated to prove of public benefit.

JOHN J. ASHBAGUGH, a highly respected and influential citizen of St. Petersburg, was born November 26, 1842, on the farm in Richland township, Clarion county, which he still owns.
The family is of German origin and formerly spelled the name Eschbach. Daniel Ashbaugh, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was a native of eastern Pennsylvania, and in early manhood married a Miss Likes. At an early day they migrated to Clarion county, and died near St. Petersburg. Their son Daniel was a soldier of the war of 1812.

Jacob Ashbaugh, our subject’s father, was born in Sugar township, Armstrong Co., Penn., in 1800, and was eight years old when brought by his parents to Richland township, Clarion county, where he was reared amid pioneer scenes. He became a very successful agriculturist and transformed a wild tract of land into a highly cultivated and desirable farm. Politically, he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and religiously was a faithful member of the Reformed Church. As a public-spirited citizen, he was thoroughly interested in whatever tended to promote the moral or material welfare of the community.

In Richland township was celebrated the marriage of Jacob Ashbaugh and Elizabeth Jackson, who was born near Allentown, in Berks county, Penn., and whose father was a native of eastern Pennsylvania. She died in 1844, at the age of thirty-six years, and the father of our subject passed away on the old homestead in Richland township at the ripe old age of eighty-nine. They were the parents of four children, namely: Elizabeth, deceased wife of Abraham Soliday; Mary, wife of Reuben Sterner; Mrs. Sarah Shoup, of St. Petersburg; and John J., of this sketch.

During his boyhood and youth, our subject attended the common schools and assisted in the labors of the home farm. On January 4, 1862, he joined Company H, 103rd P. V. I., commanded by Capt. J. F. Mackey and Col. T. F. Lehman, and with his regiment participated in the battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Chickahominy Swamp, White Oak Swamp, seven-days’ fight on the Peninsula, Charles City Cross Roads, Kingston, where the regiment lost eighty-eight men, White Hall and Goldsboro. He was captured at the surrender of Plymouth, N. C., and was held a prisoner at Andersonville, Ga., and Florence, S. C., from April 20, 1864, until the 11th of the following December. He was paroled in April, 1865, and sent to Roanoke Island. During the latter part of his service he was a musician in the drum corps, and when the war was over, he was honorably discharged June 25, 1865, and returned to his home in St. Petersburg, where he still lives. He owns a fine farm of eighty-four acres adjoining the town, but his residence is within the corporate limits. In connection with farming he is also interested in the oil business, and is successfully carrying on operations along both lines.

Mr. Ashbaugh was married in 1866, the lady of his choice being Miss Hannah, daughter of John and Rebecca (Sipler) Vensel. Her father is now deceased, but her mother is still living at the age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Ashbaugh have five children: William A., who is now cashier of the St. Petersburg Savings Bank; Howard W., also a resident of St. Petersburg; Forest C., who is clerking in a general store in St. Petersburg; Nettie R.; and Charles B. They have also lost one daughter—Lottie, who died at the age of three years. The children all have been provided with good opportunities for obtaining an education.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Ashbaugh is a Democrat, and he has faithfully served his fellow citizens as assessor, member of the city council and burgess for two terms. He is one of the leading members of Lookout Post No. 425, G. A. R., and is the present commander. He belongs to the Reformed Church, was a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of the house of worship, has served as trustee, and is now an elder in the Church. His influence is great and always for good, and his sympathy, his benevolence and his kindly greetings have gained for him the friendship of a wide circle of acquaintances. He is a man of the times, broad-minded, public-spirited and progressive.

Oscar A. Rose, a leading wagonmaker and blacksmith of Shippenville, Clarion county, has been prominently identified with the industrial and business interests of that place since 1875.

Born in Jackson, Ohio, March 24, 1842, Mr. Rose is a son of Robert and Elmira (Edsal) Rose. The father was also a native of Ohio, his birth occurring in 1809, in Mahoning county, but the grandfather, David Rose, was born in Pennsylvania, of Puritan ancestry. The mother of our subject was a native of New York City, where she successfully engaged in teaching for a time, and later became one of the first teachers of Mahoning county, Ohio. In early life her husband was a tin peddler, traveling through Ohio, but later purchased a farm in Mahoning county, and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Rose died upon that place in 1865, and his death occurred in Jackson in December, 1889. In the family of this worthy couple were four sons and two daughters, namely: Henry, who still resides on the old home farm in Ohio; Oscar
A., of this sketch; Ogden and Wallace E., who also make their home in Ohio; Sarah, wife of J. M. Howard, of Mahoning county; and Mrs. Mary Bellard, of Ohio.

The subject of this sketch was reared and educated in his native county, and at Jackson, Ohio, learned the wagonmaker's trade, which he followed in that State until the outbreak of the Civil war. At Jackson he enlisted, October 14, 1861, for three years, in Company C, Sixth Ohio Cavalry, and with the Army of the Potomac participated in the battles of Cross Keys and Port Republic. By an Act of Congress, he was honorably discharged July 8, 1862, but on the 15th of the following August, he joined the Twenty-first Indiana Battery, Light Artillery, and was sworn into the United States service at South Bend, Ind., being assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He took part in the battles of Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga and Chattanooga, and at the last named was detailed in the Fifth United States Battery and stationed in front of Chattanooga during the siege of that place, where he remained for two weeks. He then went with his command to Lookout Mountain, and, when that stronghold was taken, proceeded to Nashville, where he was transferred to Company K, Eleventh Veteran Reserve Corps, with which he served until hostilities ceased. He participated in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., and then was sent to Albany, N. Y., where he was finally discharged August 8, 1865.

Returning to his home in Jackson, Ohio, Mr. Rose resided there until 1869, when he removed to Titusville, Penn., and later to Oil City, working at his trade in both places. Subsequently, he lived in Salem, Penn., and from there came to Shippenville, in 1875. He has since been one of the representative and prominent business men of the place, taking an active interest in its welfare, and doing all in his power to advance its prosperity.

On September 9, 1872, in Titusville, Mr. Rose was married to Miss Rachel Morehead, a native of Venango county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Jennie (Crawford) Morehead, who were also born in that county, where the father engaged in farming until his death in 1873. The mother died in the same county in 1885. Her father, Esquire Crawford, was a Continental soldier during the Revolutionary war, and spent his last days in Venango county. Mrs. Rose's paternal grandfather, Jackson Morehead, was also an honored pioneer of that county, where his death occurred. Mrs. Rose is one of a family of twelve children, of whom the following are still living, namely: Mrs. Martha Lowley, of Venango county; Mrs. Anna Van Horn, of Clarion county; Mrs. Sarah Hughes, of Butler county, Penn.; John, of Venango county; Mrs. Eliza Kennedy, of Oil City, Penn.; and Bell, of Colorado.

Mr. Rose is a Republican in politics, and has most acceptably served as a member of the school board and city council. He is one of the most prominent members of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of which he was elected commander in 1897, and his wife belongs to the Ladies Relief Corps. They are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and it is safe to say that no couple in Shippenville have more friends or are held in higher regard than Mr. and Mrs. Rose.

M. Fowler is proprietor of a fine drug store in Foxburg, Clarion county, and ranks among the leading business men of that place. Born in Armstrong county, Penn., October 9, 1837, he is a son of James Fowler, a prominent citizen, who was born in Butler county, Penn., in the old stone house on Bear Creek. His father, John Fowler, was a native of Berks county, Penn., of German descent, and was a farmer by occupation.

James Fowler was reared on the farm, and in early life carried on agricultural pursuits. He afterward engaged in the oil business, in which he was quite successful, and in 1851 he became proprietor of a sawmill, which he operated with profit for a number of years. His dealings in oil covered the period between 1869 and about ten years before his death. His investments in that direction yielded him excellent financial returns, and other business interests also contributed to his prosperity. He at one time had a ferry at Foxburg, and was also a stockholder in the Foxburg Bank from the time of its organization. He also owned $20,000 worth of the Foxburg Bridge Company. On February 22, 1844, he was married to Miss Ann L. Leonard, a native of Pittsburg, and a daughter of Reuben Leonard, of England, now deceased. Six children were born of this union: James T., of Foxburg, who is in the employ of the Pittsburg & Western railroad; M. N.; M. L., who died when about fifty years of age; Charlotte A., deceased; and two who died in infancy. The father of this family was a stanch Republican, and took an active interest in politics. His enterprise and sound judgment proved an active factor in the business life of the community with which he was identified. He died April 18, 1886.

M. N. Fowler was reared in the county of his nativity, and acquired his elementary educa-
tion in the public schools, after which he was a student in Beaver College, and in an academy at Emlenton. He entered upon his business career in the capacity of a civil engineer, afterward was employed by the Pittsburg & Western Railroad Company, and later with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg. Having acquired some capital, as the result of his industry and frugality, he embarked in business on his own account, establishing a drug store at Manorville, Armstrong county, in 1884. In the following year he came to Foxburg, and conducts at that point one of the finest drug stores in this part of the State. He carries a large and complete line of goods, and has one of the best-equipped stores in Pennsylvania. The interior finishings and shelvings are of mahogany, the latter being manufactured by the well-known firm of C. H. Bangs & Co., of Boston. Mr. Fowler is a competent pharmacist, and has secured a liberal patronage by reason of his earnest desire to please his patrons, his courteous treatment and his honorable business methods.

On June 2, 1879, Mr. Fowler married Miss Jennie K. Reed, of Saltsburg, Indiana Co., Penn., a daughter of George W. and Mary E. Reed, of that place. Three sons and one daughter have been born of their union: Philip F., George R., Anna-Lee and Nelson M. On March 18, 1897, Mr. Fowler was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, a most estimable lady, whose kindly nature and many excellencies of character won her a host of friends. She belonged to the Episcopal Church, of which Mr. Fowler is also a member. In his political views he is a stalwart Republican, who keeps well informed on the issues of the day, and gives an intelligent and active support to the party principles. He is a member of Canby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M.; Eden Chapter No. 259, R. A. M., of Clarion, and Franklin Commandery No. 44, K. T. He also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees.

Milton Hepler, who was content to go through the war as a "high" private, doing his duty nobly and unflinchingly on the field of battle or in the camp, is to-day one of the prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of Porter township, Clarion county. He owns a fine farm of 244 acres, whose well tilled fields, comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings denote the supervision of a careful and painstaking owner, who thoroughly understands the vocation which he is so successfully following. In connection with general farming he is also interested in stock raising, and keeps upon his place the best grades of horses, cattle, and sheep.

Mr. Hepler was born January 12, 1843, in Smithland, Clarion county, a son of Jacob Hepler, whose birth occurred in the same county. The grandfather, Christopher Hepler, was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. On reaching manhood Jacob Hepler married Miss Mary Brinker, who also belonged to a prominent old family of Clarion county, and they became the parents of eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. One son, Thomas, was a member of the 78th P. V. I. during the Civil war, and is now a resident of West Millville, Penn. The father died at the age of fifty-six, the mother at sixty-two. They were widely and favorably known in this region, and their circle of friends was only limited by their circle of acquaintances.

Soon after attaining his majority, Milton Hepler resolved to strike a blow in defense of his country, and, in February, 1864, enlisted in Company K, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. Rev. Duff, of Dayton, Penn., and Col. Schoolmaker. He participated in the battles of Piedmont and Newmarket, and was in all of the engagements in the Shenandoah Valley under Generals Sigel and Hunter. Returning to Harpers Ferry, the regiment was under Gen. Sheridan, the great cavalry commander, at the battle of Winchester, September 20, 1864, when the Rebel loss was 6,500. Two days later the Rebels lost 5,000 in the same vicinity. Mr. Hepler was also at Luray Valley, and at Cedar Creek, where Gen. Early lost 6,000 men. At one time the Rebel forces got between the infantry and cavalry of the Union army, and one-half of the Eighth Corps of the latter had to run without guns and knapsacks for several miles.

It was at this time that Gen. Sheridan made his famous ride, rallied the Union forces and succeeded in driving back the Rebels. Mr. Hepler spent the last two months of his service at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., where he contracted dumb ague, and on August 26, 1865, he was honorably discharged, after having participated in thirty-six hard-fought battles and thirteen skirmishes. Returning to Clarion county, he has made his home here ever since.

At the age of twenty-three our subject was married to Miss Maggie Burns, who was born, reared and educated in Clarion county, a daughter of Stephen D. Burns, Sr., who lost an arm during his service in the Mexican war. Mr. Burns, May 5, 1842, married Sarah Torrence, and five children were born to them, namely: Margaret Jane, Thomas B., James D., Alice and Sarah.
Thomas B. and James D. both served their country in the Civil war. Thomas B. was a member of Company K, 103d Regiment, and served for three years. He is now a resident of Nebraska. James D. was in Company H, 155th Regiment, and died November 30, 1864, from wounds received in battle. Six daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hepler, and all have been provided with excellent educational privileges, and are refined and cultured young ladies. They are as follows: Emma Zelda, now the wife of Amos Swartzfogler; Ida Bell, wife of D. L. Weather; Mary Alice, a popular and successful teacher; Sada Ellen; Mattie J., who is also successfully engaged in teaching; and Elmira Pearl.

Mr. Hepler is a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, in which he holds membership, and he has filled all the chairs in Captain Core Post No. 239, G. A. R. In manner he is quiet and unassuming, yet his sterling qualities command the respect and confidence of all, and have secured him the high regard of a large circle of friends. He has manifested the same loyalty in days of peace as in days of war, and all who know him have for him the highest esteem.

Harry R. Wilson, a prominent attorney of Clarion, of the firm of Wilson & Gordon, is a son of the late Judge Theophilus S. and Amanda L. Wilson, and grandson of Samuel Wilson and William H. Lowry.

Born at Clarion, Penn., his present home, September 3, 1864, he received his early education in the public schools of the borough. He was specially prepared for college under Prof. and Mrs. Thrasher, at the Clarion Normal School, then called Carrier Seminary, and entered Lafayette College in September, 1880. He completed his four-year course there, and graduated above the average grade of his class in his nineteenth year, and at once registered as a student-at-law with Wilson, Jenks & Reed, where he remained until the dissolution of the firm, in November, 1885, upon the retirement of Hon. Theo. S. Wilson, who had been elected president judge of Clarion and Jefferson counties. On November 8, 1886, he was admitted to practice in the several courts of Clarion county. In January, 1887, Mr. Wilson succeeded Hon. George A. Jenks, ex-Solicitor-General of the United States, in the firm of Jenks & Reed, and continued in active practice of the law as the junior member of the firm of Reed & Wilson, who did a large volume of legal business in Clarion and surrounding counties, and also in the Supreme and United States Courts, for the next eight years, when Hon. John W. Reed was appointed, and afterward elected, president judge of Jefferson county. Upon the retirement of Mr. Reed from the firm, Mr. Wilson, having more legal business than he and his assistants could do, associated Cadmus Z. Gordon, Esq., with him, and the new firm of Wilson & Gordon continues to keep the legal business of this firm up to the same high standard established by their predecessors, Wilson & Jenks, from 1870 to 1885, Jenks & Reed, from 1885 to 1887, and by Reed & Wilson from 1887 to 1895. The first ten years of the business life of Mr. Wilson, from 1886 to 1896, from when he was twenty-two to thirty-two years of age, were brimful of activity. In addition to the exacting duties and responsibilities of his profession, which, with him, were always the first consideration, and were never neglected for politics or outside business interests; he as a traveler visited each township and borough in his native county; each county in his native State; and each State and Territory in the United States. He also visited Mexico and Canada, and all the principal cities of the United States. He also rode, in 1889, over eighteen hundred miles through different countries in Europe on a bicycle, and visited Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Austria and Italy. While absent on these trips, entertaining and instructive letters from him were published in the Clarion newspapers. In the spring of 1898 Mr. and Mrs. Wilson made a three-months’ cruise to points around the Mediterranean Sea, up the Nile and a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and returned through Italy, Switzerland and Germany.

Soon after he became of age he was selected and acted as executor and guardian in several estates, and settled and filed his final accounts therein without any differences. He was the counsel for the executors in the largest decedent’s estate, and for the assignee in the largest assigned estate that has ever been settled in Clarion county. He has averaged from ten to twelve hours steady work a day for the past twelve years, and now with an established reputation, business and property, has something to show for it, and prospects of still better results. Associated with business partners, he has purchased and developed coal lands in Clarion county, and timber lands in Forest county, where Wagner & Wilson are now operating several thousand acres of timber land with saw, shingle, lath and planing mills; also operating seven miles of railroad, and give steady employment to a large force of men. Mr. Wilson has carried
interests in oil and gas wells; built houses, and bought at private sale and re-sold lots and residence properties in Clarion borough, farms in Clarion county, and real estate in Jefferson, Venango, Forest and other counties. Financially he is a self-made man. He started on a law clerkship of twenty-five dollars per month, and his credit has since always been good to borrow any capital needed for any promising purchase.

As a Republican he has presided over the County Convention, as a committee man elected from Clarion borough, and he was a delegate to the State Convention in 1887, and a delegate from the 28th Congressional District to the Republican National Convention at St. Louis in 1896. He was offered and declined the Republican nomination for Representative to the Legislature, and for State Senator in his District, at different times before he was twenty-six years old. He has never aspired to any office, as it has been more of an effort for him to keep out than to get into politics. He was chairman of the Clarion County Republican Committee in 1895, and re-elected chairman for the Presidential campaign of 1896; he perfected the organization and led the campaign in Clarion county for 1896. He made speeches at all of the series of about twenty-five meetings, and did much work, the result of which showed in the increase of the vote for the Republican nominees about eight hundred in Clarion county over that of 1892.

On October 24, 1894, at Elnora, N. Y., Mr. Wilson was united in marriage with Hattie Davie Critchlow, and the union has been blessed with two sons: Harold M. and Lawrence E. Wilson. The father united with the Presbyterian Church in 1891, and served two terms of three years each as one of the Board of Trustees, and upon the expiration of his second term in 1895, he was elected by vote of the congregation as one of the presiding elders. He was one of the early promoters and largest subscribers for the building of the new stone church edifice, and the first to sign and circulate the subscription list in 1892, and takes an active interest in the progress and work of the Church. He is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and Chapter of Clarion and Knight Templar Commandery of Franklin, Pennsylvania.

The diversified interests which have received the attention of the subject of this sketch have not, however, weakened his professional standing or prevented him from having earned the reputation and being recognized as a hard-working, conscientious, safe, honest and able attorney and counselor-at-law. Among his clientele are seven of the nine banks in the county. He is counsel for several boroughs and townships in the county, supervisors, overseers of the poor, and school boards and for many of the private business corporations, business firms and individuals. He has a commodious brick office well located near the court house, with the largest and most valuable law library in the county—of about one thousand, five hundred volumes. As he grows older and has become the senior member of the firm, he is dropping all outside business interests and politics (except for recreation), and is concentrating his attention and work more and more on the practice of the law in all its branches, and stands prominent among the fellow-members of the Clarion Bar for promptness, industry, courtesy and ability.

M. THEOPHILUS STRATTAN WILSON (deceased), one of the most talented and distinguished members of the Clarion county Bar, and who at the time of his death was Judge of the 18th Judicial District of Pennsylvania, was born April 17, 1837, at Strattanville, a village of Clarion county, Penn., located three miles east of the county seat.

Judge Wilson’s ancestors were among the pioneers of that section of country, and in their history are to be found rare elements of romance. At the beginning of this century that portion of the State in which are now Clarion and Jefferson counties was an unsettled wilderness. Hither, in 1801, came a band of earnest, energetic patriots, determined to do their part in extending the settlement of their country. They numbered ten men, among whom was Samuel Wilson, the great-grandfather of Judge Wilson. They reached their destination after experiencing all the privations that in those days attended the progress of the early settlers, their journey requiring the opening up of an unbroken forest, at a period not long after a time of fierce Indian conflicts.

Samuel Wilson died within a year afterward. His widow and five sons settled on the land he had broken, and to one of these sons, Robert (the second man married in Clarion county), was born a son Samuel, the third one in the family of that name, and who became the father of Judge Wilson. In 1836 Samuel Wilson (3) married Elizabeth Moran, of Hadfield, N. J., who was of the family of John Stratten, the founder of Strattanville, from which family Theophilus, their first born, received his second name.

Samuel Wilson began life as a clerk in the store of Hon. Charles Evans, the pioneer merchant in his section, but in 1834, when only
twenty-six years of age, he started in business for himself. He was a shrewd and far-seeing man, was remarkably successful, and rapidly accumulated a fortune. When the iron industry started in Clarion county, he was one of the first to invest in it, and became a heavy manufacturer, building, in company with his brother John, St. Charles furnace, in Porter township. He afterward purchased Helen furnace, in Highland township, where he made thousands of tons of pig iron. He also interested himself in boat-building, acquired extensive lumber interests, owned several stores, and employed several hundred men in various enterprises. On the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion Gov. Curtin specially commissioned him to purchase supplies for the quartermaster's department. He was president of the First National Bank of Clarion, a position which he held until his death, which occurred at his home in Strattanville, January 21, 1879, when he was aged seventy-one years.

Theophilus Wilson had the advantage of being well prepared for his college education, first by private tutors, afterward at the public schools, and then at the Brookville Academy, in Jefferson county. He received his collegiate education at Allegheny College, Meadville, Penn. In 1854, while he was yet a lad, his father chose him to fill out a year's leave of absence of his chief clerk—a most responsible and difficult position. At the close of his term in charge of the business, Theophilus was sent to Helen furnace, which was owned by his father, where was manufactured a superior brand of iron, known to the trade as "Charcoal Iron," its consistent parts being red hematite ore, limestone, and oak charcoal. At first Theophilus took charge of the furnace store, soon he was promoted to chief bookkeeper, and, showing a broad understanding of business principles, became manager of the entire business. The qualities of fine intelligence, persistent application, and indomitable energy, he displayed, thus pushed him to the forefront of a vocation he was only destined to follow temporarily, but which was of great advantage to him in his future career, having been, as he himself since remarked, "more beneficial to him in his profession and in his judicial career than his classical education." In 1860, the market for pig iron having become unprofitable, Mr. Samuel Wilson determined to close out his business in that line, and it was permanently discontinued. This made it necessary for Theophilus to decide upon his future course, and he chose the profession of law. The same year he was registered a student and entered the office of George W. Lathy, at that time the oldest practitioner at the Bar of Clarion county. In the spring of 1861 he moved from Helen furnace to Clarion, and in September of the same year passed a creditable examination before the board of examiners, and was admitted to the Bar before Hon. Gleni W. Scofield, Presiding Judge of the Warren District and then holding a special term in Clarion, and afterward one of the judges of the United States Court of Claims, at Washington. Mr. Wilson practiced law in Clarion for over a year, when the appointment of Mr. John Keatley, of Strattanville, Additional Paymaster of United States volunteers, gave the young lawyer a new experience. Heavy bonds being required for the Paymaster, Mr. Wilson's father and father-in-law furnished them, and Theophilus was made Paymaster's clerk. The young man was then twenty-four years of age, active, ardent and patriotic, and not in the least inclined to follow a then comparatively inactive and uneventful profession while the whole country was alive and so much of importance was "making history" and stirring men's blood. The war was well advanced, and the Paymaster's department was a responsible, active, and even dangerous one. Mr. Keatley and Mr. Wilson were first assigned to duty in the pay department of Kentucky, with headquarters at Cincinnati, Ohio, ex-Gov. Cumbach, of Indiana, in charge. Soon they were ordered to Washington to pay the troops in the Army of the Potomac, and later were assigned to the department of Maryland, with headquarters at Baltimore, Major C. W. Brice, afterward Paymaster-General, in charge. In addition to paying the troops in Maryland, they were sent into the Shenandoah Valley, and paid all the troops in and around Harpers Ferry, Winchester, Romney, and Martinsburg, W. Va. At Winchester, in 1862, when Gen. Milroy was attacked by the whole of Lee's army and had to cut his way out by night with immense loss, they were near being captured with their treasure of three hundred thousand dollars. They succeeded in eluding the Confederates, and the funds were safely returned to Washington, at night, by special train, the second division of 8th Army Corps thus losing their pay for the time being. The following year, 1863, they were ordered to report at Harrisburg, to Col. W. M. Wylie, where they remained, paying discharged soldiers, until they were mustered out of the service; they paid out twelve million dollars, and within one year afterward their accounts were adjusted and settled to the entire satisfaction of the United States authorities. In January, 1866, Mr. Wilson returned to Clarion, and, having determined to settle there permanently, erected for his family a
costly and beautiful residence on the most eligible site in the town, opposite the public square. The following year he resumed the active practice of his profession, and from that time his success was phenomenal. His business rapidly accumulated, and soon, as the court records show, attained proportions exceeding that of all other lawyers in the neighborhood, necessitating the employment of several law clerks, he having more cases than all the members of the local Bar combined. In the Common Pleas Court alone the appearances on the docket were more than twelve hundred cases annually, while in every other branch of the law he held the same proportion.

In 1872, Mr. Wilson formed a co-partnership with George A. Jenks, of Brookville (afterward Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Solicitor-General of the United States), under the firm name of Wilson & Jenks, to which, later, John W. Reed, Esq., was admitted, which continued until dissolved on the election of Mr. Wilson as president judge of the Eighteenth Judicial District. During the existence of this partnership the firm stood at the head of the profession in Western Pennsylvania. They were employed in many important cases, their services being in demand both within and without the district. The discovery and production of petroleum in large quantities greatly augmented their business. As an instance of this it may be mentioned that from one bank in the county, which had sufficed for a number of years, seven more were organized and doing business, and Wilson, Jenks & Reed were attorneys for seven out of these eight institutions. They were recognized universally as safe counselors, experienced in their profession, always accessible, and ready to attend to the interests of their clients. The practice of the firm in the supreme court of the State was large and important, and embraced many cases outside of their own district. The United States Courts at Pittsburg also received a share of their attention. It was seen with appreciation that all cases undertaken by them received the most careful and methodical attention, even to the minutest details, a fact which resulted in gaining the entire confidence of the business public. Mr. Jenks took part in all jury trials, being seldom at the office except during such trials, the regular and special terms of court and argument courts. The reputation of the firm for quick incisiveness of understanding was remarkable. No client found it necessary to give them instructions about getting cases ready for trial; neglect was never imputed to them; their office papers were always models of neatness and accuracy. The late Justice Trunkley of the supreme court, presiding at a special court in Clarion, remarked that nowhere in the State had he found the standard of excellence up to the manners and forms of practice adopted and in use by the firm of Wilson, Jenks & Reed. A rigid adherence to the rules of court and practice established for them a record quite exceptional. With regard to their ability, probity, fidelity to their clients, and kindred qualities, the well-known record of this firm speaks more emphatically than could any ordinary words of eulogy. During the continuance of this co-partnership, Mr. Wilson was engaged in extensive outside business transactions, for which his early education and experience gave him exceptional advantages. In company with a practical man as partner, he bought five thousand acres of the best pine timber land in Clarion and Jefferson counties, and employed large numbers of men in manufacturing lumber. At first he attended simply to the financial part of the business, the purchase of supplies, etc., but finally bought out his partner and conducted the business alone for many years, adding to it the manufacture of coal boats for the transportation of bituminous coal from Pittsburg to New Orleans. He also held large interests in oil production, which he managed successfully. A big hearted, man, recognizing the value of the men who served him, his relations with them were always kindly and congenial, and it is a remarkable fact in his life that he never had a lawsuit with one of his employees. Generous as well as just in all his dealings with men, his benevolence was proverbial. His purse was always open to any charitable object and his name led the subscription lists for Church and other charities with the largest sum. One simple but most thoughtful instance of his character in this regard, out of many that may never be known, may be properly given here. Hearing of the sudden and imperative need of the people of a neighboring town, which had been destroyed by fire, he sent to each of more than fifty families, a barrel of flour, a munificent gift, the adequacy and wisdom of which will be readily conceded. Being a Republican in a Democratic county, giving a majority of usually eighteen hundred, Mr. Wilson had no opportunity for political preference, though he controlled the State and Federal Republican patronage for more than twenty-five years, and generally either went a delegate to the Republican conventions or was represented in them by his friends. In 1882 he was specially selected to present to the Republican State convention the name of ex-Senator Greer, of Butler, as a candidate for Secretary of
INTERNAL AFFAIRS, who was nominated on the first ballot. In 1879 the Legislature passed a judicial apportionment bill, erecting Clarion into a separate judicial district. As soon as the bill passed the members of the Clarion Bar and the officers of the court, without distinction of party, in a strong petition to the governor recommended Mr. Wilson for appointment as president judge. No other name was presented. The bill, however, was afterward vetoed by Gov. Hoyt. In the last judicial apportionment, Clarion county was made a separate judicial district, it having more than forty thousand population required by the constitution. Jefferson county being contiguous and having less than forty thousand population, was attached to Clarion for judicial purposes, the two forming the 18th Judicial District. In the year 1881 an election for president judge was held in the 18th District. In Clarion county the Democrats nominated James B. Knox, and the Republicans unanimously nominated Theophilus S. Wilson; but as it was apparent to the political sagacity of Mr. Wilson that the Democratic nominee would certainly be elected, he declined to be a candidate, and the result proved the wisdom of his judgment, for Judge Knox was elected, his majority in Clarion county being over seventeen hundred. He was commissioned and entered upon his duties in January, 1882, and died in December, 1884. A successor was then appointed by the Democratic governor, Pattison, and served during 1885. At the next election he obtained a plurality vote at the primary meeting, after a vigorous contest. Meanwhile Mr. Wilson's name was presented, with his consent, before the Republican primary. As soon as it was known that he was willing to run, no other name being offered, he received the whole party vote at the primary meeting in Clarion county, and was unanimously declared the choice of the county convention. In Jefferson county no name was publicly announced except his, and when that county convention assembled he was the only candidate. On the day preceding the State convention the judicial district convention met in Jefferson county, and on the first ballot Mr. Wilson was made the nominee, and was the unanimous and unopposed choice of his party. In regard to this, many of Mr. Wilson's friends considered the nomination an empty honor in view of the preponderating Democratic strength in the district. But Mr. Wilson having entered the lists, was not there for defeat. Possessing remarkable political gifts, a skill in organization rarely equalled, and an energetic determination that filled his followers with enthusiasm, these qualities were at the service of his friends. The result was a campaign of masterly ability, which succeeded in turning the vote to the extent of an average of fifty in every election district in Clarion county. The situation was deemed so important that the State organizations took an active part in the campaign, State Chairman Hensel sending Democratic speakers into the county, and State Chairman Cooper and United States Senator Quay aiding the Republican side with effective efforts. The returns surprised even the most sanguine supporters of the Republican candidate. Not only was Mr. Wilson elected, but, in a district frequently giving a Democratic majority of three thousand, stood a Republican majority of over four hundred—a phenomenal result that was the subject of the liveliest congratulations among the Republicans throughout the State. On the Bench Judge Wilson continued to have the same success and to hold the same exalted reputation that had accompanied him through all his professional experience. He soon became noted for the remarkable method and order which characterized his judicial work. His mind never wandered or was confused; his rulings of law were seldom questioned; his memory exhibited a rare tenacity; his industry was unflagging. It is said of him that where formerly many writs of error were taken annually from the Clarion courts to the supreme court, and many decisions reversed, during the first two years of Judge Wilson's term only two writs were taken, one in each year, and in each case his decision was affirmed. One of the cases thus appealed was the celebrated King homicide case, of which the Supreme Court said, in affirming it: 'The assignments of error must all be dismissed, for the charge of the learned and able Judge was full and complete on every point, and we do not see how a better one could be framed.' A man of fine presence and address, Judge Wilson was gifted with peculiar qualities for the acquisition and retention of the affection and esteem of those who knew him. Genial and frank in his manner, he was possessed of a dignity which made him an imposing figure in whatever society he entered. A thoroughly educated and highly cultured gentleman, he had also a bonhomie which rendered him strikingly attractive to his associates.

In 1859, Judge Wilson was married to Amanda Lowry, eldest daughter of William H. and Eliza Lowry, whose father was one of the most prominent citizens and merchants in Clarion county, and to the union were born five children: Edward M., Minnie, Harry R., Elizabeth and Theophilus L. Judge Wilson died while holding court for Judge White, at Indiana, Penn., July 6, 1891.
DAVID W. GOHEEN, of New Bethlehem, belongs to one of the leading pioneer families of Clarion county. His grandfather, James Goheen, a native of Lancaster county, Penn., was of Welsh lineage, a Presbyterian in religious belief and a farmer by occupation. He spent his last days in Porter township, Clarion county, dying there at an advanced age.

Davis Goheen, father of our subject, was born in 1802, in Lancaster county, where he grew to manhood, and in Boalsburg, Centre Co., Penn., he married Miss Sarah Marian, who was born in that county, of Scotch ancestry. Coming to Clarion county in 1837, he purchased a large tract of land in Porter township, which he converted into a fine farm, making it his home for many years. He, too, was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church, and was a cheerful contributor to all objects calculated to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of the community. On the organization of the Republican party he became one of its staunch supporters, and previous to the war he had kept a station on the famous "underground railroad," aiding many a poor negro on his way to Canada and freedom. He was a very large man, and one who enjoyed the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He died in 1877 at the age of seventy-five years, having long survived the mother of our subject, who departed this life at the age of thirty-five.

In the family of this worthy couple were nine children, four sons and five daughters, namely: John, a resident of North Point, Indiana Co., Penn.; Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker, of Porter township, Clarion county; Mrs. Nancy Kirkpatrick, of Clarion county; James, who died in 1839 on the Plains en route to California; Mary and Sarah Ann, both deceased; George, a member of Company A, 105th P. V. I., who was wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, August 29, 1862, and died July 11, 1865, at North Point, Indiana Co., Penn., leaving a widow and two children; David W.; and Ruth, who married C. D. Brown, and died leaving two children.

The birth of our subject occurred May 26, 1843, in Porter township, Clarion county, where he passed the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, aiding in the work of the fields and attending the common schools. Later he was also a student in an academy in Centre county when the Civil War broke out. On August 23, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I., under Colonel McKnight, who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness. Mr. Goheen was in active service until hostilities ceased, and, having re-enlisted as a veteran volunteer in the same regiment, participated in many hotly-contested battles, including those from Yorktown to Appomattox Court House. He was wounded in the mouth at Locust Grove, having two teeth knocked out, and was also wounded at Petersburg, Va., and at Gettysburg, Penn. When the war was ended and his services were no longer needed, he was honorably discharged July 11, 1865, and returned to his home in Porter township. In 1875 he moved to the city of Philadelphia, Penn., where he remained until after the close of the Centennial. Since 1887 he has made his home in New Bethlehem, Penn., and devoted his time and attention to fire insurance and pension business. He has been one of the most successful pension agents in the county, having practiced before the pension bureau for twenty-five years; he does quite an extensive insurance business, and represents some of the best old-line fire insurance companies in the United States. He served a term as justice of the peace, and has been a notary public for sixteen years.

On May 7, 1867, Mr. Goheen was joined in wedlock with Miss Ella Ardeny, a daughter of John and Susan (Lowery) Ardeny, of Corsica, Penn., both now deceased. In their family were only two children: Mrs. Pence, of Limestone, Clarion county, and Mrs. Goheen. To our subject and his wife have been born four children: Ivy M., Ruth Garfield, Nellie, and a son who died in infancy. Mr. Goheen has ever been a loyal citizen, co-operating in all that is calculated to promote the interests of his town, State or country. The Republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter; he has served as a delegate to many of its conventions, and has always kept well informed on the issues and questions of the day. He was a charter member of Captain Core Post No. 237, of Piollet, Clarion county, and is now commander of Colonel Lemon Post No. 260, G. A. R., of New Bethlehem. Reared in the Presbyterian Church, he has always adhered to that denomination.

SQUIRE JAMES S. CRAIG. The invariable law of destiny accords to tireless energy, industry and ability a successful career, and the truth of this assertion is abundantly verified in the life of Mr. Craig, who since 1885 has successfully conducted a drug store in St. Petersburg, Penn., and been numbered among its leading business men. He is a registered pharmacist, and has had eighteen years experience in his present business. His fine store is stocked with a full and complete line of drugs, patent
medicines, etc., and it is also headquarters for the long-distance Bell telephone.

Mr. Craig was born July 21, 1846, in Liberty township, Mercer Co., Penn., his parents being James Boggs and Elizabeth (Simpson) Craig. The father, a native of Liberty township, Mercer county, was a farmer and stock-dealer by occupation, and died in Grove City, in 1892, at the age of seventy-one. The mother is now in her seventieth year, and is still a resident of that place. Being of Scotch-Irish descent, the father was reared in the Presbyterian Church, and was always a firm adherent of that faith. His political support was given the Democracy; for thirteen years he capably served as constable in his township.

The subject of this sketch is the oldest in a family of ten children, the others being as follows: Mrs. Mary Long, of Whitehall, Mich.; Mrs. Maggie Barr, of Pierport, Mich.; Ermina, wife of Albert Meehling, of Sunbury, Penn.; John F., a druggist of Cleveland, Penn.; W. H., proprietor of a restaurant in Grove City, Penn.; Ollie, a registered nurse in the State Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio; David and Laura, who died in youth; and Martha, who died at the age of twenty-seven years.

During his boyhood and youth James S. Craig attended the common schools, and also became quite familiar with the cattle business and the work of the farm. On starting out in life for himself he was engaged for several years in the oil-fields of Butler and Clarion counties as an operator and producer; since then he has given his attention exclusively to the drug business in Byrom Center, Butler county, and St. Petersburg, Clarion county.

In 1867, in Mercer county, Mr. Craig was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth McConnell, who was born in Butler county, and successfully engaged in teaching for several years previous to her marriage. Her parents, Samuel and Sydney Elizabeth (Rainey) McConnell, were natives of Ireland, and, when children on the same ship, came to America. They were married in Butler county, Penn., and there died. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Craig numbers five children: Harry F. and Samuel B., both druggists of Noblestown, Penn.; Burt James, who is engaged in the same business in Chicora, Penn.; Laura Jean, a graduate of the high school at St. Petersburg; and Bessie McConnell, a student in the high school of St. Petersburg, Pennsylvania.

Squire Craig is one of the leading members of the Reformed Church of St. Petersburg, has served five years as deacon, and for the past ten years has been superintendent of the Sunday-school, during which time he has been instrumental in increasing the membership from forty to two hundred and twenty-five. He has also been very prominent in fraternal organizations, belonging to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Royal Arcanum, Camby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M., in which he served as worshipful master in 1893. The Democratic party has always found in him an earnest advocate, and he has been a delegate to a number of county conventions, and on his party ticket was elected county coroner, and is now serving his second term, which will expire in 1899. Mr. Craig has served for twenty years as justice of the peace, and on February 15, 1898, was elected for another term of five years, dating from the first Monday in May, 1898, it being his third term in St. Petersburg borough. He is a progressive man who has always sought to enlighten and elevate the people among whom he has lived, and his life is exemplary in all respects.

W. HALL SLOAN, who is one of the active, energetic merchants of the borough of Clarion, Clarion county, where he is conducting a first-class grocery, is a native of the county, born May 16, 1831, in Limestone township.

Samuel and Eliza (Sloan) Sloan, his parents, were natives of Pennsylvania, born May 25, 1808, and 1815, respectively. They were farming people of industrious habits and Christian lives. He was greatly interested in the Church and in educational matters. She died in 1882, and he in 1887. Their children were Wilhelmina, Margaret J., Harriet E., Mary A., Caroline, John W., S. Grier, W. Hall, John E. (deceased), and Rosa (deceased).

W. Hall Sloan was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits until 1890. In his youth he attended the neighborhood schools, and passed one year at Clarion Academy (now the State Normal School). In 1890 he disposed of a portion of his farm and went into the grocery business in Clarion. Since that year he has conducted one of the best groceries of the borough, keeping a choice stock of the very best goods in the market. He is obliging and accommodating, and is meeting with that success that comes from close application to business and the properly caring for of their patrons. He also owns a farm of forty acres whereon oil is produced, which yields him a good royalty.

Mr. Sloan was married to Miss Rose Guthrie, who was born at Clarion, Penn., and is a daughter of John L. Guthrie, of Clarion. To this
The marriage six children were born, namely: Samuel J., Alice, Edward, Elizabeth, William R. and John E. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, but he has cared nothing for public favor, and has not been an active politician. He has been a member of the borough council, and his services in that body of the city were appreciated. He is a man of good judgment, and his ideas are practical. Socially he stands high in the community.

W. S. MITCHELL, a prominent representative of the industrial and political interests of East Brady, Clarion county, belongs to that class of men whose discretion, enterprise and sound judgment have been the essential factors in promoting the prosperity of the community with which they are connected. He was born in Schuylkill County, Penn., February 14, 1854, and is a son of Thomas and Mary Ann Mitchell, natives of England, in which country they were reared and married.

Coming to America, they located in Schuylkill county, Penn., where the father worked in the mines. He afterward removed to Irwin, Penn., and in 1869 to Catfish, Penn., where he was employed as mine boss until 1879. In that year, in company with Mr. Stevenson, he opened the Pine Run Mine, which he operated until 1887, when he opened the Diamond Mine, in Madison township, Clarion county. In 1892 he went to Virginia, where he organized the Pine Run Coal & Coke Company, conducting a mine for some time, when he sold out. He died in East Brady in 1892, the result of blood poison. He was a Republican in politics, and acceptably served in the office of burgess. During the Civil war he manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting in Westmoreland county, as a member of the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, in which he served for more than three years. He afterward became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife died in East Brady in October, 1895. This worthy couple had a family of ten children, namely: W. S.; George, of East Brady; Mrs. L. R. Lane and Mrs. Nettie Wiseman, both of East Brady; Mrs. Sarah Campbell, whose husband is railroad agent at Red Bank; John; Adda; William; Mrs. Deborah Morrison, of East Brady; and Thomas, who died in 1870.

W. S. Mitchell was reared in Schuylkill county until fifteen years of age, and then removed to Westmoreland county, where he attended school in Marion. He learned telegraphy in East Brady, in 1869, and the following year entered the employ of the Allegheny Valley railroad at Catfish, afterward being located at various points along their line. He remained continuously with the company until 1887, and has since at various intervals been in their service for a limited period. At the time of the Johnstown flood he acted as telegraph agent at Red Bank. Thinking to find a more profitable field of endeavor in the coal regions, however, he became connected with that industry in 1887. The Diamond mines in Madison township, Clarion county, of which he is now proprietor, were sunk in 1887, and now furnish employment to about forty-five men, which number is increased when working to the full extent. The investment is a profitable one, and his business interests are well managed.

In 1876 Mr. Mitchell was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Truby, a native of Catfish, and a daughter of Henry Laffier and Ann Eliza (McClure) Truby, natives of Clarion county, and of German ancestry. Her father died many years ago, the mother in 1890 while returning by train to her home. In their family were six children: Mary Ann, wife of Frank Hoon, of Jamestown, N. Y.; Jacob, of Avalon, N. J.; Mrs. Susan Harringer, of Du Bois, Penn.; Mrs. Rupert, who died in Madison township, Clarion county, in November, 1890; Harry L., of Chicago; and Mrs. Mitchell. To our subject and his wife have been born six children: May, Arthur, Pearl, Gertie, Harry, and Earl. In his political affiliations Mr. Mitchell is a Republican, and has been honored with several local offices, having served as auditor of East Brady, as a member of the council in 1890, and in November, 1896, he was elected burgess, being the present incumbent in that office. He discharges his duties with promptness and fidelity, and is accounted one of the leading citizens of the community. Socially, he is connected with New Bethlehem Lodge No. 522, F. & A. M., and he attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Mitchell is one of the progressive business men of East Brady, whose success has been self-achieved and is well merited.

JOSEPH SCHMADER devotes his time and energies to farming and lumbering in Farmington township, Clarion county, and the industry which characterizes his business career has brought to him a fair measure of success. He was born in Knox township, same county, in 1852, a son of Simon and Mary A. Schmader.
nates of Germany, who came to America in 1847. They located in Knox township, Clarion county, where the father has since followed the occupations of farming and lumbering. His worthy wife departed this life in 1892. In their family were eighteen children, namely: Eli, Jacob, Samuel, Joseph, John, Sebastian, Simon and Peter (twins, who died in childhood), Henry and Simon (living), Paul (who died when young), Sabina (living), Mary (who died in 1890), Elizabeth, Catharine, Annie, Maggie and Anna M.

As his parents were in limited circumstances, Joseph Schmader was early forced to earn his own livelihood, and as a boy worked in the lumber woods and at boat building by the day. In 1879 he wedded Miss Mary T. Wolbert, of Clarion county, whose father, Conrad Wolbert, was a well-to-do citizen of Farmington township. After his marriage Mr. Schmader purchased sixty-six acres of woodland in Farmington township, and at once commenced to clear and improve it. He rafted the square timber and logs taken from his land down the Clarion river to the Western markets, and in this undertaking met with excellent success. His farm is now under a high state of cultivation, and he has erected thereon a large two-story residence and good barn. Throughout the summer months he engaged in agricultural pursuits, while in the winter he followed rafting and teaming until 1893, but since that time has given up the latter occupations. Adjoining his farm he purchased forty acres of the old Buzard, Ritts & Co.'s land and mill site, and has since cleared a portion of that tract. He also serves as general agent for the Chamberlin screw stump-puller, and also for the McCormick Harvesting Machinery Co., and is recognized as one of the wide-awake and most progressive business men of his community.

The first wife of our subject died January 21, 1893, leaving ten children, all born on the present homestead of the family, namely: Catharine C., Minnie M., Otilia S., Rosie C., Conrad S., Mary B., Clara, Jennie, Augusta, and Charles W. Mr. Schmader was again married, on October 1, 1895, the lady of his choice being Miss Katie Zagst, of Clarion county, and to them have been born two children: J. M. and S. P.

In politics our subject is identified with the Democratic party, and he has most acceptably served as constable of Farmington township for three years, and tax collector four years. In religious belief the family are Catholic, belonging to Lucinda Church. Although he started out in life for himself a poor boy, and worked for years for others, Mr. Schmader was at length able to engage in contracting in lumber on his own account, and, by close attention to business, economy and good management, has accumulated a handsome property, having one of the best cultivated farms in the township. He has also gained the confidence and high regard of all who know him, and his friends are many throughout his native county.

J. B. WOOD, a well-known carpenter and contractor of Elk township, Clarion county, and one of its progressive and wide-awake business men, was born in that township, in 1836. His father, George Wood, was a native of Seneca county, N. Y., born October 8, 1819, and was a son of Barnard and Hannah (Pullman) Wood, natives of Washington county, N. Y., and early settlers of Cattaraugus county, N. Y. The grandfather, who was a millwright by trade, died in that county, and the death of his wife also occurred in the Empire State.

In Cattaraugus county George Wood was reared and educated, and also learned the carpenter's trade. He came to Clarion county, Penn., in 1841, locating in Elk township, where he purchased a tract of 150 acres of woodland, on which Pitch Pine is now located. He was married near Tionesta, Penn., to Miss Julia Ann Noble, a native of Forest county, Penn., where her father had located at a very early day. She died in Elk township, Clarion county, in 1858, leaving the following children: Albert, a resident of Ashland township, Clarion county; Mrs. Lydia Swah, of Pitch Pine; Mrs. Aurilla Glass, who died in Elk township; George W., of Venango county, Penn.; J. B., of this sketch; and Perry, who died in Elk township.

After the death of his first wife George Wood was married in Ashland township to Miss Mary Helm, a native of Germany, and to them were born seven children, namely: Charley, a resident of Pitch Pine; Mrs. Lucy Sandrock, of Forest county; Henry, who resides on the old home farm; Millie; Mrs. Lizzie Kitchen, of Pitch Pine; Elmer, of the same place; and Salome, at home. For his third wife the father wedded Mrs. Jane Courtney, who still survives him. In religious belief he was a Dunkard and for some time was a minister of that Church, while in politics he was a Democrat. He died on the old homestead in Elk township, in 1895, honored and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

At Pitch Pine, J. B. Wood grew to manhood, his education being obtained in the district schools near his home. During early life he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since
successfully followed, and is now the owner of thirty acres of land in Elk township, Clarion county, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and continues to operate. In 1879, in Ashland township, Clarion county, he married Miss Marietta Dietrich, who was born in that township, of which her parents, William and Catharine Dietrich, natives of Germany, were honored pioneers. Both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have seven children, namely: Milton G., Charley, Perry, Harvey, Warren, Stella and Annie.

Mr. Wood is not bound by party ties, but casts his ballot in support of the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices. His sterling integrity, inflexible honesty, and general high principles, have won him the respect of the entire community in which he makes his home, and he is to-day one of the most esteemed and valued citizens of Elk township.

WILLIAM FRENCH, a popular and successful merchant of Lawsonham, Penn., was one of the brave boys in blue during the Civil war, and was one of the youngest soldiers to enlist from this section of the State, being only sixteen years old at the time he entered the service. He was, however, brave and fearless, and was always found at his post of duty, valiantly fighting for the old flag and the cause it represented.

Mr. French was born June 19, 1847, in Madison township, Armstrong Co., Penn., and belongs to a most highly respected and honored family. His grandfather, Elijah French, was a native of Connecticut, and died at the advanced age of ninety years in Armstrong county, Penn., of which he was one of the early settlers. David French, our subject's father, was born in that county, and was there reared and educated. On reaching manhood he married Jane Zillafrw, who was of German descent and a daughter of Rhode Zillafrw, who was noted for his great strength and muscular power, which was often demonstrated at wrestling matches in pioneer days, in the lumber camp, on the river or at a "raising." To Mr. and Mrs. French were born four children: Elijah S., who was a member of the Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry during the Civil war, and died in Armstrong county, in 1876, leaving a widow and children; Joseph, who died when young; Jane, who died at the age of four years; and William, the only one now living. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1851, when our subject was only four years old, and the mother was called to her final rest in 1879. They were faithful members of the Dunkard Church, and highly respected by all who knew them.

During his childhood William French attended the common schools of his native county, and was there reared to habits of industry and thrift. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company B, 139th P. V. I., and with his regiment took part in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor. At the last engagement he was wounded by a minie ball on the index finger of the left hand, and for some time was in the hospital at Pittsburg. On his recovery, he rejoined the command, and was at Appomattox Court House at the time of Gen. Lee's surrender to Gen. Grant. After participating in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg and returned home.

In 1868 Mr. French wedded Miss E. Jane Flick, a lady of intelligence and refinement, and a daughter of Casper Flick. Her brother, George W. Flick, was also a Union soldier, and is now living near Pittsburg, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. French had eight children, namely: Mrs. Effie Hull, Mrs. Hattie Lambert, Charlie, Kitty, Zella, J. Zetta; and two, Lorlee and Cora, deceased.

In 1872 our subject embarked in the fire-clay business near Brookville, Penn., where he carried on business for ten years, and then removed to Portland, Ore., but after sixteen months spent in that State returned to Pennsylvania, locating in Avondale, where he engaged in the lime business for six years. Since then he has made his home in Lawsonham, Clarion county, and has successfully engaged in merchandising, winning a liberal share of the public patronage by fair dealing and handling good goods. Besides his property in this place he also owns real estate in Kittanning, Penn. He is a progressive, enterprising business man, and a valued citizen of the community. For the past ten years his health has been rather poor.

Fraternally, Mr. French affiliates with the Grand Army Post of Rinersburg, and, politically, is identified with the Republican party. He was elected justice of the peace in 1893, and is now acceptably serving in that position.

CHARLES JOHNSON, merchant tailor and dealer in gents' furnishing goods, is the proprietor of the leading and most popular establishment of the kind in Clarion county, where he has now successfully engaged in business for over twenty years. Being an expert and practical workman himself, he controls a large busi-
ness and furnishes employment to a great many hands. Many of his customers have dealt with him since he first established business here, and his patronage extends from all over the country. For style and workmanship the clothing he turns out cannot be excelled in the State, and he keeps on hand both domestic and foreign fabrics. His store room, which is 22 x 50 feet, is stocked with a fine line of gents' furnishing goods and clothing of the latest styles, and his reputation for good work and honorable dealing has secured for him an extensive trade.

Mr. Johnson was born in Sweden in 1853, and is a representative of a most highly respected family, noted for honesty and industry. He obtained a fair education in his native tongue, and soon after leaving school at the age of sixteen he, in May, 1869, came to the United States. Since 1874 he has made his home in Foxburg, and has been prominently identified with its business interests. He is also interested in the oil producing business, and is the owner of some valuable property in that line. To-day he is numbered among the most substantial, reliable and enterprising business men of the place, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well deserved. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Odd Fellows Lodge of Foxburg, and in politics is an ardent Republican.

HOMER N. LOGUE, a leading general farmer and oiloperator, residing at Sligo, in Piney township, Clarion county, is a man whose successful struggle with adverse circumstances shows what can be accomplished by industry, perseverance and good management.

Born September 26, 1855, in Perry township, Clarion county, Mr. Logue is a son of Andrew and Margaret (Rupert) Logue, who were married in that county, March 13, 1849, by the Rev. Mashawon, a Methodist Episcopal minister. They became the parents of the following named children: Clarion J., born March 13, 1841; Elsie J., who was born in April, 1843, and is now the widow of John Logan, of East Brady, Penn.; Mary E., wife of David Zillafro, who is engaged in the oil business in Rixford, Penn.; Oliver, who conducts a livery stable in California; Maria, wife of John Kisinger, who is engaged in the oil business in West Virginia; Henry C., who died in California; Homer N., of this sketch; Bordley A., who is interested in the oil business in Ohio; Margaret, deceased wife of Charles Faulkner, who is engaged in the same business in Mannington, Va.; and Cora, wife of N. H. Martin, who is in the oil business in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Logue, the father of our subject, was born at Grass Flats, near St. Petersburg, which is one of the most noted oil fields and the best in Clarion county. In 1837 he removed to Perry township, the same county, where he continued to live until 1868. He then spent two years in Missouri, but owing to ill health he returned to Perry township, Clarion county, where he died April 17, 1888, at the age of seventy-seven years, his remains being interred in the Concord Church cemetery of Clarion county. His estimable wife now lives with our subject at the age of seventy-eight.

Our subject's paternal grandfather, John Logue, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and at the age of thirteen was bound out to become a sailor. After a few trips to America, he became infatuated with this country, and in order to remain he deserted the crew. He located east of the mountains, and later on Bear creek in Butler county, Penn., his farm being now known as the Sheppard farm, very rich in oil. He wedded Mary Sproul, who was also born on the Emerald Isle and came to the United States shortly after he located here. When crossing the mountains to make a new home in Clarion county they had three children, two of whom they placed in sacks with their heads out, and these sacks they hung across the back of a horse. Their family consisted of the following named: William, Catherine, Sarah, James, John, Robert, Andrew and Elizabeth. All but Elizabeth are now deceased.

Mrs. Margaret Logue, our subject's mother, was born in Clarion county, October 19, 1820, and is a daughter of William and Christina (Glass) Rupert, natives of Germany, who crossed the Atlantic and first located in Ohio. At an early day, however, they removed to Clarion county, where both died and were buried at the Stone church. They were Lutherans in religious belief, and the father was a gunsmith by trade. In their family were the following children: Sarah, Samuel, Elizabeth, Jacob, David and John, all deceased; William, who is living retired in Easton, Penn.; and Margaret.

Homer N. Logue was reared in the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and remained with his parents until nineteen years of age, after which he spent two years on the old homestead at Grass Flats, where he continued work for his father for two years. A year later he removed to Butler county, and after spending two years there, he went to Bradford. McKean county, where the following five years were passed.
During this time he was in the employ of a pipe line company, serving as foreman of a crew for the last four years.

On March 22, 1883, at Emlenton, Penn., Homer N. Logue was married to Miss Mary Rowe, Rev. G. B. Fox, a Lutheran minister, performing the ceremony. They now have four children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Farmer A, February 9, 1884; Coyle, November 3, 1885; Lyle, June 27, 1889; and Marjorie, June 10, 1891. Mrs. Logue was born in Cranberry, Venango Co., Penn., June 29, 1860, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Strauch) Rowe, who were born, reared and married in Germany. Her paternal grandfather, Peter Rowe, Sr., spent his entire life in that country, engaged in farming, but the maternal grandfather, Stephen Strauch, left Germany and came to America with Mrs. Logue's parents.

In 1846 Mr. and Mrs. Rowe crossed the Atlantic, and, after spending a short time in Pittsburgh, Penn., came to Clarion county and located in Monroeville. Nine years later, however, they removed to Venango county, where the following nine years were passed, and then returned to Clarion county. Here the father died in October, 1878, at the age of fifty-nine, the mother in July, 1893, at the age of sixty-nine, and both were laid to rest at the Jefferson Stone church in Clarion county. In Germany he had followed weaving, but in this country devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious faith, always taking an active part in all Church work, and serving as deacon at the time of his death. His estimable wife belonged to the same Church. In their family were the following children: Louisa, who died at the age of twelve years; John, who is engaged in farming and oil producing near Edenburg, Penn.; Agnes, who married H. Exley, of Clarion county, and died in 1890; William A., a farmer and oil producer of Edinburg; Emma, wife of S. M. Best, a farmer and oil producer of Jefferson, Penn.; Mary E., wife of our subject; and Lavina, wife of W. W. Graff, a farmer and oil producer living near Edinburg.

After his marriage our subject rented a farm at Canoe Riffle, Clarion county, for two years and a half, and then became interested in the oil business, purchasing his first well on the Rowe farm near Edenburg. As his financial resources increased, he bought others from time to time until he owned an interest in eleven wells, but has since sold his property, having now only the first two wells purchased—those on the Rowe place. Going to McKee's Rock, Penn., in 1890, he worked for the Bear Creek Refining Company for five years, and then retired from that business owing to ill-health. In January, 1895, he purchased his present fine farm in Piney township, Clarion county, for $4,000, mainly for the purpose of surrounding his children with the wholesome influences incident to farm life. He has an elegant home in Sligo, in fact, one of the best in Clarion county, and here he expects to rear his children, so that they will become useful and honored members of society. Fraternally, Mr. Logue belongs to the Masonic lodge, No. 503, F. & A. M., of Port Allegheny, and, religiously, he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Being a strong temperance man, he is unwavering in his support of the Prohibition party, and he does all in his power to advance those interests which he believes calculated to promote the welfare of his fellow-men. It is safe to say that no man in his community is held in higher regard than Homer N. Logue.

JOHN M. LONG is proprietor of the "Edenburg House," of Knox, Penn., and is one of the best-known and most popular hotel men in Clarion county. On coming to this place in 1893, he purchased the house of Robert Orr, who had conducted it for many years as one of the leading hotels in this section of the State. It contains twenty-eight well-furnished rooms, the table is unsurpassed by any hotel in the county, and the service throughout is excellent. The guest is made to feel perfectly at home, and signs as he departs that business or pleasure does not make his stay longer. Although comparatively young in years, Mr. Long is old in the hotel business, and is therefore able to manage the "Edenburg House" in the most approved style.

Mr. Long was born October 30, 1836, in Alexandria, Westmoreland Co., Penn., a son of Jacob L. Long, now a resident of St. Petersburg, Clarion county. In the county of his nativity, our subject spent his boyhood days, attended its public schools, and later pursued his studies at Antwerp, Penn. Before attaining the age of sixteen he spent twelve years and a half in Indiana county, Penn., and then went to the oil fields, where he was engaged in business for some years. In 1883 he began conducting a hotel at Blair's Corners, Clarion county, and soon made his place a very popular hotel. Since coming to Knox he has been numbered among the most enterprising and progressive business men of the city, and, besides carrying on his hotel, he is now proprietor of Long's Billiard Hall, and owner.
and proprietor of the Knox Opera House, which has a seating capacity of 400.

On May 26, 1881, Mr. Long was united in marriage with Miss Tillie Vensel, who was reared and educated in St. Petersburg, Penn., and is a daughter of David Vensel, now deceased. They have one son—Bennie A., born April 17, 1882. Mr. Long always uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and does all in his power to advance its interests. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 875, at Blair's Corners, and is one of the stock-holders and president of the Knox Canning Company. A frank, jovial and honorable business man, he is popular with all classes of people, and easily wins the friendship of all with whom he comes in contact.

T. F. YOUNG has now been actively identified with the business interests of Foxburg, Clarion county, and vicinity for twenty years, and during that entire time has given his attention principally to the oil industry, with which he is still connected. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1840, in Butler, Butler county, and is a son of Loyal and Margaret (Johnson) Young.

The father was born in Upshr county, W. Va., and was reared in that State. For thirty years he labored in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church at Butler, Penn., and from fifteen to twenty years elsewhere in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. He was married in Forks of Yaw, this State, to Margaret Johnson, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Robert Johnson, who was also a Presbyterian minister. She died in 1889 in Washington, Penn., and Rev. Young in 1891 in Butler, after a long and useful life devoted to the service of his Master. In the family of this worthy couple were seven sons and one daughter: (1) Robert went into the Civil war, enlisting in Butler county in the Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry for one year, and is now a resident of Indiana. (2) Watson also enlisted in Butler in the 73d P. V. I., served for nine months, and is now living in Michigan. (3) T. F. is next in order of birth. (4) James enlisted in Butler in the nine-months' service, and when his term had expired he enlisted with our subject, and faithfully followed the old flag on Southern battlefields until hostilities ceased; he engaged in teaching for some time in Alaska, and now makes his home in the State of Washington. (5) Henry lives in Kentucky. (6) Samuel Hall also spent ten years in Alaska, and for some time was pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Wooster, Ohio; in 1897 he returned to the Northwest, and is now a missionary at Dawson City, Canada. (7) Walter is engaged in the oil business in Los Angeles, Cal. (8) Lydia Ellen resides in Butler county, Pennsylvania.

In the county of his nativity T. F. Young, the subject of this sketch, was reared and educated, and, on first starting out in life for himself, engaged in farming. At the time of the beginning of the Civil war he was located in Armstrong county, and in January, 1864, he enlisted at Kittanning for three years or during the war. After being mustered in at Pittsburg, his regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, Ninth Army Corps, and he was first stationed in front of Petersburg, where he received a wound in the shoulder, which confined him in the hospital at City Point for two weeks. He participated in the battle of the Wilderness, and all the engagements in which his command took part until after Lee's surrender; was in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C.; and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., in June, 1865. Returning to Armstrong county, Mr. Young spent some time there, and was later employed in the oil refinery at Petroleum Center, for three years. In 1877 he came to Richland township, Clarion county, where he was first engaged in pumping, and in 1893 he purchased six wells on the Martin farm (now the Fox estate). He has been very successful in his operations, his name is a synonym for honorable business dealing, and he has always taken an active interest in those enterprises that tend to public development. Thus he has become numbered among the valued and honored citizens of Foxburg.

In 1867 Mr. Young was married in Armstrong county, to Miss Anna Henry, a native of Philadelphia, and a daughter of James Henry, who was born in Ireland, and became an early settler of Armstrong county, where his death occurred. Mr. and Mrs. Young have one daughter, Maud, a graduate of the Clarion State Normal School, class of '97, and will follow teaching as a profession. Politically, Mr. Young is an ardent Republican; socially, he is a member of Foxburg Post No. 249, G. A. R.

MICHAEK KISSENGER, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Madison township, Clarion county, has owned and operated a fine farm in that township for several years, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. He was born here August 14, 1844, and is a son of Isaac Kissinger, whose birth occurred near Brinn, Butler county, Penn. The paternal grandfather was of Penn-
sylvanias-Dutch lineage, and a native of Little
York, Penn. He married Miss Catherine Gross-
man, who was born in Butler county, Penn., of
German descent.

On the home farm, Isaac Kissinger grew to
manhood, and obtained a limited education in
the primitive schools of his day. On attaining
to man’s estate he was united in marriage with
Miss Elizabeth Conner, who was born, reared
and educated in Clarion county, and is a daugh-
ter of Thomas Conner, a native of County Kil-
rain, Ireland. To this worthy couple were born
two sons, the brother of our subject being John
Kissinger, a resident of Red Bank, Armstrong
county. The parents are still living, the father,
at the age of eighty-one, and the mother, at the
age of eighty-eight. The latter is with our sub-
ject, and the father is making his home with the
other son. Isaac Kissinger has worked as a
laborer throughout the greater part of his life,
and has proved a valued and useful citizen of
the community where he has made his home.
During the dark days of the Civil war he enlisted
in the Second Ohio Cavalry, and was later trans-
ferred to the Fourteenth Independent Ohio Bat-
tery, in which he valiantly aided in the preserva-
tion of the Union. His estimable wife is a mem-
er of the Catholic Church.

Michael Kissinger remained under the parental
roof until the outbreak of the Rebellion, and
then, in 1861, enlisted in Company F, 103rd P.
V. I., with which he faithfully served for eleven
months, participating in the battles of Williams-
burg and Fair Oaks. At the latter place he was
wounded in the head and otherwise injured, and
was first confined in a hospital at Savage Station,
subsequently was transferred to a tent hospital at
White House Landing, from there sent to York-
town, and later to New York, where he was hon-
orably discharged June 30, 1862. It was some
time after his return home before he regained his
strength.

In early manhood Mr. Kissinger married Miss
Cynthia A. Hicks, a native of Ohio, by whom he
had three children: Mary Elizabeth, now the
wife of William Wallrabenstein, of East Brady,
Clarion county; James P., a resident of East
Brady; and Cinderella Catherine, who died in
childhood. The wife and mother, who was a
devout Catholic and a most estimable lady, died
May 18, 1875. Mr. Kissinger was again married
December 20, 1878, his second union being with
Miss Mary E. Greer, a native of Mercer county,
Penn., and a daughter of John Greer. She too,
was a faithful member of the Catholic Church,
and died December 17, 1896. In his political
affiliations Mr. Kissinger is a Democrat, and be-
ing a progressive, public-spirited man, he takes a
deep and commendable interest in the welfare of
his country, and in days of peace, as well as in
days of war, he has ever been found true to his
duties of citizenship.

Charles Brown. Among the reliable
and substantial farmers of Red Bank town-
ship, Clarion county, there is probably none who
stands higher in the public estimation than the
gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.
He was born May 7, 1847, on the farm where he
still makes his home, and to its cultivation and
improvement he now devotes his energies. It
comprises fifty acres of rich and arable land under
a high state of cultivation and well improved
with good and substantial buildings.

The paternal grandparents of our subject,
William and Nancy (Scott) Brown, were natives
of County Donegal, Ireland, where they lived for
many years, but spent their last days in Red Bank
township, Clarion county. They were Episco-
palians in religious belief, and most estimable
people. The parents of our subject, Robert and
Margaret (Hume) Brown, were also born and
reared in County Donegal, Ireland, but soon
after their marriage they bade good-bye to the
Emerald Isle and came to the United States.
They located upon the farm now owned by our
subject, and there the mother died at the age of
fifty, and the father at the age of eighty-one.
They were earnest, consistent Christian people,
members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and
politically Mr. Brown was a stanch Republican.
Their family numbered ten children: John H.
(who served as a soldier in the 103rd P. V. I.
during the war of the Rebellion, and is now a
resident of Kansas), William A., Ann J., Amelia,
Martha, Scott, Elizabeth, Charles, Samuel and
Mary.

Charles Brown was reared in much the usual
manner of farmer boys, pursuing his studies in
the county schools and aiding in the work of the
fields. At the early age of sixteen years he
manifested his patriotism by enlisting at Red
Bank in the 132nd P. V. I., or the Third Heavy
Artillery, and was mustered into the United
States service at Camp Copeland, Pittsburg,
February 14, 1864. As a member of Capt.
Kirt’s company and Col. Roberts’ regiment, he
was first stationed near the James river, and
later took part in the battles of Petersburg and
Bermuda. He belonged to an independent bat-
tery, and while stationed at Fortress Monroe
had the honor of guarding Jefferson Davis when
the Confederate President was a prisoner at that
place. As the war had ended and his services were no longer needed, Mr. Brown was honorably discharged in November, 1865, and returned home.

At the age of nineteen Mr. Brown married Miss Josephine Lavan, a native of Summit county, N. J., who at that time was only seventeen, and she has proved a true and faithful helpmeet to her husband. She is the fourth in the order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being: Kinyon, Sarah, Elias, Mary, Martha, and Milroy. Her parents, Lorenzo S. and Elizabeth (Slack) Lavan, were both natives of New Jersey, but the mother died in Clarion county, Penn., at the age of fifty-nine, and the father in Brookville, Jefferson Co., Penn., at the age of seventy-one. Both were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and had the respect of all who knew them. The father, who was a blacksmith by trade, served for three years as a soldier in the Union army, belonging to Capt. Means' company, 62nd P. V. I. His son, Kinyon, now a resident of Venango county, Penn., was for three years in Capt. Brady's company, Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves, and Elias was for fourteen months a member of the Pennsylvania Cavalry, and is now a resident of Clarion county.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have four sons living: Irvin C., Emory C., Samuel P., and Robert L.; and one, Malcolm P., who died at the age of seven years. The parents both hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and, socially, occupy an enviable position. Mr. Brown affiliates with the Republican party, and is very popular in the neighborhood where he has so long made his home.

JoHN W. MILLER, an oil producer of Turkey City, and one of the leading business men of the community, was born December 11, 1852, in Clarion county, and belongs to a family noted for its patriotism and bravery, having been well represented in the different wars of this country.

Jacob Miller, his grandfather, a soldier of the war of 1812, was born in Northampton county, Penn., of Scotch ancestry, and married Lavina Flick, daughter of Jacob Flick, of German descent. In 1831 they located in Clarion county, but later migrated to Dane county, Wis., where they spent their remaining days. The grandfather died at the age of eighty-four, and the grandmother at the extreme old age of ninety-nine, being at that time the oldest woman in the Badger State. He was a farmer by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife were faithful members of the Reformed Church. In their family were the following children: John, Charles, Elizabeth, William, George, Betsy, Peggy Ann, Reuben, Polly, Lydia and Jasper.

George Miller, our subject's father, was born August 22, 1829, in Toby township, Clarion county, and was here reared to manhood. On the 4th of July, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Company E, 62d P. V. I., and participated in the battle of Yorktown, the second battle of Bull Run, the engagement at Fredericksburg, the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, and the battle of New Hope Church. At North Anna he was wounded in the left elbow by a minie ball, but refused to go to the hospital. His term of service having expired, he was honorably discharged July 14, 1864, and returned to his home, but never regained his health. He was first married to Sarah Ann Boyd, who died during his service in the Union army. Of the six children born to them, three are still living: John W., Jacob and Matilda. William died November 21, 1897. In 1865, Mr. Miller was again married, his second union being with Catherine, daughter of H. Hile, and to them were born the following children: Lydia, Maggie A., Lizzie, George, Huldah, Isabel, James, Alena and Mary.

John W. Miller spent the days of his childhood in much the usual manner of farmer boys, attending school, when his services were not needed at home. He now owns a tract of twenty acres in Richland township, Clarion county, upon which are good and substantial buildings and three oil wells. He gives the greater part of his time and attention to the oil business, and is meeting with a fair degree of success in his undertakings. His political support is given the men and measures of the Republican party, while, socially, he affiliates with the Knights of the Maccabees, and, religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Church. Wherever known he is held in high regard, and he has many warm friends throughout his native county.

In 1874 Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss E. Jenny Shoup, and they have become the parents of the following children: Edward, Archie H., Homer M., Charles Wesley, Myrtle May, Jessie, Francis M., all living, and Freddy, who died at the age of five years.

William Shoup, the father of Mrs. Miller, has for the past two years successfully engaged in merchandising at Chestnut Ridge, and also owns and operates a farm of eighty-five acres in Richland township, Clarion county. He was born in that township, July 4, 1826, and is a son of David and Rose Ann (Shakely) Shoup. His
father, a native of Armstrong county, and of German extraction, opened up a farm in Richland township, and for many years successfully operated the same. He died in May, 1888, at the advanced age of ninety-seven years and sixteen days, and his wife, who was a native of Butler county, Penn., died in 1850. Her father, Milford Shalkley, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war and a pioneer of Butler county. David Shoup was the father of fourteen children, eight by his first marriage, of whom six are still living: William; Mrs. Texas, of Richland township; Mrs. James; Mrs. Holmes; Mrs. Susan Jackson, of Richland township; and David, of Red Bank, Clarion county. For his second wife David Shoup married Lavina Gouther, who still lives on the old farm, and is the mother of six children, five still living.

William Shoup was reared and educated in Richland township, where he wedded Mary Ann Heator, a native of the same township, and a daughter of Jacob Heator, a Revolutionary hero, and a pioneer of Clarion county. Nine children graced this union—Mrs. Susan Neeley, of Richland township; Jane, wife of John W. Miller, of this review; Jacob Wesley, who died August 4, 1897; David, a resident of Richland township; William, of Ohio; Solomon, of Richland township; Frank, at home; Eddie, of Richland township; and Myrtle, at home.

Benjamin F. Amsler, a worthy representative of the agricultural and industrial interests of Clarion county, is now carrying on operations as a farmer in Washington township, and also owns and operates a portable sawmill of twenty-three horsepower, with a capacity of 20,000 feet of lumber per day. In both occupations he is meeting with a well-deserved success, and is justly ranked among the substantial and reliable business men of the community.

Mr. Amsler was born February 13, 1835, on the farm where he still continues to make his home, a son of Rudolph Amsler, whose birth occurred August 5, 1813, in Canton Argau, Switzerland. The grandfather, John Amsler, was born in the same locality, and in 1816 brought his family to America. He located near Fryburg in Clarion county, Penn., where he died at a ripe old age. Upon that farm Rudolph grew to manhood, assisted in the labors of the fields; and when his services were not needed at home during the winter months, he attended the public schools of the locality. He married Miss Sarah Best, a native of Centre county, Penn., and a daughter of Conrad Best, who was born in this State, of Pennsylvania-Dutch stock, and became a pioneer of Clarion county, where he spent his remaining days.

Five children were born to Rudolph Amsler and wife, namely: S. J., now a resident of Butler county, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Warren county; Mrs. Delilah Rearden, of Bradford, Penn.; Benjamin F., of this review; and Mrs. Adaline C. Sheetz, of Clarion county. In 1842 the parents located upon the present farm of our subject, which comprises ninety-seven acres of valuable and well-improved land. There is a fine large residence upon the place, a good barn, an orchard, and indeed all the accessories which make up a model farm of the nineteenth century. Here the father died at the age of seventy-nine, honored and respected by all who knew him, but the mother is still living on the old homestead at the age of seventy-eight. He was originally a Whig in politics, and later a Republican, and was called upon to serve on the school board and as tax-collector of his township. For over forty years he was officially connected with the Lutheran Church to which he belonged, and has also served as superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

Benjamin F. Amsler was reared to habits of industry upon the home farm, and in the common schools of the neighborhood acquired his literary education. On August 28, 1875, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Lavina McKissick, who was reared and educated in Centreville, Penn., and is a daughter of Thompson McKissick, an honored citizen of this section of the State. They have become the parents of five sons, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Ervin L., March 12, 1876; James F., March 23, 1878; Lawney M., December 19, 1880; John W., June 22, 1883, and Benjamin T. Jr., September 22, 1887. The oldest son is now married, and lives on a farm in Washington township, Clarion county.

Politically, Mr. Amsler is identified with the Republican party, and socially, affiliates with Tecumseh Lodge No. 1033, I. O. O. F. He and his wife are both sincere members of the Lutheran Church of Fryburg, and give an unqualified support to all measures calculated to advance the moral interests of the community. They are also faithful temperance workers, and do all in their power toward the elevation of humanity or the betterment of mankind.

A C. Harding, the well-known and popular proprietor of the "Allegheny Hotel," Foxburg, Clarion county, has for many years been associated with hotel life, and is therefore
ing is certainly well deserved, and he is justly ranked among the leading hotel men of western Pennsylvania.

At Franklin, in 1883, Mr. Harding married Miss Carrie Sneathen, who was born in Pittsburg, a daughter of William and Sarah Sneathen. The father is now deceased, but the mother is still a resident of Pittsburg. To Mr. and Mrs. Harding have been born three children: Vera, Harry and Paul. In his political affiliations, Mr. Harding is a Republican, and he takes a deep and commendable interest in all objects tending to advance the public welfare.

G EORGE B. WHITEHILL, the scholarly and able editor and publisher of the Clarion Jacksonian, one of the organs of the Democratic party in Clarion county, is a native of the county, born June 20, 1865, in Limestone township.

Mr. Whitehill is the youngest in the family of eleven children born to Barton and Mary (Allison) Whitehill, seven of whom at this writing (January, 1898) are living. In order of age those living are: Sarah Jane, widow of Thomas Stewart, late of Eldred township, Jefferson Co., Penn.; Anna Mary, who resides with her mother in Limestone township; Robert C., a justice of the peace of Millcreek township, Clarion county; Maggie A., the wife of R. S. McIntosh, of Brandy Camp, Elk county; Barton H., of Falls Creek, Jefferson county; and William A., who resides on the old place in Limestone township. Adelaide, the wife of Jeremiah Greely, died in 1895; John and Rachel died of diphtheria in childhood; and James died in infancy.

Barton Whitehill, the father of these, was born in Centre county, Penn., and came to Clarion county when ten or twelve years of age. He died in March, 1887. His father's name was Criswell Whitehill. A large number of relatives of the family still reside in Centre county. Mary (Allison) Whitehill, the mother, who still lives at her home in Limestone township, is the daughter of Robert Allison, one of the earliest settlers in Clarion county, who was a veteran of the war of 1812, and a man who was respected and esteemed wherever known.

George B. Whitehill attended the common schools of his county until he was sixteen years of age, then went to the Belleview Academy, in Jefferson county, for one term, and the following winter taught school in Polk township, Jefferson county. His sister, Maggie A., who was one of the most able and successful teachers in the schools of the county, furnished our subject the means to attend the Belleview Academy, and
Respectfully yours,

Geo. B. Whitehill
was the greatest help to him possible, for which he here gratefully acknowledges her aid and influence in imparting a desire for knowledge, a useful life and all that is best in his character. Later he attended the Edinboro State Normal School one spring term, and was among the first to take advantage of the establishment of the Clarion State Normal School in 1887. Teaching each winter and attending the spring term at the Normal, he was finally graduated from the Clarion State Normal School in the class of '91, one of the best of his class. Following this, he taught for two years in the Clarion Public schools, and was for two years principal of the public schools of Mt. Jewett, Penn. In all he taught twelve terms in Clarion, Jefferson, Elk and McKean counties. In September, 1895, Mr. Whitehill purchased a third interest in the Clarion *Jacksonian*, and a few weeks thereafter the *Twice-a-week Jacksonian* was started. On July 1, 1896, he became sole proprietor of the paper by purchasing the interest of his partner, John J. Shick. The *Jacksonian*, as the name indicates, is Democratic, and while not extremely partisan will under the present management always be found true to Democratic principles. It is the only "twice-a-week" in its section, and has long been called "the paper the people read." Mr. Whitehill’s education and long experience as a teacher well fits him for the editorial chair as is evidenced by the increasing popularity of the paper since it came under his management. With his characteristic energy he has largely mastered the details of the work as well as learned much of its mechanical part. He is a charter member of the "Protected Home Circle" at Mt. Jewett, Penn., and a member of Clarion Lodge No. 252, I. O. O. F.

On September 12, 1888, Mr. Whitehill was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Carrier, a daughter of David F. and Sarah (Clark) Carrier, of Limestone township, Clarion county. Mr. Carrier is a respected citizen of his county, and a member of one of the largest and most prominent families in Jefferson county. In September, 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehill were called to mourn the death of their little daughter, Florence Oleta. One son, Murton Rush, born March 28, 1896, still survives. The parents are identified with the M. E. Church, being members of that denomination at Clarion and its auxiliary societies.

**COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.**

**JAMES B. STAHLMAN,** a wide-awake and progressive agriculturist of Limestone township, Clarion county, was born in 1856, on the farm where he yet resides, his parents being Paul and Ann (Shaffer) Stahlman. The father was a native of Schuylkill county, Penn., but in early life came to Clarion county, where he successfully engaged in farming until called from this life in 1877. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen, yet had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His wife is still living (1897), and enjoys fair health for one of her years. In the family are six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Mary Jane (wife of Levi Himes), Clara Elizabeth (wife of J. H. Bowersox), Francis T., George W., Nathan U. and James B.

Reared on the home farm, the subject of this sketch obtained his education by attending the country schools of the neighborhood during the winter months when his services were not needed in the fields. He has practically devoted his entire life to agricultural pursuits, and now owns the home farm, which comprises 114 acres of rich and arable land, and is improved with neat and substantial buildings. The well-filled fields testify to his skill and ability in his chosen calling, and in connection with general farming he is also successfully engaged in stock-raising, fruit and bee culture. Mr. Stahlman was reared in the Lutheran faith but does not hold membership with any religious denomination. In politics he is an ardent Democrat, and while not an aspirant for official honors he has filled a number of local offices to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, being the present auditor of his township, and town clerk. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Limestone township, and is held in high regard by all with whom he has come in contact either in social or business life.

**JOHN F. METZGER,** although young in years, is one of the most energetic and enterprising business men of Shippenville, Clarion county, where he owns and operates five valuable wells, which were opened up by Crawford, McDowell & White in 1886. Since starting out in life for himself he has been interested in the oil business, which he has mastered in every detail. Upright and honorable in all transactions, he has not only won success in his chosen calling, but has gained the confidence and high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

A native of Clarion county, Mr. Metzger was born August 23, 1869, in Piney township, a son of John and Anna (Fowser) Metzger, the former a native of Messingen and the latter of Wurtemberg, Germany. In his native land the father was reared and educated, but when a young man crossed the ocean and took up his residence in Piney township, Clarion Co., Penn., where as a
jobber he did quite an extensive lumber business. In that township he was married, and there his death occurred in 1881. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, was a Democrat in politics, and was highly respected by all who knew him. He had two brothers who came to America—George, who located in the West; and Peter, who afterward returned to the Fatherland. Mrs. Metzger, who is a most estimable woman, now makes her home in Shippenville.

The subject of this sketch is the only one of the five children of the family who reached years of maturity. He began his education in the schools of Piney township, and after coming to Shippenville in 1882, continued his studies for a time. On leaving home, he was first employed in pumping and rig building in the oil fields of Butler county, and when he had saved sufficient capital to engage in business on his own account, he began buying wells in 1890.

In 1892, in Shippenville, Mr. Metzger was married, the lady of his choice being Miss May Cuneo, a native of Shippenville, Penn., and a daughter of John and Jennie (Pisano) Cuneo, who were born in Italy and came to the New World in an early day, locating in Baltimore. The father died in that city, and the mother is now Mrs. Irving, a resident of Shippenville. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Metzger, namely: Iva May, Norbert Otto and Ethel Myra. The parents hold membership in the Lutheran Church, while, politically, Mr. Metzger is identified with the Democratic party. In giving close attention to his business interests, he has had little time to devote to political matters, but has always kept well informed on the leading questions and issues of the day. He has started out in life under favorable auspices, blessed with a fair share of this world's goods and a host of friends, who bespeak for him a prosperous future.

THOMAS MORGAN, who is now successfully engaged in the oil business in Richland township, Clarion county, was born there, in 1836, and belongs to a family that has been prominently identified with the industrial and business interests of this section of the State for many years. His parents, John and Anna (Thomas) Morgan, were natives of Wales, and became pioneer settlers of Clarion county. The father was a peddler by trade, but spent his last years engaged in merchandising in St. Petersburg, Penn., where his death occurred March 18, 1893; his wife had passed away the year previous. In the family of this worthy couple were six children.

Thomas Morgan grew to manhood in his native township, and received his education in its common schools. He early became interested in the oil business, commencing operations in the Richey Run field, and putting down the first well on the Brown tract in Clarion county. With the firm of Morgan Brothers he opened up a number of wells in Venango county, and since 1893 has successfully engaged in business on his own account as an oil operator.

As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey Mr. Morgan chose Miss Mary Sloan, also a native of Richland township, and one daughter graces their marriage—Lillian. Socially, Mr. Morgan is connected with the Knights of the Maccabees at Emlenton, and politically is identified with the Republican party, which has found in him a most earnest advocate and staunch supporter at all times. He is one of the most wide-awake, energetic business men of the community, and is notably reliable.

JOHN C. BERLIN, whose name has been inseparably connected with the oil interests of this locality, he being a large producer and owner of oil properties in the Clarion county field, is a native of the county, born in Elk township, in 1859.

George Berlin, his grandfather, was born in 1782 in York county, Penn. Later he became a resident of Centre county. He was a blacksmith by occupation. He married Elizabeth Neeley, and in 1820 they located in what afterward became Elk township, Clarion county, where they continued to make their home through life. He kept a hotel for years, but died on his farm November 1, 1844. G. N. Berlin, a son of this couple, and the father of the subject of this sketch, was born August 15, 1820, in Clarion county. He attended the public schools of his township, and, in 1848, was married to Miss Susan Cook, of Forest county, Penn. He was one of the early men to engage in the oil business in the Clarion county field. He assisted in opening up what is known as the Cogley oil field, and he has been an active operator in the same. He is a resident of the county, living on a farm in Elk township. To his marriage with Miss Cook were born: Hattie is now Mrs. H. Phipps, and resides in Ashland township; William H. is a farmer, stock-dealer, and oil producer, residing in Beaver township; Lizzie J. is now Mrs. Martin, of Ashland township; John C. is our subject; and Lettie S. is Mrs. McComb, of Clarion.

John C. Berlin was reared in Elk township, and received only such educational advantages as the neighboring schools afforded. He began
life in a business sense as a hardware merchant, at Fern, in Ashland township. On the outbreak of the oil excitement in 1888-89, he at once became largely interested in the oil business. Being a man of energy, snap, and possessing business tact and ability, he soon forced his way to the front and became a successful producer of oil and a man of prominence in oil circles. He was at one time interested in some forty wells in the Clarion county field, and also was identified in the oil business in the Wood county (Ohio) field, being associated in 1893 as partner with R.G. Stitt and A.T. Wolf. Mr. Berlin was one of the first to develop the Cogley field in Ashland township. He opened the first well there in 1885, and subsequently developed some twenty-seven wells in that field. From that time to the present he has figured very extensively in the oil fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio, having bought, sold and developed many properties. He is now interested in this line of business with D.O. White & Co. He is one of the substantial and well-to-do citizens of Clarion county, where he is widely and favorably known. In politics he is a Democrat. He has very acceptably served as member of the borough council. He is a member of the K.O.T.M.; also of the Knights and Ladies of Honor. He is identified with the Lutheran Church. Since 1895 he has been engaged in the mercantile business at Knox, being a member of the firm of B.A. Kribbs & Co.

In 1885 Mr. Berlin was married to Miss Wilda Ochs, who was born in Venango county, Penn., a daughter of David Ochs, a native of this State, and whose death occurred in September, 1896. To this marriage have come two children to bless the home: Harold, and Freda. The mother of these is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Elmer Elsworth Finefrock, one of the intelligent and highly respected citizens of Clarion county, is actively and prominently identified with the business interests of Piney township. He owns and conducts a general mercantile establishment in the village of Piney, and also deals in fire clay. An excellent judge of men, and time, and opportunities, he has conducted a successful business, and is accounted one of the substantial citizens of the community.

Mr. Finefrock was born December 13, 1862, about half a mile from his present home, a son of Jacob and Esther (Kifer) Finefrock, natives of Franklin and Clarion counties, respectively. They became acquainted, however, and were married in Piney township. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Henry and Barbe (Finefrock) Finefrock. They were cousins, and resided in Franklin county, Penn., whence they removed to Clarion county at an early day. Their children were: Henry and David, both deceased; Jacob; Louis, of Ohio; William, of Clarion county; and Ephraim, deceased. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Peter and Susanna (Haley) Kifer, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn. In 1820 they removed to Clarion county, locating on a farm. Their children were: Esther; Joseph, deceased; Polly, wife of George Gathers, both now deceased; Susan, deceased wife of Thomas Lyons, of Clarion county, Penn.; Lavina, deceased wife of Paul Reegle, of Butler, Penn.; Vianna, deceased wife of Daniel McKee, of Michigan; Henry, of Clarion county, now deceased; and John, a resident farmer of Piney township.

Jacob Finefrock, father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, and followed that pursuit throughout his entire life. He came to Clarion county in 1838, and was prominent in public affairs, holding a number of township offices. For forty-five years he was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in his political faith he was a Democrat. He passed away in August, 1894, at the age of seventy-seven years, his remains being interred in Mt. Zion cemetery. His widow is now living with our subject. Their children are: Margaret, wife of S.S. Wensel, of Sligo, Penn.; Henry, deceased; William, a farmer near Clarion; Julina, wife of Ross Gathers, of Clarion county; Thomas J., a farmer of Piney township; Lavina, wife of W.B. Larimer, of Piney township; Mary, widow of Daniel Ritter, of Foxburg, Penn.; John C., a farmer of Piney township; Daniel B., who resides with our subject; Sarah, deceased; and Elmer Elsworth.

On his father's farm Elmer Elsworth Finefrock was reared, and in September, 1887, when twenty-five years of age was married in his native county, to Miss Altha Wise, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Elder. Two children grace this union: Ira L., and Carlton A. Mrs. Finefrock was born in Beaver township, Clarion county, March 7, 1871, and is a daughter of George W. and Arilee (Dunkle) Wise, the former a native of Delaware county, Penn., and the latter of Clarion county. They now reside in Licking township, Clarion county. The father, who was born August 27, 1830, came to the county in 1850, and for many years was bookkeeper for the iron furnace company, but is now living retired. His wife was born
December 22, 1842. Their children are: Flora M., wife of Joseph Henderson, superintendent of an oil refinery in Philadelphia, Penn.; Waldo, Mary and George, all deceased; Cora E., wife of George Neely, a carpenter of Monroe township, Clarion county; Viola, wife of William Smith, a boiler-maker of Philadelphia; Altha; Edwin, of Verona, Penn.; Ora, wife of Charles Tren, a machinist of Verona; Edith, deceased; and Elsa, who is living with our subject.

A short time before his marriage our subject embarked in merchandising, and has a well-appointed store, stocked with a large and complete line. His business methods are honorable and above question, and his courtesy to his customers has secured him a liberal patronage. He is also doing a profitable business as a dealer in fire clay, and his sound judgment and well-directed efforts have brought him a comfortable competence. In politics he is a Democrat, and for many years has efficiently and acceptably served as township auditor. Socially, he is connected with the Maccabees of Sligo, and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is holding the office of steward. Public-spirited and progressive, he gives an active and commendable support to all measures calculated to advance the general welfare along material, educational and moral lines."

W H. WHITLING has for many years been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Clarion county, and is now successfully conducting the pioneer drug store of Knox, the leading store of the kind in that town. He carries a large and well assorted stock of drugs, oils, paints, books, toilet articles, etc., and gives special attention to his prescription trade, often filling as high as 3,000 prescriptions in one year. He is a registered pharmacist, having received a diploma from the State board, and he has now been in business for over twenty years. As he keeps only the best drugs and medicines, he well deserves the liberal patronage accorded him. On first embarking in his present business, he conducted a drug store in St. Petersburg for several years.

Mr. Whiting was born in Clarion county, September 23, 1847, a son of Frederick and Catherine (Ritz) Whiting, the former a native of France, the latter of Berks county, Penn. When a young man the father came with his parents to this country, and after spending three years in New York State, he located in Salem township, Clarion county, where he carried on operations as a farmer throughout the remainder of his life. Politically he was a pronounced Democrat, and in religious faith was a Lutheran. He died at the age of sixty-five, and his wife when seventy-three years of age, honored and respected by all who had the pleasure of their acquaintance. In their family were nine children, namely: Daniel, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and is now a hardware merchant and jeweler of St. Petersburg, Penn.; Ed, a soldier in the Union army, '61-'64, was for many years a prominent citizen of Salem, Penn., and is now deceased; Mary; Sarah; Rebecca; W. H.; Lydia; Emma; and Amanda.

On the home farm W. H. Whitling grew to manhood, and he obtained his education in the schools of the neighborhood. On attaining his majority he was united in marriage with Miss Susan Sipler, a daughter of Alexander and Catherine Sipler, and to them have been born children as follows: Sarah, now the wife of Martin Merton, of Toledo, Ohio; Mertie, of the same city; Minnie, wife of William Earp, of Toledo, Ohio; Esma, who graduated from a school of oratory and elocution in Pittsburg, Penn.; and Stanton, who completed the high-school course at Knox, and was graduated from the Mt. Union Business College of Alliance, Ohio, July 13, 1897.

Mr. Whitling uses his right of franchise in support of the Democracy, and takes an active interest in political affairs. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and the Knights of the Maccabees. He has made for himself an honorable business record, and has ever taken a deep and commendable interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare of the town, withholding his support from no enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit.

MATTHEW McNUTT, an honored and highly-respected citizen of Porter township, was born on the farm where he still continues to reside, February 4, 1825, and is a worthy representative of one of the leading pioneer families of Clarion county.

His father, William McNutt, was born in County Donegal, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was only three years old when brought to this country by his parents, Collon and Jane (McKinley) McNutt, who lived for some time in Philadelphia, where the grandfather followed his trade of cloth weaving, which trade he also continued on the farm as the country settled up. Later he took his family to Westmoreland county, Penn., and in 1801 came to Clarion county, locating near the Leatherwood Presbyterian church, in Porter township. At that time the
families of John Henry and Daniel Boyle constituted the entire white population of the township, and they lived two or three miles from the place where Mr. McNutt made his home. The land was all wild and unimproved, and the family were forced to endure all the hardships and privations of pioneer life. There were seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: William; Grace, wife of Thomas Smullen; Robert; Margaret, who died unmarried; Collon, who reared a family, and died at the age of fifty-five years; Charlotte, who died unmarried; and Catherine, wife of William Smullen, of Armstrong county, Penn. The parents of these children both lived to the advanced age of ninety years, and died in Clarion county, honored and respected by all who knew them.

In the primitive log school house, so common in his youth, William McNutt, father of our subject, acquired his education. He aided in the arduous task of clearing and improving the home farm, and also learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for several years, erecting many of the first houses in Porter township. He married Elizabeth McKillip, who was also of Scotch extraction. One of her brothers was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was with Commodore Perry on Lake Erie. To Mr. and Mrs. McNutt were born eight sons and two daughters, namely: Collon R., deceased; James Y., who lives near Greenville in Limestone township, Clarion county; Robert (was a soldier of the Civil war) and William Fullerton, both deceased; Matthew, of this sketch; Craig Hill is now a resident of Kansas; John C., deceased, was captain of a company in the Civil war; Lavina C., who married S. H. Hamm, but both are now deceased; Rachel Mary, who died single; and Samuel Porter, who died in Florida at the age of fifty-two. The parents were consistent Christian people, members of the Presbyterian Church, and reared a family, of which they had reason to be proud. The father was eighty-four years of age at the time of his death, and the mother at her death was forty.

Matthew McNutt, of this review, never left the old homestead, which he now owns. It comprises 100 acres of valuable and highly productive land, which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved with good and substantial buildings. After completing his education in the public schools, he successfully engaged in teaching for seven winters, and among his scholars were many who have in later life held prominent positions either in this State or in the West. These included the Boggs and Smullen families, and also C. E. Andrews, of Clarion county.

At the age of twenty-six Mr. McNutt was married to Miss Mary Kirkpatrick, a most estimable lady, who has proved a true helpmeet to him. She is a native of Clarion county, where her parents, William and Sarah (Corbett) Kirkpatrick, located at an early day. Her maternal grandfather, John Corbett, was one of the first settlers on Piney creek, in Clarion county, and his primitive log cabin had at first only a quilt for a door, as no boards could be procured at that date (1800). Wolves made the night hideous by their howling, and many other kinds of wild animals still roamed through the forests.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McNutt: (1) Columbus Frelinghuysen, a graduate of the Edinboro State Normal School, served nine years as county superintendent, and is one of the most successful educators of Clarion county. His children are—Wayne, James Clark, George Robert and Walter. (2) Sarah Elizabeth. (3) William Henry Wick died in O'Brien county, Iowa, leaving a widow and three children—Dollie Estella, Emma and Nellie. (4) Millard Fillmore is a prominent farmer of that county. His children are—Homer Brown, William Scott, Merrill, Mary and Bessie. (5) Mary Laura is now Mrs. James M. Sloan, of Sedgwick county, Kans., and their children are—Matthew Hurst, Mary, Daryl, Oscar Brown (deceased), Edward and Roy. (6) Porter Scott is a graduate of the Edinboro State Normal School, also a graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa: also a graduate of the Iowa College of Law, Des Moines, Iowa. He is now a lawyer and a member of the Faculty in the Iowa College of Law, Des Moines. He has one son, Merle Scott. (7) Fannie Caroline died at the age of nine years. (8) Anna Malissa is the wife of Addison Alvin Bowersox, of New Bethlehem, Penn. Their children were—Mary (deceased), Harry (deceased), Lulu (deceased), Stanley, Bes- sie and Oscar. (9) Matthew Brown is a graduate of the Clarion State Normal School and of Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, and is at present studying in the McCormick Theological Seminary, of Chicago, Ill. (10) John C. is at home. (11-12) Two children died in infancy. Of the children of our subject and his wife, C. F., W. H., M. F., Anna M., Porter Scott and Matthew B. have all been popular and successful teachers, and the family is one of the highest respectability.

In his political affiliations Matthew McNutt has been rather independent, having supported both the Democratic and Republican parties at different times. He voted for Fillmore, twice for Lincoln and once for Grant. He has efficiently served as a member of the school board, and has faithfully discharged every duty that has
devolved upon him, whether public or private. In religious belief he and his family are Presbyterians, and take an active and prominent part in all Church or benevolent work.

William A. Sipler, ex-prothonotary of Clarion county, as well as the accommodating and obliging ex-deputy in that office at Clarion, was born in the county in 1842, having descended from Revolutionary stock.

Mathias Sipler (1), his great-grandfather, then a resident of New Jersey, where the family dates as far back as 1740, used to narrate his experiences during the Revolution, though he was not an enlisted man. His son, Mathias Sipler (2), was born in New Jersey, but located in Bucks county, Pa. His wife was Catherine Bidler, who, in about 1836, after the death of her husband, came, together with her aged father and her children, west of the Alleghenies, and settled in Richland township, Clarion county. Here at that time the lumbering interests were receiving considerable attention, and a Mr. Fox, the only man of means in the community, built a hotel which the widow Sipler kept for years, her patrons being principally among the lumbermen who, during the freshets in the Clarion and Allegheny rivers, were on hand to market their lumber. She was a native of the vicinity of Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa., and died in the fall of 1855, and her remains rest near Orion, Richland county, Wis., whither she had gone that year with her son Charles. She erected the first hotel at St. Petersburg. The son Charles, referred to, was born in Bucks county, Pa., and married Susannah Wessner, and among their children is the subject of this sketch. Charles Sipler returned to Clarion county in 1858, and here passed the rest of his life engaged chiefly in the hotel business at the mouth of Clarion river. On the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in Company L, 11th P. V. Cav. and served his country faithfully for three years. He became quartermaster sergeant and was mustered out of service in the fall of 1864, then returning to Clarion county where he resumed his trade, also engaging in the hotel business. In his early life he had been engaged to some extent in lumbering. He lived retired for some years prior to his death, which occurred November 19, 1893, when he was aged seventy-six years. Susannah (Wessner) Sipler, who died in May, 1886, was a daughter of William and Margaret (Jackson) Wessner, the latter being a lineal descendant of President Andrew Jackson. William Wessner's father was a patriot of the Revolutionary war, and was wounded at the battle of Brandywine.

William A. Sipler received a common-school education, attending the district schools of the neighborhood of his youth here and in Wisconsin, having in the latter State a distance of four miles to walk to the little rude school house. His boyhood was mostly passed in St. Petersburg, Pa. During his three-years' stay in Wisconsin he spent most of his time in the woods, his father having bought heavily timbered lands there, from which he cleared out a farm. On the return of his family to Clarion county, in 1858, our subject performed general work until the breaking out of the Civil war in 1861, when, inspired by the patriotism of his Revolutionary ancestors, he enlisted in Company H, 8th Penn. Res. Inf., which became a part of the Army of the Potomac. He was in the numerous engagements in which the command participated, and shared the hardships of their various campaigns. He was shot at the battle of Antietam, Md., September 17, 1862, receiving a serious wound through the bowels. December 14, 1863, he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve or Invalid Corps, in which he remained four months, and then rejoined his company. He was in the campaigns of the Potomac, Peninsula and Wilderness. Gen. Pope from Rappahannock to Potomac, Maryland campaign under McClellan, and was mustered out at Spottsylvania Court House in 1864. At the close of the war he returned home and went to Oil City, Pa., and worked one year in the oil fields. Following this period he went to Clarion county, and there worked in the oil fields and also at lumbering, rafting logs at contract via the Allegheny and Ohio rivers to Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Louisville, Ky. After 1875 his business extended only to Pittsburg. In 1890 he was elected prothonotary of Clarion county, and was re-elected in 1893 to the same office. He was conscientious, and served the people faithfully and acceptably, serving them a good administration, and after the expiration of his second term of office, January 1, 1897, he served as deputy for his successor.

On July 6, 1865, Mr. Sipler united in marriage with Miss Margaret L. Collins, of Irish descent, who was born in the State of New York, February 25, 1846, and is a daughter of Michael Collins, who was born in Ireland, as was also his wife. Four children have come to the marriage of our subject and wife, namely: Emma S., wife of Victor W. Dittman, of Washington county; Charles W.; Margaret R.; and Frances Elizabeth, who died at the age of five years. The mother of these is a member of the Roman
Catholic Church. Socially, our subject has been a Mason since 1869. He is a member of the G. A. R., being identified with Lookout Post No. 425, having served all the offices; has been five times a delegate to the State Encampment. In politics he is a Democrat, tried and true, and has been ever active in the interests of the party. He served as delegate at the Harrisburg Convention, when R. E. Wright was elected State Chairman; served as one of the confessors for J. M. Fox at Ridgway, Penn.; elected delegate to the Allentown (Penn.) Convention, June, 1896; present at the reconvening of delegates at Harrisburg, Penn., in September of the same year.

W. A. Sipler has been interested in producing oil since 1872 in Clarion and McKean counties, Penn., and Lucas county, Ohio; he is a member of the Piper Oil and Gas Co., and on January 1, 1898, resigned as deputy prothonotary of Clarion county, Penn., to accept the presidency of the Piper Oil and Gas Co., which necessitated the removal of the family to East Toledo, Ohio, much to the regret of their many friends in the Keystone State.

AMOS SILVIS is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, who valiantly aided in the defense of the old flag and the cause it represented. He now resides in Fairmont City, and is as true to his country in days of peace as he was when he followed the starry banner on Southern battle-fields. He represents one of the old and well-known families of Clarion county, and was born in Red Bank township, March 1, 1833.

His parents were Conrad and Anna (Nulph) Silvis, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn., of German descent. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit throughout his entire life. His political support was given the Republican party, and in religious faith he was a Lutheran. He died at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife passed away at the advanced age of eighty-one years. They had a family of ten children, namely: Amos; Lydia, deceased; Joseph and William, who were soldiers in the Union army; Jeremiah, deceased, who was also numbered among the boys in blue; Isaac, deceased; Simon, Daniel, Mary Ann and Eve.

Amos Silvis was reared to manhood in Clarion county, and in his early life learned the shoemaker's trade, becoming an expert workman. He followed that pursuit for many years, and gained therefrom a comfortable living. In August, 1862, however, he put aside all personal considerations to respond to President Lincoln's call for 300,000 men, and joined Company C, 78th P. V. I., commanded by Capt. John M. Brinker. He participated in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and a number of heavy skirmishes in that vicinity, the defense of Fort Negley and the battle of Lookout Mountain. He belonged to the Starkweather Brigade, and was under command of General Rosecrans. Prior to his enlistment he had never taken any medicine in his life, but the hardships and exposure of war brought on rheumatism, and on a surgeon's certificate of disability he was honorably discharged February 18, 1864, after which he returned to his home in Clarion county.

Mr. Silvis has been three times married. On October 10, 1861, he wedded Anna M. Hilliard, who died in 1862. His second wife was Anna M. Shaffer, and after her death, he was married on August 11, 1878, to Elnora Frazier, who was born in Monroe township, Clarion county. Her parents, Henry and Margaret Ann (Delph) Frazier, are both deceased; they had three sons who were soldiers in the Civil war, George W., W. Henry and Thomas, the last named dying in the struggle. Mr. and Mrs. Silvis have four sons and one daughter—Amos E., Clinton Lewis, Maggie May, John Reed and Franklin.

In politics Mr. Silvis has always been a stanch Republican, unswerving in support of the party principles. In his business dealings he is honorable and upright, and his sterling worth in all of the affairs of life commends him to the confidence and respect of friends and neighbors.

JOHN ROBINSON WICK, cashier of the Bank of Rimerburg, has won a foremost position among the prominent financiers of this section of the State. Self-reliance, conscientiousness, energy, honesty—these are the traits of character that insure the highest emoluments and greatest success, and to these may be attributed the success that has crowned the efforts of Mr. Wick.

A native of Armstrong county, he was born in Sugar Creek township, March 3, 1823, and is a son of Elisha and Ann (Moore) Wick, natives of Westmoreland county, Penn. The birth of the paternal grandfather, Elisha Wick, Sr., occurred in New Jersey, whence he removed to Westmoreland county, Penn., and as early as 1796 took up his residence in Sugar Creek township, Armstrong county, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life. His children were: John, Elisha, Jerry, Sallie (wife of John Starr), and Elizabeth (wife of Andrew Bullman).

James Moore, the maternal grandfather of...
our subject, was born in Cranbury, N. J., August 3, 1750, and in that State, on December 10, 1789, was married, by Thomas Smith, a Presbyterian minister, to Miss Mary Carson, who was born March 4, 1774. Five children blessed this union, whose names and dates of birth were as follows: Henry, August 23, 1790; Mary, wife of William Cowan, September 30, 1792; Ann, mother of our subject, October 18, 1794; Susanna, wife of James Parker, January 1, 1797; and Sarah, wife of Elijah Davis, February 5, 1799. After the death of James Moore, the grandmother married Ebenezer Davis, in 1803, and four children were born to them: James, born March 4, 1804; Nancy, who was born October 16, 1805, and married Samuel Porterfield; Carson, born March 28, 1809, and Mrs. Rachel Davis, born September 11, 1811. All are now deceased.

In 1796 Elisha Wick, Jr., accompanied his parents on their migration to Armstrong county, where, on April 2, 1811, he married Ann Moore. He died in that county in September, 1855, aged seventy years, and was buried at Middlesex. In 1868 his widow came to Rimersburg, and made her home with our subject until she, too, was called to her final rest. January 7, 1879, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years, two months and nineteen days. Her remains were interred in the Rimersburg cemetery. Both held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew them. Their children were as follows: James P., born October 21, 1812, is now deceased; Henry M., born July 6, 1815, was a prominent physician, and died in New Bethlehem, Penn.; Elisha C., born March 26, 1818, died in Illinois; Jeremiah H., born August 21, 1820, was also a leading physician of Clarion county, and died in New Bethlehem; John R., of this sketch, is next in order of birth; Sarah A., born September 24, 1825, is the widow of Watson Maze, and a resident of Annsville, Butler Co., Penn.; Rachel, born February 5, 1828, died at the age of two years; Benjamin F., born July 29, 1830, died in infancy; William W., born March 8, 1832, was a successful physician of Rimersburg, where his death occurred; and Alvina, born September 27, 1834, died at the age of seven years.

John R. Wick was reared on the old homestead, and acquired a good practical education in the schools. At the age of nineteen he began teaching, and for seventeen winters successfully followed that profession, while during the summer months he engaged in farming. In 1840 he embarked in merchandising in Matildasville, Clarion county, where he also served as postmaster, but at the end of two years and a half sold out to J. B. Grasor. He was then married, and returned to the old homestead, which he hired cultivated, while in partnership with another gentleman, he engaged in selling the old-fashioned bee hives. He also engaged in cattle dealing and in teaching until coming to Rimersburg, in 1868, to settle up his brother's estate. At first it was not his intention to remain, but he has since made this place his home, and has been actively identified with its business interests. He is regarded as one of the most reliable business men of the county, and has been called upon to administer a number of different estates. The Abrams Savings Bank, which was founded in 1870, was the first institution of the kind in Rimersburg, and William M. Abrams was president, and Mr. Wick cashier, until it ceased to exist, in 1877. On the organization of the Farmers Bank, in the same year, our subject was chosen cashier, and Dr. McCandless president, but the latter resigned in 1880, and was succeeded by Andrew Fox. The Bank of Rimersburg was organized in 1888, with Miles Smith as president, our subject as cashier, and his son, William Addison Wick, as assistant cashier. This is one of the most solid financial institutions of the county, and its officers have the confidence and support of the entire community.

In Pine Hollow, Clarion county, May 6, 1856, Rev. David McCoy, a Presbyterian minister, performed the marriage ceremony which made Mr. Wick and Miss Hannah R. Watson man and wife. Their children are as follows: Mary E., born October 17, 1859, was married July 20, 1882, to Rev. W. G. Warner, a Methodist Episcopal minister, now residing in Mason, Ohio; Curtis W., born April 23, 1861, was married November 22, 1894, to Blanche E. Hoosey, and is engaged in merchandising in Rimersburg; Anna K., born May 2, 1862, was married September 7, 1886, to Dr. John Hepburn, of Warren, Penn.; William A., born February 2, 1864, was married May 7, 1894, to May Gibson, of Illinois; Sarah J., born March 14, 1866, was married December 2, 1886, to C. C. Graham, a traveling salesman of Butler, Penn.; Carrie P. A., born July 21, 1869, died on September 2 of the same year; John R., Jr., born December 27, 1870, is now in Warren, Penn.; Maggie M., born November 15, 1872, was married November 7, 1892, to Rev. W. S. Bohman, a Presbyterian minister of Brownsville, Fayette Co., Penn.; and Blanche P., born August 15, 1874, was killed February 24, 1883, while coasting on a hill at Rimersburg.

Mrs. Wick was born near Callensburg, in Clarion county. January 19, 1832, and is a
daughter of Abraham and Rachel (Black) Watson, natives of Mifflin, Penn., and New Jersey, respectively. They were married near Callensburg, and both died in Pine Hollow, Clarion county, the mother in 1865, aged fifty-seven years, and the father in 1873, aged seventy-six, their remains being interred at Concord. He was a noted river pilot, and also devoted considerable attention to farming. His parents, Thomas and Hannah (Wilson) Watson, emigrated from Ireland to America in an early day and located on Big Lick, inClarion county, where the former operated salt works. Mrs. Wick's maternal grandparents were Henry and Jane (Clements) Black, who on leaving their old home in Scotland became pioneers of Clarion county, their residence being near Callensburg, where the grandfather engaged in the manufacture of chairs and in the cooperage business.

To Abraham and Rachel (Black) Watson were born the following children—Prof. Clement, who was for many years principal of different schools, but is now living retired in Whiteside county, Ill.; James B., a hotel keeper and merchant of Marionville, Penn.; Jane, wife of Harrison Elliott, an electrician of Cleveland, Ohio; Hannah R., wife of our subject; Columbus, who died at the age of eight years; Margaret, wife of Morrison Howe, professor of public schools in Iowa; Sarah, who married Samuel Ruppert, and lives on the old homestead in Clarion county; Thomas I., who died at Fortress Monroe, and was buried under a cherry tree at that place; and Anna R., wife of John Reichert, who has a nursery near West Freedom and conducts the largest business of the kind in Clarion county.

Since December 11, 1870, Mr. Wick has served as elder in the Presbyterian Church, of which he is one of the most active and prominent members. He has been identified with the Odd Fellows Lodge of Rinersburg since 1868, and he always affiliates with the Republican party. For seventeen years he acceptably served as postmaster of Rinersburg. Under date of December 20, 1855, James Pollock, Governor of Pennsylvania, because of his especial trust and confidence in the zeal, valor, patriotism and fidelity of Mr. Wick, appointed him to be one of his aids-de-camp, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the Militia of the Commonwealth. Endowed by nature with a strong character, Mr. Wick was so surrounded in his childhood that his latent powers were developed and strengthened, and he became a successful business man, and is also possessed of broad sympathy and charity. To-day he is not mere

ored on account of the enviable position which he occupies in business circles than on account of the many kindly deeds of his life, which have ever been quietly and unostentatiously performed.

ADAM SHINDLEDECKER. The subject of this personal history is a well-known agriculturist of Red Bank township, Clarion county, and is esteemed as a man of industry and enterprise, besides being a worthy citizen, and having to his credit an unblemished war record.

Born October 9, 1838, in that township, Mr. Shindledecker is a son of Adam and Utilla (Fike) Shindledecker, who were born, reared and married in Germany, and continued to reside there until after the birth of their sons, Peter and Jacob. The next son, Mathias, was born on the ocean while the family were on their way to the New World. Here the family circle was increased by the birth of the following children: Godfrey, Charles, William, Adam, Elizabeth, Fulton, John, Christina, Mary E., and Utilla (deceased). The father was a farmer by occupation, and on coming to this country operated a farm in Red Bank township, Clarion county, until eleven years before his death, when he removed to Hawthorn, where he died at the age of eighty-one. He was officially connected with the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and was a man well liked by all who knew him. His estimable wife died February 11, 1893, aged eighty-five years.

The common schools afforded our subject his educational privileges, and upon the home farm he was reared to habits of industry. His patriotism having been awakened by the imminent danger to the country from the hands of the Rebels, he enlisted August 28, 1862, at the President’s call for 300,000 more volunteers, becoming a member of Company C, 78th P. V. I., under Capt. John Brinker and Col. Sornell. He participated in the battles of Murfreesboro, Stone River, Franklin, Tunnel Hill, Dalton, Ga., Tolton, Resaca, Calhoun, Morrisville, Kingston, Cartersville, Allatoona, Acworth, Marietta, Chickamauga, and Atlanta. During the heavy cannonading at Resaca, he lost the hearing of his left ear, at Chickamauga he was internally injured while carrying rails, and while fording streams the veins in his leg burst. Hostilities having ceased, he was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., June 20, 1865, and returned home to his wife and children in Clarion county. He has since devoted his time and attention to agricultural pursuits, and now has a fine farm of
ninety-one acres under a high state of cultivation, and well improved with commodious buildings.

On February 21, 1857, Mr. Shindledcker was married to Miss Catherine Rader, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of George Rader, one of the honored pioneers of this region, who spent his last years here. He had one son, Isaac Rader, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and is now a resident of Tennessee. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shindledcker: Utilla, who died at the age of five years; Sarah Jane, wife of Samuel Hulbon; Adam Ira; Eliza, wife of W. H. Kroh; John Solomon; Emma Lovilla, wife of Michael Rutchduckel; L. H., a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now located in Byrontown, Elk Co., Penn.; and Cora May.

In early life Mr. Shindledcker was a member of the Evangelical Church, and held offices in the same, but is now an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as treasurer. He is a great Sunday-school worker, and has ever labored untiringly in the Master's vineyard. His political support is given to the men and measures of the Republican party, and, as a private citizen, soldier and Christian gentleman, he is certainly deserving of the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

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JONATHAN D. MURPHY, a prominent music teacher of St. Petersburg, Penn., was born February 2, 1840, in Steubenville, Ohio, and is a representative of a good old Pennsylvania family, of Irish origin.

His grandfather, Jeremiah Murphy, was a soldier of the war of 1812 under Commodore Perry, on Lake Erie, and was wounded in the service, and also taken prisoner by the enemy. William Murphy, his subject's father, wedded Miss Mary Dungan, who also belonged to a prominent Pennsylvania family, in which were many distinguished musicians, having gained enviable reputations both at home and abroad. Mr. Murphy died at the age of eighty-five, and his wife in 1843, when in the prime of life. They were Presbyterians in religious belief, and most estimable people. In politics the father was first a Whig, and later an Abolitionist. His children were as follows: Jeremiah, a resident of Mc- Donald, Penn., and a soldier of the Civil war; Mrs. D. A. Martin; Thomas D., a minister of the Congregational Church; Jonathan D.; and Mrs. Mary J. Davidson, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Although born in Ohio, the subject of this sketch was reared in Pennsylvania, and acquired his literary education in its common schools. He was provided with a good musical education under private instructors, and has become very proficient in that art. He is still a devoted student, and for many years has successfully engaged in teaching music, among his pupils being many who have become quite prominent abroad as well as in this country.

Responding to the President's call for 75,000 volunteers, Mr. Murphy, in 1861, enlisted in Company F, 78th P. V. I., of which he was made orderly sergeant. On November 30, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant. He commanded his company at the battle of Chickamauga, though in such ill health at the time that after the conflict he had to be carried off the field in an ambulance. With the exception of the battle of Murfreesboro (being on detail at the time) he participated in all the engagements in which his regiment took part.

On November 4, 1864, he was honorably discharged, having served his country three years and two months. For a time after the war he made his home in Marietta, Ohio, and then located in Oil Creek, Penn., devoting his attention to the oil business for about twenty years. Since 1894, however, he has resided in St. Petersburg, where he owns a comfortable and pleasant home.

In 1866 Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Mary W. Bowman, of Pittsburg, Penn., a daughter of Robert and Eliza (Alexander) Bowman, now deceased. Her father was at one time a prominent architect and builder of Pittsburg. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Murphy are as follows: John D., a bookkeeper now employed in Pittsburg, Penn.; William R., a lawyer and member of the Pittsburg Bar; Sarah B. (a noted pianist) is at home; and Eddie, deceased.

Mr. Murphy is an ardent Republican in politics, and has most efficiently served as a member of the school board for thirteen years. He affiliates with the Royal Arcanum, and also with Lookout Post No. 425, G. A. R., in which he served as commander. He is one of the leading and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for many years has been the leader of the choir.

WASHINGTON A. CRAIG, proprietor of the Craig Roller Mill in Toby township, is unquestionably one of the strong and influential business men whose lives have become an essential part of the history of Clarion county. He is enterprising, energetic, and always abreast with
the times, and has been rewarded by a comfortable competence.

Mr. Craig was born October 22, 1841, on the old homestead which forms a part of his present farm, his parents being James and Anna Craig, who were born, reared and married in Indiana county. After various removals they located at the present home of our subject, in 1830, and being a millwright as well as a farmer, the father erected the mill which is still owned and operated by his son. He was a public-spirited and progressive man, was first a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and although he never aspired to office, he creditably filled several local positions of honor and trust. He was a leading member of the Associate Presbyterian Church, and in 1858 united with the U. P. Church, and served as elder for many years prior to his death, which occurred in February, 1877, when seventy-four years of age. The mother departed this life in April, 1857, at the age of fifty-three, and both were laid to rest in the Associate Church cemetery of Rimersburg.

Our subject is the seventh of the children born to this worthy couple, the others being: William F., John R., deceased, who was a school teacher and farmer by occupation, and was an elder in the United Presbyterian Church; Mary J., who died at the age of nine years; James, a retired attorney living in Clarion county; Alexander R., a farmer of Madison township, Clarion county; Rufus, a farmer and contractor of Madison township; Robert, who was a Union soldier during the Civil war, and is now a farmer of Indiana county, Penn.; David M., who died December 27, 1862, from sickness contracted in the army (in which he was a member of Company H, 155th P. V. I.), and was buried in Clarion county; and Amanda C., who died at the age of nine years. After the death of his first wife the father wedded Mary A. McCane, by whom he had six children, namely: Harvey McC., an agriculturist of Sandy Hollow, Clarion county; Thomas H., a farmer of Toby township; Professor Samuel R., who is engaged in teaching in the public schools of Clarion county, Penn.; Charles F., a farmer of Sligo; and Eva R. and Anna C., who live on the old homestead in Toby township.

Washington A. Craig spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm, where he remained until August 22, 1862, when he laid aside all personal interests to aid his country in her struggle to preserve the Union. He became a member of Company H, 155th P. V. I., under Capt. John Ewing, and among the various engagements in which he participated were the hard-fought battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Ann River, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. He was never wounded and was never off duty for a single day during his entire service. At the time of Lee's surrender, our subject, with Corp. G. H. Clever, privates J. C. Barnett, A. G. Lewellen, C. M. Smith, G. Kribs, of Company K, and William Eich, of Company E, all of the 155th Regiment, P. V. I., in the town of Appomattox captured 116 Rebels, including sixteen officers, of whom a colonel was the highest in rank, and marched them into the Union lines. Of the two swords Mr. Craig secured at this time, one he gave to his second lieutenant and the other he still has in his possession. On joining the army he was made sergeant, was promoted to the rank of corporal March 24, 1863, sergeant April 25, 1864, and when the war was over was mustered out June 2, 1865, at Washington, District of Columbia.

During his youth, Mr. Craig worked on the home farm and in the mill until the age of twenty years, when he began learning the carpenter's trade, working for David Gwin, of Rimersburg, for one season. On his return from the army he entered the employ of his father and brothers, William and John, who then owned the mill, and at the end of a year he purchased John's interest. When the father died, he and his brother William bought the interest of the other heirs, and together they operated the mill until the spring of 1888, when our subject became sole owner. The building was erected and equipped in 1831, but in 1891 was remodeled by Mr. Craig, making it one of the best roller mills of its size in the county, its capacity being from twenty-five to thirty barrels of flour every twenty-four hours. It can be run both by water and steam power, and the race is supported by Licking creek. In his business ventures, Mr. Craig has prospered, and now owns besides his mill property two or three fine farms, and also has ready money.

On September 21, 1871, at Carlisle, Rev. Dr. Mateer performed a wedding ceremony which united the destinies of Mr. Craig and Miss Mary E. McAuley, who was born in Toby township, Clarion county, November 27, 1847, a daughter of Rev. John and Jeannette E. (Reed) McAuley, natives of Wythe county, Va., and Cincinnati, Ohio, respectively. Her parents met and were married near the town of Hanover, Ind. For many years the father was a minister of the Seder Church, but in 1869 he joined the Covenantar Church. His last two years were spent in retirement and he died at Sligo, in August, 1883, at the age of seventy-six years and seven
months. His wife passed away May 2, 1892, aged seventy-six years, and both were buried in the Seceder cemetery at Rimersburg. They had come to Clarion county in 1838 and first located near Rimersburg in Toby township, but after a few months removed to Jefferson county, where he was engaged in preaching for a time. He had charge of the congregation in Rimersburg from 1840 until 1869, and then removed to Sligo, where his last days were spent. His parents were Daniel and Margaret (Rains) McAuley, natives of North Carolina, who died in the West. By occupation, Daniel McAuley was a farmer. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Craig were William and Sarah (Bigham) Reed, of Pennsylvania, where the former engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mrs. Craig is the fourth in order of birth in a family of six children, of whom the others are as follows: Rev. William, a minister of the Associate Presbyterian Church, who now resides with our subject; Margaret, wife of John Langley, a farmer of Armstrong county; Sarah, wife of Nathaniel S. Coulter, a druggist of Sligo; Dr. Auley, who died at the age of forty-four years; and Rebecca A., who was twice married, first to J. M. Smith, who died in 1887, and second (1893) to Aaron Ellenberger, a farmer in Armstrong county.

Mr. Craig is an honored and popular member of the Grand Army Post of Sligo, and in this way keeps up his acquaintance with his old army comrades. He is a stalwart supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and is a faithful member of the Associate Presbyterian Church. He has a good library of his own, is a great reader, and is well posted on the leading topics and issues of the day. His loyalty as a citizen and devotion to his country’s interests have never been questioned, it being as often manifested in days of peace as when on Southern battle-fields he followed the old flag to victory. He is therefore recognized as one of the most valued citizens of his community, and all who know him have for him the highest regard.

ARTHUR B. COLLNER, the genial and popular prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Clarion county, is of the third generation of the Collner family, who have been identified with the growth and development of this section of the State. Lewis Collner, his grandfather, of German birth, was for a period of sixty years a resident of Clarion county, engaged principally as a merchant and in the oil business. William F. Collner, the father of our subject, has been prominent in the public affairs of the county for many years, having served as sheriff and being twice elected prothonotary. A sketch of him appears elsewhere in this volume.

Arthur B. Collner was born in Farmington township, Clarion county, April 21, 1868. He received his education in the public schools of the county, clerking at intervals in his father’s store, and in the store of his uncle (H. Collner & Bro.), at St. Petersburg. In 1879, on his father’s removal to Clarion to perform the duties of sheriff, he came with the family, and during their three-years’ residence there attended the public schools of the borough. During his father’s first term as prothonotary, from 1884 to 1887, young Collner attended the Clarion State Normal School, working during vacations, and mornings and evenings, in the office. And during his father’s second administration he served as deputy; he held the same position through the six-years’ administration of W. A. Sipler, the successor of William F. Collner. Such was the popularity of the deputy prothonotary that in 1896 he was nominated for that office and elected in November of that year by the largest vote ever given a candidate in the county, running far ahead of his ticket. He is making a very efficient and capable officer, and is the youngest man ever elected to this office in the State of Pennsylvania. He is a most genial, social and obliging man and a very accommodating official, which has given him the great popularity he enjoys.

On April 6, 1894, Mr. Collner was married to Miss Minnie K. Wilson, and one child—Evelyn—has come to bless the union. The parents are identified with the Baptist Church. Socially, Mr. Collner is a member of the F. & A. M., and he has served five years as secretary of the lodge to which he belongs; he is also a member of the I. O. O. F., joining these orders when twenty-one years of age. In politics he is a Democrat.

REUBEN A. WINGAR, who is numbered among the native sons of Clarion county, has assisted materially in the development of its agricultural resources, and is one of its most energetic and progressive farmers. Since 1887 he has resided upon his present place in Beaver township, which is a valuable farm of rich and arable land, improved with a good and substantial residence, barn and other buildings. Everything upon the place testifies to the careful management of the owner, and shows that he is a thorough and skillful farmer of progressive ideas.

A representative of one of the old and honored families of the county, Mr. Wingar was
born in Beaver township, November 15, 1846, and is a son of Daniel Wingar, and grandson of Frederick Wingar, who was of German descent, and a soldier of the war of 1812. The father was born in 1801, in Westmoreland county, Penn., where he was reared, and, on reaching man’s estate, married Miss Anna Dalol who died when our subject was only four months old, leaving seven children, the others being: Susie A., Kate, John, George, Simon, and Mary E. George was for four years a faithful soldier in the Union army during the Rebellion, and is now a resident of Michigan. The father departed this life in 1882, at the ripe old age of eighty-one years. He voted for Fremont in 1856, and continued an ardent supporter of the Republican party, while in religious belief he was a Methodist, taking an active part in all Church work and serving as class-leader and steward.

The boyhood and youth of our subject were passed in his native township, where he attended school. In 1863, at the early age of seventeen years, he offered his services to his country and became a member of Company G, 1st Maryland Cavalry, with which he served until the close of the war, taking part in thirty-two engagements, including the battles of the Peninsular campaign north of the James river, and those before Petersburg. After the surrender of Gen. Lee he was honorably discharged as a non-commissioned officer, and returned home to resume agricultural pursuits.

At the age of twenty-one, Mr. Wingar was married to Miss Mary E. Frost, a lady of intelligence and refinement, who has proved a true helpmeet to him. Ten children blessed their union, of whom May Bell is the only one deceased. The others are: Saphrona, LeRoy B., Laura, Lizzie, Mabel, Maggie, Onier, Ethel and William.

In politics Mr. Wingar is devoted to the interests of the Republican party, and is an earnest advocate of its principles. He is an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has served as class leader and steward, and he gives a liberal support to all enterprises calculated to advance the moral or material welfare of the community. His sterling worth has gained him the uniform regard of all, and Clarion county is glad to number him among its citizens.

Anson Beatty, of Knox, Clarion county, has attained distinctive preferment in political circles, and through his official positions has been an important factor in promoting the best interests of his city. He is now serving as burgess, and as such has materially advanced the work of development and progress. He is a dealer in harness, and is also one of the representative business men of the place.

Mr. Beatty was born in Sheakleyville, Mercer Co., Penn., in 1845, and is a son of Matthew and Rebecca (Dunn) Beatty, both natives of Crawford county, this State, but the paternal grandfather was born in Ireland. The father was born in 1796. On French creek, Crawford Co., Penn., he learned the tanner’s trade, and after his removal to Sheakleyville built a tannery, which he operated for several years. He died at that place in 1859, and his wife, who was born on French creek, in Crawford county, departed this life in Sheakleyville, in 1887. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: William enlisted in Crawford county, in 1863, serving in the Union army until the close of the war, and later represented that county in the State Assembly for two terms, and died in Williamsport in 1870. Mary Ann died in Crawford county. Alexander is a resident of Erie, Penn. Mrs. Merob Devore lives in Cochranton, Crawford Co., Penn; Miss Eleanor Beatty lives in Madison, Wis.; Mrs. Lucy Couse is a resident of the same place; Mrs. Catharine Yard died in Sheakleyville, Penn; and Wilson is also deceased; Anson completes the family.

Anson Beatty pursued his studies in the public schools of Mercer county, and on laying aside his text books learned the tanner’s trade, at which he worked for four years. He next mastered the harness maker’s trade at a shop in Sheakleyville, and has since followed that occupation. In 1868 he removed to Meadville, and on going to Shippensburg, in 1871, entered the employ of W. W. Wilson, a harness manufacturer, with whom he remained for two years. He then came to Knox, where he embarked in the saddlery business on his own account, and in 1804 erected his present commodious store building. He is an energetic, progressive business man, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well deserved.

In 1875, in Meadville, Penn., was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Beatty and Miss Arie Arena Carr, a native of that place and a daughter of John and Jane (Hageny) Carr. Her father was born in Lock Haven, and died in Meadville at the age of eighty-two years, and the mother, also a native of the Keystone State, died in the same place. Mr. and Mrs. Beatty have four children: Walter, Wilbur, Myrta and Harold. Mr. Beatty is an earnest advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and has ever taken an active
and influential part in political affairs. He served as a member of the city council of Knox for three years, and in 1897 was elected to his present position of burgess, which he is now so acceptably filling. He is a member of Knox Lodge, K. P., and also of Knox Lodge No. 954, I. O. O. F.

JOHN EHLER has for almost half a century been identified with the interests of Shippenville, and in those years he has wrested from the hands of fate a handsome competence for himself, while at the same time he has in many ways promoted the best interests of the city by his support of measures calculated to prove of public good, and by his advancement of business enterprises which, promoting commercial activity, have added to the general prosperity.

The birth of his father, George Ehler, occurred in Germany, but during his childhood he came to the United States and located in Venango county, Penn., where he was reared. As a young man he came to Clarion county, where he married Miss Sophia Wiseman, also a native of Germany, who when a girl came with her father, Frederick Wiseman, to America, being numbered among the first settlers of Meadville, Venango county, whence they came to Clarion county. George Ehler was a blacksmith by trade, and for some time worked in the furnaces of Clarion county. About 1842 he took up his residence in Shippenville, becoming its third blacksmith, and in that place his death occurred in 1863, at the age of fifty-five years. He was a Republican in politics, and was an active and prominent member of the German Lutheran Church, of which he was one of the trustees. He was one of the honored pioneers of Shippenville, as well as one of its highly esteemed and valued citizens. His estimable wife is still living, and is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church.

The subject of this sketch is the second in order of birth in their family of nine children, six sons and three daughters, of whom Hannah and George (1) are now deceased. The others are: Frederick, a resident of Shippenville; Mary, wife of J. T. Hovis; Andrew; George; Jacob, a resident of Bluffton, Ind.; and Lizzie, wife of Walter Hovis, of Gibsonburg, Sandusky Co., Ohio.

John Ehler was born April 20, 1848, in the village where he still continues to reside, and in its public schools obtained his education. His business career was begun as a laborer for Richard Shippen, and during the seven years he was in his employ he lost only one day. Later he engaged in bridge building for a time, after which he went to the oil fields near Pleasantville, where he found employment. Returning to Clarion county in 1872, he located at Hahn's Mill, where he engaged in lumbering until injured by falling from a tree and causing heart trouble.

In 1873, with a capital of only $150, Mr. Ehler embarked in the grocery business in Shippenville, and had to compete with good, strong and well-established firms. He has capably demonstrated his ability as a business man, however, for to-day he carries a stock which, with his real estate, is valued at $10,000; his trade is constantly increasing. His present commodious store building, 100 x 22 feet, was erected by him in 1887, and is stocked by a fine line of general merchandise. By fair and honorable dealing Mr. Ehler has won a liberal patronage, and secured the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come in contact.

On November 24, 1880, our subject was united in marriage to Miss Hattie E. Huntsbrager, a native of Venango county, Penn., and to them have been born four children: Sydney, Frank Melvin, Helen Clara, and Emma Marie, who died when three weeks old. The wife and mother is a sincere and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In the exercise of his elective franchise Mr. Ehler supports the Republican party, and he takes quite an active and influential part in public affairs. He has acceptably served both as a member of the school board and a member of the city council. Socially, he belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. A man of keen perception, of unbounded enterprise, his success in life is due entirely to his own efforts, and he deserves prominent mention among the leading and representative business men of Clarion county.

W. THOMAS, an enterprising and prosperous farmer of Beaver township, Clarion county, was born October 10, 1837, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

George Thomas, his father, was born near Philadelphia, of Welch ancestry, and, on reaching manhood, was married in Montgomery county, to Miss Catherine Stung, a native of Pennsylvania, and of German extraction. After their marriage they located in Armstrong county, where the father followed the occupations of farming and blacksmithing. Politically, he was a Democrat and, religiously, was a member of the Reformed Church. He died at New Bethlehem, Penn., at the age of seventy-one, and his wife, in Beaver township, Clarion county, at the age of seventy. In their family were the follow-
ing children: Catherine, Elizabeth, George, Isaac, Maria, Margaret, W. H., and two who died in infancy.

Mr. Thomas, whose name introduces this review, was reared amid rural scenes, and pursued his studies in the public schools. Resolved to strike a blow in defense of his country, he enlisted in August, 1861, in Company C, 78th P. V. I., and took part in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, and Chattanooga; later he was in the Atlanta campaign, and was with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea, which occupied forty days. After three years of arduous and faithful service, he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, which office was conferred upon him at date of enlistment. After he was discharged from the service at Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., he engaged in the oil business as driller.

Since 1871, Mr. Thomas has made his home upon his present farm of fifty acres in Beaver township, and has successfully engaged in its operation. The place is improved with a comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings, and the fields are well cultivated, yielding abundant harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon them.

In 1865 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Martha Fowles, whose parents were Reuben and Snsan (Loughner) Fowles, prominent early settlers of Clarion county. Her father, who was a Republican, and a member of the German Reformed Church, died at the age of seventy-eight years; her mother is still living at the ripe old age of eighty-two. In their family were the following children: Erred, Amanda, Martha, Elizabeth, William, Reuben, Addison, Sarah, and Clarissa and Edwin, both deceased. Two of the sons, Erred and William, were soldiers during the Civil war, and the former died from wounds received in battle, but the latter is now living in Wood county, Ohio, engaged in the oil business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas have five children: Mrs. Anna McConnell; George, a successful teacher, who is now a pupil in the Commercial College at Oil City, Penn.; Sarah; Minnie, and Martha. The parents and three of the children are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the father has served as trustee, steward, superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school. His political support has always been given the men and measures of the Democratic party until the McKinley campaign, when he supported the Republican party. No man takes a deeper interest or greater pride in the moral and financial welfare of Clarion county than W. H. Thomas, who is numbered among its valued and honored citizens.

In November, 1897, when Pennsylvania dedicated her monuments on the battlefields, Mr. Thomas, in company with some of his old comrades, again visited the old battlefields of Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, and Stone River, and they were present at the dedication of the monument to the 78th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was placed upon the battlefield of Chickamauga.

FRANK DALE, a dealer in hardware and oil well supplies of all kinds, in Foxburg, Penn., comes from across the sea, his birth occurring in Ipswich, Suffolk, England, January 8, 1838. His parents were James and Elizabeth (Wilkinson) Dale, the former born and living in London for several years. When he was fourteen, in 1852, the family came to the United States and located in Maquoketa, Jackson county, Iowa, where they were numbered among the pioneers. After working upon a farm in the Hawkeye State for two or three years, Mr. Dale accepted a position with the firm of Frink & Walker, which was composed of two well-known Western stage-coach men of those days. After driving on their two and four horse stages for a time, he was promoted to a position in their Dubuque office, and later held a responsible position with the American Express Company for thirteen years, being messenger agent and route agent of their lines in northern Iowa.

Feeling that his adopted country needed his services during the dark days of the Rebellion, Mr. Dale enlisted in the 21st Iowa V. I., and was commissioned first lieutenant of Company C. He proved a gallant, brave and popular officer, and for a time was a member of the general’s staff of the Second Brigade and Fourteenth Division, Thirteenth Army Corps. He participated in the battle of Hartsville, the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Jackson, Miss., and many other engagements of less importance, and while serving in Texas, having broken one of his legs, he was honorably discharged after two years of arduous and faithful service. He always had the confidence of those under him and the respect and esteem of his fellow-officers, with whom he was very popular on account of his cheerful and lively disposition. After his return home he was commissioned a captain and later colonel of the First Regiment Black Hawk Co. Militia of Iowa, which numbered about 900 men.

Mr. Dale continued to reside in Iowa until 1870, making his home at Cedar Falls, and then
came to the oil regions of Pennsylvania, where he engaged in producing and putting down wells for ten years in connection with the A. S. Palmer Company, and Grant, Dale & Co. In 1880 he went to Hungary and Roumania on the Black sea, and in that section of the country also engaged in drilling wells for two years. On his return, Mr. Dale located at Foxburg and served a term as postmaster, and later went into his present business.

In Iowa, Mr. Dale was united in marriage to Miss Mary Pike, a lady of English birth, and a daughter of George Pike, who died in Yankton, S. Dak., a few years ago at the age of eighty years. He was a member of the Ohio troops during the Civil war, and also had two sons in the service, Captain Fred and George Pike. The former was an officer in the 23rd Illinois V. I., was with Col. Mulligan at Lexington, Mo.; and served for nearly four years and a half—George Pike served in Dakota Cavalry under Gen. Alfred Sully. Mr. and Mrs. Dale have three children: Mrs. Florence Grant, of Morgantown, Va.; Frank B., who is superintendent and engineer of water works, Foxburg; and Mrs. W. B. Peters, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Since voting in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln (first term), Mr. Dale has been a pronounced Republican in politics, and acceptably served as postmaster of Foxburg 1883-6. He has filled all the offices in the Grand Army Post to which he belongs, and has been regent of the Royal Arcanum council for ten years, and warden of the Episcopal Church of Foxburg. The late W. J. Hancock, general manager of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, received his first lessons as a messenger under the direction of our subject, Mr. Hancock being the son of a shoemaker of Dubuque. Since coming to Foxburg Mr. Dale has made many warm friends, has gained the respect and confidence of all who know him, and occupies a prominent position in business circles.

JUDGE CHRISTIAN BRINKER was one of the prominent and influential citizens of Porter township, Clarion county. He was a recognized leader in political affairs, and won high honors at the hands of his fellow citizens. In business he won that success which crowns well directed and energetic effort, and his trustworthiness gained him the confidence and respect of all.

Judge Brinker was born in 1825, in Toby township, Clarion county, a representative of one of the pioneer families, his parents, John and Elizabeth (Horn) Brinker, having removed from Westmoreland county, Penn., to Toby township, about 1820. Later they took up their residence in Porter township, where they spent their remaining days, the father passing away at the age of seventy-eight, while his wife died at the age of seventy-three years. He was a successful farmer and accumulated a good property. In the Reformed Church, he held membership, and at all times faithfully discharged his duties to society and to his country. His family numbered five children, namely: Christian; Mrs. Beck, of Florida; Capt. John, now a prominent railroad man and coal dealer in Buffalo, N. Y.; formerly engaged in the mercantile business at Fairmount (not far from Bethlehem, Penn.), and later in the coal business there; Mrs. Jacob Bittbender, of Porter township; and Mrs. John Colema, of Reynolds ville, Pennsylvania.

Judge Brinker was reared under the parental roof, and early became familiar with all the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He acquired his education in the public schools, and, entering upon his business career, turned his attention to the pursuits to which he had been reared. He owned an excellent farm, placed his land under a high state of cultivation, and extensively engaged in stock-raising. His careful attention to his business interests, good management and enterprise brought him a success that was well deserved.

On January 21, 1865, Judge Brinker was united in marriage with Margaret Stallman, a daughter of Samuel Stallman, who was a native of Schuylkill county, Penn., and of German descent. He married Margaret Reed, and resided for some time in Clarion county, but both are now deceased. They had a family of eleven children, four sons and seven daughters, of whom the following are living: Lewis (of Jefferson county, Penn.), Catherine, Caroline, Mrs. Brinker and Sarah. Mrs. Brinker was to her husband a faithful companion and helpmeet, who by her able management of the household affairs contributed not a little to his success. Three children came to bless their union: A. A., now a prominent and well-known citizen of Clarion county, was born September 19, 1866, and married Lou Emma Moloney, by whom he has five children—Bertha B., Estella A., Edgar F., Charles Christian and a baby boy. Philip Ed., the second son of Judge and Mrs. Brinker, died at the age of four years; and George Scott died at the age of fifteen months.

The Judge was a man of the utmost reliability, and had the unqualified confidence and regard of his fellow townsmen, who, appreciating his worth, frequently called him to public office.
He served as county treasurer and county judge, and twice represented his district in the State Legislature, where he served with distinguished ability. His public duties were discharged with conscious fidelity, and won the commendation of all concerned. He passed away September 4, 1895, and the community mourned the death of one of its most valued citizens, for he left a deep impress on the public life. He was a staunch friend, a faithful husband and father, and commanded the regard of all with whom he came in contact. Mrs. Margaret Humes, formerly widow of Judge Brinker, had a very pleasant, commodious and modern residence at Brinkerton. Her friends are many, won by her excellencies of character.

Richard J. Chandler owns and operates a fine farm of 100 acres in Porter township, Clarion county, where he has made his home since 1845. He is a man of excellent business capacity, and his habits of thought and observation have tended to provide him with a good fund of general information, which has proved valuable in every respect.

Mr. Chandler was born August 4, 1827, in what was then McKean county, but is now a part of Cameron county, Penn., and is a son of John Chandler, a native of New Jersey. The grandfather, Pontius Chandler, was born in Holland, and belonged to a good old family of that country. Both he and his wife died in New Jersey. When a young man John Chandler located in Lock Haven, Clinton Co., Penn., where he married Miss Ann, daughter of Col. Elihu Chadwick, who was one of the most prominent men of that community, and was an officer in the Revolutionary war, having devoted seven years of his life to the struggle for independence. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, namely: Elihu, Rebecca, Ann, John, Richard J., Rachel, Lydia and Jeremiah. Besides our subject, Mrs. Rebecca Freeman, of Cameron county, is the only one now living. The father, who was a carpenter by trade, and a Whig in politics, died in Porter township, Clarion county, at the age of fifty-four years, and his wife departed this life at the age of seventy-four. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and reared her children in that faith. While not a member of any religious denomination, her husband attended Church and was a believer in the Bible.

In the county of his nativity, Richard J. Chandler was reared to habits of industry, and there continued to make his home until locating upon his present farm in Porter township, Clarion county, in 1845. Three years later he was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Randolph, a daughter of Nathaniel Randolph, and a native of Ohio. Her parents both died in Tama county, Iowa. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, namely: James, now a resident of Audubon, Audubon Co., Iowa; George H., of Manhattan county, Kans.; W. E., who lives on the home farm; Emma, wife of Calvin Wiant, of Porter township, Clarion county; two who died in childhood; and Mrs. Rebecca Luch, who died in November, 1895, at the age of forty-six years.

Mr. Chandler possesses a good voice, singing either tenor or soprano, and for forty years he has been leader of the choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a member. His voice seems especially adapted to singing those old tunes which every one loves to hear at revivals or at Church services. 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. He is a strictly temperate man, having never tasted liquor, and he has the esteem of his friends and the confidence of the public.

W. C. Miltenberger, the senior editor of the Republican Gazette, of Clarion, and one of the proprietors of the paper, was born in Pittsburg, Penn., in 1848, descending from ancestors who were closely identified with the early iron interests of that city.

George Miltenberger, his grandfather, at the time of his death was one of the oldest citizens of Pittsburg. He was the senior member of the firm of Miltenberger & Brown, who erected and owned the first rolling-mill that assisted in enveloping the city in smoke, which later gave it the name of the "Smoky City." George B. Miltenberger, the father of W. C., was one of the old-time steamboat agents of the same city. From 1850 to 1865 the family resided at Columbus, Ky., and the subject of this sketch was a messenger in the quartermaster's department at that place for a year. In 1866 he clerked in a dry-goods store in Oil City, Penn. Returning to Pittsburg in 1867 he was examiner of one of the largest dry-goods stores at that time in the city. Later he was employed by the P., F. W. & C. Railroad Company in Allegheny City as chief manifest clerk, which position he held six years. After this he was for a time assistant clerk at the general delivery window of the Pittsburg
post office. Following this position he removed to Rochester, Penn., where he was in the book and stationery business with his brother-in-law, W. J. Brown, under the firm name of Miltenberger & Brown. On the dissolution of the firm, Mr. Miltenberger joined Mr. A. M. Johnson and formed a partnership in the real-estate business as A. M. Johnson & Co. From Rochester he came to Clarion, and for about eight years was connected with the Clarion Democrat as collector and solicitor, local editor, and also attended to the books. On January 1, 1896, he and W. H. Pickens formed a partnership under the firm name of Miltenberger & Pickens, and took charge of the Republican Gazette, of Clarion, Penn., and they have since successfully conducted the paper.

SAMUEL REED, one of the most energetic and progressive citizens of Porter township, Clarion county, was born March 25, 1834, upon the farm where he is still living. David Reed, his grandfather, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and was of Scotch lineage. He was one of three brothers, the others being Giles, who located in Virginia, and the one who removed to the Southwest. As a companion and helpmeet on life's journey David Reed married Miss Polly Knight, who was of German descent.

James Reed, the father of our subject, was born in 1799, on Crab Tree run, in Westmoreland county, Penn., and was ten years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Armstrong county, where the later learned the blacksmith's trade. In Clarion county he married Miss Jane Blair, who was born on Sugar creek, in Armstrong county, a daughter of Alexander Blair, of Irish descent. In 1830 Mr. and Mrs. Reed located upon the farm where our subject now lives, and, in connection with its improvement and cultivation, the father also worked at his trade. He died on this place at the age of seventy years, honored and respected by all who knew him. His estimable wife, who was born in 1804, was called to her final rest November 8, 1873. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a Whig in politics, a warm admirer of Henry Clay.

In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, nine sons and three daughters. David Blair, the oldest, went to California, via the Isthmus and died in that State in 1852. Alexander broke the first sod, in 1842, for the St. Charles furnace, for the firm of Tole & Adams, and died in Alabama, in April, 1896. John V. is a resident of Armstrong county, Penn., and Knight, of Wayne county, Ill. Samuel is the next in order of birth. Mrs. Mary Witmer lives in Licking township, Clarion county. Henrietta is deceased. James Irvin, a soldier of the Fifth Ohio Battery during the Civil war, participated in the battle of Jackson, Miss., and other engagements, and died at Memphis, Tenn., October 28, 1863, at the age of twenty-three years. Four children died in infancy.

Samuel Reed was reared on the home farm, received his education in the local schools, and during his youth learned the manufacture of charcoal. In December, 1861, he began driving a team for the government at Camp Gaully, in West Virginia, and was thus employed for nine months. Later he was a resident of Ohio, and on November 1, 1864, enlisted in the 67th O. V. I. For a time he was under Gen. Butler with the Army of the James; he participated in the battle of Fort Gregg, April 2, 1865, when he was wounded in the elbow of the left arm. At the hospital the surgeon said the limb would have to be amputated, but Mr. Reed refused to have the operation performed. He remained in the hospital at Houston Cross Roads from April 6 until June 18, when he was honorably discharged and returned to Ohio. In 1867, however, he located on the old homestead in Porter township, Clarion Co., Penn., where he is still living. The farm comprises fifty-eight acres, which is under a high state of cultivation and well improved.

Mr. Reed is a charter member of Capt. Case Post, No. 239, G. A. R., of Piellett, Clarion county, in which he has filled all the chairs. For five years he served as supervisor of Porter township with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents, and is justly numbered among the valued and useful citizens of his community.

MAJOR R. MORGAN, the cashier of the Foxburg Bank, has been closely identified with the business interests of the city for over twenty years, and his name is inseparably connected with its financial records. The first banking institution with which he was connected was the Foxburg Savings Bank of Foxburg, Clarion county, where he received a salary of only $7.50 per month; but so faithfully did he perform his duties that he was gradually promoted, and continued in the employ of that concern until 1876. He then accepted a position in the St. Peters burg Savings Bank, of St. Petersburg, where he remained until about 1878, when he returned to Foxburg as acting cashier of the Foxburg Sav-
The Doctor is a son of John and Mary Ann (Pollard) Slaugenhaust. The father, who was born in Toby township, Clarion county, was a son of William Slaugenhaust, who was born in Maryland, in 1798, spent the greater part of his life in his native county. The Doctor's father was reared and educated in Clarion county, and having arrived at years of maturity married Miss Mary Ann Pollard, a native of Porter township, Clarion county, and a daughter of George and Mary Pollard, the former born in Clarion county, the latter in Luzerne county, Penn. Mr. Slaugenhaust was a farmer, and in 1863 purchased the Col. Boyle farm in Porter township, where he made his home until his death in July, 1893. His wife is still living on the farm. In their family were four children: W. A., our subject; Thomas R., a farmer of Porter township; James B., who is living on the old homestead; and Emma J., wife of Robert Logan, of West Monterey, Clarion county.

Dr. Slaugenhaust was reared in Porter township and acquired his education in the academies at Rimersburg, Callensburg and Millville. In 1876 he began teaching in Porter township, and afterward followed the profession in Armstrong county. In 1880 he went to Clearfield county, where he followed teaching for two years in New Millport, after which he became a member of the Faculty in the Normal at Clearfield. He also engaged in political work, making speeches throughout Clearfield county, after which he returned to Porter township, Clarion county, and took up the study of medicine. In 1883 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, in Baltimore, Md., and was graduated with the class of 1885. In May, of that year, he located in St. Petersburg, where he remained until his removal to East Brady, in 1887. Here he has since engaged in general practice and now enjoys a large and lucrative patronage. He is a valued member of the County Medical Society, and is well versed in his chosen calling.

On October 21, 1891, Dr. Slaugenhaust was married, in Curlsville, Clarion county, to Miss Stella V. Hutchinson, who was born in Cornplanter township, Venango Co., Penn., a daughter of Robert M. Hutchinson, one of the early settlers there. The Doctor is a member of Orca Lodge No. 413, K. P., the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of the Maccabees, and also the Kittanning, Penn., Lodge No. 203, B. P. O. Elks. His political support is given the Democracy, but his attention is not given to seeking office, his time being fully occupied with his professional duties. In June, 1892, the Doctor was appointed United States pension agent, and

A. Slaugenhaust, M. D., whose careful study and thorough investigation of the science of medicine has made him one of the successful and able practitioners of East Brady, Clarion county, was born August 2, 1857, in Porter township, Clarion county.

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served until May, 1897. At a meeting of the Grand Union of the Equitable Aid Union held in Franklin, June, 1895, he was elected Grand Medical Examiner for the State of Pennsylvania, and served in that capacity for two years. He is a man of pleasing personality, a popular and highly respected citizen, and a worthy representative of one of the pioneer families of the county.

**WILLIAM McDOWELL** is one of the most influential and highly respected citizens of Beaver township, Clarion county, where he owns and operates a fine farm of 130 acres. Being a thorough and systematic farmer, he has placed the land under a high state of cultivation, and the well-tilled fields yield to the owner a bountiful return for the care and labor bestowed upon them. There is a good bearing orchard upon the place, and the buildings are all neat and substantial.

Mr. McDowell was born in 1824, in Elk City, Clarion county, a son of John and Polly (Kiser) McDowell. The paternal grandparents were James and Mary McDowell, natives of the Highlands of Scotland, and of Scotch-Irish descent. For several years after coming to America they lived in Eastern Pennsylvania, but in 1813 emigrated to Elk township, Clarion county, and later lived for a time in Venango county. The grandfather died, however, in Clarion county, in 1824, and his wife was called to her final rest in 1847. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and were sincere Christian people, their lives having ever been in harmony with their professions.

John McDowell, father of our subject, was born in Philadelphia, in 1799, and was therefore a young man on the removal of the family to Clarion county, where he was married to Miss Polly Kiser, whose birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Penn., in 1800. Her father, Peter Kiser, was one of the early settlers of Elk township, having located there in 1817, and he continued to make Clarion county his home until his death. John McDowell cleared and improved a farm in Elk township, and throughout life gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. He died upon that place in 1852, and his wife passed away in 1873, at the home of her son James. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and were held in high regard by all who knew them.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Mrs. Hannah Stringfiller, a resident of Beaver township, Clarion county; William, of this review; Mrs. Gould, who died in Butler county, Penn., in 1897; James, a farmer of Elk township, Clarion county; Peter, who died when young; Mrs. Margaret Johnson, of Elk township; John, of Venango county; and Nancy, who died in childhood.

During his boyhood and youth William McDowell became quite familiar with all kinds of farm work upon the old homestead, including the arduous task of clearing the wild land and placing it under the plow. In 1865 he enlisted in the 56th P. V. I., and was ill for a time in a hospital in Philadelphia. On being discharged at the close of the war, he returned home and resumed agricultural pursuits.

In 1847 Mr. McDowell was married to Miss Anna E. Gates, who has proved to him a faithful partner on life’s journey. She is a native of Centre county, Penn., and a daughter of Henry and Dorothy Gates. Her father was born in Dauphin county, and was a son of Henry Gates, Sr. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. McDowell only two are now living: John Wesley, and Bradley B., a resident of Titusville, Penn. Henry died in Texas, at the age of forty-nine years, Joseph, at the age of fourteen months, and Samuel in childhood.

The wife and mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a most estimable lady. The Republican party finds in Mr. McDowell a stanch supporter, but he has never cared for official honors. Throughout life he has made good use of his opportunities, and has succeeded in accumulating a comfortable property. He is vigorous and well preserved, with a remarkable faculty for the conduct and dispatch of business, and well deserves the success that he has achieved. Honest, upright and honorable in all things, he has become the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who esteem him highly for his genuine worth.

**PAUL B. BLACK**, proprietor of the Centennial Stock Farm, in Elk township, is one of the most prominent business men of Clarion county, and is also a representative of one of its old and honored families.

Born February 2, 1836, in Elk township, near where he now lives, Mr. Black is a grandson of Frederick Black, who was born in Maryland, and was of Scotch and German descent. The father, William Black, born 1807, in Maryland, was one of the first settlers of Clarion county, where he first engaged in farming, but later became interested in farming and also in lumbering. He was a wide-awake, energetic business man, upright
and honorable in all his dealings, and was honored and respected by the entire community. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and in politics was first a Democrat, and later a stanch supporter of the Republican party.

In Clarion county William Black was married to Sarah Berlin, a daughter of George Berlin, one of the leading citizens of the county. She was born June 28, 1809, and by her marriage became the mother of the following children: George (now deceased), John R., Paul B., Mary (deceased), Frances (Mrs. William McClintock), Martha (deceased), and Mrs. Maggie Craig. The father departed this life in 1862, at the age of fifty-six years.

On the old homestead Paul B. Black grew to manhood, and in the public schools of the neighborhood acquired his education. During early life he successfully followed both lumbering and farming, and in 1876 purchased his present place, known as the Centennial Stock Farm. It comprises 369 acres of the most desirable land to be found anywhere in the county, and in fact is one of the model farms. The elegant residence is surrounded by beautiful and well-kept grounds, the barns and outbuildings are neat and substantial, there is a fine orchard, excellent pastures and well-cultivated fields—all denoting the careful management and progressive spirit of the owner, who is acknowledged to be one of the most thorough farmers and best stock-raisers of the county. He has upon his place a herd of twenty-four head of Guernsey cattle, and also a flock of registered Shropshire sheep.

On January 22, 1863, Mr. Black was married to Miss Martha J. McGiffin, who was born August 17, 1840, near Summerville, Jefferson Co., Penn., a daughter of Hugh McGiffin, and they have become the parents of eight children, namely: Willis E. (who died at the age of twenty-one), Edward F., Ellis C. (who died in childhood), Minnie L., Harry L., Bird, Myrtle C., and Earl.

Since casting his ballot for Lincoln, Mr. Black has been a pronounced Republican in politics, and has been called upon to serve as a member of the school board. He is one of the leading members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, and was for many years a deacon, and is now serving as treasurer of the Church. He also belongs to the Grange, No. 1010, Ashland, Clarion county, and his son, Edwin F., is one of the most active and zealous workers in the interests of that organization of which he was master one year and is now lecturer. As a progressive and public-spirited citizen, Mr. Black has been prominently identified with the history of the county, and few

if any have done more for its upbuilding. He has been a champion of every movement designed to promote the general welfare, a supporter of every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial, educational and moral interests.

JOHN MILTON CRAIG, Esq., who for a quarter of a century has capably and satisfactorily served as justice of the peace in Piney township, is one of Clarion county's native sons, and a representative of one of her old and highly respected families, whose identification with her history dates from an early period in the development of the county.

The paternal great-grandparents of our subject, James and Margaret (Smith) Craig, spent their entire lives in County Antrim, Ireland, where the former engaged in farming. The grandfather, William Craig, also a native of that county, left Ireland July 17, 1783, and after a voyage of six weeks on the "Dublin Volunteer," he landed in Philadelphia. His brother, Alexander Craig, was a quartermaster in the British army during the Revolutionary war, and becoming impressed with this country, he tried to sell his commission with the intention of remaining in America. He had written William to this effect, but for some reason he returned to Ireland, where he remained. In the meantime, however, William had started for America, and, on his arrival in Philadelphia, remained in that city for a short time, but later went in search of a cousin in New Jersey. Subsequently they lived for a few years in Lancaster, Penn., where he met and married Miss Mary Richards, and from there removed to Erie county. In 1811 he located in Freeport, Armstrong county, later went to Indiana county, and in 1834 came to Clarion county, taking up their residence in Toby township when it still formed a part of Armstrong county. They removed to Limestone township, Clarion county, in 1836, and there made their home until called to their final rest, their remains being interred in the Association Church cemetery in Rimersburg. Mr. Craig was a farmer by occupation, was an excellent penman, and was a prominent member of the Seceder Church. His children, who are all now deceased, were as follows: John R. and Alexander, woolen manufacturers; William, a farmer; James, a millwright, who built the first mill in Clarion county: Robert, father of our subject; Washington, a millwright and merchant; Martha, wife of William Thompson; David R., who conducted a
The early home of the maternal grandparents of our subject, William and Rachel (Thompson) Crowe, was in Ligonier Valley, Penn., but as early as 1802 they came to Clarion county, when it formed a part of Armstrong county, and here the grandfather engaged in farming throughout the greater part of his life, though he followed fishing to some extent. At their deaths they were laid to rest on the McAninch farm in Beaver township, Jefferson county. Their children were: James, deceased; Esther, who married M. Bowl, but both are now deceased; Jane M., who married E. McAninch and, after his death, Thomas Edmond; Nancy, the mother of our subject; Polly, widow of Henry McAninch, of Bellevue, Penn.; Eliza, who died unmarried; Adeline, who is the widow of Alvin H. Head, ex-sheriff of Elk county, Penn., and is now a resident of Dade county, Florida; and Rachel, who married Stephen Miner, but both are now deceased.

Mr. Craig, of this review, was born July 6, 1832, in Sligo, where he still makes his home, but at that time it was a part of Toby township, Armstrong county. His father, Robert N. Craig, was born in Erie county, Penn., in August, 1805, and on coming to Clarion county, in 1826, located in Sligo, where he ever afterward made his home. In early life he taught school and afterward served as school director, doing all in his power to promote the cause of education. He engaged in surveying, and also owned and operated a woolen-mill with good success. He married Nancy Crowe, a native of Toby township, Armstrong county, now Clarion county, who died in November, 1853, at the age of forty-four years, and was buried at Callensburg, Penn. The children born to them were: John M., of this sketch; Eliza, deceased wife of Thomas Stoner, a retired farmer of Sligo; James H., who died in infancy; Mary L., deceased wife of John W. Harris, of Ashtabula county, Ohio; Robert N., a retired farmer and the present postmaster of Belvue, Kans.; Rachel A., wife of Hugh McKee, a farmer of Clarion county; Nancy J., deceased wife of John Rutherford, a farmer of Licking township, Clarion county; and Araminta P., William A. and David B., who all died in infancy. For his second wife the father married Miss Margaret Fackender, who now resides in Sligo at the age of sixty-nine years. The children born to this union are as follows: Winfield S., a clerk and accomplished draughtsman living in Sligo; Harry Y., who died at the age of five years; Edward Y., who died at the age of ten; George W., a merchant of Sligo; Alice, who died at the age of four years, and Amanda, who died at the age of two, both being buried in the same grave. The father was one of the leading members of the Presbyterian Church at Callensburg, and for many years served as deacon and trustee. This was before the village of Sligo was organized, as this place was not named until 1873 by Mr. Lyon, who operated the Sligo furnace, erected in 1845.

On a farm adjoining his present place in Sligo, John M. Craig was reared to manhood, and after his marriage he removed to another house on a part of the same farm. He continued to work for his father on the farm and in the woolen-mill until the fall of 1862, when he removed to Pike county, Ohio, but after being employed in a woolen-factory at that place for one year he returned home, working for his father until the spring of 1867. He then spent two years with his old employers in Ohio, and then returned home to settle on his father's estate. He successfully operated the woolen-mill until 1895, when the plant was destroyed by fire at a loss of $2,000. Since then he has engaged in weaving, while his son carries on the farm. While in Ohio, at the age of thirty-two, he taught school for eight terms in that State and in Pennsylvania.

On October 13, 1853, in Callensburg, Clarion county, Mr. Craig was married to Miss Margaret McBride, Rev. David McKay performing the ceremony. The only child born to them, John M., died in infancy, and Mrs. Craig, who was born in Toby township, Clarion county, died in January, 1860, and was buried at Callensburg. In September, 1862, Mr. Craig was again married, this time by Rev. Perry, a minister of the M. E. Church, to Miss Sarah J. Rutherford. To them have been born the following children: Robert L. wedded Mary Sedwig, and is now a machinist and decorator of Callensburg, but formerly engaged in teaching; James O., who married Anna Higgs, also engaged in teaching in early life, and is now interested in the oil business in Butler county, Penn.; Arthur G. is a tool-dresser living in Wetzel county, W. Va.; Harry C. is engaged in the same business in Tyler county, W. Va.; Thomas B. married Nellie Pollock, and follows school teaching and oil pumping; Mary E. is a successful school teacher, residing at home; and Grace is also with her parents.

Mrs. Craig was born in Farmington township, Clarion county, July 13, 1844, and is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (McDowell) Rutherford, natives of Dumfriesshire and Wigton, Scotland, respectively. Her parents met and married in Pittsburgh, Penn., where they continued to live...
for several years and then removed to Farmington township, Clarion county. Some years later they took up their residence in Licking township, where the father died in February, 1864, at the age of fifty-four years. The mother's death occurred at the home of our subject in 1887, when eighty-one years of age. He was a Republican in politics, and both were consistent members of the United Presbyterian Church. Their remains were interred near the church of that denomination in Toby township. Their children were John G., who married Nancy J. Craig, sister of our subject, and is engaged in farming in Licking township; Sarah, wife of our subject; Christina, who died in childhood; Thomas, an oil pumper of Allegheny county, Penn.; and Robert A., assistant superintendent of the Pullman Palace Car Company of Philadelphia.

Our subject always casts his ballot with the Republican party, and, socially, affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Since 1870 he has most acceptably filled the office of justice of the peace with the exception of two years when serving as census enumerator. In connection with his other business he has also engaged in surveying to some extent since 1870, and in his undertakings has met with a fair degree of success. He is well posted on current questions and issues, and is well versed on matters of historical interest, especially those pertaining to his native county and State. In the Presbyterian Church he holds membership, and he has always taken an active and prominent part in its work.

Rev. William J. Bucher received a liberal education. He was brought up on a farm, and in early boyhood attended the schools of Baltimore county, which has an excellent public-school system. At twenty he began teaching school, and was engaged in this noble calling some three years. In 1886 he entered Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, Penn., taking a classical course, and was graduated in the class of 1890; then that fall he entered the Theological Seminary, at Gettysburg, and was graduated in June, 1893. Immediately afterward he accepted the pastorate of the Kellersburg charge, and located at New Bethlehem, Clarion county, Penn. He very acceptably and successfully served this charge for three years and seven months, when he received a call to Grace Lutheran Church, at Clarion, taking charge in February, 1897. Grace Church was organized in 1890, and it is now in a flourishing condition.

Socially, Rev. Bucher is a member of the F. and A. M.; also of the I. O. O. F. While not active in politics he performs his duty in advocating such measures as have for their object the elevation of his fellowman. His family in Maryland are identified with the Republican party, which in National affairs receives his support.

On September 1, 1897, Rev. Bucher was married to Miss Rosa Alice Ehrhart, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ehrhart, prosperous farmers of Baltimore county, Md. Mrs. Bucher, together with her brother, Earl, have been given exceptional intellectual and social advantages. She was a member of the class of 1891 at the Maryland State Normal School; she stood at the head of her class from the public schools. For three years she was a principal in the schools of her native county; thus her experience well fits her to be a worthy helpmeet in her husband's field of labor.

Although yet young in the Lutheran ministry, Rev. Bucher has left his impress upon the Church, being most pronounced in his love for his denomination, but yet having a word of encouragement for all true Christians.

Ross H. Speer, M. D., is engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Greenville, and has that love for and devotion to his
his profession which has brought to him success
and won him a place among the ablest representa-
tives of the medical fraternity in Clarion county.

On the old homestead, near Greenville, he
was born in 1863, a son of J. W. and Mary A.
(Henry) Speer. The father was a native of Ire-
land, but during his youth he crossed the At-
antic, and for almost a third of a century success-
fully engaged in teaching school in Clarion coun-
ty, Penn. He has since retired from the arduous
duties of that profession, and is now comfortably
living upon his fine farm near Greenville. He
is still in the enjoyment of excellent health,
and is surrounded by a large circle of relatives
and friends, who appreciate his sterling worth
and many excellencies of character. His estima-
ble wife, who is also living, has spent her entire
life in Clarion county. They are the parents of
five sons and one daughter, namely: Preston C.,
Ross H., Rev. James, Sloan, a teacher by pro-
fession, Maggie Belle and Lawson.

Dr. Speer acquired his primary education in
the common schools, and subsequently attended
the Corsica Academy and the Edinboro State
Normal. When not in school he assisted in the
work of the home farm until eighteen years of
age, and then began teaching, following that pro-
fession during the winter season, while during
summer months he still attended school for a
time. In 1884 he began the study of medicine,
under the direction of Dr. A. K. Carmichael, and
later entered the Western Reserve University, of
Cleveland, Ohio, where he graduated in 1887
with the degree of M. D. Returning to Green-
ville, he at once opened an office and soon suc-
ceded in building up a large and lucrative prac-
tice.

In 1888 Dr. Speer was married to Miss Anna
E. Lang, a daughter of John Lang, of Langville.
Jefferson Co., Penn., and to them have been
born two sons: John Lang and Paul V. The
Doctor and his wife are active and prominent
members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is
now serving as ruling elder. In his political
affiliations he is a Republican, but has never as-
pired to office, preferring to give his entire at-
tention to his professional duties. He is a progres-
sive physician, who keeps abreast with the latest
discoveries and theories by his perusal of medical
journals. His skill and ability are attested by
the liberal patronage he enjoys; he is ranked as
one of the leading physicians of the county.

THOMAS W. BOWMER, like many of the
leading citizens of Clarion county, devotes
his time and attention principally to the oil busi-
ness, and in his undertaking is meeting with a
well-deserved success.

Mr. Bowmer was born in Mercer county,
Penn., February 14, 1847, and is a son of Mat-
thew and Sarah (Buckley) Bowmer, natives of
Derbyshire, England, who, in 1840, crossed the
Atlantic and became residents of Mercer county,
where they spent their remaining years. By oc-
cupation the father was a farmer. In the family
were six children, as follows: George, Joseph,
Thomas W., Elizabeth, Sadona and Sarah.

Amid rural scenes Thomas W. Bowmer grew
to manhood in Mercer county, receiving his educa-
tion in its common schools. In early life he
engaged in lumbering, and also assisted in drill-
ing oil wells, successfully following that business
until 1876, when he located upon his present
place in Elk township, Clarion county. Here he
owns two acres, on which are two producing oil
wells and one gas well that he has put in opera-
tion.

On February 10, 1870, Mr. Bowmer was mar-
rried to Miss L. L. Benton, who was reared and
educated in Erie county, Penn., but was living
in Venango county at the time of her marriage.
Her parents, E. H. and Charlotte (Lincoln) Ben-
ton, were both natives of New York, and her
father is a second cousin of Thomas H. Benton.
They now reside in Bradford, Penn., and are
the parents of nine children. Mr. and Mrs.
Bowmer have two children: Henry Benton, who
is now twenty-six years of age, and is engaged in
the oil business in West Virginia; and Stella
May, wife of Frederick Kiser, of Elk township,
Clarion county.

Politically our subject is an ardent Repub-
lican, and as a progressive, public-spirited citizen
he has done much to advance the interests of his
adopted county and to promote her welfare.

ROBERT R. McGREGOR, a justice of the
peace of East Brady, is one of the best
known and highly respected citizens of Clarion
county. He was born near Kittanning, in Frank-
lin township, Armstrong Co., Penn., October 31,
1837, and is a worthy representative of a promi-
nent family. His paternal grandfather was a na-
tive of the Highlands of Scotland, and at an
early day immigrated to America.

The birth of Alexander B. McGregor, the
father of our subject, occurred near Antietam,
Md., in 1803, but he was reared in Juniata
county, Penn., whence he removed to the Ligo-
nier Valley, in Westmoreland county, and later
to Armstrong county. In Buffalo township, of
the last named county, he was married to Miss
Rachel Boney, a native of that county, and a daughter of John and Jane (Fisher) Boney, both now deceased. Her father was a soldier of the war of 1812, and, in recognition of his services, received a pension from the government for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. McGregor were born six children, namely: James B., who died at the age of twenty years; John Lytle, a resident of Kittanning, Penn.; Robert R.; James T., now deceased, who was a member of Company A, 8th Pennsylvania Reserves; and William, who died at the age of three years. The mother departed this life at the age of fifty, and the father at the age of fifty-six. He was an energetic, wide-awake business man, who owned and operated an axe factory near Kittanning, also engaged in farming, conducted a hotel, and, as a contractor and surveyor, assisted in broadening and deepening the Pennsylvania canal. Originally he was a Whig in politics, but later gave his unqualified support to the men and measures of the Republican party, and in religious belief was an Omnish. His wife, however, held membership in the Presbyterian Church, and it is safe to say that no couple had more or warmer friends.

Although the educational privileges afforded Robert R. McGregor were meagre, he made the most of his opportunities, and has become a well-informed man. He attended the common-schools near Kittanning only about fifteen months, and then laid aside his text-books to take up the arduous and more responsible duties of business life. He had charge of keelboats on the Allegheny river for four or five years, and then engaged in piloting and rafting flat boats on the same stream for five years, and also on the Clarion river, where he operated a sawmill. For three years he conducted the Rumbaugh sawmill on the Allegheny, and, in the fall of 1862, removed to Brady's Bend, where he filled different positions in a mill, of which he became the stock-taker and also foreman and timekeeper. He continued to keep all accounts of the company until the mill closed down, coming to East Brady in 1873. Two years later he was elected justice of the peace, and has since most creditably and satisfactorily filled that position.

On October 31, 1859, near Callensburg, in Clarion county, Mr. McGregor was married, by Rev. David McKay, to Miss Mary M. Elliott, whose parents William and Elizabeth (Hogan) Elliott, were pioneers of the county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McGregor are as follows: Stella, now the wife of M. F. Phillips, of Butler county, Penn.; Lulu, wife of E. K. Weaver, of Fick, Butler county; Harry H., who is in the employ of the Forest Oil Company at Carr, Butler county; and Winslow, deceased.

Mr. McGregor is a recognized leader in the local Republican organization, has served as a delegate to its county conventions, and has done much to advance its interests and insure its success. He has been honored with a number of official positions, being recorder of A. O. U. W. Lodge No. 141, for eighteen years, clerk of the council for the same length of time, secretary and member of the school board for twelve years, and overseer of the poor in East Brady, besides a justice of the peace.

He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for several years. He was on the committee, with Rev. W. L. Riley, which made Francis Murphy a local exhorter in that denomination. His popularity is clearly shown by his election to the many offices which he has so acceptably filled.

W. H. PICKENS, of the firm of Miltenberger & Pickens, editors and publishers of the Republican Gazette of Clarion. Clarion county, is a practical printer as well as an experienced editor and publisher, much of his life having been passed in a printing office.

A son of Samuel Pickens, a Philadelphia business man (an extensive manufacturer of carpets), W. H. Pickens was born in Philadelphia, in 1866. Being rather a delicate child it was thought advisable to have him take an ocean voyage, and, as an aunt was about leaving for Ireland, he accompanied her. The trip proved beneficial, and he became robust in health. While in Ireland he attended school, being under the care of Prof. Logan, one of the celebrated teachers of his day. After a visit of four years he returned to America and joined his father's family at Edenburg, Penn., where they had removed during his absence. At this period of his life he entered the office of the Edenburg Herald, and subsequently the Times, where he remained about one year. He also attended the public school at Edenburg for several years. The family moved to Clarion, the county seat, and Mr. Pickens accepted a clerkship with W. N. Mahey, dealer in books and stationery. His next position was with a large wholesale confectionery firm of Punxsutawney, Penn., where he remained for some time. Coming back to Clarion he entered the composing rooms of the Clarion Democrat, and remained with them two years, when he changed to the office of the Jacksonian; from the latter place he went to the Republican Gazette as foreman. Leaving this position he
formed a partnership with C. M. Gates, under the firm name of Pickens & Gates, and published the Johnsonburg \textit{Vesuvius}. Selling out his interest to his partner, he returned to Clarion, and again became foreman in the office of the \textit{Republican Gazette}. From this position he went to Johnsonburg \textit{Breeze} at that place; next he was foreman of the Condersburg \textit{Populist}. Coming back to Clarion he took charge of the \textit{Democrat} press room as foreman. On January 1, 1890, he formed a partnership with W. C. Miltenberger, under the firm name of Miltenberger & Pickens, and they then took charge of the \textit{Republican Gazette} of Clarion, Penn., as editors and publishers. Mr. Pickens has since continued in this firm, the members of which have been successful in making their paper the best in the county.

\section*{Mathew McGinnis}

Mathew McGinnis, who occupies an influential and prominent position among the agricultural population of Salem township, Clarion county, was born March 27, 1836, on the farm where he still resides, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of the county.

His grandparents, James and Bridget (Wilson) McGinnis, were born near Londonderry, Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, and for some time made their home in Belfast. On coming to the United States they located in Northumberland county, Penn., but in 1803 removed to Salem township, Clarion county, where in the midst of the forest they made for themselves a home. They were Presbyterians in religious belief, and were earnest, consistent Christian people. In politics, the grandfather was a Democrat. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-seven, and his wife when seventy years of age. Their family consisted of the following named: Sarah, William, Martha, Johnson, Jane, Margaret, Mary, Robert and John Foster.

John Foster McGinnis, our subject’s father, was born in March, 1865, on the old homestead in Salem township, and amidst the primitive scenes of frontier life grew to manhood. He married Miss Sarah McClatchey, who was of Scotch extraction. Her father, Charles McClatchey, was a Continental soldier in the Revolutionary war, and spent his last years in Salem township, where at his death his remains were interred. One of his sons, Samuel McClatchey, was a prominent steamboat captain; the remainder of his family were as follows: Betsy, Peggy, Jane, Sarah, John, Robert and William. All of the sons were over six feet in height.

To John Foster McGinnis and wife were born nine children, namely: Mrs. Jane Shell (now deceased), Mathew (our subject), Elizabeth (who died at the age of fifteen years), Harry, Mrs. Mary Wilkinson (of Michigan), John (of Armstrong county, Penn.), Mrs. Sarah Rumbaugh (of Butler county, Penn.), Samuel (of Salem township, Clarion county), and Mrs. Amanda Storey (of Crawford county, Penn.). The father was called from this life at the age of sixty-seven, and the mother at the age of forty-one. Both were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a stanch adherent of Democratic principles.

The knowledge that Mathew McGinnis acquired in the public schools has been greatly supplemented by extensive reading in later years. His boyhood and youth were passed under the parental roof, and he never left the old homestead farm, which he now owns and successfully operates. On December 13, 1860, he was married to Miss Martha, daughter of Gamaliel and Martha (Platt) Clover, and they became the parents of the following children: Viola, now the wife of Joseph Kline, is a graduate of a normal school, and was for fifteen years a most successful and popular teacher; one child who died in infancy; Clarence, a resident of Beaver township, Clarion county; Nettie; Irvin; and a pair of twins who died at birth. The wife and mother, who was an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died in 1870, at the early age of thirty-four years, and left many friends as well as relatives to mourn her loss.

In his political views our subject is a Democrat, and he has been called upon to serve in a number of official positions of honor and trust, being overseer of the poor, assessor, constable four years, and a member of the school board and secretary of the same for several years. For some time he has served as either deacon or elder in the Presbyterian Church, and also as superintendent of the Sunday-school. His support is always freely given those enterprises which he believes calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community, and he is, therefore, numbered among its valued citizens.

Charles S. Shaw, now numbered among the energetic and wide-awake business men of Knox, Clarion county, is the junior member of the firm of White & Shaw, proprietors of the leading livery stable of the place.

Mr. Shaw is a native son of Clarion county, his birth having occurred in St. Petersburg, Sep-
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September 14, 1848. His father, James H. Shaw, a well-known and honored citizen of the county, is now living in Callensburg, where he has been village blacksmith for several years. He was born east of the mountains, near Lewistown, Penn., of Scotch ancestry, and learned his trade at Maple Furnace in Butler county. After coming to Clarion county he was married in St. Petersburg to Miss Elizabeth Sipler, who was born near Philadelphia, on the Delaware river, and they became the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters. The father has been a lifelong Democrat, and his sons, having been rocked in a Democratic cradle, all adhere to the same party.

The knowledge Charles S. Shaw acquired in the schools of Clarion county has been greatly supplemented by reading and travel in later years. During his youth he learned the trades of horse shoering and of painting, and became quite an expert workman in both lines. Going to Manhattan, Kans., in 1874, he was on the State agricultural farm for one year, and then returned to Callensburg, Penn. In 1880, he removed to Trumbull county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming for two years and a half, and on his return to Pennsylvania, in 1882, he located in Parker City, but in the following year again took up his residence in Callensburg, where for four years he served as postmaster under President Cleveland with credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of the public. On March 15, 1897, he purchased the interest of Robert Orr in the livery stable, of which he is now one of the proprietors. The firm is composed of two of the most progressive business men of the town, and well deserve the liberal patronage which they receive.

In 1869 Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Jenny R. Rogers, of Callensburg, a daughter of George Rogers, of Erie, Penn., and to them were born four children: Lizzie May, wife of H. Tipphy, of Callensburg; William Elliott, a resident of De Kalb, Ill.; Mary M., wife of Roy Labaugh, of Clarion county; and Henry W., who died at the age of six months. Mr. Shaw was again married, this time on September 8, 1896, to Miss Charlotte, daughter of Isaac Hepler, of Clarion county.

While a resident of Callensburg, Mr. Shaw served as burgess for three terms, and proved a most popular official, always discharging the duties of that responsible position in a capable manner. He is an honored member of the Odd Fellows Lodge No. 860, of Callensburg, and of the Junior Order of American Mechanics No. 419. In all the relations of life he has been found true and faithful to every trust reposed in him, and has therefore made many warm and admiring friends.

S. E. KISER. Prominent among the successful oil producers and agriculturists of Clarion county, may be named the subject of this historical notice, whose home is in Paint township.

Mr. Kiser is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Oil City, June 13, 1865, and is a son of J. H. and Lucinda (Winger) Kiser. The father was born near the same place, and as his parents were in limited circumstances, he began the struggle of life by doing odd jobs around the furnaces during his boyhood and youth. Being industrious, economical and ambitious, he was finally able to purchase real estate near Oil City, and for some time successfully engaged in buying and selling oil territory. He was a careful speculator, and consequently became one of the wealthy oil producers of Clarion and Venango counties. Purchasing a farm near Edenburg, in the former county, he resided upon that place for eleven years, and then sold to the Columbia Oil Company. In 1861 he purchased the Brennan farm in Paint township, containing 216 acres of well-improved and valuable land, which he now owns, and in 1887 bought what is known as the Isaman farm, near Shippenville, where his son Harrison now resides.

The subject of this sketch is the fourth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Harrison, born in Oil City, in 1855, married Flora Dahle, of Clarion county, and with his family lives on a farm near Shippenville. Sarah, born in 1857, is the wife of Allen Crawford, of Shippenville, where he is engaged in oil tool dressing. They have a family of six children. Susan, born in 1859, married John Sherry, of Edenburg, Clarion county, by whom she has five children, and they now live on his farm near Strattonville. E. W., born in Edenburg, in 1865, married Mary Call, of Shippenville, and has three children. They reside on a farm owned by his father near Shippenville. Bertha, born in Clarion county, died at the age of six years. Josephine, born in Clarion county in 1875, is the wife of Frank Fisher, of Shippenville, by whom she has three children.

In the schools near his childhood home S. E. Kiser pursued his studies, and under the parental roof grew to manhood. At Shippenville, in 1881, he led to the marriage altar Miss Mary Cook, of Paint township, Clarion county, a daughter of George and Opey Cook, the former a prominent lumberman of that region. Eight
children blessed this union, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Bertha J., 1882; George H., 1884; William H., 1886; Ralph A., 1890; Clarence C. and Clara C. (twins), 1892; and John and Frank (twins), 1896.

Mr. Kiser's first purchase consisted of a farm in Geauga county, Ohio, where he made his home for one year, and at the end of that time rented the property and returned to Shippenville, where he engaged in pumping oil for his father for the same length of time. Since 1883 he has owned and operated a farm in Paint township, Clarion county, and upon the place has six oil-producing wells, which add not a little to his income. He has been very successful in business affairs, and now owns 336 acres of valuable farm and oil lands, including a 120-acre farm in Elk township, Clarion county, which he purchased in 1896.

Politically, Mr. Kiser is a firm Republican, has voted with the party ever since attaining his majority, and has efficiently served as school director for six years. Religiously, he and his family are all Protestants, and are highly respected people.

On the old home farm C. H. Painter was reared to habits of thrift and industry, and after attending the common schools of the neighborhood, he was a student for a time in an academy in Ohio. For two terms he successfully engaged in teaching, and then was engaged in the lumber business for ten years. He also spent twenty years in the oil fields, buying and selling oil territory, and in this way he did considerable business for the Standard Oil Company. For fourteen years he made his home in Shippenville, Clarion county, and the following six years were spent at Fern City. During the Civil war he assisted in raising a company, which became Company F, 67th P. V. I., and he was commissioned second lieutenant of the same.

In 1857, in Clarion county, Mr. Painter was married to Miss Elizabeth Neal, a daughter of Samuel Neal, who was of Irish descent, and came to the county in 1835. Five children blessed this union, namely: Minnie, now the wife of L. G. Baker, of Elk township, Clarion county; Anna, wife of Esquire Hack, of Shippenville; Samuel, an oil producer of Butler county, Penn.; Charles, of Clarion, Penn., who is a graduate of the Clarion Academy and of the Williams Commercial College, and is now manager and bookkeeper for the lumber firm in Sullivan county, Penn.; and Mattie, wife of Charles Cromer, of Toledo, Ohio. The sons are reliable and successful business men, and the family is one of prominence in social circles.

Mr. Painter has been called upon to mourn the loss of his estimable wife, who departed this life July 12, 1890. She was an earnest, conscientious, Christian woman, a loving wife and tender mother, and always a friend to the poor and needy. In politics Mr. Painter is a free-silver Democrat, and has always been an active and prominent worker in the interests of his party. Socially, he affiliates with the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Improved Order of Red Men. Throughout life he has ever borne his part in the work of development and progress in his native county, and is therefore deserving of honorable mention.

John Painter, Jr., was a farmer by occupation. On attaining to man's estate he was united in marriage with Miss Frances Kearns, who was born in Butler county, Penn., of Scotch parentage, and they became the parents of the following children: Eliza, deceased; James, who died in Dallas, Tex.; Robert, a lumberman, of Jefferson county, Penn.; William, who prepared for the legal profession under the direction of Judge Campbell, of Clarion county, and died in Texas, in 1858; C. H., of this review; and Mary, deceased wife of Wilson Bell, of New York. The father was a stalwart Democrat in politics, and in religious belief both he and his wife were Presbyterians.

John Ritts owns and occupies a valuable farm of 105 acres in Richland township, Clarion county, pleasantly located one and a half miles from St. Petersburg. The land is under a high state of cultivation, and yields bountiful harvests in return for the care and labor bestowed upon it. Upon the place are two good houses and substantial outbuildings, and also six oil wells, which are in successful opera-
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tion. To farming and oil producing Mr. Ritts has devoted the greater part of his attention throughout his active business life, but is now practically living retired on account of ill health.

Mr. Ritts was born on the old homestead where he still resides, in 1839, and is a son of Eli Ritts, a native of Berks county, and a representative of an old and highly respected Pennsylvania-Dutch family. Being an industrious, energetic man and a good financier, the father met with excellent success in his business enterprises, and accumulated a large and valuable property. On attaining to man's estate he married Miss Kate Ashbaugh, who was born in Clarion county, and was a daughter of Daniel Ashbaugh, one of its honored pioneers and prominent citizens. Seven children blessed this union: Daniel, John, Sophia (who makes her home with our subject), Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Nathan, and Sally. In the exercise of his elective franchise Eli Ritts always supported Democratic principles, and he always took a deep and commendable interest in public affairs. He was officially connected with the Lutheran Church, of which he was a prominent and active member. He died at the age of seventy-eight, and his estimable wife was called to her final rest at the age of eighty-one. Both enjoyed the respect and esteem of all who knew them, and their friends were many.

John Ritts spent his boyhood and youth like most farmers' sons of his day, aiding in the labors of the field and attending the local schools when his services were not needed at home. For three months during the Civil war he served in the Union army, and on his return home resumed agricultural pursuits. He has met with a fair degree of success both in farming and in the oil business, and is accounted one of the reliable and substantial citizens of his community. Politically, he is a staunch Democrat, and religiously, is a member of the Lutheran Church. His sterling worth commends him to the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, and no man in Richland township is held in higher regard.

Jonathan Folk, our subject's father, was born in Dauphin county, where he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he later followed in Centre county throughout the remainder of his life. He was married to Hannah Bathost, a native of Centre county and a daughter of Henry Bathost, who was of English descent. She died at Milesburg, Centre county, when past the age of sixty years, while the father departed this life in Altoona, Penn., at the age of eighty-one. He was a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief.

The following children were born to Jonathan and Hannah Folk: Harry A., a soldier of the 45th P. V. I., who was wounded by a shell, and is now foreman of railroad shops; John is of this review; Joshua, who was also wounded by a shell while serving in the 184th P. V. I., is now an ex-policeman living in Bellefonte, Penn.; U. S., who died in Janesville, Penn., at the age of twenty-three years; Archibald, who is employed in the railroad shop at Altoona, Penn.; and Eli, who is working in the same place.

John Folk obtained his education in the schools of Centre county, and at the age of twelve years began learning the blacksmith's trade under his father's able direction, after which he was employed at Martha Furnace. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company D, 54th P. V. I., and when discharged he re-enlisted at Bellefonte, Centre county, in December, 1863, in the 45th P. V. I., under Col. Theodore Gregg, a nephew of Austin Curtin, the "War Governor." Mr. Folk participated in the battles of Bristol Station and Rapidan, and was all through the Wilderness campaign. He received a bayonet wound in the leg while serving as color guard, but resolved to save the flag or die and not be taken prisoner. He also had his right thumb shot off, and for some time was confined to the hospital. Later he was stationed at City Point, Va., until the close of the war, and was then honorably discharged at Alexandria, Va., August 14, 1865, when he returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.

Mr. Folk continued to make his home in Centre county until 1878, when he came to Clarion county, spending the first three years in Brinkerton. Since that time he has lived upon his present place in Porter township. Here he owned twenty acres of fine land, on which he has erected a nice comfortable residence, and thereon made many other valuable and useful improvements, which add greatly to its attractive appearance. He raises a fine grade of cattle and horses, and also continues to work at his trade.

On May 12, 1866, in Hublersburg, Centre county, Mr. Folk was married to Miss Sarah
Catherine Funk, a native of that county, and a daughter of George W. and Susan (White) Funk, both now deceased. Her father was a member of the 45th P. V. I., and laid down his life on the altar of his country, having been killed at the battle of South Mountain. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Folk: George W., who died at the age of twenty-three years; W. A., a resident of Reynoldsville, Penn.; Harry A., a plumber of Fort City, Penn.; Herbert A., who lives in Clarion county; James A., at home; and Jenny M., wife of Christ Miller, of Ford City.

Politically, Mr. Folk is an ardent supporter of Republican principles, and, socially, is a prominent member of Capt. Case Post No. 239, G. A. R., in which he has served as commander. He is also a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Squirrel Hill, Porter township, in which he has held office. He is a man whose genial temperament, sound judgment and well-proved integrity have brought him the esteem and friendship of a host of acquaintances far and near.

DAVID BOWMAN, who passed away at his home in Farmington township, Clarion county, in 1888, was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of that community, and was numbered among its representative and leading citizens. He was born in Scotland, May 26, 1814, a son of Thomas and Annie (Black) Bowman, and on coming to the New World in 1838 first located in Canada. From there he removed to Pottsville, Penn., where he engaged in coal mining, and in that place he was married, in 1839, to Miss Ellen Robertson, whose birth occurred in Scotland, in July, 1820.

In October, 1840, the young couple came to Farmington township, Clarion county, and for two years Mr. Bowman worked in the Helen furnace. He then purchased 100 acres of wild timber land on the boundary line between Washington and Farmington townships, three miles from Tylersburg, and there erected a little log cabin into which he moved his wife and two children, making it their home for a number of years. Later he erected a hewed-log house and good barn, and made many other improvements besides clearing the land. In 1845 he erected a store building in Newmansville, where he engaged in merchandising for a number of years, and subsequently was similarly employed in Tylersburg until his death.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. David Bowman are as follows: (1) Thomas, born at Beaver Furnace in 1840, wedded Nancy Green, of Forest county, Penn., and they now reside in Hickory, that county, where he is engaged in the mercantile business. He has four children, namely—Lester D., Leona, Glen F. and Ellen. (2) John R., born in Beaver township, Clarion county, in June, 1842, enlisted during the Civil war in Company A, 103rd P. V. I., was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, and died in the hospital at Fortress Monroe. (3) Martin, born on the present homestead of the family in 1844, became a member of the same company as his brother, and died from fever at Suffolk, Va. (4) Adam, born in 1846, died unmarried at the age of thirty years. (5) James, born in 1848, married Lizzie Walter, of Clarion county, and lives in Tionesta, where he is serving as cashier of the Citizens National Bank. His children are Ernest, Effel and Fern. (6) Frank, born in 1850, married Frances Myers, of Clarion county, and they now reside at Bowman's Mills in Forest county, where he is extensively engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber. He has four children—Verne, Forest, Bell and Lula. (7) William, born October 29, 1853, is also engaged in lumbering in Bowman town, Forest county. He first married Mary Williams, of Clarion county, who died leaving one daughter, Florence, and he later wedded her half sister, Alice Williams, by whom he has two children—Bessie and Von V. (8) Edward P., born May 2, 1855, was educated in the common schools, and lives on the home farm with his mother. (9) Margaret A. died at the age of twenty-four years. (10) Charles attended the public schools and later graduated at Duff's College in Pittsburgh. He married Caroline Stockton, and for a number of years engaged in merchandising in Leeper, Clarion county. On selling out to Mr. Shotts, he bought the Green property in Tylersburg, where he has since successfully conducted a store. In 1893 he was elected county treasurer, and for three years most creditably and satisfactorily filled that position. His children are—Roy L., David, Edna, Tivila and Blanche. (11) Jane is the wife of Milton Ault, of Clarion county, and as she is a member of the Bowman firm at Bowmanville, Forest county, her husband now has charge of the company's store. They have one daughter, Ellen, who is now attending school.

After becoming an American citizen, David Bowman was always identified with the Democratic party, and he held the office of school director and treasurer of the board. From a poor boy working in the coal mines, he worked his way steadily upward to a position of wealth and prominence through his own untiring industry
and good management. Although his educational privileges were limited, he possessed a bright mind and was naturally shrewd, so that he was able to make the best use of his opportunities. Broad minded and liberal in his views, he became a leader among men of enterprise, and his influence was always exercised on the side of right and order. Truly such a life is worth having been lived, and such lives deserve permanent record on the pages of their country's history, that others, seeing their good works, may follow in their footsteps. Mrs. Bowman is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington township, and is a most estimable lady, while the family is one of prominence in both business and social circles.

JAMES AND GEORGE W. WRAY are leading representatives of the business interests of Farmington township, where they are successfully engaged in merchandising, lumbering, farming and stock-raising. Energy, close application, perseverance and good management—these are the elements which have entered into their business career and crowned their efforts with prosperity.

William Wray, the father of our subjects, was a native of the North of Ireland, and when eighteen years of age sailed for the New World, first locating in Philadelphia, where he met and married Miss Ellen Boyd, also a native of Ireland. For a number of years he held the position of keeper of the Eastern Penitentiary in Philadelphia, but in 1847 came to Clarion county, taking up his residence in North Pine Grove. He purchased a large tract of timber land in Forest county, and also 137 acres of farming land in Farmington township, Clarion county, of which only a few acres had been cleared and a log house erected thereon. This he later replaced by a large two-story frame residence, and also built good barns and other outbuildings. Prospering in his undertakings, the father subsequently bought another tract of 160 acres of timber land, a 200-acre wooded tract on Maple creek, 130 acres adjoining his home farm, and a third interest in a tract of timber land on Tom's run, where he successfully engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber for a number of years. He was one of the largest dealers in square timber on the Clarion river, and shipped his products to the Allegheny City and Pittsburg markets. Throughout his entire life he continued to extensively engage in lumbering, and also built coal boats for the Western markets. He was a progressive, wide-awake business man, straightforward and honorable in all transactions, and the success which crowned his efforts was certainly well deserved. His death occurred in 1884, when he was aged eighty years, and his wife passed away in 1892, also aged eighty years. They were honored and highly respected citizens of the county, having the confidence and high regard of all who knew them.

Of their nine children, six were born in Philadelphia, and the others in Clarion county: (1) John, born in February, 1831, received a common-school education, and engaged in lumbering with his father for a number of years. He married Nancy Hays, of Forest county, who died leaving two children—William and Mary. Later he married Clara Sloan, of Clarion county, and they now reside in Tylersburg, where he is engaged in the lumber business. (2) Samuel, born in July, 1833, wedded Mary Schrecengost, of Forest county, where they are now living on a farm. They have one son—William. (3) Eliza, born in October, 1835, is the widow of William Hays, of Forest county, who died in Tylersburg, in 1885, leaving two children—Ellen, and William (who is married and lives in Forest county). (4) William, born in October, 1838, was killed while hauling lumber. (5) Albert, born in March, 1841, married Katie Frank, of Clarion county, and now resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead. His children are—Ella (who married George Sanger, of Jefferson county, and now lives in Forest county), Mary (wife of George Harger, of Forest county), Samuel, James, Lewis, Edward, Jennie, Sadie and Ruth. (6) Robert, born in November, 1843, married Sarah Kerr, of Clarion county, and resides in Butler county, Penn., where he is engaged in farming. They have seven children, namely—William (a practicing physician of Kentucky), Curtis (who married a Miss Maitland, and lives in Butler county), Elva, Charles, Augustus, Harry and Archie.

(7) James, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Clarion county, in December, 1847, and received his education in its public schools. On starting out in the business world he engaged in lumbering and rafting on the Clarion river with his father. For the past twelve years he has successfully engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber in partnership with his brother, George W., and they now ship their product over the Pittsburg & Western railroad to all points of the country. He established a large general store upon his farm, and is also interested in agricultural pursuits and stock raising. In August, 1874, he married Miss Minnie Walter, of Clarion county, and took his bride to the old
homestead, where they have since continued to reside, having purchased the place in 1894. They have one daughter, Eliza J., born in June, 1875. She was educated in the Clarion Normal School and the Grove City College.

(8) George W. Wray, also one of our subjects, was born in February, 1831, at his present home, where he grew to manhood, obtaining such an education as the common schools of the neighborhood afforded. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Love, of Mercer county, Penn., and later bought property in North Pine Grove, where he made his home for eighteen years. He then purchased a part of the old homestead, where he still resides. Throughout his business career he has engaged in lumbering and merchandising, and in 1894 purchased his brother's interest in the store, which is still successfully conducting. He has three children, all at home, namely: Bert, who was born in North Pine Grove in 1877, and was educated in the schools of Clarion and the Commercial College of Grove City, graduating from the latter; W. H., born in 1879; and Elizabeth, born in 1887. The store now owned by George W. Wray was built by the father, who conducted it until his death. It was then conducted by the estate until the death of the mother, when George W. purchased it of the estate.

(9) L. B. Wray, the youngest of the family, was born on the old homestead in Farmington township, in September, 1833, and on reaching manhood married Letitia Barr, of Clarion county, now deceased. Later he wedded Miss Clara Brockway, of Forest county, where they now make their home. Their children are—Ella, John, William, Emma and Ollie.

The Wray brothers are staunch supporters of the Republican party, and have served as school directors. In religious faith they are Presbyterians, and they cheerfully give their support to all enterprises which they believe are calculated to promote the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community. Public-spirited, enterprising and progressive, they are numbered among the valued and useful citizens of the community, and have the confidence and esteem of all with whom they come in contact, either in business or social life.

JOHN F. BAKER, the well-known proprietor of the "American House" at Foxburg, was born August 28, 1834, in Buffalo, Erie Co., N. Y., and is a son of Charles and Sarah (Noves) Baker, who were born, reared and educated in England. Both died in Buffalo, the father at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. In their family were twelve children. Our subject obtained a good education in the schools of his native city, and on starting out in life for himself secured a good position as steward on a lake vessel running between Buffalo and Chicago. For nine years he was thus employed, and proved a most successful and popular officer.

On October 6, 1861, Mr. Baker enlisted in Company I, 55th Ill. V. I., under Col. Daniel Stewart, and was first under fire at the battle of Fort Donelson. This was followed by the battle of Shiloh and the siege of Vicksburg, where the Rebels surrendered July 4, 1863. Mr. Baker was a member of the First Brigade, Second Division, Fifteenth Army Corps, was in Gen. Hazen's command for a time, and was also under Gen. Sherman, being with the latter on his famous march to the sea. He participated in the battles of Atlanta, Lookout Mountain, Savannah, Fort McAllister and Goldsboro, where he was honorably discharged after three and a half years of faithful and gallant service.

At the close of the war, Mr. Baker returned to Buffalo, where he spent a short time, and during the wild excitement in the oil regions, he went to Oil Creek, Penn., securing employment on the Miller farm during the great boom there. He also spent some time in Petroleum Centre, Pitthole, Titusville, and Kane, where he was variously employed, but since 1872 has made his home in Foxburg, Clarion county. For eighteen months he held the oil lease on the Daniel Schuyler property, one year was engaged in the oil business with Jesse Smith, and then was connected with the Smily pipeline for the same length of time. Since 1886, however, he has successfully conducted the "American House," which is noted for its excellent fare and the good accommodations it affords the guests. He is not only a popular landlord but is also one of the most highly respected citizens of Foxburg. For nine years he served as superintendent at this place, with credit to himself and the satisfaction of the company.

In 1867, at Petroleum Centre, Penn., Mr. Baker married to Mrs. Jane Morgan, who belongs to a good family of Erie county, this State, where she was born, a daughter of John Steele. Her first husband, Capt. Charles Morgan, was a brave officer in the Union army, and died leaving one son, Major Morgan, now cashier of the Foxburg Bank. To Mr. and Mrs. Baker have been born four children: Charles Henry, one of the leading clerks in the employ of Joseph Horne, of Pittsburg, Penn.; Nina, wife of D. Allen, of Allen's Mills, Penn.; and Irene and
John F., at home. The family are Episcopalians in religious belief, and are quite prominent in social circles.

Fraternally Mr. Baker is a prominent member of the Grand Army Post No. 249, in which he has served as commander, and he also belongs to Canby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M., of St. Petersburg; Eden Chapter, R. A. M., of Clarion; the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 825 of Foxburg; the Knights of Honor; the Ancient Order of United Workmen; and the Knights of the Maccabees. He is a man of broad and liberal views, devoted to his country's best interests, and gives a liberal support to all measures for its advancement.

H. J. SLICKER. Among the prosperous and influential citizens of Richland township, Clarion county, whose position is largely due to his own efforts, the subject of this sketch deserves worthy mention. Since the start given him by his father, he has been the architect of his own fortune, and the success he has achieved in life has been in a great measure due to his indomitable energy and laudable ambition. Since fifteen years of age he has been interested in the oil business, first as a pumper for others, and in 1885 drilled two wells in the Copley field in Ashland township, Clarion county. Three years later he began buying wells, and is now the owner of twenty of the best to be found in the county, five on his home farm, three on the Hiram Neely place, two on the John Ritts farm, four on the Keating farm, two on the Beery farm, and two on the places of Mrs. McCaffery, Mrs. Foust and Mrs. Master, and three on the Keating estate.

Mr. Slicker was born in Richland township, October 7, 1861, and is a son of Ernest and Magdalena (Smith) Slicker, both natives of Germany. They were single on coming to America and were married in Beaver township, Clarion county, after which the father worked at different furnaces, being employed for some time by Judge Keating. Later he purchased forty acres of the Wentling tract, to which he added until he had a fine farm of 175 acres of rich and arable land, and at his death he left a small farm to each of his children. Upon that place he continued to make his home until his death, which occurred in 1887. His political support was always given the Democracy. His wife departed this life at Kossuth, Ashland township, Clarion county, in 1894. Our subject was made executor of his father's will.

In their family were nine children: Mrs. Lottie Utzinger, of Ashland township; George, a farmer of Red Bank township, Clarion county; Mrs. Lena McDowell, of Butler county, Penn.; John, of Limestone township, Clarion county; Mrs. Ellen Merket, who died in Monroe township, Clarion county, in 1885; Mrs. Kate Fairman, of Limestone township; Mrs. Lucy Anderson, of Venango county, Penn.; H. J., our subject; and Mrs. Clara Dinger, of Armstrong county.

H. J. Slicker was reared and educated in Richland township. Since reaching manhood he has been interested in several different enterprises besides the oil business, and is now the owner of the old homestead, comprising 173 acres of valuable and well-improved land, which he successfully operates. He is also interested in dairying, and for that purpose he has a fine herd of fourteen Jersey and full-blooded Holstein milch cows. He is a stockholder in the Alum Rock creamery, and is accounted one of the most enterprising, energetic and reliable business men of the community.

In 1882, in Richland township, Mr. Slicker was married to Miss Alice, daughter of Daniel R. and Anna (Crum) Knight, of Clarion county. Her father died in Richland township, in 1895, but her mother still lives at the old homestead there. To Mr. and Mrs. Slicker have been born four children: Claude, Orpha, Homer and Ernst.

Politically, Mr. Slicker affiliates with the Democratic party, and has been called upon to serve as overseer of the poor in his township. He and his family hold membership in the Lutheran Church at Blair's Corners, and in social circles occupy an enviable position. Possessing unusual ability as a business man, he has a correct judgment as to values, together with admirable foresight, and his investments have almost invariably proved successful. Affable and courteous in manner, he has made many warm friends.

GEORGE F. VOWINCKEL, Sr., a prominent citizen of Clarion, who is active in various business lines of that locality, is a native of Germany, born in 1846.

Anthony Vowinckel, his father, was born in Germany, and in 1847 came to America, and located at Hollidaysburg, Blair Co., Penn., where he began manufacturing soap and candles. He followed this business many years, and in 1883 retired to a farm, on which he resided until his death, which occurred in 1885. His estimable wife is still living. She was Catherine List, and was also a native of Germany. Their children
were six in number, those now living being: Charles V. (a retired merchant), Mary (Mrs. J. L. Metzger, of Altoona, Penn.), and George F. (our subject).

George F. Vowinckel received a good common-school education, and in his younger life assisted his father in his business. In 1869 he left the parental roof to go out into the world for himself, making a beginning in the fancy grocery business along the line of the Northern Pacific R. R., then being built, following its construction between Cheyenne, Wyo., and Benton City. After an absence of two years in that country and line of business, he returned to Pennsylvania, and engaged in the lumber interests in Cambria county. He was successfully engaged in that line of business there for several years, when he moved to the State of Kentucky, and followed for two years the same business. In selling out his interests there he went to Pittsburg, and remained two years, and in 1883 came to Clarion, where he has since resided and been most actively engaged in business, being a man of great energy and snap. He at once entered into the affairs of the borough and county, and his presence and influence have been felt in all movements looking to the advancement of the borough and vicinity. Mr. Vowinckel is interested in various lines of business, among them saw and planing-mill, lumber—and agriculture. He is a director in the First National Bank of Clarion. He is a Republican, believing firmly in the principles of the party. He has not aspired to office, preferring to follow strictly a business life.

In 1870 Mr. Vowinckel was married to Miss Kate R. Walters, of Baltimore, Md. Their marriage has been blessed by five children, four of whom are living, and are as follows: George Frank, Jr., Arthur William, Mazie and John V. The parents of these are members of the M. E. Church. The father is identified with the F. & A. M.

WILLIAM J. RIDDLE, a well-known carpenter and contractor of Foxburg, is one of the most patriotic and loyal citizens residing in Clarion county, having faithfully served his country throughout two of her great wars.

One of the honored sons of Pennsylvania, Mr. Riddle was born in Indiana county, May 8, 1825, his parents being Michael and Catherine (Ponds) Riddle, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Indiana county, Penn. The paternal grandfather, David Riddle, was born in New Jersey, of Scotch and German ancestry, was a drover by occupation, and met his death by accident. John Ponds, the maternal grandfather, was a soldier of the war of 1812. When only three years old our subject lost his mother, who died leaving five children, the others being Margaret, Peter, Mary J., and John P. Later the father again married, and by the second union also had five children, but only two are now living: Eliza Catherine, and Roxanna. The father departed this life in Parke county, Ind., at a ripe old age.

In his native county, William J. Riddle spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and learned the carpenter's trade. In 1845, when the Mexican-war broke out, he joined the regular army, becoming a member of the 8th U. S. Inf., under Col. J. H. Emery and Capt. John Hosick. From Carlisle Barracks, Penn., his regiment went to the field of action, and he participated in the following engagements: Palo Alto, Resaca de Palma, Monterey, Buena Vista, Cerro Gordo, Chapultepec, Vera Cruz, and Mexico City. He was under the command of both Gen. Taylor and Gen. Scott, and at the battle of Buena Vista received a scalp wound. When the war was over he was stationed for three months at Fort Dodge, Iowa, which was then under the command of Gen. P. F. Smith, was later at Lodge Pole Creek, Neb., and from there returned to Carlisle Barracks, Penn., where he was honorably discharged in 1852.

Returning to his old home in Indiana county, Penn., Mr. Riddle remained there until 1859, when he removed to Jefferson county, Penn., but two years later again laid aside civil pursuits to aid in the defense of the Union. Hardly had the echoes from Fort Sumter's guns died away when he enlisted in the three-months' call, becoming a member of Company I, 8th P. V. I., and when his term had expired he re-enlisted, August 27, 1861, in Company B, 105th P. V. I., for three years. He took part in the battle of Seven Pines, the seven-days' fight on the Peninsula, the second battle of Bull Run, the siege of Yorktown, and the engagements at Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. After being discharged in August, 1864, he returned to his home in Brookville, but the following September joined Company B, 21st P. V. I., and participated in the engagements around Petersburg and Richmond until General Lee surrendered at Appomattox. During his service he was confined for four months in a hospital, but with that exception was always found at his post of duty, valiantly fighting for the old flag and the cause it represented. After participating in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., he was honorably discharged and returned home with a war record of which he may be justly proud.
In 1855 Mr. Riddle was married to Miss Caroline McSharin, a representative of one of the highly respected families of Jefferson county, and they became the parents of five children, namely: Mrs. Margaret C. Buzzard, a resident of Oil City, Penn.; William, of Foxburg; James L., of Armstrong county, Penn.; John D., and Mrs. Carrie Jane Petty, both of Foxburg. The parents are both earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and have the respect and esteem of all who know them. In military circles Mr. Riddle occupies an enviable position, and is to-day an honored member of the Grand Army Post No. 249, of which he is commander. As a citizen he stands ready to discharge every duty devolving upon him, and the best years of his life have been devoted to the service of his country.

JOHN D. BELL, who is classed among the successful agriculturists of Farmington township, Clarion county, is well worthy of notice in a work of this character, and to be ranked among the men who have distinguished themselves as useful and enterprising citizens.

William Bell, his father, was born in Richland township, Venango county, Penn., in 1809, where he grew to manhood and married Sarah Davis. He continued to reside upon a farm there until 1840, when he came to Clarion county and purchased 114 acres of timber land in Farmington township, on which he built a round-log house and stable. In the midst of the forest the family made their home while he cleared and improved his land; he afterward built a more pretentious hewed-log house. He died there in May, 1880, and his estimable wife passed away the following September. Both were earnest and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were widely and favorably known. In their family were two children, the only daughter being Elizabeth A., who was born in Venango county in 1836 and became the wife of J. Cook, of Clarion county. He was a lumberman, carrying on operations in both Forest and Clarion counties. Mrs. Cook is now deceased.

John D. Bell, the only survivor of the family, was born in Venango county December 20, 1833, and was ten years of age when brought by his parents to their new home in Farmington township, Clarion county, where he grew to manhood. He attended the district schools of the neighborhood, and assisted his father in the arduous task of clearing and improving the farm. Upon the homestead he continued to reside until 1862, when he went to Oil City, Venango county, and engaged in the oil business for about ten years, but at the end of that time returned to his farm in Clarion county. In 1892 he erected his elegant two-story frame residence, which is supplied with all modern improvements, so that he has one of the most desirable country homes in the locality.

In 1855 Mr. Bell married Miss May Patton, of Clarion county, a daughter of William Patton, of Rimersburg, and to them were born four children: (1) Linnia F., born in 1861, married John Hettsish, of Marionville, Forest Co., Penn., where he owns valuable property and is engaged in the sawmill business. They have two sons, Merrell and John W. (2) William D., born in 1863, married Lou Jones, of Beaver county, and they live in Oakdale, Allegheny Co., Penn., where he is engaged in the oil business. (3) Harry G., born in 1865, at Oil City, married Lizzie Porter, of Allegheny county, and is now engaged in the grocery business in Oakdale. (4) One, unnamed, was born in Venango county, in 1867, died in childhood. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1874, and, two years later, Mr. Bell was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary Neil, of Clarion county, a daughter of John and Nancy (McCormick) Neil, prosperous agriculturists of Farmington township.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell are both active and earnest members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Leeper, and being a strong temperance man and bitterly opposed to the liquor traffic, he gives his support at all times to the men and measures of the Prohibition party. His upright, honorable course in life has commended him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. His actions have ever been sincere, his manner unaffected, and his example is well worthy of emulation.

JAMES McGuire, a worthy citizen and leading farmer of Ashland township, Clarion county, was born April 14, 1820, in Monroe county, N. Y., and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Doyle) McGuire, natives of Ireland, who came with their respective parents to America in 1822, locating in New York State. The father was a farmer by occupation and carried on operations in Monroe county, N. Y., until life's labors were ended, in 1859. His wife, who was of Scotch extraction, died in 1857.

Thus, at an early age, James McGuire was left an orphan and was obliged to begin the battle of life for himself. He was forced to endure many hardships and privations, and his school privileges were necessarily very limited, so that
his education has mostly been obtained through his own efforts since reaching manhood. He is entirely a self-made man, having had no one to assist him, and he deserves great credit for the success that he has achieved.

Until nineteen years of age Mr. McGuire worked as a farm hand in his native State, and then came to Titusville, Penn., where he was employed as a teamster for three years. During the following year and a half he engaged in teaming on his own account, and then began to pump and drill oil wells, since which time he has been more or less actively connected with that work. He now has a half dozen wells in successful operation, and also owns a fine farm of 120 acres in Ashland township, Clarion county, where he follows general farming.

On Christmas Day, 1877, our subject was married to Miss Anna M. Weckerley, of Lime-stone township, Clarion county, and to them have been born five children: Margie M., Katie, Annie M., and John F. and an infant, both deceased. Mrs. McGuire and her daughters are members of the Lutheran Church, and in social circles the family holds a prominent position. For twenty years Mr. McGuire has been identified with the Masonic order, and is now a prominent member of the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery. He also belongs to the Patrons of Husbandry. As a Democrat he has ever taken an active part in local politics, and is at present serving as constable and collector in Ashland township. For almost a quarter of a century he has been a resident of Clarion county, and, as the years have passed, he has faithfully performed his duties of citizenship, and his interest in the welfare and progress of the community has never abated.

JOHN MORGAN, a member of the well-known firm of Fox & Morgan, oil producers of St. Petersburg, Penn., was born in Kittanning, Armstrong Co., Penn., in 1831.

John and Ann (Thomas) Morgan, his parents, were natives of Wales, where their marriage was celebrated. On coming to the United States they located in Armstrong county, living for a time at Brady's Bend, and later at Parker's Landing. From there they came to Foxburg, Clarion county, in 1853. The father was employed as a whip sawyer, and also, as a puddler, he worked in furnaces. He engaged in gardening to some extent, and on coming to St. Petersburg embarked in merchandising, in 1885. He died at that place in 1893, and his wife two years later. In their family were four sons and three daughters, of whom six are now living, namely: Morgan, who now has charge of the Fox estate; Mrs. Mary Mull, of Richey Run, Clarion county; John; Mrs. Matilda Roberts, of Allegheny county, Penn.; Thomas, of Richey Run; and William, of Emimont, Pennsylvania.

The subject of this sketch was reared in Rich-land township, Clarion county, and was educated in the schools of Foxburg. At the age of twenty-five he became interested in the oil business in Armstrong county, and has since been identified with that industry. For a time he carried on operations in Red Valley, Venango Co., Penn., but since taking up his residence in St. Peters-burg, in 1877, he has principally been employed in Richland township, Clarion county. About 1889, as a member of the firm of Fox & Morgan, he began operations in the Richey Run oil fields, and put down wells in the following order—on the Long and Wheeler tract, on the Kaufman property, the William Atnew, the Clark Atnew, and the William Jones farms, the Sherman property, the Master property, and the Clinton Atnew place. They now have thirteen wells in successful operation in Richland township, and are doing a profitable and highly satisfactory business.

In 1871, in Richland township, Mr. Morgan was married to Miss Frances Gilger, a native of Venango county, Penn., and a daughter of Jonas and Hattie (Dravelbiss) Gilger, who were born in Pennsylvania and were pioneer settlers of Venango county, where the mother died. The father's death occurred in Richland township Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have two children living; Mrs. Hattie Shoup, of Gaily, Penn., and Herbert, at home.

Mr. Morgan has always been a Republican in politics, and is now an advocate of the free coin-age of silver. In St. Petersburg he has served as burgess and overseer of the poor with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public. Socially, he affiliates with the Royal Arcanum lodge at that place. Of excellent business ability and sound judgment, he has attained a prominent place among the substantial citizens of the community, and is a recognized leader in public affairs. He has won success through his own untiring efforts and good management, and the prosperity he has achieved is certainly well deserved.

CALVIN COLLNER (deceased) was one of the most popular, public-spirited and enterprising business men of St. Petersburg, where he spent his entire life, his birth occurring there
April 3, 1856. His father, Lewis Collner, was also one of the most prominent and thorough-business men of Clarion county. The public schools of St. Petersburg afforded our subject his educational advantages, and at an early age he became associated in business with his brother, under the firm style of H. Collner & Bros. A man of progressive ideas and indomitable energy, he met with excellent success in his undertakings, and continued in active business until failing health compelled his retirement.

In Mercer county, Penn., Mr. Collner was married to Miss Anna M. Thompson, of Sheakleyville, a daughter of David and Martha (McClarren) Thompson. Her father was the youngest son in the family of twelve children born to John and Mary M. (Findley) Thompson, who were members of the Presbyterian Church and highly respected citizens of Mercer county. Mrs. Collner's maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Williams) McClaren, who were of Scotch-Irish descent, and died in Mercer county. David Thompson was a successful farmer, and was one of the leading and most active members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder. In his family were seven children, namely: William P., who died in 1886; John E.; Anna M., now Mrs. Collner; Sada; Mrs. A. K. Steele; Hettie, deceased wife of C. O. Duvé, of St. Petersburg; and Rose, who married J. N. Hugus, but both are now deceased.

Our subject departed this life at St. Petersburg, June 22, 1887, leaving a widow and two children: Verne Thompson; and Sarah Lucile, who died November 11, 1896, when in her thirteenth year. He made for himself an honorable record in business, as he was a man of the strictest integrity. As a citizen, friend and neighbor he was true to every duty, and justly merited the esteem in which he was uniformly held. In his death the community recognized that it had lost one of its most valued and useful citizens, and the family a loving husband and father. [See sketch of Levi Collner elsewhere in this volume.]

J MILES GRUBE. M. D., an eminent physician and surgeon of Lindsey, Jefferson county, is a native of the county, having been born near Punxsutawney, in 1861. His grandfather, a native of Bucks county, Penn., settled in Centre county, Penn., where he married Barbara Hoy. He was the son of Peter Grube, who came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. The Doctor's grandfather, Joseph Cochran, of Irish birth, a native of Mifflin county, Penn., came to Jefferson county, where he married Eliza A. Cochran, she being a native of Luzerne county, Penn.

Joseph and Amy Q. (Cochran) Grube, his parents, were also born in that county, and there the mother died March 4, 1881; the father is still living, and enjoys fair health for one of his years. His has been a quiet, uneventful life, he having devoted his time and attention to his business and home interests. He has principally followed the occupations of farming and lumbering. In the family were three sons, all of whom became prominent physicians, but the eldest, G. W., died in September, 1896. John E. is now a successful practitioner of Punxsutawney.

Dr. Grube, of this review, received his early education in the public schools and academies of Jefferson county, later was a student at the State College in Centre county, and completed his literary course at Edinboro, Erie Co., Penn. Having been reared upon a farm, his first work was along that line, but he later engaged in teaching, having charge of the home school, where his pupils were mostly relatives and former schoolmates. Subsequently he taught at Burnside, Clearfield Co., Penn., for two years, during which time he read medicine with his brother, Dr. G. W. Grube. Entering the Medico Chirurgical College at Philadelphia, he graduated from that institution in the class of 1889, and at once began the practice of his chosen profession at Galitzin, Cambria Co., Penn., in partnership with his brother. Besides their regular practice they served as surgeons for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. After a year and a half the partnership was dissolved, and our subject located in Lindsey, where he soon afterward established his present drug store. His thorough knowledge of medicine and skill in surgery have won for him the confidence of the people, and he now enjoys a large and lucrative practice. He ranks among the leading physicians of the county, and is a valued member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, and of the State Medical Society.

In June, 1892, Dr. Grube was united in marriage with Miss Kate Douglas, a daughter of James Douglas, of West Virginia, and they have two daughters—Alma and Erma. The Doctor and his wife are both members of the First Baptist Church of Punxsutawney, of which he is serving as trustee, and in social circles hold an enviable position. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics he has always been identified with the Republican party, but cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of official positions, preferring to devote his entire attention to the demands of his profession.
HENRY TRUMAN, associate judge of Jefferson county, Penn., with residence in Brookville, has also been prominently identified with the lumbering interests of the county.

SOLOMON BECK, who is engaged in the manufacture of wagons and carriages in Lineville, Penn., has for many years been prominently identified with the business interests of Clarion county, and has taken an active part in promoting its substantial improvement and material development. He was born April 4, 1839, in Pine Grove township, Venango Co., Penn., and is a grandson of George Beck, who was born in Pennsylvania of Irish ancestry, and became an early settler of Armstrong county. There the father, Isaac Beck, was born and reared, and on attaining to man's estate married Miss Margaret Switzer. Her father, Jacob Switzer, was a native of Switzerland, and aided his adopted country in the war of 1812.

To Isaac and Margaret Beck were born the following children: Mary Ann, Solomon, Mahala, Polly, Susan, Caroline, Lewis, Jacob, George and Lizzie. The mother died at the age of fifty-six years, but the father had reached the ripe old age of eighty-three when he was called to the world beyond. Both were conscientious Christians, the father holding membership in the Lutheran Church, and his wife in the Reformed Church. In politics he was a Democrat.

During his youth Solomon Beck learned the wagonmaker's trade, to which he has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in Company D, 82d P. V. I., for nine months, and took part in the second battle of Bull Run, Mine Run, and several other engagements. Returning home he resumed work at his trade, and to-day is doing an excellent business, his skill and ability winning for him a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1865 Mr. Beck was married to Miss Jane Swab, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of Joseph Swab. They have become the parents of six children, who in order of birth are as follows: Joseph, Allen, Mary, Sarah, Isaac and Matilda. The eldest son began teaching at the early age of seventeen, and was for some time one of the most popular and successful teachers of Clarion county. Later he followed the same profession in Washington, and is now engaged in the lumber business in Tacoma, that State. His brother Allen is with him.

In political views, our subject is an Independent, and he has never cared for the honors of public office, though he served for one year on the school board. He is, however, a public-spirited, progressive citizen, who gives his support to all measures for the public good. Over his life record there falls no shadow of wrong, and his circle of friends and acquaintances in his adopted county is indeed extensive.

GEORGE W. RHOADS. In Monroe township, Clarion Co., Penn., among the honored and respected citizens, there is not one who stands higher in the estimation of his fellow-men than George W. Rhoads, a successful farmer now living retired in a most comfortable home in the well-tilled fertile fields his energies have provided for his advancing years.

John and Mary M. (Moyer) Rhoads, the paternal grandparents of George W. Rhoads, were of German descent, but natives of Union county, Penn., where the former was a wheelwright and a furniture manufacturer. In 1824 they emigrated to Jefferson county, and located in McCallmont township, on what is now known as the Rhoads homestead. In their family of children was a son—John J.—who became the father of our subject. John J. Rhoads was born in Union county, January 1, 1814, accompanying his parents to Jefferson county in 1824. He made his home in that county, following the occupation of farming and lumbering, until his death in 1886, at the advanced age of seventy-two years, respected and mourned by all who knew him; his earthly remains were laid to rest in Granger cemetery, in Bell township, Jefferson county. He had married Ann Bowers, a native of Virginia, and to them were born the following children: Sarah, the widow of Christ Wise, of Bell township, Jefferson county; George W., whose name introduces this review; David, a farmer on the old homestead; Margaret, wife of Abram Zutall, of Henderson township, Jefferson county; Mary A., wife of Frederick Kuntz, a saddler at Big Run, Penn.; Harriet M. and Hannah J., both residing on the old homestead; Andrew P., of Henderson township; Harvey D., John J. and Clara, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. The father of this family was a Democrat in politics, and the entire family were faithful followers of the immortal Martin Luther.

George W. Rhoads was born on the old home farm January 24, 1843, and here he remained through boyhood and youth, attending the neighboring schools and assisting in the work of the farm. For several years the ominous mutterings of the "Great Conspiracy" had threatened the overthrow of the government of this "land of the
free," and when the North arose at the bugle's sounding "assembly" our subject, at the age of nineteen, with every prospect of a bright and happy life before him, left his plow in the furrow, and bidding adieu to home and friends, offered himself in sacrifice, if need be, on the altar of his country. He enlisted in Company A, 105th P. V. I., under Capt. John Hastings, and served until the war was over. At Charles City Cross Roads he was wounded in the right shoulder, and for eight months was in a hospital. Even then his restless activity would not allow him to be quiet, and the patriotism that prompted his enlistment now caused him to offer his services to his weaker comrades, and during his convalescence he served in the capacity of ward nurse. He obtained a furlough to return home to cast his vote for Gov. Andrew Curtin, and then instead of returning to the hospital he joined his company, and remained in active service until May 8, 1864, when, at Spottsylvania Court House, he was wounded in the left side and fell in the hands of the Rebels—a prisoner—and until February 23, 1865, he suffered the horrors of a Southern prison at Libby, Belle Isle and Salisbury, N. C. On the expiration of his furlough, when he returned to his regiment instead of the hospital, the authorities issued writ branding him a deserter, but the captain of his company notified the officials that their so-called deserter was once again in his company in active service with never a wish to desert. The battle had no terrors for him; wherever he saw the stained, shot-riddled flag of his country, there he, too, followed, and though worn by illness and the long marches, he made no complaint, counting no sacrifice too great, if the Union might forever be "one and inseparable." When the last gun had been fired, the last long march taken, the command to "break ranks" given, George W. Rhoads went quietly back to his home in Jefferson county, and for three years worked on the farm.

On March 5, 1868, at Bell township, by Rev. Stouffer; Mr. Rhoads was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Hauck, a daughter of Joseph and Mercy (Tindell) Hauck. The young couple settled on a farm in Bell township, Jefferson county, and there lived until 1893, when they came to their present farm in Clarion county. Their union has been blessed with a large family of children, all of whom now occupy prominent places in the life of the community in which they reside. The following is a brief record of the family: Anna married Henry Spindler, of Bell township; Arthur, deceased at the age of three years; Joseph married Della Pifer, and is a farmer on the old home in Bell township, Jefferson county; Amos E. is the successful manager of the present home farm, and like a truly dutiful son has lifted the burdens from his parents' shoulders that they may find rest and comfort while yet in the very prime of life; Harvey L. is the worthy assistant of his brother Amos; Maude L., Lillie Alice, John, Frank C. and Leonore are all at home, while Ella died in infancy.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Hauck) Rhodes was born in Bell township, Jefferson county, April 26, 1848, where her father, Joseph Hauck, a native of Centre county, Penn., had moved with his parents in early manhood. He married Mercy Tindell, the daughter of Charles and Jane (McIlvain) Tindell, both natives of New Jersey, but who later came to Jefferson county, where Nathaniel Tindell, the father of Charles and great-grandfather of Mrs. Rhodes, was one of the first settlers. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hauck were born: Elizabeth (Mrs. Rhodes); Catharine, who died at the age of eleven years; Charles T., of Clayville, Penn.; John, of Jefferson county; Mary A., wife of George Dickey, a grocer of DuBois, Penn.; Abigail C., wife of Jacob Shaffer, a carpenter at Williamsport, Penn.; Alice, wife of Christ Kunz, a farmer of Gaskill township, Jefferson county; and Irene, wife of Clark Wells, a clerk in a hardware store at Punxsutawney, Penn. The father of this family was a Democrat in politics, and took an active interest in party work up till the time of his death, August 3, 1874, at the age of sixty-three years. His remains now rest in Zion cemetery in Jefferson county. The mother, though born April 9, 1827, is yet living, making her home at Punxsutawney. The entire family were Lutherans.

George W. Rhoads, the subject proper of these lines, has, as may be inferred from preceding statements, relegated the management of this farm to the thrifty care of his son, and now in the full enjoyment of the fruits of his early energies may look proudly over his farm, one of the finest in the county, and say "My labor has accomplished all this." In his political affiliations he has not wandered from the party of his fathers, but uniformly casts his vote for the Democratic ticket, but he has never aspired to office preferring to attend to his own affairs leaving the management of the government to those whose ambitions led them to seek public positions. Socially he occupies a most enviable position, one of those genial, clever men who carry sunshine wherever they go, and whose presence is sought for every occasion. Possessed of a keen insight in public affairs, a sound judgment, his advice is often sought. He and his family
are members of the Lutheran Church, and in their delightful country home presided over by Mrs. Rhoads, such liberal hospitality is dispensed, that friends and strangers alike are made to feel the true, deep meaning of "Welcome."

Boston Shade Gardner is now living retired upon his fine farm in Toby township, Clarion county, enjoying a well-earned rest. With the exception of a moderate legacy left him by his brother late in life, he has acquired all that he now possesses through his own unaided efforts. He started out in life with nothing but his own indomitable energy, but he steadily overcame the difficulties in the path to success, and now has a comfortable competence, which enables him to lay aside all business cares, and spend his declining years in ease and retirement.

Mr. Gardner was born July 11, 1821, one and one-half mile east of his present home in Toby township, and is a son of Ephraim and Hannah (Austin) Gardner, natives of Centre county, Penn. The paternal grandfather, John Gardner, spent his entire life in Centre county, and was a farmer by occupation. Samuel Austin, the maternal grandfather, was born in Ireland, and at an early day emigrated to America, locating in Clarion county, Penn., where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. The parents of our subject were early settlers of Clarion county, where they were married, and in the growth and development of this region they bore an important part. The father was a farmer by occupation, was a Democrat in politics, and was called upon to serve in a number of local positions of honor and trust. He died in August, 1866, at the ripe old age of eighty-two years, and was buried in Rimersburg cemetery; the mother of our subject passed away in 1877, at an early age, and was laid to rest in the Lickings cemetery, Clarion county.

In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Jane, who married John Armstrong, but both are now deceased; Nancy, widow of Robert Fulton, of McKees Rocks, Penn.; Jeremiah, deceased; Lavina, who married Daniel Armstrong (now deceased), and was killed by a railroad train at Monterey, Penn.; Lott, deceased; Boston S.; Harriet, deceased wife of David Vangorder, also deceased; and James, a physician of Liverpool, Ohio. After the death of his first wife, the father married Catherine Eaton, who died in 1872, at the age of sixty-three years. To them were born the following children: Hannah, wife of George Yingling, an undertaker of Freedom, Penn.; Washington, deceased; Polly A., who died when young; Matilda, who married Rev. David Latchchaw, but both are now deceased; Charlotte, deceased wife of Ethel Snyder; Emily, wife of William Gardner, a farmer of Centre county, Penn.; Johnson, a resident of Photo, No.; Harvey E., a prominent citizen of Clarion county; and Jesse, a merchant of Rimersburg.

On leaving home at the age of twenty-eight years, the subject of this sketch was without capital and his wardrobe was very scanty. For some time he worked at anything he could find to do that would yield him an honest living, and finally secured a position in a pottery, in Beaver, Penn., where he was employed for two years. His hard work brought on a hemorrhage, which compelled him to give up that business. Returning home, he purchased fifteen acres of his present valuable farm, which now comprises ninety and one-half acres of rich and arable land. He has practically made his home upon this place since the age of twenty-eight years, but to-day does not engage in active labor, renting the farm on shares. In Rimersburg, March 13, 1851, he married Miss Nancy J. Newell, Rev. A. Keller, a Methodist Episcopal minister, officiating. Six children bless this union, namely: Mary, wife of Murdoch McLain, a carpenter of Pittsburg, Penn.; James C., who married Jennie Grant, and is now collector for an organ company of Pittsburg; Lott, who married Carrie Duncan, and is clerking for Boggs & Buehl, of the same city; William, who married Carrie Wilson, and is studying medicine in Pittsburg; and Albert, who married Catherine Bray, and is agent for a piano company of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Gardner was born at Pennsylvania Furnace, Centre county, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1826, and has for several years been an invalid, but she bears her sufferings very patiently. Her parents, William and Mary (McKinney) Newell, were also natives of Centre county, where the paternal grandfather, John McKinney, located on his emigration from Ireland. Later he became a resident of Clarion county, and his death occurred in Rimersburg. Throughout life he engaged in the manufacture of cloth. William Newell followed blacksmithing in his native county until 1841, when he removed to Clarion county, conducting a shop in Rimersburg for several years. He was called to his final rest in 1877, at the age of eighty years; his wife died in 1862 while on a visit to her son in Oil City, Penn., at the age of sixty-five. Both were laid to rest in the Rimersburg cemetery. The children born to them were as follows: Sarah, who-
married Jacob Shaffer, but both are now deceased; James, who is living retired in Pittsburg; Nancy, wife of our subject; Mary A., widow of John Wallace, and a resident of O'Neil, Neb.; John and William, who both died in childhood; Samuel, a teacher, who died in Oil City, Penn., and Eliza (deceased), who first married Robert McCutchin, and after his death wedded George Elias, a blacksmith of Dayton, Penn.

In 1865, Mr. Gardner was drafted for service in the Union army, but participated in no battles. Politically he has always endeavored to support the man best qualified for the office, and first gave his influence to the Democratic party, later to the Republican party, but is now a stalwart Prohibitionist as he is a strong temperance man. For sixty years he has been a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his estimable wife also belongs, and their lives have ever been in harmony with its teachings. Both possess excellent memories, and can relate many interesting incidents of pioneer life.

Mr. Frazier married Mary Wentling, who was born, reared and educated in Clarion county, a daughter of Thomas Wentling. Two children grace this union: Gertrude and Carrie. Mr. Frazier is independent in politics, preferring not to be bound by any party lines, and in casting his ballot he supports the man whom he believes best qualified to fill the position. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has never allowed his private interests to interfere with his duties of citizenship, and he has thus become honored and esteemed by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, or who have met him in a business way.

PHILLIPS, M. D., of Leeper, is one of the most able representatives of the medical profession in Clarion county. In this county he has spent his entire life, his birth occurring in Porter township, August 18, 1835, and he belongs to one of its honored families.

His grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth Phillips, who, in 1820, left their home in Bucks county, Penn., and came to Clarion county. The grandfather purchased 300 acres of wild land in Porter township, from which he developed a good farm, and upon that place he made his home until called to his final rest in 1867. His estimable wife died in 1895, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years. In their family were nine children, namely: Harvey; Michael, who was a Union soldier in the Civil war and died from wounds received in battle; Jacob, who resides on the old homestead in Porter township; Hannah, wife of the Rev. John Soliday, of Forest county; Delila, wife of Daniel Soliday, of Pittsburg; Maria, who was killed by a tree falling on her; Nancy, who was born in Porter township, where she still resides; Caroline, wife of James P. Divins, justice of the peace of Porter township; and G. V., father of our subject.

G. V. Phillips was born in 1832, in Porter township, Clarion county, and there grew to manhood. He purchased 100 acres of land adjoining the old homestead and converted the wild tract into a desirable farm. In 1873 he replaced his first home by a commodious and pleasant two-story residence, and also made other valuable improvements upon the place. He retired from farming, however, in 1881, and has since successfully engaged in the grocery and meat business in the city of Clarion.

G. V. Phillips was married to Miss Catherine Henry, and they became the parents of four sons:

(1) E. P., born in 1853, in Porter township, began his studies in the public schools of the
neighborhood, but later pursued his studies at Reedsburg, Clarion county. He married Miss Maggie Slater, of Clarion county, and is engaged in business with his father; he has four children—Katie, Edna, Bessie and John. (2) The Doctor is the next in order of birth. (3) H. S., born in 1857, received a common-school education, and married Maggie Shanefelt, of Porter township, by whom he has one son, Earl. They reside on his farm in Porter township. (4) L. M., born in 1860, still resides on the old homestead in Porter township; he married Pearl Fulton, of Clarion county, and has four children—George Karl, Millie, Fred and James B.

Dr. Phillips attended the local schools until fourteen years of age, and then secured a position in the store of M. S. Arnold, where he was employed for some time. Subsequently he attended the Reedsburg Academy, graduating from that institution in 1873, and then entered the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. A. Wick, in New Bethlehem, Clarion county, where he was a student for one year. In 1874-75 he attended the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and later graduated in a medical college at Cleveland, Ohio. He began the practice of his profession in New Salem, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he remained until 1878, when he located in Lickingville, Clarion county. In 1888 he came to Leeper, where he soon built up an excellent practice. He also erected a building, in which he has since conducted one of the best drug stores in the place.

In 1879 Dr. Phillips was married to Miss Elizabeth Gilford; of Clarion county, and to them were born three children: Katie E., who was born in January, 1880, and died the same year; George D., born in May, 1882; and Frank P., born in 1885. The parents both hold membership in the Lutheran Church, and the Doctor is a member of the Clarion County Medical Society. Dr. Phillips is descended from good old Whig stock, and is a pronounced Republican in politics. It is but just and merited praise to say that as a physician he ranks among the ablest in the county, as a citizen is honorable, prompt and true to every engagement, and as a friend a model worthy of all imitation.

JOSEPH LOLL (deceased). Although of foreign birth, Clarion county had no more patriotic or loyal citizen than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. For three years and a half he valiantly aided his adopted country in her struggle to preserve the Union, and subsequently was recognized as one of the most valuable and useful citizens of Fryburg.

Mr. Loll was born in the province of Alsace, France, August 29, 1840, a son of Anthony and Mary Ann (Keal) Loll, natives of the same country, the former born November 17, 1797, and the latter June 16, 1803. For seven years the father was a member of the French army. When our subject was a lad of thirteen the family immigrated to the New World and took up their residence at Prospect Furnace, near Calsenburg, in Clarion county, Penn., where the parents spent their remaining years, the father dying January 29, 1890, and the mother October 1, 1895, when both were in their ninety-third year. Becoming widely and favorably known, they made many friends, and their death was deeply felt throughout the entire community. Their children were as follows: Anthony, George, Joseph, John, Catherine, Theresa, Mary Ann, and Frances. Of this number, John was a member of the 103rd P. V. I. during the Civil war, and, being wounded in the foot, died of lockjaw in a Washington hospital at the age of nineteen years.

From 1852 up until the time of his death June 7, 1897, Joseph Loll was a resident of Clarion county, and upon the home farm he grew to manhood. Here he completed his education, which was begun in France. On leaving the parental roof in 1856, he came to Fryburg, and for a time engaged in teaming to Pittsburg, but when the Civil war broke out he responded to the President’s call for aid, and, in August, 1861, enlisted in Company F, 63d P. V. I. He participated in the engagements at Seven Pines, Fair Oaks, and Malvern Hill, the second battle of Bull Run, and the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. At the last named he was shot in the lung, May 3, 1863, and on the 5th of May, 1864, was shot in both ankles. For fifteen days he lay upon the field, and was then taken to the hospital, where he remained from June 15 to November 4, 1864, returning home in time to cast his ballot for Lincoln in that year. Having made for himself a war record both honorable and glorious, he was honorably discharged February 6, 1865.

After the war Mr. Loll engaged in the sawmill business for some time, and also became interested in coal mining, but finding these labors too arduous, he embarked in the hotel business in Fryburg, conducting the “Eiseman House” for several years. Under his able management it became one of the most popular hotels in the county, and therefore proved quite profitable.

On May 1, 1866, Mr. Loll was married to
MISS HENRYISMAN, a daughter of Lambert and Catherine (Fasenmeyer) Eiseman, the former now deceased. Ten children blessed this union, but only five are now living, namely: Ed, James, Leopold, William, and Anselm. Leopold is a member of the regular army, and is now stationed on Davis Island. John A., who died at Buffalo, N. Y., October 19, 1893, at the age of twenty-seven years, was also in the service at the time of his death. The others deceased are: Catherine and Florian, who both died at the age of five years; Mary at the age of three years; and Louisa at the age of sixteen months. In politics Mr. Loll was a Republican, and was honored with a number of local offices, the duties of which he most capably discharged. He was a prominent member of the Grand Army Post, No. 475, and had served as senior vice-commander in the same. He was a pleasant, genial gentleman, of high social qualities, and was very popular, had a most extensive circle of friends and acquaintances who esteemed him highly for his genuine worth.

W. DINSMORE, retired, post office address Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, is favorably known in the locality where he resides.

JOSEPH A. SUMMERVILLE. Men of marked ability, forceful character and culture leave their impress upon the world, written in such indelible characters that time is powerless to obliterate their memory or sweep it from the minds of men. Their commendable acts live long after they have passed from the scene of their earthly careers. In Mr. Summersville we find one of the most prominent citizens of Clarion county, where he is now acceptably serving as county surveyor.

Born January 4, 1833, in Franklin township, Armstrong Co., Penn., Mr. Summersville is a representative of a good old family of Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather, James Summersville, was born near Belfast, in County Down, Ireland, and was a member of the Seceder or Presbyterian Church. In his native land he was reared and educated, and when a young man crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence in Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty-six he was married in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, to Miss Sarah Scott, a native of that county, and a daughter of James Scott, who was born in Scotland. They became the parents of the following children: William; Samuel; John; Joseph; Azel; Ann, wife of Abram Titus; Margaret, wife of William Ferguson; Hannah, wife of William Minteer; Fanny, wife of J. D. Rankin; and two others now deceased. With the exception of one, all lived to be over seventy years of age. The father of this family was one of the first settlers west of the Allegheny river in Armstrong county, and there on the old homestead farm he and his wife died at a ripe old age, he having attained the age of ninety-eight years. He was first a Whig, and later a Republican, in politics, and was a valued and honored resident of his community.

John Summersville, father of our subject, was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated. Later he followed the tailor's trade until 1838. In 1827 he located on a farm three miles west of Kittanning, and there continued to make his home until called to his final rest in 1881. He married Miss Catherine Ferguson, who was born in Adams county, Penn., on what afterwards became the battlefield of Gettysburg, and was a daughter of William and Emily Ferguson, the former a native of Ireland. While the battle was raging at Gettysburg a Confederate soldier conveyed her eldest daughter, then residing on the farm, on the back of an old gray horse, to a place of safety outside their lines.

Our subject is the third in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: James H., a resident of Clarion county; William, a merchant at Chillicothe, Mo.; John F., who died in Clarion county; Samuel M., who was for three years a member of the 78th P. V. I. during the Civil war, and now lives at Vandergrift, Penn.; Emily J., wife of James Ferguson, of Vanderbilt; Sarah C., wife of Francis Dounz, of Armstrong county. The father was a stalwart Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were earnest, consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Reared in a good Christian home, Joseph A. Summersville grew up to be honest, industrious and enterprising, and after attending the public schools he was for a time a student in the Freeport Academy of Pennsylvania. At the age of twenty he began teaching, and successfully followed that profession for nine years, or in all ninety months. In 1856 he came to Clarion county and first located in Porter township. It was in 1866 that he removed to his present farm of 100 acres in Madison township, and to its cultivation and improvement he has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention with most satisfactory results.

At Brady's Bend, Penn., Mr. Summersville
was united in marriage with Miss Laura Sage, a native of that place, and a daughter of James and Margaret (Horn) Sage. Her father was born in Vermont. To Mr. and Mrs. Summerville were born six children: John F., who graduated with honor at McCorkle College of Ohio, in 1879, and is now a successful physician and surgeon of Monroe, Clarion county; William J., who for some time engaged in teaching, but is now a carpenter in Apollo, Penn.; T. B., a carpenter of Clarion county; J. E., a popular hotel proprietor of Rimersburg, Clarion county; Mary, wife of E. Conner, of East Brady; and Maggie, wife of H. H. Shafer, of Rimersburg. The wife and mother died in 1876, and two years later Mr. Summerville wedded Miss Mary C., daughter of John Scott, of Clarion, and by this union have been born the following children: Viola, Anna, Forest B., Ray, Scott, Denny J., Amy, Maud, and Joseph A.

Mr. Summerville's political support is given the Democracy, and he is one of the best informed men in the county on the subject of American politics. He ranks among the most honored counselors of his party, and his opinion and advice are often sought on questions of greatest importance to the community. For thirty years he has served as justice of the peace, was secretary of the school board for sixteen years, tax collector ten years, and also treasurer, while he has been county surveyor for five years. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1877 and 1878. His popularity is shown very clearly by his elections to the numerous offices which he has so creditably and satisfactorily filled. He is one of the active and prominent members of the Associate Presbyterian Church of Rimersburg, and is now serving as elder. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend, and his deep and sincere interest in the welfare of his fellow men prompts his support of various charities and enterprises that are calculated to prove of general benefit.

REV. FRANK P. BRITT, pastor of Pisgah Presbyterian Church, Corsica, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, is a gentleman well known and much respected.

ANTHONY H. BECK, ex-sheriff of Clarion county, for years a builder and contractor and a genial landlord, who is extensively known throughout the county where he has passed his life, was born November 16, 1836, at Salem, Clarion county.

George Beck, his father, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., but who upwards of sixty years ago located in Clarion county. He married Elizabeth Schotts, who was born in Clarion county in 1816, and died in 1897. The father of these died when our subject was so young that he does not remember him. The mother who lived her long life in this community was widely known and greatly esteemed.

Sheriff Beck, as he is known to all, losing his father at so young a period in his life, received but few school privileges and those in the schools of Salem, which he attended until fourteen years of age. Early in life he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it for years. He also learned millwrighting, and, in 1856, paternmaking which occupation he followed until the tocsin of war sounded, when he enlisted as a sergeant in Company H, 8th Penn. Res. Corps as a three-months' man; the company, however, was not accepted as such but was taken as a three-years organization. The command was assigned to the Army of the Potomac and performed good, and, at times, most thrilling service. Mr. Beck was in the various engagements in which his regiment participated. At the battle of Charles City Cross Roads June, 30, 1862, he received a gunshot wound in the face which shattered the left jaw. He was also wounded slightly in the left leg and side in other engagements. He rose from second sergeant to first lieutenant, being mustered out as such with the command at Spottsylvania Court House, Va., May 18, 1864. On returning home on July 14th of that year, he raised a company to enter the service for ninety days, in the recruiting of which some of his associates joined another division and the company was filled up at Pittsburg, and it was assigned to the 1st Penn. Inf., and designated as Company A, 100 days-service. Lieut. Beck was commissioned captain of the company, which instead of serving the specified time became a five-months' organization, being mustered out at Pittsburg in November, 1864. Capt. Beck then returned to Clarion county, and, at Cooksburg assisted in building a sawmill. For some years following the close of the war he was actively engaged in following carpentering and building, and during that time he erected many of the leading buildings of the county; among them are the beautiful Clarion Normal School Building, the "Jones House," and several of the church edifices. In 1873 he was elected sheriff of the county, and filled the position ably and creditably for upwards of three years. He was an efficient officer, and served the people satisfactorily. On retiring from office he engaged in the hotel business at Parker's Landing, then he kept the "Jones
House" at Clarion, and has since been interested in the houses at both places. He is a genial and affable gentleman, and, perhaps, no one in the county enjoys a larger acquaintance and is more favorably known. He is popular with the masses, and is a man that commands the respect of the community at large.

In 1866 Mr. Beck was married to Margaret Potter, who was born in Clarion county. Her death occurred April 10, 1860. No children were born of this union, but our subject and his noble wife shared their home with an adopted daughter, now Mrs. L. H. Frank. Socially, our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F., being next to the oldest past grand of his lodge. He is also a member of the G. A. R. In politics he has been a life-long Democrat. He has served as chief of the fire department of Clarion.

ISAIAH J. WIREBACK, M. D., of St. Petersburg, is one of the most prominent representatives of the medical profession in Clarion county. He was born in Hilltown township, Bucks Co., Penn., August 5, 1839.

The family is of German extraction. Isaac Wireback, his grandfather, was a native of this country. He passed the latter part of his life in Lehigh county, Penn. His wife, Mrs. Catharine Wireback, had passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey when she was called to the world beyond.

Benjamin Green Wireback, the Doctor's father, was a native of Lehigh county, but was reared in Bucks county, where he married Miss Catharine Bitting, who was born in Hilltown township, that county. Her father, Abel Bitting, was of Welsh descent. The Doctor is the oldest of their three children, the others being Thomas B., a resident of Philadelphia, Penn.; and Artemus, a bookkeeper for a mercantile firm in Philadelphia. The father was a farmer by occupation, and a Democrat in politics. He held membership in the Reformed Church, took an active part in all Church work, and served as elder for many years. He died at the age of seventy-two, his wife at the age of sixty-two.

Dr. Wireback passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native county, attended an academy in Allentown, and also A. R. Horn's Classical and Normal School in Bucks county, Penn. He has throughout his entire life made a special study of higher mathematics, and is to-day one of the most proficient scholars in that science in Pennsylvania. At the age of seventeen he began teaching, and in 1863 commenced the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. James G. Mensch, of Pennville, Bucks county, one of the best known and most successful physicians in that section of the State. Later he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated with the degree of M. D., in 1866, and at once opened an office in Sellersville, Bucks county. Later he engaged in practice for six years in Evansport, Ohio, and on his return to Pennsylvania located in Scottsdale, Westmoreland county, but since 1876 he has made his home in St. Petersburg; where his skill and ability soon won for him an excellent patronage.

On July 1, 1868, Dr. Wireback was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Fisher, a daughter of Rev. P. S. Fisher, a minister of the Reformed Church at Sellersville, who was taken sick in the pulpit while preaching. While in the midst of his discourse, he was unable to conclude his sermon, descended from the pulpit, was assisted to a neighboring dwelling where he expired before any of his family could be summoned. He was aged sixty-eight years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Veronica Heckert, is also deceased. To the Doctor and his wife were born six children, five of whom are still living, namely: Frank, who is now employed in the oil fields of West Virginia; Madge E.; Verona, a teacher of manual training, now residing in St. Louis; Joseph F., a bookkeeper; Nevin H., who is still in school; and Alice, deceased.

For years Dr. Wireback has been a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democratic party in Clarion county, and has been a delegate to many of its conventions, representing his district at the State Convention in Reading, in August, 1897. He has served as a member of the school board of St. Petersburg for nearly twenty years, takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare of the town, and withholds his support from no enterprise calculated to prove of public benefit. Fraternally, he is a member of Canby Lodge No. 520, F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the offices, and also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees, the Royal Arcanum, the County Medical Society, the State Medical Society, the American and National Medical Associations, and the Association of Railway Surgeons, being surgeon for the Pittsburg & Western railroad. He is also a member of the Allegheny Valley Clinical Association, and is widely recognized as one of the most successful and able physicians and surgeons of Clarion county. The Doctor is a prominent and active member of the Reformed Church of St. Petersburg; he was made an elder of this Church while residing at Scottsdale, Westmoreland county, and he has also been choir leader.
for nearly eighteen years, and superintendent of the Sabbath-school for several years. His daughter Madge is a member of the choir. The family is one of prominence in social circles, and enjoys the hospitality of the best homes in St. Petersburg.

QUINCY A. CRAIG is a well-known and prominent merchant of Greenville. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a leading place among the substantial citizens of Clarion county, and is a recognized leader in public affairs. He has won success by his well-directed, energetic efforts, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well deserved.

Mr. Craig is a native of Clarion county, born in 1851, and is a son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, who were born, reared, and married in Indiana county, Penn., but at an early day came to Clarion county, where they spent their remaining years. By trade the father was a millwright, and followed that occupation for many years, but he also engaged in lumbering, milling, and merchandising. He owned a large tract of timber land in Clarion county, and also the store in Greenville which is now conducted by our subject. Public affairs also claimed his attention, and he creditably served in a number of local positions of honor and trust, including that of justice of the peace and postmaster of Limestone, the last of which positions he filled during the war of the Rebellion and up to the time of his death. He departed this life in 1881, and his wife passed away in 1891. Seven of their eleven children are still living, namely: W. T.; John F.; Mary M., wife of James Todd; J. H.; R. M.; Nancy J.; and Quincy A.

After attending the common schools near his home for some time, Quincy A. Craig, of this sketch, entered the academy at Callensburg, Clarion county, where he completed his literary education. His business training was received in his father’s store, where he began clerking at an early age, and after being employed in that way for a number of years he took a business course in Duff’s Mercantile College, of Pittsburg, Penn.; graduating from that institution in 1871, after which he was given an interest in the business. On the death of his father he became sole owner, and has since successfully carried on operations as a general merchant, receiving a liberal share of the public patronage.

In 1875 Mr. Craig was married to Miss Sarah J. Scott, a daughter of Andrew Scott, a native of Ireland. Seven children blessed their union, of whom five are now living, namely: Warren C., who assists his father in the store; Elsie B.; Helen T.; Hazel M.; and Emmons F. The parents hold membership in the Presbyterian Church, and Mr. Craig is now serving as Church treasurer, having filled that position acceptably for the past ten years. Socially, he is a member of the American Mechanics, and, politically, is identified with the Republican party. He, too, has served as justice of the peace, and has been postmaster of the Limestone post office at Greenville since 1890, discharging his duties in a prompt and commendable manner. He is not only one of the leading business men of his native county, but is also one of its valued and representative citizens, whose name is honorably and inseparably connected with its history. He is very progressive, and has taken a most active part in promoting the county’s interests and substantial improvement.

DAVID O. ETTERS, Superintendent of the City Schools of Bellefonte, Centre county, Pennsylvania.

J. E. McINTYRE, foreman of the Venus Oil Company, with which he has been connected since 1895, was born in Shippenville, Elk township, Clarion county, in 1846, a son of John and Lucy (Wood) McIntyre, the former a native of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, Michael McIntyre, a stone mason by trade, was born in Ireland, and educated for a priest, but rather than take up the priesthood he left his home at about the age of sixteen and came to Philadelphia where he clerked in a store for his uncle a year or so, or until the latter’s demise. From there he went to New Jersey, where, later on, he was married to Miss Nancy Cunningham. On coming to Clarion county, Penn., he here purchased a partially-improved farm now owned by the Kahles, and to its further development and cultivation he devoted his energies for a number of years. In Shippenville, he died in 1847, and his wife in the year following. He left one sister, Margaret, better known as “Peggy,” who conducted a store in the City of Dublin. His mother’s or grandmother’s maiden name was Mollie Townley.

John McIntyre, our subject’s father, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in Elk township, and, on attaining man’s estate, was married in Ashland township, Clarion county, to Miss Lucy Wood, a native of New York. Nine children were born to them, only five of whom are now living: Mrs. Ollie Culbert, of Elk township; J.
COMMEMORATIVE BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

E., of this sketch; Ambrose, a resident of Nebraska; Mrs. Florence Patterson, of McKean county, Penn.; and Orrin, of Pleasantville, Penn. In 1859, the time of the Pike's Peak excitement, John McIntyre started for that place, but failed to reach his destination. He remained in the West, however, until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the cause, and served as general wagon-master until honorably discharged. He died away from home in the West, in the year 1885. His widow now makes her home in Haynie, Clarion county.

The subject of this sketch was seven years of age when his parents removed to a farm in Elk township, but, at the early age of fourteen, he left the paternal roof and started out to make his own way in the world. Since then his time and attention have principally been devoted to the oil business, first on Oil creek, and later, in Venango, Warren, McKean and Clarion counties, Penn., and also in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia. In 1882 he located in Elk township, Clarion county, and for a time was engaged in general merchandising in Pitch Pine. He was also appointed postmaster of Haynie in 1887, a position which he is still filling to the satisfaction of all concerned. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Democracy. He is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families of Clarion county, and is recognized as one of its valued and useful citizens, giving his influence to all enterprises calculated to advance the general welfare.

In 1870, in Washington township, Clarion county, Mr. McIntyre was married to Miss Maggie Seigwarth, a native of that township, and a daughter of one of its highly respected early settlers—John H. Seigwarth, who died in 1866. She is one of a family of nine children, the others being Harrison and M. P., both residents of Dubuque, Iowa; Mrs. Jane Kapp, of the same township; Rose, Mrs. D. P. Kahle, of Lineville, Clarion Co., Penn.; Mrs. Amsler, who died in Forrest county; Oliver, of Venango county; J. J., of Alabama; and Austin, of Washington township, Clarion county. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre have one daughter, Naomi, now Mrs. Swab, of Pitch Pine.

JACOB L. LONG, a well-known and highly-respected citizen of St. Petersburg, Clarion county, is a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Armstrong county August 9, 1831. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Long, was a native of Germany, and on reaching manhood married Miss Rachel Crozier, by whom he had seven children, namely: John, Jacob, Robert, William, Christian, Susan and Rachel.

The father of our subject, who also bore the name of Jacob, was born in Indiana county, Penn., and wedded Barbara Shirley, a daughter of Thomas Shirley, who was of English descent, and a farmer by occupation. Ten children graced this union, as follows: Jacob L., of this review; Thomas and John, both residents of Henry county, Ill.; Robert, of California; William, of Gage county, Neb.; Melinda J., wife of William Spahr, M. D., of Tarentum, Penn.; David T., who was a soldier of the Civil war, and died in Andersonville prison; Mary E., wife of C. Chapin, of Garden Grove, Cal.; Clark M., deceased, who was a farmer by occupation, and was also a Union soldier; and Mathias A., a resident of Mexico, Mo. The father, who was a cooper by trade, died in St. Petersburg, Penn., in 1869, but his wife spent her last days in Gage county, Neb., dying there when in her eighty-seventh year. Both were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Long, whose name introduces this article, was reared in Westmoreland county, where he resided for a number of years, and also made his home for a time in Indiana county, but since 1872 has lived in St. Petersburg. For ten years he followed the blacksmith's trade, but for some time past has been interested in the oil business. Being one of the influential and prominent citizens of his community, he has been honored with a number of official positions, serving as constable for ten years, tax collector, and superintendent of the water works. He also held office while living in Westmoreland and Indiana counties, and always discharged his official duties in a commendable and satisfactory manner.

In Indiana county, Penn., Mr. Long was married to Miss Margaret Jane Boyle, who was born June 2, 1827, in Armstrong county, where she successfully engaged in teaching previous to her marriage. They have become the parents of six children, five still living: (1) Thomas Clark, a contractor of St. Mary's, Ohio, is married and has two children—Josephine M. and Leo McGinley. (2) John M. is a resident of Knox, Penn., and has one son, Benjamin Albert. (3) Mary Jane is the wife of J. F. Vensel, of Tarentum, Penn., and has four children—Nettie Viola, Luella Grace, Gertrude Wenona, and Birdie Olive. (4) William Henry is a contractor of Butler county, Penn., and has two children—Mintie Zoe, and Sarah Margaret. (5) Lizzie Bell is at home. (6) Nettie Florence died at the age of three years.
Thomas Boyle, father of Mrs. Long, was born in Somerset county, Penn., in 1797, and was a son of Charles E. Boyle, a native of Somerset county, Penn. The former married Eliza McGinley, who was born in Franklin county, Penn., and they became the parents of three children, namely: Margaret Jane; Maria Ann, wife of John Trimble; and Eliza D., who died when young. The mother of the children died in 1834, and for his second wife Thomas Boyle married Maria Adair, by whom he had four children: N. Amanda, wife of James Briggs, an editor living in Anita, Iowa; Thomas Newton, presiding elder of the Pittsburg Conference; Hannah A., principal of the high school of Atlantic, Iowa; and Benjamin Franklin, a Presbyterian minister living in Salem, Ohio. The father of this family died in Johnstown, Penn., in 1846, and his second wife passed away in Blairsville, Penn., in 1882.

Maj. Pomeroy, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Long, was a Revolutionary hero, and one of the first white settlers of Westmoreland county. The following article taken from a newspaper gives an account of some of his experiences with the Indians at that early date. "On the premises of John Cummins in Westmoreland county are a corn crib and pig sty, each of which is built of logs. The logs are thickly punctured with bullet holes, and the bullets that made them are still imbedded in the logs. The logs were cut more than 100 years ago by Colonel Pomeroy, one of the first settlers in what is now Westmoreland county, who built a log cabin in the wilderness with them for himself and family. Pomeroy was a famous Indian fighter, as was Maj. Bell, who lived with his family a mile and a half distant. One day Col. Pomeroy's cabin was attacked by a band of Indians. Pomeroy barricaded himself and family in the cabin, and the Indians besieged them all afternoon, firing frequently into the walls. The firing was heard by Maj. Bell, who crept through the woods to the spot. Seeing that the Indians were too strong for him to attack, he returned home, placed his wife and two children on his two horses, and making a circuitous route through the woods approached Pomeroy's besieged cabin from the rear. He succeeded in signalling the Colonel, and Pomeroy managed to get away from his cabin with his family, under cover of the woods in the rear. His wife and children mounted the horses behind Maj. Bell's wife and children, and the party escaped to Fort Wallace, five miles distant, without the Indians discovering them. Soldiers were sent back to attack the Indians, but they had disappeared.

"The bullet-punctured cabin was occupied by Colonel Pomeroy and his descendants until 1840, when it was purchased by John Cummins, who tore it down and made his pig pen and corn crib out of its historic logs. One of Major Bell's descendants, living in the same neighborhood, has the gun which the noted Indian fighter and Revolutionary soldier used in all of his exploits. One of these is related as an especially able and characteristic feat of the Major, is to the effect that once an Indian, in an endeavor to entrap the wily and greatly-feared enemy of his race, imitated the call of the wild turkey near the Major's cabin. The Major was a great lover of turkey hunting, and his practiced ear detected the difference between the call of the bird and the sound of the Indian call, although the imitation was almost perfect. He took his gun and dragged himself on his stomach through the brush in the direction of the sound. He finally located the call in a tall pine tree, and discovered the Indian perched on a branch near the very top. Major Bell fired, and the Indian leaped high above the tree top and tumbled to the ground. The dead Indian was recognized by the Major as Black Wolf, one of the most daring and bloodthirsty of the Seneca chiefs."

S. T. HENDERSON, lumberman, post office address Houtzdale, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN C. DILLMAN, the courteous and popular proprietor of the "Hotel Belnap," Reynolds ville, Jefferson county, is one of the most reliable and energetic business men of the place. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Clarion county April 21, 1836, a son of James P. and Mary (Henderson) Dillman, a sketch of whom follows.

Our subject had the advantages of only a common-school education, and his early life was principally spent in the lumber woods. In 1875 he first came to Reynolds ville, and began learning the plasterer's trade, but soon abandoned it, and again turned his attention to the lumber business, which he continued to follow four years. He then conducted a restaurant in Reynolds ville for some years, and subsequently carried on a skating rink at Gallipolis, Ohio, for a year and a half. Returning to Reynolds ville in 1892, he embarked in the hotel business, and in January, 1894, sold his first house and took charge of the "Hotel Belnap," which he has since successfully conducted. Courteous and genial in his manner,
as well as having a comfortable and attractive hotel, he merits and receives a liberal share of the public patronage. In his social relations, he is connected with the Sons of Veterans, the Order of Red Men, and the Benevolent and Patriotic Order of Elks; politically, he is a stalwart supporter of the Democratic party, but cares nothing for office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests. An upright, honorable business man, he justly deserves the success that has crowned his efforts.

In 1887 Mr. Dillman was married to Miss Minnie Mogle, who was born November 28, 1868, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reischel) Mogle, whose ancestors were among the early settlers of Indiana county, Penn., where Mr. Dillman was born and reared. To this union were born four children, namely: Mary, now deceased; Blanche J.; James H.; and Scott McClelland. The mother is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and a lady of many excellent traits of character.

Jacob Dillman, our subject’s paternal great-grandfather, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and a shoemaker by trade. He had three sons, one of whom, John, served in the war of 1812. Moses Watson, our subject’s great-grandfather on his mother’s side, served in the Revolutionary war, during which he received seven bullet wounds. John F. Dillman, grandfather of our subject, was born in 1793, in Bucks county, Penn., and married Elizabeth Wise, by whom he had six children: Jacob, Susanna, Elizabeth, Peter, Sarah and Helen. After the death of the mother of these, Mr. Dillman, in 1830, married Nancy Watson, who was born in 1791, in Westmoreland county, Penn. Of this union two children were born who grew to maturity: James P. and Nancy P.

James P. Dillman, father of our subject, was born March 13, 1832, in Clarion county, and remained with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began the lumber business for his own account, in which he continued until coming to Reynoldsville, in 1875, where he has since resided. During the war of the Rebellion he served in Company L, 11th P. V. C., from April 13, 1861, to September 13, 1865. He was wounded at Hanover Court House, Va., and was confined in Libby prison. On April 26, 1865, he married Mary Henderson, who was born April 7, 1839, in Centre county, whence, when she was aged five years, her parents removed to Clarion county, where she received her education. To this union were born four sons: John C., our subject; Eleazer and Walter Merritt and Wilbert Marion (twins). The mother of this family was a daughter of James and Mary (Springer) Henderson, the former of whom was born in Morris county, N. J., in 1791, the latter in Hartford, Conn., in 1801. They were married in 1816, and had a family of thirteen children, seven of whom are yet living: Mary (Mrs. Dillman), Agnes (Mrs. Steel), William, David, John P., James, and Anna (Mrs. White). Grandfather Elias Henderson was born in New Jersey, the birthplace also of his wife Susanna (DeLong). The maternal grandparents, George Springer and wife (Mary Noble) had a family of six children—three sons and three daughters.

ADAM BRINKER. Among the prominent and successful business men of Salem township, Clarion county, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is a man of sound judgment, keen perception and good executive ability, and these traits have been the important elements of his success. In promoting his own interests he has also materially advanced the welfare of his community in various ways, and therefore deserves to be numbered among its valued and useful citizens.

In Red Bank township, Armstrong Co., Penn., Mr. Brinker was born June 20, 1844, a son of Adam Brinker, Sr., a native of Licking township, Clarion county, whose father was one of the first settlers of this region. Adam Brinker, Sr., was twice married, and by the first union had three children: John, now a resident of Minnesota; Caroline and Susan. After the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Elizabeth (Kribbs) Miller, a native of Clarion county, and a daughter of John Kribbs, also a prominent and honored pioneer of the county. Adam is the only child born of this union that is now living, those deceased being: Henry, and Mrs. Levina Jones. The father died at the age of sixty-two, and the mother passed away in 1897, at the ripe old age of eighty-two. He followed agricultural pursuits throughout life, was a supporter of the men and measures of the Republican party, and was an active and influential member of the Lutheran Church, in which he served as deacon.

Adam Brinker passed the days of his boyhood and youth amid rural scenes, and acquired his education in the local schools. In February, 1864, he enlisted in Company M, 5th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and with his command took part in the battle of Jerusalem Plank Road, and in the engagement at Stony Creek, where he was wounded in the hand, and when well returned to his command; at the second battle of Peters-
burg he was shot through the head, and falling from his horse, was taken prisoner by the Rebels who confined him in Libby prison for 167 days, during which time he suffered so severely from the loss of blood and ill treatment that his weight was reduced from one hundred and sixty-five to seventy-two pounds. On his release he rejoined his company, and was in the engagements around Petersburg and Richmond until honorably discharged from the service. He has never recovered his health, and still suffers from the wound in his head, which destroyed the hearing in one ear, and injured that of the other.

Mr. Brinker spent sixteen years very profitably in the oil fields, and since 1876 has owned and operated his fine farm of sixty-two acres in Salem township, Clarion county, where the well-tilled fields testify to the thrift and industry of the owner. Upon the place is a good orchard and comfortable residence, besides a fine barn, 50 x 60 feet, with rock basement.

Mr. Brinker has been twice married, and by the first union has one son: Ivy, now twenty-four years of age, who wedded Flora Bell and has two children, Park and Harl. In 1885 our subject married Miss Mary Knight, a daughter of Peter Knight, a prominent old settler of Beaver township, Clarion county. Mr. Brinker is connected with the Lutheran Church, while his wife holds membership with the German Reformed Church. He belongs to the Grand Army Post, No. 334, at Nickleville, Penn. His ballot is always cast for the Republican party, and he has been called upon to fill various local positions of honor and trust. In those finer traits of character which combine to form that which we term friendship, which endear and attach man to man in bonds which nothing but the stain of dishonor can sever, which triumph and shine brightest in the hour of adversity—with these qualities he is royally endowed.

JUSTIN JOSEPH PIE (deceased) was born February 2, 1832, in Switzerland, whence, in 1846, he came to America, taking up his residence in Crawford county, Penn. Here he worked at the blacksmith's trade, and also engaged in lumbering until 1870, when he went to Clearfield, from there removing to Osceola Mills, in 1875. Here he purchased the Crawford foundry, which at that time was a very small shop, and at once entered upon a successful business career. The plant was enlarged from time to time until the main building is now 200 x 240 feet, with a foundry, 40 x 80 feet; machine shop, 40 x 90 feet; blacksmith shop, 30 x 36 feet; car and pattern shop, 40 x 80 feet, and boiler house, 50 x 70 feet. Although the plant has been three times destroyed by fire—in 1884, 1887 and 1893—it has been promptly rebuilt, and now does an extensive and profitable business, giving employment to sixty-five hands. Here are manufactured mine cars, car wheels, all kinds of mining machinery, and the Pie radiator, all of which are first-class in every particular, and find a ready sale at the highest market prices. In 1873-4 J. J. Pie built the opera house in Clearfield, Penn., known as the Pie Opera House.

In Covington township, Clearfield county, Justin Joseph Pie was married to Miss Rosalie Risser, a native of Alsace, France, and they began their domestic life at Frenchville, in Clearfield county, where Mr. Pie worked at the trade of blacksmith, and also engaged in lumbering until 1870. He was then elected sheriff of the county, on the Democratic ticket, which position he capably filled for three years. From 1875 until 1880 he made his home in Osceola Mills, and then removed to Lock Haven, this State, and for a time was engaged in lumbering in McKean county. In 1884 he went to Newark, Del., where he purchased an improved farm, known as Deer Park Farm, and thereon made his home until called to his final rest September 19, 1895. His wife had died in Girard township, Clearfield county, October 29, 1869, and in 1874 Mr. Pie was again married in that county, his second union being with Mary M. Reeve, who was born in Newry, Blair Co., Penn. She is now managing the farm in Newark, Delaware.

By his first marriage Justin J. Pie had eight children, namely: (1) Joseph, who died in Osceola Mills, in 1880. (2) Justin, manager of the foundry. (3) George Daniel, a resident of Osceola Mills. (4) Rosalie. (5) Ida, who died in Newark, Del., in 1891. (6) Mary, wife of John F. Giddea, of Bellaire, Ohio. (7) Ernest and (8) Emma (twins): Ernest was killed in the mines at Osceola Mills, April 9, 1896, leaving a widow. Of these, Justin was born in Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., in 1859, and was married in Osceola Mills, in 1880, to Miss Anna Kephart, who was born in Decatur township, Clearfield county, and died in 1890, leaving three children: Charles, George and Gertrude. In 1892, Justin, for his second wife, wedded Miss Susan O'Brien, a native of Bradford county, Penn., and one daughter, Anna Rosalie, has graced their union. George Daniel married Carrie Westbrook, and has three children: Joseph, Ernest and Lawrence.

To Justin Joseph Pie's second marriage were also born eight children, as follows: P. Blair,
Francis Dean, Regina, Reeve, Catherine, Paul and Leo, all at home, and Thiela Wynn, deceased. Of these, Francis Dean was married in June, 1897, to H. Tyson, and they live in Newark, Del., and Regina married J. Armstrong, in June, 1897, and they also live in Newark, Delaware.

JACOB L. FISHER, attorney at law and notary public, Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, is widely known in the community.

J. E. HEDDING, who holds the responsible position of superintendent of the Morrisdale Coal Company, is a cool, clear-headed, wide-awake business man, possessing great tact for business, and by his pleasant, courteous treatment of those who come in contact with him has rendered himself very popular among all classes of citizens. He was born in 1844, in Juniata county, Penn., where the birth of his parents, E. G. and Frances (Hughes) Hedding, also occurred. The paternal grandfather, Noah Hedding, was a native of New Jersey, while the grandmother was born in Perry county, Penn. Hon. James and Rachel (Grey) Hughes, the maternal grandparents, were born in Juniata county, the latter being a daughter of James Grey. In 1844 Mr. Hughes removed to Bedford county, this State, where he continued to engage in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death.

After his marriage, the father of our subject also took up his residence in Bedford county, but later removed to Fulton county, Penn., where he engaged in farming for a number of years. In 1861, on the outbreak of the Civil war, he enlisted at Warfordsburg, Penn., in Company B, 3d Md. V. I., entering the service as a private, but was soon promoted to first lieutenant, and afterward to quartermaster of his regiment. He participated in all the important engagements in which the command took part, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged. He moved his family to Hancock, Md., where he engaged in business for a number of years, and then went to Paw Paw, W. Va., where he died, in 1897, at the age of seventy-seven years, his wife being eighty-six. Their eldest son, Noah Hedding, enlisted at the same time as his father, and took part in all the battles of his regiment until taken prisoner by the Rebels in the spring of 1862. He was first incarcerated in Libby prison, and later at Belle Isle, and suffered all the hardships of Southern prison life. He was finally exchanged, in the fall of 1862, and returned to his regiment. After the close of the war he married Miss Prudence Tabler, of Hedgesville, W. Va., and with their four children they now reside in Paw Paw, that State. S. E. Hedding, another son, also joined the 3d Md. V. I., in the winter of 1863, and served until the close of the war; he married Miss Fannie W. Markley, of Martinsburg, Penn., by whom he has two children, and they now reside at Altoona, Penn., where he is connected with the Building & Loan Association.

Belonging to such a loyal and patriotic family, our subject also wished to enlist in the Union service, and in July, 1863, when only eighteen years of age, he became a member of the 22nd Penn. Cavalry. After faithfully serving some nine months, he re-enlisted, this time becoming a member of the 3d Md. V. I., to which his father and brother also belonged, and continued with that command until honorably discharged when hostilities had ceased and his services were no longer needed. In Warfordsburg, Penn., in 1866, he married Miss Mary J. Truax, and to them were born five children: Charles E., who was drowned at Hopewell, Penn., at the age of four years; Fannie L., who died at Everett, this State, at the age of fourteen years; Chester B., who died at the same place, at the age of seven years; B. E., who is now twenty-two years of age, and is attending medical lectures in the University of Pennsylvania; and Mary V., at this writing ten years old, and at home with her parents.

After his marriage, Mr. Hedding located in Coalmont, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he engaged in merchandising for two years, and was then for a time in the employ of Lowry Eckelberger & Son, of Hopewell, Bedford Co., Penn. In 1876 he removed to Everett, where he was connected with J. B. Williams & Co., general merchants, for eight years, and still later was with two Philadelphia firms for six years—Wood, Brown & Co., and Howett, Warner & Co. In 1889 he came to Morrisdale Mines to take charge of the company's store, which position he held for six years, and since that time has served as superintendent of the mines. He not only has the confidence and high regard of the members of the company, but is respected by those under him. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and has served as school director in his district for two terms. Religiously he and his family hold membership in the Methodist Church. He is one of the most enterprising, energetic business men of the community, who has made his own way in the world, unaided by capital or influential friends, but his sound judgment and per-
severance have enabled him to overcome the difficulties found in his path, and to-day he is efficiently filling an honorable and important position.

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DAVID HEFREN has for several years been actively identified with the lumber and agricultural interests of Farmington township, Clarion county. His life has been one of honest and earnest endeavor, and due success has not been denied him. The Hefren family was founded in Clarion county by his father, Ferry Hefren, a native of Ireland, who, when a young man, crossed the Atlantic and took up his residence here, purchasing a tract of wild wood land near what is now known as Crown, in Farmington township, and after marrying Magdalene Walley, he located upon that place, making his home in a log house he had erected. In connection with improving and cultivating his land, he also engaged in boat building on the Clarion river. He died upon that place in 1853, and his faithful wife, who had shared with him all the hardships and trials of frontier life, passed away in 1895.

The subject of this sketch is one of their family of children, the others being as follows: (1) Mary, born on the old homestead in Farmington township, wedded James McAldy, of Beaver county, Penn., who was killed some years later in a sawmill in Clarion county. Their children were James; Charles; and Mrs. Lizzie Coffee, of Rochester, N. Y. (2) Catharine married Thomas McCloskey, of Forest county, Penn., and died on a farm in Farmington township, Clarion county, in 1896, leaving seven children, namely: B. F., Mary, Rosie, James, Charles, Alice and Leo. (3) Peter married Bridget Dalson, of Clarion county, and located at Gravel Lick, on the Clarion river, where he followed boat building and lumbering for some years; moving to Elk county, Penn., he has since engaged in lumbering and farming, and is at present serving as county auditor. His children are: Clara, Wayne, Ida, Charles, Alice, Robert (who died in childhood), Mary and Leroy, all at home. (4) Margaret is the widow of G. W. Sharrow, of Clarion county, who died some years ago at his home at Blakes Landing on the Clarion river. Her children are: A. J., Ella, W. C., Rose, Charles, Stephen, Gertrude and Frank. (5) Rosie married John Joyce, of Buffalo, N. Y., where she died some years ago, leaving one son—John, who still resides in that city. She was three times married, her second husband being a Mr. Vacey, of Buffalo, by whom she had one son, Charles. Her third husband was a Mr. Lyme, of Buffalo. (6) Stephen and (7) James both died in childhood.

Upon the old homestead in Farmington township, where all the other children were born, David Hefren began his earthly existence January 17, 1839, and in the common schools of the neighborhood he acquired his education. In 1860 he and his brother-in-law, James McAlay, built a boat, which they stocked with provisions, cows and a team and wagon, and started down the Ohio river to Parkersburg, W. Va., where they resided for three years while engaged in steamboating on the Ohio, and wagon making. Buying a portable sawmill, our subject shipped the same to the old homestead in Clarion county, and engaged in the manufacture of lumber in partnership with Mr. McAlay until the latter was killed in 1865. Mr. Hefren then moved the mill near Scotch Hill, but two years later it was destroyed by fire. Having purchased a stationary mill in 1869, he contracted with J. G. Brandon to saw the timber on a large tract of land between Cooksburg and North Pine Grove, where he continued operations until 1871, when he purchased 268 acres of Mr. Brandon. Some of his land he has cleared and improved, converting it into a fine farm, on which he erected a large barn in 1874 and a commodious residence ten years later.

In 1864 Mr. Hefren was married to Miss Sarah A. Woolf, of Meigs county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Sarah Woolf, prosperous agriculturists of that State. They began their domestic life upon the old homestead in Farmington township, and all of their thirteen children have been born in Clarion county: (1) James E., born in 1865, married Annie Kempf, of Scotch Hill, by whom he has two children—Harry and Sarah. He resides upon a part of his father's present farm. (2) Peter A., born in August, 1866, is still at home. (3) Mattie, born in June, 1868, died at the age of two years. (4) A girl born December 10, 1869, died unnamed. (5) Catharine, born in May, 1871, is now the wife of Sylvester Wilkinson, of Clarion county, by whom she has two sons—Thomas D. and J. Merrill. They now live at her father's mill in Farmington. (6) Sarah, born in March, 1873, was educated in the Clarion Normal School, and has for seven years successfully engaged in teaching in Forest and Clarion counties. She is a very bright young lady, and is at present living with her father.
(7) John, born in May, 1875, received a common- 
school education, and resides at home. (8) Anna, 
born March 20, 1877, completed her education in 
the Clarion Normal, and is teaching in the public 
schools of Clarion county, also making her home 
with her father. (9) Veronica, born in March, 
1879; (10) William, on April 17, 1881; (11) Law-
rence, in May, 1883, died May 9, 1898, from in-
juries received in a fall nine months before; (12) 
Harry, April 3, 1885, died January 27, 1892; 
and (13) Duane, April 22, 1888, live at home. 
The wife and mother, who was a most estimable 
lady, and a devout member of the Catholic 
Church, was called to her final rest April 24, 
1897. Mr. Hefren and his children are also 
communicants of the same Church.

Politically, Mr. Hefren is an ardent Democrat, 
has served as school director, and in 1884 was 
elected county commissioner, a position he filled 
with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of 
his constituents for three years. He is one of 
the most popular and influential citizens of his 
community, and well deserves the high regard 
in which he is held. Although he started out in 
life for himself a poor boy, he has by industry, 
perseverance and good management accumulated 
a comfortable competence, being to-day one of 
the most successful lumbermen on the Clarion 
river.

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M. DENNISTON is one of the most ener-
getic and progressive business men of Beaver 
township, Clarion county, and as a dealer in tor-
pedoes and other explosives he is doing a suc-
cessful and prosperous business. He is also in-
terested in the oil business, and has carried 
on operations at Knox since March, 1876, coming 
here from Grove City, Mercer Co., Penn. He is 
a native of that county, born in Leesburg, Spring-
field township, February 26, 1815, and was there 
reared and educated. He worked at the car-
penter's trade previous to coming to Knox; but 
has since devoted his energies to his present busi-
ness, being the oldest dealer in torpedoes in this 
section of the State.

Edward Denniston, father of our subject, was 
born in Leesburg, Mercer county, in 1815, a son 
of Alexander Denniston, whose wife was a na-
tive of Scotland. She was of Scotch-Irish de-
scent. The grandfather became a pioneer of 
Mercer county, where he made his home for 
many years. He died in Dubuque, Iowa, and 
his wife passed away at the same place, while on 
a visit to his grave. In the county of his na-
tivity, Edward Denniston was reared to man-
hood and married Miss Mary Jane Coulter. Dur-
ing early life he was variously employed, con-
ducting the first saw and grist mill run by water 
power in his locality, and he was also interested 
in an iron furnace and in mercantile pursuits un-
til the outbreak of the Civil war. He then 
turned his attention to farming, and still resides 
on the old homestead at the age of eighty-two, 
honored and respected by all who know him. 
His estimable wife departed this life March 4, 
1892.

Our subject is the eldest of their five sons. 
W. C., who operated the home farm in Mercer 
county, died in April, 1889. A. F. is a resident 
of Parkersburg, W. Va., and is engaged in the 
hardware business for the American Supply Com-
pany. C. W. lives on the old homestead in 
Mercer county. Edward was engaged in the tor-
pedo business for the Ohio & Indiana Torpedo 
Company, and was killed at Cygnet, Wood Co., 
Ohio, in February, 1897.

In 1880, in Clarion county, F. M. Denniston 
was married to Miss Anna M. Schmader, who 
was born in Knox township, that county, a daugh-
ter of Simon and Anna (Gates) Schmader, na-
tives of Germany, who were married in St. Mary's, 
Elk Co., Penn. In 1832 they took up their resi-
dence in Knox township, Clarion county, where 
the father opened up a farm and is still living at 
the age of eighty-three. In Elk county he had 
worked in an iron furnace. His wife died March 
9, 1893. To them were born seventeen children, 
of whom the following are still living: Eli, a resi-
dent of Knox township; Mrs. Mary Shively, who 
died in Massillon, Ohio, in April, 1888; Jacob 
and Mrs. Lizzie Weber, who still live in Massil-
lon, Ohio; Joseph, of Leeper, Farmington town-
ship, Clarion county; Samuel and John, farmers 
of Knox township; Mrs. Reynolds, of Beaver 
Falls, Penn.; Mrs. Denniston, Henry, of Farm-
ington township; Sebastian, of Clarion county; 
Mrs. Maggie Fidler, of Rimersburg, Clarion coun-
ty; Anna Maria, of Irvin, Penn.; and Simon, 
who resides on the old homestead in Knox town-
ship. By a former marriage the mother had one 
daughter, Mrs. John Snyder, of Knox, who be-
longs to one of the earliest families of Clarion 
county. Mr. and Mrs. Denniston have three 
children: Carrie J., Edward A. and Francis M.

As a Democrat, Mr. Denniston takes quite an 
active part in political affairs, and has served for 
three terms as burgess of Knox, and three terms 
as a member of the city council, being the pres-
et chairman of that body. He is a recognized 
leader in public affairs, and his public and private 
life are alike above reproach, for his career has 
ever been one characterized by the utmost fideli-
ty to duty. Fraternally he is connected with
the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Knights of the Maccabees at Knox. In the prosecution of his business there has been manifest one of the most sterling traits of his character—his desire to carry forward to the highest perfection attainable anything that he undertakes. This has marked his social and business career, and has been one of the most important factors in his success.

GEORGE B. WOODS, M. D. Among the younger men who were born in Clarion county, none are more worthy of a place in the annals of the section where his life has been passed, than he whose name opens this review.

Born of parents and grandparents who have figured in the history of central Pennsylvania, Dr. Woods, himself, while yet comparatively a young man, is occupying a most creditable position in his profession, in society and as a citizen of Curlsville, and of the county. George and Sarah (Shell) Woods, his paternal grandparents, were natives of Centre county and Reading, Penn., respectively. Both are buried in Squirrel Hill cemetery, in Clarion county. The grandfather was occupied as a collier. His father was a native of Ireland, but came to Pennsylvania in its early settlement.

Dr. Woods' parents were born in Huntingdon county, Penn., met and were married at Leatherwood, Clarion county, in 1862. The children who came to bless their union were: George B., our subject; and Laura May, who at this writing is teaching in the public schools of New Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

George B. Woods was born August 5, 1863, at Leatherwood, Penn., where he was reared on a farm. He remained on the farm until at the age of nineteen, when he engaged in teaching in the public schools of his own district, during vacations attending the Clarion Collegiate Institute at Rimensburg. When twenty-two years of age he began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. A. M. Mooney, of Leatherwood. Some six months or more later he began attending lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., remaining two years. In 1887 he was graduated from that institution with honors, being granted a gold medal, the third memorial prize, and located in the practice at Leatherwood, where he remained two and one-half years, then went to Curlsixlle, where he has since remained successfully engaged in active practice. He is an enterprising and progressive citizen, and is up with the times in all that he undertakes. He is identified with the Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Democrat, and while not an aspirant for office, he has filled several of the minor local offices, as school director and auditor, deeming it a duty as a citizen to yield to the expressed desire of his fellow towns. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees.

On August 25, 1887, at Squirrel Hill, Penn., Dr. Woods was married to Miss Ada M. Armast, and the union has been blessed with children as follows: Eugene V. and Beatrice, both at home. The mother is a native of Clarion county, born at Squirrel Hill, November 9, 1868, a daughter of Thomas and Susannah (Hepler) Armast, both natives of Clarion county, the former born in 1824 and the latter in 1825, and they are now residents of Squirrel Hill. The father by trade is a blacksmith, though he is now living retired. He has been a lifelong member of the Reformed Church. In politics he is a Republican. Their children are: Mary married Frank Doverspike, a farmer of Kansas; Martha married J. D. Laughlin, a lumber manufacturer of Pitcairn, Penn.; Agnes is the widow of J. A. Rickard, who was a farmer of Smithland, Penn.; Elsa is the wife of A. F. M. Mohney, who is a physician of Rimensburg; Alice is the wife of Theodore Krotzer, who is an oil operator of Greece City, Penn.; Clarissa is the wife of P. M. Fox, of Curlsxille; Elizabeth is the wife of Dr. C. S. Mohney, of Callensburg; William M. is by occupation a blacksmith of Rimensburg; Nettie is the wife of J. B. Slaugenhaupt, who is a farmer of Piolett, Penn.; and Harry S. is a blacksmith, of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania.

EDWARD PLYLER, a representative and prominent citizen of Toby township, is one of the men of Clarion county who have worked their own way from humble beginnings to leadership in commerce, the great productive industries, agricultural pursuits and the management of financial affairs. He is a man of progressive ideas and industrious habits, and the success that he has achieved is certainly well deserved.

Mr. Plyler was born October 10, 1832, in Schuylkill county, Penn., and his parents, Michael and Maria (Burkett) Plyler, were natives of the same county. The paternal grandfather, on emigrating from Germany, located there at an early day and continued to make it his home; by occupation he was a farmer. He and his brother, Peter Plyler, both served as privates in the Revolutionary war. When past the age of eighty-five he died, and was buried near Pottsville,
Penn. The maternal grandparents of our subject were also natives of the Fatherland, and were early settlers of Schuylkill county, where they spent their remaining days.

It was in 1837 that the parents of our subject came to Clarion county and located above Millville, where they made their home for ten years. From there they removed to Jefferson county, where the father followed farming until failing health caused his retirement from active labor. He died in the faith of the Lutheran Church in 1844, at a ripe old age, and was laid to rest near the church of that denomination in Beaver township, Jefferson county. The mother, however, was a Methodist in religious belief, and when she died in November, 1867, at the age of seventy, her remains were interred at Mt. Zion church, Jefferson county. Both were earnest Christian people, and had the respect and confidence of all who knew them.

Edward Plyler is next to the youngest in the family, composed of the following children: Daniel, a retired farmer living in Tylersburg, Penn.; Solomon, who died December 9, 1895, and was buried at Cool Springs, Jefferson county; Simon, a stonemason of Clinton county; Betsy, who married Henry Wonderling, but both are now deceased; Eli, a retired farmer of Jefferson county; Catherine, who has been married three times, first to Peter Spangler, later to Israel Bierly, and third to George Heckner, deceased (she resided with her son near Punxsutawney, Penn., until her death in 1897); Philip, a retired farmer of Jefferson county; and Joseph, a resident of Port Barnett, Jefferson county. At the age of ten years Mr. Plyler, whose name introduces this sketch, began to earn his own living by driving cattle, and was later employed in the lumber woods until his marriage at the age of eighteen. On August 9, 1850, in Heathville, Jefferson county, he wedded Miss Margaret Zerby, Charles Jaycocks, Esq., performing the ceremony. Three children were born to them, but two are now deceased: Mary, who died in childhood; and Thomas, who died in Wisconsin. Sarah, the only one living, is now the widow of Eli McCall, and is a resident of Toby township, Clarion county. She has four children: Margaret, the wife of J. C. Stitt, of Allegheny county, Penn.; Clinton W., of Allegheny county, Penn.; Edward P., who lives with his mother, and is engaged in farming in Toby township; and Mary B., who resides with our subject.

Mrs. Plyler was born in Union county, Penn., June 7, 1830, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Shaffer) Zerby, who resided in Union county until 1836, when they removed to Centre. In 1842 they took up their residence in Shippenville, Clarion county, where her father operated a mill. In 1861 he removed to Armstrong county, where his death occurred in December, 1868, when sixty-four years of age. His wife died on April 11, 1871, and was laid by his side in the cemetery at Slate Lick, Armstrong county. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while he was a Lutheran in religious belief. Their children were: Susan, now the widow of John Meyers, of Iowa, who was a soldier of the Civil war, and lost his arm at Vicksburg; Daniel, who was a member of the 78th P. V. I., and was shot through the head at Stone River, Tenn.; Margaret, wife of our subject; Henry J., who was a member of the 62nd P. V. I., but was never wounded during his entire service; Mary, wife of Joseph Freee, a carriage manufacturer of Erie, Penn.; and Sarah, wife of Martin Wyant, who was also a Union soldier, and is now an engineer residing in Erie. Michael Zerby, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Plyler, was a native of Germany, and on coming to the New World became an extensive land owner in Union county, Penn., where he engaged in farming until his death at the age of sixty years. During the Revolution he served as a private. The maternal grandparents were Daniel and Sarah Alice Shaffer, of Union county, who died in Pine Grove, Centre county, Penn.; the former was also a private in the Continental army during the struggle for American independence, and died at the age of ninety from disease contracted in the service.

For three years after his marriage Mr. Plyler was employed in the flouring-mill of his brother-in-law in Jefferson county, and then operated a mill on shares for one year at Heathville. Subsequently he conducted a mill at Troy for the same length of time, and then going to Cedar county, Iowa, he operated mills in Lathrop and Cartwright for two years, returning to Brookville, Penn., in the fall of 1860. The following spring he took charge of a mill in Prescottville, Jefferson county, and later he conducted another mill in Geistown in the same county, until he joined the boys in blue to aid in the preservation of the Union. It was on August 15, 1862, that Mr. Plyler enlisted in Company I, 148th P. V. I. Capt. John M. McGuire, first commanded the company, and later Capt. Silas Martin, while John A. McGuire served as first lieutenant. Our subject participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorville and Gettysburg, and at the last named on July 2, 1863, his left arm was pierced by a rifle ball. From the wheat field, where he received the injury, he was taken to the second di-
vision field hospital, where his left arm was amputated. After being confined in several different hospitals, he was finally discharged at West Philadelphia, October 23, 1863, and returned to his home in Heathville. Other members of the Plyler family who lent their services to the government during the Rebellion were: Joseph, William, Zach, David, Simon and his son, Eli, and Lewis Rodes.

At that time he had $85, and his wife had also saved about that much from the money he had sent her during his service, but it did not take long to use their small capital, and they were finally reduced to $4 with which he began life anew. After six months passed at Heathville, he removed to Red Bank township, Clarion county, where he operated the McKilps & Humphrey mill for two years, and for the same length of time conducted a mill in Toby township. After operating the Snyder mill at Cherry Run for six months, he purchased a farm in Licking township, Clarion county, which he sold two years later for $4,000, making $1,000 on the speculation. He then purchased his present farm in Toby township for $4,000, but two years later sold it for $6,750. The following two years were spent in Callensburg, and for three years he made his home on a small place at the Camp Grounds, after which he purchased his present fine farm. He has met with a well-deserved success in its cultivation, and to-day has one of the most desirable places in the community.

For the past seventeen years he has been a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Callensburg, and also belongs to the Grand Army Post at Sligo. His political support is always given the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has been called upon to serve in the offices of constable and supervisor. His estimable wife is connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She presides with gracious dignity over their elegant home, and there hospitality reigns supreme. The many friends of the family always being sure of a hearty welcome within its doors. Its inmates are intelligent and refined people, who take a deep and commendable interest in everything calculated to advance the moral, educational or material interests of the community.

P J. THOMPSON. The subject of this review is one whose history touches the pioneer epoch in the annals of Clarion county, and whose days are an integral part of that dissoluble chain which links the early, formative period with that of latter-day progress and prosperity. He was born here September 18, 1821, and throughout his entire life has been identified with the growth and development of this region.

Caleb Thompson, our subject's father, was of Scotch extraction, and was one of the early settlers of Huntingdon county, Penn., while his mother, who bore the maiden name of Mary Adlerman, was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry. In 1821 they came to Clarion county, where they spent their remaining years, the father dying at the age of sixty, and the mother at the age of seventy-one. Caleb Thompson was twice married, and by the first union had two children, John and Ruth, now deceased. The following children graced the second marriage: William, Andrew, Caleb, James, David, Jefferson, Abram, P. J., of this sketch, Ruth, Mary, Rachel, Margaret, and Nancy.

On the old home farm P. J. Thompson was early taught lessons of industry and honesty, and in the district schools of the neighborhood acquired his literary education. He aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing the wild land, chopping down the trees and grubbing up the stumps before crops could be planted. In 1848 he located upon his present farm in Elk township, which now comprises seventy-six acres of valuable land, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and industry.

In 1845 Mr. Thompson was united in marriage with Miss Mary Keiser, a daughter of George Keiser, one of the first settlers of Clarion county. She is a most estimable woman, and has proved to her husband a true helpmeet, aiding and encouraging him in every possible way. They have now traveled life's journey together for over fifty-two years, sharing its joys and its sorrows, its adversity and prosperity, and have gained the confidence and respect of all who know them. They are the parents of eleven children, namely: Clarence, Edwin, Wesley, Elmer, Burton, Sarah, Alice, Kate, Frances, Elizabeth and Flora. The family is one of prominence, all of the children occupying honorable positions in society. For many years the parents have been earnest and faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which three of their daughters also belong. Politically, Mr. Thompson is a pronounced Republican. The part which he has taken in the development of the county has impressed his name indelibly upon its records, and he well deserves mention among the honored pioneers.
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W. SHUGERT, physician. Tidioute, Pennsylvania, is widely and favorably known throughout the State.

HENRY HARRIGER. The Harriger family have been identified with the development of this Commonwealth for more than a century and a quarter. He whose name introduces this sketch, a farmer of Clarion county, is of the third generation who tilled the soil and assisted in the State's onward march to her present high excellency.

There lie buried in the Churchville cemetery Michael Harriger, the grandfather of Henry Harriger, and by his side his wife, who was Elizabeth Smathers, both natives of Luzerne county, Penn., where they lived as early as 1771. Michael Harriger, a son of this pioneer couple, and the father of Henry Harriger, was born in Luzerne county, June 19, 1806, and in 1811 came with his parents to what is now Clarion county, where they located on a farm in Monroe township, upon which their grandson (under consideration) now resides. On September 23, 1830, in Clarion county, Michael Harriger married Elizabeth Wiser, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Core, and their children were: Jacob, born September 27, 1831, died April 21, 1833; John, born January 24, 1833, is a farmer near Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mary, born December 24, 1834, married Jacob Hetrick, a farmer near Kalamazoo, and died in 1863; Henry is our subject; Philip, born March 23, 1839, is a wagon maker residing in Du Bois, Penn.; Washington, born April 17, 1841, was a member of Captain McLain's Company, 83d P. V. I., in the Civil war, and was killed in battle in 1863; Daniel, born December 15, 1844, is a blacksmith at Greenville, Penn.; James L., born January 9, 1847, is a farmer near White Cloud, Mich.; and Alexander, born March 29, 1850, died August 21, 1851. The father of these children died September 8, 1892; the mother passed away September 12, 1857; and both are buried in Licking cemetery, in Clarion county. The father was identified with the Baptist Church and the mother with the Presbyterian. They were good and pious Christians who moved along through life in the even tenor of their way, doing good deeds here and there, and making the world better for their exemplary lives. Her place of nativity was in Mifflin county, where she was born June 30, 1809, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Meyers) Wiser, who were born east of the Alleghany Mountains, located in Piney township, Clarion county, in 1827, and in 1836 settled in Monroe township, where they passed the rest of their lives. He died in 1837, when he was aged fifty-four years. His widow survived until 1854, when she passed away at the age of seventy years. Both are buried at Churchville.

Henry Harriger was born January 17, 1837, on the homestead where he has practically resided for sixty years. At the age of twenty-two years he went to work on a farm for John Trainor, remaining four years. In 1862, when our Union was threatened and Civil war was upon us, fired with patriotism and love of country, young Harriger enlisted in Company H, 155th P. V. I. He was with the Army of the Potomac, and shared the fate of his command from Antietam to Appomattox, participating in the numerous skirmishes and battles in which his company was engaged. Among them were Antietam, Fredricksburg, Chancellorsville, Hatcher's Run, and the Wilderness. During the battle of Gettysburg he was confined in the hospital at Fairlax, Va., where he was ill for six weeks. He received an honorable discharge from the service in June, 1865, then returned to the home farm of his parents, and in the fall following resumed agricultural pursuits. Following farming through a long life, Mr. Harriger is not without that ripe experience and knowledge of that avocation that one acquires in years of practical work. He has a beautiful farm of 200 acres, on which he is building a new two-story frame house, which will make himself and wife a cozy home where they may pass the evening of life with the comforts their industry and frugality have won for them. They are upright Christian people, members of the Presbyterian Church, and enjoy the respect of the entire community.

Before her marriage to Henry Harriger, which occurred at the church parsonage in Monroe township, on December 26, 1865, being solemnized by Rev. Joseph Matier, a Presbyterian minister. Mrs. Harriger was Sarah Myers. The children born to this couple are: Jennie M., born October 30, 1866, married James Campbell, a farmer of Piney township, Clarion county; she has two children—Vera, born August 25, 1885, and Lillie May, born September 15, 1896; P. Emery was born August 14, 1868; Bertin C., June 24, 1871; J. Earl, September 19, 1876; and James McC. B., September 21, 1887.

Mrs. Harriger is a native of Clarion county, born in Piney township, April 13, 1845, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Best) Myers. Jacob Myers was born in Clarion county, March 2, 1820, and died April 6, 1886. Sarah Best was born May 6, 1824, and died in 1863. Their marriage occurred May 16, 1844, and the children born to them were as follows: Sarah, the
oldest; John, born September 21, 1846, is a resident of Forest county, Penn.; Henry, born April 3, 1848, died in 1854; Valentine, born January 12, 1850, is a farmer of Sligo, Penn.; Evaline, born January 11, 1853, died in 1855; Minnie C., born December 6, 1856, married Benjamin King, an oil driller residing in Butler county, Penn.; twins, born October 5, 1860, died in infancy; and Morgan, born September 18, 1862, died March 5, 1864. Jacob Myers’ second wife was Susan Wiser, who was born in Mifflin county, Penn., in 1820, a daughter of Jacob Wiser, who came from Mifflin county to Clarion county in 1827. He was a weaver by trade. The parents of Jacob Myers were John and Elizabeth Myers, who were from east of the Alleghanies.

A M. BRENNEMAN, a successful contractor and builder in Shippenville, Clarion county, as well as one of the representative citizens of the place, was born on June 8, 1838, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Brenneman, his father, was a native of the same county, and of German descent, while his mother, who bore the name of Christina Ann Gibony, was born in America, of Irish ancestry. Throughout his business career his father was engaged in merchandising, and was also interested in the oil business. He was an ardent Republican in politics, and was a well-known and prominent citizen of his community. He died at the ripe old age of eighty-four, and his estimable wife was sixty-five years of age when she was called to her final rest. In their family were fifteen children, eight sons and seven daughters, of whom five are still living. One son, Fulton, was a member of an Illinois regiment during the Civil war, and was killed at the battle of Vicksburg.

A. M. Brenneman spent the first sixteen years of his life in Westmoreland county, where he attended school and then came to Clarion county. During his early manhood he was variously employed in the oil regions, also engaged in contracting and building, and was also a pilot on the Allegheny river for many years. He was residing in Clarion county at the outbreak of the Civil war, and, feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted April 28, 1861, in Company H, 5th Regiment, P. R. V. C. With his regiment he participated in the seven-days’ fight on the Peninsula, was in the engagement at Gaines Hill, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Mechanicsville, and the second battle of Bull Run, where, on the last day of the fight, he was severely wounded. For some time he remained in hospital, but was finally discharged as corporal, in February, 1863. Returning to his home, he remained there until 1876, when he took up his residence in Shippenville, where he has since successfully engaged in contracting and building. He is accorded an honorable position among the enterprising and reliable men of the place.

On July 28, 1865, in Venango county, Penn., Mr. Brenneman was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Jane Hoy, a native of that county, who died October 21, 1877. Of the five children born to them three are still living, namely: Eda, now the wife of A. P. Black, of Bradner, Ohio; Laura, wife of J. Ehler, of Shippenville; and Anna, at home.

As a Republican Mr. Brenneman has ever taken an active interest in political affairs, and has been elected to a number of official positions of honor and trust. The cause of education has ever found in him a staunch supporter, and as a member of the school board he has done much to advance its interests. His own children were provided with excellent opportunities in that line, being educated in the Clarion Normal. He is an honored member of the Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., of Shippenville, and is now serving as quartermaster. His patriotism and loyalty to his country has never been questioned, for during the hours of the Rebellion he was one of the brave boys in blue that fought so gallantly to preserve the Union, and in days of peace he has also faithfully discharged every duty of citizenship. In September, 1897, he was appointed postmaster of Shippenville.

B C. YOUNGMAN, Superintendent of Public Schools, Clearfield, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN SMITH is a prominent representative of the business interests of St. Petersburg, where he now carries on operations as a general merchant and oil producer. He is one of the most energetic, far-sighted and enterprising citizens of the place, and these characteristics have been the crowning points in his success. His connection with various business enterprises and industries has been of decided advantage to Clarion county, promoting its material welfare in no uncertain manner.

Mr. Smith was born in Seneca county, N. Y., February 8, 1845, and is a son of Edna and Margaret (Stiner) Smith, the former a native of Seneca county, and the latter of Germany. The father is also of German descent, and is still liv-
ing on the old home farm in his native county, at the age of eighty years. His estimable wife is also living. Nine children constitute their family, namely: Eliza, Benjamin, Edna, Charles, Samuel, Sydney, James, William, and Clara. The parents are active and influential members of the Presbyterian Church, in which the father has served as an officer, and they have always done all in their power for the betterment of mankind. He is a farmer by occupation, a Republican in politics, and has served as tax collector.

In the county of his nativity, Benjamin Smith acquired a fair education, and on laying aside his text books worked for some time in woolen and knitting factories. Later he was employed at gas fitting and in the dray and transfer business, and on coming to the oil fields of Pennsylvania at the age of twenty, he found a position on the Shaffer farm at Oil Creek. Subsequently he worked for some time in Titusville, after which he was employed in the lumber woods for one season, and then returned to Waterloo, N. Y., where he worked on a farm for three years. He was next engaged in pumping in the oil fields near Rouseville, Penn., and from there moved to St. Peters burg. For a quarter of a century he has now been interested in the oil business, and has bought and sold wells in the Bradford fields and also at Grass Flats where he still owns property. He has three good wells in Richland township, Clarion county, one of which is on the Fulmer farm, and from these he derives a good income. After locating in St. Peters burg, he also engaged in the hardware business until 1888, when he sold out and embarked in merchandising. From the beginning his trade has constantly increased until it has reached extensive proportions, and the liberal patronage so freely accorded him is merited by the fine grade of goods which he carries, and by his courteous treatment of customers.

At the age of twenty Mr. Smith was married in Seneca county, N. Y., to Miss Sarah Crobaugh, a native of that county, and a daughter of George Crobaugh, of Pennsylvania. They have three children: Herbert, who is employed in the oil fields below Pittsburg; Mabel, and Olga. The family occupy an elegant residence which Mr. Smith purchased of Charles Vensel. He is a Republican, takes an active interest in political affairs, and does all in his power to insure the success of his party. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and the Royal Arcanum of St. Peters burg. He takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to the public welfare of the town, and as one of its leading business men and prominent citizens, he is justly entitled to honorable mention in a work of this character.

B W. PHILLIPS, M. D., of Leeper, is one of the most able representatives of the medical profession in Clarion county. In this county he has spent his entire life, his birth occurring in Porter township, August 18, 1855, and he belongs to one of its honored old families. His grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth Phillips, who, in 1820, left their home in Bucks county, Penn., and came to Clarion county. The grandfather purchased 300 acres of wild land in Porter township, from which he developed a good farm, and upon that place he made his home until called to his final rest in 1867. His estimable wife died in 1895, at the advanced age of ninety-eight years.

In their family were nine children, namely; Harvey; Michael, who was a Union soldier in the Civil war, and died from wounds received in battle; Jacob, who resides on the old homestead in Porter township; Hannah, wife of Rev. John Soliday, of Forest county; Delila, wife of Daniel Soliday, of Pittsburg; Maria, who was killed by a tree falling on her; Nancy, who was born in Porter township, where she still resides; Caroline wife of James P. Divins, justice of the peace of Porter township; and G. V., father of our subject.

G. V. Phillips was born in Porter township, Clarion county, in 1832, and there grew to manhood. He purchased 100 acres of land adjoining the old homestead, and converted the wild tract into a desirable farm. In 1873 he replaced his first home by a commodious and pleasant two-story residence, and also made other valuable improvements upon the place. He retired from farming, however, in 1881, and has since successfully engaged in the grocery and meat business in the city of Clarion.

G. V. Phillips was married to Miss Catharine Henry, and they became the parents of four sons: (1) F. P., born in 1853, in Porter township, began his education in the public schools of the neighborhood, and later pursued his studies at Reedsburg, Clarion county. He married Miss Maggie Slater, of Clarion county, and is engaged in business with his father. He has four children, namely—Katie, Edna, Bessie, and John. (2) Dr. B. W., our subject, is next in order of birth. (3) H. S., born in 1857, received a common-school education, and married Maggie Shanafelt, of Porter township, by whom
he has one son, Earl. They reside on his farm in Porter township. (4) L. M., born in 1869, still resides on the old homestead in Porter township. He married Pearl Fulton, of Clarion county, and has four children—George Karl, Nellie, Fred, and James B.

Dr. Phillips attended the local schools until fourteen years of age, and then secured a position in the store of M. Arnold, where he was employed for some time. Subsequently he attended the Reedsburg Academy, graduating from that institution in 1873, and then commenced the study of medicine in the office of Dr. J. A. Wick, in New Bethlehem, Clarion county, where he was a student for one year. In 1874-5, he attended the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and in 1876 graduated at a medical college in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Doctor began the practice of his chosen profession in New Salem, Armstrong Co., Penn., where he remained until 1878, when he located in Lickingville, Clarion county. In 1888 he came to Leeper, where he soon built up an excellent practice. He also erected a building, in which he has since conducted one of the best drug stores in the place.

In 1879, Dr. Phillips was married to Miss Elizabeth Gilford, of Clarion county, and to them were born three children: Katie E., who was born in January, 1880, and died the same year; George V., born in May, 1882, and Frank P., born March 14, 1895. The parents both held membership in the Lutheran Church, and the Doctor is a member of the Clarion County Medical Society. Dr. Phillips is descended from good old Whig stock, and is a pronounced Republican in politics. It is but just and merited praise to say that as a physician he ranks among the ablest in the county, as a citizen he is honorable, prompt and true to every engagement, and as a friend he is a model worthy of all imitation.

HIRAM NEELY (deceased), who was prominently identified with the agricultural interests and oil industry in Clarion county, was born May 20, 1820, in Richland township.

Mr. Neely was a son of Capt. Henry Neely, who was an officer in the war of 1812, and had command of 200 men at the battle of Erie. By occupation he was a lumberman and farmer. In 1807 he came to Clarion county, and after residing for a time in Edenburg, he removed to a farm in Richland township. He married Miss Barbara Fry, a native of Westmoreland county, and they became the parents of the following children: Paul; Polly, who married Samuel Moore; Samuel; Jesse; Jacob; William; Isaac, who still resides on the old homestead; Hiram; Henry; Mrs. Fanny Sickworth, now eighty-four years of age; Mahala; and two who died when young. With the exception of Isaac and Fanny, all are now deceased. Capt. Neely departed this life at the age of eighty-eight, and his wife at the extreme old age of ninety-nine, being at that time the oldest woman in Clarion county. Both were faithful members of the Reformed Church, and in political sentiment the Captain was a Jacksonian Democrat.

During his boyhood and youth, Hiram Neely attended the public schools near his home, and was early instructed in the labors of the farm, so that he became a thorough and systematic agriculturist. At his death he was the owner of a valuable farm of ninety acres in Richland township, Clarion county, which was improved with a comfortable residence and substantial outbuildings, and upon that place are four good oil wells, which added not a little to his income.

At the age of twenty-four Mr. Neely was united in marriage with Miss Judith Fink, a native of Berks county, Penn., and a daughter of John and Mary (Delena) Fink, who became residents of Richland township, Clarion county, in 1820. Here the father died at the age of eighty-seven, and the mother at the age of ninety-seven. In their family were five children, namely: Jonas, Mrs. Fritz, Judith, Sophia, and Joel. To Mr. and Mrs. Neely were born the following children: Mrs. Ellen Billhouse; Mrs. Mary Whiting; Emma, widow of David Golley, of Lima, Ohio; Mrs. Amanda Mattern, of St. Petersburg, Penn.; Mrs. Barbara Ann Corbet; Mrs. Malinda Osgood, of Meadville, Penn.; and Oliver, a prominent oil producer of Richland township. The mother of these children departed this life in 1870, and in September, 1873, Mr. Neely wedded Miss Mary, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Smith) Smith, of Mill Creek, the former a prominent citizen and early settler of Clarion county. Two children bless this union: Pearl, now a student of music at Greece City College; and a daughter who died in infancy. The family is one of prominence, the children all occupying honorable and useful positions in life.

Mr. Neely was six feet in height, weighed 185 pounds, and although seventy-seven years of age at the time of his death, he appeared like a man much younger. There is in old age a benediction to all who come in contact with it, that gives out of its richest stores of learning and experience, and grows stronger intellectually and spiritually as the years pass. Such was the life of Mr. Neely, an encouragement to his associates

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and an example well worthy of emulation by the young. He was a devout member of the Reformed Church, to which his wife and daughter also belong, and he served either as deacon or elder for many years. His useful life was brought to a close May 13, 1898, and his death left a vacancy in the community that will be difficult to fill.

PROFESSOR W. L. GREENE, Superintendent of Public Schools, Du Bois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

F. I. MASTER, of Richland township, Clarion county, whose people he is serving as auditor, is one of the county's most active and thorough business men, whose career has almost without exception been given to the development of the oil interests of this section.

Born in Beaver township, Clarion county, in 1861, Mr. Master is the son of C. D. and Lydia (Connor) Master. The grandfather, Daniel Master, was a native of Berks Co., Penn., and married Christina Johnson, who was born in the same county. After their marriage, they came, in 1834, to Clarion county, settling in Beaver township. He was a farmer and cleared off land, and opened up a farm. His death occurred in 1887, and his wife passed away in 1893. Their children were: C. D.; Jonathan; Reuben; Sarah (Mrs. Cook, of Rimersburg); Mrs. James (deceased); Mrs. Dow (of the State of Indiana); and Mrs. Mohney (of Rimersburg).

C. D. Master (father of our subject) was born in Berks county, Penn., in 1831, but was reared in Beaver township as a farmer, assisting in clearing off and opening up a farm and in the developing of the country in general. He had learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it to a certain extent. His wife was a native of the same county as her husband. They are now residents of Richland township, and are among the highly esteemed and respected citizens of the community in which they live. Their marriage was blessed with the following children: Emma (Mrs. Wray, of Jefferson county); Sarah (at home); F. J. (our subject); Mrs. Delo; D. E. (a minister of the German Reformed Church); Agnes (unmarried); Ed. (at home); Cora (at home); and Minerva (at home).

F. I. Master was reared in Beaver township, and at the early age of sixteen years began life for himself, engaging in building rigs for derricks for use in the oil fields. Next he was employed in oil pumping, and between these two occupations he passed some fifteen or more years. From boyhood until the present he has given much time and attention to all lines incident to oil producing. In 1891 he began operating for himself. In that year he drilled his first well. He has drilled some nine or more wells in this field, and has been quite successful. He has done much toward developing the oil interests of Clarion county, and is reckoned among the county's enterprising and progressive citizens. In his political views he is a Democrat, and is now serving his township as auditor. He is a member of the K. O. T. M., of Monroeville, and of the Royal Arcanum at St. Petersburg.

In 1886, in Richland township, Mr. Master was married to Miss Mary Knight, who was born in Richland township, a daughter of D. R. and Anna (Crum) Knight, estimable people of the township. His death occurred in June, 1892; his widow still survives him, and resides on a farm. To our subject and his wife have been born children as follows: Grace, Clarence, Edna, Olive and Marie.

H. J. BOSTAPH, oil producer, Richland township, post office address Alum Rock, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL PRESTON (deceased) was for many years one of the most honored and highly respected citizens of Washington township, Jefferson county, where he was successfully engaged in farming and in harness making. He was a son of William and Betsy Preston, of Cortland county, N. Y., where his birth occurred January 23, 1824, and in Niles, that State, he learned the saddler's trade. In his native State he acquired an excellent education, and on his removal to Frenchville, Clearfield Co., Penn., in 1851, he successfully engaged in teaching among the French settlers, following that profession for a number of years. He purchased real estate in Mulesburg, Penn., where he built a shop and worked at his trade for some time, but in 1854 sold out and came to Warsaw township, Jefferson county. After conducting a hotel there for about a year, he bought the Johnson tannery, in partnership with John McKee, and operated the same in connection with work at his trade.

On selling out in 1866, Mr. Preston removed to Rockdale mills, Washington township, Jefferson county, where he purchased property and carried on operations as a harness maker until enlisting, in 1861, in the Union army, becoming a member of Company H, 105th P. V. I. He participated in all the battles of his regiment until
honorable discharged at Camp Jamison, on account of physical disability. Returning to his home, he continued to reside in Rockdale Mills until called to his final rest in March, 1898. Thus passed to his reward a man of noble character, one who acted well his part in life, "wherein all honor lies," and who had gained and retained the confidence, respect and esteem of his fellow men. His character was beyond reproach, while in manner he was quiet and unassuming, choosing that gentle and refined courtesy which was typical of the "old school."

In 1852 Mr. Preston had married Miss Sadie Mowrey, of Frenchville, a daughter of John and Sarah Mowrey, who were worthy representatives of one of the oldest and most prominent pioneer families of Covington township, Clearfield county. Some of its members still reside in that and Bradford townships. Mrs. Preston shared with her husband all the trials and hardships of their early married life, and is still living, being the center of a large circle of friends and acquaintances who have for her the highest regard. She is a faithful member of the Baptist Church, to which Mr. Preston also belonged. His political support was given the Democracy.

To this worthy couple were born eight children, as follows: (1) Reuben, born in Frenchville, grew to manhood in Jefferson county, and in 1879 married Josephine Dunhoof, of Potter county, Penn. After his marriage he continued to live with his parents for a few years, and then moved to Forest county, Penn., where he followed lumbering until his death, in February, 1893. He left a widow and six children—Bessie, Walter, George, Nellie, Leon, and Grover C. (2) Almerian, born in Frenchville, was also reared in Jefferson county, where he married Sarah Maxwell, of that county, and made his home near his father's place. His wife died in 1887, leaving four children—Samuel, Almerian, Mary and Katie. Two years later he married Emma Slawson, of Jefferson county, by whom he has two children—Alfreda and Compton. He now lives on the old homestead with his mother. (3) Alfreda, born in Jefferson county, in 1854, married Leonard Harvey, of Jefferson county, and they now reside in the State of Washington. Their children are—Samuel, Edgar, Annie, Roswell, Wilda and Charles. (4) William moved to Wichita, Kans., where he was married, and where he still continues to reside. (5) Edison died at the age of twelve years. (6) George B., now a resident of the State of Washington, married Ettie Bowers, of Jefferson county, Penn., and has five children—Stella, Joseph, Alonzo, Hazel and Charles. (7) Lottie married George Rhine, of Ridgway, Penn., and they make their home in Elk country, this State. They have one son—Willie. (8) Lucy married Alonzo Abby, of McKean county, Penn., by whom she has four children—Earl, Burton, Hugh and Lottie. They live on his farm near Smithport, Pennsylvania.

Singleton Bell, of Clearfield, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, ranks among the leading attorneys at law of the county.

Mathias Geisler. It is interesting to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to America without capital, and from a position of comparative obscurity worked their way upward to positions of prominence. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of the opportunities offered brings to them success, and wins for them a place among the leading business men of the community in which they reside. As a poor boy, Mr. Geisler came to the United States; to-day he is numbered among the prosperous business men of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county, where for the past thirteen years he has successfully engaged in merchant tailoring.

Our subject was born in Tyrol, Austria, in 1849, a son of John and Lizzie (Cradler) Geisler, who spent their entire lives in that country. As soon as he had reached a sufficient age he entered the public schools of his native land, where he pursued his studies until he was fifteen, and then learned the tailor's trade under the tuition of his father, who followed that occupation as a life work. In 1866 he sailed for the New World with the hope of benefiting his circumstances in life. Coming to Clarion county, Penn., he there remained some four years, and the next year and a half he passed in Kittanning, same State, after which he returned to Clarion county, and engaged in merchant tailoring on his own account until 1884. That year witnessed his arrival in Reynoldsville, where he at once established business, and is now at the head of a large and constantly increasing trade.

Mr. Geisler was married, in 1873, to Miss Caroline Knoll, of Butler county, Penn., and they have become the parents of eight children, who in order of birth are as follows: John B., Joseph F., Mary, Albert, Clara, George, Joanna and Francis. The parents and children are all communicants of the Catholic Church, and the oldest son is to be ordained a priest in 1897. He has spent the past four years in Austria and Switzerland, and at this writing he is visiting
Jerusalem. In his political affiliations, Mr. Geisler is a Democrat. He is an upright, reliable business man, whose straightforward course commands him to the confidence and respect of the entire community, and he has made many warm friends since coming to Reynoldsville.

S. SLOAN is the popular and efficient postmaster at New Bethlehem, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM SHANAFELT. More than sixty-two years have passed since this gentleman arrived in Clarion county, and he is justly numbered among its honored pioneers and leading citizens. He has been prominently identified with its agricultural and stock-raising interests. His is an honorable record of a conscientious business man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact. He has rounded the Psalmist’s span of three-score years and ten, and although the snows of several winters have whitened his hair he has the vigor of a much younger man, and in spirit and interests seems yet in his prime.

Mr. Shanafelt was born March 4, 1825, in Huntingdon county, Penn., and in 1835 was brought by his parents to Clarion county, where he has since made his home. His grandfather, Nicholas Shanafelt, Sr., was born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and died and was buried in Centre county. He was a Revolutionary hero, being with Gen. Washington’s army at Valley Forge, and was also with “Mad” Anthony Wayne, during which time he was wounded in the neck. He had three sons who aided in the defense of their country during the war of 1812, and were present at the surrender of Gen. Hull.

Nicholas Shanafelt, Jr., a native of Centre county, was a gunsmith by trade, but after coming to Clarion county in 1835, he devoted his attention principally to agricultural pursuits. In the midst of the forest he cleared and improved a farm, and in the log house he erected thereon he made his home for many years. He married Miss Keziah Greenland, who was of English parentage and a native of Huntingdon county, Penn. They became the parents of the following children: William, our subject, is the eldest; Ezra died at the age of twelve years, and Sarah Ann at the age of eight years; Rev. John is now a resident of Kansas; Rev. Andrew (now deceased) was a resident of Chester City, Penn., was a minister of the Baptist Church, traveled extensively in Europe and the Holy Land, and at one time baptized a man in the River Jordan. Rev. Thomas, now a missionary at Huron, S. Dak., was at one time chaplain to the National Grand Army of the Republic, and is widely known throughout the United States. Mary Jane is the wife of C. J. Ray, who was at one time sheriff of Clarion county, and is now living in Oil City, Penn. The mother, who was an earnest Christian woman and a member of the Baptist Church, died at the age of sixty-six years, while the father reached the age of seventy-three years. For many years he was a deacon in the Baptist Church, and took an active part in all Church and benevolent work. In politics he was first a Whig, and later a Republican.

Coming to Clarion county, when a lad of ten years, William Shanafelt grew to manhood amid scenes of frontier life, and in clearing and improving the home farm he bore an important part. He obtained a fair education in the local schools, and for two months successfully engaged in teaching, but his attention has mainly been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He purchased the old homestead of 120 acres in Porter township, to which he has added until he now has 250 acres of valuable land, and he and his wife also own a tract of 112 acres at the Cross Roads in the same township. He has a commodious and comfortable residence built in modern style, and also good barns and outbuildings. His pastures and meadows rival the famous blue-grass region of Kentucky, and are especially suited to the raising of fine stock. His herd of Shorthorn cattle is the best to be found in the county, and for fifteen years he has carried away the premiums at the local fairs. Besides his cattle he raises a fine grade of sheep and horses. His beautiful home is known as Sugar Grove.

In 1844, Mr. Shanafelt married Miss Catherine, daughter of Rev. Thomas E. Thomas, a Baptist minister, and they became the parents of six children: John, who was educated at Reedsburg, Penn., and is now engaged in teaching in Butler county; Keziah, at home; Maggie, wife of H. S. Phillips, of Porter township, Clarion county; D. W., a resident of Salmon City, Idaho; Lewis, who died in Nebraska; and Arminda, who married Curtis Sloan, of Lime stone, Penn., and died in 1890. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in 1876, and two years later Mr. Shanafelt wedded Miss Jane McNutt, a most estimable lady, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Ardeny) McNutt, who died in Clarion county.

Politically, Mr. Shanafelt is identified with the Republican party, and for a quarter of a century he has been connected with the Masonic
fraternity. He is a prominent and active member of the Baptist Church, is one of its most liberal supporters, and for many years has served as deacon. For eight years he has been a member of the State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Shanafelt stands five feet, ten and one-half inches in height, weighs 185 pounds, and, until a year ago enjoyed excellent health for one of his years, but at this writing (1898) is suffering from paralysis. He possesses to a full measure all the fine ennobling qualities for which his ancestors were noted, and his honesty, integrity, gentleness and purity are a constant source of inspiration to his loving family and many friends.

PATRICK MCDONALD is engaged in the lumber business in Reynoldsville, Jefferson county. His career well exemplifies the saying that "merit always commands its reward." Making the most of his opportunities through life, he has overcome many obstacles in his path, and has steadily advanced on the high road to success. He is now numbered among the most enterprising and progressive business men of his adopted city, and is well worthy of representation in this volume.

Mr. McDonald was born in County Tipperary, Ireland, in 1848; and is a son of John and Mary (Gaynor) McDonald, who were natives of the Emerald Isle, whence they came to America in 1856. For several years they resided in New York, and then removed to Sullivan county, Penn., where the father worked at the tailor's trade, which he had learned in his native land. He also carried on agricultural pursuits, and developed a farm, to the further cultivation of which he was directing his energies at the time of his death, in 1890. His wife passed away the year previous.

Patrick McDonald was the fifth child in their family. His educational opportunities were limited to the privileges afforded by the district schools of Sullivan county, Penn. At the early age of thirteen years he left the parental roof to make his own way in the world, and has since been dependent entirely upon his own efforts; so that whatever success he has achieved is justly merited. He was first employed as a mail carrier, and followed that pursuit for eighteen months, after which he secured work in the lumber woods of Cleartield county. He was industrious and energetic, and after four years was enabled to embark in lumbering on his own account, since which time he has successfully followed that calling, continually adding to the competence which is the merited reward of earnest labor. For twenty-four years he has been associated in business with Hon. A. C. Hopkins, member of Congress from Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

In June, 1873, Mr. McDonald was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Wilhelm, of St. Mary's, Elk Co., Penn., and their union has been blessed with nine children, eight of whom are still living, namely: John, Francis, George, Mary, Thomas, Brady, Terrence and Ellen. Mr. McDonald and his family are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics he is a staunch Democrat, warmly advocating the free coinage of silver. He occupies a prominent position in business circles, and his life record is in many respects worthy of emulation.

JAMES M. HEPLER, who until recently conducted a good general store in Clarington, Jefferson county, was born in 1862, in West Millville, Clarion Co., Penn., of parents Henry and Martha (McWilliams) Hepler. The father is also a native of Clarion county, and has spent his entire life in Pennsylvania, being at the present time a resident of Allegheny county. For twenty years he successfully engaged in merchandising.

James M. Hepler was provided with good school privileges, but like many boys did not make the best use of the opportunities afforded him. At the age of twenty he began the struggle of life for himself, his first work being teaming; and when business was dull along this line he sought other employment. Among the various occupations which he pursued was that of a mail contractor, but later gave his exclusive time and attention to his store, and by fair and honorable dealing he succeeded in building up a good trade.

In December, 1883, Mr. Hepler was married to Miss Etta L. Simpkins, of Corsica, Jefferson county, and six children have come to bless their union. Roy, Clara, Anna, Mark, Burns and Howard. Socially, Mr. Hepler is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America; politically, he is an ardent Republican. He has served as school director in his township, but cares nothing for office, preferring to give his time and attention to his business interests.

JACOB G. SMITH, a leading agriculturist and a successful stone mason, now residing in Bell township, Jefferson county, is a representative of one of the old and highly respected families of the county, his parents being William
and Catherine Smith. The father was born in Germany, in 1819, and on coming to this country took up his residence in Young township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of wild land and developed therefrom a fine farm. His first buildings were log structures, which were replaced by a good frame residence and barn. He continued the cultivation and improvement of his land up to his death, in September, 1896; his widow is now making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Hanck.

Our subject is one of a family of four children, all of whom were born on the old homestead in Young township, where they were reared: (1) Henry A., a substantial farmer residing near Crete, in Indiana county, Penn., married Sophia Norr, of Perry township, Jefferson county, and has four children—Owen, Lottie, Carrie and Emma. (2) Jacob G. is the second in the order of birth. (3) Adam E. owns and operates a fine farm in Bell township, one mile northeast of Punxsutawney, which he purchased of Fred Hummel. He wedded Emma Oswald, of Brady township, Clearfield Co., Penn., and has two children—Roland and Wallace. (4) Lizzie married Frederick Hanck, of Bell township, Clearfield county, and they live on her father's old homestead; their children are Emma, Willie, Grover, Mary, and two whose names are not given.

Jacob G. Smith, of this review, spent the greater part of his boyhood days in working upon the home farm, though he attended the public schools to some extent during the winter season. After attaining to man's estate he learned the stonemason's trade with his half brother, John E. Smith, and has continued to successfully follow the same in Clearfield and Jefferson counties up to the present time. In 1883 he married Miss Sadie Oswald, of Brady township, Clearfield county, and to them have been born six children: Freddy, Minnie, Ida, Alice, Effie and Harry.

Previous to his marriage Mr. Smith had purchased a farm in Young township, and later bought the Adam Kuntz homestead of 139 acres of improved land in Bell township, near the Grube Church. In 1889 he erected thereon a large two-story house, and has also built a summer house and wagon shed, besides making many other improvements which add to its value and attractive appearance. Having a large amount of industry, perseverance and energy, he has made a noble record as a successful business man, and to-day stands as one of the substantial and reliable citizens of Bell township. His political support is ever given the Democracy, and he has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of supervisor one term, overseer of the poor four years, and is at present a school director in Bell township. In religious faith he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church of Punxsutawney.

URIAS PEACE is to-day the owner of one of the large and well-cultivated farms of Bell township, Jefferson county, and is recognized as one of the most enterprising and progressive business men. He started out in life a poor boy, but has overcome the obstacles and difficulties in his path by determined purpose, and has thus worked his way upward to prosperity.

Abram and Catherine (Moleberry) Peace, parents of our subject, were born in Dauphin county, Penn., but were married in Centre county, where the father worked in the Bald Eagle Valley for some years. In 1847 he removed his family to Jefferson county, purchasing a farm in Bell township. His wife died in 1859. Our subject is one of six children, the others being as follows: (1) Abram, born in Bald Eagle Valley, wedded Mary Sprov, of Bell township, and is now living on a farm in Henderson township, Jefferson county. They have four children—(a) Maggie, who married and died some years ago, leaving three children; (b) John, of Henderson township, Jefferson county, who married Malinda Shepler, and has one child, Karl; (c) Lizzie, wife of George Shepler, of Henderson township; and (d) Daniel, of Henderson township, who married a Miss Gray and has one child. (2) Elizabeth, born in Bald Eagle Valley, died at the age of seventeen years; she was an exceedingly attractive and amiable girl. (3) Daniel, born in Centre county, married Elizabeth Niel, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and now owns and operates a farm in Bell township; they had four children, but only one, Eva, is now living. (4) Joseph, born in Centre county, died suddenly at the age of nineteen years, while engaged in lumbering on the East branch of the Mahoning; he was a remarkably bright young man. (5) William, born in Centre county, and now a farmer of Henderson township, Jefferson county, married Miss Jane Bair, by whom he has five children—(a) Ida, wife of George Davis, of Henderson township, who is engaged in merchandising in Big Run; (b) Eva, wife of John Pifer, a farmer of Henderson township; (c) Maggie; (d) Edward; and (e) Calm.

Urias Peace, of this review, was born in Bald Eagle Valley in 1845, and was, consequently, about two years old when the family removed to
Jefferson county. His educational privileges were limited, as his services were needed on the home farm, and he assisted his father in the labors of field and forest, working in the woods until he had earned enough to buy a team. He then operated the Henry Brown farm on shares for eight years. He also engaged in rafting timber down Mahoning creek to the Pittsburgh markets, has since followed that pursuit, and for some time was engaged in hauling timber for Leavy & Mitchell, on the Susquehanna river. In 1874 he purchased twenty-five acres of land, of Robert McGee, in Bell township, built thereon a house and barn, and made other substantial improvements. He then purchased the Brooks farm of 132 acres, for which he paid out four thousand dollars. He has here erected a new barn, 50 x 52 feet, and a fine residence. He has cleared the stumps from the place, and now has one of the most richly cultivated farms in Bell township, while the modern improvements and accessories that are there to be seen indicate him to be a most progressive and wide-awake agriculturist.

In 1874 Mr. Peace wedded Miss Mary A. McGee, of Bell township, and the following is the record of their family: Henry M., born in Bell township, is now an employee of the Beach Creek Railroad Company. Homer, born in Bell township, also follows railroad ing. Della J., born on the farm where her parents now live, is the wife of Harvey Bond, of Indiana county, Penn. Joseph, born in February, 1878, is at home. Arthur, born in Bell township, was, at the age of sixteen, killed by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting rabbits. Emory, Milton and Ida are all at home. Etha M. died in infancy. Raymond and Herman (twins) complete the family. Mrs. Peace is identified with the Presbyterian Church.

His fellow citizens, appreciating his worth and ability, have called upon Mr. Peace on three successive occasions to fill the office of supervisor, and his duties have been discharged with marked fidelity. His political support is given to the Democracy. His career is that of an honorable business man, who by his upright life has won the confidence and regard of all with whom he has been brought in contact, and won the warm friendship of many.

A DAM STAPF, late landlord and proprietor of the "Haley House," Lindsay, Jefferson county, has firmly established himself in the good will of the community by his courtesy and fair dealing with all. Mr. Stapf was born in Law-
residence at the age of twenty. A very progressive, industrious man, he became the owner of valuable property in and around that city. He died there December 16, 1892, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. His estimable wife still (at this writing) survives him, and is in the enjoyment of good health.

Children, as follows, were born to this worthy couple: The eldest two are now deceased; those living are Kate, the wife of Joseph Conrad, of Jefferson county; Minnie, wife of Louis Knarr, of Clearfield county, Penn.; Lizzie, wife of Hy. Heilbron, of DuBois, Penn.; Caroline, wife of James G. Brennan, of Punxsutawney; Etta, wife of Harry Walters, of the same city; John C., of this sketch; and Daniel, a resident of Washington county, Pennsylvania.

After completing his education in the schools of Punxsutawney, John C. Fackiner engaged in agricultural pursuits upon one of the two farms owned by his father, near that place. Subsequently he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked some nine years, and then embarked in the furniture and undertaking business at his present location. He carries a neat and well-selected stock of everything found in his line, and by his courteous treatment of customers and fair dealing he built up an excellent trade. 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. In 1884 he was married to Miss Mattie Redding, daughter of William Redding, of Lindsey, Jefferson county, and they now have one son, Paul. Mrs. Fackiner is a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Mr. Fackiner of the German Reformed Church. Socially, he belongs to the Order of American Mechanics; politically, he is conservative, preferring not to be bound by party ties.

G S. HAMM, dealer in general merchandise, in the town of Knox, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

JAMES S. ST. CLAIR. Young men in the past have often been deterred from devoting themselves to a business life because of the wide-spread impression that such a life yields no opportunities for the display of genius. The time, however, has gone by when, other things being equal, the business man must take a secondary place to the lawyer, the doctor, the minister or the editor. In fact, as a rule, let the business man be equally equipped, and you will find him to-day in every community exerting a wider influence and wielding a larger power than a man of equal capacity treading other walks of life. The "men of affairs" have come to be in a large degree the men upon whom the country leans. The subject of this sketch is pre-eminently a "man of affairs," and has long been prominently identified with the interests of Punxsutawney (his native city), Jefferson county.

Mr. St. Clair was born in 1843, a son of James and Margaret (Mitchell) St. Clair, who were natives of Indiana county, Penn., whence they came to Punxsutawney at an early day. The father arrived in 1831, and became the first tailor in the place, following his trade here for some years. He was quite prominent in public affairs, served as sheriff of Jefferson county, and also as associate judge. Prior to his entrance into public life he engaged in the grist and saw mill business. He died in April, 1891, respected by all who knew him, and his estimable wife closed her eyes in death just three weeks later. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are yet living, namely: R. M., of Denver, Colo.; Martha, wife of G. S. Campbell; Margaret, wife of W. R. Depp; Mary E., widow of A. J. Monks; James S.; John, an attorney of Punxsutawney; and Clara, wife of A. J. Scott, an attorney of Brookville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. St. Clair, of this review, owing to ill health in his boyhood received but limited educational privileges, but as opportunity offered pursued his studies in Punxsutawney. For a year he served an apprenticeship at the jeweler's trade, but followed that pursuit only two years, later turning his attention to the hotel business, which he conducted for nine years. His energies were then directed toward the lumber business, with which he was connected some five years. His fellow citizens then manifested their appreciation of his sterling worth and fidelity to duty by calling him to public office, and for the past six years he has acceptably served as treasurer and tax collector of Punxsutawney.

In 1864 Mr. St. Clair was married to Miss Anna B. Grahns, of Punxsutawney, and they have five children, namely: Frank G.; Sallie M., wife of C. N. Neale, of Punxsutawney; Martha J.; R. Walter; and Richard Arthur. The parents are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mr. St. Clair belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political support is given the Republican party, and he staunchly advocates its principles. Every trust confided to his care is faithfully performed, and his high personal worth commends him to the confidence and esteem of all.
JOSEPH F. Wiest is the genial and popular proprietor of the "St. Petersburg Hotel," of St. Petersburg, which is one of the best hostelries of its size in Clarion county. There the traveler finds all the comforts and conveniences of the modern hotel. The rooms are well furnished and are neat and clean, and the table is supplied with the best that the market affords. The landlord reminds one of a Southern judge dispensing hospitality to his friends and guests, and his hotel has therefore become a favorite resort with the traveling public. There is a good bar attached to the office, and in every particular the place is first-class.

Mr. Wiest was born July 27, 1865, in Knox township, Clarion county, and is a son of Martin Wiest, who was born, reared and educated in Baden, Germany. After coming to this country he was married in Pittsburg, Penn., to Mrs. Catherine (Bergman) Fleckenstein, and the only child born of this union is our subject. The father followed agricultural pursuits, and was a supporter of the Democratic party. He died in the prime of life in Knox township.

Joseph F. Wiest passed the days of his boyhood and youth in his native county, and in its schools acquired his literary education. For three years after starting out in life for himself he worked in the lumber woods, and subsequently was for the same length of time in the street railway service in Pittsburg. Returning to Clarion county, he has since successfully engaged in the hotel business.

At the age of twenty-five, Mr. Wiest married Miss Lena Frantzwinguer, a native of Butler county, Penn., who was reared and educated in Clarion county, and to them have been born three children: Ed M., May and James M. Joseph Frantzwinguer, the father of Mrs. Wiest, was a soldier in the French army.

Mr. Wiest is one of the prominent and influential members of the Democratic party in his community, and was one of the five candidates brought prominently before the convention in 1897 for the office of sheriff. Only one received a larger number of votes. He is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, and is deservedly popular with all who know him.

LEVI HEIDRICK, president of the Brookville Railway Company, and senior member of the well-known lumber firm of Heidrick, Watson & Co., of Brookville, is one of the substantial business men of Jefferson county.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Heidrick is of German blood, and in his successful career he has displayed the enterprise, sagacity and conservatism which are so largely characteristic of German-American citizens. John Adam and Henrietta (Sode) Heidrick, his parent, were born, reared and married in the Fatherland, and at the time of their emigration to America had six children, our subject, who was born in 1847, being the second of their large family to be of American birth. The father, who was a quiet, industrious man, not in the least ambitious for public life, was for many years a contractor for the Brady's Bend Iron Company, at Brady's Bend, Penn. He made three trips to his native land, and on the last one, in 1865, he remained there, his death occurring about two years later. His wife passed away in 1857 at Brady's Bend.

The common schools near his father's home afforded the subject of this sketch his only opportunity for an education, and of these he could not take full advantage, as he began clerking in a mercantile establishment when he was only ten years old. During the Civil war he served one year in Company K, 6th H. A. On his return he engaged in the oil and coal business at Oil City, for a year, and then returned to Brady's Bend. Until 1880 he was engaged in mercantile business in Butler and Clearfield counties, with the exception of three years at Brady's Bend; but leaving this business he became interested in lumbering at Du Bois, where he had conducted a store since 1880. In 1894 he moved to Brookville.

The lumber firm of Heidrick, Watson & Co. was organized in August, 1894, for the purpose of purchasing and operating the Litch lands, situated in Jefferson county, Penn., the firm paying therefor the sum of $135,000. Extensive improvements were made in the mill and stream, which were both made to conform to the most improved methods of lumbering. A railroad, connecting the mill and yards with the main line of the Allegheny Valley railroad, was built at an expense to the firm of $12,000. The mill was equipped throughout with modern machinery, and is today the best plant in western Pennsylvania, having a capacity of one hundred thousand feet. In addition to the above, the firm in the winter of 1895 entered into a contract with Truman, Henderson & Co., owners of a large tract of lumber in Polk township, Jefferson county, to saw and deliver to the tracks of the Allegheny Valley railroad, at Brookville, all the lumber on their lands, estimated at from sixty million to seventy million feet. This necessitated the building of fourteen miles of railroad, which the firm immediately set about to accomplish, the road being built and equipped.
in the summer of 1896 at a cost of over one hundred thousand dollars. Since the organization of the firm they have made several smaller purchases of timber, and now have enough lumber in sight to keep their mill in operation for several years.

In 1871 our subject was married to Miss Mary Queen, a daughter of John Queen, of Queenstown, Penn., and nine children have blessed their union: Kittie, Charles, Em- met, Mamie, John, Laura, Frank, Ruth and Bessie. In his religious views Mr. Heidrick inclines to the Lutheran faith, in which he was reared, but the family attend the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Heidrick and several of the children being members thereof. Mr. Heidrick is identified with the A. O. U. W., the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., and the G. A. R. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and while never a seeker after official honors, he has been chosen at various times to local offices, and has been especially prominent in educational matters.

DAVID E. CONRAD, merchant, Houtzdale, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, is well and favorably known in the county.

REV. JACOB I. HUMBERT. To be proud of descent from honorable lineage is fitting, but the responsibility entailed is a heavy one. No spot or blemish must appear on that line, and to keep the high standard maintained by worthy ancestors necessitates a careful and conscientious development of the higher moral and spiritual nature that is man's heritage.

Jacob Humbert, the paternal grandfather of the reverend gentleman whose name appears at the opening of this review, was of German descent, and passed his life amid the peaceful scenes of his farm. He was the father of five children, namely: Isaiah, a resident of Iowa; Mrs. Phebe Evans; Daniel and Jacob, deceased; and Abraham.

Abraham Humbert was born in Fayette county, Penn., and became one of the leading educators of the vicinity, following the profession of teacher for over thirty years. He married Mary A. Moser, who departed this life in 1893. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which her husband also belongs. In their family were the following children: Albertus, now a resident of Uniontown, Penn.; Mrs. Mary Deyarmen; Jacob I.; S. M., a music teacher, who died in 1894; T. A., at present attending college; and Edward B., now operating the home farm. The father of this family is still living at the age of sixty-nine years; his strictly temperate life has left its impress on body and soul, and made him a living example well worthy of emulation.

Jacob I. Humbert was born in Fayette county, Penn., October 1, 1839, and passed his early years on the home farm, acquiring his elementary education in the district school near by. Later he studied in the State Normal College of Pennsylvania, and at the University of Wooster, Ohio. The early teachings of a Christian mother were not forgotten, and as he approached manhood he determined to follow the Master's command to "Preach the Gospel to every creature." Accordingly, he entered the Western Theological Seminary of Allegheny, Penn., and in 1893 was graduated from that institution. During his student days he had preached to a limited extent, and on leaving school took his first regular charge, Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church at Sigel, with which he has since been connected. His earnest purpose and untiring vigilance have crowned his labors with success, and the congregation now numbers 140 members. Besides this he has also been the pastor of Mill Creek Church, Clarion county. Unceasing in his efforts for the advancement of the Church and the cause of Christianity, he has extended words of cheer to many a poor wandering soul, and turned their hearts. A man of broad humanitarian principles, of enlightened charity and brotherly love, he is well fitted for his work in the Master's vineyard.

On June 8, 1893, Rev. Jacob I. Humbert was united in marriage with Miss Mary S. Mestrezat, who was born in Fayette county, Penn., October 3, 1869, a daughter of John and Barbara C. (Neal) Mestrezat, of French descent. Mr. and Mrs. Mestrezat are earnest workers in the Presbyterian Church. Besides Mrs. Humbert, their living children are: Fred; Aline A., wife of Dr. Atkinson, of Connellsville, Penn.; and Ray. The happy home of Rev. and Mrs. Humbert has been blessed with three children: Katherine A. and Mary A. (twins), born July 15, 1894; and Martha P., born July 6, 1896.

A W. SMILEY, oil buyer, with residence in the town of Foxburg, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

BENJAMIN B. KRAMER, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Hotel Waverly," Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, was born
in Centre county, Penn., March 7, 1842, and is a son of Jonathan B. and Catherine C. (Taylor) Kramer. The father was also a native of this State, born in Schuylkill county, and when a young man removed to Centre county. In early life he learned the blacksmith's trade, which he followed for many years, but his last days were spent in retirement, enjoying a well-earned rest. He was a prominent member of the State Militia, in which he held the rank of colonel, and was also called upon to fill a number of local positions of honor and trust in his township. He died, respected by all, in 1883, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his estimable wife, who was a native of Centre county, closed her eyes in death in 1894, at the venerable age of eighty-two years and one month.

Our subject had the advantages of only a district-school education in his youth, and at the age of fifteen left the school room and started out in life for himself as a farm hand, working in that capacity for a few years. He next engaged in lumbering for about three years, and on the expiration of that time accepted a clerkship in a mercantile establishment in Bellefonte, Centre county, where he faithfully served for four years without losing a single day. Subsequently he engaged in mercantile pursuits on his own account in Centre county for about fourteen years, during which time he acceptably served as postmaster of Lemont. Later he carried on the butcher and livery business in Philipsburg, Centre county, for four years, and while residing there was appointed storekeeper and gauger under President Cleveland's first administration; but after holding the position for a year and a half he resigned and removed to Houtzdale, Clearfield Co., Penn. Here he took charge of the "Arlington Hotel," which he conducted for two years, and then sold out preparatory to coming to Punxsutawney, where he purchased the "City Hotel," and carried on same for two years and seven months. Mr. Kramer next went to Canton, Penn., where he conducted the "Canton House" for about a year. Returning to Punxsutawney, he erected the "Waverly," which is one of the leading hostleries in Jefferson county. It is conveniently arranged, well furnished, heated with natural gas, supplied with electric bells, baths, and, in fact, everything found in a first-class hotel of the present day, and is beyond doubt one of the best equipped in the county. Under the able management of Mr. Kramer it has become a favorite resort with the traveling public. In connection with the hotel he has a large and commodious livery stable, well stocked.

On February 12, 1873, Mr. Kramer was married to Miss Emma C. Bricker, a daughter of John C. Bricker, of Centre county, and they have one son, Claude C., living in Punxsutawney. Mrs. Kramer is an earnest member of the Lutheran Church. socially, Mr. Kramer is connected with the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the American Mechanics, and the Knights of Pythias, in which he is serving as past chancellor. At present he is independent in politics, and cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of public office. Mr. Kramer became Governor Hastings' first client, the Governor at that time being a young man just starting out on his professional career as a lawyer. Our subject has become one of the leading and influential citizens of Punxsutawney, his pleasant, courteous manners attracting to him many warm friends.

H. C. SHAFFNER is the well-known and popular constable of West Clearfield, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH BATESON, Jr., a well-known and popular merchant of Rathmel, Jefferson county, was born January 23, 1861, in Clinton, Mich., on or near Lake Superior, and is a son of Joseph and Mary (Dickson) Bateson, natives of England, who came to America in 1847.

The father was born July 16, 1828, a son of Joshua and Sarah (Watson) Bateson, of Cumberland, England, where the former followed mining throughout his active business life. He died in 1849, at the age of seventy years, and his wife passed away in 1855, at the age of sixty-seven. In their family were the following children: William, who died in Wisconsin; Mary; Joshua, who died in England; Joseph, the father of our subject; Nancy, widow of Mr. Mosher; John, who died in England; Mary, deceased wife of Thomas White, of England; Thomas, also a resident of that country; and Mathew, who makes his home in Ohio. Mrs. Mary Bateson (the mother of our subject), whose birth occurred May 20, 1826, is a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Stewartson) Dickson, who also spent their entire lives in Cumberland, England, where the father engaged in weaving. To them were born seven children, namely: Robert, who died in England; Elizabeth, also deceased; Mary; Ann, still a resident of England; Sarah, who married Robert Lee, and died in England in 1896; Isaac, of England; and Hannah, who died in England.

On coming to the New World, the parents of
our subject first located in Canada, where they remained only a short time, and then spent seven years on Lake Superior, Mich. Subsequently they lived in Bradford county, Penn., but since 1883 they have made their home in Rathmel, where Mr. Bateson followed mining until 1889, but is now living retired, enjoying a well-earned rest. He is an ardent Republican in politics, and both himself and wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and are widely and favorably known throughout the community. In their family were seven children: Sarah, now the widow of James Johnson, of Du Bois, Penn.; Mary, wife of R. W. Holmes, a farmer of Canada; Joseph, of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of John Kennedy, also an agriculturist of Canada; Hannah, at home; and Margaret, deceased.

Mr. Bateson, whose name introduces this sketch, accompanied his parents on their removals until finally locating in Rathmel, and remained with them until his marriage, April 15, 1896, to Mrs. Isabella (Beveridge) Brodhead, the widow of Edgar Brodhead. Mr. and Mrs. Bateson have a pleasant home in Rathmel, where they have lived since their marriage, and are surrounded by many warm friends, who are sure to find a hearty welcome at their hospitable home.

Until the age of fifteen, our subject attended school, and then began life for himself by working in the coal mines with his father, continuing that employment until 1886, when he secured a position as clerk in the general store of John Smith at Rathmel. On December 7, 1895, he embarked in his present business, buying out A. A. Swab, and renting the two-story building which he now occupies. It is stocked with a complete line of general merchandise, and by fair and honorable dealing and courteous treatment of customers, he has built up a large and constantly increasing trade. In politics he is a Republican; socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias and Patriotic Order Sons of America, both of Rathmel, and the Odd Fellows lodge of Reynoldsville, Jefferson county. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian.

Dr. J. HAINES, of Brisbin, is not only one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this section of Clearfield county, but has also successfully engaged in the drug business for a quarter of a century. In 1854 he began the practice of his chosen profession, being the first physician and also the first druggist in Brisbin. He has gained quite a reputation as a skilled practitioner, and therefore enjoys a large and lucrative patronage.

The Doctor was born in New Cumberland, Cumberland Co., Penn., October 27, 1831, a son of Samuel and Margaret (Brady) Haines, natives of York county, this State, who early became residents of Cumberland county; but in 1849 removed to Decatur township, Clearfield county, where the mother died two years later. The father afterward made his home for a time in Glen Hope, same county, returning eventually to York county, where he spent his remaining days. Dr. Haines is one of their family of eight children—five sons and three daughters—the others being: Jacob, who during the Civil war enlisted in Centre county, Penn., in the navy, and died in the service; James, now a resident of Coalport, Clearfield county; Samuel, who enlisted in Clearfield county in 1861, in the 45th P. V. I., and died in Salisbury, N. C.; Isaiah, who was also one of the “boys in blue,” and is now a resident of Glen Hope; Mary, who became the wife of John Hudson, and died in Philipsburg, Penn.; Elizabeth, who died in Clearfield, and Mrs. Adaline Dixon, who died in Emporium, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Haines accompanied the family on their removal to Clearfield county, and for two years was employed in the sawmill of Christ Harnish, in Decatur township; then removed to Boggs township, where he remained until 1853, when he purchased sixty-five acres of land in Woodward township, Clearfield county. This tract he still owns, and he has cleared away the timber and transformed it into one of the most desirable farms in the locality. In 1850, at Stoneville, Boggs township, he was united in marriage with Miss Esther Ann Ralston, who was born near Manayunk, Penn., a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Fox) Ralston, natives of Ireland and Maryland, respectively. They were early pioneer settlers of Boggs township, Clearfield county, where the mother died, but the father passed away in Huntingdon county, Penn., at the advanced age of ninety years. To the Doctor and his estimable wife have been born children as follows: Alfred, a resident of Jersey Shore, Penn.; William, of Decatur township, Clearfield county; Edward, of Woodward township; Mrs. Sarah Phillips, of Woodland, Clearfield county; Joel, of Wallacetown, in the same county; Thomas, who resides on a farm in Decatur township; Lewis, who is living at Bells Landing, Clearfield county, and Benjamin and Jeremiah, who are still with their parents.

Dr. Haines is the owner of a good farm of fifty acres in Decatur township, and also a hotel
in Oshanter, Clearfield county, which he erected during the three years he engaged in practice in that village. For over thirty-five years he has followed his chosen profession, and has won his way into the regards of the people with whom he has come in contact in his daily rounds by his ready tact and kindly sympathy. Wherever he goes the Doctor wins friends, and he has the happy faculty of being able to retain them. His popularity has made him a great favorite in all circles. He takes an active interest in politics, always giving his support to the principles of the Republican party.

Jacoby H. Martin is a well-known agriculturist of Ashland township, Clarion county; post office address Valley, Pennsylvania.

Elisha Gahagen. Among those agriculturists of Jefferson county, whose farms manifest to the most casual observer the energy and ability of the owner in his chosen calling, is the gentleman whose name introduces this article. He is a prosperous representative citizen of Porter township, and belongs to one of its prominent pioneer families.

James Gahagen, father of our subject, was born in 1806, in Huntingdon county, Penn., and on attaining to man's estate married Miss Martha Coleman, of Maryland. He then removed to West Mahoning township, Indiana Co., Penn., where he made his first purchase of land, and upon that place resided some years; but in 1833 he sold out and came to Porter township, Jefferson county, where he purchased a tract of 160 acres of timber land. Here he erected a hewed-log house and barn, and at once gave his attention to clearing and developing the land, making that place his home until called to the world beyond. His wife died in March, 1866, leaving him with a family of eight children:

1. Maria, born in Indiana county, became the wife of John Skinner. She spent a part of her married life in Porter township, Jefferson county, but died in West Mahoning township, Indiana county. Her children were Emeline, now Mrs. Ephraim Adams, of Punxsutawney, Penn.; Henry, who is married, and resides in Wisconsin; Martha, wife of John Scott, of Sunbury, Penn.; and Leonidas, who is married and resides in Indiana county, Penn.

2. John Y., born in West Mahoning township, Indiana county, wedded Sarah A. Postlethwait, and lived on a farm adjoining the old homestead in Porter township, Jefferson county, until his death in 1889. His widow is now a resident of Beaver township, Jefferson county. He had four children—Calvin K., who is married and resides at Elk Run, Jefferson county; Emma A., at home with her mother; Clarence A., at home; and Virgil M., who is engaged in teaching school.

3. Anna, born in Indiana county, married Rev. Edwin Hull, of New York State, and they made their home in Porter township until her death in November, 1863. Their children are Earl, Judson and James.

4. Elizabeth Y., born in Indiana county, became the wife of Daniel McGregor, of Jefferson county, and lived on his farm in Porter township, where she passed away in 1875, leaving eight children—John, Annie, Mary, Hannah, Isabella, Cynthia, Alva and Ida.

5. Charles, born in Indiana county, married Hannah Ray, of Armstrong county, Penn., and resided on the old homestead until his death in 1882. He left a widow and eight children—E. H., Wesley C., Lambert, Loretta, Vienna, Earl, Myrtle and Bell.

6. James, born in Indiana county, wedded Amanda Howard, and died in 1851, leaving a son—James L.

7. Martha died in childhood.

8. Elisha, our subject, completes the family.

Elisha Gahagen, whose name opens this sketch, was born in 1834, on his present homestead in Porter township, Jefferson county, and attended the common schools during his boyhood and youth. He was married in 1858 to Miss Clarissa Welchons, of Jefferson county, and until 1861 they resided on a farm about one mile from the village of Porter. He then located on a part of his father's old homestead, where he still continues to reside. In 1864, however, he left home to aid in the defense of his country, enlisting in Company G, 57th P. V. I., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Grant, and he remained in the service until hostilities ceased. In connection with farming he worked at the mason's trade for a number of years. He has cleared a large part of the farm, in 1895 erected a large two-story frame house, and has also built a good barn, and made many other useful improvements, which add to its valuable and attractive appearance, making it one of the most desirable places of the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Gahagen became the parents of five children, as follows: Alice M., born in Porter township, in 1859, received a common-school education, and is now the wife of John C. Bahman, of Jefferson county, by whom she has one son, Ancel. They live on a part of her father's farm, and have a fine place. Elizabeth, born in 1862, at the present home of our subject, died at the age of three years. Mary J., born in 1864,
is with her parents. Albertus J., born in 1870, died in infancy; and Harry M., born in 1872, died at the age of three years. In political sentiment Mr. Gahagen is a Prohibitionist, and in religious belief he and his family are Methodist, belonging to Zion Church in Porter township. He has faithfully served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director, overseer of the poor, auditor, and in fact in nearly all of the local offices, and ever discharged his duties in a most commendable manner. He is a worthy representative of the good old Revolutionary stock from which he springs, his grandfather having been a soldier under Gen. Washington. A man of the highest integrity and honor, he has the respect and esteem of all who know him, and his friends are many throughout the county.

GEOGE R. McAnINCH, Fortunate is he who has back of him an ancestry honorable and distinguished, and happy is he if his lines of life are cast in harmony therewith. Our subject is blessed in this respect, for he springs from one of the prominent old Scotch-Irish families of Pennsylvania. The first of the family, of whom he has any knowledge, were three brothers—William, John and Henry McAninch—who made their home along the Allegheny river. William McAninch, the grandfather of our subject, became one of the pioneer settlers of Beaver township, Jefferson county, where he continued to live until after the death of his wife, when he resided with his children, his death occurring in Knox township, same county. In religious belief he was a Presbyterian. Ten sons and one daughter constituted his family, namely: Elisha, Elijah, John, William, George, Lewis, Henry, Sylvester, Samuel, and a son whose name is not given, and Mrs. Isabel Smith.

The birth of George McAninch, the father of our subject, occurred at Catfish, Penn., and he was nine years old when brought by his parents to Jefferson county, where he has since made his home. He was reared in Beaver township, early learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed in connection with the sawmill business during his younger years. In 1852 he purchased a tract of land still in its primitive condition, and thenceforth developed a good farm. During the winter season he followed lumbering, his market being Pittsburg, and also continued to extensively engage in carpentering, as he was one of the leading contractors and builders of his locality. He wedded Miss Mary, daughter of Frederick Hetrick, who improved a farm in Polk township, Jefferson county, where his wife died, but he spent his last years in Kansas. Their children were Adam, William, Henry, Anna, Eliza, Esther, Eva, Mary, Catherine, Hannah and Polly. To Mr. and Mrs. McAninch were born the following children: Matilda, wife of S. A. Gordon; Drusilla, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Alzira, wife of T. C. Munson; Stewart, who died, leaving one child; George R.; Mrs. Minerva O'Connor; Catherine, wife of R. D. Richards; and James, now a resident of North Dakota. The mother passed away March 18, 1897, but the father is still living on the old homestead with our subject, at the age of eighty-one years. Both held membership in the Methodist Church, and their sterling worth and many excellent traits of character gained for them the love and confidence of the entire community.

Under the able direction of his father, George R. McAninch, of this review, became a most thorough and skilful agriculturist, and in the common schools acquired his literary education. During the construction of the railroad through this section of the country, he conducted a boarding house for the employees, later operated a sawmill for one year; but has since devoted his attention principally to the cultivation of the old homestead during the summer months, while the winter seasons he has passed in lumbering. The farm contains 200 acres, 150 of which are under cultivation and improved with two comfortable frame dwellings, good barns and other outbuildings, together with a fine orchard. It is underlaid with a good grade of coal and limestone, is pleasantly situated on the Red Bank river one mile from Baxter, and is one of the most desirable places in Clover township.

In 1871 Mr. McAninch was married to Miss Isabel Leslie, whose parents, Noah and Elizabeth (McCan) Leslie, were from New York. They located in Clearfield county, Penn., where the father died. He was a mechanic, employed principally in the manufacture of furniture and in painting. He was twice married, his first wife being the mother of Mrs. McAninch, and to them were born four children: Elmina, wife of O. Darr; Isabel; Mrs. Catherine Anderson; and Frank, a farmer. The parents were Methodists in religious belief. Seven children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. McAninch: H. Clyde, a millwright by trade; Mrs. Nina Harriger; Stewart, at home; Gertie, who died at the age of seventeen years; Catherine, James and May, at home; and Essie, the youngest, who was born in 1893. The parents are both leading members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are earnest supporters of all measures calculated to benefit the moral or material welfare of the community. Mr. Mc-
Aninch uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has efficiently filled a number of township offices although he cares little for political distinction. He is a man of scrupulous honor, is brave, generous and humane, and has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

ABRAM SNYDER, blacksmith, and wagon and carriage manufacturer, Brookville, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN A. HIMES, a prosperous and thoroughgoing agriculturist of Clarion county, has always made his home in Red Bank township, where his birth occurred August 31, 1841. His father, Joseph Himes, is one of the early settlers of New Bethlehem, Clarion county, and his mother, who bore the maiden name of Abigail Space, was a daughter of Zephaniah Space, who took up his residence here as early as 1808. She died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four years, but Mr. Himes is still living, at the ripe old age of eighty-five. He is a Republican in politics, and is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His children are as follows: Susanna, Zephaniah Space, John Allen, Catherine A. (wife of Joseph Findley, a Union soldier of the Civil war), William B., Percy Lyon, Marshall Shields, Thomas Mc., May A., Margaret Esther, and three who died when young.

The subject of this sketch was reared to hard work upon the home farm in Red Bank township, and pursued his studies in the local schools. In 1866 he located upon his present fine farm of eighty acres, which is improved with a good residence and substantial outbuildings, and to the operation of his land he has since devoted his attention with results which cannot fail to prove satisfactory.

On the anniversary of the birth of this glorious republic of ours, Mr. Himes enlisted in the Union army for the purpose of assisting in preventing its dismemberment, enlisting on July 4, 1861, in the 62nd P. V. I., at New Bethlehem. He served under Capt. Thomas Kerr, and Col. Samuel W. Black, and was first stationed on boats at Pittsburg, Penn., after which he was at Harrisburg for a time. He then went to Washington, D. C., and from Arlington Heights proceeded to Alexandria, Va. After a time spent in camp at Betty Black, he participated in the siege of Yorktown, was in the Peninsular campaign, the engagement at Antietam, the second battle of Bull Run, and the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Mine Explosion and Hatcher's Run. He received two slight wounds, one on the head and the other in the hand, and for six weeks was confined in the hospital at Camp Lookout, Md., by a wound in the thigh received at Hatcher's Run. When the war was over, he was honorably discharged August 7, 1865, and returned home.

In 1866, Mr. Himes was married to Miss Sophia, a daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Bowsorx, both now deceased. The children born to this union were: Mrs. Elizabeth Miller, who died leaving three children, two still living, John P. and Pansy E.; Joseph Paul, who died at the age of twenty-six years; Sarah Etta, who married Thomas Miller, and has three children; Clarissa E., wife of S. M. Myers; and Hattie Keziah and Mary Huldah, both at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Himes is a Republican, and, socially, he is a member of Captain Core Post, G. A. R., while religiously he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an upright, honorable business man, was a brave and fearless soldier, and is a public-spirited, enterprising citizen, who commands the confidence and esteem of all with whom he comes in contact.

LEWIS B. HILE. Among the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, none are more worthy of mention in a work of this character than the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical notice. He is also a worthy representative of leading pioneer families of central Pennsylvania, his paternal grandparents, Henry and Mary A. (Johnson) Hile, being early settlers of Clearfield county. The former was born in Germany, August 30, 1784, the latter in Pennsylvania, August 20, 1787, and their marriage was celebrated on February 1, 1807. They became the parents of thirteen children, namely: James, Abigail, Daniel, Philip, Anthony, Mary A., Henry, Emaline, Ancis, Eleanor, Elizabeth, John and Lorenzo.

Anthony Hile, the father of our subject, was born in Northumberland county, Penn., and was nineteen years of age when he came to Clearfield county, with whose farming and lumber interests he has been identified from an early age. He has been quite successful in his undertakings, and as a citizen occupies a prominent place in the community. He married Miss Amelia Bloom, a descendant of William Bloom, who
came from Germany to America in Colonial days, locating in New Jersey. For six years during the Revolution he was a member of Washington's army, and on the close of the war returned to his New Jersey home. In 1795 he migrated to central Pennsylvania, at first taking up his residence in Centre county, and in 1802 coming to Clearfield county, where he cleared and improved a farm in what is now Pike township. He reared a family of seven sons and three daughters, whose descendants are now numerous throughout this region.

To the parents of our subject were born the following children: James H., now a resident of Lumber City, Clearfield county; David W., a farmer, who was one of the brave "boys in blue" during the Civil war; John N., also an agriculturist; Eli B., a farmer; Mrs. Martha J. Guppy; Lewis B.; Mrs. Fanny McDivitt; Adda, wife of John Hippis; William B.; Mary E., wife of A. W. Russell; and Angelas L., wife of James E. Rorabaugh; Fanny and Mary are now deceased.

In Clearfield county Lewis B. Hile was born December 17, 1849, and was reared to the honest pursuits of a farmer, while his literary training was obtained in the country schools. Until his marriage he remained with his parents, and then located upon his present farm of one hundred acres in Ferguson township, twenty-five of which had been cleared and a house and barn erected thereon. The buildings have been remodeled, an orchard set out, and now fifty acres are under cultivation. The place is pleasantly situated one mile from Kerrmoor, and is underlaid with minerals which he yet holds. He has converted his timber into lumber, and in 1888 embarked in merchandising in Marron, carrying on business there for six years, during which time his family still resided on the farm, but he now gives his exclusive attention to his agricultural pursuits.

In 1870 Mr. Hile was united in marriage with Miss Lucinda Wise, a lady of intelligence and culture, and a daughter of Michael and Phoebe (Schroppy) Wise, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and belonged to families that were early established in this section. From the wilderness her father opened up and improved a farm in Pike township, where he died in 1871. His wife, who yet survives, now makes her home with her children. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. Their family included the following: Elizabeth, now the wife of E. Bloom; Lucinda; Sarah, wife of J. A. Johnson; James, a resident of Kansas; Wilmina, wife of W. L. Johnson; Lydia, wife of W. C. Cardin; Clara, wife of F. Robinson; Samuel, who operates the old homestead; Mrs. Maggie Bloom; and Mrs. Lullie McKnight. Four children bless the union of our subject and his wife: Dora, widow of A. Woll, who was an engineer; Charles, a resident of Tennessee; Perry and Frank, at home. The mother is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a most estimable lady. Socially, Mr. Hile affiliates with the I. O. O. F., and, politically, is identified with the Democratic party, taking an active interest in all public affairs, but never aspiring to office, though he has efficiently filled some local positions.

JOSPEH ADAM HANST, a furniture dealer and undertaker, is one of the leading and popular business men of Knox, where he established his present store in 1888. He is a native of Clarion county, his birth occurring in Beaver township, in 1857, and is a son of Adam and Christina (Kaufman) Hanst, who were born, reared and married in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. On their immigration to the New World, they took up their residence in Beaver township, Clarion county, where the father successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until called to the world beyond at the age of sixty-five years. In connection with general farming he also dealt in horses, and was numbered among the most reliable business men of his community. Politically, he was a Democrat, and, religiously, was a consistent member of the Reformed Church, to which his wife and family also belonged. Mrs. Hanst died of apoplexy.

The subject of this sketch is the third in order of birth in a family of nine children, the others being as follows: Peter, who was born in Germany, and now resides in Rockland, Penn.; Jacob, of California; George and Frederick, both well drillers of Midway, Penn.; Kate, wife of John Fleming; Lou, wife of Samuel Kribbs, a carpenter and painter of New Castle, Penn.; Matilda, wife of Lemuel Rankin, of Clarion; and Lewis, who died when young.

On the home farm Mr. Hanst, of this sketch, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in much the usual manner of farmer lads, obtaining his education in the common schools. In early life he learned the trade of a carpenter and builder, but since 1888 has devoted his attention exclusively to his present business, and with results which cannot fail to prove satisfactory. In 1894 he graduated at a school of embalming, and is therefore well qualified to follow his cho-
sen calling. He occupies pleasant and commodious quarters, his store room being 22 x 30 feet, and he carries a large and well-selected stock of furniture and everything needed in his business.

In August, 1852, Mr. Hanst was married to Miss Emma Jones, who was born, reared and educated in Piney township, Clarion county. Her father, who is now deceased, was born east of the Mountains, of English ancestry, and, on reaching manhood, married Susie Master, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, who still resides on the old homestead in Piney township. He was an agriculturist by occupation, a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his family were the following children: Charles (who was a soldier of the Civil war), Mary, David, William, Anna, Frances, Della, Hattie, Samuel, Celia (who died when young), Emma (wife of our subject), and one who died in infancy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hanst were born a son and daughter, but both are now deceased.

In political sentiment, Mr. Hanst is a free-silver Democrat, and in religious belief is a Lutheran. He is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights and Ladies of Honor, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In business affairs he is energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general prosperity while advancing individual interests.

W A. CRAWFORD, farmer and oil producer, Richland township, Clarion county; post office Mariasville, Pennsylvania.

DUEY DOUGLAS, who was one of the brave boys who shouldered their guns and went to the front in defense of their country during the war of the Rebellion, is now a leading and prominent farmer of Morris township, Clarion county. He was born in Tyrone, Huntingdon Co., Penn., in 1830, a son of ——— and Elizabeth (Haines) Douglas. The father, who was a native of Scotland, came to America when a young man and located in Sinking Valley, Huntingdon Co., Penn., where he purchased a farm, which he operated for a time. There he married Elizabeth Haines, and our subject was the only child born to them. Subsequently the father located on a farm near Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county, where he died. The mother subsequently married Joseph Akey, of Tyrone, and they became the parents of eight children.

Mr. Douglas, of this review, passed the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity, and obtained his education in its public schools. When a young man he came to Clearfield county, where he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza, daughter of William Miller, who was one of the honored pioneers of the county. Mr. Douglas then purchased 156 acres of land near Coalport, Clearfield county, and immediately commenced to clear and improve the same. In connection with farming he engaged in lumbering and rafting on the river for a number of years. On disposing of his first place he purchased seventy acres in Morris township, in 1866, and has since made his home upon that farm, which is under a high state of cultivation and improved with good and substantial buildings, which stand as monuments to his thrift and enterprise. His land is underlaid with an excellent grade of coal, and from the mines which are now in operation he receives a royalty, which adds not a little to his income.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas had a family of eight children: John, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-eight years; Ida and Nellie, both deceased; Duey, a railroad man of Jersey Shore, Penn., who married Ellen Ardey, and has two sons; Wilbert, of Munson, Clearfield county, who married Anna Hoover, and has two children; and Edith and James, at home. Mr. Douglas always affiliates with the Democratic party, whose principles he staunchly advocates, and has done much to promote the interests of the community, with which he has been identified for almost a third of a century. His honor and integrity are unimpeachable, his word being considered as good as his bond, and in all the relations of life he has been found true to every trust reposed in him. Both he and his wife are faithful members of the Adventist Church. During the dark days of the Rebellion he served as a soldier in the Union army.

C H. MATTESON, dealer in lumber, shingles, coal, flour, feed and hay, Foxburg, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

JOHN F. GALLAHER, who resides in New Washington, is connected with one of the oldest families of Clearfield county. His grandfather, James Gallafer, who was of Irish descent, was the first settler in what is now Burnside township, locating there before the organization of either Chest, Burnside or Bell townships. He made the first improvement where the Cummings orchard, in New Washington, is now situated. To this section of the country he was
accompanied by Daniel Turner, a surveyor, with whose assistance he took up large tracts of vacant land. Here he extensively engaged in lumbering and farming, and was a conspicuous factor in the development of that region. He married Margaret Ramsey.

James Gallaher, father of our subject, was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., May 27, 1801, and came with his parents to Clearfield county in 1806. In this frontier region he was reared, and in the schools of the neighborhood was educated; but his privileges in that direction were limited to two terms of three months each. The experiences of business life, however, brought him a good practical education. He married Sallie Lee, of an honored pioneer family of Centre county, a daughter of Jacob Lee, a farmer, and a record of their children will be found in the biography of James Gallaher, Jr., on page 736, this volume.

The mother of this family died in 1858, and in 1860 James Gallaher wedded Mrs. Mary L. (Horton) Kelly, who was born in Athens county, Ohio, May 13, 1836, a daughter of Isaac C. and Rose (Fonston) Horton. When she was five years of age her parents removed to New York, where she was reared and educated. Her father was a native of New York State; her grandfather, Thomas Horton, was a native of England, and served with the patriot army in the Revolutionary war. Isaac Horton removed in 1837 to Tioga county, Penn., where he followed farming until his death in January, 1860; his wife died in September, 1884, aged eighty years; both were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Mrs. Abigail Wilcox; Mrs. Sarah A. Kilburn; Mary L.; William, a druggist; Mrs. Susan E. Hutton; Mrs. Jane Dodge; and Mrs. Rose Tomb.

The mother of our subject was married, first (in 1848), to James Kelly, of New York, and soon afterward removed to Clearfield county, where Mr. Kelly engaged in the lumber business. He was the first to drive logs on Chest creek and the river, also conducted a general mercantile store and carried on farming, meeting with excellent success in his labor. He died June 26, 1857. In their family were three children: William, who died in the State of Washington in 1890; James H., a prominent attorney of Clearfield; and Harry, who died in California in 1890. After the death of Mr. Kelly his widow married James Gallaher, and of this union there were six children: John F.; Rose, wife of William Carlisle; J. Lincoln, who died at the age of sixteen years; Virginia, a trained hospital nurse; George, a merchant of Fairport, Ohio; and Mary, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher were members of the Missionary Baptist Church. The former carried on an extensive and prosperous lumber business, owned large tracts of timber land and a number of improved farms, and was also an enterprising and successful general merchant. He conducted those various business enterprises until about ten years prior to his death, which occurred in 1880. He spent the last decade of his life on the homestead farm. He was a public-spirited man, who did much to promote the substantial improvement of the community, and to the poor and needy was a generous friend. Strongly opposed to slavery, he became an Abolitionist, and joined the Republican party on its organization. Friends strongly urged him to accept the candidacy for both the House of Representatives and State Senate, but he declined all political honors. He died respected by all, and to his family left a valuable estate as a result of his industrious life. His widow still lives on the old homestead.

John F. Gallaher was born February 11, 1861, in what is now Bell township, Clearfield county, and was reared under the careful direction of his parents, who instilled into his mind lessons of industry and honor. In early life he became his father's assistant in business, and has always been interested in farming and lumbering. When he married he established a home near his parents. He followed lumbering until about two years ago, when he abandoned that to give his entire attention to the farming interests of his mother, and to the management of the estate. As a progressive and public-spirited citizen he keeps well informed on public issues, and votes with the Republican party. He has filled a number of offices in New Washington, and is now serving his second term as justice of the peace, his incumbency in that office to cover a period of ten years.

Mr. Gallaher was married, in 1889, to Cora Mahaffy, daughter of William and Mary M. (Estreker) Mahaffy. Her maternal grandparents were natives of Germany, and located in Clearfield county at an early day. Her father was a representative of a pioneer family of this locality, and was an important factor in its growth and development. After his marriage he located in New Washington, where he followed lumbering, being one of the chief promoters of the lumber industry in Burnside township. His political support was given the Democracy, and he filled some offices of honor and trust in the community, serving as constable for a number of years, and in other official positions. He died in February, 1890; his widow is still living in New
Washington. They were parents of seven children: Frank E., who is engaged in the harness business, and lives with his mother; Cora; John B., a farmer, harness maker and mail agent; Thomas R.; Harry, who died in childhood; Kate Rose; and Robert D. Five children have graced the union of Mr. and Mrs. Gallaher, of whom four are now living, namely: James K., born December 23, 1889; Frank, born September 22, 1891; Rose, born February 13, 1893; and Eva M., born February 26, 1895.

HARRY F. MATSON. Among the young and enterprising business men of Brookville, Jefferson county, his place of birth, there is probably none more energetic than this gentleman. Born June 19, 1873, he is a son of the late H. and Eliza (Smith) Matson, the former of whom was also a native of Brookville, the latter of Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

As a representative citizen of Jefferson county, the memory of the father of our subject will go down in history, and be ever held in respect. For many years he was one of the most prominent merchants, not only of his native town, but of the entire county. In 1851 he married Miss Eliza Smith, and four children blessed their union, Harry F., the subject proper of this sketch, being the only survivor. In 1893, after many years of energetic and faithful business, the father passed away, the mother dying in the same year. In religious faith they were Presbyterians, and in his political preferences Mr. Matson was a Republican.

Harry F. Matson, whose name introduces these lines, attended in his boyhood the Brookville public schools, acquiring a good practical education, such as would fit him for the responsible duties of life. Entering his father’s place of business, he soon became a proficient and capable young business man, and at the early age of twenty-two years, on the death of his father, he assumed the entire responsibility of the concerns, in which he is ably assisted by his estimable wife. Like his father before him, he is a representative merchant of his day, and it is no flattery to say of him that, ages being equal, there is not a more thoroughly practical, all-around business man in Jefferson county.

On June 11, 1895, Mr. Matson was united in marriage with Miss Anna May Spare, who was born March 24, 1872, at Brookville, Penn., and educated at Bellevue Academy. Presbyterians by birth and heritage, they are liberal supporters of the Church of that denomination in Brookville, while in his political associations Mr. Matson is a stanch advocate of the principles laid down in the platform of the Republican party. He is one of the most popular and highly respected young men of Brookville, and no doubt a brilliant future lies before him.

FRANCIS MIGNOT, of Covington township, Clearfield county, was for many years actively engaged in general farming, and met with such excellent success in his chosen calling, that he is now enabled to spend his declining years in ease and retirement, enjoying the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He was born in France, in 1821, and in 1832 accompanied his parents, H. and Frances (Charbonet) Mignot, to the United States, arriving in Bellefonte, Centre Co., Penn., July 4, of that year. From that city the parents came to Frenchville, Clearfield county, where the father purchased sixty acres of land in the midst of the forest, which he transformed into a good farm. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits in Covington township throughout the remainder of his life.

Our subject is one of a family of eight children, the others being as follows: Charles married Caroline A. Leonta, by whom he had two children, and they lived at Deer Creek, Clearfield county. Elizabeth married Francis Barto, a farmer of Covington township, by whom she had eight children. John, an agriculturist of the same township, married Miss Perissa——, and has nine children. Augustus, a farmer of Girard township, married Catherine Gormont, and has eight children. Florenteine, a farmer of Kansas, married Margaret Cayot, and has several children. Emil, a farmer of Covington township, married Malinda Picard, who died in 1866, leaving four children, and he afterward wedded Maggie Martin, of Centre county, by whom he has seven children. Boniface, who died at the age of seventeen.

For five years after his immigration to America, Francis Mignot lived in Howard, Centre county, and in May, 1837, removed to Karhaus, Clearfield county, where he worked at the furnace for the Coke & Iron Company, some three years. Since that time he has made his home in Covington township, where he purchased 150 acres of wild land, which he immediately commenced to clear and improve, transforming the same into a highly-cultivated tract.

Mr. Mignot was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Mulson, a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Poirrot) Mulson, of France, and they became the parents of ten children, namely: Lucy, wife
of John Rougues, a farmer of Covington township, by whom she has thirteen children; Elizabeth, wife of Francis Voichet, also a farmer of Covington township, by whom she has three children; Katharine, wife of Lerdon Rolley, of West Virginia, by whom she has ten children; Caroline, who married (first) John Picard, a farmer of Covington township, and had one child, and after his death wedded James Frelin, of the same township, by whom she has three children; Mary, wife of F. L. Coudriet, of Covington township, by whom she has four children; Adda, wife of Jule Jennett, of the same township, by whom she has eight children; Nomie, wife of Joseph Higgins, of Bitumen, Clinton Co., Penn., by whom she has two children; Rosie, wife of Charles Wright, of Salamanca, N. Y., by whom she has one child; Ellen, who died when two years old; and N. F., who married Jane Rougues, and lives on the old homestead in Covington township.

Mr. Mignot gives his political support to the Republican party, for whose interests he has always worked, and has served as school director in his district. A worthy and prominent citizen, he has taken a lively interest in the progress and development of the county, giving his encouragement and substantial support to various institutions calculated to build up the community and for the best good of the people. In religious faith he is a devout Catholic, as is also his family.

**ELLIS I. HALL.** who is engaged in the torpedo business in Knox, Clarion county, was born October 17, 1840, in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored and highly respected families of this section of the State.

His paternal grandparents, James Hall and wife (who was a Miller) were natives of Ireland, who, on coming to America, first located in Mifflin county, Penn. At an early day, however, they took up their residence in Bald Eagle Valley, Centre county, where both died. For some time the grandfather successfully followed teaching. His children were John, father of our subject; Samuel, who died in McKeesport, Penn.; James, who died in Columbiana county, Ohio; Miller, who conducted a hotel in Milesburg, Centre county, where his death occurred; Benjamin, who lived for some time in Clearfield county, and later in St. Marys, Elk Co., Penn.; Alexander, who went to California in 1849, and died there; Eliza, who married David Haney, and removed to Jefferson county, Penn., where her death occurred; Mary, who wedded Peter Hoover, and died in Clearfield county; Jane, who married first a Mr. McCoy, and later a Mr. Van Volen, and died in Centre county; and Margaret, who married Abrahm Estes, and died in Jefferson county.

John Hall was born in 1800, in Mifflin county, where he was reared, and during his youth he learned the shoemaker's trade in Philipsburg, Penn., after which he removed to Lawrence township, Clearfield county. He was married to Miss Nancy Passmore, a native of that county, and a daughter of Abraham and Susanna (Pierce) Passmore, who were born in Maryland, and died in Lawrence township, Clearfield county. By trade her father was a blacksmith. She also departed this life in Lawrence township, and later Mr. Hall was again married in Knox county, Ohio, his second union being with Mrs. Nancy (Horn) Conoway, who now resides in Colorado.

The father's death occurred in Cedar county, Iowa, September 8, 1876. He was a lumberman by occupation, for many years served as justice of the peace, and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

Our subject is next to the youngest of the eight children born of the first union, the others being as follows: Margaret, deceased wife of George Bowersox; George H., a prominent business man of Clearfield county; Julia Ann, wife of Levi Dressler, of Union township, Clearfield county; Elizabeth, who married William NULL, and died in Jefferson county; Mary, wife of John Ross, of Clearfield county; Rebecca, widow of Henry Sulsbaugh, and a resident of Pennsylvania; and Caroline, wife of Eli Passmore, of Greenwood township, Clearfield county.

Ellis I. Hall, of this review, spent the days of his boyhood and youth in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and obtained his education in its public schools. In early life he devoted his time principally to lumbering, being engaged in the manufacture of square timber. Laying aside personal interests he enlisted at Curwensville, May 15, 1861, in Company K, First Pennsylvania Rifles, or "The Bucktails," commanded by Col. Ed Irvin. He was mustered into the United States service at Camp Pierpont, was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and participated in all of the battles of his regiment until honorably discharged at Harrisburg, in June, 1864, when he returned home.

On leaving his native county, in 1870, Mr. Hall went to Venango county, Penn., where he became interested in the oil business, drilling for oil. In 1873 he located in St. Peterburg, Clarion county, removed to Beaver township four years later, and in 1890 took up his resi-
dence in the village of Knox, where he is still living. In 1885 he had established business there as a dealer in nitro-glycerine and other explosives, and also conducts a similar store in Oil City. He soon succeeded in building up a good trade, and now has his business on a good paying basis, being one of the most successful business men in his line in this section of the State.

In Centre county, Penn., Mr. Hall was united in marriage with Miss Martha Miller, a native of that county, who died in Clearfield county, and the only child born to the union is also deceased. Mr. Hall was again married, in 1871, in Venango county, this time to Miss Eliza Rose, also a native of Centre county. Six children have been born to them: Orville, who is married, and lives in Oil City, Penn.; Frampton B.; George E.; Rhoda B.; one who died in infancy; and John Arthur.

Politically, Mr. Hall is a stalwart supporter of the Democracy, and socially, is a member of George H. Covode Post, G. A. R., of Knox; Edinburg Lodge No. 350, F. & A. M.; Edinburg Chapter No. 259, R. A. M.; Talbot Commandery No. 43, K. T.; Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Knights of Pythias. He is one of the prominent and influential citizens of Knox, and wherever known is held in high regard.

SAMUEL SPANOGLE is a representative citizen of Graham township, Clearfield county, and an honored veteran of the Civil war, who on many battle fields demonstrated his loyalty to the Union cause. He has long been a resident of the township in which he now makes his home, and his many excellencies of character have gained for him a place in the foremost ranks of the best citizens of the community.

Mr. Spanogle was born in Huntingdon county, Penn., in 1842, a son of Leonard and Alice (Dale) Spanogle, who were also natives of that county. The father followed farming there until his death, after which his widow married Samuel Spitzer, of Huntingdon county, and came to Graham township, Clearfield county, in 1855. They settled on the farm where our subject now resides, and the mother is at present a resident of Allport, Penn. Mr. Spitzer died in Iowa, in 1853. By the first marriage there were two children: Andrew, who is living in Munson, Clearfield county; and Samuel, of this sketch. The only child of the second marriage is now deceased.

Samuel Spanogle spent the first nine years of his life in the county of his nativity, and then came to Graham township, Clearfield county, where his education was largely obtained. He early became familiar with the pursuits of farming and lumbering, and these industries have largely claimed his attention throughout his life. He is now one of the most progressive and substantial farmers of Graham township, and is the owner of a rich and desirable tract of land of one hundred acres, all under a high state of cultivation. It is improved with good buildings and all the accessories of a model farm of the nineteenth century, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place well indicates the careful supervision of the owner. His realty possessions also comprise two houses and lots in Allport.

On September 21, 1861, Mr. Spanogle offered his services to the government for three years, enlisting in Company G, 84th P. V. I. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, and joined the Army of the Potomac. He valiantly responded to every call of duty, and displayed his valor on many hotly-contested battle fields, including Winchester, Bath, Strasburg, Mt. Jackson, Berryville, Front Royal (1), Fredericksburg, and Front Royal (2). In the Shenandoah Valley he was taken ill, and had to be sent to Mt. Pleasant (Va.) hospital. At Cedar Mountain he rejoined his regiment, and participated in the battle of Culppeper. Being again taken sick, he was sent to Fairfax Seminary hospital, where on account of his disabilities he was honorably discharged in November, 1862, after which he returned to Clearfield county. In Morris township, he was married in 1865, to Miss Emily Merrell, a native of that township, and a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Taylor) Merrell, pioneer settlers there. Mr. and Mrs. Spanogle have a family of six children: Mrs. Carrie Forcey, of Bigler; George, who is married and resides in Bridgeport, Clearfield county; John, who makes his home in Bridgeport; Robie (Mrs. P. Conley), a teacher of Atlantic City; William and Olive.

Mr. Spanogle gives his political support to the Republican party, and does all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He has served as a member of the school board, and is deeply interested in the cause of education and in all measures calculated to promote the best interests of the community. His duties of private life are discharged with the same fidelity that he manifested in his country's hour of peril.

BONIFACE RICHTER, M. D., now practically living retired in Beaver township, was for many years one of the leading and most successful physicians of Clarion county. As a
young man he came to America, and with no capital he started out in a strange land to overcome the difficulties and obstacles in the path to prosperity. His youthful dreams have been realized, and in their happy fulfillment he sees the fitting reward of his earnest toil.

Dr. Richter was born in Baden, Germany, on November 30, 1820, a son of George and Lizzetta Richter, who were representatives of a prominent old family of that country, and there spent their entire lives, the father dying at the age of seventy-five, and the mother when eighty-four years of age. For many years he held the responsible and honorable position of forest inspector under the German government. Both parents were Lutherans and reared their children in that faith. The family numbered the following children: Antone, an architect in the employ of the German government; Nancy; Frederick, a resident of Geneva, Switzerland; Frank, of New York; Boniface; Paulina, a teacher of music in Yeddo, Japan; and August, a confectioner, who died in New York.

Dr. Richter acquired an excellent education in his native tongue, and in 1848 joined the German army in the war against Denmark, in which he served for two years. In the Fatherland he also studied medicine, and, on crossing the Atlantic in 1850, located in New York, where he engaged in practice for nine months. Later, he lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in May, 1852, he removed to Pittsburg, Penn., and from there he went to Red Bank, Jefferson county, this State, where he spent three years. On coming to Clarion county, he opened an office in Monroe, where his skill and ability soon won recognition, and gained for him a large and lucrative practice. During the Civil war he was commissioned surgeon of the 98th P. V. I., in which capacity he served for four months. For fifty-two years he was actively engaged in practice, and met with excellent success, but he has now laid aside the arduous duties which fall to the lot of the physician and surgeon.

In 1854, in Clarion county, Dr. Richter was married to Miss Mary, daughter of John Ashbaugh, and to them were born nine children, namely: Frederick and Antone, both residents of Beaver township, Clarion county; Etta; Louisa (of Cincinnati, Ohio), Pauline (wife of A. Hood, of Cleveland, Ohio), Emma (of Cincinnati), Hannah, August, and Artilla.

In religious belief the Doctor is a Lutheran, and, in politics, a stanch Republican. He is a man of broad and liberal views, always well posted on current questions and issues, and is justly ranked among Clarion county's honorable and valued citizens. He has never regretted his emigration to America, for here he has met with success and made many warm friends.

JOSEPH H. ROWLES. The subject of this personal history is an agriculturist of Lawrence township, Clearfield county, and is well esteemed as a man of industry and enterprise, besides being a worthy citizen and having to his credit an unblemished war record. He was born in Lawrence township, in March, 1834, and comes of a family that has long been identified with the history of the county.

John Rowles, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania, born of German lineage. In 1812, he came to Clearfield county, locating in Curwensville when that now thriving borough contained but three houses, and there worked at his trade of blacksmithing throughout life. He married a Miss Whippo, who died in Lawrence township in 1862, and they became the parents of the following children: Price and Thomas, who both died in Lawrence township; George, who died in 1865; William, deceased; John, who died in Lawrence township, in 1866; Andrew and Richard, who also died in Lawrence township; Jesse, who died in infancy; Harmon, the father of our subject; Taylor, who died in Lawrence township, near West Clearfield; in 1888; Maxwell, who died in the same township, in July, 1894; Titus, whose death occurred in Lawrence township; Susannah, who married John Gill, of Centre county, Penn., where her death occurred; Grizey, who first wedded Andrew Kline, of Lawrence township, and after his death married Ebenezer King, and both died on the same day in 1856, in Lawrence township.

Harmon Rowles was eight years of age when brought by his parents to the county, and in the schools of Lawrence township he acquired his education. He was married in what is now Pike township, to Susannah Henry, a native of Ireland, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (McBride) Henry, who were also born in that country, coming to America in 1810. Her parents first located in what is now Pike township, Clearfield county, but later became residents of Ferguson township, where their deaths occurred. Mr. Rowles took his bride to a new farm in Lawrence county, which he at once began to clear and cultivate, and there spent his remaining days, dying July 2, 1892. His wife had passed away in April, 1875. In politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat. Their family consisted of five sons and four daughters, namely: P. A., a resident of Knox township, Clearfield county; Joseph H.,
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whose name introduces this sketch; H. F. and D. P., both living in Knox township; William, who was drowned in Lawrence township in 1848; Susannah, who married James McCully, and after his death wedded James Sanders, of Mahaffey, Clearfield county; Mrs. Louisa Dunlop, of Knox township; and Mrs. Mary E. Swatsworth, of Lawrence township.

In the schools near his childhood home, Joseph H. Rowles received his literary training, and in 1856 located upon his present farm, comprising fifty acres, which at that time was covered with a heavy growth of timber. He cleared the land, and has transformed the place into one of the most highly cultivated tracts in the locality. In 1864, in Lawrence township, he enlisted in Company B, 100th P. V. I., for one year or during the war, and was assigned to the Army of the James. He participated in the battle of Fort Steadman, and was in front of Petersburg at the time of its surrender. Hostilities having ceased, he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, July 28, 1865, and returned home.

In Lawrence township, in 1861, Mr. Rowles was united in marriage with Miss Ruth Hickok, who was born in that township, a daughter of Abel and Margery (Bloom) Hickok, the former a native of New York, and the latter of Pike township, Clearfield county. As a single man the father had come to the county, where he married Miss Bloom. His death occurred in Knox township, in January, 1884, and his wife died the following April. They were the parents of eight children: John, a resident of Pike township; Mrs. Rowles; Henry, of Glen Richey, Clearfield county; James, of Knox township; Mrs. Mary Dunlop, of Pike township; Martha, wife of Robert Rowles, of the same township; Samuel, of Knox township; and Aaron, who died in 1864.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rowles were born twelve children, as follows: (1) Melissa died when young. (2) C. L. V., of Lawrence township, married Keturah Bauman, and has four children—Ethel, Mary, Melva and Elsie. (3) William Lorenzo, of Knox township, married Melissa Dunlop, and has five sons—Warren, Clem, Wayne, John and Clint. (4) Mrs. Roxy Dunlop died in Knox township, in 1892, leaving one child, Olive. (5) Almond died at the age of three years. (6) Harmon died at the age of two years. (7) James is a teacher in Clearfield county. (8) Susannah is the wife of Benjamin Barnett, of Knox township. (9) Aaron, (10) Harriet, (11) Lewis and (12) Josephine complete the family.

Mr. Rowles is an earnest supporter of the men and measures of the Democratic party, and is now serving as justice of the peace, which office he will, on the expiration of his present term, have creditably filled for a quarter of a century. He holds membership in Lorimer Post, G. A. R. His industry in the pursuit of his own business, his spotless private life, and the character of the services he has rendered in his official capacity, have elevated him to the highest estimation in the community where he has always made his home, and where he is so widely and favorably known.

SAMUEL S. BARNETT, a farmer and blacksmith, has met with a well-deserved success in his callings, and his fine, well-ordered farm, which is pleasantly situated in Farmington township, Clarion county, with its carefully cultured fields, its neat buildings and all their surroundings, denote the skillful management, industry and well-directed labors of the owner.

Henry Barnett, the father of our subject, was born in 1807, in Doylestown, Bucks Co., Penn., and in that county he was reared, and married to Catharine Hetrick. In 1830 he removed to Knox township, Clarion county, where he developed a small farm and continued to make it his home for some years, but later took up his residence in Farmington township, two miles east of Tylersburg, where he purchased 105 acres of wild land and erected thereon a log house. He at once commenced to clear and improve the place, and also worked at his trade of blacksmithing. His death occurred in 1849, but his wife long survived him, dying in 1881.

Of their children four were born in Bucks county, and the others after the migration of the family to Clarion county: (1) Betsy is now the wife of Daniel Smith, of Beaver township, Clarion county, (2) Seneca married Sarah McDonald, and lived in Jefferson county, Penn., until killed in a coal bank. He left a large family of children, namely—Daniel married a daughter of John Chase, a pioneer lumberman of Clearfield county, Penn., and they make their home in Knox township, that county, where he is engaged in lumbering; Anna M. married Russell Van Horn, of Armstrong county, Penn., and died some years ago leaving a large family; Eliza, a farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, married Maggie Kelsey, of that township, and now has several children; Thomas, also an agriculturist of Jefferson county, married Margaret Neil, of Porter township, and has ten children; Catharine married Alexander Welshon, of Jefferson county, and with their family they now live near Luthersburg, in Clearfiel
ty; Maggie is the wife of Daniel Kelsey, of the State of Washington, and has a family of children; John, Marcella, George and Emma, are yet unmarried, and still reside in Porter township, Jefferson county. (3) Henry, a resident of Knox township, Clarion county, married Betsy Nicely, of Washington, the same county, and has a family of seven children. (4) John died in childhood. (5) Joseph married Lizzie Bennett, of Farmington township, Clarion county, and both died some years ago, leaving four children—Daniel, Jane, Joseph and Lizzie. (6) Aaron married Louisa Lukehart, of Clarion county, and they died leaving two children—David and Susanna. (7) Margaret died unmarried some years ago. (8) Catharine is the deceased wife of Gottlieb Braith, of Clarion county. (9) William married Maggie Wild, of Beaver township, Clarion county, and they removed to Ohio, where she died some years ago. (10) Anthony died unmarried many years ago.

Samuel S. Barnett, who completes the family, was born in Knox township, Clarion county, in August, 1832, grew to manhood on the old homestead in Farmington township, and received his education in the common schools. In 1851 he was married to Miss Sarah Nicely, of Washington township, Clarion county, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Nicely, who came to Clarion county from Bedford county, Penn., where she was born in 1833.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett began their domestic life in Clarion county, but later removed to Forest county, where he engaged in blacksmithing until his removal to Porter township, Jefferson county. After working at his trade for five years at that place, he in 1863 returned to the old homestead in Clarion county, but three years later removed to Washington township, where he made his home and engaged in blacksmithing for twenty years. In 1883 he purchased the Porter Haskell farm in Farmington township, which at that time was but slightly improved. He has cleared the greater portion of the tract, in 1888 built a large and substantial barn, and has made many other excellent improvements. In connection with farming he still works at his trade, and receives a liberal share of the public patronage. His tastes lying in the direction of mechanics, he soon mastered blacksmithing in all its departments during his boyhood, although he never served a regular apprenticeship, and he also became an accomplished wagon and sled manufacturer through his own unaided efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnett have become the parents of eleven children: (1) James B., born in 1854, died in childhood. (2) John W., born in 1856, in Forest county, died when a young man. (3) Elmira, born in Jefferson county in 1860, died when a young lady. (4) George H., born in Clarion county, in 1858, died in childhood. (5) Albert B., born in 1862, is single and is employed in Kane, Penn. (6) Joseph, born in 1864, in Clarion county, was a very bright young man, who was killed by a falling tree while engaged in lumbering near his parents' home. (7) Frank, born in Clarion county, is at home. (8) Lavina J., born in 1867, in Clarion county, is now the wife of Joseph Hall, a farmer of Farmington township, and has six children—George, Miner, Ruth, Alda, one whose name is not given, and Sarah. (9) Elizabeth M., born in 1871, in Clarion county, married Samuel Boyd, of the same county, and they now live in Forest county. They had three children—Clarence, Lila, and Sarah C., but the last two were burned to death. (10) Solomon, born in 1874, and (11) Samuel P., born in 1876, are both with their parents.

In the use of his elective franchise Mr. Barnett usually supports the Republican party, but is not strictly partisan, and has never aspired to official honors. His parents were members of the Lutheran Church, but he and his wife are now connected with the United Brethren Church, and do all in their power to promote the moral welfare of the community. His support is always given to every interest that is calculated to elevate humanity, and his own life has been one of unbending integrity and honorable purpose. He has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man, for he entered upon his business career without capital, and by perseverance, energy and straightforward dealing has achieved success.

JOHN MOORE, one of the progressive agriculturists of Farmington township, post office Leeper, Clarion County, Pennsylvania.

LEWIS FETTERS, a trusted employee of the Berwin-White Coal Company, in charge of their blacksmith shops at Chesterfield mines in Bigler township, Clearfield county, is a veteran of the Civil war, having shown his patriotism by enlisting in January, 1864, as a boy of fifteen, and serving gallantly during the remaining months of that fierce struggle. He is a native of Blair county, Penn., having been born at Bell's Furnace, July 22, 1848.

Daniel Fetter, father of our subject, was born in Blair county, in 1802, and at one time owned a farm at the site of the present city of
Altoona. That locality not seeming as promising in the early days as some others, Daniel Fett-
thers removed to Tyrone to engage in teaming. For a number of years he hauled goods from
Pittsburg to Tyrone, but on the completion of the canal as far as Water street, Huntingdon Co., Penn., he began teaming from that point to Tyrone. When the Pennsylvania railroad was
finished, early in the '50s, he found his old occupation gone, and then became a watchman for
the same company, attending engines and doing similar work for five or six years. He then
moved to Howard, Centre county, and spent two years working round the forge of the Lyons Com-
pany. From there he moved to State College, where he remained two years, and then went to
Washington Furnace, and finally to Milesburg, where he made his home until his death in Au-
gust, 1881. He enlisted in the army in 1862, joining the 45th P. V. I., under Capt. Curtin, of
Centre county, and took part in all the engage-
ments of his regiment as long as his health per-
mitted; he was discharged for disability and re-
turned to Milesburg.
Daniel Fetters was married in his native
county to Miss Jane Aikens, who died in 1857,
leaving a family of six children, all of whom were
born in Blair county: (1) Catherine married
Jacob McClellan, now deceased, formerly of
Centre county, and she still resides upon the
farm which he owned and operated at Green-
wood Furnace, Huntingdon Co., Penn. They
had four children. (2) Rachel married John
Hemin, a miner at Brisbin, and has three chil-
dren living. (3) Mary married John I. Gingher,
a skilled iron-worker employed in the rolling
mills at Milesburg. They have five children—
Harry L., who is married and lives in Mille-
sburg; William, who is single; Anna, who is married and resides in Centre county; and Francis and Maria, both at home. (4) Sarah married William Miller,
of Milesburg, but has no children. (5) Sam-
uel is engaged in teaming in Bellefonte. He
married Miss Tenie Emil, of that city, and has
children—William, Mary, Bessie, Lewis, and
Maggie.

The subject of our sketch left the old home
in Blair county during his boyhood, accompa-
ing his father in his search for another location.
At the age of thirteen he was employed in the
rolling mills at Milesburg, and in 1861 he began
to learn the blacksmith's trade with Henry Everly,
of Boiling Springs, Centre county. After one
year he returned to Milesburg, and again entered
the rolling mills, where he remained about a
year and a half. He then worked for a short
time at Hollidaysburg and at Allegheny Furnace,
Penn., continuing his trade at the latter place with
P. M. Smith. The "dark days" of the war, when
results seemed trembling in the balance, inspired
him with the determination to go to the front, not-
withstanding his youth, and he enlisted at Holli-
daysburg, in Company G, 12th Pennsylvania Cav-
ality. A short stay at Camp Curtin followed, and
then he went by way of Carlisle, Penn., to Alex-
andria, where he remained five weeks. Their
next stopping place was at Harper's Ferry, where
he was mounted, and he finally joined his regi-
ment at Bolivar Heights, Va. He was engaged
in a number of skirmishes and several battles be-
fore Lee's surrender ended the long war. Early
in 1865 he was taken ill and sent to a field hos-
pital at Winchester, and later to a hospital in
Baltimore, Md., where he spent three weeks. On May 15, 1865, he was discharged in that city,
and returned home.

Wishing to see something of the West before
settling down, he went to Illinois, and worked
until January, 1866; but this experience was su-
icient, and he came back to his native State to
stay. Locating in Clearfield county, he worked
two years as a driver for Houtz & Read, at Bris-
bin, one year in Morrisdale, and three years for
Thomas Henderson, in a blacksmith shop. His
wife in her maidenhood was Miss Margaret
E. Phillips, daughter of Solomon and Susanna
Phillips, of Woodward township, Clearfield coun-
ty. He made his home near Brisbin, remaining
until 1874, when he bought a house and lot in
Parsonville, Penn. Nineteen years he spent
there, but in 1892 he sold the place and moved
to Chesterfield, in order to take charge of the
shops of Mine No. 19, under James Gatehouse,
as contractor. He is a man who inspires confi-
dence, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. Fetters have seven children:
(1) Rachel, born in 1870, is the wife of George
Higgins, a miner at McCartney, and their five
children—Albert, Maud, Lewis, Margaret and
Joseph—are all living. (2) Susanna, born March
4, 1876, married John Slone, a railroad em-
ployee, residing at Belsena, and they have one
son. Grant S. (3) Sarah, born in 1872; (4)
Mary, born in 1877; (5) Charlie, born in 1883;
(6) Samuel born in 1887, and (7) John Irwin.
born in 1891, are at home. Politically, Mr. Fett-
ers is a Republican, and, while never a seeker
after office, he at one time held the post of con-
stable in Decatur township, Clearfield county.
highly respected families of Clearfield county. For many years his parents, George and Mary A. Passmore, were well-known residents of the borough of Clearfield, where the father, who had learned his trade in Centre county, established one of the first blacksmith shops, and continued to carry on business till within a few years of his death. He was one of the earliest settlers of the county, locating here when it was almost an unbroken wilderness, and he took quite a prominent and active part in its growth and development.

Our subject is the eldest in a family of eight children, the others being as follows: (2) Elam, who grew to manhood upon his father's farm in Lawrence township, Clearfield county, wedded Mary Short, of Clearfield, and then purchased a farm on Chestnut Ridge, Pike township, in the same county, where he still resides. They have six children—Hanson, Rosanna, Amos, Adam, Conrad and George. (3) Harvey married Maggie A. Hancock, and resided on the old homestead for a number of years, then lived with his father in Clearfield until the latter's death, when he bought a farm in Lawrence township, where he is still living. He had four children—John, a promising young man, who was the main support of his crippled father, but died in 1896; Lillie, now Mrs. James Ogden, of West Clearfield; and Alice and Louis, at home. (4) Jane is the wife of David Bressler, of Curwensville, Penn. (5) George, twin brother of Jane, is a resident of Bower, Clearfield county, where he follows blacksmithing. He married Katie Swope, of Brady township, and has five children—Effie, now Mrs. Johnson, of Bower; Luther, who is married and lives in Clearfield; one whose name is not given; Elwood and Sherman. (6) Martha is the widow of Mr. McKnight, of Clearfield, who died a number of years ago, leaving three sons—Elmer, who was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad near Clearfield in 1880; Max, who was married in Du Bois, and now lives in Allegheny, Penn.; and George, who was married in Reynolds­ville, where he resided for a number of years, but now follows the trade of cigar making in Pittsburg. He has five children. (7) Edward, born in Lawrence township, learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he is now employed in Clearfield. He married Ida Smith, of that city, and has five children—Ira, Gus­sie, Wade, and three whose names are not given. (8) Fannie is the wife of a Mr. Caldwell, and lived for some time in Du Bois, but is now a resident of Oil City, Penn. They have a large family of children.

On attaining to man's estate Mr. Passmore, of this review, was united in marriage with Miss Mary Fox, of Lycoming county, Penn., a daughter of Mathias and Susan Fox, well-to-do farming people, who came to Brady township, Clearfield county, from Lycoming county in 1836, and located near Troutville, where the father followed agricultural pursuits until his death. The mother survived him a few years, and died at the home of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Passmore have become the parents of eight children: (1) Susanna, born in August, 1857, in Curwensville, married William Kelly, of Brady township, and they now live in Hastings, Penn., where he is engaged in the business of marble cutting. Their children are Rosie, now Mrs. Bolinger, of Hastings; Ida, who is married and lives in the same place; Edna, married; and Maud, Phillis, Harry, Queen, Taylor, and one whose name is not given, are all at home. (2) Harvey, born August 7, 1859, died when young. (3) Austin Irwin, born January 3, 1862, removed to California on reaching manhood, and from there went to Salem, Ore., where he married Miss Mary Helkenson, of Chicago. He died in 1892, leaving a widow and one child, who now reside in Utah. (4) George B., born March 21, 1864, now follows the occupation of blacksmithing in Salem, Brady township, Clearfield county. He wedded Mary Bamitz, of the same township, and has four children—Rhoda, Seenas, Warren and Byron. (5) Lorena L., born in February, 1867, married John Bell, of New Millport, and they now live on his farm in Greenwood township, Clearfield county. They have one child—Karl. (6) William, born in Luthersburg, September 24, 1869, learned the blacksmith's trade under his father's able direction, and in 1890 entered the employ of George Errich, of Penfield, with whom he remained one year. He then worked in the woods near Mahaffey for Mr. Labord, one winter, and for the following year was with Jones & Walker. In 1891 he took charge of his father's shop in Luthersburg, and still carries on business there, making his home with his parents. (7) Lila, born December 23, 1871, died at the age of six years. (8) James, born April 3, 1874, died at the age of two.

For a year after his marriage, Mr. Passmore resided in Curwensville, and then bought a farm near Luthersburg and a lot in that village, where he built a commodious two-story frame residence in 1885. There he has successfully carried on blacksmithing up to the present time, and is acknowledged as one of the most straightforward and reliable business men of the place. In his undertakings he has prospered, and throughout the community he is regarded as one of the most highly respected citizens. He is quite a promi-
ISAAC W. WALKER, a harness maker and express agent at Rimerburg, is one of the self-made men of Clarion county. In the respect that is accorded to men who have fought their own way to success through unfavorable environments we find an unconscious recognition of the intrinsic worth of a character which can not only endure so rough a test, but gain new strength through the discipline. The following history sets forth briefly the steps by which our subject, now one of the substantial citizens of Rimerburg, overcame the disadvantages of his early life.

Mr. Walker was born December 27, 1831, on Fifth street, in Pittsburg, Penn., a son of Samuel and Martha (Gott) Walker, who were born, reared and married in Allegheny county. The paternal grandfather, Isaac Walker, who was of Scotch extraction, spent his entire life in that county, where he worked at his trade of boiler making. He departed this life at the extreme old age of one hundred and twelve years, and his wife died suddenly from a stroke of paralysis at the age of one hundred and ten.

Samuel Walker, our subject's father, was also a boiler maker by trade. For seven years he served in the regular army, during which time he took part in the Mexican war under Col. Black. During the Civil war he served a three-months' term under Captain Sirwell, of Kittanning, and later enlisted in Company B, 105th P. V. I., under Captain Craig, but after serving eighteen months he lost his hearing and was honorably discharged. On leaving the army he resided for three years with our subject, and then entered the Soldiers' Home at Pittsburg, where he died in 1866, at the age of seventy-five years. His remains were interred in the soldiers' burying ground in that city. His wife died in 1870, aged sixty-eight years, while residing with her daughter Sallie, in Dayton, Ohio, and at that place she was laid to rest. She was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject is the eldest in the family of four children, the others being Hannah, who died unmarried in Pittsburg; William, who died of cholera in that city, in 1853; and Eliza, wife of Samuel McGibbins, a monument manufacturer of Paris, Illinois.

At the early age of nine years Isaac W. Walker began earning his own livelihood by running errands and making himself generally useful in a wholesale hardware house of Pittsburg, where he remained for three years. In 1845 he commenced serving an apprenticeship to the harness maker's trade with R. H. Hartley, of Pittsburg, and the first year received only $20, the second $33, and the third $75, but during the last year made extra money by working at nights. He continued to work as a journeyman for the same firm in Pittsburg for one year, and when they established a branch house in Clarion, he removed to that place, remaining with them until the fall of 1853. He left the firm owing to a difficulty arising from politics. As his employer was a Republican, and he a Democrat, the former tried to keep our subject from voting, but was not successful, and the $50, which was then due, Mr. Walker never received. Coming to Rimerburg, he became associated in the harness business with Christ Churchbarger, and as his partner died a year later, he purchased his interest of the heirs, and has since continued business alone with good success.

On December 30, 1852, in Clarion, by James Swiney, Esq. Mr. Walker was married to Miss Lavina Beaver, a cousin of General Beaver. They became the parents of three children: William, the eldest, died in 1892 from being poisoned at Homestead, Penn., and left a widow, who was formerly Miss Laura Eckler, and now resides in Bradford, Penn. Emma is the wife of Samuel Chambers, an extensive farmer and stock raiser of Missouri. Mary is the wife of Thomas Flocker, of Allegheny, Penn. They also had an adopted daughter, Lizzie, who died November 6, 1896.

Mrs. Walker was born in Blair county, Penn., November 8, 1835, and is a daughter of Hon. Henry and Susanna (Graftus) Beaver. The father was born July 20, 1776, in Bedford county, Penn., a son of John and Anna (Uhl) Beaver, and as a life work he engaged in the undertaking business. He was one of the most prominent and distinguished citizens of his community, and was often called into public life, serving as justice of the peace for the long period of thirty years; a representative to the State Legislature for two terms; and also a congressman for three terms. He proved a most popular and capable officer, and left office as he had entered it with the respect and confidence of all who knew him. His political support was given the Democracy, and both he and his wife were connected with the Reformed Church. He died at Martinsburg, Blair Co., Penn., September 8, 1842, and was buried at that place. She was born March 12, 1795, and passed away.
at the home of our subject, August 12, 1874, being laid to rest in the Rimersburg cemetery.

In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Beaver were the following children: Elizabeth, who married Allen Dunn, but both are now deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Henry Acker, also deceased; John G., deceased, who built more furnaces than any other man in the State, and for many years managed the old Curtin furnace in Centre county; Anna, Rachel and Eva, who all died when young; Anthony, deceased; Susan, deceased wife of Charles Bobb, a retired carpenter, residing in Martinsburg, Penn.; Henry, a traveling salesman of Allegheny, Penn.; Catherine, widow of Robert Patterson, of Freeport, Penn.; Lavina, wife of our subject; and Sarah A., deceased wife of Joseph Boyles, of Parker, Pennsylvania.

As a Democrat, Mr. Walker has always taken an active interest in political affairs, and for ten years he has most creditably and satisfactorily served as burgess of Rimersburg, declining a re-election. He also carried the mail for seventeen years, and has now served as express agent for the past ten years. Since 1856, he has been a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Rimersburg, and both he and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is now serving as steward. Time rests lightly upon this worthy couple, who are still quite active for people of their years. Mr. Walker is now one of the oldest surviving pioneers of Rimersburg, and with the growth and development of the place he has been prominently identified. Success is not measured by the heights which one may chance to occupy, but by the distance between the starting point and the altitude he has reached; therefore Mr. Walker has gained a most brilliant success—a just reward of meritorious, honorable effort, which commands the respect and admiration of all.

FRED KOHLER, a well-known agriculturist of Brady township, post office Troutville, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

HENRY L. HARTZFELD, a prominent farmer and lumberman, has throughout life been identified with the interests of Brady township, Clearfield county, where he was born in 1847, a son of Henry and Catharine Hartzfeld. The father, who was a native of Germany, in 1843 became a resident of Brady township, where he purchased a tract of fifty acres of wild land two miles south of Luthersburg. There he began life in true pioneer style in a round-log cabin, and at once commenced to clear and improve his place. He also erected a barn of round logs, but as time passed and his financial resources were increased he replaced these buildings with a comfortable two-story frame residence and a substantial bank barn of large dimensions. There he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death.

Of their five children, George, the eldest, was born in the Fatherland, and was about a year old when the family crossed the ocean and took up their residence in Brady township, Clearfield county, where he grew to manhood on the old homestead, attending school for about three months during the winter season. After his marriage to Miss Mary Smith, of Jefferson county, he located on the home farm, where he still resides. They have four children: Lizzie, now the wife of Joshua Sugart, a carpenter of Troutville, Penn.; and William, Flora and Lula, all at home. (2) Eliza A., born in Brady township, married Amos Brooks, of Pottstown, Schuylkill Co., Penn., and they reside on his farm, one and one-half miles south of Luthersburg. Their children are: William C., Mary, George, Emma and Sarah. (3) Henry L. is next in order of birth. (4) Charles was reared on the old homestead, and after reaching man's estate married Miss Mary Marshall, of Bloom township, Clearfield county. He then purchased 120 acres of land in Brady township, adjoining our subject's farm, and transformed the place into a highly-cultivated tract, erecting thereon good buildings and making many other valuable improvements. After living there for fourteen years he sold and bought a farm on Chestnut Ridge, one mile from Curwensville, where he now resides. He has one daughter, Edith. (5) Jacob, born in Brady township, wedded Miss Annie Korb, of that township, and is now successfully engaged in the oil business in Cattaraugus county, N. Y., where he owns many productive oil wells and has become quite wealthy. He has one son, Walter.

During his childhood and youth Henry L. Hartzfeld, our subject, was provided with but limited advantages for securing an education, and in early manhood began learning the carpenter's trade. Previous to his marriage, however, he bought seventy-five acres of land of Jacob Hummel, located about four miles south-east of Luthersburg. Only about three acres had been cleared, and a small frame house, but no barn, had been erected. Through his own energy, perseverance and good management he has converted the wild land into a highly productive farm. In 1874 he built a large bank barn, and in 1890 a fine two-story frame resi-
dence. He has removed the stumps from a large portion of the place, and to-day has one of the most desirable farms in Brady township.

In 1875 Mr. Hartzfeld was united in marriage with Miss Clara Weaver, of Brady township, and have become the parents of eight children, as follows: Mary C., born in 1876, is now the wife of Ellis A. I. Wingert, of Brady township, who resides on his farm about two miles southeast of Luthersburg, on the old Erie turnpike, between that place and Curwensville. They have one son, Chester E. The other children of the Hartzfeld family are still at home, and are named Lydia R., Milton H., Franklin T., Alice N., Gertrude, Jessie Irene and Homer E. Mr. Hartzfeld affiliates with the Democratic party, and has held the office of school director for three years. Both he and his wife are active and prominent members of the German Reformed Church of Luthersburg, to which two of their daughters also belong, and although living four miles from the village they attend service regularly. For a number of years Mr. Hartzfeld has served as elder and director in the Church, has taken an important part in its work, and been one of its most liberal contributors, giving freely of his means to all benevolent, charitable or Church work. He has also taken an active interest in the Sunday-school, and well deserves the high regard in which he is universally held.

MICHAEL TOOMEY, one of the self-made men of Clarion county, whose early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, commenced life without other capital than his strong hands and resolute will, and has attained to a fine position, socially and financially, among his fellow citizens. He is now successfully engaged in merchandising at North Pine Grove. He is a native of Ireland, where his parents, Daniel and Catharine (Highland) Toomey, spent their entire lives. Our subject was the first of the three children to come to America, arriving in New York in April, 1849, but in 1851, the others, Dennis and Mary, also crossed the Atlantic and took up their residence in Pittsburg. For many years the brother served as fireman, and for some time was foreman in the round house of the Pittsburg & Cleveland R. R. Company. He died in Allegheny, in 1887, and the sister passed away the same year.

On landing in this country, Michael Toomey came with his friend, James Dugan, to Brady’s Bend, Penn., and for one winter was engaged in digging ore for the furnaces of Clarion county. Later he was connected with the Allegheny furnace in Armstrong county, and, in 1850, located in Strattonville, where he worked on a mill for James Guthrie for a short time, after which he was similarly employed at Coleman Run. In 1853 he purchased 120 acres of the O’Donnell property, which he transformed into a good farm. He was married, in June, 1855, to Miss Winifred McDonald, of Jefferson county, who was a native of county Kilkenny, Ireland, and died in 1881. After his marriage Mr. Toomey located upon his farm, on which he erected good and substantial buildings, and made many other improvements which added to its value and attractive appearance. After the death of his wife, he remained on the farm for several years, his sister keeping house for him.

In 1885, Mr. Toomey sold some of his property and removed to Allegheny, where he invested in a house and lot, and there lived retired for three years. Renting his place, he returned to Clarion county in 1888, and has since successfully conducted a large general store in North Pine Grove, carrying on only the best goods and receiving from the public a liberal patronage. At one time he was also extensively interested in the lumber business, and to-day the owner of a large amount of real estate in North Pine Grove.

In 1891, Mr. Toomey was again married, this time to Miss Lizzie Kastner, of Clarion county, a daughter of Martin and Margaret Kastner, honored pioneers of the county. One child graces this union—Daniel F., born in North Pine Grove, in June, 1895. After his marriage Mr. Toomey built a fine residence in that village, which continues to be his home. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Catholic Church at Crown, and he is identified with the Democratic party. At the present time he is serving as school director.

In his native land Mr. Toomey had obtained a good education, which has been of great value to him throughout his active business life, enabling him to engage in various enterprises. He has carried forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken, and is to-day one of the most prosperous and successful business men of his community. Charitable and benevolent, he has given liberally of his means toward the support of churches, schools and other worthy objects, and has thus materially advanced the public welfare.

W. REARDON, of Shippenville, Clarion county, has for twenty years been actively identified with the oil interests of this sec-
tion of the State. Thoroughness and persistency have characterized his entire business career, and have been supplemented by careful attention to details and honorable, straightforward effort, that has gained him a most excellent and enviable reputation.

Mr. Reardon was born February 26, 1843, at Jefferson Furnace, Clarion county, and is a son of John and Mary Ann (McDowell) Reardon. The birth of the father occurred in the same county, in 1821, while his parents, Patrick and Ruth (Williams) Reardon, were natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively. At an early day the grandparents of our subject migrated to Clarion county, where the grandfather worked in the iron furnaces for some time, but later he entered the ministry of the Baptist Church and devoted the remainder of his life to preaching the Gospel. His death occurred in Venango county, Penn., in 1873, but the grandmother departed this life while a resident of Elk township, Clarion county.

John Reardon, our subject's father, grew to manhood in Clarion county, where he worked in the furnaces until 1852. In that year he went to California, became owner of mines at Iowa City, that State, and in 1856 was killed by a premature explosion. His wife whom he had married in 1842, remained in Shippenville, where her death occurred in 1876. Our subject is the eldest of their seven children, the others being as follows: Robert enlisted in 1863, at Shippenville, in the 103rd P. V. I., and, on the expiration of his three-years' term, re-enlisted in the same company and regiment. Being taken prisoner by the Rebels, he was confined in prisons at Andersonville and Florence for eight months and ten days, during which time he endured all the hardships and privations of Southern prison life. He now resides in Rimerburg, Clarion county. J. M. lives in Beaver City, the same county. Mrs. Ruth Hubbard makes her home in West Virginia. Louise died when young, in Elk township, Clarion county. Burton went to South America in the interest of an oil company. Mrs. Mary McElhatton lives in Beaver township, Clarion county.

In his native county W. H. Reardon spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and at Shippenville enlisted for six months in Company G, Second Battalion, being sworn into the United States service at Camp Howe, Pittsburg. He was on detached duty on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, being stationed in West Virginia, nineteen miles from Cumberland. He was honorably discharged at Pittsburg, June 21, 1864, but on the 20th of the following July, he joined Capt. Tanner's independent company for one hundred days, and was stationed at Cap Reynolds, Pittsburg, excepting when making one trip into West Virginia. On being finally discharged December 10, 1864, he returned to his home in Shippenville.

In 1868 Mr. Reardon became interested in the oil business on Oil creek, and two years later removed to Tidioute, where he also operated in oil until his return to Shippenville in 1874. Here he conducted a flouring-mill for two years, but since that time has devoted his attention almost exclusively to the oil business, owning a number of valuable wells in partnership with ex-Congressman Kribbs.

In June, 1865, Mr. Reardon was married in Clarion county to Miss Amanda Elizabeth Baker, a native of the county, and a daughter of Thomas and Frances (Zellers) Baker, who were also born in Pennsylvania, and were married in Elk township, Clarion county. Her paternal grandfather was a native of Switzerland, and was an early settler of Clarion county. Thomas Baker was a miller by trade, and in connection with Richard Richardson built a mill in 1859. In January, 1864, he removed to Shippenville, where his death occurred in 1886, and his wife survived him only about three months. Of their family, seven are still living, namely: J. W. (a resident of Lucinda, Penn.), Mrs. Reardon, Mrs. Maggie Kahle (of Oil City, Penn.), Lott G. (owner of the mill in Elk township, Clarion county), Joe (who makes his home in Shippenville), Frances E. (of Clarion) and Mary (wife of J. M. Stick, of Clarion). Mr. and Mrs. Reardon have two children: Thomas B. (who is married and lives in Groveton, Allegheny Co., Penn.), and Frances (wife of L. D. Wagner, of Shippenville).

Fraternally, Mr. Reardon is a member of Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R., and Mountain Lodge No. 114, A. O. U. W., of Shippenville. He has ever taken an active interest in public affairs, and has been one of the most capable and faithful members of the borough council. The measures he advocated always met with warm and cordial support, and he did much to advance the welfare of the place. As a business man he is notably reliable, has made the most of his opportunities through life, and has accumulated a handsome property.

C. DAVIS, county commissioner of Clearfield county, is one of the most enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Houtzdale, with whose commercial interests he has been identified since 1881, but has made his home in the
village since the year previous. He first embarked in general merchandising, which he successfully followed until 1891, when, in partnership with B. W. Hess, he began the wholesale liquor business, in which he has since engaged.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Davis was born in Ferguson township in 1850, a son of Thomas C. and Rebecca (Kooser) Davis. The father's birth occurred in Meadville, Crawford Co., Penn., in 1820, whence, in 1845, he came to Clearfield county, first locating upon rented land in Ferguson township. There he married Miss Kooser, a native of Somerset county, Penn., who came with her parents to Clearfield county at an early day. From the farm in Ferguson township Mr. Davis removed to Lumber City, where he engaged in lumbering, and also took a contract for the construction of a portion of the Tyrone and Luthersburg pike. His death occurred in Lumber City in 1859; his wife died in Madera, Clearfield county, in 1892. To them were born four children: W. C., of this sketch; Mrs. Phebe Hegarty, of Madera; Mrs. Anna Cowher, of Patton, Cambria Co., Penn.; and Mrs. Laura Hindman, of Glen Hope, Clearfield county. The mother was again married, becoming the wife of Joseph Stewart, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, by whom she had two children: Joseph; and Leslie, who is engaged in the insurance business in Houtzdale.

At the age of twelve years Mr. Davis, of this review, accompanied his mother on her removal to Bigler township, where he completed his education in the public schools. On leaving the school room he turned his attention to lumbering and farming, which occupations he continued to follow in Bigler and Becaria townships, Clearfield county, until coming to Houtzdale in 1880. In 1873, in Gulin (now Bigler) township, he married Miss Hannah C. Hegarty, who was born in Clearfield county, a daughter of William and Jemima (Dunlop) Hegarty, the former a native of Ireland, but reared in Clearfield county; and the latter a native of Pike township, that county. Both died in Gulin township, the father in his eighty-fourth and the mother in her eighty-first year. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have five children: Pearl Thomas, June, Ursula, Ada and Tomena.

In his political views Mr. Davis is an ardent Republican. He takes a deep interest in public affairs, and since becoming a resident of Woodward township has been called upon to fill a number of local offices, being elected to his present position as county commissioner in November, 1896. He has been a champion of every movement designed to promote the general welfare, a supporter of every enterprise for the public good, and has materially aided in the advancement of all social, industrial and educational interests. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Osceola Lodge No. 515, F. & A. M.; Clearfield Chapter No. 222, R. A. M.; and Philipsburg Commandery No. 74, K. T.

JONAS FLICK. The life of this gentleman is a striking example of what can be accomplished by perseverance, industry and economy if guided by sound judgment. In his efforts to secure a home and competence he has been ably seconded by a sensible wife, and to-day, as the result of their untiring labor, they own one of the most desirable farms in Toby township, Clarion county.

Mr. Flick was born September 10, 1834, in Madison township, Clarion county, a son of Charles and Catherine (Reecer) Flick, of Northampton county, Penn., who migrated to Clarion county at an early day. Both died upon the home farm in Madison township, the mother February 14, 1853, aged sixty-two years, and the father September 28, 1887, at the age of eighty-four years, one month and fifteen days. They were buried in different cemeteries at Rimmersburg. In the Reformed Church they held membership, while, politically, the father was identified with the Democratic party.

The subject of this sketch is the eldest of a family of nine children, the others being as follows: Jacob, who was accidentally killed for a deer by a hunter; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Logan, who was drowned; John, who died in childhood; David, a farmer of Rimmersburg; Reuben, an agriculturist of Clarion county; Sarah, deceased; Jesse, a farmer of Toby township, Clarion county; and Caroline, wife of Jesse Stitt, a farmer of the same township. After the death of his first wife, the father wedded Mary J. Mortimer, a native of Madison township, Clarion county, where she still lives. Six children blessed this union, namely: John and Henry, both farmers of Clarion county; Hannah, wife of J. E. Summersville, of Rimmersburg; Charles, who was killed on the railroad; and Alice and Anna, still with their mother.

Under the parental roof Jonas Flick grew to manhood, and in February, 1855, on the farm where he now resides, he was married to Miss Juliann Pollard, Rev. McCauley, a Seceder minister, performing the ceremony. The children born to them are as follows: Edward and Malissa, both deceased; Vianna, deceased wife of P. J. Mortimer, a farmer of Madison township;
Charles, deceased; Calvin, who married Jennie Bowl, and is now employed in the oil fields at Coraopolis, Penn.; David, who married Bell Crick, now deceased, and is also at work in the oil fields of Coraopolis; Benjamin, at home with his father; Malinda, wife of David Stevens, a farmer of Madison township; and John, a farmer of Toby township, who married Blanch Hull.

Mrs. Flick is a native of Clarion county, born September 22, 1834, a daughter of Stephen and Rachel (Rhoads) Pollard, who were born in Centre county and came to Clarion county at an early day. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1882 at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother passed away in 1867, aged sixty-two, their remains being interred in the Rimersburg and Churchville cemeteries, respectively. They were consistent and earnest members of the Reformed Church, and in politics the father was a stanch Democrat. The children born to them were as follows: Margaret, now the widow of William Culberson, and a resident of Toby township, Clarion county; Catherine, wife of Alexander McGahey, a retired farmer living in Indiana, Penn.; Juliann, wife of our subject; Benjamin, who is engaged in the restaurant business in Oil City, Penn.; Amos, a farmer of Toby township; and Sallie A., deceased.

Mr. Flick remained on his father’s farm until twenty-three years of age, and then began to engage in agricultural pursuits on his own account, operating different farms in Clarion county until he had saved enough to purchase a place of his own. It was in 1872 that he bought his present farm of 140 acres of rich and arable land in Toby township, and to its cultivation and improvement he has since devoted his energies with results which can not fail to prove satisfactory. In his political affiliation he is a Democrat, and in his social relations he is an Odd Fellow. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the German Reformed Church, and he has served as elder for the past two years. He has been very successful in his life’s work, and is now numbered among Toby township’s most prosperous citizens, and being endowed with many virtues and a genial, hospitable manner, he receives the respect and confidence of the entire community.

LEWIS ZEIGLER, whose hearty endorsement of all measures that pertain to the public welfare, numbers him among the valued citizens of Du Bois, was born in Brady township, Clearfield county, September 8, 1851, and is a son of James and Elizabeth (Weber) Zeigler.

His father was born in Centre county, in 1824, a son of Frederick and Catherine (Shugart) Zeigler, natives of Adams county, Penn. Their marriage was celebrated there October 21, 1821, and in pioneer days they located in Brady township, Clearfield county. The grandfather was its first collector, and was a man of prominence in the community. He was a great hunter, and for some years was the popular proprietor of a hotel in Troutville. He died July 7, 1888: his wife passed away in Brady township, in 1890. For sixty-five years he was a resident of this locality, and in addition to his other interests opened up a good farm near Luthersburg.

The father of our subject was only two years of age when the family located in Brady township. He was educated in the public schools, reared to agricultural pursuits and afterward opened up a fine farm. In politics, he was a stanch Republican, and cast the only vote for that party in the Shinley school district at an early day. In Brady township he married Elizabeth Weber, who died in 1851, leaving one child, Lewis. In 1856 James Zeigler was united in marriage with Mary Coonrad; who was born in Berks county, Penn., but was reared in Jefferson county, where her father, William Coonrad, located at an early day. James Zeigler died in Brady township, July 18, 1872; his widow subsequently married Isaac Cable, and is now living in Paradise, Jefferson county.

In his native township, Lewis Zeigler was reared, and through the summer months assisted in the labors of the farm, while in the winter season he pursued his education in the public schools. He afterward engaged in farming, and in 1874 took up his residence in Luthersburg, where he remained until removing to Du Bois, May 1, 1876. For the period of five years he was employed by John Du Bois, and in 1880 embarked in the grocery business, which he carried on until 1883, when he became a member of the firm of Spronkle, Zeigler & Co., a connection that was continued until 1886. The partnership was then dissolved, after which Mr. Zeigler conducted the bottling works now owned by Hugh McCullough. A year was thus passed, when he sold to J. A. Terpe, Jr., and in connection with L. Anderson conducted a temperance restaurant until 1888, when he was elected tax collector; in the following year he was re-elected.

Mr. Zeigler has been a very prominent factor in the development, growth and substantial improvement of Du Bois. He assisted in the organization of the town, in connection with George R. Vosburg, E. F. McCall, and J. M.
Raught, and in 1881 was elected a member of the city council. In the following year he was elected Burgess of Du Bois, was re-elected in the spring of 1883, and was nominated in 1884, but was defeated by W. T. Ross, ex-county commissioner, who received a majority of eighteen votes. In 1886 Mr. Zeigler was elected over W. C. Pentz, the present city attorney. In 1890 he was appointed postmaster, entering upon the duties of that office March 1, 1890, and serving until May 1, 1894.

Mr. Zeigler was married in Luthersburg, March 9, 1872, to Rachel A. Murray, a native of Warren, Penn., who died April 28, 1895. They had children as follows: James R., who is married and engaged in the grocery business in Gallatin, Penn.; Joseph E., of Du Bois; Charles A., of Austin, Penn.; George E. and W. G., who reside in Gallatin; U. S. and Olive, both of Du Bois. In politics, Mr. Zeigler is a stanch Republican, giving an intelligent support to the principles of the party, and doing all in his power to advance its interests. Socially, he is a valued member of Garfield Lodge No. 557, F. & A. M., and for twenty-five years has been a member of Mingo Lodge No. 753, I. O. O. F., of Troutville. He is now clerking in "St. Elmo Hotel," and his wide acquaintance and affable manner well fit him for this position. He owns considerable real estate in Du Bois, all of which has been acquired through his own efforts. His official career is above reproach, and no one is more worthy of honorable mention in this volume.

ETTA M. WAY, farmer, post office address, Curwensville, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES C. LEWIS, of Farmington township, Clarion county, is a native of the State of New York, a son of Asa and Nancy (Green) Lewis. The father was born in Schoharie county, N. Y., in 1801, and in early life with his wife, and one child, who was also born in Schoharie county, he removed to Broome county, N. Y. On his arrival there his only possessions consisted of fifty cents in money, and an axe. Later he purchased 140 acres of wild woodland, which he at once began to clear and improve after building therewith a log house and barn. Subsequently he replaced these by more modern and substantial buildings, and the land he placed under a high state of cultivation. There his wife died in 1848, and he passed away in 1882, honored and esteemed by all who knew him.

The subject of this sketch was one of their family of eleven children, the others being as follows: (1) Adelia, born in Schoharie county, N. Y., married Joseph Self, of Broome county, and they reside in the old homestead in the latter county. Their children are—Albert; Charles; and Mrs. Louella Whitney, of New York. (2) James R., born in Broome county, in 1826, married a lady of Broome county, and they now live in Lisle, N. Y. They have two children—(a) Frank, born in Broome county, in 1850, was educated in New York, and is now a prominent attorney of Seattle, Wash. At the present time he is serving as State Senator. He is married, but has no family—(b) Wilfred, a native of Broome county, obtained an excellent education in New York. He is married and lives in California. He has two daughters. (3) Cyrus is married and lives in Broome county, N. Y. His children are—Freeman, Harriet, and Newell. (4) Caroline is the wife of Henry Rogers, of Broome county, by whom she has four children—Nancy, Samantha, Jacob and Laura. (5) Henry spent some time in Warren county, Penn., but now lives near Lisle, N. Y., where he is engaged in farming. He married Margaret Wiley, of Broome county, and has three children—(a) Louella died in childhood. (b) Elmer married Caroline Corry, of New York, by whom he has one daughter, Myrtle, and they live near Lisle. (c) Parley, born in Broome county, in 1869, was educated in Lisle, and in May, 1892, he married Alice Fellers, of Clarion county, Penn. They lived in New York until 1897, but are now residents of Clarion county. (6) Lodema married Thomas Payne, of Broome county, and in 1865 they came to Clarion county, where he engaged in lumbering for a number of years. He is now one of the prominent business men of the city of Clarion. His wife died some years ago, leaving no children. (7) Asa also came to Clarion county in 1865, and turned his attention to lumbering. Here he married Maggie McMichael, and they now live on a farm two miles north of Tylersburg. Their children are—Thomas, Daisy, Roy and Mary. (8) William came with his brothers to Clarion county in 1865, and after following lumbering for a number of years, he purchased the Rev. Gilfillin farm in 1888, making his home thereon until his removal to the city of Clarion in 1897. He has always extensively engaged in business, and is today quite well-to-do. He married Emma McCornick, of Clarion county, and has two children—Earl and Hazel, at home. (9) Almyra married Lewis Stebing, and a few months after her marriage
she was thrown from a buggy and instantly killed. (10) John during his boyhood came to Clarion county, where he engaged in sawing lumber and managing mills until his marriage, Miss Sadie McMichael, of Clarion county, becoming his wife. They now live in Edward county, Kans., where he is engaged in stock-raising. Their children are—Fred, Arthur, Asa and Owens.

On the old homestead in Broome county, N. Y., Charles C. Lewis was born in December, 1845, and in the schools of the locality he acquired a good practical education. In 1865 he accompanied his brothers, Asa, Henry, William and John, on their removal to Clarion county, where they all became interested in the lumber business. In 1873 he was joined in wedlock to Miss Annie Logue, of Clarion county, a daughter of William and Sarah Logue. After his marriage he purchased the Henry Davis farm, located one mile north of Tylersburg, and has erected thereon a good two-story house and barn, and has made many other improvements, which add to its value and attractive appearance. In connection with the operation of his land he is still engaged in lumbering.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are as follows: Lodema, born on their present farm in 1874, was educated in the common schools, and is now the wife of Irwin Swat, of Clarion county. They live with her father on the old homestead. William A., born in 1879, also received a common-school education, and is at home. James F., born in 1882; Fannie, born in 1884, Nellie, born in 1891, and Frank P., are all at home.

In his political affiliations Mr. Lewis is a Republican, and in his religious belief both he and his wife are Methodists, belonging to the Church in Tylersburg. Although he came to the county without capital, he is to-day one of the substantial citizens of Farmington township. He and his brothers started in business on a small scale as jobbers, and, through energy and a determination to better their condition in life, they gradually came to the front in business affairs, and at present are numbered among the representative men of the community.

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David J. Pifer, a substantial citizen of Big Run, Jefferson county, well known in business circles as a dealer in hardware and agricultural implements, was born in that county in 1836, and has always made his home there. His father, William E. Pifer, now a prominent farmer and lumberman in that locality, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., whence when about twelve years old he went to Jefferson county, and by a life in which the quiet pursuit of duty has been a leading characteristic has won the respect of all who know him. His estimable wife, Lida Shetterly, passed from earth in 1888.

The ordinary advantages of a country school enabled Mr. Pifer, our subject, to gain the elements of a practical education, and the training in farm work, which he received at home, prepared him to follow that honest calling in manhood. It was not until 1891 that he decided to choose another occupation, and then, removing to Big Run, he spent one year in the restaurant business before engaging in his present enterprise. His store is an attractive one, his stock of hardware and implements large and well selected, and he enjoys an extensive and profitable trade.

Mr. Pifer was married in October, 1882, to Miss Emma C. Priester, daughter of Ludwig and Elizabeth (Hope) Priester, now well-known residents of Jefferson county. The father was a native of Germany, but the mother was born in Indiana county, Penn. Mr. and Mrs. Pifer have no children of their own, but an adopted daughter, Turilla Luella, shares their home. They are Methodists in religious faith, and Mr. Pifer is a trustee of the Church. Thoroughly public-spirited, and sympathetic with all progressive movements, they rank among the leaders of their community. In his political views Mr. Pifer is a Democrat; while he has never felt tempted to turn from his business in order to seek official honors, he has been chosen to various positions, now holding a borough office.

Levi Harnish (deceased), who in his lifetime was one of the best and most highly respected citizens of Madison township, Clarion county, was born in Mifflin county, Penn., May 15, 1827, and was descended from an old Pennsylvania family, which has been prominently identified with the history of this country both in days of peace and in time of war.

John and Elizabeth (Young) Harnish, his parents, were natives of Lancaster and Huntingdon counties, respectively, and spent their last days in Clarion county, where the mother died at the age of fifty-two, and the father at seventy-five. He was a farmer and blacksmith by occupation, a Whig, then a Republican in politics, and a Methodist in religious belief. His wife was originally a member of the Presbyterian
Church, but, later, she, too, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Both had the respect and esteem of all who knew them.

Levi Harnish spent the first sixteen years of his life on the old home farm, and was then bound out to learn the blacksmith's trade with Robert Glenn, of Centre county. He soon mastered every detail of the business, becoming a thorough and skillful workman, and followed that occupation for over a half century. He became a resident of Clarion county in 1843, and from 1836 up to the time of his death, April 2, 1898, he lived upon his farm of seventy acres in Madison township. He converted the tract into one of the most desirable farms of the neighborhood, and in connection with its operation also successfully worked at his trade and dealt in horses.

On August 29, 1864, Mr. Harnish enlisted in the 6th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and later was transferred to the 212th P. V. I. For some time he was stationed at Fort Eaton and Fort Warren, near Washington, D. C., and remained in the service until the war was over, when he returned to his home to take up the more peaceful pursuits of civil life.

At the age of thirty-three, Mr. Harnish was married, in Clarion county, to Miss Martha McElhattan, a native of Centre county, and a daughter of Robert McElhattan and wife. Four children were born to this union, namely: John Nelson, who was born, reared and educated in Clarion county, wedded Miss Mary Hartman, by whom he had three children: Ethel, Fanny and Alfred. Phoebe is at home. Mary Elizabeth died at the age of twenty years, and one child died in infancy.

Mr. Harnish was a judicious and faithful counsellor, a genial companion and Christian gentleman. His devotion to the national interests of the country is excelled only by the patriotism which never loses sight of the highest duties of citizenship. His good works will live after him and keep his memory forever green. He was a Republican in political sentiment, and was an elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a leading member, doing all in his power to advance the cause of the Master.

JOHN A. McMURRAY, a progressive and successful agriculturist of Clearfield county, is the owner of a fine farm of 100 acres, located in the borough of Ramey. While the estate has many natural advantages, it has been improved under Mr. McMurray's liberal management until it ranks among the best of its size in that region. Nor is his success confined to this line of work only, as he has engaged in business as a lumberman and merchant with like results, although at present he devotes his attention to his farm.

Mr. McMurray was born at Hegarty's Cross Roads, Clearfield county, February 14, 1849, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. His father, the late John McMurray, who was a native of Jersey Shore, Penn., came to Clearfield county in 1845, locating in New Washington, where his first wife (formerly Miss Rumer, of Jersey Shore), died a short time after their removal. In 1847 John McMurray was married to Mrs. Jane (Alexander) Hegarty, widow of John Hegarty. About the same time he purchased 160 acres of partly improved land in Knox township, Clearfield county. There was a house and barn on the place, and he added other improvements as time passed, and cleared the remaining woodland. He resided there until two years before his death, when he sold it, and made his home with his daughter, Mrs. James Wiley. His second wife died in 1872.

By his first marriage Mr. McMurray had one daughter, Martha, who married William Mahaffey, of Mahaffey, Penn., and died about six years ago. There were four children by the second union, our subject being the eldest. The others were: (2) R. received a district school education, and remained at home until his marriage to Miss Annie Hursh, daughter of John and Elizabeth Hursh, of Becaria township, Clearfield county. He then bought the place known as the George Hegarty farm, and resided there until 1887, when he sold and purchased property in Ramey, and built a fine residence. He engaged in mercantile business, but was burned out in 1893, causing his retirement from that field of effort. Being well-to-do, he devotes his attention to his investments at home and in Virginia, where he purchased real estate some years ago. He has two children living—Louisa and Martha, both at home. (3) Catherine was educated in the schools near the old homestead, and is now the wife of James Wiley, a farmer near Ansonville, Penn. They have five children living—Murray, Florence, Effie, Velma and Ruth, who reside with their parents. (4) Charles B. received a common-school education, and at the age of eighteen engaged in the lumbering business. He was married to Miss Melissa Shoff, of Bigler township, Clearfield county, and resided in Amesville until the death of his wife, and soon afterward, in 1899, he removed to Ansonville and became interested in mercantile pursuits.
He now owns one of the largest stores in that town. In 1890 he married Miss McGahan, who resided near Ansonville. He has three daughters, one, Myrtle, by the first marriage; and two by the second, Georgie Jane and Ruth Edna.

Our subject passed his early years at the old homestead in Knox township, and, in 1870, was married to Miss Sophia E. Young, daughter of Albert and Mary Young, of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, residing near Marion post office. In 1871 Mr. McMurray purchased 160 acres of land in Bigler township, Clearfield county, known as the Joseph Hegarty homestead. This was partially improved, with about forty acres cleared. Mr. McMurray has since cleared sixty acres, and, in 1881, he sold the sixty acres with the old improvements, retaining the portion of the estate which lay nearest the borough of Ramey. He has made many improvements thereon, building a barn and a large two-story residence. In 1891 he engaged in mercantile business in Bigler township, but sold out three years later.

Mr. and Mrs. McMurray have had twelve children, of whom ten are living: (1) Mary J., born July 1, 1871, was educated in the high school at Ramey. She married Blair Echard, of Roaring Springs, and now resides in Ramey, where Mr. Echard, who is a carpenter by trade, bought a lot and built a tasteful residence. They have one son, John Alexander, born in 1896. (2) John A., born October 5, 1872 (unmarried), resides at the homestead with his parents. (3) William C., born March 9, 1874, resides in Ramey. He was married in 1894, to Miss Lizzie Warshing, of Ramey, and they have one daughter, Effie A. (4) Emma May, born March 1, 1876. (5) Margaret Matilda, born January 20, 1878, (6) George Russell, born April 5, 1880, (7) Anna Bertha, born November 27, 1882, and (8) Sarah Delilah, born February 8, 1884, are all at home. (9) Cleveland, born April 3, 1886, died June 25, 1889. (10) Pearl Eliza, born June 6, 1888, is at home. (11) Earl S., born August 6, 1891, died in October of the same year. (12) Ruth Aletha, born January 23, 1893, is at home with her parents. Mr. McMurray and his wife are prominent members of the Baptist Church. One of their daughters is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Ramey.

Politically Mr. McMurray has always been identified with the Democratic party. He has never been known as an aspirant for office, but in 1896, the people of Ramey borough desiring a thorough-going, progressive man as street commissioner, selected him for that place.

R. GILMORE, one of the most energetic, progressive and reliable business men of Farmington township, is a worthy representative of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Clarion county. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Gilmore, was a native of Ireland, and on coming to the New World located in Clarion county when it was a vast wilderness. In his family were two sons, but Hugh died at Helen Furnace in early manhood.

Amid scenes of frontier life, David Gilmore, our subject's father, was born in 1807, at Helen Furnace, Highland township, Clarion county, and, on attaining to man's estate, he married Miss Elizabeth Porter, in 1833. Her parents were Joseph and Jane Porter, of Westmoreland county, Penn. After his marriage Mr. Gilmore purchased 2,000 acres of land in Farmington and Highland townships, and in the former he cleared and improved a farm. His first home was a log house, but in later years it was replaced by a good frame residence, and many other excellent improvements were made upon the farm which added to its value and attractive appearance. He erected the first gristmill in Highland township, and engaged in farming to some extent, but devoted the greater part of his time to lumbering on the Clarion river, where he carried on operation for a number of years. He was one of the first to engage in building coal and iron boats to be run down the rivers to the Pittsburg market, and, in 1830, erected a water saw and grist mill on Little Toby creek, where for a number of years he engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber, which was rafted down the Clarion river. Later, in 1847, he built a large gristmill on the same creek, which he operated for some time, manufacturing flour and feed, and in 1850 built a double sawmill equipped with the latest improved machinery. He continued to successfully engage in business until called from this life in 1886, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, who had proved so true and faithful a helpmeet, still survives him.

Eleven children blessed their union, namely: (1) Samuel, born in Clarion county, in November, 1833, owns and operates a farm in Highland township, Clarion county. He married Jane Brenneman, of that township, by whom he had five children, three still living—William A.; Burton S.; and Elizabeth, now the wife of Calvin Brenneman. After the death of his first wife, Samuel Gilmore wedded Clarinda Porter, of Clarion county, and to them were born four children—Robert, Stewart, Ella (wife of Ben McKinsey, of Highland township) and Arthur. (2) Isabel died in childhood. (3) William was killed
in 1850, by a tree falling on him. (4) Matilda, born on the old homestead in Farmington, is now the wife of Jasper Maxwell, of Highland township. (5) Nancy, born in 1824, died of consumption when a young lady. (6) R. P., of this sketch, is next in order of birth. (7) Miles J., born in May, 1845, is a farmer of Highland township. He married Emma Whisner, and has eight children—Walter W., Ella M. G. Arnold, David, Mary, Eliphaz, Banks and Bertha. (8) Rufina, born in 1847, lives on the old homestead. (9) Joseph Porter, born in 1830, is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Highland township. He married Laura Whisner, and has ten children—Sharples, Isaac, Charles, Almend, Alice and Annie (twins), Addis, Lawrence, Edward and Harry. (10) Mary, born in 1832, is the wife of Scott Zink, of Mill Creek, Clarion county, and had five children—Robert (who died in infancy), Gerty (who died at the age of fourteen years), Park, Pearl and Gerty. (11) Alice J., born in 1835, married Newton Thompson, of Clarion county, who is now engaged in merchandising in Highland. They had two children—Charles and Edward, who died in childhood.

Robert P. Gilmore, whose name introduces this sketch, was born on the old homestead in Farmington township, in March, 1843, and was reared in much the usual manner of farmer lads of his day, acquiring his education in the public schools near his home. Under his father's able direction, he soon became familiar with all departments of lumbering, and in 1868, he purchased the Walters mill and the Disle tract of timber land, preparatory to engaging in the manufacture of lumber on his own account. He cleared some of his land, taking out square timber and building boats for the Pittsburgh & Allegheny markets until 1872, when he disposed of the business, and, as a millwright, engaged in erecting mills for a number of years. In 1880, in company with James Whitehill, he went to Drew county, Ark., where that gentleman engaged in the lumber business, and our subject served as foreman for a year. Returning to Pennsylvania, he located in Forest county, where he engaged in building boats until February, 1883, when he went to British America and built a mill, remaining there for a year.

In 1884, Mr. Gilmore returned to the old homestead in Farmington township, Clarion county, and three years later bought the grist and saw mill formerly owned by his father, together with 200 acres of land. He also purchased the old home place in 1892, and since his father's death has tenderly cared for his mother and sister. In his political views he is a Demo-

crat, and in religious belief a Presbyterian. He is a liberal contributor to all enterprises calculated to promote the moral, educational or material welfare of his township and county, and is justly numbered among its useful, valued and highly esteemed citizens. As a business man he ranks among the best, and the success that he has achieved in life is certainly well deserved.

ABRAHAM GALENTINE, farmer, Brady township; post office address, Luthersburg, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

JOHN A. LEWIS. Among the leading citizens of Elk township, Clarion county, who faithfully served their country during the Civil war, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.

Mr. Lewis was born in Callensburg, May 6, 1842, a son of John and Catherine Drumph Lewis, who were born, reared and married in New Jersey, whence they came to Licking township, Clarion Co., Penn., at an early day. In the midst of the forest the father developed a farm, which he made his home until his removal to Sligo in 1853, after which he was employed on public works and at a furnace until his death, which occurred in 1863. His wife had departed this life in 1854 while residing near Callensburg. In their family were the following children: Sarah, now Mrs. Young, of Elk township, Clarion county; Daniel, who died in Clarion county; James, who enlisted at Sligo, in July, 1861, in the 62d P. V. I., and, being injured in battle, died at Washington, D. C., in 1863; Peter, who also enlisted at Sligo, in the 155th P. V. I., and was killed in the battle of the Wilderness, May 3, 1863; Hiram, a resident of Elk township; John A., of this sketch; Mrs. Catharine Myers of Venango county, Penn., and Luther Hall, of Clarion county.

In the county of his nativity, John A. Lewis was reared and educated, and in early life learned the stone mason's trade, which he has successfully followed since the war. In 1861 at Cutlassville, Clarion county, he joined the boys in blue as a member of Company G, 62d Pennsylvania Artillery, for three years, and was sworn in at Pittsburgh in July of that year. With the Army of the Potomac he participated in the battle of Antietam and the seven-days' fight in front of Richmond, after which he was sent to Newark, N. J. Being taken ill, he was musteret out, but in March, 1863, at Sligo Furnace, he again enlisted, this time for three
years, becoming a member of Company H, 155th P. V. I., which belonged to the Army of the Potomac. He took part in the battles of the Wilderness and Laurel Hill, and when the war was over participated in the Grand Review at Washington, D. C., after which he was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Penn., in July, 1865.

Returning to his native county, Mr. Lewis lived at Sligo Furnace until 1871, when he came to Elk township, where he owns a good farm of fifty acres under a high state of cultivation, and, in connection with its operation, he also works at his trade. In 1863, in Licking township, Clarion county, Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Mary Heffner, who was born and reared in Germany. Her parents, John and Margaret (Fern) Heffner, were also natives of the Fatherland, and on coming to the New World located in Clarion county, Penn., where the father died, but the mother is still a resident of Elk township. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have seven children: John Henry, who is married; Silas Austin, who is married and lives in Montpelier, Ind.; and George William, Charles O., David N., Allison Luther and Scott R., all at home.

Mr. Lewis gives his support to the principles of the Republican party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He has served as a member of the school board in his district, and has been prominently identified with all measures for the good of the community. Fraternally, he holds membership in Amos Kiser Post No. 475, G. A. R.

WILLIAM H. H. BLACK, of Shippenville, finds an appropriate place in the history of those men of business and enterprise in Clarion county, whose force of character, whose sterling integrity and whose good sense in the management of complicated affairs and marked success in bringing to completion important business enterprises, have contributed in an eminent degree to the development of the vast resources of this section of the State. He began his business career as a clerk in his father’s store, later was similarly employed in Pittsburg, and was for a time engaged in business in Oil City, Penn. He now makes his home in Shippenville, and is employed in looking after his large land and oil interests here.

Mr. Black was born in Clarion county, June 23, 1840, and is a son of Jacob Black, one of the honored pioneers and prominent business men of the county, where he located in 1828. He was a native of Maryland, and a son of Frederick Black, who was of German descent. After coming to Shippenville, the father was married in that place, July 18, 1833, to Miss Margaret Shippen, a representative of the leading and influential families of the county. She was a daughter of Robert Shippen and a sister of Richard Shippen, in whose honor Shippenville was named. To Mr. and Mrs. Black were born nine children: Mrs. Priscilla Montgomery, now deceased; Frederick, who died in infancy; Bordley, who was born in 1838, and is now a prominent business man of Franklin, Penn.; W. H. H., of this sketch; Mrs. Jenny G. Crawford, of Venango county, Penn.; Maggie, who died in childhood; Josephine, who was born in 1846, and died in 1890; Jacob (twin brother of Josephine), who is connected with the Second National Bank of Clarion; and Ellen E., who died at the age of two years. The mother, who was born June 30, 1809, died February 16, 1874, and the father, born January 23, 1809, departed this life April 20, 1888. In politics, he was a stanch Republican, and in religious belief was first a Presbyterian, and later a Lutheran. His energy, integrity, prudent business methods, and reliable sagacity all combined to make him one of the ablest business men of Clarion county, and his life in every respect was well worthy of emulation.

During his youth our subject was provided with a good practical education which well fitted him for the responsible duties of business life. He has traveled extensively in the East, South and West, and his observing eye and retentive memory have enabled him to carry back with him the scenes of beauty and historic interest that he has visited, they remaining with him as pictures on memory’s wall. Travel, and his social, genial nature have made him an entertaining companion, and he is a stanch and loyal friend, fond of good fellowship and devoted to those who have his confidence.

JOHN KERL, one of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Elk township, Clarion county, is successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits upon the old homestead, where his birth occurred in 1863.

Ernest Kerl, his father, was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1832, where the paternal grandfather spent his entire life. At the age of nineteen, the former emigrated to America and took up his residence in Elk township, Clarion county. He was a self-made man, having on his arrival here only twenty-five cents, but he soon found
employment, working at the furnaces, in a livery stable or at anything whereby he might earn an honest dollar, and being industrious, energetic and persevering, he succeeded in accumulating a handsome property. He purchased 100 acres of woodland, which he soon transformed into a fine farm, it being the place upon which our subject now resides.

In 1862, in Elk township, Ernest Kerl was married to Mena Alleman, also a native of Hanover, Germany, who in 1841 was brought to the New World by her parents, Charley and Mary (Kiser) Alleman, also natives of the Fatherland. They located in Elk township, where her father died at the age of eighty-two, and her mother also passed away there. To Mr. and Mrs. Kerl were born three children: John, of this review; William, a resident of Elk township; and Louisa, wife of George Hautz, of West Clarks ville, N. Y. The father died on the old homestead June 27, 1889, but the mother is still living in Elk township. Both were faithful members of the Lutheran Church, of Shippen ville, with which he was officially connected, and he was instrumental in securing the erection of the house of worship at that place. In politics he was a pronounced Democrat. He was one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his community, enjoying the confidence and high regard of all with whom he came in contact.

John Kerl attended the district schools near his home, and upon the farm early became familiar with the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He now owns the old homestead, comprising 100 acres of valuable and productive land, which is under a high state of cultivation. On April 7, 1891, in Pleasantville, Venango Co., Penn., he was married to Miss Fredericka Nusbaumer, a native of Baden, Germany, and a daughter of John George and Anna Marie (Zeller) Nusbaumer. In that country her father died in 1889, at the age of seventy-one, but her mother is still living in her native land. During her childhood Mrs. Kerl worked by the month, and at the age of nineteen crossed the Atlantic. She has two sisters living in this country—Mrs. Bower, a resident of East Titusville, Penn.; and Mrs. C. Foss, of Pleasantville, Venango county. Two children grace the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kerl: Ida May, born May 19, 1892; and Stanley Henry, born June 27, 1895.

In religious belief Mr. Kerl is a Lutheran, and in politics he is a Democrat. As an enterprising, progressive farmer, with ideas of his own, he has no superior in Elk township, and as a citizen merits and receives the respect of all who know him.

NELSON M. MEALS, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon residing in Callensburg, was born in Butler county, Penn., April 6, 1848, and is descended from an old and honored family of Pennsylvania, which was founded here by his great-grandfather, Samuel Meal, who was born on the River Rhine, in Baden, Germany, and came to America during Colonial days. Three of his brothers remained in the Fatherland and one went to South America. He located in York county, Penn., whence he removed to Westmoreland county, in 1796, and previous to 1801 took up his residence in Butler county. He was a blacksmith by occupation, but also traded to some extent with the Indians, who were always his friends. He married a Miss Reichart, whose mother bore the maiden name of Shoup, and to them were born six children: George; Samuel; William; Margaret, who married George Daubenspike; Jacob, and Daniel. The parents of these children were members of the Lutheran Church, and died in Butler county.

Daniel Meals, the Doctor's grandfather, became a successful farmer of Butler county, where he died, and he willed the old homestead to the Doctor's father. He had married Catherine Studabaker, of Pennsylvania, who was of German descent, and whose people were mostly agriculturists. Five children blessed this union: Samuel; Mary M., wife of M. Turney; Margaret, who first married a Mr. Campbell and after his death J. Daubenspike; David and Joseph. Mary is the only one now living. All were members of the Lutheran Church, but after coming to Clarion county Dr. Samuel D. Meals, our subject's father, became a Presbyterian.

Dr. Samuel D. Meals began preparation for the medical profession under the direction of Dr. Joseph Eggert, of Butler county, and later attended lectures at a medical college in Cleveland, Ohio, after which he successfully engaged in practice in Butler county for fifteen years. In August, 1859, he removed to Callensburg, Clarion county, and here prosecuted his profession until called from this life October 8, 1884. Upright and honorable in all of life's relations, he stood high both as a physician and citizen. He married Miss Hannah, daughter of William Emery, a carpenter and farmer of Butler county, whose other children were Robert; Nancy, wife of J. Blaire; Sebastian, twin brother of Nancy; Mary, wife of a Mr. Hartzel; and Joseph, a Methodist minister, who is now professor of mathematics in a college in Oregon. The parents and the other children were all Presbyterians in religious belief.

Dr. Meals, of this review, is the eldest in a
family of eight children, the others being as follows: Mrs. Maggie M. Pollock; Mrs. Catherine Stoner; Clara J., who first married a Mr. French, and, after his death, a Mr. Jamison; Emeline, wife of W. L. Elliot; Mrs. Lotta Cochran; Edna, wife of W. A. Beer; and Samuel W., a resident of Greene county, Pennsylvania.

In the county of his nativity, Dr. Meals began his education in the common schools, and after coming to Callensburg, at the age of eleven years, he attended the academy at this place. He early commenced reading medicine with his father as preceptor, and, in 1870, entered the Western Medical University of Ohio, at Cleveland, where he pursued his studies for one term. He then engaged in practice with his father until the school year of 1873-4, when he was again a student in that institution. Since his graduation he has enjoyed a liberal patronage, which he well merits. His investigation into the science of medicine, and his skillful application of the knowledge he has thereby obtained, has won him a place in the foremost ranks of the medical fraternity. He holds membership in the county, State and National Medical Societies.

Dr. Meals was married in 1872 to Miss Jennie R. Graham, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Miller) Graham, the former of Scotch-Irish descent, and the latter of Irish lineage, her father, William Miller, being a native of Ireland. James Graham was a farmer by occupation, and was the father of nine children: Samuel, Thomas, James, William, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Mary, Margaret and Jennie R. To the Doctor and his wife were born eight children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of N. Stover; May, who died at the age of two years; Kittie, wife of J. F. Lavure; Nora M., at home; Clarissa D., who died at the age of twelve years; and Mary A., Samuel O. and Nelson M., all at home. The wife and mother, who was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, departed this life June 22, 1894.

Dr. Meals was again married, this time in December, 1895, his second union being with Miss Martha J. Dunlap, a daughter of Samuel Dunlap, who was also of Scotch-Irish descent, and a son of John Dunlap, a native of Ireland. Samuel Dunlap married Lavina Slaughenhaupt, of German extraction, by whom he had six children: Minna, wife of O. Lash; Martha J., wife of our subject; Mark; Mrs. Laura McGee; James, and George. The father was an agriculturist, and was one of the leading members of and active workers in the Independent Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belonged. His death occurred May 26, 1897. One child was born to Dr. and Mrs. Meals, but died when only four weeks old.

Politically, the Doctor is identified with the Republican party, has always taken a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, and has creditably served as burgess of Callensburg. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the American Mechanics, while, religiously, he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church and take quite an active part in its work.

JOHN R. BLACK, a leading agriculturist of Elk township, Clarion county, was born December 24, 1833, on his present farm, and is a worthy representative of one of the most prominent families of the county. His paternal grandfather, Frederick Black, was born in Maryland, of German ancestry, and became one of the honored pioneers of this region, having located at Canoe Furnace, Clarion county, at an early day. William Black, our subject's father, was also a native of Maryland, but was reared in Clarion county, where throughout his active business life he followed the occupations of farming and lumbering with good success. In Elk township he was married to Miss Sarah Berlin, who was born in 1809, and was reared in Clarion county. She now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Craig, in Greenville, but the father died at the age of fifty-six, honored and respected by all who knew him. In the family were seven children: George (who died in Franklin, Penn.), John R., Paul B. (a resident of Elk township, Clarion county), Mary (deceased), Frances (wife of William McClintock), Martha (who died at the age of three years), and Maggie (wife of D. Craig, of Greenville, Clarion county).

In the schools of his native township, John R. Black secured a good practical education, and under the able direction of his father, he became thoroughly familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He now owns the old homestead of seventy-five acres of rich and arable land, and is successfully engaged in general farming, and in the dairy business. By the exercise of great industry, perseverance and good management he has brought the land to its present highly cultivated state, and his improvements are of a substantial character, everything about the place denoting prosperity and thrift.

On October 23, 1856, in Elk township, Mr. Black was married to Miss Susan Sanders, who was born in Union county, Penn., a daughter of Peter and Catharine (Felthaft) Sanders, early settlers of Clarion county. The father died in
Berks county, but the mother’s death occurred in Clarion county. Both were faithful members of the Reformed Church, while in politics Mr. Sanders was a Democrat, and a farmer by occupation. In their family were eight children, namely: Anna, John, Caroline, Sarah, Samuel, Jane, Willie, who died in infancy, and Susan.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Black: Sarah, wife of Samuel McDowell, of Erie, Penn.; Albert P., a physician of Bradner, Ohio; Evaline, wife of A. C. Zimmerman, of Elk township, Clarion county; Lillie, wife of Harry Dotterner, of Kellyville, Penn.; Charles Webster, who is now at work in the oil fields of West Virginia; John Newton, who died at the age of four years. Of these, Mrs. Dotterner was for eight years a successful and popular teacher of Clarion county.

On October 1, 1862, Mr. Black enlisted in the 109th P. V. I., and when his term of service had expired he was honorably discharged, in 1863. He was mostly engaged in guard duty at Fort Keys and Yorktown. The Republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter, and he has been called upon to serve in a number of township offices. He has been quite prominently identified with the interests of the community in which he lives, and he has assisted materially in the development of the portion of the county in which he resides. He bears a high character for sterling integrity, and both he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Lutheran Church in Ashland township.

Elizabeth Hazlett, a widow lady now living in Ohio; Mary Jane, a resident of Erie, Penn., and the widow of John Deemer, a soldier of the Civil war; Nancy C., wife of H. J. Smith, of Delaware; I. W., of this sketch; James A., who died in Kansas; and James Henry, who died in the East.

In August, 1862, when only eighteen years of age, Mr. Mong, of this review, enlisted in Beaver township, Clarion county, for three years, in Company G, 155th P. V. I., and was mustered into the United States service at Pittsburg, where the regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Aldie, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania Court House, North Ann River, Talotopomy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. On June 8, 1864, he was wounded by a gunshot, and was first confined in the hospital at Alexandria, Va., and later in Grace Church Hospital, Philadelphia. He rejoined his regiment in front of Petersburg, and later took part in the battles of Weldon Railroad, Preblestown, Hatcher’s Run, Quaker Road, Dobney’s Mill, Boydton Plank Road, White Oak Road, Five Forks, and Appomattox. After participating in the Review at Washington, D. C., he was mustered out at Arlington Heights, and was honorably discharged June 5, 1865, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Since his return home Mr. Mong has engaged in farming and in the oil business, and now owns the old homestead of eighty-six and a half acres in Elk township, Clarion county, whose well-tilled fields and neat and thrifty appearance plainly testify to the skill and ability of the owner in his chosen calling. In January, 1868, in Ashland township, Clarion county, he wedded Miss Mary E. Pierce, who was born in Clarion county, a daughter of David and Lavina (Hockman) Pierce, natives of the same county, where the father died. The mother is still a resident of Ashland township. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mong five are still living: Harvey P., who is married and is engaged in farming; Raymond W.; Wilson E.; Lavina B.; and James G.

Mr. Mong uses his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the Republican party, and has most efficiently served as treasurer of Elk township. Socially, he affiliates with the K. O. T. M. His genial, pleasant manner has made him quite popular in both business and social circles, and as a public-spirited, enterprising man, he is recognized as a valued citizen of the community. He has always
been found as true to his duties of citizenship in days of peace as when he followed the old flag to victory on Southern battle fields.

DAVID H. PARSONS, one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Limestone township, is a representative of an old and honored pioneer family of Clarion county, whose members have been actively identified with the growth and development of this region from an early day, and have watched with interest the wonderful transformation that has taken place.

Mr. Parsons was born on the farm which is still his home, August 29, 1830, a son of Thomas and Jane (Craig Sayers) Parsons. His grandfather, David Parsons, spent his entire life in Centre county, Penn., where the great-grandfather, Thomas Parsons, first located during the Revolutionary war. However, he was soon compelled to leave his new home, having been driven out by the Indians, and returned to Maryland, where he remained for seven years. At the end of that period he again came to Centre county and reclaimed his land, which he converted into a good farm, making it his home until called to the world beyond.

The father of our subject was born in Centre county, but when a lad of fifteen years came with his father to Limestone township, Clarion county, where he continued to make his home throughout the remainder of his life. He owned and operated the farm on which our subject is now living, and throughout his active business life devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. After a useful and well-spent life, wherein he gained the confidence and respect of all who knew him, he passed away in 1875. The birth of his wife occurred in Westmoreland county, Penn., but when a child of five years she was brought to Clarion county, and during the eighty-six years of her residence here she witnessed almost its entire growth and development. During her childhood wolves made the night hideous with their howls, and many other kinds of wild animals still inhabited the forests. From April 6, 1830, until her death in July, 1895, Mrs. Parsons made her home upon the farm where her son now lives. She reached the advanced age of ninety-one.

During his boyhood and youth David H. Parsons attended the subscription schools, but the terms were short, and his education was necessarily limited. His training in farm work, however, was not so meagre, and he early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He has made that honored calling his life work, has aided in the arduous task of clearing and developing a new farm, but he has one of the most desirable places in Limestone township. Where at one time was an oak forest, now waving fields of grain greet the eye, and a beautiful home and good and substantial outbuildings now adorn the farm, which comprises 107 acres of excellent land.

On September 30, 1856, Mr. Parsons was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Harvey, a native of Berks county, who became a resident of Centre county, and later of Clarion county. Earnest and conscientious Christians, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are faithful members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is now serving as trustee. Socially, he affiliates with the Masonic Order, and, politically, is identified with the Prohibition party, of whose principles he is an earnest advocate. In 1896 he was the candidate of his party for the State Legislature. He has ever been a liberal contributor to all objects tending to advance the welfare of his Church or the cause of temperance, and in his daily walks he has shown himself consistent with the beliefs he professes, and is everywhere honored and esteemed.

C. H. ROWLAND. Success in any line of occupation, in any avenue of business, is not a matter of spontaneity, but it is the legitimate offshoot of a subjective effort in the proper utilization of the means at hand, the improvement of opportunities, and the exercise of the highest functions made possible by the specific ability in any case. In view of this condition the study of biography becomes valuable, and its lessons, of practical use. In tracing the success of Mr. Rowland we find that he has steadily worked his way upward until he is now one of the largest coal operators of Houtzdale, and he is also successfully conducting a store in Moshannon.

Our subject was born in Hancock, Md., in 1860, a son of John and Sarah E. (Hedding) Rowland, the former a native of Bedford county, and the latter of Landisburg, Perry Co., Penn. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, removed to Huntingdon county, this State, in 1866, and in 1874 took up his residence in Houtzdale, where he followed several different lines of business until his death in February, 1893. His estimable wife is still a resident of Houtzdale. They reared three children, namely: Anna, wife of H. J. McClure, of New Castle, Penn.; C. H. and Mary.

From Huntingdon county, C. H. Rowland
accompanied his parents on their removal to Houtzdale, and here he completed his literary training in the public schools. He began his business life as a clerk, and has since turned his attention to coal operating, being now interested in the old Moshannon Coal Company. On the incorporation of the company, D. Knight was the first president, and he was succeeded by Daniel Button, now a resident of Philadelphia. In January, 1895, Mr. Rowland became interested in the business, and he is now operating the bank of the company and also No. 6, owned by the United Colliery Company, with which he became connected in 1888. He now has in his employ one hundred and fifty men, but usually has three hundred, the expenses of the corporation being over $200,000 per month. The coal obtained in this district is only the upper or drift mining, the lower vein being yet untouched. In 1893 a company was formed, known as the Houtzdale, or Prospect Shaft, of which our subject became secretary and treasurer, and they sunk a shaft which was operated for about six months. Over $70,000 were expended, but the company still have their mining machinery and everything with which to begin operations at any time.

In 1886, in Houtzdale, Mr. Rowland was married to Miss Anna Cutshall, a native of Huntingdon county, Penn., and to them have been born five children: Lulu Ellen, Howard H., Margaret, Edward, and Charles.

Our subject gives his political support to the Republican party, and, socially, he belongs to Osceola Lodge No. 515, F. & A. M. He is widely recognized as one of the representative citizens and leading business men of Clarfield county, has done much to promote its commercial and industrial activity, and advance the general welfare of the community. He carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes, and carefully looks after the interests of his employees, now working on full time.

Robert L. Logan is the junior member of the well-known firm of Giles & Logan, general merchants of West Monterey, Clarion county, and their ability, enterprise and upright methods have established for them an enviable reputation in business circles. J. H. Giles the senior member, is one of the pioneer merchants of the place, where he has now successfully engaged in business for twenty-eight years. For twelve years he was a member of the firm of Gardener & Giles, but in 1880 purchased his partner’s interest, and then admitted Theo. Logan to membership in the firm. That connection continued for eight years, and then Mr. Giles was alone for two years, but in 1890 Robert L. Logan purchased an interest in the business, which they have since successfully conducted under the firm style of Giles & Logan. They carry a large and well-selected stock of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, groceries, etc., and receive from the public a liberal patronage.

Mr. Giles was born in 1844, and during the Civil war was a loyal citizen and faithful soldier. For six years he successfully engaged in the oil business, but throughout his active life has given his attention principally to mercantile pursuits. He is a Republican in politics, is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is one of the most highly respected and honored citizens of Clarion county. His wife is now deceased.

Robert L. Logan was born in Armstrong county, December 4, 1860, and is a son of Samuel Logan, now a prominent citizen of Perry township, Clarion county. John Logan, the grandfather, was born in Ireland, and belonged to a good old Scotch-Irish family. On coming to the United States he located in this section of Pennsylvania, where he became widely and favorably known among the early settlers. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Harriette McCall, was a daughter of Matthew McCall, also an honored pioneer of Clarion county. Robert L. Logan is one of a family of nine children, seven of whom are still living, and six of the number have been successful and prominent teachers.

On the old home farm the subject of this sketch spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and in the public schools of the neighborhood he began his education, but later supplemented the knowledge there acquired by a course in the Grove City Academy. At the age of nineteen he commenced teaching, and successfully followed that profession for a number of years, but since 1890 has devoted his attention exclusively to merchandising. Although he is still comparatively a young man, his popularity is established on a firm basis—that of his own well-tested merit.

On June 12, 1889, Mr. Logan was united in marriage with Miss Emma, daughter of John Slaugenhaupt, who died in Perry township, Clarion county, in 1891. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Logan, of whom the elder died in infancy. Dale Faith, the younger, was born in 1895. The parents are Presbyterians in religious belief, and Mr. Logan is now serving as trustee of the Church. He is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees, and is a stalwart sup-
JACOB BEER, a representative of the agricultural interests of Clearfield county, being a progressive farmer of Sandy township, is engaged in the operation of his fine farm of 117 acres, fifty of which he has placed under a high state of cultivation.

A native of Clearfield county, Mr. Beer was born in Huston township, a son of William and Mary (Peterman) Beer. Both the father and paternal grandfather were born in Armstrong county, Penn., where the family had located at an early day, and there the father grew to manhood and married Miss Peterman, also a representative of a pioneer family of that county. When that section was comparatively new they took up their residence in Huston township, Clearfield county, the father purchasing a wooded tract of forty-two acres, which he at once began to clear and transform into a good farm. Years afterward he bought 146 acres of timber land in Sandy township, erected a good residence thereon, and in 1883 built a substantial barn. There his death occurred some years ago, and his wife passed away in the following year. They were the parents of children, as follows: Mrs. Mary Jane Shannon, of Huston township; Margaret, wife of Theodore Hoyt, of Sandy township; Mrs. Melinda Burns, of the same township; Jacob, of this review; George, who resides on the old home farm; Mrs. Eliza Shoemaker, of Sandy township; Sarah, wife of Alex Bundy, of the same township; and Mrs. Rhoda Bundy, also of Sandy township.

Jacob Beer secured a good practical education in the schools of Huston township, and early became familiar with the labors of the farm, being now a most thorough and skillful agriculturist. In Sandy township he was married to Miss Ida Shoemaker, a native of Huston township, of which her father, William Shoemaker, was one of the pioneers. Four children have been born to them: G. W., S. C., Nancy O. and Esther Ruth. In his political affiliations, our subject is a Republican, and takes considerable interest in public affairs, doing all in his power to advance the welfare of the community, and he has served as supervisor of his township. In religious faith, he is a consistent member of the Reformed Church of Sandy township.

CALVIN P. BARRETT. Among the influential members of the farming community of Clearfield county, is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch. He is entirely a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, having been the only architect of his own fortunes, and has raised himself from a state of poverty to affluence, aided by his own strong arms, indomitable energy and laudable ambition. He is now one of the most progressive agriculturists of Greenwood township.

In the county where he still makes his home Mr. Barrett was born December 4, 1847, a son of Hiram and Susanna (Myers) Barrett. Andrew Barrett, the grandfather, was born in Columbia county, Penn., of German ancestry, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Centre county, where Hiram was born and reared. The latter was married in Columbia county, and about 1835 came to Clearfield county, where he followed farming until called from this life in 1891, at the age of seventy-six years. His faithful wife, who still survives him, lives at the old homestead in Jordan township, at the age of seventy-eight. From early life both held membership in the Baptist Church, and were widely and favorably known. The father took a deep and commendable interest in public affairs, always supporting the Republican party, but he cared nothing for official distinction. During his younger years he was employed in the Curtin Iron Works, but later gave his entire time and attention to farming and lumbering.

Twelve children, six sons and six daughters, were born to the parents of our subject, all of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. They are as follows: William, a farmer and lumberman; Sarah, wife of S. Henry; Julius, who was a Union soldier all through the Civil war, and died from the effects of his service in 1874; Conrad, a resident of Ferguson township, Clearfield county, who was also in the Union service, and was twice wounded; Andrew, a farmer; Calvin P.; Mary, wife of J. Clinger; Martha, wife of H. Herd; Adelia, wife of A. McCully; Priscilla, wife of J. C. Straw; Samuel, at home; and Mrs. Barbara E. McCracken.

The early educational privileges afforded Calvin P. Barrett were quite limited, but by reading and study in subsequent years he has acquired a good practical knowledge which well fits him for the responsible duties of business
life. Until twenty-four years of age he remained under the parental roof and engaged in teaming in the woods. After his marriage, in 1874, he purchased a tract of land which was but slightly improved, and later added to this until he had a good farm. In the meantime he continued to work in the woods during the winter season, and was quite successful in lumbering and rafting on the river. In 1881 he sold his farm and purchased the place where he still resides. Thirty acres had been cleared, and he now has fifty acres under a high state of cultivation and improved with a commodious two-story residence, barn, outbuildings and a fine orchard, all the result of earnest, persistent and well-directed effort.

In 1874, Mr. Barrett was married to Miss Mary E. Passmore, whose grandfather, Gainor Passmore, emigrated from England to America at an early day, and took up his residence in Pennsylvania. Hiram Passmore, the father, is a native of Clearfield county, and is still a resident of Ferguson township, where he has developed a farm from the wilderness. In connection with agricultural pursuits he has also followed lumbering. He has now reached the age of sixty-eight, and enjoys the friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Shafer, is a consistent member of the Baptist Church. With the exception of one, all of their eight children reached years of maturity, namely: Mary, wife of our subject; Delila, wife of H. Tubbs; Joseph, a farmer; Samuel, also a farmer; Vinna, wife of G. Thurston; Harriett; and Lavina, wife of J. Roles.

Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett, of whom one died in infancy. Those living are: John, who follows lumbering; and Delila, Lewis, Minnie, Liddia A., Samuel, Perry and Gurney, all at home. With the United Brethren Church Mr. Barrett holds membership, and fraternally he is connected with the Grange. Formerly he was a Democrat in politics, but on account of his views on the temperance question now votes with the Prohibition party, and is one of its most ardent advocates. He has served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director and overseer of the poor, and has given his support to all worthy enterprises which will in any way benefit the community or advance the general welfare.

THOMAS H. GOON, the popular owner and proprietor of the "Mountain House," at Kerrmour, is a native of Clearfield county, born in the city of Clearfield, September 1, 1851, and comes of a family that has long been identified with the agricultural and business interests of this section. His paternal grandfather, Isaac Goon, who was of English descent, was a prominent agriculturist residing near Clearfield, and upon his farm there his death occurred. Politically he was a Whig. In his family were five children, namely: Isaac, John, Joseph, Elizabeth, wife of J. Comstock, and Mrs. James Moore.

Joseph Goon, the father of our subject, was reared on the old homestead near Clearfield, where he early became familiar with the work of the farm, but at an early age he also learned the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for many years. After his marriage he located in Clearfield, but later purchased a farm which he conducted for some time, and then returned to shoemaking. Subsequently he engaged in the sewing machine business in Clearfield, selling machines extensively throughout the country. He was a prominent member of the Democratic party, took an active interest in all public affairs, and at one time was the candidate of his party for sheriff, but was defeated. With the Methodist Episcopal Church both he and his wife were connected, and he was an active member of the Sons of Temperance.

Joseph Goon married Miss Caroline J. Holt, a lady of intelligence and culture, who died in May, 1894. Her father, Thomas Holt, Esq., a farmer of Bradford township, was well and favorably known by all the early settlers of Clearfield county, with whose interests he was identified for many years. He was a recognized leader in the ranks of the Democratic party in his community, and acceptably filled a number of official positions. In religious belief he was a Methodist. His children were as follows: Vincent B., associate judge of Clearfield county; John, a merchant, farmer and lumberman, who became quite wealthy and prominent; Caroline J., the mother of our subject; and Isabella, wife of A. Murray. The children were all provided with excellent educational advantages, and became prominent and highly respected citizens of Clearfield county.

Our subject is the second in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being as follows: Isaac W., who was killed by accident in the woods; Sarah J., wife of S. B. Flegal; Isabella E., wife of H. Wise, of Altoona, Penn.; Lydia C., wife of M. Caldwell, of Knox township, Clearfield county; Mary E., wife of Ross Brown; and William E., a resident of Altoona. In the public schools Thomas H. acquired his literary education, and under his father's instruction learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed
HEZEKIAH LANSBERRY, a farmer of Graham township, Clearfield county, was born on the old family homestead in Bradford township, Clearfield county, April 15, 1837, his parents being Samuel and Mary (Hoover) Lansberry. His father was born and reared in Bradford township, and in 1844 came to Graham township, where he purchased 160 acres of timber land. Clearing away the trees, he planted crops and developed a good farm. His parents were Benjamin and Anna (Owens) Lansberry, and the grandfather removed from New Jersey to Clearfield county, where he developed a farm and reared a family of six sons and two daughters. The grandparents both died in Bradford township.

In that township Samuel Lansberry was united in marriage with Miss Mary Hoover, and they became parents of children who will be found in the sketch of P. N. Lansberry. The parents endured the hardships and trials of pioneer life, but as time passed added to their home the comforts of civilization. They remained on the farm in Graham township until 1865, when they removed to Williams Grove, making their home there until called to their final rest. The father died at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife survived him about five years.

Hezekiah Lansberry spent the days of his childhood and youth on the farm of his father, and was early trained to habits of industry and enterprise. These qualities have proved essential qualities in his success. He has throughout life followed farming, and the experience of his boyhood days proved valuable to him in his later career.

Mr. Lansberry was united in marriage with Susanna Record, a native of Graham township, and to them have been born nine children: W. H., who married Miss Woods, by whom he has two children, follows mining and lives at Sandy Ridge; Warren married Lena Sparr, by whom he had two children, and resides on a farm in Centre county; Edward, of Ridgeway, married Flora Moses, and has one child; C. A. is engaged in merchandising in Philipsburg, Centre county; W. B. is a telegraph operator at Gordon Heights; Elizabeth is engaged in teaching school; Emma is the wife of W. L. Taylor, of Philipsburg, and Ida and Anna are at home.

Mr. Lansberry, his wife and six children are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Lansberry is a Democrat in politics, has served as auditor and supervisor, and is now postmaster at Butment. He is most prompt and faithful in the discharge of his duties, and has
thereby won the commendation of all concerned. An enterprising citizen, he is deeply interested in all that pertains to the education, moral or material welfare of the community, and is a worthy representative of one of the honored pioneer families.

JOHN F. IRWIN, a well-known and popular druggist of Clearfield, Clearfield county, has been longer identified with the commercial interests of the city than any other man, and has ever taken a prominent part in its upbuilding and progress. He has cheerfully given his support to those enterprises that tend to public development and, with hardly an exception, he has been connected with every interest that has promoted general welfare.

A native of Centre county, Penn., Mr. Irwin was born near Bellefonte, February 20, 1829, but the same year was brought to Clearfield county by his parents, Ellis and Hannah (Iddings) Irwin, the latter a daughter of John and Ann (Carroll) Iddings, honored pioneers of this section of the State. The family has ever been a loyal and patriotic one, and the maternal grandmother was a near relative of the Carroll who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. John Iddings was a prominent farmer of Centre county, where he died, a consistent member of the Society of Friends.

To the parents of our subject were born eight children, namely: Lewis, who died in 1882, leaving a wife and family; John F., of this sketch; Mary; Marietta; William E., a prominent business man of Philipsburg, Penn.; Joseph R., a pioneer druggist of Curwensville, Clearfield county; Melissa, who died in childhood; and James, who died at the age of eleven years. The mother, who was a devout Christian, departed this life in February, 1881, but the father is still living at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He is still hale and hearty, can read and write without glasses, attends to his duties as postmaster, and looks after his interests generally.

John F. Irwin, whose name introduces this sketch, accompanied his father on his various removals until finally locating in the city of Clearfield, in 1837, where he has since made his home. He was principally educated in private schools, beginning his literary training in Curwensville under the instruction of John Patton, Sr., and later attending the Clearfield Academy. As soon as large enough he began assisting his father in the store in Clearfield, where he learned many practical lessons of business methods, and, when his father sold out his store and purchased lands and a sawmill at Lick Run, the son was interested with him in business for four years. From 1856 until 1862, he clerked for William Irwin in Curwensville.

Mr. Irwin has inherited the patriotism displayed by his ancestors. On August 11, 1852, he enlisted in Company B, 149th P. V. I., under Capt. John Irwin. From private he was promoted to sergeant on August 15, 1862; was commissioned second lieutenant on the 13th of the following September, was made first lieutenant February 20, 1864, and adjutant September 5, 1864. He participated in many important engagements, the names and dates of which are as follows: Chancellorsville, Va., May 1 to 4, 1863; Gettysburg, July 1 to 3, 1863; Bristoe Station, Va., October 14, 1863; Rappahannock Station, November 7, 1863; Wilderness, May 7, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 7, 8 to 18, 1864; North Anna River, May 23 to 27, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 1 to 12, 1864; Petersburg, June 13 to July 31, 1864; Petersburg, September 1 to October 30, 1864; Laurel Hill and Spottsylvania, May 8 to 18, 1864; Yellow Tavern and Weldon railroad, October 1 to 5, 1864; Hatchers Run, October 27, 1864, and February 3 to 7, 1865; and Fort Steadman, March 25, 1865. In February, 1865, he was detailed for service at Elmira, N. Y., to guard deserters, and on the 24th of May, 1865, was honorably discharged, and mustered out by reason of the general order of the War Department.

In November, after his return home from the war, Mr. Irwin embarked in the drug business with Dr. Wartrick, but on the 24th of May, 1866, purchased his partner's interest, and has since been alone in business. He carries a full and complete line of drugs and everything found in a first-class establishment of the kind. His courteous treatment and fair and honorable dealings have secured for him a liberal share of the public patronage.

Mr. Irwin was married by Dr. Monroe, now presiding elder of the Altoona, Penn., Methodist Episcopal Conference, to Miss Sarah E. Rhum, who was born in 1839, in Carlisle, Penn. Her father, George Rhum, who was a harness maker by trade, was a prominent and active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which Mr. and Mrs. Irwin also belong. Of the seven children born to them, one died in infancy, and another at the age of ten years. Those living are: George R., who is attending the University of Pennsylvania; Ellis, who served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade, but is now with his father in the drug store, and Clara A., Fanny L. and John L., all at home.
An ardent Republican in politics, Mr. Irwin has never cared for official preferment, yet he has filled some minor offices. Fraternally, he affiliates with the Grand Army of the Republic. His name is a synonym for honorable business dealing; he is always mentioned as one of the invaluable citizens of the community, and on the roll of Clearfield county's most honored pioneers and representative men his name should be found among the foremost.

JACOB HUMMEL (deceased), was for many years one of the most influential and progressive agriculturists of Brady township, Clearfield county. His early home was beyond the Atlantic, his birth occurring in Germany, but in 1846 he accompanied his parents, Jacob and Catharine Hummel, on their emigration to the United States. He stopped in Philadelphia, but they proceeded to Clearfield county and bought fifty acres of woodland in Brady township, which the father at once began to clear and improve, converting the same into a good farm, on which he made his home until called to his final rest at the ripe old age of eighty-eight years. His wife departed this life at the age of seventy-seven.

The children of this worthy couple were born in the Fatherland, and are as follows: Jacob, of this review; Frederick, a hotel keeper of Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Penn., who is married and has a family; Henry, who married a Miss Brubaker, and lives on his farm in Rockton, Clearfield county; Charlotte, wife of John Clouser, of Rockton, Union township, by whom she has five children; George J., who married and removed to Ohio, and later to Iowa, where his death occurred in 1876; and Katie, wife of John Black, a farmer living in Du Bois, by whom she has one son, Frederick.

For four years Jacob Hummel continued to work at the shoemaker's trade in Philadelphia, whence he came to Brady township, Clearfield county, where he purchased eighty acres of heavily timbered land adjoining his father's place on the east. This forest was composed of pine and hardwood timber, which he soon cleared away, in 1856 erected a good two-story frame house, and in 1884, a large barn, 50 x 70 feet. By persistent labor, acre after acre was placed under the plow until the farm became one of the most highly cultivated and productive tracts in the township. In 1865 Mr. Hummel was seriously injured by a tree falling on him, rendering him a cripple for the remainder of his life, but he still continued to give his farm his personal super-

vision, and, under his careful management, it was very profitably conducted.

In 1855 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Louisa, daughter of George and Emma Short, also natives of Germany, who took up their residence in Brady township, in 1849, and here spent their remaining days, dying at the home of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Hummel became the parents of seven children, who in order of birth were as follows: (1) Elizabeth, born in 1855, died at the age of twenty years. (2) Charlotte, born in 1857, married Joseph Heberling, of Brady township, and now resides upon his farm near Luthersburg. (3) William, born in 1860, lives on his grandfather's old homestead, adjoining his father’s farm. He married Sophie Satsman, a native of Germany, and they have three children—Alfred, Louisa and one whose name is not given. (4) Sarah, born in 1862, is the wife of Lewis Wagoner, a farmer living near Tionesta, in Forest county, Penn., and their children are Margaret L., Benjamin S., Emma, George and Ellis. (5) Mary A., born in 1864, was educated in the common schools near her childhood home, and married August Wagoner, who owns and operates a farm five miles from Tionesta, in Forest county. They have two sons—Charles, and Frank, now three years old. (6) David, born in March, 1866, grew to manhood on the old homestead, receiving a good practical education in the public schools of the neighborhood. He never left the parental roof, and in 1896, previous to his father's death, he purchased the farm upon which he and his mother now reside. He is an energetic, progressive young business man, and is meeting with excellent success in his undertakings. (7) John, born in 1868, also spent his boyhood and youth upon the home farm, where he was reared to habits of thrift and industry, and in the common school he obtained his education. On reaching manhood he married Miss Minnie Wingert, of Luthersburg, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Wingert, of Brady township, and they now have a daughter, May. They make their home in Curwensville, where he is employed by the Alley Brothers Tanning Company.

Mr. Hummel was an adherent to Democratic principles, and held the office of collector of Brady township for three years (from 1884 until 1887). He was a consistent member of and an active worker in the German Reformed Church of Luthersburg, to which his widow and family also belong. He was recognized as one of the most reliable and worthy citizens of Brady township, and his death, which occurred in March, 1896, was deeply and sincerely mourned. He
did much to advance the educational and moral interests of his community, giving liberally toward the support of both schools and Churches, and his course as a citizen commended him to the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

W B. SUTTER, of Lindsey, Jefferson county, has now been engaged in business there for about thirty years, manufacturing wagons and carriages of such superior quality as to command the bulk of the trade in his locality.

Mr. Sutter is a native of Indiana county, Penn., where he was born in 1847; his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Sutter, were born, reared, and married in Germany, and three of their children were also born there. On their arrival in the United States they located upon a small farm in Indiana county, and the father gave his attention chiefly to agricultural work although at times he was employed around the iron furnaces in the vicinity. He died years ago, and his widow, a most estimable woman, survived him many years. [For ancestral history see sketch of Jacob J. Sutter.]

The schools to which our subject had access in his youth were less efficient than those of today, but such as they were, Mr. Sutter has, like many another man, to regret that he did not take full advantage of the instruction offered. Until the age of seventeen his time was largely occupied with farm work, and the war being then in progress, he responded to his country's need, enlisting September 12, 1864, in the 206th P. V. I. He served as long as there was any fighting to be done, being assigned to picket duty during the greater part of the time. On receiving his discharge from the service he returned to his native county, and for a short time worked in the timber business. In January, 1868, he went to Lindsey to learn the blacksmith's trade, and on completing an apprenticeship of two years he formed a partnership with W. H. Bates in that business, to which they added wagon making. Mr. Bates withdrew from the firm in about a year, Mr. Sutter continuing alone until 1872, when one of his brothers took a half interest. In 1882 our subject again became the sole proprietor, and under his able management the establishment sustains a reputation second to none in Jefferson county of a similar kind.

In February, 1871, Mr. Sutter was married to Miss Amanda J. Gillespie, daughter of Hon. James M. Gillespie, a prominent resident of Lindsey. Six children were born to this union, of whom the following survive: William A., the assistant cashier of the Citizens Bank at Punxsutawney; James M., an engineer; Leila E., and Celia Beike, both of whom are at home. Mrs. Sutter is a member of the Catholic Church.

Politically, Mr. Sutter has been throughout his life an adherent to the principles of the Republican party, and although he has always given his attention too strictly to his business to care for official position, he has been prominent in the councils of the organization. In 1877 he was elected sheriff of Jefferson county, and was installed in January, 1878, serving three years with ability and zeal. He is popular socially as a member of the F. & A. M., the I. O. O. F., and the G. A. R.

CLLOYD PARKER PANNEBAKER, the popular and capable editor and proprietor of the Coalport Standard is a native of Juniata county, Penn., born in Mifflintown August 31, 1862, a son of Daniel and Mary A. Pannebaker.

Of the children born to this union Cloyd Parker is referred to in what follows; the others are: Juniata Mabel, wife of J. W. Wagner, of Mifflintown, Penn.; Henry Clayton, of Pueblo, Colo.; Ella Mae, of Mifflintown, Penn.; Elizabeth L., wife of H. B. Kelley, of Barnsboro, Penn.; Charles A. and Myrven D., of Pueblo, Colorado.

The Pannebakers-Pennepaker-Pannebacker families bear the distinction of being the most numerous among enlistments during the Civil war. There were forty-six in the Confederate army, and fifty-nine in the Federal army. The similarity in the names leads the family here to believe that they are all related.

Our subject was reared in the place of his birth, where he attended the public and normal schools until he reached his eighteenth year, when he became an apprentice in the office of the Juniata Herald, owned by William M. Allison, Esq. During the former's apprenticeship of three and one-half years he served in the capacity of "devil," journeyman and editor. In 1883 he was tendered the foremanship of the office of the Sentinel and Republican, in Mifflintown, and filled the place until June 20, 1884, when he went to Philipsburg, Penn., and was job-printer in the office of the Daily Journal. On December 13, 1884, he came to Coalport, in company with W. W. Dunn, for the purpose of launching a newspaper, and, on January 1, 1885, the Coalport Sifting made its appearance. The agreement with advertisers and subscribers was for three months, as an experiment. The paper lasted for the length of the contract, and was self-sustaining from the start—a rather unusual thing
for a newspaper. The *Siftings* was printed on the press of the Bellwood Bulletin, in Blair county, its projectors having a small publication office over McCartney's drug store.

At the expiration of the contract signed by advertisers with C. P. Pannebaker & Co. (the "Co." being Rev. W. W. Dunmire). Mr. Pannebaker started a paper on the 9th day of April, 1885, under the name of the Coalport Standard. The paper was neutral until 1894, when it threw off the cloak of neutrality and became an independent Republican paper, it never being identified with any clique or ring. For more than thirteen years our subject has been editor and proprietor of the paper he founded, which paper ranks in appearance second to none of the country weeklies.

On October 19, 1887, Mr. Pannebaker was married to Miss Hannah Catharine, eldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Lingenteltern, of Philipsburg, Centre Co., Penn., the union being blessed with three children, viz: Whitmer Easton, born July 10, 1889, died April 12, 1892; Mildred Catherine, born March 6, 1893, and Mary Rebecca, born September 30, 1897.

In May, 1896, Mr. Pannebaker embarked in the clothing and gents furnishing business, in partnership with George D. Benn, the firm style being Benn & Pannebaker. Mr. Pannebaker is one of the progressive and enterprising business men of the county, and socially he stands high in the community, as he also does in business circles and as a citizen. He is a member of Union Lodge No. 324, F. & A. M., of Mifflintown, Penn., a companion of Lewistown Chapter, No. 186, R. A. M., and a Sir Knight Templar of Lewistown Commandery, No. 26, K. T. He is also a Past Grand Odd Fellow, having membership in Coalport Lodge No. 781, I. O. O. F. He has a neat and comfortable home. In 1892 he was elected, on the Republican ticket, chief burgess of Coalport.

ANDREW PENTZ, Sr., a venerable gentleman and an honored pioneer of Sandy township, Clearfield county, who passed away February 10, 1898, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, was a native of York county, Penn., and, coming to this section in early manhood, he saw the rapid introduction of all the modern modes of life in a region which he remembered as a wilderness. In the progressive movements of the time he was always prominent, advocating free schools, and giving liberally of his means for the building of churches and educational institutions, and for other worthy enterprises.

The Pentzes can claim relationship to the royal family of England. The great-great-grandfather of our subject married a German duchess. His grandfather Pentz came from Germany at an early date, and located in York county, Penn., where he purchased several large tracts of land. George Pentz (our subject's father) was born in York county, and was married there to Miss Elizabeth Bower. He then purchased a farm in Franklin township, York county, about twenty miles southwest of the county-seat, and makes his permanent home there, conducting a large distillery, while managing his farm. He died years ago, and his wife some years later. Of their children, John, the eldest, married Miss Elizabeth Knox, of York county, and moved to Clearfield county with his brothers, Andrew and Jacob. He settled upon fifty acres of partly-improved land in Brady (now Sandy) township, near the town of Luthersburg, the place being known at present as the Milton Miles farm. He made extensive improvements, erecting buildings, and at his death had a good estate. His wife and seven children survived him. The children were: (1) George located upon a farm near Luthersburg, where he died, leaving a widow (formerly a Miss Zigler, of Brady township) and several children, who are still at home. (2) Andrew, ex-sheriff of Clearfield county, resides on a farm adjoining his father's. He was twice married, having by his first wife four children, and after her death some years ago, he formed a second union, the last time with Miss Brockbank. They have no children. (3) John, a resident of Penn township, Clearfield county, is married, and has four children. (4) Henry, who resides in Union township, near Rockton, is married, and has a large family of children. (5) Elizabeth is married and resides in Kansas. (6) Maria, who was Mrs. Eals, of Massachusetts, died some years ago, leaving no children. (7) Fred died when very young.

II—Peter Pentz was born and reared in York county, and married Sarah McCreary, a descendant of Col. McCreary, of the war of 1812. Later he moved to Adams county, where he remained until his death. His wife died some years ago, leaving several children. III—Elizabeth married Isaac Lerew, of York county, settled upon a farm where both died some years ago, leaving two children, who have since moved to the West. IV—David married a lady of York county, and remained on his father's old homestead until a few years ago. He then purchased a farm in Adams county, near the Five Points, where he
was killed by accident, one of his mules throwing him. He left a widow and five children, who still reside on his farm. V—Jacob, who was born in York county, came to Brady township and made a purchase of 130 acres adjoining our subject's homestead. He cleared a farm and erected buildings, making extensive improvements. His wife was formerly Miss Sarah Kishel, of Indiana county, and they had a numerous family of children: (1) Philip, who was born in Brady township, married Miss Rebecca Miller, of Mifflinburg, Penn., bought a farm adjoining his father's homestead, where he now resides. They have three children—Clysetta (now Mrs. Harvey McGee, of Brady township), and Myrtle. (2) Lucy married Eliza Ashenfelter, of Brady township, and has three children, all married. (3) John married a Miss Hallopreter, and moved to Iowa. (4) Isaiah married a Miss Smeal, and resided in Sandy township. He died some years ago, leaving a widow and three children. The two boys reside on the farm; the daughter married Kendie Clark, and resides in Johnstown. (5) Sarah married David Dunlap, a farmer in Brady township, and has ten children. (6) Henry married Miss Courtney, of Union township, and resided on his father's farm in Brady township until his wife died. After a few years he married a Miss Knox, of Indiana county, and they now reside in Du Bois. They have five children. (7) W. C., an attorney in Du Bois, married a Miss Ross, daughter of Dr. Ross, of that city, and they have five children. VI—Miss Susannah Pentz was born and reared in York county, and died in Adams county, at the age of sixty-five.

Previous to the removal of our subject and his two brothers to Clearfield county their father had purchased an extensive tract of land for them. Andrew Pentz began life there in true pioneer fashion, clearing a farm for himself, his first buildings being a log house and barn. These have since been replaced by a comfortable two-story frame house and a bank barn. His farm he kept in a high state of cultivation, supplying it with all the modern conveniences. Politically, he was a Republican, and prior to the organization of that party he was an Old-line Whig. While he always took an active part in local affairs he never aspired to office. He was a Protestant in religion, a Seventh Day Adventist, and, while believing that baptism was not necessary to salvation, he always observed the Sabbath Day faithfully.

The first wife of our subject, Miss Mary A. Meyers, of Adams county, with two children, accompanied him to the new home in the wilderness. She shared all the hardships of the early days, and died at the age of sixty-four years. Mr. Pentz was again married.

Our subject has had seven children, all by the first marriage. (1) Matilda J. (Mrs. Sprague), of Jefferson county. Of her four children, three died in childhood. The survivor is residing near Penfield, Clearfield county, and has one daughter living, Daisy Bailey, at home. (2) Joseph R., born in York county, came to Clearfield county with his parents and grew to manhood on the homestead, receiving a common-school education. He married Miss Jennie Stoufer, of York county, and located in Reynolds ville, where he engaged in planing lumber. They have a family of four children—Lala, Mary, Temas, and James, all at home. (3) Anna E., born in Brady township, married Alex. She, of the same township, and resides on a farm near Luthersburg. They have five children living—(a) Harry, a resident of Luthersburg, married Miss Lucy Draucker, of that city, and they have two children; (b) Andrew married Ordie Goodlander, of Luthersburg, resides in that town, and they have one child—Helen; (c) Elmer E.; (d) Effie; and (e) Annie, are now married. (4) Susanna, born on the old homestead, married John Lenkard, of Armstrong county, Penn. They settled near the Jefferson line in Brady township, on a farm where the wife died leaving five children—(a) Samuel Lenkard is married, resides in Minnesota, and has three children; (b) James O., married Eva Johnson, lives on his father's old homestead, and they have one son, John; (c) George, who is single, is principal of the Reynolds High School; (d) Lillie and Ella are at home. (5) Margaret P. married Edward Harker, of Jefferson county, and after living in Du Bois for some time they moved to Bethlehem, Clarion county, where he follows the machinist's trade. They have several children. (6) Benjamin F. is deceased. (7) George W. was educated in the home schools, and now resides in Du Bois. He owns property in that city, and is a prosperous business man. He married Miss Susan Lenkard, of Armstrong county, and has two children—Nora and Ward, both at home.

CLINTON H. SMITH, senior member of the firm of Smith & Johns, leading merchants of Punxsutawney, is also well-known as an agriculturist, his farm in McCalmont township, Jefferson county, showing thrifty and judicious management. He is a self-made man, a fact which makes his success the more creditable.

The branch of the Smith family to which our
subject belongs is of German origin, his grandfa-
ther, George W. Smith, coming from the Fa-
terland to locate in Armstrong county, Penn.
The father of our subject, also named George
W. Smith, was born and reared there, and after
his marriage to Miss Sophia McCullough, a na-
tive of the same county, engaged in farming as
an occupation. Both parents were members of
the M. E. Church, and for several years the fa-
ther was a class leader. He died in 1858, just
before the birth of our subject, and the mother
did not long survive, her death occurring in 1861.
They had three sons; William B. and George
W., now residents of Clearfield county; and
Clinton H.

Clinton H. Smith was born August 9, 1858,
in Beaver township, Jefferson county, and, as he
was left an orphan when a mere babe, he was
taken to the home of Henry H. McAninch, a
farmer of the same township. He was reared
to farm work, but at the age of sixteen began an
apprenticeship to the carpenter’s trade with
Wesley Motter, receiving $5 per month for the
first year, and $10 per month for the second.
At eighteen he went to Coffey county, Kans., and
spent a year working on a farm, and the next
year he devoted to traveling through the West.
He then returned to his early home, and re-
mained with Mr. McAninch two years. At that
time he was married to Miss Katie Shaffer, an
admirable helpmeet, and he has since been en-
gaged in farming on his own account, spending
three years near Baxter Station, and four near
Cool Spring, and locating permanently, in the
fall of 1888, at his present farm. This contains
ninety acres, all in a primitive state, and cost
him but $10 per acre; it is now one of the finest
farms of its size to be found in a long journey.

Mr. Smith is a prominent member of the
United Brethren Church at Panxsutawney. As
to his political views he may be described as a
Republican with Prohibition sympathies, and his
influence in local affairs is always cast on the side
of progress.

His marriage to Miss Shaffer occurred on Oc-
tober 4, 1880, at the M. E. parsonage at Stan-
ton, Penn., the Rev. Mr. Laverty performing
the ceremony. They have had five children: Edna P. and Nora E. (twins) only lived two
months; Grace G., born July 17, 1882, Minnie
E., March 24, 1886, and Walter A., April 3,
1888, are all at home. Mrs. Smith was born
August 3, 1860, in Beaver township, Jefferson
county, and in both paternal and maternal lines
is descended from early settlers in Northumber-
land county, Penn. Her father, Isaac Shaffer,
was born in that county in 1829, and in 1844 ac-
panied his parents, Isaac and Christina
(Geist) Shaffer, to Jefferson county where they
cleared a farm in the then wilderness of Beaver
township. There he met and married Miss Re-
becca Geist, also a native of Northumberland
county, born in 1831. Her parents, George
and Barbara (Keller) Geist, came to Jefferson
county in 1847, and located in Ringgold town-
ship, where her father died; her mother passed
away some years later at Cool Spring. They
had the following children: Ellen, who died at
the age of seven years; Lafayette, a merchant
and farmer at Cool Spring; George A., a school
teacher, who died suddenly one night after re-
tiring, aged twenty-one years, eight months and
nineteen days; Katie, Mrs. Smith; Jennie, who
married Henry Deltrick, a farmer in Beaver
township, and died in 1893; Franklin C., now
residing at the old homestead; and Minnie, wife
of Isaac Merritt, a lumberman at Cool Spring.

G W. SCHUCKER, whose name is insepara-
ably connected with the agricultural and in-
dustrial interests of Brady township, is a worthy
representative of one of the old and honored
families of Clearfield county, his paternal grand-
father having come here from Berks county,
Penn., as early as 1817. He located in Brady
township one mile east of Troutville, on the farm
now owned by the Island Coal Company, and
there continued to make his home until his death,
which occurred a number of years ago. He took
a prominent and active part in the early de-
velopment of this region, and was recognized as one
of its most valued citizens.

Michael Schucker, the father of our subject,
was the eldest in the family of six children.
George, the second son, was born in Brady town-
ship, married Miss Boohide, and was killed by a
tree falling on him while engaged in lumbering.
Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Hoy and Mrs. Varick all
made their homes in Centre county, Penn., where
their deaths occurred. Katie married Mr. Zieg-
ler, and came to Brady township, Clearfield
county, residing one mile south of Luthersburg,
where both she and her husband died.

Michael Schucker was a native of Tulpehocken
township, Berks Co., Penn., and, on reaching
manhood, was married to Miss Mary A. Ellinger.
They made their home upon the old farm near
Luthersburg, where both passed away, the mother
in 1875, and the father in 1886. In their family
were the following children: (1) Rachel married
Godfrey Weaver, and resides on a farm in Hunt-
ingdon county, Penn. They have two children—
George and Eleanor. (2) Sarah died in child-
hood, and (3) Annie died after reaching years of maturity. (4) Peter, born on the old homestead in Brady township, married and moved to Huntington county, where he died in 1896, leaving one daughter, Annie J. (5) Israel married Miss Augenaug, of Clearfield, of which place he is one of the leading contractors and builders, and he owns a handsome residence there. His children are ten in number. (6) Eli died in early manhood in Brady township. (7) Katie married Louis Schoch, of Troutville, where her death occurred in 1889. She left seven children, namely: Ephraim, Cyrus, Mary, Fannie, Elmyra, Michael, and Milton. (8) Michael married Sarah Beam, of Jefferson county, Penn., and continued to reside on the old homestead for a number of years, but finally sold the place to Mr. Island, and now lives on a farm in Huntington county. He has two children—Henry and Rachel. (9) Cornelius, a resident of Canton, N. J., married Ellen Wilson, and has three children—Annie, now the wife of Harry Smith, of Brady township, Clearfield county; Lula, a resident of Clarion county, Penn.; and Frederick, of Brady township. (10) John was married in Brady township, and died at Du Bois, in 1892, leaving a wife and nine children—James, Maggie, Mary, Lewis, Tillie, Eleanor, Charles, Theodore, and Ella.

G. W. Schucker, who completes the family, began his earthly career March 31, 1836, at the ancestral home in Brady township, where he spent the days of his boyhood and youth, and at the age of seventeen he began to learn the carpenter's trade with William Fitzpatrick, of the same township. He assisted in the construction of the German Reformed church at Troutville, and later worked for John Heiges for one year at $4 per month. After mastering the trade he obtained employment with John Beck at $1.25 per day and did his first contract work at the age of twenty, when he erected a barn for his father. He then followed contracting and building in Clearfield and Jefferson counties for a number of years.

In 1860 Mr. Schucker led to the marriage altar Miss Catharine Blott, of Jefferson county, a daughter of George and Katie Blott, prosperous agriculturists of that county. After his marriage he bought a portion of his father's farm, on which he built a house and made other improvements, residing there until 1877, when he purchased fifty acres of partially improved land of William Schwen. To its further development and cultivation he has since devoted considerable time, erected a comfortable residence in 1879, and a good barn in the following year, and has since resided at that place. About 1890 he built a large steam sawmill, which he has since successfully operated, engaging in the manufacture of planed lumber, shingles, etc., and he has prospered in the undertaking.

Thirteen children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schucker: (1) Mannassa, born in 1861, died in 1863. (2) Eli, born in 1863, is at home. (3) Bertha, born in 1864, is now the wife of William Beck, a carpenter living near Punxsutawney, in Jefferson county, and they have three children—Alice E., Edith Irene and Homer Russell. (4) Amos, born in 1865, and (5) Jessie, born in 1867, are both at home. (6) Alvin, born April 14, 1869, married Miss Salome Hartzfeld, and lives on a farm near her father's, in Brady township. They have one daughter, Jessie L. (7) William, born June 6, 1871, died at the age of two years. (8) Mary, born in May, 1873, is the wife of C. H. Nolder, of Brady township, and they reside at Taylorstown. (9) Frederick, born in March, 1875. (10) Daniel, in November, 1877, (11) Annie, in 1879, and (12) James, in July, 1881, are all at home. (13) Alice, born in October, 1883, died at the age of four years.

In his political affiliations, Mr. Schucker is a pronounced Democrat, and, religiously, he and his family are all connected with the German Reformed Church at Luthersburg. He is one of the most prominent and reliable business men of Brady township, upright and honorable in all his dealings, and his straightforward course has gained for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

James J. Williams, who was for many years one of the most active and enterprising farmers and lumbermen of Bell township, is justly numbered among the honored pioneers and leading citizens of Jefferson county. He has been prominently identified with its business interests, and his is an honorable record of a conscientious man, who by his upright life has won the confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

A son of John and Annis (Mahew) Williams, our subject was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in April, 1815, but in 1826 his father removed to a place near Freeport, where he followed the wheelwright trade until coming to Punxsutawney, Penn. After working as a cabinet maker for about three years in that place, he bought 100 acres of timberland in Bell township, Jefferson county, known to-day as the Elvon farm, which he sold eight years later to our subject. He then erected a gristmill in Perrysville, which
he operated for some time, but he spent his last years in retirement with his sons. The mother of our subject had died in Ohio, in 1821, leaving three children, two sons and one daughter. Reuben, the younger son, also a native of the Buckeye State, married Miss McGregor, of Perryville, Penn., where he purchased property and followed the cabinet maker’s trade until his death. He left a wife and two daughters: Mary A., wife of Daniel McGee, of Bell township, Jefferson county; and Lucinda, who resides with Mrs. Hack. Mary Williams, our subject’s sister, was born in Ohio, and became the wife of John Frampton, who engaged in mercantile business in Punxsutawney until his death. He left three children. His widow afterward became the wife of a Mr. Pounds, of Marion, Indiana Co., Penn., where he died some years ago, leaving two sons—Clover and William.

In 1832, James J. Williams, of this review, led to the marriage altar Miss Betsy, daughter of John and Sophie Bowers, pioneer settlers of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, and they began their domestic life upon his first purchase in Bell township, where he remained for about eight years. He then sold, and bought sixty acres of William MacElheny, in Gaskill township, but a year later he disposed of that property and purchased 108 acres in Bell township, at the mouth of Canoe creek. He rafted lumber down the Mahoning creek to the Allegheny markets, and also built a sawmill on that stream, where he engaged in the manufacture of sawed lumber for a number of years. He erected a good house and barn on this property, and cleared and placed under cultivation about sixty acres. While residing here he bought several tracts of timber land on Big run and Jackson run, aggregating 460 acres, and owned seventy-six acres in Gaskill township. In 1866 he sold his interests here and removed to Indiana county, Penn., locating near Marion, where he bought a large farm of 150 acres and built thereon a large residence with all modern improvements. He successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits upon that place for about sixteen years.

While living at the mill property in Bell township, Mr. Williams’ first wife died, leaving two sons: (1) Reuben, the elder, was born on his father’s first purchase in Bell township, and now resides in that township at the mouth of Canoe creek, where he owns a steam saw and grist mill, together with fifty acres of good farming land, on which he has erected a substantial house. He married Elizabeth Daugherty, of Bell township, and has three sons: Elmer, who married a Miss Grinder, by whom he has four children, and resides near his father’s homestead; Joseph, who wedded a Miss Smeyers, and lives in Bell township; and Flora, now Mrs. Edward Grander, of the same township. (2) Comphard wedded Mary Brown, of Jefferson county, and with his large family lives on a part of his father’s old homestead in Bell township.

For his second wife, Mr. Williams chose Miss Elizabeth Fillmore, of Indiana county, who died upon his farm there, and four of the seven children born to them are also deceased—Martha, Louisa, Eva and Allie. John is married, has a large family of children, and lives in Elderton, Armstrong Co., Penn. Jeffrey went to the State of Washington, where he married, and continues to reside, having a well cultivated farm of 400 acres there. Homer was born on the farm near Marion, in Indiana county, and, after reaching man’s estate, married Lizzie Clawson, of Jefferson county, by whom he has one son, Loyal. They live on a part of the old mill property, where he is engaged in mercantile pursuits. Mr. Williams was again married, his third union being with Miss Nancy Cochran, of Indiana county, and they resided in the city of Indiana, where she died in 1894.

Originally, Mr. Williams was an Old-line Whig, and now supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and he has filled the offices of school director and collector several terms. With the Methodist Episcopal Church he and his family hold membership. Although his opportunities for obtaining an education were limited, he possessed a naturally bright mind and good business qualifications, which made him very successful even as a young man and throughout his business career he prospered in his undertakings. He never forgot the holier duties of life, however, and religiously he observed the Sabbath, always attending the services of his Church, and he gave liberally to the support of all enterprises calculated to advance the moral, intellectual or material welfare of the community in which he made his home. Now at the age of eighty-two his mind is still clear and bright, and his steps buoyant. His sunny, happy disposition has endeared him to all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance.

SAMUEL CROW, an honored veteran of the Civil war, and a substantial citizen and farmer of Porter township, Jefferson county, is a representative of one of the pioneer families of this section of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Crow, the father of our subject, was a native of Westmoreland county, Penn., and in
early life moved to Armstrong county. He there purchased a gristmill that stood on the bank of the Allegheny river near the mouth of Mahoning creek. Later on he sold this property to David McQuown, and bought a farm some two or more miles west of the mill, but still later he moved to the mouth of Red Bank, and there died in 1839, his wife dying a year later. In the family of this worthy couple were twelve children, as follows: (1) Jane became the wife of Squire Carr, of Armstrong county, and both died some years ago, leaving five children—Katie, Eliot, and three whose names are not given. (2) William, born in Armstrong county, married Lucinda Gray, whose home was near the mouth of the Mahoning, and they lived on a part of his father’s old homestead, where he died some years ago, leaving a widow and eight children—Aaron, Jane, Albina, Rachel, Lucinda A., Miles, Cambridge and Perry. (3) Mary Ann married Jonathan Baty, and settled at the mouth of the Red Bank, where he died some years ago. She passed away later, leaving three children—Clarence, John and one whose name is not given. (4) John married Fannie Smith, of Armstrong county, and resided on a part of his father’s old farm, where he died in 1865, leaving a wife and eight children—Jenirah, now the wife of John Fink, of Armstrong county; George, a butcher of New Bethlehem, Penn.; William; Katie; one whose name is not given; Effie, who is at present residing in England; David, now of Kansas; and Charles. (5) Catharine is the deceased wife of William Rodgers, who lives on the Great Western at the Allegheny river, and has two children—Andy and Martha. (6) Jewelma married Chris Rudolph, and moved to Ohio, where they died some years ago leaving a large family. (7) R. M. married Bell Armstrong, and lived at Grey’s Eddy, Armstrong county, where he died about 1887, leaving a wife and eight children. In 1861 he enlisted in Company D, 103rd P. V. I., but after one year’s service was discharged on account of physical disability. (8) David married Susan Fraiser, of Clarion county, Penn., and they now live in Weir City, Kansas, where he owns a large amount of real estate, and is numbered among the popular and wealthy men of the place. They have six children. (9) James was also one of the brave boys in blue, enlisting at the age of seventeen in Company D, 103rd P. V. I., and died at Harrison’s Landing in 1862. (10) Salacia became the wife of Thomas Templeton, of Armstrong county, and they emigrated to Ohio, where she died some years ago, leaving one child, Mary.

Like the other members of the family, Samuel Crow is a native of Armstrong county, his birth occurring in 1831, on the old homestead where he was reared to manhood, receiving his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. In 1852 he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Duncan, of Raisingham, Clarion Co., Penn., the only daughter of Alexander Duncan. They began their domestic life upon his father’s old homestead, where they were living at the outbreak of the Civil war.

In 1861 Mr. Crow enlisted in Company D, 103rd P. V. I., under Capt. Joseph Hamilton, of Armstrong county, and was sworn into the United States service at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. His first engagement was at Williamsburg, and in two years he participated in twenty-six battles and skirmishes. He re-enlisted in 1863, in the army of the Potomac, under General Casey. The year previous he had taken part in the battle of Fair Oaks, and for seven days while on the retreat the Union troops were under constant fire, but on reaching the gunboats the Rebels fell back. This was followed by the battle of Harrison’s Landing, from which place the Federalists marched to Fortress Monroe, and from there to Norfolk, Va., where they went into winter quarters. In the spring of 1863 Mr. Crow’s brigade was placed under the command of Gen. Foster, and participated in the battle of Newbern, N. C. They then crossed the Dismal Swamp at Whitehall, where an engagement was brought on, and they were next in the battle of Kingston, where over 1,000 prisoners were captured, and where Mr. Crow had five holes shot in his clothes. By boat his regiment proceeded to Plymouth, N. C., where the men did guard duty until the spring of 1864. After a four-days’ fight our subject with the entire brigade was taken prisoner, and for five months he was confined in Andersonville prison, and later in Florence prison, S. C., for four months. He was then taken to Charleston, was paroled and sent to Annapolis, where he was granted a thirty-days’ furlough, which he spent at home. On rejoining his regiment he remained in the service until after Lee’s surrender, when he was honorably discharged. He resumed farming on the old homestead, but in 1868 removed to his present farm in Porter township, Jefferson county, which he had purchased previous to the war.

Six children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Crow, namely: (1) Priscilla, born in Armstrong county, died at the age of five years. (2) Anna, born in the same county, married Robert McGregor, of Armstrong, and they now live in Maysville, Clarion Co., Penn., on a
farm. They have seven children—Harry, Charles, Minnie, Clyde, Sarah, Blair and one whose name is not given. (3) William, married Caroline Beck, and resides in Punxsutawney, Penn. (4) David J., born in Armstrong county, is now a resident of Lyons City, Colo. He is married and has two children—Lily and Frank. (5) F. J., born in Armstrong county, married Della Drummond, of Jefferson county, and they live in Punxsutawney. They had six children—Frank; Guy; Olen; Tharah M.; Laird W.; and George, who died at the age of five years.

Mr. Crow is descended from Whig stock, and since the organization of the Republican party he has been one of its faithful supporters. For two terms he filled the office of supervisor, and was school director one term. Both he and his wife are members of the Zion Methodist Church of Porter township. He is a worthy representative of an old and honored pioneer family of this section of the State, its members having taken an active part in its development and prosperity, and in the midst of the forest made for themselves valuable farms. During our country’s hour of peril three of the sons donned the blue and went to the front, and one is now filling a soldier’s grave.

HENRY HENNEMAN, a prosperous agriculturist and lumberman of Henderson township, Jefferson county, is a representative of the thrifty, conservative, industrious German-American element which has done such notable service in the development of this locality. Coming to Jefferson county in boyhood, he shared the hardships and privations of that early period and the homestead which he helped to clear is now one of the best farms in the township.

It was in 1851 that John P. Henneman, our subject’s father, who was born at Wausath, Germany, in 1803, came to America accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth Dowhenbaugh, and five of their children. After spending two years near Punxsutawney on a farm belonging to his brother, he moved to Henderson township where he purchased eighty acres of the Moses Irley farm and engaged in agriculture. Later he bought from Mr. Carlisle 120 acres of woodland, and, after clearing it, he sold and purchased 200 acres known as the Henry Miller farm, where he resided until his death. His worthy wife, who had shared her early hardship, and trials, passed away in 1867. They had seven children, all born in Germany. Two of his sons, John P. and Christian, went from Germany to Mexico, about 1848, and were never heard from after 1851. (3) Charles resides in Minneapolis, where he is employed in the Harvester Machine Shops. He married Miss Martha Irley, of Jefferson county, and has four children—Reuben, William and two whose names are not given. (4) Andrew married Miss Margaret Knoerr, of Troutville, and for ten years resided upon a farm in Henderson township. He then moved to the vicinity of Clearwater, Minn., where he bought two large farms, which he operates at the present time. He has thirteen children. (5) Henry, our subject, is mentioned more fully below. (6) Sophia, who was born in 1844, was married in Jefferson county to Charles Dietrich, a native of Germany. They settled upon the A. Miller farm, where she died in 1866, and her two children both died at an early age. (7) Louisa, born in 1847, grew to womanhood in Jefferson county, where she married John A. Bücheitt. They settled near Clearwater, Minn., where he is now engaged in farming. They have thirteen children.

Our subject was born at the old home in Germany, in July, 1841, and received his education there; coming to America at the age of ten years, he grew to manhood on the farm, giving his assistance to his father. In 1860 he married Miss Louisa Merwine, of Brady township, daughter of Conrad and Solme Merwine, well-to-do agriculturists. After his marriage, Mr. Henneman settled upon the old homestead and has continued to reside there. In his early years he experienced all the difficulties and privations incident to life in a new country, but his labors have been rewarded by a handsome competence. He is held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens, and has been elected to a number of local offices, serving as overseer of the poor for five years, and as supervisor for the same length of time. In politics he was formerly a Democrat, but now votes independently. He and his wife are active in religious work as members of the German Reformed Church, and take a generous interest in all worthy movements in their locality.

They have had ten children: (1) Henry C., born in 1862, was educated in the public schools of Henderson township, and now occupies a portion of the homestead. He married (first) Miss Maggie Preece, of Jefferson county, who died, and he has since married Miss Annie Brown, of the same county. By his first marriage he had three children: Clarence, Harry and Maude, and by the second there are also three: Clyde, Della, and one whose name is not given. (2) Lizzie married Jacob Triuhat, and now resides at the old Triuhat homestead in Henderson township. They have one son, Joseph. (3) William, born in February, 1866, is not married and resides at
home. (4) George, born in 1868, resides in Troutville, and is engaged in the manufacture of lumber. He married Miss Alice Welsh, and has two children: Emma and Herbert. (5) Minna, born in 1870, married Samuel Conrad, of Gas-kill township, Jefferson county, and has one son: Oland. (6) John, born in 1872, is not married, and is employed by Ryson Wayne; (7) Emma born in 1874, married Ryson Wayne, of Du-Bois, a wealthy man and a large stockholder in the Big Run Bank, and they now reside at Sugar Hill, Jefferson county, where he owns a large hotel and a farm. Their family consists of three children: Goldie, Leslie T. and Hazel. (8) Ella, born in 1876; (9) Edward, born in 1879, and (10) Celia, born in 1882, are all at home.
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